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## From Your Editor



A few items pertaining to EFOCC business this time.
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We need new editorial contributions for The EFO Goffector... 路rictes about your favorite E FOs, afbumpages (or pseudo afbum pages) containing EFOs, your EFO discoveries or favorite stories . . . wiff aff do!

I encourage you to contribute your stories and articles to be published in The EFO Collector. It is always good to share your major and not-so-major EFO-related philatelic accomplishments with your fellow EFOCC Members. This can take many forms:

* Short notes regarding an EFO you are familiar with or about which you have read (including new discoveries, unusual items you see in auction catalogs, the list goes on and on).
* Good quality scans or photocopies of your album pages depicting EFOs (note that this is much easier than creating an exhibit page). You can even e-mail scans of your items, and your Editor will put together a pseudo-album page for you using the scans.
* A popular approach is to create a "My Favorite EFO" article. We have had many in The EFO Collector in the past.
In general, you do not need to worry much about a perfect English, that is where your Editor comes in. I will be happy to work with you to provide best possible presentation for your material, both in layout and grammar.

If you send me scans, my recommendation is that stamps be on a dark background (if possible), Scans should be in color at a resolution of 300 dpi or 600 dpi . Higher resolutions are better, because that allows the picture to be printed in a larger size. Not sure if you noticed that stamps tend to be small and many stamp magazines routinely print them enlarged.

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I do discourage you from sending original stamps, unless of minimal value, and will reject any responsibility for damage or loss. If you do, you need to send them by insured mail and include a SASE with insured postage for returning them.

Finally, please note that all material in this journal is contributed by your fellow Members. They not chitme in with your contrifution? The EFO Collector will get better as many
different Members contribute, each with their own points of view and opinions!
NY 2016
John Hotchner has been kind enough to organize a joint meeting of the US Stamp Society and the EFOCC where he will present on collecting errors, freaks and oddities. This meeting will take place on June $3^{\text {rd }}$ at 1pm in room IE07.

Dave and I will be there for much of the show and we look forward to meeting you, if you'll be there as well. Feel free to email, call or text me (516-849-6604).

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Alfredo Frohlich, Colombia 1904-1905 - The World's First Inflation Rated Mail, Vermeil.
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## Pre-Printing Paper Creases

David Hunt
On occasion, stamp paper gets bunched or folded over on itself before printing and/or perforating. If this crease is then opened up after printing/perforating, there will be a gap in the printed image or a discontinuity in the line of perforations. This is a Pre-printing Paper Crease or PPC.

The crease may have originated during manufacture at the paper mill or it might have happened as a result of handling by the printer. Remember that printing by engraving, as US stamps were for most of their history, requires that the paper be dampened before printing in order to better accept the ink. The additional handling may result in creases, but also it may be that paper expands when wet. This expansion is not always uniform and can result in a waviness or bowing up of the paper, which when pressed flat by the printing press can turn into creases.

You might think automation of printing presses and the increased speed at which they run would cause more PPCs, but in fact, more PPCs exist from the flat plate era. The stamps I have chosen to illustrate this article are indeed from the flat plate era. I chose examples from the First Issue U.S. Revenues


because revenue stamp EFOs have not often been shown in the EFO Collector, and because the larger size of the high values makes for a more dramatic presentation of the PPCs.

There was an urgency to produce the First Issue Revenues and get them to users so the government could get revenue needed for the Civil War, so that minor faults, which in normal circumstances might have been destroyed, were ignored. This may mean there are more PPCs available in this issue than in other stamps, but they are still uncommon, in my experience, at least.
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## Australian Errors Reported in Recent Auction Catalogies (Part 2) Joseph Monteiro

Shifted Colours


On October 20, 1965 to celebrate Christmas, Australia Post issued a 5d stamp depicting the nativity scene. The stamp was designed by John Mason. The stamp was printed in colours of light blue, dark blue and gold. The auction catalogue described this colour shift error as follows:
"1847 1965 5d Christmas vertical block of 10 with top \& bottom selvedge with spectacular blue printing flaw affecting Joseph's face on left 5 stamps to varying degrees. MUH. Only known example \& not catalogued. SG 381var. Est. \$2000.00" [2]

This error is an example of the shifted blue colour on the face of St. Joseph. This is clearly visible on the first and second stamps in the column and to a smaller extent on the other stamps in the first column. Shifts in colour often occur when there is inappropriate movement of the sheet of paper when a particular colour is being printed. In this case the shift in colour would be uniform on all the stamps in the sheet. In this example it is not
uniform across the sheet implying that there is another reason for this shift in colour.

## Perforating Errors

Fully Imperforate Due to Perforator Error


On February 2, 1977 Australia Post issued two stamps (18c and 45 c ) to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's Reign. The 18c stamp was designed by artists of Australia Post's Graphic Design Section based on colour photographs. The design was based on a range of photographs selected from the Australian's Women Weekly. The stamps were printed by Norman J. Field (after difficulty was encountered with the originally planned printer) on two 4 -colour Komori Sprint Presses and perforated by the Note Printing Branch. This imperforate error was described in the auction catalogue as:
"1236 1977 18c QEII Silver Jubilee imperforate marginal bottom horizontal strip of 4 . This comes from the Sydney printing sheet of 300 that went missing on the way to Melbourne for perforating. See ACSC 765b. Fresh MUH. Est. \$300." [3]

This is a fully imperforate error. There are no perforations on any of the four sides of the stamp. It is an excellent example of a fully imperforate stamp. The reason for this imperforate was that it was not sent through the perforator. If a stamp is imperforate, it does not necessarily make it an error.

On April 19, 1978 four stamps and a miniature sheet was issued by Australia Post on its Aviation. The four stamps all had the same 18c denomination. The stamps were printed by Asher and Co. Melbourne on helecon paper. One of the 18c stamps depicts Harry Hawker and a Sopwith Camel - one of the single seater fighter planes he helped develop and test during World War I. The auction catalogue describes this imperforate error as:
"1886 1978 18c Hawker in top right MUH pair with upper unit totally imperforate. Lower unit perfd. At base \& sides. SG658a var. Est. \$400.00" [2]

This is a fully imperforate and a partially imperforate error. There are no perforations on any of the four sides of the first

stamp and no horizontal perforation on the top of the second stamp. The reason for this, in contrast to the reason in the above example, is because the stamp perforator skipped the initial or final strikes of the perforator. Each strike of the perforator perforated three sides of the stamp, indicating that it was a Tcomb perforator. If the perforator was a 2 comb perforator one strike was missed, if the perforator was a 1 comb perforator two strikes were missed. Whether it was the initial or final strike or strikes of the perforator depends on whether the sheet of stamps was perforated from the top or the bottom. If the sheet was perforated from the top the initial strike or strikes were missed, if it was perforated from the bottom the final strike or strikes were missed.
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To celebrate the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1991, Australia Post on April 11, 1991 issued a 43c stamp. The stamp was designed by Rainer Bulach, Australia Post Graphic Design Studio. The design shows Her Majesty at the Royal Albert Hall. The stamp was printed by Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd. on CPL stamp paper in sheets of 100 ( $2 \times 50$ ). The auction catalogue describes an imperforate plate proof as:
"1267 1991 43c QEII Birthday imperforate plate proof pair with bottom selvedge. MUH ACSC 1513PP(1) Cat. $\$ 500$. Est. \$350." [3]

The stamp is a fully imperforate stamp. Most philatelists do not consider plate proofs as errors.

## Partially Imperforate Due to Perforator Error

On August 19, 1981, four stamps (24c, 35c, 55c and 60c) were issued by Australia Post on Australian Fungi. The stamps were designed by Cella Rosser. The 24c stamp depicts the Cortinarius the largest and most colourful genus of the gilled fungi. The stamps were printed by Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd on a four colour Roland Rekord Press on litho-chromo paper incorporating luminescence in sheets of 100 (50x2) using photolithography. The stamps were printed in colours of yellow, magenta and black. The auction catalogue described this missing colour error as follows:
"779 * 1981 24c Mushroom IMPERFORATE AT LEFT BW912b blk(9). 2 sheets recorded with this error.

Unfortunately without gum but this is the only example showing the complete vertical imperforate strip - the other being broken into horizontal strips. Est. \$500." [5]


This is a partially imperforate error with the perforations missing on the left side of the stamp. This suggests that the stamp was perforated with a one T-comb perforator. The error also suggests that the perforator missed one strike. But why are the perforations missing on the side? This is because the stamp sheet was perforated sideways. Was the first strike missed or the last strike? This depends on whether the stamp sheet was perforated from right to left or left to right.

## Misperforated Due to Perforator Error

Between 1942-49 Australia issued a set of six definitive stamps ( $1 \mathrm{~d}, 1^{11 / 2 d} ; 2 \mathrm{~d}, 2^{1 / 2} \mathrm{~d}$ and $31 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; and $5^{1 / 2 d}$ ). The stamps depict the Queen Mother; King George VI; and an ostrich. They were designed by F.D. Manley.
" 1545 P ** 1942 1½d green Queen Mother Authority imprint block/4 variety misplaced perfs, spectacular. Fine. (4)....Est \$600.00" [1]


This is a vertical misperforated stamp. The vertical perforation is shifted to the left and into the design. Since it marginally cuts into the design it does not create any dramatic misplacement of the design. The likely reason for the error is because the sheet may not have been fed to the perforator correctly or the paper did not move into the perforator correctly (electrical problems or paper may have been stuck).


On February 25, 1985 Australia Post issued a strip of five se-tenant stamps on Military Uniforms. Each stamp had the same 33c denomination. The stamps were designed by Pam Andrews with typography by Sue Titcher. The stamps were printed by Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd. on APHW stamp paper in sheets of 100 stamps ( $2 \times 50$ with traffic lights in the gutter) using photolithography. The auction catalogue described the perforating error on this strip as:
"1370 1985 Military Uniforms se-tenant strip with massive perf shift downwards \& right with additional diagonal line of perfs through two right stamps. Results in "AUSTRALIA 33c" missing from each stamp. Stunning error. Unlisted in ACSC SG 964a. Est. \$700." [4]

This is a dramatic perforating error. It is both a horizontal and vertical perforating error. The horizontal shift in the perforation results in the stamp missing the name of the country and the value. There is also a diagonal line of perforation. Without viewing the entire sheet it is difficult to guess the reason for this error.

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On March 12, 1975, to pay recognition to women, Australia Post issued a 10c stamp on International Women's Year. The stamp was designed by Miss Leonara Howlett and printed by the Note Printing Branch on its Rembrandt Press on paper containing luminescence. The auction catalogue described this misperforated error as:

"484** 1975 10c International Women's Year blk (10) $2 x$ 5 MISPLACED PERFORATIONS $4 m m$ upward. BW691b. Est. \$150." [6]

This is a horizontal misperforated stamp. The misperf is quite interesting with the name of the country and value cut in half. The bottom half of the stamp appears at the top except on the stamps in the top row which has a white blank of the selvedge at the top. It would be difficult to tell the name of the country from the top stamps. It appears that the reason for the misperf is because of the misfeeding of the stamp into the perforator or the malfunction of the perforator in pulling the sheet of stamps.


In 1982, Australia Post issued its Animal definitive stamps (seven). The 27c stamp depicted the Blue Mountains Tree Frog. The frog is found along coastal regions of New South Wales and Victoria. It grows to about 65 mm in length. The stamps were printed by Leigh-Mardon Pty Ltd. on APHW stamp paper in
sheets of 100 stamps using photolithography. This misperforated error was described by the auction catalogue as:
"1249 1982 27c Tree Frog with hugely misplaced perforations. MUH marginal example with normal for comparison. A difficult stamp. ACSC 938b. Est. \$400." [3]

This is a horizontally misperforated error. The fine text "Blue Mountains Tree Frog" which should appear at the top of the stamp appears at the bottom of the stamp. Since the horizontal perforations are shifted a few millimeters down, the misperf appears quite dramatic. If the misperforation occurred throughout the sheet the last row of stamps would not have the fine print but the blank of the selvedge. This misperf like some of the earlier ones also appears to have been caused because of inappropriate feeding of the paper or malfunction of the perforator.

## Double Perforation Due to Perforator Error



On May 9, 1927 Australia issued one stamp to celebrate the opening of Parliament by the Duke of York, later King George VI. This red coloured stamp was designed by R.A. Harrison and printed by A.J. Mullett. This double perforated error was described by the auction as:
" $1519 P$ * 1927 1 $1 / 2 d$ Canberra, top marginal pair variety double perf at top. Attractive. ACSC 132bc \$300. (2) Est. \$200." [1]

This is a perforation error with a double line of perforations at the top. It appears that these stamps were perforated with a line perforator because the horizontal and vertical perforations intersect at the corner of the stamp. A line perforator perforates the horizontal perforations and then the vertical perforations or vice versa. This could explain why there is only a double set of
horizontal perforations and no double set of vertical perforations. T-comb or H-comb perforators could also leave such a pattern but there would be no intersection of the perforations at the corner of the stamp and the perforations where there is no double set of perforations are likely to be slightly larger or elongated suggesting the double strike. The Tcomb or H-comb perforator creates both horizontal and vertical perforations with each strike of the perforator.

## Conclusion

In this article, I have described printing errors resulting from missing colours and shifted colours and perforator errors that are full imperforate, part imperforate, misperforated and double perforated. It was mentioned in the introduction that stamp errors are generally caused because of the printer or the perforator. This is not entirely true, there are also other reasons for example, human error, paper adhesion, etc. Of the missing colour errors examined, the 24 c Fungi error was the most interesting. One of the catalogues on the Fungi error states "One of the most extraordinary stamp errors we have ever seen. Unique, and unlisted in the ACSC. [Please don't ask us to explain how this occurred: we don't have the foggiest idea!"] [7] Of the perforating errors the 18c Hawker plane full and part imperforate errors were the most interesting. These are genuine full and part imperforate errors as the sheet of stamps went through the perforator and the error resulted from the perforating process in contrast to other full imperforate errors that never touched the perforator. An explanation and understanding why these errors occurred is often quite challenging and helps place the hobby of philately on a sound educational and analytical foundation. This has been repeatedly emphasized to make this hobby not only more enjoyable but to place it on a firm intellectual foundation.

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## I Got Something Into Scott Specialized Jerry G. Walls (gyretes@prodigy.net)

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Expert Committee Report
Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

United States, Scott No. U632 error, UPSS Catalog No. 3785b with correct embossing but no ink, no tagging and no recycle logo, Knife 115, Size 23, unused entire, genuine in all respects.


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At first glance it looks like a plain white business envelope, but it really represents my contribution to the 2015 Scott Specialized Catalogue as a new number-U632c. Although I've collected stamps (mostly US and Liberia) for almost 50 years, I never expected to "discover" something significant enough to make it into the US catalog.

It started with a listing by a favorite dealer, Steve Crippe, selling (at the time) quite a few color omitted errors. For several months he listed a U632 variety, an envelope with embossing but no visible color, an albino. I finally bought it (it didn't break the bank-after all, there was no real Scott number for it) and added it to my collection. Later I happened to mention to Steve that the Scott catalog seemed inconsistent with albinos of both stamps and postal stationery, some being listed and others seemingly ignored. He suggested that the reason some albinos were ignored probably was because no one had bothered to
actually send Amos Press (publisher of the Scott Catalogues) proof of a new variety. Steve suggested that I contact Jim Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus for the Scotts but still responsible for new listings, about my envelope.

First, though, it was essential that I get a clean certificate on the piece. After my initial contact with him, Mr. Kloetzel let me know that a scan of a good certificate would be all he needed to see to consider a listing. So off the envelope went to APEX (since I'm a member of APS and get a small discountcertificates are not cheap when you add in the cost of postage and insurance both directions), and within a month I got a clean certificate for "Scott U632 error... with correct embossing but no ink, no tagging and no recycle logo, Knife 115, Size 23, unused entire, genuine in all respects." (Size 23 is modern business size, $241 \times 105 \mathrm{~mm}$.) The envelope really was an error.

Off went a copy of the certificate to Mr. Kloetzel, and almost by return e-mail came the notice that the error would appear in the 2015 Scott Specialized out in October. It was close to the deadline for the volume, but apparently the envelope made it, because on page 624 of the 2015 Specialized you can now find, under the greenish blue and blue Liberty Bell envelope, the simple little line for: U632c...All colors omitted...unpriced...along with the note that "A colorless embossed design is present on U632c."

How many of these albino envelopes are there? Who knows? The problem is that unless it has a Scott number these things simply are ignored by dealers or considered just a novelty.

## Auction Highlights

## Dave Hunt

Auction 143 opens with a bang. Lot 1 is the only known plate block of this missing color error and comes with a PF certificate stating it is genuine. The consignor has reduced the start bid from its previous appearance in our club auction, but this will be the only reduction. If the lot doesn't sell in this auction it will be returned to the consignor and will probably be consigned to a commercial auction house. So if you're thinking about this lot, buy it here. Save on commission and benefit the club at the same time.


Lot 2 (shown above) is a lot less costly and is of interest because the plate number is malformed. I compared this one to the example in my US collection and it is different, but I haven't seen a large enough sample of these plate number strips to know if this is a constant variety or a "one-off".

Some of our members are interested in under- and overinking varieties. There are two underinked varieties in the auction (lots 10 and 69) that have so little ink on them it is difficult to discern which issue they are. There are several other lots with under- or overinked varieties and several more with ink smears. Lot 102 has also suffered from the dreaded "Attack of the Blob". Curious, because that stamp isn't old enough to remember the cult 1950s movie of the Blob (which used a Pennsylvania diner as its location, by the way).

At first glance you might think lots 46 and 47 are the same issue, but close inspection shows the perfs are different and that makes quite a difference in catalog value. Similarly, you would be forgiven for thinking lots 65 and 66 are the same issue, maybe even from the same misperfed sheet. Look closely though, and

Certainly albino envelopes from before the 1950s are common and not highly valued, but modern envelopes are produced under much tighter conditions and color omitted errors often turn out to be unique or nearly so; few are really common. This $32 \phi$ envelope from 1995 represents a long-extinct postage rate, and I would have expected others to pop up on the market if they were fairly common. I paid a whopping $\$ 85$ for the basic envelope and probably over $\$ 35$ for a certificate, so I guess you could say U632c is worth about $\$ 120$. However, for me it is priceless because, honestly, I never expected to add anything to the US Specialized-and who knows, it really might be unique.

you'll see that the lot 65 stamps have a 50 -star flag while the lot 66 stamp has a 48 -star flag.

And in closing, is lot 62 a "chains of design" color shift?


## NY2016 Activities for EFOers!



Our founder and past president John Hotchner will be presenting a seminar on EFO Collecting at World Stamp Show 2016 at Ipm on Friday, June $3^{r d}$. The seminar will be jointly sponsored by the EFOCC and the US Stamp Society.

Your Editor Cemil Betanov, Auction Director David Hunt, and, probably, other EFOCC officers and activists will be there as well. All EFOCC members are encouraged to attend. In addition, a large stock of EFO material will be for sale at Booth 856 , being run by the APS Youth Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF Stamps and Postal History).


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Reverse Offsets - Additional Pics Dave Hunt Editor's Note: This is a follow-up to Dave Hunt's article in Issue 179, where we could not show all the examples. This section consists of figures only showing faint to moderate offsets.



## PerfOrations: Not Spending Big Bucks - Part 5

 John M. Hotchner P.O. Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041, jmhstamp@verizon.netI hope this column has proved over the last year that EFO collecting need not be expensive. By expensive, I mean anything that, when properly identified, will sell for around $\$ 25$ and up (sometimes way up). There is a vast amount of EFO material that is far below that. And of course, there is an allied smorgasbord of material where very expensive items can be bought for a song, if you know what you are looking for, and it is not obvious to the seller. Perhaps that is a subject we might profitably get more into in the future. As for this series, we have looked at many categories of EFO, as follows:

Part I covered color misregistrations, shifted perforations, miscut coils and booklet panes, color smears, web splices and plate varieties.

Part II covered color variations, perfins, plate numbers and other marginal markings, and mistakes in cover cachets.

Part III covered printing gaps, wet \& dry prints, meter flaws, cancellation varieties, and Giori inking varieties.

Part IV covered doctor blade lines, gutter snipes, solvent wash, coil leader strips, and design errors.

But we are not done. The amount of EFO material 'out there' is really amazing, and there are probably two more installments needed to cover the remaining categories. So, let's get started.


Figure 1.
Precancels
This limitless field encompasses for our purposes, two major categories: Bureau precancels and Non-Bureaus. The former are those precancels prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (up through the Prominent Americans and Americana series) that have city and town names. Later examples with precancel lines but no names (but sometimes type-of-service indicators like "Blk. Rt. CAR. RT SORT") were also Bureau produced, and can have some of the same problems.

Non-Bureaus are precancels that were added to issued stamps at the local level under the authority of the local postmaster. These were all there were from the late 1800s until the Bureau began experiments with providing precancels of The EFO Collector | www.efocc.org


Figure 2.
uniform format and quality from Washington, DC, in 1917. But even then, locals were permitted, and the number of different local precancels nationwide is truly staggering. Some collectors have devoted dozens of years of collecting to accumulating all the examples from just one state. Quality control for locals ranged from Excellent to Awful, and it is chiefly the latter that are of interest to us.


Figure 3.
It is not unusual to find inverted precancels, multiple precancel images on the same stamp, precancels on the diagonal, names misspelled, prints so mushy that they are barely readable, missing letters, missing bars, shifts, and more. (Several examples are shown in Figures 1 through 3. Many of these varieties mimic effects that would bring big bucks if they happened on stamps from the government's printer - inverts for instance - but in the realm of Non-Bureau precancels, many are available for pennies because they are common and there are not hordes of collectors chasing them.

Serious mistakes on Bureau precancels are another story. Because quality control was far better, major errors are rare. There are no inverts, no multiples, and I have yet to see a diagonal. But there are varieties that are fun to find, and significant. As shown in Figure 4, they include the occasional printing gap where something is missing; shifts up, down, and

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Figure 4.
sideways; breaks in the top or bottom precancel bar(s); fat bars and thin bars; and even the occasional misspelling.

The best known of these is the Cincinnati, OIHO variety (Figure 5) that can be found on six different values of the Liberty series ( $1 / 2$ c, 1c. 1-1/2c. 2c. 3c. 4c) In mint pairs and blocks they don't meet our definition of inexpensive, but used singles can still be found in accumulations and they are not expensive.


Something to keep in mind with regard to Bureau and NonBureau precancels is that the latter are hardly ever seen on coils. The reason goes back to the production process. It is easy to add precancels to coils when they are still in the form of the long rolls of paper (called a web) going through the press at the BEP. It is much more difficult to add precancels locally to a single strip of 100 or 300 or 1000 subjects; their form when distributed to local post offices.

And this fact gives rise to another fun EFO to watch for. Collectors are often confused by the O category of EFO. There is a great example in precancel collecting: Normally produced but quite difficult to find are precancel coil line pairs and gap pairs (Figure 6); some of these even exist on miscut coils showing parts of a plate number. But even without partial plate numbers, these are so seldom seen as to be Oddities. Keep in mind that the vast majority of precancels were used as singles, so pairs and blocks are unusual, and coil line pairs are awfully difficult.

Did you catch the term "gap pair" that was mentioned above? Bureau precancels were applied by mats of rubberized text. The mats matched sheet stamp formats (sheets of 400 or two panes of 100), but did not match coil plates which used larger plates (e.g. 150- or 170-subjects). Usually two semi-


Figure 6.
circular mats were mounted on a rotary press drum, and as they applied the precancel to the previously printed stamps, the gap between the two mats could fall anywhere on the printed web.

For example, if the mats were 20 subjects long, and the intervals between joint lines (denoting where the coil plates met) were 52 subjects, the visible gap between precancel mats might fall on the joint line pair, but mostly not. Precancel collectors save both line pairs and gap pairs. Finding the two coinciding is cause for celebration. See the bottom three examples of Figure 6. Despite their relative rarity, precanceled line pairs and gap pairs derive their value from the basic value of the stamp and its precancel form and city. Since as noted above the vast majority of Bureau precancels are inexpensive, it follows that coil gap pairs and line pairs are also inexpensive - if you can find them. Ah, that is the challenge!

Souvenir Sheets (and Tagging Varieties)
Precancels took more space than I anticipated, so I will end this segment with two shorter bits; the first one being the sheetlets that were issued from the 1930s into the 1980s; mostly for stamp shows and conventions. Early examples were single color, and were issued in pre-cut form as single sheets. It is not hard to find noticeable miscuts that are collectible but not expensive. These same sheetlets are sometimes seen with serious fold-over appendages with marginal markings, and they are lovely but very expensive. Not so the minor miscut - or, when we get into the multicolor sheetlets - the minor color


Figure 7.
misregistrations.
Miscuts are shown in Figure 7; and an 8c Liberty color misregistration is shown in Figure 8. Notice the placement of the red torch against the white space left for it.

On later sheetlets (Bicentennial mural sheets, and Presidential sheets from AMERIPEX '86) there are also missing tagging examples, and those, while expensive as full


Figure 8.
sheets, can be found on used stamps if one checks examples with a UV light.

Tagging varieties are the ultimate for the EFO enthusiast in saving money. If it is true that EFO prices often tie to the "visualness" of the variety, the extra value added to the basic stamp by a tagging variety should be zero. And that is often the case. All you need is a UV lamp with both long wave and short wave settings, and a pile of modern stamps, and you are going to find sloppy tagging, shifted block tagging, unexpected tagging compounds that glow differently than normal, tagging that is partially missing and tagging that is fully missing (which can be an error, or signify that you have found a counterfeit.)

Likely, no one has ever looked at these stamps with a UV light before. Of course once you (or someone else) has found such items the price can go up considerably as there is a small but dedicated group of collectors who love this material especially so for missing tagging examples, and discoveries of newly reported tagging. But for the garden variety material, it pretty much remains inexpensive even at retail. But why pay retail when you can find it yourself?
DIY EFOs
What? This is the you-gotta-be-kidding category, right? Well, I'm not talking about what you do with your handy home perforator, but I am talking about what others have done to


Figure 9.

## Treasurer's Report David Hunt dhhunt@ptd.net



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Respectfully submitted, David H. Hunt, Treasurer

## Pre-Printing Paper Creases David Hunt

 (continued from page 5)There are, of course, PPCs on postage stamps you can collect and there have been a few in past club auctions. Perhaps the more interesting PPCs are those on multicolor stamps. John Hotchner's essay on EFOs (see the club website www.efocc.org) illustrates a block of the $8 \phi$ American Revolution Bicentennial (Scott 1432) where the PPC affects the engraved lettering but not the litho star. The essay also illustrates several examples of stamps that were creased after printing but before perforating (perhaps we should call these PPCs Pre-Perforating Creases, though Datz's catalog uses the term Pre-Production Creases to cover everything). ©



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