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## THE EDITORS

# OPINION

The 1984 ONA Convention held at Sarnia, Ontario, April 28-29, sponsored by the Sarnia Numismatic Society with James K. Moore as its Chairman was a very excellent Convention. It is about time that the Convention Committee puts some fun in its Convention. Sarnia Committee did, and it was appreciated by all.

There was something for everyone who attended, such as a tour of Sarnia, very good bourse and displays, enjoyable banquet, excellent hospitality welcome party hosted by the Sarnia Numismatic Society was a hit, location and service of the Best Western was very good.

I know from past experience of the 1977 Convention in Oshawa as Co-Chairman, what planning and long hours that is put in a Convention to make it a successful Convention. The many trips to Toronto, various contacts for door prizes, arrangements for speakers, assist my wife in planning the tours to General Motors and Oshawa etc.

James Moore, your wife and your Committee, I take off my hat to all of you. You and your Committee did an EXCELLENT JOB, I THANK YOU.

Bruce R. Watt,  
Editor

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## *Classics in Ancients*

AMONGST THE WORLD'S VERY  
FIRST COINS ARE THESE BEAUTIES  
FROM SICILY AND SOUTHERN ITALY

By **LARRY STEVENS** AT THE SMITHSONIAN

Of constant wonder is the fact that amongst the very first coins struck by man are some of the most beautiful of all time. Such is the case with these very early examples from Sicily and Magna Grecia (lower Italy) as displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

Western Greek settlements in these areas kept up strong relationships with their mother city-states and, through this contact, learned of coins and their minting. The map at right shows the communities that are represented here by their coinage. In Sicily the first to strike coins were Naxos, Himera and Zankle. In southern Italy, Croton, Caulonia and Metapontum led the way. Here the "incuse" striking technique was born.





**SYBARIS**  
*Incuse stater, 540-519 B.C.*

**METAPONTUM**  
*Incuse stater, 500-473 B.C.*



**POSEIDONIA**  
*Incuse stater, 525-510 B.C.*



**CAULONIA**  
*Incuse stater, 550-500 B.C.*

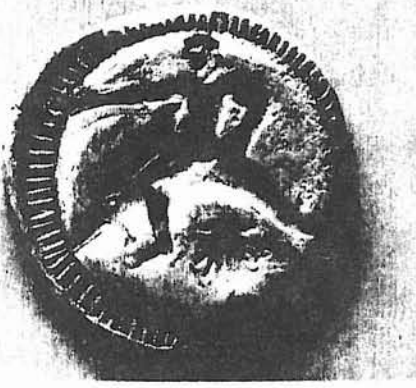


**TARENTUM**  
*Incuse stater, 520-500 B.C.*

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**TARENTUM**  
Incuse stater, 520-500 B.C.



**TARENTUM**  
Sater, 500-475 B.C.



**CROTON**  
Incuse stater, 530-500 B.C.



**HIMERA**  
Drachm, before 482 B.C.



**NAXUS**  
Drachm, before 498 B.C.



**AKRAGAS**  
Didrachm, 472-413 B.C.



**GELA**  
Tetradrachm, 510-480 B.C.



**ZANKLE**  
Drachm, before 490 B.C.



**SELINUS**  
Didrachm, 550-472 B.C.



**SYRACUSE**  
Tetradrachm, 485-478 B.C.



**LEONTINOI**  
Tetradrachm, 510-480 B.C.



**SYRACUSE**  
Tetradrachm, 520-510 B.C.



**GELA**  
Didrachm, before 466 B.C.



**MESSANA**  
Tetradrachm, 490-461 B.C.

PERSONALIZED MEDALLIONS FOR THE 1984 CNA and ANA CONVENTIONS  
by Jerry Remick ONA #1239

A small issue of 38mm medallions with the issuer's name and other personal data on one side and on the other side the members logo for the ANA or CNA is now available for the 1984 conventions of these two associations. These issues are only available to CNA and ANA members.

The CNA medallion features the voyageurs canoe in the center; "CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION" around the outer part; and below the canoe "HAMILTON, ONTARIO, JULY 19 - JULY 22, 1984".

The ANA medallion features the lamp in the center; "AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION" around the outer part; and below the lamp; "DETROIT, MICHIGAN, JULY 28 - AUGUST 1, 1984".

If the ONA request it, PRESSED METAL PRODUCTS will cut a die free of charge, featuring the ONA crest. The ONA crest could be used by an ONA member in combination with his/her personalized reverse die, creating a medallic calling card. A die for the members crest of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors has been cut and several members already have issues of medallic calling cards with their name, address and other personal data on the reverse side.

The ONA can mule their crest die with the 1984 CNA Convention die to produce an inexpensive souvenir for ONA members.

Dealers can use an issue of CNA or ANA Convention pieces as a trade token by having a phrase such as "GOOD FOR \$1 IN TRADE" along with their name and address on the reverse side.

Cost for personalized reverse dies are as follows:  
\$115. for your name, address and CNA or ANA membership number;  
\$150. with your signature added to the above data;  
\$170. for customized wording. Since the personal reverse die is not dated, it can be used free of charge on all future issues of

medallions.

The medallions are available on thick 38mm bronze blanks, with antiqued surface to prevent tarnishing, in the following metallic finishes: silver, gold and bronze. An assortment of the three metal finishes is available for the convention medallions as well as metallic cards. Some collectors have asked me for specimens of my medallions in all three metallic finishes.

Each medallion is housed in a plastic envelope which protects it from scratches and edge nicks. Medallions are available at the following prices: 10 to 24 (\$3.75 each plus \$5.00 postage), 25 to 49 (\$3.25 each plus \$9.00 postage), 50 to 99 (\$2.10 each plus \$10.00 postage), 100 to 199 (\$1.50 each plus \$12.00 postage), and 250 & over (\$1.30 each plus \$15.00 postage). Medallions are shipped first class certified mail. It takes about 4 weeks from the time you place your order with full payment until the day your medallions arrive.

These medallic issues got started with my suggestion last October for a personalized Christmas medallion bearing the issuers name and other personal data. Eight collectors and two coin dealers took issues of from 50 to 250. Most issues were 100. They traded with each other and presented the medallions to their friends. An angel playing a stringed instrument was featured on the 1983 Christmas medallion along with "1983" and "MERRY CHRISTMAS". Holly and Christmas bells cover almost the entire 1984 Christmas medallion. "1984" and either "MERRY CHRISTMAS" or "JOYEUX NOEL" are inscribed on the medallion. The 1984 Christmas medallion is a real beauty. I have my specimens. The design for both the 1983 and 1984 Christmas medallions is in extra high relief and so the piece is struck on thick 38mm blanks. It is available only on antiqued silver plated blanks at the same prices as the other medallions. Silver specimens (.999 fine) are also available.

Kamloops Stamp & Coin Co., of Kamloops B.C. took 250 1983 Christmas medallions and gave them away very quickly to their customers. Not one was returned as they all had "GOOD FOR \$1. IN TRADE" inscribed on them.

A die is now being cut for the logo of the Token and Medal Society.

The mint will cut a die for any numismatic association, society, or club if there is some demand for its use.

Inquiries may be sent to: Mr. Alan Trammel (President),  
 Pressed Metal Products,  
 505 Alexander Street,  
 Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1C8.  
 (telephone number 1-604-251-2454)



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MINT DISTRIBUTING SAMPLE \$1 COINS

# New buck starts here

By PETER HOWELL  
 Staff Writer The Sunday Sun

This is your new buck -- if you want it.  
 The Royal Canadian Mint wants to scrap the venerable \$1 bill and replace it with an 11-sided, gold-colored nickel coin the size and shape of this test token.

But first it has to convince the public and politicians Canada needs the change. Vending machine operators and transit authorities -- especially the TTC -- have been clamoring for a new dollar coin for years.

Canada already has an official \$1 coin, the "Voyageur," showing two men in a canoe. There's also a 50¢ piece and two special \$1 coins honoring the Canadian Constitution and this summer's Tall Ships extravaganza.

But none of these coins is widely circulated, says Denis Cudahy, the mint's vice-president of marketing. The mint produces two million to three million dollar coins each year and the same number of 50¢ pieces but they immediately end up in piggy banks or coin shops, he said.

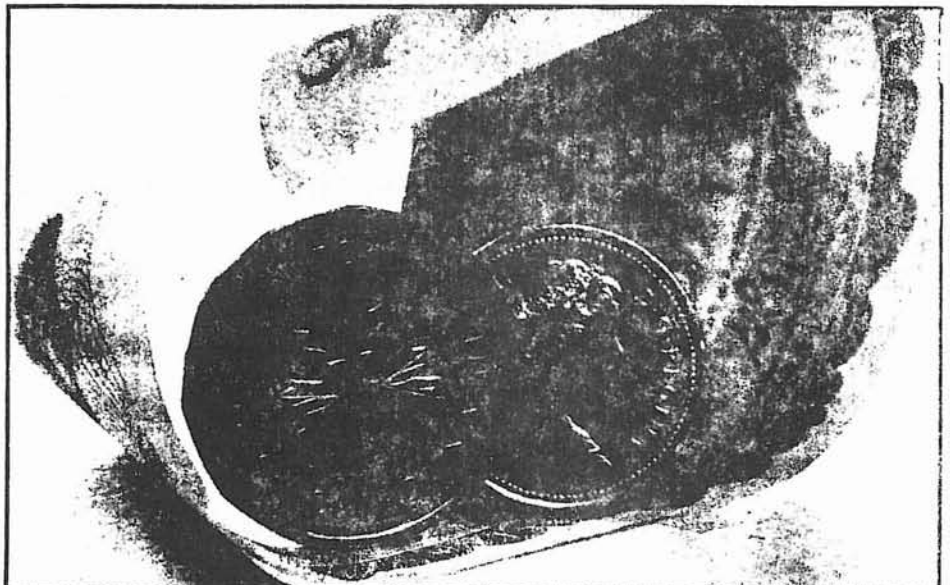
The proposed new \$1 coin would be exactly like the test token, with the Queen's face on one side and a new design on the other, Cudahy said.

Al Cormier, executive director of the Canadian Urban Transit Association, and Herb Job, TTC treasurer, say there's a major -- and growing -- problem of dollar bills being jammed into fareboxes designed to carry only coins.

Calgary already has a \$1 cash fare and as other cities move toward that mark more people are using folding money to pay their fares, Cormier said.

"The government is afraid. It's worried that if people see the \$1 bill being withdrawn they'll relate that to galloping inflation and think the dollar bill no longer has a place in our society," Job says.

Brian Kelly, a spokesman for federal Supply and Services Minister Charles Lapointe, said the government is "open-minded" about a new coin but it's not convinced the public would accept it.



THE CANADIAN mint's model for a \$1 coin to replace the \$1 bill, is shown next to a quarter (right). Although both transit systems and vending-

machine companies are urging the coin be circulated, the federal government says the public may not be willing to accept it instead of the bill.

fred thornhill sun

DIE WITH ONTARIO BICENTENNIAL LOGO IS AVAILABLE FOR USE

by Jerry Remick ONA #1239

Sherritt Mint has cut a die depicting the official logo for Ontario's 1984 Bicentennial Year. The fee for the use of this die by any individual or municipality wishing to have an issue of 33mm Trade Dollars, Trade Tokens or Medallions is \$200. Producing such a die including initial art work, die cutting and 9% Federal Tax sums up to about \$700. Inquiries may be sent to Sherritt Mint, Attention -Glenn Trechard, Box 28, Commerce Court West, Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1B1.



An issue of 5,000 33mm Nickel-Bonded-Steel Ontario Bicentennial Trade Dollars, Trade Tokens or Medallions, including art work and die work for the reverse side, metal and fabrication, tax and transport would cost about \$2,850 from the Sherritt Mint, depending on the complexity of the other die. Such an issue is a fine way for any Ontario municipality or business to commemorate their Province's Bicentennial year and makes a timely trade token for any merchant.

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## A 1,500 PLUS TURN OUT FOR SUCCESSFUL C.N.A. CONVENTION

JAMES K. MOORE

PRESIDENT, SARNIA COIN CLUB.

"Best convention I ever attended!!" "A real class show!!" "What a beautiful city!!" "Terrific banquet!!"

This was typical of the comments at the O.N.A. convention held in Sarnia, Ontario on April 28-29, 1984.

The welcome reception held on Friday evening was well attended by club delegates, guest and dealers. With hot hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches and your favourite refreshments being served, many old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. It was evident at the reception that the convention attendance was going to be very good.

Over the next two days, the bourse floor was very active with more buyers than lookers and dealers reported that sales were much better than expected. Total attendance over the two day period was about 1,500 plus with door prizes being awarded every hour.

The auction, which took place on Saturday afternoon, saw the auction room filled with bidders, much to the delight of Paul Nadin-Davis, who then proceeded to auction off 500 lots of numismatic material. Many of the lots were sold to floor bidders and Paul's preliminary report indicated he was very pleased with the sale.

On the display floor, Paul Card's "COURT of HONOR" which featured the "Bible" drew many excellent comments from experienced numismatists and novice collectors alike. Paul Johnson won "BEST of SHOW" and first place for his Canadian Display. In the Junior category, local club member Colin Hill won first place for his display of World Coins. Other first place winners were: Foreign Coins - Jan Neilson; Tokens and Metals - May Drulard; U.S.A Coins - Tom Kcsztaluk; Paper Money - Tom Kcsztaluk and the Miscellaneous category was won by Rudy Brill with his Love Tokens display.

The "Charlie Laister Trophy", which is awarded for the best club display, was won by the Ingersoll Coin Club. Display Chairman Fred K. Webb reported that with 37 cases on display, O.N.A Head Judge Elmer Workman and Judge George Fraser did an excellent job in their choice of awards.

Delegates and guests were treated to a bus tour of Sarnia, which included the huge Chemical Valley Complexes, historic sites, the prestigious Lake Shore Road residential area and an excellent view of Canadian and U.S Coast Guard cutters escorting convoys of lake freighters through the ice jammed St. Clair River. All those who

participated in the bus tour were required to have one of the specially struck transportation tokens for boarding. This token is now an official American Numismatic Association collectible and anyone wishing to obtain one may do so by writing to Marie Williamson, 931 Greendale Ave., Sarnia, Ontario, N7V 3P4. The cost is \$1.50 including postage.

The banquet which took place on Saturday evening was limited to 50 people who were treated to a delicious dinner and a most delightful and light-hearted talk by John Regitko on "Putting Fun Back Into The Hobby."

Though some of John's suggestions were bizarre, his humorous treatment of a sometimes serious subject met with roars of laughter and unqualified audience approval.

Sheldon Carroll thanked John and presented him with a framed print of the Blue Water Bridge in appreciation and to remind him of his visit to Sarnia.

The O.N.A. Merit Award was presented to Ruth McQuade of Ottawa for her outstanding contributions to the Numismatic field in the past years.

The O.N.A. Raffle draw of a \$1,000 Vacation was won by Roger Verslype of Sarnia.

Meeting with such success in Sarnia leads me to believe that next years convention in Stratford will be just as successful.

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## Wash your money, sir?

By Kathy Seligman  
USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO — The posh St. Francis Hotel pays tribute tonight to its veteran coinwasher, who's cleaned more than 12 million in the past 22 years.

Arnold Batliner, who will be 80 years old on Sunday, never has missed a day of work at the hotel. He figures he's laundered 760,000 pounds of nickels, dimes and quarters.

"People like clean mon-

ey," he says. "Dirty money just gets your hands dirty."

The St. Francis management started the washing service 40 years ago, when ladies wearing white gloves complained about handling dirty change.

Guests liked the idea so much that the hotel has kept the unique service.

Batliner runs coins through a silver burnishing machine, then in sorting and drying machines.

"Every day I feel like a rich man," says Batliner.

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR O.N.A.  
1984 DREAM VACATION DRAW

Receipts	Ticket Sales	=	4,570.00
	Interest	=	<u>40.90</u>
			4,610.90
Expenses			
	Licence		28.00
	Ticket Printing		207.60
	Service Charge		.70
	Prizes 300+50+900		1,250.00
	Club Rebates		912.00
	Don Thomas Fund		10.00
	Administrative		<u>170.95</u>
			2,579.25
			2,579.25
	Profit		2,031.65

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Kenneth Wilmot,  
Draw Chairman.

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"DREAM VACATION DRAW"  
WINNERS

## PRIZES

1st	Roger R. Verslype 841 Errol Road East Sarnia, Ontario.	Dream Vacation!!
Seller	R. Currie, Sarnia.	\$50.00
2nd	Don Suob, R.R.#1, Wellandport, Ontario.	1978 - \$100.00 Gold Coin
1st Consolation	Bob Lenz, R.R.#1, Ayr, Ontario.	1964 - Silver Prop-like Set
Consolation	G. Pepper, Camlachie, Ontario.	1984 P.L. Set
	Theo Barnes, Thunder Bay, Ontario.	1984 P.L. Set
	Ray Fournier, St. Catharines, Ontario.	1984 P.L. Set
	Jim Hamilton, Sarnia, Ontario.	1984 P.L. Set
	Dorothy Weber, Thessalon, Ontario.	1984 P.L. Set

Our congratulations go to all the winners and we only wish it would be possible to award the Dream Vacation to all.

Kenneth Wilmot,  
Draw Chairman.

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1984 O.N.A. /SARNIA COIN CONVENTION DRAW  
 "DREAM VACATION"  
 RECORD OF TICKET SALES BY CLUBS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>BOOKS SOLD</u>
Brantford	9
Cambridge	6
Canadian & Collectors	1
C.A.W.M.C.	2
Champlain	2
Hamilton	1
Huronia	3
Ingersoll	70
Lake Superior	18
Markham	3
Mississauga	21
Nickel Belt	6
North York	32
O.N.A.	27
Oshawa	13
Ottawa	18
Peterborough	3
Richmond Hill	4
Sarnia	36
Scarborough	10
Simcoe	6
St. Catharines	10
St. Thomas	1
Stratford	102
Thistletown	4
Tillsonburg	2
Timmons	1
Toronto	4
Waterloo	31
Welland	1
Windsor	1
Woodstock	2
Don Thomas Mem. Fund	<u>6</u>
Total Books Sold	456



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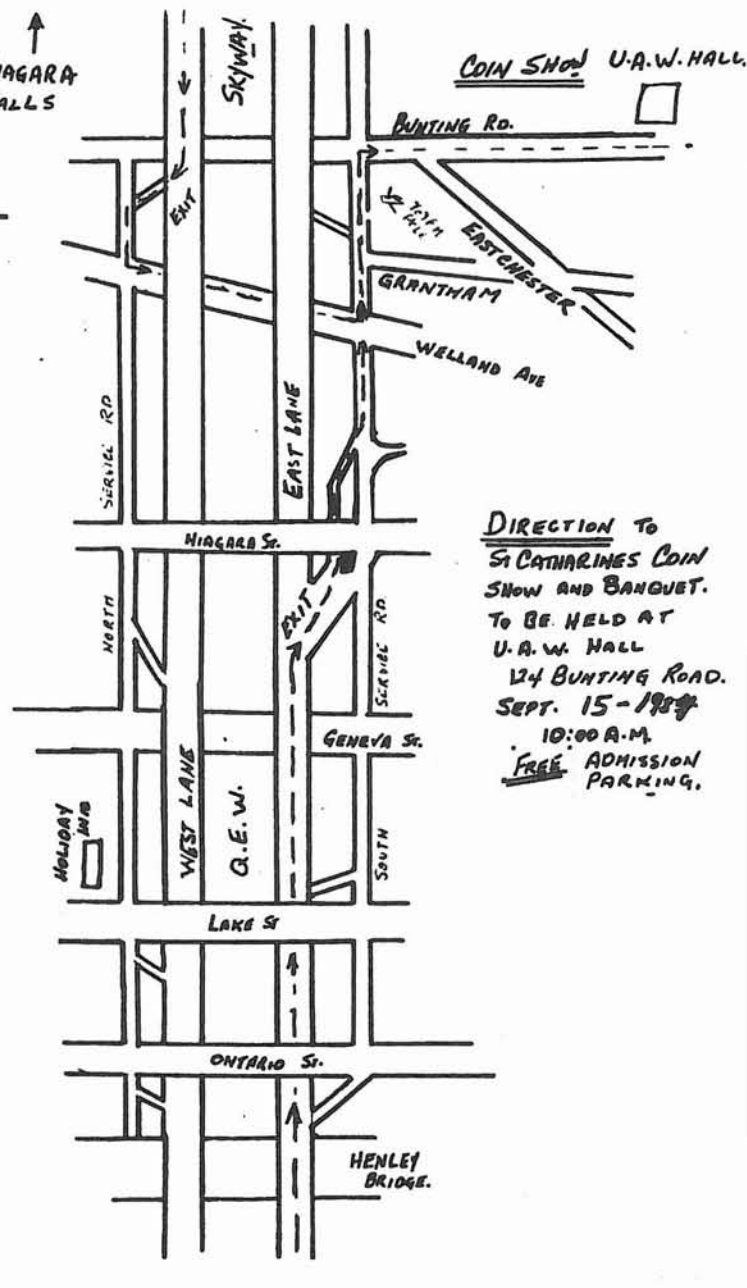
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Coin Club,*



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