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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



On behalf of the ONA executive and appointees, I would like to wish all our members a healthy and prosperous New Year. Here's hoping you find that "key piece" in 2001.

Plans are well underway for this Spring's ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. We are emphasizing a "Back to Basics" theme with maximum value for your time and money spent at the convention.

For the first time in a long time we will have a Friday Nite bourse, with dealers open for business from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. This is meant to capture people will be away for the weekend but want to take advantage of this show and the dealers.

We hope that the ONA 2001 Convention will be viewed as a collector-friendly show, so look forward to all your favourite collector groups meeting there, too, whether you are a "woodie" or Canadian Tire Coupon fan.

We appreciate the support that Chuck Moore of Charles Moore Numismatics Auctions is giving the ONA in underwriting the cost of printing and mailing this January/February ONA Numismatist to cover the additional costs incurred between the 34 pages of this bulletin versus the normal cost of an 18 page bulletin. Because of the financial support from generous people like Chuck we will, hopefully, be able to publish similar size bulletins in the future.

See you at the Shows!

*Mike Hollingshead
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after one year of regular membership)

Send Membership Applications (with cheque
payable to the ONA) to the ONA Treasurer.



A W A R D S C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR ONA MEMBERS AND MEMBER CLUBS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR "AWARD OF MERIT" AND "FELLOW OF THE ONA"

Every year, your ONA Awards Committee selects numismatists to receive these prestigious awards. Every year, we ask for your help in identifying deserving candidates.

There are many numismatists who make outstanding contributions to the promotion and advancement of our great hobby. Our objective is to offer appropriate recognition to a select few of these people.

AWARD OF MERIT: This award was introduced in 1962 to recognize the person in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution toward the advancement of numismatics.

FELLOW OF THE ONA: This award recognizes ONA members for outstanding work in their local area. This includes work with the local coin club and promoting numismatics in their community.

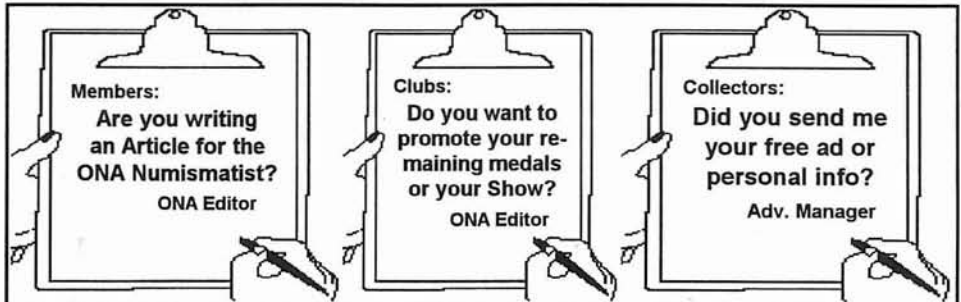
OUR CHALLENGE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Your Awards Committee has the challenge of selecting the most deserving candidates.

You and your club have the opportunity to ensure that we meet this challenge. Please help us by making a nomination and including a brief resume of your candidate.

Our selections will be made before the end of February, so please send your nominations to me so that it arrives before February 21, either via e-mail (donrobb@ionline.net) or to the address below. I can also be contacted via telephone at (519) 888-9655. Thanks for your help.

Don Robb, Chairman
ONA Awards Committee
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



In the last issue, we made an offer to dealers (free listing of what they offer for sale) and coin clubs (free listing of any club medals, woods or other collectibles for sale). Included in the "Congratulations" page in this issue, we mention every one of the submissions we received....one only! Doesn't anybody want free publicity? Or are people skeptical that there is a catch?

We also hoped that more members make me aware of personal news that they find out about: weddings, engagements, condolences, births, illness, achievements, awards, congratulations of all types, etc. Would you like to take a guess how many people forwarded something to me for this issue? Would you believe only one (a birth). Anything you read in this issue was culled from local coin club bulletins or had to be pried loose from people.

Another year of ONA Numismatist is under my belt! When I undertook to be your Editor starting with the November/December 1998 issue, I indicated to the ONA Executive what I felt should be the content of the ONA Numismatist. I thought I would include with this issue a questionnaire about what you wanted to see added/changed/deleted from YOUR bulletin, but judging by lack of responses from the membership in the past, it was concluded it would only be a waste of space and cost. I will be happy to e-mail a copy to anyone that would like to participate in the survey. Contact me at onaedit@idirect.ca for a copy, or see me at the ONA Convention at the Ramada Inn (formerly College Inn) in Guelph in April 27 to 29.

And speaking of editing this bulletin, after I agreed to become the editor, a job opportunity prevented me from attending club shows over the week-ends. Thanks to the club bulletins, I could keep up-to-date on what is going on in the Ontario numismatic scene. Those days are now behind me, so if you have articles or other information to pass on to me, look for me at club shows starting in the Spring.

Because of the things that just had to get into this issue, we could not include another installment of my original research on another coin designer, but we did manage to get in a short article on the RCM, this time about the importance of packaging of collector coins. Other articles were written by Chris Boyer, Jerry Remick, Don Robb, Jack Sauchenko and Paul Petch.

We hope that you will be sending in your membership renewal immediately if you have not already done so.

If you enjoy the bulletin and your membership, why not introduce the ONA to your friends, relatives, neighbors, business associates and anybody else you meet? We have taken the liberty of including a couple of membership application forms at the back of this bulletin. If you need more, just photocopy the page.

As is indicated in the President's Message, we are pleased that Chuck Moore of Charles Moore Numismatic Auctions has agreed to underwrite the additional cost of printing and mailing out this bulletin over and above the cost of the maximum 18 pages that are budgetted for. I have had dealings with Chuck when I owned TICF and he had the rights to run the TICF Auctions. I have found him great to deal with, very public relations-minded, honest and trustworthy to the extent that all of our dealings were done on a handshake.

Will we be able to publish a 36-page bulletin again for the March/April issue? The May/June issue? And beyond? You bet, all at no additional cost to the ONA treasury and no increase in membership dues, thanks to the generosity of other donors that have come forward to cover the difference. Obviously, you will only receive them if you renew!

Your comments and suggestions...as well as criticisms...are always welcome. Keep in touch!

Happy Collecting!

John Regitko
ONA Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



All letters addressed to the ONA Editor are assumed to have automatic approval to be published in the ONA Numismatist. If you do not wish to have your name included if it is published, please state so in your letter. You must, however, provide us with your name, otherwise we will not respond to it in any way whatsoever. We reserve the right to edit letters, or remove irrelevant items, providing it does not change the point made.

(As is indicated in the "Club News" section, ONA-member Tom Masters was recently presented with a beautiful Royal Canadian Mint watch for his 25 years of service as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club and for his 80th birthday. The following letter was published in a recent bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club. Since Tom is well-known among the ONA membership, it is reprinted here)

What a surprise!

It is not often that I'm surprised to a degree that I'm left speechless, but that is what happened at our meeting when President Tom Rogers presented me with a Royal Canadian Mint watch for my dedication and service to the Ingersoll Coin Club. It certainly was a surprise and very much appreciated.

Let me fill you in on a list of details...In 1975, when elected as the President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, we had about 20 members, and a little more than \$100.00 in our treasury. There were rumors that the Club would fold, and I didn't become President to an organization with the thought that we would fold soon.

Along with me and some new members of the Executive, we embarked on a membership drive, and early in the 80s we inducted a junior...Jeff Barker...as our 100th member. Steve Taylor soon to become President of the A.N.A. joined our team and asked "How can we operate the Club for a membership of only \$5.00?" My answer was "by mirrors" and our balance continued to climb.

We introduced a larger Newsletter and hand delivered a number to reduce the cost of postage. I became editor also in 1975 and begun to run the Newsletter here at home (still do...3 machines later). Expanded the Newsletter from 3 or 4 pages to eight, and printed our Auction List one month in advance so non-resident members could bid my mail...has been very successful too.

Our participation in the "Disabled Children" program grew also. Year 2001 is our 32st year and we have contributed just over \$30,000.00 to help some less fortunate children. I believe there is still a great deal of interest in this program and the Club as a whole. I base this thought on the turnout at our June meeting.

So many people today are in many organizations for what they can get out of it for themselves. My involvement in numismatics goes back many years, and I love to share some of the knowledge I have acquired with those in the hobby. I didn't take the position as President in 1975 thinking it would last 25 years, but it did, and I enjoyed every minute of those years.

No tribute was needed but I appreciate the one you have paid me, and I want to say "THANK YOU," "THANK YOU," "THANK YOU."

I'll still be working for the good of OUR Club and Numismatics as a whole as long as my health allows.

Tom Masters

ATTENTION: LOCAL COIN CLUB REPS!

IF YOUR CLUB IS PLANNING A COIN SHOW AND HAS CONFIRMED THE DATE AND LOCATION, CONTACT US FOR A FREE LISTING IN THE "UPCOMING SHOW" SECTION.

SHOW TIME UPCOMING

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each others coin shows



**January 27 & 28
CAND SHOW
Hamilton**

Ramada Inn
150 King St. E., Hamilton
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bourse Dealers
Friday Evening Auction by
Jeffrey Hoare Auctioneers

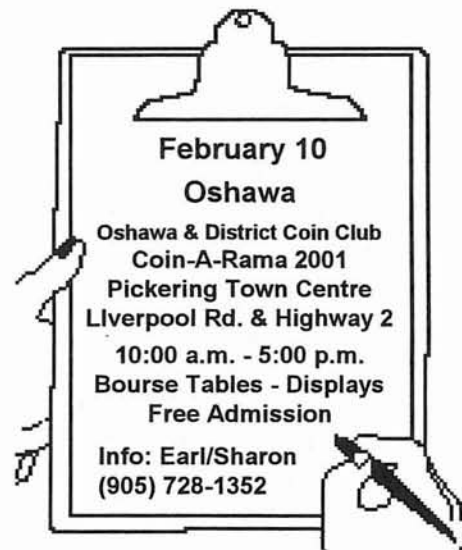
Info: Terry
(905) 318-1638



**February 4
S.W.O.N. COIN SHOW
Paris**

Convention Centre
Paris Fair Grounds
139 Silver St., Paris
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Over 50 tables - Draws
Admission \$2

Info: Ted
(519) 442-3474



**February 10
Oshawa**

Oshawa & District Coin Club
Coin-A-Rama 2001
Pickering Town Centre
Liverpool Rd. & Highway 2
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bourse Tables - Displays
Free Admission

Info: Earl/Sharon
(905) 728-1352



**February 24/25
TOREX
Toronto**

Primrose Hotel
111 Carlton St., Toronto
Sat. 10 - 5; Sunday 10 - 3
Huge Bourse - Meetings
Friday Evening & Saturday
Afternoon Auctions

Info: Brian
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brian@torex.net



**March 24
Cambridge**

Cambridge Coin Club
10th Annual Coin Show
Newfoundland Club
1500 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 40 bourse tables
Free Admission

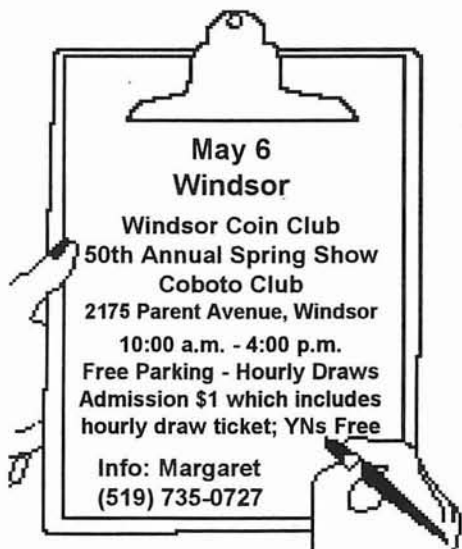
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**April 27 - 29
ONA CONVENTION
GUELPH**

Ramada Inn
716 Stone Road, Guelph
Bourse, Displays
Auction by Serge Laramee
Educational Meetings
Free Parking - Door Prizes

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**May 6
Windsor**

Windsor Coin Club
50th Annual Spring Show
Coboto Club
2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Parking - Hourly Draws
Admission \$1 which includes
hourly draw ticket; YNs Free

Info: Margaret
(519) 735-0727



**May 12 & 13
NUMISMATIC SHOW
Hamilton**

Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St., Hamilton
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3
Large Bourse
Draws
Admission: Adults \$3;
Seniors & YNs \$2

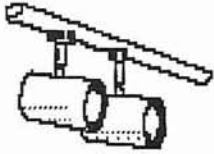
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**June 10
Brantford**

Brantford Numismatic Society
Annual Coin Show
Woodman Centre
2 Ave., Brantford
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 50 tables - Draws
Free Admission

Info: Ed
(519) 759-3688



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIPS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF YOUR LOCAL COIN CLUB AND THE ONA?

In reviewing local club bulletins for various columns for the ONA Numismatist, I notice a recurring appeal from the executive dealing with membership. Basically, clubs admit that attendance is down and appeal to their members to bring a friend to the meetings. They also ask why the local collectors that attend their annual coin show do not attend monthly meetings.

It has been a fact for a number of years now that attendance is down in virtually all clubs. Although annual coin shows tend to be quite successful in getting people out to enjoy our hobby, they do not attend monthly club meetings, some for the simple reason that nobody specifically asks them. If the late Louise Graham did not invite me to a meeting of the Toronto Coin Club so many years ago, I doubt that I would be involved with the organized hobby today. A one-on-one approach has always fared a lot better than the shotgun approach of placing ads in newspapers!

To assure the continued success of your local coin club, every member must take an active hand in getting people out to meetings. It is not just the responsibility of the elected and appointed members of the executive to attract new blood. It is the responsibility of each and every member to do so to assure that we have a place to meet so that we can continue to enjoy the hobby and the fun and fellowship it brings us.

With the same thought in mind, how can you help the ONA? With the kinds of bulletins we promise to publish, namely 36 pages every 2 months for most, if not all, of 2001, the membership fee of \$15 sure sounds good! If you believe that the ONA is contributing to your enjoyment of the hobby, why not share that enjoyment with others by signing up at least one new member? We have taken the liberty of enclosing an ONA Membership Application Form. Use it to sign someone up, or let it go to waste. The choice is yours!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW APPLICATIONS

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by the deadline of the next ONA Numismatist, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

- #C116 Mississauga - Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club, Rexdale
- #C117 Kirkland Lake District Coin Club, Kirkland Lake
- #C118 The Numismatic Show, Stoney Creek
- #1705 Gary Wolfe, Waterloo
- #1706 Luanne Wolfe, Waterloo
- #1707 Robert Mosser, Kitchener
- #1708 Frank Lieshaut, Toronto
- #1709 Harold Meredith, Huntsville
- #LM109 Bill Kamb (transferred from 1603 regular membership)
- #LM110 Michael Walsh, Vancouver (transferred from 1402 regular membership)



Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



To ONA member Barry McIntyre and his wife, Irene, on the birth of a 6 lb. 4 oz. girl at 6:17 a.m. on December 4. Catherine Marie McIntyre joins sister Julie, 6, and brother Kevin, 4. Obviously, Barry has been through this before, since his e-mail stated: "I will now try and get some sleep tonight, as when they get home tomorrow it will be the end of it!"



To Tom Masters, chairman of the Ingersoll Coin Club's Easter Seal Drive, who has now been involved with the club's campaign as its chairman for 26 years. Thanks to the club's members, who have supported this cause for 36 years, Tom has managed to raise over \$32,000. This year's pledge is \$1,200, with \$700 already raised towards the May deadline. Certainly a far cry from the \$20.00 that was raised the first year.

To Tom Masters again, for the award he recently received in promoting the London/Hamilton Road area as speaker and photographer. He has apparently been promoting the local area for a long, long time. Although we run into Tom regularly, it is surprising how little we sometimes know about our fellow numismatists. That's what the "People in the News" column is trying to rectify, if someone would only send us the information.

To ONA members Terry Monk, Ron Zelk, and Lakeshore Coin Club for receiving their 25 year membership certificates from the CNA.

To ONA member Paul Petch for receiving his 35 year membership certificate from the CNA. Also to the Bank of Canada's Graham Esler for receiving the same award.

To ONA members Harold Don Allen, Harvey Farrow, Gary Oblinsky and the North York Coin Club for receiving their 45 year membership certificates from the CNA. Also to the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Currency Collection of the Bank of Canada for receiving the same award.

To ONA members James Charlton, Jerome Remick, City of Ottawa Coin Club and the Toronto Coin Club for receiving their 50 year membership certificates from the CNA. Since the CNA just turned 50 years young, they joined the CNA right at the very beginning. These 2 individuals and 2 clubs join only 6 other individuals in the "50 year membership" category.

To Kenneth "Ken" Prophet who has always been there for us when we requested information, such as the above list of recipients from the CNA 2000 Convention held in Ottawa.

To Ross Kingdon and Tom Masters, the only two who took us up on offers we made. In the last bulletin we asked people to respond to various articles that were published in that issue. Here is the total list of people that responded: Appeal for Nominations for ONA Awards: Nil; Request for Nominations for Incoming Executive: Nil; Request for Nominations for ONA Award of Merit: Nil; Request for Nominations for "Fellow of the ONA" Award: Nil; Request to let the editor know of any personal happenings: One (Tom Masters); Solicitation for free advertising from Dealers: One (Ross Kingdon); Solicitation for free advertising from Clubs, book publishers, supplies distributors and collectors: Nil; Request to let us know if anyone has a copy of the movie "Trial of the Pyx" produced by Charltons: Nil. Why do we bother? Should we guess that you don't have any interest in YOUR association!

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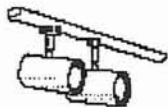
ONA member Wilf Becker, recipient of last year's "Fellow of the ONA" award for his long and outstanding contributions to the hobby of numismatics, now calls the Hillside Manor in Stratford his home. If anybody wants to drop him a note, he can be reached at Hillside Manor, R.R. #5, Stratford, ON N5A 6S6.



C O N D O L E N C E S

To Ken Koch, on the passing of his mother, in her 85th year.

SPOTLIGHT ON COIN SHOWS



THE 2000 COIN SHOW IN GUELPH

By Don Robb, Bourse Chairman

We tried some new approaches. We moved our show to Guelph and we involved three coin clubs: Paisley Road School Coin Club, South Wellington Coin Society and Waterloo Coin Society.

Did it work well? You bet it did! With the members of three coin clubs working together, we succeeded financially and enjoyed one of our most successful shows ever from a show activity perspective. While we do not have an actual attendance count, we do know that more Penny Draw tickets were sold than at any previous show.

The dealers, without exception, went home happy and they were talking about coming back in 2001. We had 19 dealers at 33 tables in a bright and spacious bourse room.

Leading up to the show were two Mall Promotion Days. The first at Stone Road Mall in Guelph, and the second at Conestoga Mall in Waterloo. At both locations, we were able to promote the show and our clubs and the hobby in general.

And then there was the 50 cent promotion idea carried out by Mike Hollingshead. What a great success that was! When was the last time that we had a promotion idea where success could be measured in terms of money lost? A great job, Mike! You succeeded in gaining a lot of newspaper and radio publicity. Also, you made a lot of people happy with your bargain offer of a shiny year 2000 fifty cent coin for only 49 cents. Yet another new approach for 2000 that worked.

All in all, our Year 2000 Coin Show was a resounding success. We will do it again in 2001. A big "Thank You" to the volunteers from the three coin clubs. In particular, it is appropriate to offer special thanks to Peter Becker, Chris Boyer, Scott Douglas, Mike Hollingshead, Gord Parker, Bruce Raszmann and Bob Zmija.

(Editor's comments: It is interesting to note that everyone of the people mentioned in the above article is a member of the ONA. Certainly, the most active people in Ontario are members of the ONA...and they also have more fun!)

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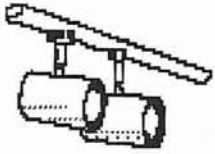
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S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors and dealers

DEALER CHUCK MOORE ACTIVE IN HOBBY

Charles 'Chuck' Moore began collecting coins in the early 1950s when pocket change often contained the coinage of King George V, Edward VII and even Queen Victoria. Small size and even large size Canadian chartered bank notes could also be obtained from the banks for face value. Brass and bronze tokens dated 1820-1854 were usually available for only five to ten cents each from local hobby stores. In 1961, Chuck had the opportunity to purchase a small collection from a fellow collector who insisted that the entire collection must be purchased as a whole, not just the coins that Chuck wanted for his collection. Borrowing \$100.00 from his parents, Chuck purchased the collection and offered the duplicates for sale at a small coin show in Detroit, Michigan. By the end of the show he had a small profit, but best of all he had the coins for his collection for free! He continued his vest pocket dealing and refined his collecting interests throughout high school and six years at Michigan State University and relocated to Toronto, Ontario in 1969, working as a buyer for Sears. In the same year, Chuck began a part time coin business, Moore Numismatics, which quickly became a full time occupation and in 1974, he began working for Charlton Numismatics, then the largest coin company in Canada. In the Fall of 1976, Chuck left Charlton, incorporated Moore Numismatics and began conducting public auction sales and mail bid only sales. Since early 1977, Moore's has conducted over 110 sales of primarily Canadian and Newfoundland coins, banknotes, medals and tokens, with a particular emphasis on rarity and quality numismatic items. Public auction sales conducted by Moore's include the 1979, 1991, 1998, 1999 CNA sales, and multiple sales for the ONA, TICF, TCC and CAND.

In the Fall of 1999 and the Fall of 2000, Moore's was selected by The Bank of Canada to auction the most valuable Canadian collection ever sold in Canada, the Bank of Canada's surplus specimen and low serial numbered bank note inventory. The two public auction sales consisted of over 20,000 individual notes and realized in excess of \$1,700,000.00.

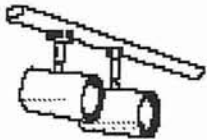
Moore's will also be conducting the June 2001 TOREX auction sales this summer in Toronto, Ontario and every other TOREX auction sale for the next three years, as well as other planned auction sales.

Chuck attends most major coin shows in Canada and usually over 30 coin shows and numismatic conventions each year and estimates that he must have attended well over 1,000 since his numismatic interests began. His enthusiasm has not waned over the decades, because as he says, "you never know when a collector or dealer will show you a coin, banknote, token or error that is quite unique, or the 'finest' known. It happens several times every year."

Although his interests have changed over the decades, Chuck continues to collect a variety of Canadian numismatic material, including Breton tokens, errors, Canadian bank notes and particularly uncut sheets from the chartered banks of Canada. One of his current interests is collecting numismatic literature, with a particular emphasis on literature with Canadian content. Chuck was the editor of the 1977 edition of the Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Banknotes, and since 1982 has been the co-editor of the prices in the Haxby-Willey, Coins of Canada editions.

Believing that one should give back to the hobby, Chuck recently served as the Past Vice President of CAND, and is currently serving as President of the national dealer organization. For the past 17 years, Chuck has been elected to be an executive director of both the CNA and CPMS, serving in various capacities. He is a 25-year Life Member of both the CNA and ANA. He became a member of CPMS in 1968 and converted to Life Membership in 1977. He is also a member of the Professional Currency Dealers Association (PCDA) and over 20 other numismatic associations and societies, including the ONA. His firm is also an Authorized Dealer for PCGS, NGC and ICG, the three largest third party, independent grading firms in the world.

When we asked Chuck to comment on his philosophy, he stated: Since 1969, my philosophy has remained unchanged: 'Courteous, Professional Service,' which will remain my motto as we enter the 21st century."



SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC PEN PALS

LOCAL COIN SHOP HELPS YOUNG NUMISMATIST PEN PALS

by Chris Boyer

The following article appeared in the December bulletin of the Paisley Road Coin Club, whose membership is restricted to the students attending Paisley Road School in Waterloo. The club has over 130 members.

Two school coin clubs, one in Canada and the other south of the border, have begun exchanging 50 State quarters and Millennium 25 cent coins with the help of the Professional Numismatists Guild and Colonial Acres Coins in Kitchener.

The two clubs are beginning the swaps as part of their writing activities in their junior classrooms. Dave Radovich, Grade 6 teacher at Maple Grove School in Golden, Colorado, will have his students save up their 50 State quarters to include in letters sent up to Canada. Chris Boyer, teacher-librarian at Paisley Road School in Guelph, Ontario, will have his students send down 2000-dated Millennium 25 cent pieces along with the pen pal letters written by his grade 4/5 French immersion class, as part of their English language arts.

The two groups have been given a helping hand by the Professional Numismatic Guild, a U.S.-based organization of numismatic dealers, who sent fifty 50 State quarter boards to Paisley Road School. Colonial Acres Coins of Kitchener, Ontario, donated 30 Millennium 25-cent holders for the U.S. pen pals to house their Canadian coins as they are received in correspondence.

The two classes hope to fill the spaces in their respective holders over the course of the school year. In addition to receiving other little goodies along the way, the students will learn about each other's respective cultures. Guelph, Ontario, for instance, is known for its university and for the Sleeman Brewery. For its part, Golden, Colorado is known for Coors beer and Jolly Rancher candies.

The Professional Numismatists Guild advertised the 50 State quarter boards in the *A.N.A. Numismatist* as a promotion for young numismatists. The attractive boards house each of the 5 quarters for 1999 and 2000 for both the Philadelphia and Denver mints, and give historical information on each of the states and on the quarter dollar.

Todd Sandham of Colonial Acres Coins enthusiastically supported the project. A collector himself from about Grade 5, he and Cameron Bevers began collecting when they first met at Bridgeport Public School in Kitchener. Their collecting prowess grew over time, and their numismatic business, Colonial Acres Coins, began when they were students at the University of Waterloo. Their store front operation in Kitchener recently expanded to handle walk-in customers and their ever-expanding mail order business.

Sandham points out that a program like the Millennium 25 cent series from the Royal Canadian Mint has done much to attract young collectors to numismatics over the past two years. The same can be said for the 50 State quarter program in the U.S., set to run over a decade. With the support of numismatic organizations and dealers like the Professional Numismatists Guild and Colonial Acres Coins, attracting more young numismatists to the hobby is a reality.

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We want to know what you think about the contents of the ONA Numismatist. Please write, fax or e-mail your comments. To help you along, we have prepared a questionnaire that we would be pleased to send to you (mail or e-mail). Please contact the Editor and request it. This is YOUR bulletin. Have your say!

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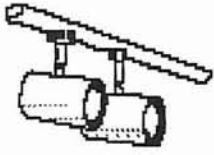
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SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN COINS

WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS AND REASONS BEHIND KEEP- ING OUR ONE CENT AND STRIKING A FIVE DOLLAR COIN?

By Jerry Remick

This article, written by ONA member Jerry Remick, appeared in the November bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club. It is reprinted here to solicit input from ONA members. Interesting responses will be published in the next ONA Numismatist and will be forwarded to the Ingersoll Coin Club.

Do you want the Royal Canadian Mint to continue or to cease striking the 1¢ coin? Do you want a \$5.00 currency coin, in addition to the \$5.00 bank note, or without the banknote or no \$5.00 coin at all? What are your opinions and reasons for having or not having these two coins?

MY OPINIONS

My personal opinion is to keep producing the 1¢ coin and to issue a \$5.00 currency coin, in addition to the \$5.00 bank note. Some of my reasons are given below.

THE ONE CENT COIN

The one cent coin must be kept in production as long as the United States continues to strike them.

The 1¢ coin aids in merchandising, as for example a sale price of \$9.99 instead of \$9.95.

The 1¢ coin keeps inflation somewhat in check and keeps from rounding off prices.

The 1¢ coin uses copper and zinc mined in Canada.

With from 500 to over 800 million 1¢ coins struck yearly, this production provides jobs for some people working at the Royal Canadian Mint.

It costs \$0.008 to make a 1¢ coin, so the Mint makes a profit of \$0.002 on each 1¢ coin they strike.

If the 1¢ coin is eliminated, some business might go to the United States for a supply of 1¢ coins for a special promotion.

The 1¢ coin is very useful for sales taxes (GST and PST).

\$5.00 CURRENCY COIN

A base metal, currency circulating, \$5.00 coin could be a useful supplement to the \$5.00 bank note, as for example, the use of a \$5.00 coin in vending machines. The \$5.00 bank note must be retained. A \$5.00 coin would mean that the \$5.00 note would be used a bit less often and last longer. A coin lasts a good 20 years, but the life of a \$5.00 bank note is only a few years.

Australia issued its first currency circulating \$5.00 coin in 1988, at face value. The aluminium bronze coin is 38.74 mm and had a mintage of 3 million. Face value \$5.00 currency coins dated 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 had smaller mintages. Beginning with the 1997 \$5.00 coin, the sale price was \$9.95. Australia retained its \$5.00 bank note. The reverse side of each \$5 coin commemorates an event or a person. The Australian and Canadian dollars are about at par value.

From time-to-time, the reverse side of a \$5.00 base metal Canadian currency coin could be issued with one year commemorative design in similar fashion to a few past issues of the \$1.00 aureate bronze plated nickel dollar (the Loonie).

(Editor's Comment: Although I am personally inclined to agree with most of Jerry's comments and conclusions, I wonder what the vending machine industry will say about having to invest another \$500 million or so to convert the mechanisms that they converted not that many years ago to accept the \$2.00 coin. The answer is probably that not so many machines will have to be converted, only those that sell product in the \$5.00 class. Please send your comments, both pro and con, for publication.)

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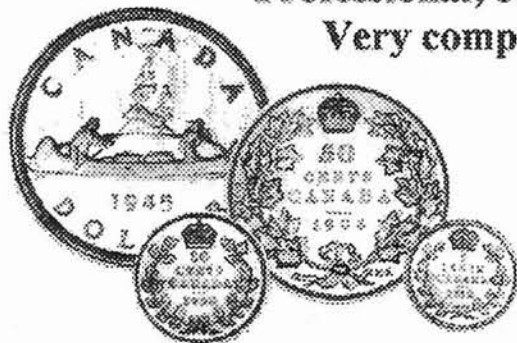
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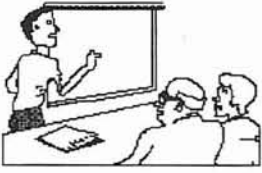
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LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Following the summer season, we wondered how many people showed up at the July or August meeting because they didn't pay close attention and found that the club did not meet during the summer. We now wonder who showed up at a club meeting on the normal meeting night only to find out that the club had moved up the meeting night because it was too close to the holidays. Members should know better, however it might be best to promote any changes to your club meetings, such as closing for the summer or changing the December meeting, through the pages of the ONA Numismatist for those people that are not members of your club who sometimes show up at your doorstep. You have to let us know by the end of May about your Summer plans, and by the end of October about your December plans to get it into the Nov./Dec. bulletin.



The November meeting of the Stratford Coin Club was held a week later than usual due to the Municipal Elections for which the meeting hall was required. The speaker was John Parker speaking on "Military Medals."

Here is a change of meeting plans that could not be promoted beforehand, except for some frantic last-minute phone calls: The January meeting of the Stratford Coin Club is being dubbed as "Christmas in January" because the Monday, December 11, meeting was cancelled in the last minute due to the severe snow storm. They called off Kentucky Fried Chicken, but since it was prepaid, they are serving it at the January meeting. Also, what do to with the gift exchange they promoted? Hold it in January also. So if any non-member planned on visiting the Stratford Coin Club in January, we hope they called ahead so that they ordered in the extra chicken!

When your editor spoke to Ken Wilmot about the above information, he mentioned that there was over 6 feet of snow piled up on the front lawn from the snow blower. In case you go to a friend's party and are asked: "What's long and hard?" you now know the answer. It's "Canadian Winter!"

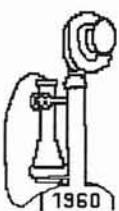


The November meeting of the North York Coin Club featured an extensive display of RCMP memorabilia by Chris Boyer, along with a presentation of "The Changing Uniform of the RCMP." The December meeting offered dinner choices of either Swiss Chalet quarter chicken festive dinner special or Swiss Chalet BBQ back ribs along with a gift exchange, to end the club's 40th year.

The NYCC, with a view of economizing, issued a combined November/December 2000 bulletin. When you normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in November and move your December meeting up to the 2nd Thursday, it makes sense not to issue bulletins within a matter of weeks of each other.

A motion was also passed to donate \$50 to each of the J.D. Ferguson Memorial Foundation and the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA), both registered Canadian non-profit organizations supporting the numismatic hobby.

We note that coin dealer Brian See, who, we would guess, has not missed many NYCC meeting in years, was absent at a recent meeting fighting a flu bug. Wouldn't you know it, his name was drawn in the On Time Attendance Draw. He missed out on the \$10 pot. Maybe he will win a larger amount at the next meeting (the amount is progressive, adding \$2 at every meeting that the draw is not won).



Since previous meetings of the Brantford Coin Club had very successful auctions, their November meeting's program was a huge auction. All members were encouraged to bring worthwhile material, place a reasonable reserve bid on them, then "sit back and watch other club members fight over them," as the bulletin put it.

Their December gathering featured a Christmas dinner, subsidized by the profits from their annual coin show, as a way of thanking members that make their show so successful.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The South Wellington Coin Society's November meeting featured ONA member Chris Boyer as featured speaker. His presentation was accompanied by a fantastic display of RCMP memorabilia to tie in with his talk, including a uniform, coins, medals, stamp covers and much, much more.

As one of the three organizing clubs for the recent show held at the Col. John McCrea Legion in Guelph, the SWCS bulletin had nothing but praise for the way the show went off, calling it a huge success.

Their December meeting featured a gift exchange as well as the usual refreshments and a presentation by Scott Douglas on how e-Bay works as far as bidding on coins over the internet is concerned. We wonder if the 20-lot auction conducted by ONA President Mike Hollingshead went better with the eggnog?



The November meeting of the Nickel Belt Coin Club of Sudbury had their usual wide array of activities at the last meetings: programs, auctions, displays, access to the club library, socializing...all the things that make a good meeting and attract people time and time again.

Their December meeting featured a Trading/Exchange Session, starting at 1:00 p.m. since meetings are held on Sunday, with the business portion at 2:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to bring along a wife, hubby, or friends, as well as food for the pot luck break. As usual, they featured a larger auction - 65 lots - that included a quantity of Canadian decimal coins and paper money with some extremely low reserve bids.

Their bulletin, under the heading of "Knowledge is Power," stated the following that should be heeded by everyone: "The average dealer is very well informed. Most have access to information that would take the rest of us years to amass. They have gained this knowledge through research, self-education, and often hard experience. Collectors too, can shave a few years off their numismatic learning curve by investing in a few good books, and maybe even a little bit of education."



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The Ingersoll Coin Club's November meeting featured a video from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library entitled "U.S. Errors & Varieties," as well as a display of coins and paper money by ONA-member Tom Rogers and a lively auction. The December meeting had a pot luck dinner, with members bringing something along for the meal, and a short auction "so the wives can bid against the husbands," as Editor Tom Masters stated in the bulletin, tongue in cheek.

The club recently presented a Royal Canadian Mint watch to ONA-member Tom Masters for his 25 years of service as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club and for his 80th birthday. Following the presentation, cake, ice cream and strawberries were served with the coffee. Tom even won one of the draws consisting of \$9.00.

Club member John Stephenson was also congratulated in celebrating his 80th birthday recently.

The Ingersoll Coin Club is going all-out again, under the chairmanship of Tom Masters, to raise at least \$1,200 for this year's donation to the local Easter Seal Campaign, of which \$600 has already been raised from members of the club.

It is also mentioned in their bulletin (see, we actually read the things) that ONA member Tom Kostaluk is looking for anything about Alexander Graham Bell, including the silver and wooden issues, a Pauline Johnson medal in gold or brass plating and a Bank of Brantford \$1 or \$2 note in green with bicycle on the back. If you can help, contact Tom at 52 Frobisher Cresc., London, ON N5V 1G9.

As with most clubs, Ingersoll has decided that their dues for 2001 will remain the same as last year. (Based on what we have read so far, it would appear not a single club is raising their dues. If you can afford not to again for another year, don't. But if you must because of finances, consider the benefits membership brings and don't be afraid if a couple of bucks increase makes the difference between survival and demise, especially if you put out a pretty darn good bulletin.)

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The November meeting of the Oshawa & District Coin Club featured Brian Boisvent, a local locksmith, speaking on "Vault Safes For Storing Your Valuables." He followed one of his co-workers from the same company who spoke at the previous meeting on "Securing our Home against Break-ins."

In the November bulletin, the President of the Oshawa & District Coin Club, Sharon MacLean, thanked the volunteers who helped make the club's coin show at the Pickering Towne Centre so successful.

For the December Pot Luck Meal meeting, members were asked to bring either a hot dish, cold dish or dessert, while the club provided cake, cheese tray, cold cuts and refreshments. The evening was rounded out with Bingo, lots of prizes and a gift exchange.

The club made a \$50 donation to the Woodville United Church in the name of one of their members, Elmer Workman, who recently passed away. Anyone who has been involved with coin collecting for a few years will remember the great annual conventions that he organized in Woodville and, later, in Cannington, including the all-you-can-eat banquets following the show and the length-of-your-arm draw tickets that were to be had for \$1.00 for a great array of prizes.



The November meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society featured ONA member Chris Boyer speaking and exhibiting RCMP uniform items and collectibles. His display included a type set of uniform patches and insignia, five actual uniforms, pins, buttons, licensed and non-licensed collectibles, Canadian coins and banknotes with RCMP motifs and other items. He donated obsolete RCMP shoulder flashes for the door draw.

The December meeting featured a video, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Mint, showing the process of manufacturing coins at the Philadelphia Mint. It also takes us through the process of making the Canadian Gold Maple leaves and the gold hologram coins. It is a very recent video since it shows coins dated 1999 and 2000 (watch for its addition to the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library).

The coin show hosted by the club (along with the South Wellington Coin Society and the Paisley School Coin Club of Guelph), which featured over 35 dealer tables, was also judged another huge success by club members.

The WCS has donated \$50 to the J. Douglas Ferguson Research Foundation in the name of Rick Beckberger, who recently passed away. Rick had been a member of the WCS since 1980.

The display of paper money organized by Chris Boyer at the Kitchener City Hall exposed the hobby to a lot of locals during the month of December. Thanks to the wife of Ed Hagen who works at Kitchener City Hall, space was made available free-of-charge. Information on the WCS was on hand, hopefully producing a few new visitors...and members...for the club.

Incidentally, the prize for being the first to publish the wrong year (2000 instead of 2001) is the December bulletin of the WCS...twice! Thanks, Robb, for making the rest of us realize we're not the only ones who do it every year!



The Scarborough Coin Club's November meeting featured a 25 lot auction as well as some donation items, ably auctioned by Dick Dunn. The December gathering was treated to a KFC buffet dinner, a gift exchange and a "guess the pennies in the jar" contest.

Darrell Thorne is in the process of designing a paper note for the club's 25th anniversary.

They are still offering the official club woods they have in stock at 50 cents each, or complete sets except for sold out issues at \$11.00. See past ONA Numismatists for details, or contact the club at P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7, e-mail jbawcutt@sprint.ca, or show up after 7:00 p.m. at one of their meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The November meeting of the London Numismatic Society featured the video "World War II Currency" from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. Also featured were displays and bourse tables. The December meeting saw James Finch presenting a paper entitled "The Life, Times and Coinage of William IV, 1830-1837."

Their December bulletin was dedicated to Norman Link following the anniversary of his 80th birthday and in recognition of his many years service to the London Numismatic Society.

As is usual, the club bulletins contain a variety of articles dealing with a wide field of subjects, including British and American numismatics.

A recent bulletin also pointed out that the club has donated \$250.00 to the Ferguson Foundation and that two new slide presentations had been donated to the CNA's audio visual lending library. Also in a recent bulletin, mention was made that Bill Clarke presented a program on two "muled" coins, that is, having an obverse and reverse that are not normally associated. He illustrated the mis-matched dies as well as the correct combinations of a silver penny of the Anglo-Saxon King Aethelstan, 924-939 and a groat of Henry VI, 1422-1461. And you thought that "muling" was just a recent phenomena, popularized by the RCM!

We congratulate the club on holding their 600th meeting this month (January 2001). We also congratulate them for their 45 years as a member of the CNA, a milestone acknowledged this past Summer at the CNA Convention in Ottawa, where they were presented with a special CNA Certificate of Membership.

The club is working towards a 50th anniversary medal as well as a special Anniversary Bulletin later this year. If the quality of content of their monthly bulletins is any indication, we can expect a very interesting, informative and educational Anniversary Bulletin!

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB The November meeting of the Tillsonburg Coin Club featured a video on World War II coins and currency. The club also voted to make a donation of \$400 to the local branch of the Salvation Army.

The December meeting, dubbed "Fun Night," featured progressive euchre as well as bingo for the younger ones. There also was a gift exchange and Christmas Pizza, Christmas cake and date squares.

In view of the fact that last year, a couple of clubs made the ONA Editor aware of their plans for their annual coin show too late for inclusion in the ONA Numismatist, it is refreshing to see that the Tillsonburg Coin Club has already confirmed the date of their 2001 show: Sunday, October 21. They are already planning to set up a display in the local malls prior to their show as a reminder to people that their show is coming up on the following Sunday. To help promote the show even more, they are also planning on directional signs (arrow signs and sandwich boards) displayed prominently around town on the morning of the show..and to start making available donuts, muffins and coffee earlier, say 7:00 a.m., for the dealers and committee members.



The Paisley Road Coin Club, meeting at the Paisley Road School in Waterloo, is to be congratulated for the hard work that contributed to the outstanding success of the recent show held at the John McCrea Legion hosted by them and 2 other local numismatic organizations. Because of a popular Stone Road Mall display and through distribution of several hundred show flyers, attendance was high for the show. The club's share of the profits from the show was about \$300, which will help them obtain prizes and permit trips to various coin shows, such as the upcoming CAND Show in Hamilton.

The December meeting of the club featured teacher/librarian Chris Boyer's presentation on RCMP collectibles, including Canadian coins, stamps and bank notes.

The school club currently has 113 members. Sixteen students from the club are corresponding and exchanging coins with the coin club kids" at St. Michael's School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, just outside of Denver. An article is published elsewhere.

TIMMINS COIN CLUB The November meeting of the Timmins Coin Club included a show and tell of some recent acquisitions and items of interest from members, as well as a display of "School Medals From Montreal."

Their December meeting featured a special display about "Sir William Edmond Logan and Medals Issued in His Honour." They also served cakes and refreshments.

The club recently participated in the "Welcome to Timmins Night" hosted by the Timmins Community Futures. The event is an annual feature held at the McIntyre Community Center Arena and showcases to new and current residents, the various clubs and services available throughout Timmins. Three members of the Timmins Coin Club manned the information table. Displays included various Millennium coin sets, a selection of Bank of Canada Notes and a display on Germaine Arnaktauyok and different examples of her 1999 \$2 coin celebrating the creation of the Territory of Nunavut.

They also set up an 8-table display at the Timmins Square Mall. The club's press releases, drawing attention to the display and the club, were published in both local papers and the TV community bulletin board. The event was also covered with an on site report on the Community TV the following week.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB Since the City of Woodstock is planning a celebration for their 100th anniversary in 2001, the Woodstock Coin Club has held meetings with various City committees regarding this event. One of the key principals of the anniversary plans has asked that the club submit a letter outlining the idea of having a medal struck to commemorate Woodstock's 100th Anniversary. John Tuffnail of the Woodstock Coin Club is appealing to any member of the club who can remember the happenings of 1901 or has received good knowledge of what happened back then to contact him.

The club has contributed \$100 for prize money to the Woodstock Agriculture Society, another way of keeping the club name visible in the local community.

The Woodstock Coin Club held their Christmas party at the Copa Cabana Steak House. Their pre-Christmas bulletin reminded all members to "Remember to be there with your Spouse." Although it is difficult to get spouses out to regular meetings, our experience has been that give them time to socialize and promise them a terrific meal and they actually look forward to coming along. But if you want to keep their interest, be sure to hide all the coins and stop talking about numismatics while in their presence!

According to a recent bulletin, their 11th Annual Coin Club Show was a success, including financially, producing a profit of \$400.00.

If your club is not listed, then we guarantee that the ONA Editor is not receiving your club bulletins. If your club wants to be mentioned in the ONA Numismatist, all you have to do is assure that we are on your mailing list.

Any club that does not publish a bulletin should appoint someone to mail/phone/e-mail information to us. Deadlines are the end of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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MINT MEDALLION RECALLED

As ONA members know, we do not usually publish information that is contained in Royal Canadian Mint press releases since, with a publishing schedule of every 2 months, every other numismatic publication can beat us to the punch in getting the information to you (we would rather dig behind the press release, such as the series we are running on in-depth information on the Mint and some coin designers, especially those residing in Ontario). However, we want to make this one exception because we think it is the funniest press release the RCM has issued this past year.

Ottawa, Ontario May 17, 2000 — Responding to a recent striking error, the Royal Canadian Mint announced today that there could be more mistruck medallions in the Year 2000 Millennium Souvenir Sets.

The medallions meant to be struck with the Mint logo on one side and a map of Canada with stylized maple leaves on the other, were mistakenly stamped with the effigy of the Queen meant for the 25 cent coin. The Mint, upon noticing the error, withdrew over 25,000 souvenir sets before retail distribution. However, there may be some sets already on the market. The mistruck medallion is not legal tender.

If Canadians discover that they have a Year 2000 Millennium Souvenir Set that includes the faulty medallion, they may be assured that the Mint will replace or reimburse the set.

To date the Royal Canadian Mint has produced over 500,000 souvenir sets. Each set features 12 different designs plus the medallion. These errors in striking are extremely rare and the Mint goes to great length to ensure the quality of all its products.

*What the above release is saying is that the Mint is willing to reimburse your cost for a set if you return it to them. We understand that since the above press release was issued about 8 months ago, not a single person has returned one for a refund. As a service to ONA members, your editor is willing to **DOUBLE YOUR MONEY**. If you send any sets to us, we will double what the Royal Canadian Mint is offering you.*

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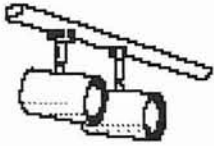
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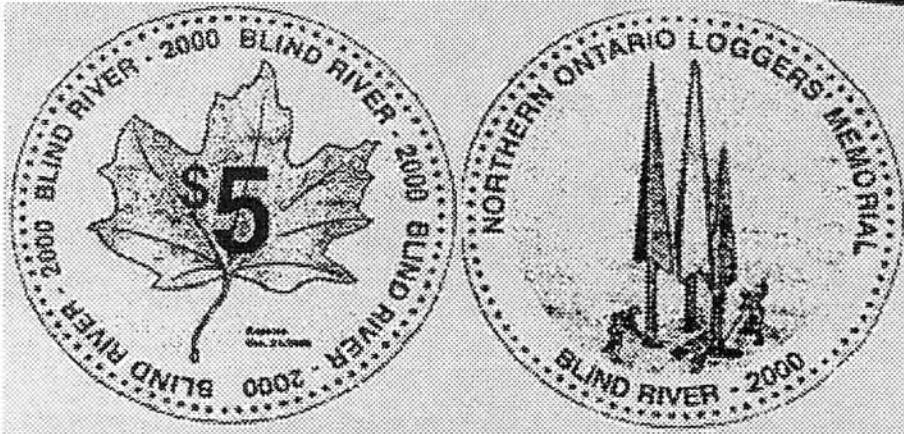
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SPOTLIGHT ON ONTARIO TOKENS

The following information is gleaned from "The Canadian Token," quarterly publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) written by Jack P. Sauchenko of Edmonton, Alberta, with information supplied by ONA member Jerome Remick.

BLIND RIVER'S 2000 \$5.00 TOKEN

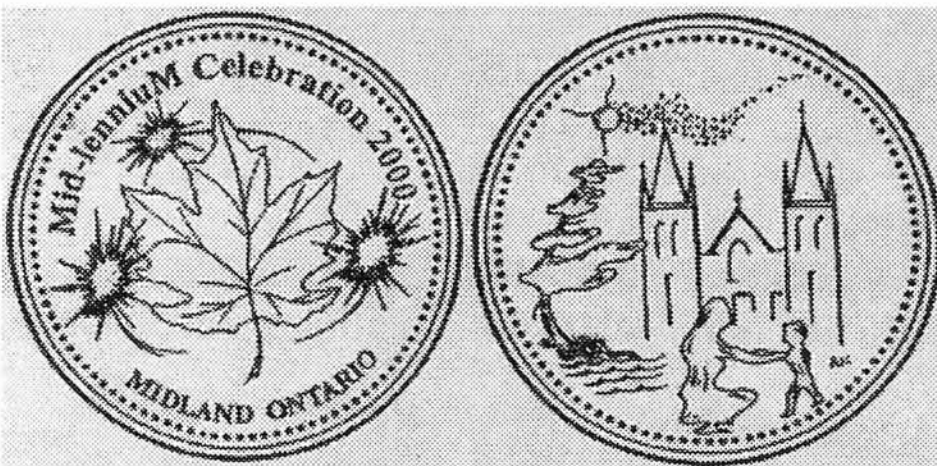


The Blind River and District Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with The Standard newspaper of Blind River issued a 2000 \$5.00 trade token.

The obverse side of the token shows a large \$5 on a maple leaf, while the reverse side of the token shows The Northern Ontario Loggers' Memorial Monument. The Standard newspaper designed the obverse side and used Laura Brown-Breetvelt's Monument.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 4,978 tokens on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks, 100 were gold plated NBS and 100 were antiqued silver plated NBS. Pricing and availability can be obtained from ONA member Ray Desjardins, well-known and respected trade dollar collector. You can contact him for availability and pricing at Bonavita Ltd., P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, Ont. K2H 7V1. He can also be reached at (613) 823-3844, fax (613) 825-3092 or e-mail: ray@eligi.ca .

MIDLAND ISSUES 2000 MEDAL



The Mid-lennium Celebration Committee of Midland issued a medal to commemorate the "Mid-lennium," the term for millennium used by Midland residents.

Amber King, an 18 year old Midland high school student designed the medal by winning the design contest for the most appropriate medal design.

Amber King's design features Martyrs Shrine, a mother and child, a wind-blown tree and a

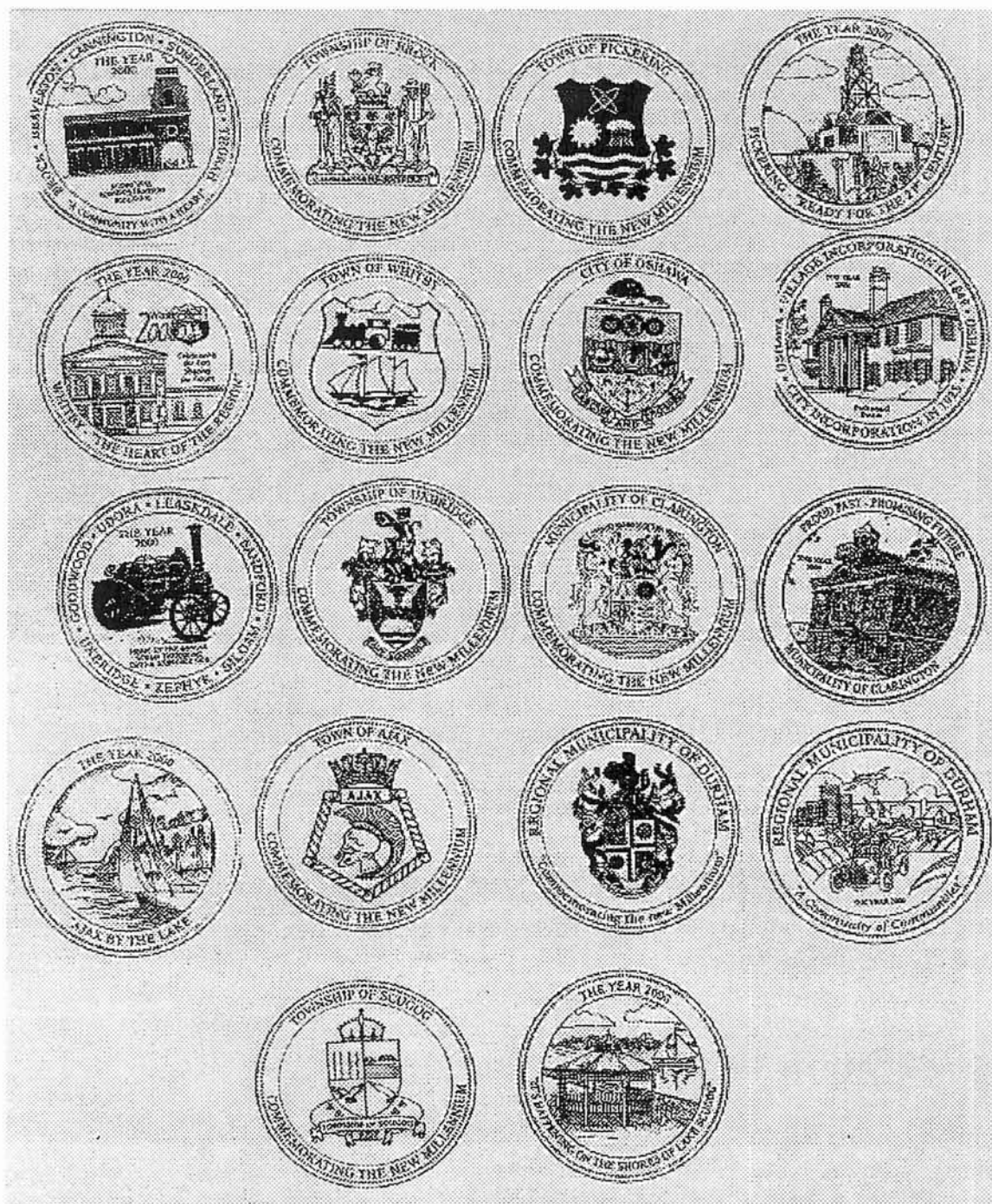
shooting star with a tail of dust.

The other side shows a maple leaf with three firecrackers exploding. Around the edge is the inscription "Mid-lennium Celebration 2000." The two capital "M"s represent the 2000.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 10,000 medals on 33mm brassy colored aureate bonded steel blanks, of which 250 were plated in antiqued silver and 250 in antiqued copper. One hundred were also struck in .925 sterling silver.

Information on pricing and availability can be obtained from Ray Desjardins.

DURHAM REGION ISSUES NINE 2000 MEDALS



The Regional Municipality of Durham has issued 9 medals, one for Durham and one for each of the eight municipalities that are part of the Durham region.

The obverse side of each of the medals shows a landmark unique to the municipality and the year 2000. The reverse side shows the crest of each of the municipality it represents. The name of the municipality appears on both sides of the medal.

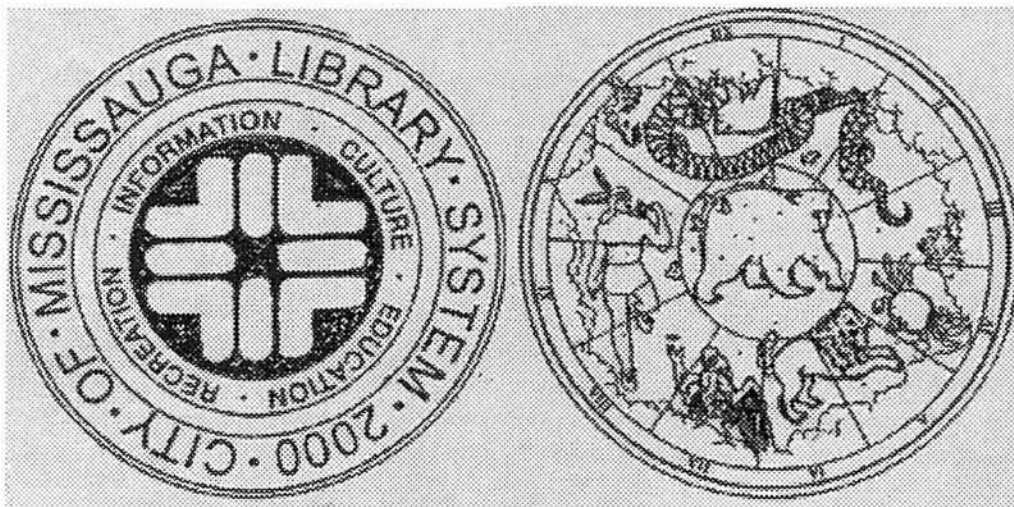
The obverse sides show the following: Durham, a city, rolling farm land and an antique car (17,000 struck); Uxbridge, an old tractor (4,500); Scugog, a scene on the shores of Lake

Scugog (7,500); Clarington, their Municipal Buildings (7,500); Town of Whitby, the Whitby Centennial Building (12,500); Oshawa, a view of the Parkwood House which is a National Historical site (12,500); Brock, their Municipal Administration Building which was constructed in 1995 (4,500); Pickering, their Civic Center built in 1989 (7,500); Ajax, a waterfront scene on Lake Ontario with two sailboats (7,500).

From the above mintage figures, 25 of each were silver plated. Fifty pure silver pieces were struck for Durham only. In addition, antiqued silver plated NBS and antiqued copper plated NBS were struck to fill prepaid orders.

Lawrence Medallion Art struck the medals on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Information on availability and pricing can be obtained from Ray Desjardines.

MISSISSAUGA LIBRARY ISSUES 2000 MEDAL



“The Friends of the Library” of Mississauga, Ontario has issued a 2000 medal to commemorate the City of Mississauga Library System.

One side of the medal features a picture of the ceiling motif on the City of Mississauga Council Chambers, which shows a semi-abstract drawing with a bear in the center.

The other side shows the Mississauga Library Atrium

floor motif in the center.

Lawrence Medallic Art struck 10,000 medals on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks and 100 in pure silver.

Information on the medals may be obtained from Ray Desjardins.

BRACEBRIDGE 2000 TOKEN HAS SECRET MINT MARKS

The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce has struck 25 of each of four different metals of a token with a secret mint mark. The metals are nickel bonded steel, gold plated, antiqued silver plated and antiqued copper plated.

In addition to the 25 premium sets that were created with the above tokens, an additional 125 NBS tokens with secret mint marks were struck. The location of the secret mint mark will be revealed shortly.

Contact Ray Desjardins for pricing and availability.

K-W OKTOBERFEST SECRET MINT MARKING ON 2000 MEDAL

A secret mint marking has been used on about 200 of the 2000 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest municipal trade tokens. Although K-W Oktoberfest tokens have been issued annually since 1973, secret mint markings have only been made available since 1980.

Each holder of the token with a secret mint marking for the year 2000 could redeem the token for a K-W Oktoberfest souvenir. Three names are chosen at random to receive one of three valuable prizes, each worth about \$500. The token with the secret mint marking is returned to the owner.

The names of the winners nor the prizes are known at press time for the 2000 secret mint marked tokens. The three grand prizes for 1999 were 27 inch TV sets. Of the 200 1999 tokens made with a special mint marking, only 23 were redeemed for prizes.

The number of redemptions for 2000 are also not available at press time.

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The Standard has hit a new high in page count - 352 pages. These extra pages have allowed us to include all the new coinage for the Millennium celebration, from the mules of September/November 1999 to what "seems" like a very rare twenty-five cent coin with the 2000 reverse, an unauthorized mating of coin and medallion dies (an example just sold July 18th, 2000 at a Bonhams auction in Chelsea, London, the first offered at public auction, for £1,250.00, or \$2,800.00 Can.) to the year set variations of the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mints.

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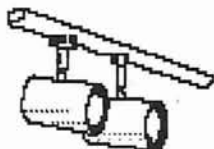
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SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB BULLETINS

PRODUCING A "BEST BULLETIN"

By Paul Petch, ONA Life Member #LM-106

How much numismatic reading do you do? Is it a large part of your pursuit of the hobby? And where do you look for material to read? Perhaps you turn to an official organization journal, one of the hobby newspapers, or, dare we say, your local coin club bulletin. One fact is certain. There are more people reading than writing, which is really unfortunate because most people underestimate the value of the knowledge they have to share. Even more unfortunate is the small number of people who carry out the duties of editor for their local coin club.

This article is intended to get you thinking about serving as a coin club bulletin editor, even if you don't see yourself as a particularly capable writer. I'm writing this as a collector who has put some considerable amount of energy and about 10 years of time into producing the North York Coin Club bulletin. I started with a fairly modest 2-pager in the early years and then organized myself in recent years to produce a more lavish, multi-paged publication. These efforts have been recognized with both C.N.A. and O.N.A. "best bulletin" annual awards, so it is fair that I should share my "secrets," even though the formula for a successful monthly bulletin appears in each issue I produce.

More than anything else, I think the challenge is to turn out something that is entertaining. In discussing my editor duties with others, I've always made this my first point. When I was telling a non-collector friend about editing a coin club bulletin, he asked the natural question, "How much can you write about coins with dots?" I brought him a few issues to read and he was surprised at all the interesting background and generally out-of-the-ordinary stories they contained.

The first person to read each of my issues is my wife. She couldn't care much less about numismatics than anyone else I know, but she is an alert and involved person who warns me when something is dry and fails to hold her interest. (I even had to put in that last sentence so this article would pass her scrutiny.)

Next comes appearance. I think that an editor has a responsibility to make whatever material is included look appealing to the eye and to make it easy to read. What is the sense of running a great article that is difficult and fatiguing to read because of its appearance? This is not to take away from the scholarly journals that have appeared over the years. I'm thinking of early issues of the *C.N.A. Bulletin*, the C.A.T.C.'s *The Canadian Token* and, of course, *The Transactions* of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, to name a few. These typewritten, mimeographed publications have served and continue to serve the numismatic researcher... but let's not confuse their mission with the mission of a local club newsletter.

I submit that the local club needs something that fits between that scholarly style and the professionally edited, designed and produced commercial numismatic periodicals that are available by subscription.

I find I am continuously reading about numismatics and collecting from a variety of sources throughout a month. With each new piece that I read, I'm asking myself, "Is this appropriate for the next issue?" In this way, your own interests and the conversations you have with others are always flowing ideas for newsletter content your way. There's nothing worse than sitting down with a few pages to fill and no idea of what write about.

This brings us to the real meat of the monthly newsletter. Here, in point form, are the elements which are generally considered to be essential. Remember, it's not the length of the newsletter, it's making it complete.

- ◆ Give an account of what happened at the previous meeting. Make it as detailed as you can. I've heard it argued that if you make the account too detailed members will feel they can skip meetings because they can simply read about later. I say, let people know the fun they are missing so they'll be encouraged to turn out to the meetings. This is the place where details of the business of the club should be included so everyone is kept informed.
- ◆ Include plans for the next meeting. If it is member participation, give some guidelines, if there is a guest speaker, give as much background as you can. Include a listing of upcoming auction material if you can. Many times, a

guest speaker works from notes or provides a hand out. These, with a little bit of work, become an article in the bulletin following his presentation and a lasting record of a speaker's presentation.

- ♦ Don't be afraid to editorialize a bit, but don't use your position as editor to "push" your own point of view too much. The best editorials are the ones that invite follow-up and get people talking. A President's Message is an important feature where timely announcements, news from executive meetings and member news may be included.
- ♦ Always include a listing of coming numismatic events. These can be coin shows or meeting dates of neighbour coin clubs.
- ♦ Don't let the members forget that the best newsletter articles are the ones they write themselves. If anyone complains that their special interests are not being published, remind them that they can rectify that situation with the contribution of their own article. Try to keep the articles diversified and don't forget that back issues of all manner of numismatic periodicals as well as the Internet can be a source of material.
- ♦ A picture is still worth a thousand words. Try to locate appropriate illustrations for each article.
- ♦ The final and complete newsletter should flow and, when possible, it will benefit from the exploration of some particular theme. An article on love tokens appeared in February, collecting used chewing gum (with all areas of specialty and variety) fits for April Fools and the coins of Christmas belong in a December newsletter.
- ♦ Try to find a good printer with reasonable pricing or, better yet, a sponsor who will print your newsletter for free. I'm having the North York bulletin printed at a local community college at 4-cents a page for same day service. If I could only get myself a little more organized, I could get three day turnaround service at 2½-cents a page.

I cannot imagine editing North York's monthly bulletin without the aid of my computer, the MS Publisher program, my scanner and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. It is the OCR software that saves the job of re-typing copy into the computer. Actually, I am in awe of those early editors who, with nothing but a typewriter, have managed to turn out some lasting gems. The computer frees you of much of the work of layout, spell check and format and allows an editor to concentrate on content. Using MS Word, I do a mail merge and produce the mailing envelopes, including the return address as well!

- ♦ For a font we use Times New Roman 10 point, it is a serif font which is not too large and not too small at the 10 point size. A serif font helps to guide the eye along the line of type.
- ♦ It is easier to read a column layout rather than across a full page... I have settled on a three column format for most of the North York bulletin.
- ♦ The publication name, month and page number should appear on each page.
- ♦ The layout should be in duplex so the even and odd number pages are a mirror image of each other. Don't center headings like it's an announcement--be creative in your layout.
- ♦ Do decide on the complete set of fonts you are going to use and use them in a consistent manner, even down to italics and bolding. I like Arial in a 14 point size for titles.
- ♦ Check out Macleans or Time magazines, you'll see where I get my layout and graphics design ideas!
- ♦ A little bonus of using the above suggestions: you can fit your material in less space, leaving room for more articles and reducing mailing costs.

Now for a bit of fun for those of you who have stayed with me right to the end. I'm a big fan of the word game of venery. That's finding the appropriate word to describe a group. Most people know that it is proper to refer to a "pride of lions" or a "gaggle of geese"... but did you know that in flight it is a "skein of geese?" Well, using venery as we get back to our subject, what about the "erudition of editors" out there, busily doing their proof-reading as they churn out issue after issue for their local "minting of coin club members?"

Well, to them I offer my very best wishes and special thanks, wherever they may be in Ontario, as they toil to meet their deadlines and provide that special and important newsletter bond which is such an important part of the makeup of their local club. Their monthly newsletters are sometimes taken for granted by the fortunate coin clubs that have them, just as they are envied by the unfortunate clubs which do not.

THE NATIONAL SCENE

A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border



Congratulations to the Canadian Numismatic Association on three counts:

Thanks to the work of ONA member Paul Johnson and many others, a huge educational project came to fruition: the creation of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course. By the time you read this, over 1000 copies will have been ordered by collectors throughout Canada, the U.S.A. and other countries. In a recent conversation with Paul, he expressed surprise that it has taken off to that extent. More proof that if you devote a lot of time to do something, you get a

lot of help and support from the right sources and you do it well, it has a good chance to succeed.

Based on the great success of previous CNA Educational Seminars, Paul Johnson proposed an advanced course. It also turned out to be a success. It, therefore, is no surprise that another advanced course is being planned by Paul Johnson. Full details will be published in the next ONA Numismatist.

We recently called up www.chapters.ca on the web. Under the category "Books" we conducted a search under the keyword "Numismatics." Six titles came up. One of them was none other than the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course book. For the benefit of the public, it is wisely called the Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Course. It is priced at \$45.00, \$40.50 for Chapter 1 Club members. Both Paul Johnson and Saint Eligius Press, owned by numismatist Serge Pelletier, are given credit for Editor and Publisher, respectively.

Incidentally, since the name "Paul Johnson" is underlined, if you click on it, it links to other books written by Paul Johnson, you will find out that he is responsible for 227 other books. But don't get too excited and send our respected member congratulations. Obviously the name is popular in the publishing business. The other 226 books are not by our own Paul Johnson.



The Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) has issued another couple of great publications. Forty-eight pages per issue, edited by ONA member Harry James, who is also their President, is chock-full of information on all types of tokens.

Because of the popularity of numismatic issues originating in Ontario, each issue contains what can only be described as major coverage of issues from Ontario. For example, the December 2000 issue contained a 4-page article on the tokens of the Thistle Rubber Tyre

Co. of Sombra, Ontario, a 2-page article on the tokens of Mansion House of Grimsby, Ontario, a 1-page article on the tokens of both the Dominion Bakery and the McKenzie's Bakery of Lucknow, Ontario, as well as some previously unlisted tokens issued in Ontario. It also features articles dealing with tokens from Nova Scotia, and British Columbia. Wayne Jacobs, who is a recipient of the CNA's highest award for his articles that have appeared in the CNA Journal, has a very informative and interesting 12-page article on Breton token #712.

As usual, ONA Member Jerry Remick and Jack Sauchenko bring members up-to-date on trade dollars from all parts of Canada, including Ontario.

Because the token field is so wide, the CATC publication covers more of a variety than any other group's bulletin. Regardless of what you collect, there surely are a number of articles in each issue to your liking. Being the beginning of the year, you might want to consider joining now.

Membership is still only \$15.00 per year. Make cheque payable to CATC and send it to their Secretary-Treasurer, Gord Nichols, Box 228039, 600 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 7P8.

YOUR LOGO HERE *If your national association is not covered under "National News," we can guarantee you that the reason is that the ONA Editor is not receiving your bulletins. If you wish complimentary write-ups about your organization, be sure to include us on your bulletin mailing list.*



The 4th of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) quarterly bulletin is a very professionally printed 16 pages incorporating highlights of their meetings held in conjunction with Torex's Fall meeting in Toronto and their meeting held in conjunction with the CNA Convention in Ottawa. It also features a number of specialized articles, including broken signature varieties, new discoveries, a write-up on the new series, mail bid auction results and want ads, all dealing exclusively

with Canadian Tire Coupons. We never realized how much of an interesting variety there exists within Canadian Tire Coupons!

We always stated that involvement in the hobby should be for fun & fellowship. CTCCC held their first membership BBQ and Pool Party following their CNA Convention meeting in Ottawa, which included hamburgers, sweet corn, salads, green plates, cold cuts, smoked meat plates, cheeses, fruit plate, refreshments and deserts consisting of butter tarts, brownie and lemon squares and a cake celebrating CTCCC's 10th anniversary.



The organization currently has over 300 members and boasts that each and every position on their incoming executive has been filled, something that not even groups of a much larger membership can say.

Annual membership dues are only \$10.00 and includes four issues of "The Collector," official publication of the association and free want ads listings. Cheques, made payable to CTCCC, should be mailed to Ghislaine Memme, 1875, ave Raymond, Laval, P.Q. H7S 1R3.



The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) has issued another one of their quarterly booklets. Edited by ONA member James Bakes of Toronto, the 52 pages fascinated the ONA Editor when he reviewed it for this write-up. The 14-page article by Marvin Tameanko, entitled "Furniture on Ancient Coins," was especially interesting in that you did not

have to collect ancient coins (or even appreciate them). Although others will have to judge the degree of critical acclaim it deserves, we give it the highest of marks for its popular acclaim ONA member Bruce Brace, who is also President of CMNS, writes a book review as well as a 2-page article entitled "Deceptions" about fakes and forgeries. His wife, Dorte, has her 17-page article "Imitative Coins and Latin Occupation of the Eastern Roman Empire in the 13th Century." We give her high marks for the educational value of the article even though, again, you might not collect ancient coins. A number of additional articles are written by non-ONA members.

When one considers the volume of informative, educational and interesting pages a member receives for their membership fee, every ONA member should consider joining.

Membership is \$25 per year (\$15 for students) from P.O. Box 956, Station B, Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6. Further information can be obtained by calling (416) 490-8659 or via e-mail at billmcd@idirect.com or visiting the society at www.nunetcan.net.



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PACKAGING: AN IMPORTANT SALES TOOL

by John Regitko

Ever wondered why collector sets of coins put out by the Royal Canadian Mint are contained in packaging that is as excellent as the products themselves?

Denis Cudahy, former Vice President of manufacturing of the Royal Canadian Mint once told me: "I don't care if it's a 5¢ capsule, or an \$8 case for a P.L. set, if we are going to sell an item for \$40, the case should be worthy of a \$40 coin. If the gold coin is \$250, the case should be worthy of a \$250 coin. I don't want to find lint on the flap, poor printing, or a pad coming away. That to me is bad quality."

Quality is of paramount importance to Mint products. Even the packaging purchased from outside vendors must meet strict criteria and inspection, much the same as the collector coins do. Even the capsule into which a coin is placed has manufacturing drawings that are calibrated in thousands of an inch so that when the coin is in place, it will not rattle or rotate. If allowed to move around, the coin could rub against the capsule and leave small pieces of plastic inside. This might cause someone to think that the mirror finish has an error in it when it is really plastic dust. To avoid that, a little shoulder is put in on the inside that catches the coin so that it cannot rotate. No rotation means no scratches on the coin or on the capsule.

Collector set packaging takes place in an area that can best be described as part of a huge vault. Using a belt assembly line operation, one part of an empty collector coin holder goes on the belt at the beginning of the line. Each coin is manually inserted into the holder at different stations -- the 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ station, etc. Before each coin is placed into the holder, it is inspected on both sides for absolute perfection. Not even the most minute mark on a coin is tolerated. At the end of the loading belt, a unit with a rubber pad presses all of the coins into the holder so that they fit evenly. Then a second part of the holder is pressed together with the first to form a case. A card, with the Mint Master's printed signature guaranteeing the quality and authenticity of the product, is added and put into a box.

Every so often, a quality assurance inspector will open one and check that all materials are present and that all of the coins are in a north-south position. The package is then wrapped in plastic.

Depending on their ultimate destination, the packages are either placed into a master pack of 25 units and strapped for shipment to dealers, or loosely placed 25 to a box for individual shipment. More than 20 people may work on the packaging, depending on what is being processed. The Mint used to handle 130,000 mail orders a year, but when the Olympic program was in full swing, they were handling close to 300,000. Today, with all the new collector products being manufactured, I don't have a handle on it.

In part of the enormous main vault, bullion coins are packaged including the gold, platinum and silver Maple Leafs. Ten one-ounce coins are put into a tube which is placed on a balancing scale. To ensure the correct weight, a similarly full master tube is balanced on the other side. The weight must be identical or the tube being weighed will be rejected.

The tubes are then placed into boxes that have been constructed to prevent the coin tubes from rattling. Each box is color-coded to identify different sizes and metal types.

Plush cases were used for packaging the 1987 Olympic coins. Two different coins featuring sports events were enclosed in each package, except in the early issues where single-coin cases were used. The original single-coin case is different than the others as it does not have a cushion on the inside top cover to hold the coin in place.

Following the release of the first Olympic coin, the Mint received a number of complaints about damage to the coins and the cases. It seems that during transit, the coin often came out of the well and the capsule apart. The extra cushion corrected this problem by holding the encapsulated coin in place.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT - CONTINUED

As a matter of interest, one day, the count in the packaging room did not tally. One coin of the Olympic series was left over out of the 25,000 boxes that had been packaged that day. The job of unpacking them all would be a very time consuming venture. So for the sake of expediency, the decision was made to release the sets and sit back and wait for a complaint. Sure enough, a lady wrote in saying her two-coin Olympic set was short one.

Packaging was actually responsible for delaying one year's specimen sets. The Mint had planned to ship orders within three weeks of receipt, but a snag developed when the supplier couldn't meet the Mint's delivery schedule. This caused 35,000 orders to be delayed. Although the coins were ready, packaging was, well, how does the saying go...the best laid plans of mice and men often go on the fritz!

The period between receipt of order and shipping, according to Mint plans formulated years ago, is supposed to be about two weeks, the best that can be expected when you are dealing in high volumes.

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Just a reminder that the Cambridge Coin Club meets on the 4th Monday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Galt Arena Gardens, 98 Shade Street, Cambridge, Ont.

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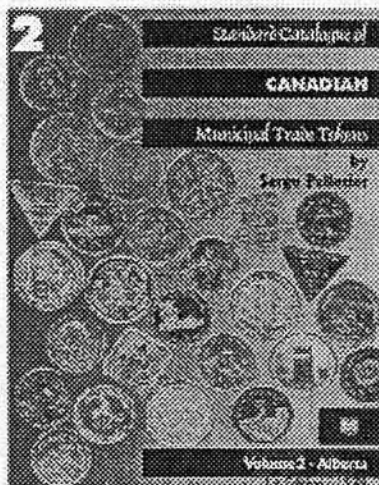
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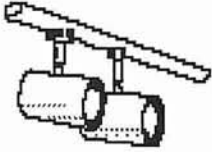
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A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



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ONA-member Brian Cornwell certainly is a well-known numismatist. He has been a willing and frequent speaker at local coin club meetings and at annual banquets. Brian has remained extremely active in assisting the hobby in so many ways over the past 25 years, so much so that in 1997, the ONA saw fit to award him its highest award, the Award of Merit, reserved for individuals that have actively and over a period of time, assisted in making this hobby so popular by their unselfish giving of time and talent.

HIS BACKGROUND

Brian has been a collector of rare coins since 1975, specializing in Canadian decimals. He has also been an avid collector of Canadian medals and pre- and post-Confederation tokens over the past 15 years. He and his wife, Heather, have two children and 3 grandchildren. He has a Bachelor Degree in Engineering Physics (University of Toronto 1962), a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering (U of T 1963) and has been a registered Professional Engineer (Ontario) since 1964. He worked in the computer industry from 1960 to 1981 in various capacities of system engineering, technical management, sales and general management for such prestigious companies as IBM, Systems Dimensions Limited (SDL) and SHL Systemhouse. He is currently a life member of the CNA and a member of the ONA, ANA, CATC and CNRS.

Brian is also a member of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS). He has served on their executive as Vice-President and President. He has also been a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Research Foundation for 15 years.

HIS WRITINGS

Brian participated in the development of the Charlton Coin Standard, Colonial Token book and Communion token book. He has also been involved with price updates for new revisions.

He authors a bi-weekly column on a wide range of topics for Canadian Coin News, something he has done continually since 1983. From 1983 through 1998, he was Trends Co-ordinator for CCN.

HIS CNA-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Brian has been extremely active with the Canadian Numismatic Association for over 15 years. He has participated in the CNA Annual Convention's educational programs in 1986, 1990, 1991, 1998 and 2000. Further, he has lectured in all of the CNA/NESA one-day educational courses at Humber College, which included material that he had written for 3 of the chapters of the CNA/NESA's education correspondence course of which over 1,000 copies have now been distributed.

Brian has written articles for the CNA Journal, has acted as a display judge at CNA Conventions and chaired the CNA's Task Force 2000 Committee, for which he wrote and presented to the CNA Executive a major paper on the future of the CNA.

One of his major accomplishments has been the research and writing of a book on CNA Medals, published by Charlton Press in 1991.

For his active work for the hobby, he received the J.D. Ferguson Award, the CNA's highest award, in 1997.

HIS CURRENT BUSINESS INTEREST

In 1986, he, along with ONA-members Bill Cross and Ingrid Smith, founded the International Coin Certification Service (ICCS). He has served as its President since 1986. As a service to the members of the ONA, we are pleased to publish the ICCS Service Request form in this issue which shows fees and other information.