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



Calling all ONA Members:

I want to take this opportunity to extend a personal invitation to you to attend the 2002 ONA Annual Convention in London.

Lots of interesting dealers will be in attendance and lots of action on the display floor, as SW Ontario has always been the home of active numismatic display people. You will enjoy one of the largest rooms yet to host an ONA!

Take a moment now to pre-register for the convention.

Many clubs have recently published their financial reports showing healthy bank balances. Why not make this the year to purchase a registration package for a delegate from your club? Perhaps someone eager that may be a good representative of your area, who will attend the Delegates Meeting and bring home ideas to strengthen and grow your club? This is a small investment that your club could make that will pay BIG benefits down the road!

See you at the Show!

Mike Hollingshead
ONA President

CHECKLIST FOR ONA 2002 CONVENTION

If you are planning on attending the ONA 2002 Convention on April 12 to 14 in London, don't forget the following:

- Fill in the registration form at the back of this bulletin
- Fill in the exhibit application form on the same sheet if you are exhibiting
- Fill in the dream vacation draw tickets you received with the last bulletin
- Mail the above sheet and ticket stubs to the address on the registration form
- Call the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at (519) 681-0600 to make a room reservation at the special ONA Convention rate
- Get your local coin club to appoint you as a delegate to the convention
- In the enclosed program of events, tick off the activities you want to attend so that you don't forget: Friday evening auction, opening ceremonies, club delegates meeting, ONA general membership meeting, exhibit viewing, banquet, bourse dealers, etc.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Club Membership - \$20 year
Life Membership - \$450
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after one year of regular membership)

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

EDITORS' MESSAGE



I find that a number of clubs are publishing articles on Ontario numismatics and I am pleased that I have the vehicle to distribute them beyond their local club membership.

I hope to see all members at the Convention. You will find me manning the ONA and coin clubs information tables inside the bourse room when I am not attending meetings such as the ONA Annual General Membership meeting, Club Delegates meeting and Banquet as well as some specialty collectors meetings that are being held in conjunction with the Convention.

As we read club bulletins, we note that just a few coin shows are listed. We encourage club editors to reprint the sheet appearing in each issue of the ONA numismatist so that their members can attend other shows. I like to feel that the list we publish is the most complete of any listing. If you compare it to the lists published by the CNA, Canadian Coin News, the web's Numismatic Network Canada or anywhere else, we have the most complete listing since we do not depend on show organizers to send information to us. Rather, we pick it up from club bulletins, word-of-mouth and simply just being active within the numismatic community.

John Regitko
ONA Editor

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



WELCOME

The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome Lois Rogers of London and Shawn Uloth of Mississauga to membership.

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.

- #1741 Serge Gauthier, Toronto, Ont.
- #1742 Michael Walkey, Guelph, Ont.
- #1743 Janet Walkey, Guelph, Ont.
- #1744 Fred Freeman, Woodstock, Ont.
- #1745 Ranjeeva Samaranayake, Pickering, Ont.

Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



In reviewing the January and February club bulletins, we note that clubs have had some turnover of their Executive. As I stated previously, some turnover is healthy for a club. It brings fresh ideas to the Executive, as well as retaining experience. Congratulations to the incoming people for volunteering, and we compliment those who have served in the past and now have, for whatever reasons, decided to let others take over.

We note that the majority of clubs mentioned the upcoming ONA Convention in their bulletins. The editors are to be congratulated for making the space to promote the Number One Collector Show in Ontario! Especially important to every club is the sale of ONA Dream Vacation tickets, since not only does the member that sells the tickets get a free one for every 5 they sell and the club designated on the stub gets \$2 for every book, but it makes it easier when your editor asks for an increased budget for this bulletin.

TIMMINS COIN CLUB

The Timmins Coin Club (2nd Sunday) December meeting saw members discuss the direction of the club. Several positive decisions were made, including Alastair S. volunteering as the new club treasurer and Bill Waychison agreeing to stay on as editor. Other decisions include an increase in club dues for 2002 to \$20, to plan more programs involving coins and trading, the membership's desire to receive a newsletter on a more regular basis.

The January meeting featured a potpourri of items, including a look at recent RCM releases, new acquisitions by club members, the direction of the Timmins Coin Club from the newly elected executive, the course they should take in view of the pending meeting room rate increase and still stay solvent and when the club should meet.

Their February meeting featured a program dealing with Valentine's Day. Members were encouraged to bring items that come in red packing or are heart shaped. Bill W. displayed several items including 5 cent wooden flats, Christmas medals from Jerry Remick, and several interesting "in memoriam" medals.

Their Coin, Stamp and Card Show, chaired by Bill Boychuk, was held on March 2 at the Shania Twain Center. Displays featured a complete set of small 5 cent pieces (including the rare 1921), the extremely rare inverted 5 cent St. Lawrence Seaway stamp, a complete set of 105 pieces of the 1951-52 Park Hurst Hockey Cards (which includes the valuable Maurice "Rocket" Richard card) valued at \$9,000 and lots more. An auction was held as well as featuring a number of bourse tables.

The February bulletin includes a pictorial review of the 2001 collector issues of the Royal Canadian Mint, an article entitled "Loose Change" by Alastair S., another article by the Perth Mint entitled "Australian Gold Coin Marks 150th Anniversary of Nation's 1st Gold Rush" and a brief article summarizing the published reports about the RCM's coins causing rashes (see page 46).



The North York Coin Club (4th Tuesday) January meeting saw Paul Petch turn over the President's gavel to Bob Wilson (Paul agreed to continue as editor of their award winning bulletin). The guest speaker, introduced by ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, was Martin Hoffman speaking on "Inflationary Currency of Germany from 1900 to 1949." He passed around notes of fantastically high denominations that amazed the audience. A cheque for \$54.52 was presented to the club by Norm Belsten, representing half of the proceeds of some of the wooden nickels that the late Harvey Farrow had donated to the club and who, in turn agreed to turn some of the profits to CAWMC. Draw prizes were won by ONA members Mike Hollingshead, Lucille Colson, John Regitko and Paul Johnson, among others. Bob Porter conducted the auction. Donations were made by Ted Boxall, Martin Hoffman, Dick Dunn and Albert Kasman which produced \$29.15 for the club through the donation auction.

The Club's February bulletin included an article "The Vis-a-vis Format" by Paul Petch with information supplied by Richard G. Doty and illustrations by the ANS (see page 53 of this bulletin), a letter to the editor which is reprinted on page 56 of this bulletin, RCM updates, a treasurer's report for the calendar year 2001 by Len Kuenzig, the usual detailed Minutes of the previous meeting by the club secretary, Lucille Colson, a promo for Torex, coming events listing, and a President's Message.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The St. Thomas Numismatic Association (2nd Monday) January meeting featured a slide presentation on Key Canadian Coins narrated by Tom Rogers as well as a number of draws.

Their February bulletin included a promo on the ONA Convention (something that we have seen in most club bulletins over the past number of months) as well as a 50-lot auction listing of material that will be auctioned off at their February meeting. It includes, in addition to the usual array of Canadian decimal coins, some tokens and trade dollars.



The Stratford Coin Club (2nd Monday) January meeting saw over 30 members and guests in attendance in spite of some menacing weather conditions. Hubert Grimminck traveled from London to discuss the organizing, displaying, storing and transporting of the display cases that he manufactured.

Their February bulletin, edited by Rick Johnson who is also president, includes a reprint from the last ONA Numismatist on the formation of the Metallic Art Society of Canada (MASC), a 31-lot listing by Ken Wilmot of material to be auctioned off at the next meeting and a good listing of upcoming coin shows. The club has also issued a wallet-size card listing their upcoming meeting dates.



The South Wellington Coin Society (1st Wednesday) January meeting featured a VCR tape program from the ONA audio visual lending library entitled "Making U.S. Money" along with the usual membership draw (Don Robb missed out on the \$8 since he was not present), door draws and coffee & donuts.

Their February bulletin included an article on the Manitoulin Island Municipal Trade Tokens entitled "Haw-Eaters and Their Dollars" as well as articles on Jetons (an accountant's worst nightmare or a necessity of the time?), the use of mint marks, the RCM's private issues for a beer company and the National Football League and a listing of 21 lots that will be auctioned off at the next meeting.



The Scarborough Coin Club (1st Wednesday) January meeting (it was held on January 2, their normal meeting night) saw the president's gavel turned over by David Bawcutt to Darrell Thorne. The program was a buy, sell or trade night, where members brought along extras from their collection for other members that are interested in the material. A discussion also took place where to hold their coin show. The tentative date is June 1. Watch this space in the next issue for details.

Their February bulletin mentioned that the club's 26th anniversary wood is now available. It, along with back issues still available, are 50 cents each (or get a complete set except sold out issues for \$11.00). The same bulletin mentioned that the web site www.worldmints.com gives the history, products and new releases for 7 different mints. They are Canada, Australia, Britain, Austria, Japan, Spain and Singapore. There is a coin of the month for each mint, with Canada's being the 10 cent "volunteer" coin of 2001. The February bulletin also reprinted the history of the Royal Australian Mint.

The February meeting featured Roger Fox displaying and speaking on Canadian Tire memorabilia. He mentioned that the three parts of the Canadian Tire triangle are the store, gas bar and auto service. Their promotions over the years try to increase the sales in all three areas. Although Canadian Tire was founded in 1922, they did not issue their first 'money' until 1958. The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) was founded in 1990 and now has approximately 350 members across Canada. Most members collect coupons but there are flyers, pins, tokens, wooden money, phone cards, old products and bank trucks to collect, as well as replacement, error and variety notes. The same companies that print Canada's paper money print their coupons. Roger distributed a special flyer and an overprinted 5 cent CTC coupon to everyone in attendance. These were handed out at the special display that he set up at the Bank of Canada's Money Museum in Ottawa.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The London Numismatic Society (1st Tuesday) January meeting saw Ross Blakey, who has been the club's president from 1995 to 2001, turn over the president's gavel to Ted Leitch. Ted indicated that, having been a former president from 1985 to 1990, he was looking forward to fulfilling the role again. The program for the evening was Ted Leitch, who presented a new program entitled "Canadian Type Set, Pre-Confederation and the First One Hundred Years."

The presentation defined a type set as being one coin of each denomination of each monarch, along with any coin that has a design, metal or physical change. He outlined the adoption of the decimal system by the colonies, the five different monarchs shown on Canadian coins, as well as how the coins suffered from debasement, major physical changes and design changes. Examples of the new Euro notes were displayed and members discussed their somewhat generic design and the numerous security features within the notes. None of these, however, have sufficiently deterred counterfeiters as there were reports of a person being arrested for counterfeiting at a German gas station less than 24 hours after the Euro was introduced.

Their February bulletin included a write-up on the details of Ted's presentation at the January meeting. It also included an article entitled "930 - Iceland Commemorates 1000 Years of Democracy - 1930" by Dorte Brace (one of the coins, a 5 kroner piece, is illustrated at near right), another entitled "Some Notes on the 'Paxs' Coinage of William I, ca. 1083-87" by William N. Clarke (a type VIII "PAXS" penny is illustrated at far right). A third article, "George Kent" by Ted Leitch, dealing with the token of a lunch and ice cream parlor in London, Ontario, is reproduced on page 60 of this bulletin.



Their February meeting featured a slide presentation entitled "Canadian Government One Dollar Bills" prepared by Ted Leitch.



The Oshawa Coin Club (2nd Sunday) January meeting, with club President, Sharon MacLean in the chair, featured Sandy Hawley, a member of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. Sandy, known as the winningest Canadian horse jockey ever, is the nephew of ONA life member Ed Keetch. He won his first race in 1968. In 1973, he had 400 winners. By 1974, he broke the record of 500 wins by winning 515 races. He was only 96 pounds when he started to ride. He went

to California to ride in the Hollywood Track. There he met many actors such as Dean Martin. He came back to Canada 12 years ago and retired after 30 years of riding. At present, he works for Woodbine Race Track in Toronto. He donated a special poster of his accomplishments, which fetched \$100 for the club's treasury (the successful bidder was Earl MacLean). The membership attendance draw was won by Ed Keetch, who also won one of the raffle draws.

Their February bulletin included a financial statement for the calendar year 2001 as well as the club's constitution and by-laws. It was also reported that a Toronto treasure hunting company, Visa Gold, is hauling up thousands of rare artifacts from an early 19th century Spanish shipwreck, its first big find off the coast of Cuba. They have already brought up 6,504 artifacts, ranging from gold jewellery, diamonds and crystal wine decanters, to pistols, perfume bottles and even billiard balls, from the Spanish brigantine called the Palemon. The bulletin appealed to members to assist at their annual Coin Show on Saturday, February 16, at the Five Point Mall in Oshawa. This mall show attracts many people from the general public that visit the mall or, thanks to the local publicity, gets people to make a special trip to view the displays, talk to the bourse dealers or obtain further information from the manned club information table.



Top: Medal issued by The Ontario Jockey Club.
Bottom: Centennial medal issued by Woodbine Race Track in 1985.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB

The Tillsonburg Coin Club (3rd Tuesday) January meeting, the first meeting at their new location at the Tillsonburg Library, featured Wayne MacFarlane speaking on "The Other Side of the Table" about his viewpoint as a dealer who rents a table to sell coins at a show. A financial report was also presented. Draws consisted of an attendance draw and a 50/50 draw. Louis and Rose Gomori provided the items for the dutch auction. Wayne MacFarlane was congratulated on becoming a grandfather once more, a third girl.

The February meeting program was provided by Tom Rodgers. ONA member Ted Bailey donated dutch auction prizes. An auction was also held.



The Nickel Belt Coin Club (3rd Sunday) February meeting featured a donation auction, where club members brought various and unusual items to raise money for the club's treasury.

The February bulletin mentioned that the Knight/Dodge signature \$20 notes were now in circulation, and that two groups were making available RCM items. One was beer stores which made available gold colored medals redeemable for a VIP trip for two to this year's Super Bowl and copper colored ones redeemable for 4 tickets to the Cross Canada Bud Bowl Party. The other are supermarkets and variety stores that sold 12-pack cases of soft drinks that included one of eight different medals bearing the legend of the Canadian Olympic Team along with a likeness of one of the team members such as Steve Yzerman or Joe Sakic. The same bulletin included a 65-item auction list.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

The Woodstock Coin Club (2nd Thursday) January meeting featured a slide presentation about the Bank of London of London, Ontario, which operated during the 1870s and even printed their own notes. When the bank faced 2 or 3 scams, they offered 85 or 90 cents on the dollar. Since almost all the bills were turned in, they are almost non-existent today. Murray Cole won the coin purse. The medal draw was won by Glenn Forster, while Harry Spice and Stella Hodge shared the 50-50 draw prize. Their February meeting, falling on St. Valentine's Day, was Members Night, where members were asked to bring something interesting "to give other members something to crow about."



The Windsor Coin Club (2nd Monday) January bulletin featured a great summary of their December meeting. Since your editor feels that the fun & fellowship evident at the meeting is what every club should strive for, we have decided to reproduce it in full on page 45 of this issue. The bulletin also included an article from the bulletin's editor, Tom Clarke that sums up some of the problems an editor faces. We have reproduced it on page 47. Also included in the bulletin is an update on the CNA 2003 Convention which they are planning on hosting, a good listing of upcoming coin shows to encourage their members to visit other clubs, a coin quiz, auction news and an article by Tom Clarke entitled "Olgobugs Ruminations" detailing the problems with paper money and inflation. The bulletin also mentioned that one of their directors, Ted Schmidt, has proposed that the club should recognize the member who introduces the most new members to the club in 2002. A prize will be awarded at year-end, the more members the bigger the prize.

TIP OF THE MONTH

We're all for ideas that bring people to club meetings and/or get them to join a club. Although most members will try to bring friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers or people they meet in their normal business dealings to a meeting, some friendly rivalry works for me! We think that when participant's names are announced at meetings during the course of the year, some people will try harder to get to the top of the list.

This is another idea that will be brought up at the club delegates meeting at the ONA Convention which will detail a lot of ideas that clubs might wish to consider implementing at their meetings.

Between Tom and Margaret Clarke, the ONA editor is certainly kept well informed about the goings on at the Windsor Coin Club. Margaret sent an e-mail recently asking us to be sure to plug their 51st annual Spring Coin Show scheduled for May 5 at the Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue in Windsor.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Toronto Coin Club (4th Monday) January meeting featured Del Murchison speaking about his recent acquisitions, while other members also spoke briefly about purchases they made over the past number of months. Don Bunjevack was thanked for having made arrangements for their Christmas dinner at Piero's Ristorante in downtown Toronto in December.



**CHATHAM
COIN CLUB**

The Chatham Coin Club held elections recently. The President for 2002 is Lou Wagenaar (for the 38th consecutive year). Lou Sadler is Secretary and Bill Martin is Treasurer. Both have served in these positions for over 20 years. Congratulations on your longevity!

**COLLINGWOOD
COIN & STAMP CLUB**

The Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club has announced details of their 28th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. It will be held on Saturday, August 17 at the Leisure Time Centre, 100 Minnesota Street, Collingwood. There is plenty of free parking at the Centre, located between the Police Fire Complex and Cinema 4. The show is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free, with door draws also free. Twenty-two dealers for all collecting interests will be on hand. For further information, write to the club at P.O. Box 565, Collingwood, ON L9Y 1Z2. You can also contact Steve Morris, club president at coin_prez@hotmail.com or Horst Baulke, show chairman, at brho_hobo@hotmail.com .



The Brantford Numismatic Society (3rd Sunday) January and February meetings featured VCR tape programs borrowed from the ONA audio visual lending library. They have borrowed a few tape programs at once and showed them at both meetings. As well, they held auctions and coffee breaks.

They are in the throws of finalizing details of their annual June coin show. Details will appear in the next ONA Numismatist.



The Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club (1st Tuesday) has selected their new logo. With the merging of the Mississauga and Thistletown Coin Clubs, Norm Belsten made a couple of proposals and the logo at left was approved by club members.

Their first meeting in the new year moved from their normal Tuesday, January 2 to Wednesday, the 3rd. It was chaired by Del Murchison, who spoke on "Putting Together a Numismatic Library" during which he covered all types of numismatic books, periodicals and association bulletins. Paul Petch spoke briefly about a recently acquired book, "The Macmillan Encyclopaedia Dictionary of Numismatics" by Richard Doty. Also tabled at the meeting was the treasurer's report by Bob Porter. Various draws were held. They also discussed the issuing of a wooden token. Vince Chiappino introduced the draft copy of "Numismatics of Mississauga," the millennium project of the former Mississauga Coin Club. Its aim was to list all numismatic and exnumia items club members could find relating to the city or the communities that joined to form the city.

The February meeting was chaired by Dan Buss who spoke on the material that he obtained at the recent CAND show in Hamilton, including a Leroux token book. He also gave a background on himself, including his occupation as a meteorological officer that took him to Alert, Northwest Territories as part of the Canada/US "Joint Arctic Weather Stations Project" and the time he met Governor-General Mitchner and USN Rear Admiral David M. Tyree. Paul Petch spoke on the book "It's Only Money, A Comedy of Errors" written in part by the noted Canadian error expert Hans Zoell. Len Kuenzig provided background information on a 75th anniversary token issued by the American Can Company of Malton (illustrated at right) that will form part of the listing of "Mississauga Numismatics" that they are working on as a club project.



LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Waterloo Coin Society (2nd Tuesday) January meeting featured President, Robb McPherson, speaking on a very timely topic, namely, the inauguration of the new euro currency. Robb prepared and handed out color sheets illustrating the new coins and notes as well as detailing the specifications and designs, security features, conversion rates and more. He also handed out a questionnaire about the European Union and their new currency (examples: How many countries are there in the European Union? Can you name the countries? How many Euro notes will there be? What are the denominations? What does EMU stand for?). Robb pointed out some interesting statistics relating to the soon-to-be extinct coinage of the 12 countries in question. (Because the new editor of the club's bulletin, Chris Boyer, did such an admirable job in reporting on the meeting and because euro coinage is such a fantastically new field for numismatists, we have decided to break from our usual tradition of featuring Ontario numismatics and are summarizing some of these interesting facts and statistics on page 54 of this bulletin). Chris Boyer brought along a set of Euro play money obtained through a Toys 'R Us affiliate in Madrid, Spain. Paul Miller displayed a nearly complete set of crisp euro notes that he had obtained that same morning from the CIBC in the Commerce Court in Toronto. He also brought along an ultraviolet light so that members could see one of the security features of the new notes. Incidentally, Paul saw through Chris Boyer's ploy to trade him the 500-euro play note for his spare 100-euro note. Mike Hollingshead conducted the 40-lot auction, of which all but 6 lots sold.

Their February bulletin was edited by Chris Boyer, who is taking over the bulletin editing from Robb McPherson who has looked after it for the past 2 years. Robb stays on as President of the club as well as their website master. Included with the mailing of the bulletin were business card-size copies of the 2002 meetings.

The February meeting was "Bring & Brag" night (usually referred to as "Show and Tell").

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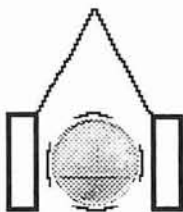
2002 Meeting Dates

January 8	April 9	July 9	October 8
February 12	May 14	August 13	November 12
March 12	June 11	September 10	December 10

- Robb McPherson displayed a \$10 gold coin, which he had certified by ICCS.
- Don Robb brought out a collection of "MacTavish medals" and asked anyone with information on these medals to please contact him.
- Mike Hollingshead showed a 1969 Canadian 25 cent piece struck on an English gold sovereign planchet. This is not only a double denomination coin, but a double country piece.
- Mark Witmer spoke about his 9k gold pocket watch, which he obtained inexpensively while working as a lad of 14 in a Kitchener coin shop. Even though the coin shop proprietor thought it was junk, Mark liked it, and even found that it coincidentally was engraved with his initial.
- Ed Anstett shared his story about an individual in London who was spending old paper currency. Ed went around to local banks, bars and other establishments trying to buy up the currency before it was returned to the Bank of Canada for destruction. In the end, Ed rescued some 231 notes and was able to sell them all for a tidy profit. Noteworthy individuals such as coin dealer Jim Charlton and the Currency Museum's Graham Esler were in contact with him about his fortunate finds.
- Bruce Hilbrand showed his collection of U.S. Walking Liberty Half Dollars.
- Jason Pfeffer obtained some 1967 Centennial coins and submitted them to ICCS for grading. To his pleasant surprise, they came back graded Specimen-63 and -64.
- John Regitko displayed 3 CNA Convention medals from 1990, of which 2 were special distribution in rather limited quantities. Although one of the pieces was offered for sale at \$35, he had found out the evening before, to his amazement, that its melt value was \$79. The full story appears on page 52 of this bulletin.

Don Robb asked members if a sufficient number were interested so that another batch of 100 pieces could be sent to ICCS for grading, at the special rate of \$6 per coin plus GST. Don Quant offered to bring out his reference books at upcoming meetings to help identify any "mystery" world coins.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The City of Ottawa Coin Club (4th Monday) January meeting covered displays of large and/or impressive silver coins. John MacPhee displayed seven Governor Generals medals from the Andy Wynn donation to the club. Frank Fesco showed silver coins from a number of countries, all with punched Chinese characters to indicate that they were in circulation in China before the production of their own silver pieces.

The club has tentatively planned programs until September: February included a viewing of "Inside the Mint," March is Auction Night, April is Trade Night ("bring in extras, leave with a new coin"), May will include a program of grading of Canadian paper money, June on 19th century Canadian key dates, July on 20th century Canadian key dates, August on grading Canadian coins and September on the mounting and displaying coins.

TIP OF THE MONTH

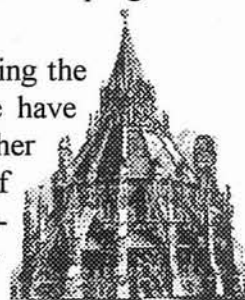


We have suggested before that to entice people to attend, you should tell them in advance what the program is. Planning waaaay ahead and telling members about it will assure that members can plan on attending, at a minimum, those meetings that they have an interest in hearing. We have seen too many bulletins that state "another interesting program has been planned for the next meeting," even though the bulletin was mailed out only a week or so before the upcoming meeting. This is simply not acceptable. The bulletin might as well have said that "no program had yet been finalized but we will see what we can do over the next few days."

The February bulletin included an article on the Canadian 1976 silver dollar commemorating the 100th anniversary of the completion of construction of the Library of Parliament (we have



reprinted the article on this Ontario landmark on page 51). Other articles appearing in the bulletin are "The Merrick Bakery of Port Coquitlam, B.C." by R. Burry, "An Old Hoard of Blacksmiths" by L.B. Fauver, a quiz on odd and curious money by Ray Mah and a numismatic crossword puzzle by Frank Fesco.



The Ingersoll Coin Club (3rd Monday) January meeting, their first at the new location at the Suzuki Canadian House, featured updates of the ONA Convention they are hosting at the Four Points Sheraton in London on April 12 - 14. Members were brought up-to-date on the status of the bourse, medals, exhibits, registration, security, dream vacation draw and more. An auction was also held.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

Their February meeting included an audio visual slide presentation on Canadian Type Collecting from the ONA audio visual lending library.

The February bulletin included articles "The Brasher Doubloon" by John Lorr, "Personalities on Ancient Coins: Titus" by William Rodger and "A 2002 Numismatic Calendar" by Jerome Remick. It also included a 31-lot auction listing and the ONA 2002 Convention registration form, exhibit application form and information about the dream vacation draw. The bulletin states: "In 1989, when the Clubs of Oxford county hosted the ONA Convention, our club sold 102 books of ONA draw tickets. Our \$2.00 rebate for those 102 books was \$204, and the pro rata (because we hosted the show) was \$306. In 1990, we sold 105 books and the ONA rebated us \$210. No pro rata because another club hosted the show that year. If we could sell over 100 books back then, we can do it again this year." Obviously, the executive of the Ingersoll club appreciate the financial benefits to a local club when it comes to selling ONA dream vacation draw tickets. We suggest that all other clubs and their members promote the draw since rebates to clubs on tickets sold and credited to their home club can mount up.

And that's the Club News for another issue. If I have missed writing up anything, it's because the bulletins that clubs sent us wound up all over the place in my Spring cleaning? Or the dog ate it!

Happy collecting!

SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows



MARCH 23 CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Coin Club's
11th Annual Coin Show
Cambridge Newfoundland Club
1500 Dunbar Road
Cambridge
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Admission - Free Parking
Over 40 Dealer Tables
Info: Vincent (519) 622-6625
or Chris (519) 623-2356



APRIL 12-14 LONDON

ONA CONVENTION
Your Host:
Ingersoll Numismatic Society
Four Points Sheraton Hotel
London
Bourse - Displays - Banquet
Specialty Collector Meetings
Annual ONA General Meeting
Complete Details in This Issue



MAY 4 BURLINGTON

**Burlington International
Coin Show**
Brant Hills Community Centre
2300 Duncaster Ave.
Burlington
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Large Bourse - Free Parking
Free Admission - Snack Bar
Info: Nancy (705) 788-3159
e-mail: mersteel@muskoka.com



May 4 PETERBOROUGH

Peterborough Coin Club
Annual Spring Show
Portage Place Mall
Peterborough
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bourse Dealers - Exhibits
Free Admission
Free Parking
Info: Colin (705) 742-4114



May 5 WINDSOR

Windsor Coin Club
51th Annual Spring Show
Caboto 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
e-mail: mclarke@wincom.net



MAY 25 - 26 HAMILTON

TNS Numismatic Show
Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St. East, Level P3
Hamilton
Fri. Dealer Set-up, Auction,
Early Bird Admission \$15
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Admission \$3; \$2 Seniors/YNs
Huge Bourse - YN Table
Info: Terry (905) 318-1638



JUNE 22 & 23 TORONTO - Torex

Primrose Hotel
111 Carlton St., Toronto
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Huge Bourse - Meetings
Friday Eve. & Sat. Auctions
Info: Brian (416) 861-9523
e-mail: brian@torex.net
www.torex.net
Auction Info: (925) 946-0150
e-mail: moorecoins@aol.com



JULY 12 - 14 VANCOUVER CNA CONVENTION

Sponsored by Vancouver
Numismatic Society and North
Shore Numismatic Society
At the Renaissance Vancouver
Hotel Harbourside
Info: Ken (705) 737-0845
cdn.numismatic@aibn.com
Auction by Michael Walsh
mail@coinoisseur.com



AUGUST 17 COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood Coin & Stamp
Club's 28th Annual Show
Leisure Time Centre
100 Minnesota Street
Collingwood
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
22 Dealers - Free Draws
Free Admission - Free Parking
Info: Steve
coin_prez@hotmail.com

SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows



SEPTEMBER 8 WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Coin Club's
Annual Coin Show
Southgate Centre
Woodstock
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
19 Bourse Dealers - Exhibits
Admission \$1 - Free Parking
Free Hourly Draws
Info: Tom (519) - 451-2316



SEPT. 22 LONDON

London Numismatic Society
10th Annual Coin Show
The Ramada Inn
817 Exeter Road (off Hwy.401)
London
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bourse Dealers - Displays
Admission Only \$1
Info: Ted (519) 472-9679



SEPTEMBER 21 GUELPH

Hosted by the Waterloo Coin
Society and the South
Wellington Coin Society
Colonel John McCrae Legion
919 York Rd. (Hwy. 7), Guelph
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Large Bourse - Displays
Free Parking - Hourly Draws
Info: Don (519) 888-9655
e-mail: drr@golden.net



SEPT. 28 - 29 HAMILTON

TNS Numismatic Show
Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St. East, Level P3
Hamilton
Fri. Dealer Set-up, Auction
Early Bird Admission \$15
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Admission \$3; \$2 Seniors/YNs
Huge Bourse - YN Table
Info: Terry (905) 318-1638



OCTOBER 6 TILLSONBURG

Tillsonburg Coin Club
Annual Show
Tillsonburg Community Centre
45 Hardy Ave.
Tillsonburg
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Parking - Hourly Draws
Admission \$1
Info: Wayne (519) 842-6666



OCTOBER 26 & 27 TORONTO - Torex

Primrose Hotel
111 Carlton St., Toronto
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Huge Bourse - Meetings
Friday Eve. & Sat. Auctions
Info: Brian (416) 861-9523
e-mail: brian@torex.net
www.torex.net
Auction Info: (604) 737-2044
e-mail: mail@coinoisseur.com

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C L U B S E R V I C E S R E P O R T



LOCAL CLUB BULLETINS PRODUCE GOOD IDEAS

In reviewing club bulletins since I took over as Editor of the ONA Numismatist in November of 1998, a number of good ideas have come to my attention that some clubs do not currently incorporate in their meetings. Although they have been published under "Club News," I am pleased to summarize those ideas that I feel should be implemented by every club. If ONA members agree that these ideas would improve their local coin club meetings, they should ask their local coin club executive try some of them.

Monthly Meeting Dates - Every club should publish a summary of the year's meeting dates for the convenience of their members. The beginning of the year or following the Summer break are good. The December or January issue is a perfect time to include a listing in your local club bulletin. With the busy schedule that most people have inflicted on themselves, everyone of us has forgotten about a meeting or two that they would have liked to attend. Too bad clubs don't plan ahead enough so that they could also include tentative programs for each meeting.

Tip Of
Nov/Dec.
1998



Timely Specialty Programs - Schedule something to tie in to an event taking place around their meeting date. For example, at the meeting near Valentine's Day, schedule a speaker, displays, door draws and some auction items around the event. Love Tokens is the most common idea, although couples on coins or paper money is another (i.e. King and Queen). Other programs could be planned around Christmas/Chanukah, Thanksgiving, Canada Day, Remembrance Day or Halloween. Then there are all the different religious holidays practiced by different countries virtually every month of the year when coins from these various countries can be displayed. Members can be encouraged to set up displays and say a few words about it as an add-on program (from an idea used at the North York Coin Club).

Tip Of
Jan/Feb.
1999



Auction Lists - Most people cannot attend a lot of meetings because of time, distance, the demands of family duties and, in my case, editing this bulletin in my spare time on an ongoing basis. The more reason you give people to attend the next meeting, the more likely they are to show up. Tell them about the program, draw prizes, displays (tied into the program if possible), the prizes in the "on time" attendance draw, etc., but also tell them what auction material will be offered up at the meeting. Nobody who intends to come to a meeting will stay away because of what they see will happen at the next meeting, but it might just light a spark under a few more people to try to attend. Let me give you a personal example: Not that long ago, I cancelled other plans to attend a Waterloo Coin Society meeting because they had a medal in the auction that I wanted enough to travel an hour each way. It was an unauthorized Canadian National Exhibition medal, using the copyrighted CNE's 100th anniversary logo, produced in the year when I obtained the rights, on behalf of the Toronto Coin Club, to the "official" CNE medal. I would not have attended the meeting if it was not for the pre-published auction listing.

Tip Of
Mar/Apr.
1999



How Much Does A Larger Bulletin Really Cost - Let's assume that 50 bulletins are printed and mailed out by a club. The cost of printing a 1-page bulletin (at 8¢ per page + taxes) is \$4.60. Postage is 46¢ + GST each. Envelopes are another 5¢ each. That works out to just over \$32.00 for 50 members, or 64 cents per member. Do similar arithmetic for a 4-page bulletin and you will find the cost is less than 25¢ per page to produce and mail. That's a 55% increase in cost for 300% more bulletin. The increase per extra page is very minimal since the cost of mailing and envelopes remains the same for up to at least 10 pages (5 sheets printed front and back). This extra space can be used to publish greater detail about the last meeting, what is going to happen at the next meeting, news about members, original articles by club members, auction list, even the publishing of the previous month's presentation. If you have a larger, better bulletin, don't be afraid to raise your annual dues from the \$5 or \$7 you are presently charging.

Tip Of
Sept/Oct.
1999



Is Your Club Bulletin A Vehicle for Original Material or Rehash? - As a matter of policy, the bi-monthly ONA Numismatist does not reprint Royal Canadian Mint press releases. Within that 2-month span between issues, Canadian Coin News will have been received by ONA members 4 times and club bulletins of which they are a member twice. I keep receiving coin club bulletins that have reprinted RCM press releases that I have already read in the local press, Canadian Coin News and other club bulletins.

Tip Of
May/June
2000



One recent bulletin, 4 pages long, contained 2-1/2 pages of Mint release information. Now, I am not saying that a local coin club should avoid taking an easy way out to fill their bulletin's pages, however, they should keep in mind that Canadian Coin News, Coin World, the World Wide Web, the regular press and possibly other club bulletins are bound to beat them to the punch. The only club bulletin that does a really decent job with RCM information is the North York Coin Club because they publish things over-and-above what you read elsewhere.

Promoting Other Club Meetings - Why not include a listing of other club meetings in your area? List the day of the meeting (i.e. "second Tuesday of month"), meeting address and starting time. This will not only encourage your members to attend other club meetings, but no doubt get the other clubs to reciprocate and also list your club's meeting information. We also encourage everyone to ask at a club meeting if others wish to hitch a ride to another area club. If this becomes a habit, members can take turns car pooling.

Tip Of
June/July
2000



Support Dealers that Support Your Club - Most clubs purchase draw prizes in advance of a meeting, most likely from a dealer that happens to be conveniently located to the member of the executive that is charged with the responsibility of assuring that draw prizes are on hand at each meeting. Support the dealers that set up at the meetings by making purchases from them right at the meeting where the prizes will be given away. This way, dealers are assured of some additional business if they attend a meeting (from an idea used at the Niagara Falls Coin Club).

Tip Of
Mar/Apr.
2001



Rather than seeing what dealers have available in the approximate prize range and working a deal with one of them, ask each dealer to put together a package for the amount of money available (such as a predetermined amount or 50% of draw ticket sales), then have one or two members pick the best deal. By having a bit of friendly rivalry between the dealers, members are bound to get some better prizes in the draw.

Scheduling Appealing Programs - Program Directors have done an admirable job in planning diversified programs. But why not ask your club members what programs they wish to schedule at future meetings? If interest for the same program is shown by a number of members, it is bound to get people to make an attempt to attend the meeting. Also, when a program is planned, the person responsible for booking the program should carry through on the theme with displays, door draws and auction material, if possible.

Tip Of
Mar/Apr.
2001



Reducing Club Overhead - If your club mailing address is a post office box (rather than someone's home), offer to let club members use the club's official mailing address for their personal mail...at a reasonable price. The member has the security of not having coin-related envelopes addressed to his home. The club reduces the cost to the club treasury because they are charging a nominal annual fee to everyone wishing to use this service (from an idea used by the Ottawa & District Coin Club).

Tip Of
Mar/Apr.
2001



Incentive to Attend Meetings - Announce in your next club bulletin and meeting that any member with a perfect attendance record during 2002 will receive a "worthwhile" prize. After a few months, read out the names of people with a perfect attendance record. If you don't already ask your members to "sign in" when they arrive, you might wish to start this so that the sheets could be used to confirm attendance at year-end. This will avoid any disputes. If a member forgets to sign in, too bad, because at year-end this is the only real proof you have of a member's attendance (from an idea used by the Tillsonburg Coin Club).

Tip Of
May/June
2001



Getting In Touch - A few club bulletins do not list contact information in their bulletin. As a minimum, the President's name and address or telephone number should be included, as well as the Program Director or Editor contact information. In all fairness to the people that serve on the club executive and do the work, space should always be made available in bulletins to list the whole Executive's names and titles. For ease, be sure to include any e-mail addresses.

Tip Of
May/June
2001



In addition to the "tips" that are reprinted above, we know of a number of others that we think some clubs might wish to try at their meeting. They will be the subject of a speech at the club delegates meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the ONA Convention at the Four Points Sheraton in London, Ontario.

See you there!

John Regitko
Club Services Chairman

SHOW REVIEW


A column presenting a summary of coin shows

WINTER SHOWS PROVE SUCCESSFUL

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

Because of potential severe weather conditions throughout Ontario, coin show organizers have traditionally shied away from holding shows during the Winter months. Because of the scheduling of quite a few shows, both those hosted by coin clubs and "commercial" show organizers, dates sometimes conflicted. A few show organizers have gone against the trend and scheduled shows in traditional cold weather. Based on their success, maybe Winter Shows are not such a bad idea after all to take away those Winter blahs!

THE SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

 At the beginning of February, Ted Bailey held his S.W.O.N. Show in Paris. He manages to draw a large number of dealers (up to 50) to his spacious room at the Paris Fairgrounds. I imagine he does quite a bit of advertising locally, since he always attracts people that I don't see anywhere else.

THE CAND ANNUAL WINTER SHOW



At the end of January, CAND held their annual Winter show in Hamilton. As is typical, the bourse was sold out. Attendance was quite good, including young numismatists. Bidding was brisk in the auction. It was good to see Chris Boyer bring a busload full of juniors from his school to the show.

Show Chairman, Terry McHugh, did his usual good job in promoting the show. He, as well as members of his family, manned the Young Numismatists Table that saw some fantastic bargains reserved only for juniors. It also included doggy bags of give-aways for any young collector attending the show.

THE TOREX SHOW

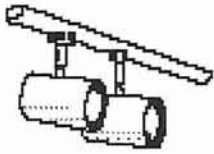


The end of February saw another successful Torex Show at the Primrose Hotel in downtown Toronto. The filled bourse, spread over three rooms, saw a great variety of material on display.

The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) held a meeting on Saturday morning in conjunction with Torex. Trading, buying, selling and discussion about new finds saw active participation.

The Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS), at their meeting on Saturday afternoon, featured Oliver D. Hoover as the keynote speaker. His dissertation was entitled "The Seleukid Symbolic Identity and the Place of Native Peoples in its Development and Perpetuation." Oliver won the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Society's essay contest in 1995. He has gained curatorial experience as an assistant at the American Numismatic Society and is currently the International Editor of the American Numismatic Society's Numismatic Literature and book publications.

Thanks to the generosity of Torex's owner/manager, Brian Smith, the ONA shared a complimentary table with the CNA and other hobby organizations. One of the highlights for the ONA that took place was the sale of a 12" diameter wall plaque of a 1948 silver dollar made from compressed cardboard, coated with heavy-duty aluminum. John Regitko sold it to ONA member-dealer Yvon Chicoine for \$10.00. When Steve Bromberg of Canadian Coin & Currency saw it, he thought it would look great hanging on the wall of his new store in Richmond Hill. He offered Yvon the following challenge: "Let me have it and I will donate \$50 to the ONA!" Yvon accepted. Steve, we should remind our members, had previously committed to donate \$300 to the ONA to cover the extra cost of printing and mailing a 36-page bulletin, while Yvon recently donated \$100.00.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLUB EDITOR

A column about fun and fellowship

FROM THE MEETING ROOM TO YOU

The following column appeared in the January 2002 bulletin of the Windsor Coin Club. We thought we would reprint it here since it summarizes all the fun & fellowship at a club meeting that we have been preaching about over the years. Sounds like it was a great meeting! It also shows one person's style of writing that makes a bulletin an easy...and fun...read.

by Tom Clarke, Editor, Windsor Coin Club



The last regular monthly meeting of the Windsor Coin Club was held in the Dante Room of the Caboto Club on Monday, December 10, with 42 members and guests in attendance. As usual at this time of year, it was our traditional Christmas party, and there was an abundance of edible goodies and treats for everyone. The weather conditions were considerably better than last year, which was a blizzard, and consequently, the turnout was better, with 11 more present at this year's meeting.

As usual, there was the period of talking, swapping, besides mingling and jingling before the meeting was brought to order at 7:15 by the president, Serge Lantetigne. To allow more time for the festivities, the Treasurer's report was brief and to the point with Marg Clarke announcing a balance of \$5,017.79 on hand. This is amazing, considering the amount expended on perks for the members and the cost of the anniversary dinner. This means the members will be in for some more surprise treats in 2002, so stay tuned to this station.

The secretary's report by Stan Coblentz was equally brief with a rehash of the previous meeting's business. The business session, both old and new, was dispensed with because Santa Claus was on his way. The prancing and dancing of tiny hooves in the hallway gave way to jingle bells and a harty HO HO HO as Santa (Junior Bickford) resplendent in his red and white suit and snow white beard, came bouncing into the room and proceeded to hand out candy canes and 2001 coins to all the members, old and young alike, and, accompanied by his sprightly elf (Nicole Lantetigne), went merrily about the room bringing smiles and joy to the seniors and a feeling of goodwill to all present. A special thanks to these two wonderful people whose time and effort brought a little happiness to this corner of the world. I have no picture to place here, but had I had a camera at that moment, it would be when I happened to look up and notice tiny little Nicole tug at the trousers of Norm Young, reaching up to hand him a candy cane when he looked down and the smile that broke out on his face as he accepted it, made it all worthwhile.

As Santa departed the scene, a more serious note was struck, as the membership was informed of the progress being made by Frank Quinlan in his battle against cancer. Frank is taking regular chemotherapy and would welcome a card, a call or a coin trade from other members. It was also announced that another member of our club, Jim France, has been diagnosed with a particularly aggressive form of brain cancer. At the time of this column, Jim is in the Leamington Hospital and I know he would welcome a call, a card or a visit from any of the members.

Tom Renaud and Serge Lantetigne called the auction with accounting assistance from Marg Clarke. This team deserves a hand for the quality job they are doing managing the exchange of so many items, with virtually no errors.

And then it was "Party Time." Too much to behold a huge buffet table covered with all manner of hors d'oeuvres, cold cuts, cheeses, pickles, chips and dips, cakes and pies and tarts and candies, coffee, tea and soda pops and in spite of a larger number than last year, many still took a doggy bag home. Thanks go to all those members who contributed their time and effort to make this club party a success and to the ladies who helped set up the lovely buffet tables and also to all those who lingered and helped clean up after the ball was over, so to speak.

A really magnificent gift basket of wine, cheese and fruit was donated to the club as a door prize by Betty Kirkman, with proceeds going to the club and much appreciated. In the subsequent draw, the winning ticket was held by Rose Bickford, an apt tribute to the Bickford Family who gave much of their time to the success of the evening.

The door prizes were won by Ted Schmidt and Mrs. Durocher (Chuck's wife).

Featuring news about the Royal Canadian Mint



MINT COINS CANNOT CAUSE RASH

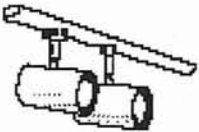
By Bill Waychison (as published in the February 2002 bulletin of the Timmins Coin Club)

This story and the subsequent RCM press release that follows circulated on the regional CBC Radio in Northern Ontario. Interestingly, it originally surfaced in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada's Nickel Capital. The logic or illogical argument results from the fact that nickel powder produced when nickel ores undergo a hydrometallurgical process is toxic in powder form. It is this powdered nickel that was used to produce most of Canada's coins. In solid form as in a pure nickel coin, nickel is obviously not toxic. Currently, most of our circulating coins are made of nickel plated steel.

October 23, 2001, Ottawa - The Royal Canadian Mint issued a clarification today after news reports indicated that 5 people at the Sudbury Centre Mall developed a rash, purportedly after handling coinage sent directly from the Mint. The coins involved were not rolled in materials used by the Royal Canadian Mint, indicating that the coins were not received from the Mint's distribution facilities.

Coins struck by the Royal Canadian Mint and their packaging do not contain any substances, agents or products that could produce a skin rash or biological reaction of any sort.

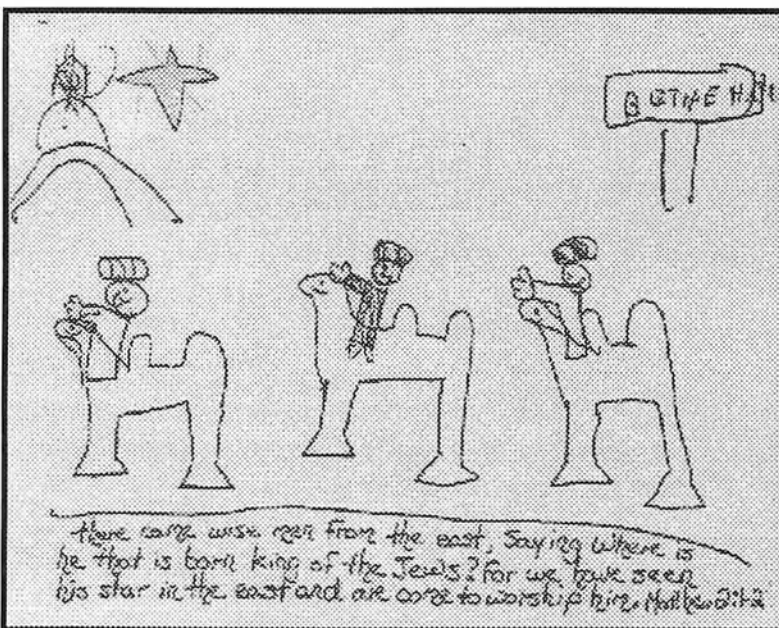
The Sudbury Regional Police continue to investigate the matter in order to determine the source of the substance. Health Canada has been informed of the situation and has been sent samples of the substance for analysis.



SPOTLIGHT ON FUTURE DESIGNERS

COIN DESIGNER'S DAUGHTER SHOWS HER EARLY TALENTS

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

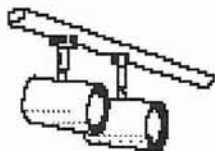


Tony Bianco, designer of the 2000 "Path of Knowledge" Canadian \$2 circulating coin, is well-known to ONA members. There is an up-and-coming member in the family, not yet as famous as her dad, whose work of art has been selected by the Bianco family for distribution to a group of friends and relatives.

The Christmas card recently mailed out is the work of Sierra, the 6-year old daughter of Tony and Linda Bianco, whose name appears on the credit on the back.

Sierra's brother, 6-month old Eli, did not comment when ask by the ONA Editor when he thought his turn would come to design a card.

©2001 Designed By Sierra Bianco



SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLUB EDITOR

A column about understanding the plight of volunteers

OUR COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER...IS IT NEEDED? WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HELP KEEP IT? OR SHOULD WE DROP IT?

The following column appeared in the January 2002 bulletin of the Windsor Coin Club. It summarizes all the time problems that a member of the executive of a local coin club can have.

by Tom Clarke, Editor, Windsor Coin Club



This little four page newsletter called "The Collector" that you are holding in your hand takes from 14 to 20 man-hours to produce, and that does not include any research time. It also does not include the time it takes at the meetings for me to record the names, numbers, events and proceedings that are necessary to write the "Meeting Room" column on page 2. It does not include the time that it takes to print the copies, staple them and although I do not do it any more, deliver the editions to all the coin stores, libraries and Tim Hortons in the

Windsor and surrounding area.

It was my view that if we produced a locally oriented newsletter and got it out into the community, the club would benefit with increased membership. For 3 years, I put out a copy for every meeting, but it got to be too much for one person and when no help was forthcoming, I had to stop. Through 2001, I have produced an occasional issue as time has allowed, but without time to do the research and keep up on a fast moving numismatic scene, the quality and scope of this letter has dropped accordingly. I regret this, but unless I can get some assistance, this is the way it will be from now on.

It may be that I'm just spinning my wheels anyway. Maybe the members don't want a regular newsletter. It might be a good idea to let your executive know if you want it or not!

Everything done in connection with this newsletter is voluntary and without adequate voluntary assistance, it will never reach its potential. Think what it could be, with a little planning and effort. The club has the names of about 600 collectors in the area. I wonder how many would come out to our meetings and join the club if we mailed them a newsletter periodically. We'll never know if we don't try, but someone has to do the work of printing, stapling, folding, addressing, stamping and mailing. Others have to look up the names, addresses and postal codes, purchase stamps, paper, envelopes and so on. Now, you say, these are simple things to do, they don't require much effort or a rocket scientist to accomplish, they don't take up much time. But they do, if you are the only person doing them in addition to all the other work of publishing a "worthwhile" newsletter, serving the ONA Executive and negotiating with the CNA on behalf of the club. And if others were to assist in the distribution of the newsletter to everywhere collectors might go, such as flea markets, libraries, doctors, lawyers, offices, antique store, Tim Hortons, coin stores, food market and factory bulletin boards, on so on. In this way, we get the word out that the Windsor Coin Club is the place to be if you are a collector. And it follows that the larger the club, the greater the benefits and opportunities are to every member in it!

If you have time to help in the mailing or distribution or any other phase of promoting our newsletter, please let me know. Call the editor if you have any questions. I'm usually available any time of the day.

(ONA Editor's comment: How well I can identify with the above, both from when I was editor of the Toronto Coin Club bulletin [at the same time as I was its President and Program Director] as well as my current assignment as ONA Editor. If any ONA member wishes to comment on Tom Clarke's editorial, we will publish excerpts in the next ONA Numismatist. We would like to hear from other editors about the difficulties they have had. We would especially like to hear from former editors that have found it necessary to resign due to time problems.)



RCM RESPONDS TO ONA EDITOR'S QUESTIONS

In case ONA members were wondering, as the ONA Editor did, about certain Royal Canadian Mint policies, we would like to share the following exchange of e-mails between the ONA Editor and the prompt and efficient Phil Taylor, one of our contacts at the Royal Canadian Mint.

ONA Editor: "In checking the British Royal Mint web site, I note that their Two Pound Marconi coin is available in: a) Silver Proof, b) Gold Proof, c) Gold Proof Sovereign 3-coin set, d) Brilliantly Uncirculated in Presentation Folder, e) in a Key Ring and f) in a Crystal Clock. Are you in a position to confirm that our Canadian Marconi coin will only be available in the one configuration already announced, namely in sterling silver with gold inlay? Or are you working on additional collector issues? Also, the British Mint had announced in the year 2000 that it would be pre-striking some Two Pound coins in base metal, for pre-release to the vending machine industry for re-calibration of the vending machines, since they intended to make the Marconi design a circulating coin. Although I don't know whether or not they will be announcing the release of the circulating coin soon (I can't find anything on their web site), is Canada working on a similar plan, to make it a circulating coin? If so, in what denomination?"

Royal Canadian Mint: "The Canadian Marconi coin is only available in the one configuration, and there are no plans to put the design onto any circulating coin."

ONA Editor: "I note that the British Mint has already announced a collector coin for the year 2002. I am not aware that the RCM has ever announced the release of future years' coins. Am I right? Has it ever been considered?"

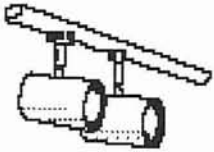
Royal Canadian Mint: "Historically, the Mint doesn't pre-announce products, although there have been discussions about the benefits/liabilities of that type of announcement. To date, no change in policy."

ONA Editor: "In accessing the British Royal Mint web site, I note that they are still selling numerous coins dated 2000. As you are aware, the RCM's policy has been to only sell current year's coins. Has the Mint given any thought to making prior-year's collector coins available while supplies last? Since collector coins are pre-struck, surely there are a number that are left over at the end of each year. I am curious to know just what sort of quantity is, on average, destroyed at year-end."

Royal Canadian Mint: "The Mint does, in fact, only make available to the public current year coins. With regard to year end stock, we don't release that type of information for business advantage purposes."

The last above request, quite frankly, was sent to the Mint to see what sort of a response we would receive since we were aware that the Mint recently either sent out requests for bids on some remaining material or negotiated with some dealers. The batch of "remainders" was eventually sold as a lot. Watch for the material to find its way onto the Shopping Channel, since the successful bidder was Canadian Coin Auctions and Sales Ltd., the King of Numismatics on the Shopping Channel, who also recently opened a coin store in Richmond Hill, located just north of Metro Toronto. Although we understand and accept the reason given by the Mint for not releasing "that type of information," a prominent dealer and major buyer told us: "It sounds like the Mint sold at a discount leftover inventory. In the end there are no secrets in the coin business, and everything comes to light eventually."

Incidentally, in case ONA members missed it, the Globe and Mail's Report on Business Magazine declared the Royal Canadian Mint to be among the "35 Best Companies to Work For in Canada" in 2001. We extend our congratulations to Danielle Wetherup, President of the Royal Canadian Mint, her management team and all the dedicated and conscientious workers who are responsible for making it so!



SPOTLIGHT ON MEDALS OF ONTARIO

THE TOKENS OF GARDEN CITY COINS OF ST. CATHARINES

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM-083

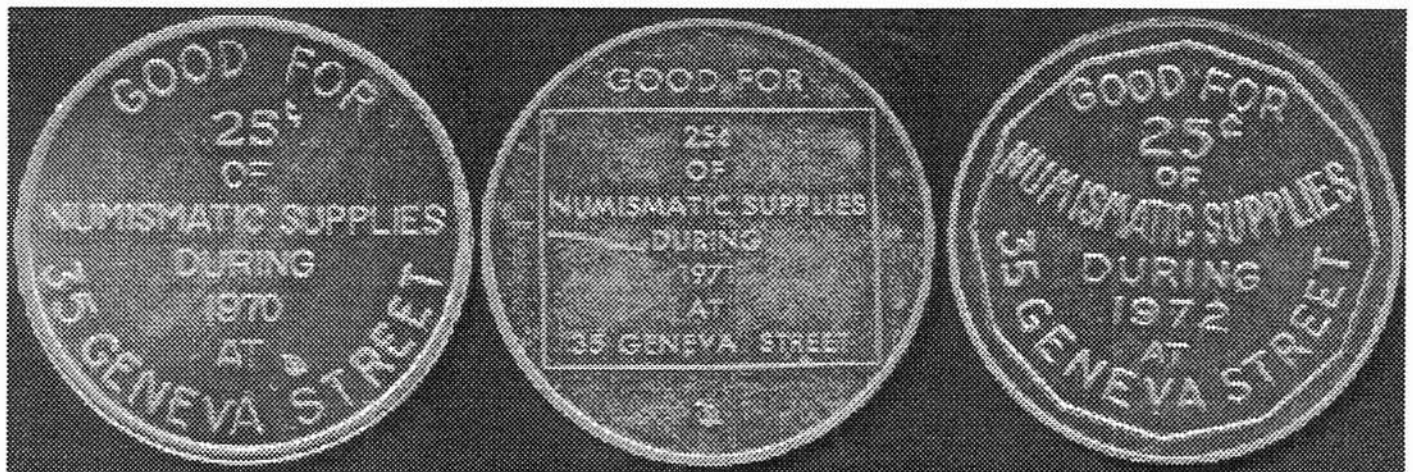


While scrounging through one of ONA member Andy Grecco's dealer junque boxes at a Waterloo Coin Society meeting last Fall, I came across a set of 3 medals that peaked my interest. They all have a common obverse that reads "GARDEN CITY COINS · ST. CATHARINES · ONT. CANADA" around the perimeter, along with "25¢ TRADE TOKEN" in the center.

I remembered from years ago that Garden City Coins was owned and operated by George Oblinsky, a coin dealer who could be seen at all the coin shows on weekends. George eventually moved his business from St. Catharines, where he lived, to a location at the top of the hill in beautiful Niagara Falls, just east of the Falls. I visited him at his new store every time I came to Niagara Falls to view his merchandise consisting of not only numismatic material but also Niagara Falls and

Canadian souvenir items that are in demand by the many tourists that flock to the Canadian side of the world-famous Niagara Falls, known as the Honeymoon Capital of the World.

When George passed away, his son, Gary, inherited the business and asked Andy Grecco to assist him in running the shop. Gary Oblinsky currently serves the ONA as its Archivist, while Andy Grecco, also found regularly behind a bourse table at coin shows around Ontario, can still be seen in the store from time-to-time.

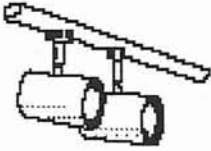


The reverses of the 3 medals, other than showing the address of the St. Catharines store, the value and on what purchase it was good for, also included the year it would be accepted. These dates, 1970, 1971 and 1972, also tell us the years of issue of these medals.

To my knowledge, no further medals were issued by George, either when he was at the St. Catharines or the Niagara Falls locations.

His son Gary, however, is well-known for issuing wooden tokens in conjunction with major conventions held in Ontario, such as the wood illustrated at right that he issued for the 1999 ONA Convention held in Guelph.





S P O T L I G H T O N C O I N C L U B S

TIMMINS COIN CLUB'S EDITOR'S COMMENTS

by Bill Waychison, Editor, Timmins Coin Club

The following editorial was published in the January 2002 of the Timmins Coin Club. We congratulate the club for identifying their problems so that positive action can be taken to assure their ongoing viability. Since a number of clubs have similar problems with volunteers and finances, we hope that they take a lesson from the Timmins Coin Club in attempting to resolve any situations.

The Timmins Coin Club will hold an election at the January 2002 meeting. This is very welcomed by all and something we have not been able to have for several years. Simply, no one wished to stand for office during the past few years. More importantly, persons who have been involved with organizing the club and its meetings are tired and need help to continue.

The Timmins Coin Club also faces a potential disaster on the horizon. Our bank account is nearly empty and this is after the increase of club dues for 2002 to \$20 per year. Our major expenses include ONA membership and insurance as well as CNA club membership.

Two other important expenses include payment of our room rental and costs of our newsletter (postage, copying, etc.). The latter has not been a major expense in the last while as we have not had too many newsletters in the past few years (although there still are expenses for the past issue that remain to be addressed). If we, as members, want something regularly, I need help. This is issue number 47 that I have produced over the years and over this time my available time and priorities have changed.

Payments for our meeting room have been made for the first half of 2002 to the City of Timmins. The caveat is that the City of Timmins intends to raise its fees for room rentals and will make these increases effective for the remainder of the year following the date of the decision. This decision will be made by city council and will affect all users of city facilities. At present, we pay a nominal charge but it appears this amount may be tripled. At that point, we will be paying close to the proceeds of a membership just to rent the room on a monthly basis. Obviously, we cannot continue as a club and still make our current other commitments. Let's hope reason prevails and the cost does not increase to these problem levels. Let's also hope that if needed, Bill B can obtain special consideration for us with city officials as he has done in the past.

On the positive front, coin collecting has received a huge boost from the recent millennium coin program and our club appears to be undergoing a revival. Other items of interest on the horizon for our club include a potential special display at the Shania Twain Center. We also have already tentatively booked the Timmins Square Mall for our Spring and Fall 2002 displays which are tentatively scheduled for Saturdays on April 20 and October 26, 2002.

(Editor's comment: If this also sounds like your club, please drop us a line and let us know how you are resolving your difficulties.)

Michael Walsh the Canadian Coinoisseur

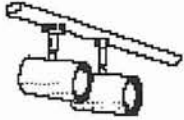
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SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

1976 SILVER DOLLAR: THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

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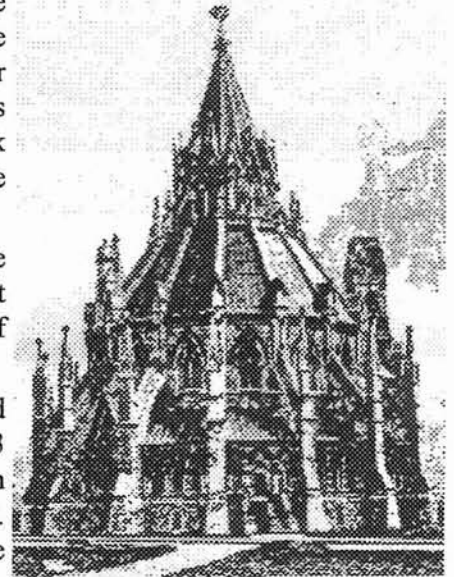
Finance Minister John N. Turner announced that the Government plans to issue a Commemorative Dollar in 1976 commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the completion of construction of the Library of Parliament. The words "CANADA" and "DOLLAR" appear above the building and the dates 1876-1976 appear below.

The Library of Parliament was established in 1871 by an Act in relation to the Library of Parliament. It was formed initially by the amalgamation of the legislative libraries of Upper and Lower Canada after the two provinces united to become the Province of Canada.

The library is a separate building to the rear of the Centre Block of the Parliament buildings. When the Centre Block was destroyed by fire in 1916, heavy iron doors in the corridor connecting the two buildings saved the library. In 1952, however, the library was the victim of fire and much of it had to be rebuilt. The original interior woodwork was carefully preserved and fire resistant materials were used as much as possible in the reconstruction. It was not until 1956 that the library was reopened.

The Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons are responsible for the direction and control of the library. They are assisted by a Joint committee appointed by the two Houses at each session. Day to day operations of the library are in the hands of the Parliamentary Librarian.

The library supplies the Senate and the House of Commons with both reference and research material. It currently houses some 350,000 volumes and receives all 113 Canadian daily newspapers, 548 Canadian weeklies, 1,900 periodicals and an extensive holding of Federal and Provincial publications, a large collection of U.S. Congress publications and all the U.K. Parliamentary publications, as well as those of international organizations such as the United Nations.



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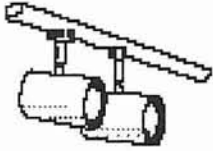
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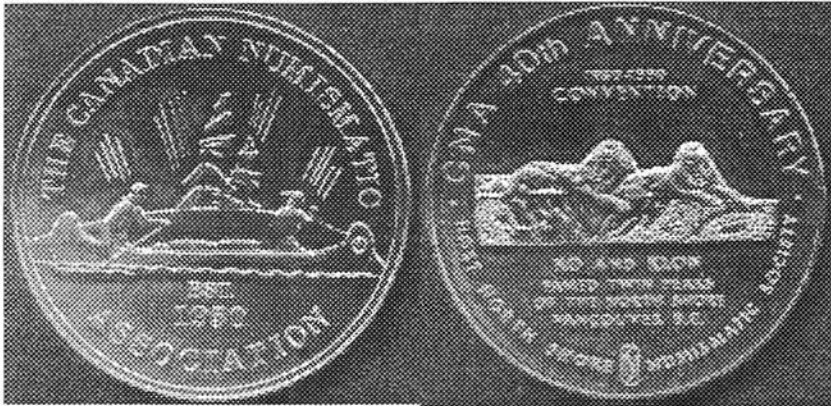


S P O T L I G H T O N
 C O N V E N T I O N
 M E D A L S

THE THREE TYPES OF 1990 CNA CONVENTION MEDALS

by John Regitko, ONA Member #LM083

The following presentation was made at the February meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society during their "Show & Tell Night" program.



In 1990, I attended the CNA Convention in Vancouver to promote the following year's convention of which I was chairman. The medal illustrated at left was included in my registration kit. It was struck in both bright copper as well as .999 fine silver and was available to anyone that either registered to obtain the bronze or paid the price for the bronze or silver medals.

Both the bronze and silver medal are 48mm in diameter.

Upon identifying myself at the hotel check-in and confirming that I was registered for the CNA Convention, I was given one of the 100 medals that the North Shore Numismatic Society had persuaded the Hyatt Regency Hotel to strike. The hotel paid for one of the dies as well as the striking of the medals. The second die used was the standard die of the host club.



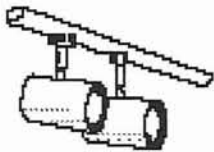
I am not sure of the metallic composition, it looks like antique nickel. It is 38mm diameter.



While visiting the bourse floor, I stopped off at the booth set up by the Dutch Mint. Although I was not successful in selling them bourse space at the 1991 CNA convention, I was given one of the medals that they had specially made for handing out to V.I.P.s in Vancouver. It is gold colored on 29mm blanks.

While attending the South Wellington Coin Society's February meeting, I placed a price of \$35.00 on this medal on my bourse table.

A gentlemen came over and asked how much less than the \$35 asking price I would accept for it. Just then, the club president, Bob Zmija, came over and stated firmly: "That's 9 karat gold!" I said to him: "Knowing your background in tool and die making and working with metals all your life, I don't doubt you!" Since no deal had been made, I immediately withdrew it from sale. Bob stated that he had worked with 9 karat gold on a few occasions and there is no mistaking that this is what it was! My medal, it turns out, has a melt value of \$79.00!



SPOTLIGHT ON TERMINOLOGY

A column about understanding numismatic terminology and other phrases

THE VIS-A-VIS FORMAT

The "Question of the Month" in the January bulletin of the North York Coin Club challenged members to describe what a coin or medal of the "vis-a-vis type" is. The club's February bulletin provided the answer:



Vis-a-vis type, Austria, thaler, 1518

The January Question of the Month (in the NYCC bulletin) challenged you to describe what a coin or medal of the "vis-a-vis type" is.

Del Murchison was ready with the correct answer to the question. He even brought his own example to the January meeting and passed it around for members to view.

A coin or medal design with two portraits in profile facing each other is said to be in vis-a-vis format. It is a method of portraiture occasionally employed on coins from ancient times until the early modern period.

The technique was never especially popular, as it presented a number of design problems. First, the vis-a-vis portrait was not the best use of the circular area of the coin's face. If busts rather than heads were rendered, as was frequently the case, the result was often a noticeably empty space in the center of the coin. If heads were depicted instead, it was easy to

make them look crammed together; several Roman issues have vis-a-vis heads whose noses nearly touch, and the effect is ridiculous.

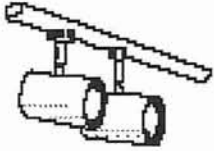
Unlike the jugate portrait, showing two profiles side by side, the vis-a-vis portrait reproduced each head or bust in its entirety, which created a second difficulty: it was almost impossible to achieve admirable portraiture in the limited space available. The Austrian thaler in our illustration is one of the more successful uses of the technique.

The Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I (ruled 1493-1519), whose coin is illustrated above, had his reasons for demanding the unusual vis-a-vis treatment. He appears on the left; the boy on the right is his grandson Charles, whom the emperor hoped would be chosen as his successor. Placing his portrait opposite that of Maximilian (with an accompanying legend underscoring their relationship) was a logical campaign tactic, and an effective one. In 1519 the boy was elected emperor, ruling, as Charles V, until 1558.

The piece that Del brought to the meeting to illustrate the format was from the joint reign of Caracalla and Geta. When their father, Septimius Severus died in February of 211, the father had the bright idea that his two sons, barely a year apart in age, would rule jointly in his place. These two immature rulers at first determined to divide the Empire, but distrust, competition and hatred grew through the year of 211 until, in December, Caracalla had some of his friends murder his brother. Caracalla's hatred of Geta continued even after his death (talk about being a sore winner!) and had his likeness removed wherever it could be found. The picture shown to the right was found at the American Numismatic Society's web site regarding Caracalla and Geta. Typically, it has the Geta image countermarked, which I assume is the most common state in which these pieces survive.



*Stratoniceia. Bronze 37mm. 22.78 gr.
Obverse: Busts of Caracalla and Geta (erased) facing. Legend obscured and worn.
Reverse: Hekate standing wearing crescent and kalathos on head, holding torch and patera with hound to left.*



SPOTLIGHT ON EURO COINAGE

A column highlighting new numismatic collectibles

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE EURO

Because the information detailed by Robb McPherson at the Waterloo Coin Society's January meeting proved so interesting and because their new editor, Chris Boyer, did such a marvelous job in summarizing Robb's presentation in their February bulletin, we are pleased to publish excerpts below.

by Robb McPherson, as reported in the February bulletin of the Waterloo Coin Society

Statistics relating to the soon-to-be extinct European coinage

Some 350,000 tonnes of coins, or approximately 500 billion pieces, are still in circulation of the soon-to-be extinct coinage of the 12 countries introducing the new euro coinage. The world's longest surviving denomination is that of Greece, the drachma, which has been in use since approximately 560 B.C.

Statistics relating to the new European currency

Originally, the proposed common European currency was popularly referred to as the "ECU." With its symbol as a shield, it was a clever play on words from the Old French word for shield and ancient coins, which bore this unit. A number of modern coins were issued in anticipation of the common currency, with denominations in the existing units and equivalents in ECU's.

The composition of some of the new euro coins is 'Nordic gold.' Nordic gold is a special alloy of copper, aluminum, zinc and tin, developed by Outokumpu of Finland. This composition was necessary because there is a very small risk that nickel may aggravate skin allergies. The use of Nordic gold helps further reduce this minimal risk and is cheaper to produce than nickel. Originally manufactured for the Swedish 10-kroner, Nordic gold has proven its suitability for use in the euro. "The alloy is tarnish and wear resistant for long handling use, formable and easy to mint, non-allergenic, has a narrow 'resistively' interval for security reasons, is as easily recycled as copper and is gold in color," says Mariann Sundberg, researcher at Outokumpu, who created Nordic gold. "The best combination to resist discoloration turned out to be copper alloyed with aluminum, zinc and tin (Cu 89%, Al 5%, Zn 5%, Sn 1%)," Sundberg explains.

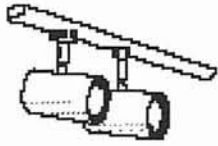
What will become of the old coinage in Europe?

The answer is simple: "We're not sure." Since the euro is being phased in over a two month period, where both old currencies and the euro will circulate simultaneously, it is difficult to predict just what quantity of coinage will be retired, and when. However, companies involved in scrapping and blanking have done some initial studies. Outokumpu, for example, predicts that some 350,000 tonnes of coins will be retrieved. Norddeutsche Affinerie of Hamburg, Germany estimated that approximately 100,000 tonnes of copper-based coins, numbering around 50 billion pieces, will be generated by the euro conversion.

One practical and innovative solution has been to provide portable, user-friendly recycling equipment to banks. Eurocoin Recycling employs a device called a "decoiner" which destroys old currency at a rate of 5 tonnes per hour. The destroyed coinage is then used for scrap. Approximately 45% of all of the old coins will come from Germany and Italy alone.

Euro trivia - A collection of interesting and useless factoids

Weight of metal required for the new coinage	275,000 tonnes	Total weight of nickel used so far	25,550 tonnes
Quantity of euros struck in the first batch	60 billion	Total weight of zinc used thus far	10,620 tonnes
Population of Europeans using euros	300 million	Total weight of aluminum used so far	6,220 tonnes
Quantity of bank notes in first batch	14.5 billion	Total weight of tin used thus far	1,240 tonnes
Total value of coins and notes in first batch	664 billion Euros	Quantity of euro coins in Germany alone	12.1 billion
Total weight of copper used so far	149,940 tonnes	Number of euro coins per German citizen	138
Total weight of steel used thus far	83,280 tonnes	Life expectancy of new euro coinage	30 years



S P O T L I G H T O N
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THE GUARANTEE TAILORING COMPANY

by Ted Leitch, London Numismatic Society

The November 2001 bulletin of the London Numismatic Society included the following article by Ted Leitch.



The Guarantee Tailoring Company was located at 206-1/2 Dundas Street on the second floor above the Aust & Quayle Milliners store. The Guarantee Tailoring Company opened in 1905 and was managed by a Mr. L. Mark. The business was associated with Guarantee Tailoring in Hamilton which was managed by Levitt and Fauman, Tailors. In 1906, the London business was managed by A.L. Klein who was listed as a Merchant Tailor. A merchant tailor would make suits and other clothing besides doing

alterations to existing clothing. Mr. Klein originally boarded at the City Hotel, but probably found accommodations at his business. The 1907 city directory listed A.L. Klein as successor to the Guarantee Tailoring Company. The Hamilton Guarantee Tailoring Company was managed by Harry Levitt. The Hamilton business located at 64 James Street became a clothing, boots and shoe store.

A.L. Klein continued as a merchant tailor at 206-1/2 Dundas Street until 1909 when he moved across the street to 227 Dundas Street. In 1910, the business at 227 Dundas Street was listed as A.L. Klein and S. Bert Klein, Merchant Tailor. By 1913, there was only S. Bert Klein listed as a tailor at 194 Dundas Street and by the following year there were no Kleins listed in London.

The aluminum 32mm token has the obverse inscription "One coin good for \$1.00 on a suit or overcoat at." The reverse inscription reads "The Guarantee Tailoring Co., 206 Dundas Street London Ont." although the address was 206-1/2 Dundas Street. The Hamilton store issued a similar token with the obverse inscription "One coin good for \$1.00 on any suit or overcoat made to order."

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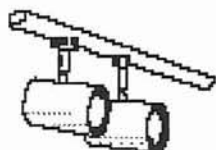
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SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB MEETINGS

A column about improvements and common courtesies at club meetings

CELL PHONES AND COMMON COURTESY

The following Letter to the Editor appeared in the February 2002 bulletin of the North York Coin Club. Since the contents apply to everyone attending meetings, we thought we would share it with ONA members. It was only through luck that the letter writer is not speaking about the ONA Editor, whose cell phone was left on during meetings because he didn't give it any thought but, fortunately, did not go off.

by Marvin Kay, M.D.

Cell phones are now an integral part of life in the 21st century. They are both ubiquitous and often intrusive! Recently, I attended two coin club meetings where a member's cell phone started ringing. The musical serenade from this electronic device disturbed the speaker and all the members. The cell phone owner then rose from his seat and vacated the meeting room, thus creating further disturbance to all in attendance.

It would be ever so courteous of cell phone owners to turn off their phones when they come into a meeting.

But if a person is expecting an urgent phone call, he can set the ringer to vibrate when a call is received. Then only the person being called will be aware that his phone is 'ringing.'

If a cell phone does not have the vibration capability, then the cell phone owner should turn off the ringer and place the phone discretely on the table in front of him. The display will silently show when an urgent call is coming in.

Personally, I leave my cell phone behind in the car when I come to a coin club meeting.

Marvin Kay, NYCC #400

We are also pleased to publish the NYCC Editor's response to Marvin Kay's letter.

I must agree with Marvin that keeping one's cell phone under control during a public meeting has now become yet another measure of one's good manners. This is all the more difficult for me to admit because it was my cell that went off at one of those meetings which Marvin mentions.

As a person who carries a cell only for the benefit of loved ones who may need to reach me in an emergency, I would not dream of leaving it behind. However, it is my normal practice to turn off the ringer during a meeting and let messages go to voice mail, to be answered at a more appropriate time. Unfortunately, from time to time, I forget.

As a cell phone owner and constant user, I encourage everyone to work on their own appropriate strategies for keeping their personal cell phone use personal.

Paul Petch, NYCC Editor

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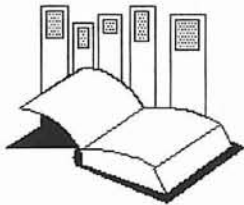
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BOOK REVIEWS

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PUBLISHES 50TH ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN



In the last ONA Numismatist, we mentioned that we had an opportunity to borrow and review a copy a very limited edition 197-page hardcover book entitled "Tokens & Medals of London, Ontario. We had nothing by high praise for its contents. The only complaint we had was that only 25 copies were initially produced and, therefore, distribution was not as far and wide as this work of art deserved. We hope that everything is still on track to produce more copies.

We now have in our possession the London Numismatic Society's 50th Anniversary Bulletin. The name "bulletin" belies the fact that it is 113 pages full of articles. Unlike the above book, the collection of papers by members of the London Numismatic Society that has been gathered by an editorial committee consisting of William N. Clarke (Editor), Ted Leitch, Jeff Wenn and Ross Blakey includes a wide variety of subject. Articles by Ted Leitch, William Clarke, Len Buth, Russell Hazelden, Ken Cameron, Ross Blakey, Jeff Wenn, L. Mackie Smith and Philip Kiernan cover such diversified items as Colonial Tokens, Elizabeth I East Indian Company Money, World War II notes issued by the Malaya Board of Currency, the Panama Canal medal of 1880, Posthumous coins of Constantine and the Ascension of Elijah, the 1951 coins of Canada, Hostermann & Etter Halfpenny tokens and London Numismatic Society Medals, to name a few.

Incidentally, the ONA editor has done some additional work in gathering up a lot of medals of Toronto so that he can publish

his own book at some later date.



We encourage others to start a club project to do the same. There certainly is sufficient numismatic material issued in places other than London, Toronto and Sudbury (such as Mississauga and Stratford, just to name two) as well as some counties.



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A column in praise of the good work of the Numismatic Press



CANADIAN COIN NEWS CELEBRATES ITS ONE THOUSANDTH ISSUE

Canada's national numismatic newspaper recently celebrated the publication of its 1000th issue. We thought we would publish a brief history of Canadian Coin News. We wish to thank Bret Evans, editor of CCN, for providing us with the many details and anecdotes from which the following write-up has been culled.

THE BEGINNING

Those ONA members that have not been around for some time will be surprised to learn that Canadian Coin News was founded by an American. Well known in the numismatic world, Chet Krause, publisher of Numismatic News, teamed up with Cale B. Jarvis as resident editor and released the first issue of Canada Coin News on June 3, 1963.

With 24 pages typeset and printed in Iola, Wisconsin, this first issue is a collector's item.

Trends prices were handled by Ray Hobin of Stittsville, Ontario, and each issue featured at least two pages in French. Subscriptions were set at \$3 per year and by the fifth issue, we saw a cover price of the large sum of 25 cents.

THE FIRST ISSUE

The first issue of Canadian Coin News included an editorial that set the ambitious goals for the new title: "In the future, Canada Coin News will attempt to the best of its ability to be all things to Canadian Numismatics." One of the announcements in the issue was that the U.S. Mint Director, Eva Adams, and the Master of the Royal Canadian Mint, Norville A. Parker, were to have an unprecedented meeting in Toronto. Other news included the formation of the Canadian Professional Numismatic Guild, whose first meeting was presided over by ONA member James Charlton, with CCN resident editor Cale B. Jarvis serving as secretary. The first issue of Trends, then called the Standard Price Guide, was unveiled. There were several pages of French language content.

MADE IN CANADA

By the sixth issue, printing, typesetting and the offices were moved to Toronto. The masthead showed it was published every other week by Krause Publications Ltd. of Toronto. With this issue, Cale Jarvis assumed the role of publisher, as Chet Krause stepped back into a role as Executive Consultant. Don Butchard became the editor. Circulation was just over 1,000 copies. Canadian Coin News offered a special subscription rate of \$3 per year. Chet Krause retained an involvement for a number of years, eventually becoming a consultant. The publisher decried the shortage of good sound letters on our hobby, and urged readers to write. Some things don't seem to change much.

The first issue of 1966 marked the end of French language articles in CCN, but did see first column by longtime contributor Robert Aaron. By then issues frequently had as many as 52 pages.

The trickle of request for stamp and antique news had become a flood and on August 20, 1966, Canada Coin News became Coin, Stamp, Antique News. Robert Wilkes was named as the antique editor, joined by Douglas Patrick as stamp editor.

THE DON THOMAS ERA

The next major change was in the March 8, 1969 issue. Cale Jarvis announced that CSA had been sold to Offset Make-Up Ltd. in Mississauga. Don Thomas, president of Offset Make-Up and new publisher of CSA-News stated "our plant is ultra-modern. The latest in offset printing equipment will be used to expedite the production and distribution of CSA-News."

Gordon Froggatt took over as editor in the next issue. Cale Jarvis continued to write "Cale's Comments" until March 7, 1970. He also went on to become the numismatic columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper.

The CSA-News hit a record 88 pages with a four-color cover in the August 31 issue. Longtime contributors Stanley Clute and Jerry Remick columns began to appear on a frequent basis. Though editors began to come and go, some may remember John Manley, Dianne Amacher and others.

On June 19, 1976, Don Thomas announced that this was the last issue of CSA-News. The next issue would mark the beginning of Canadian Coin News and the first issue of Canadian Stamp News coinciding with the 1976 STAMPEX and the upcoming CAPEX show. Canadian Coin News would continue to feature a small section as Canadian Antique News.

THE SCOTT McLAREN ERA

Eight months later Don Thomas would announce the sale of Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News to McLaren Publications Limited. Described by Don Thomas as "eager and aggressive young man," Scott McLaren would begin as publisher with the March 1, 1977 issue. Don and his wife Eileen planned to spend more time travelling, gardening and enjoying each other's company. Sadly, Don Thomas passed away that August from a reaction to bee stings he received while sitting beside his pool in his backyard.

THE METROLAND ERA

Almost 10 years to the day when he first purchased Canadian Coin News, Scott McLaren announced the sale of both Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News to Metroland Community Newspapers, a division of Torstar, owner of the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper. McLaren had diversified into web printing operations in Bracebridge and maintaining an editorial office in Toronto while running operations from Bracebridge was just too cumbersome.

In the February 3, 1987 issue, George Coyle was named the new publisher and Ron Richards stayed on as editor. Don Atanasoff replaced Richards shortly afterward.

THE TRAJAN PUBLISHING ERA

Metroland's stewardship of Canadian Coin News proved to be the shortest amongst a number of publishers.

The October 17, 1989 issue of CCN announced that on September 29, 1989 a group of three community newspaper publishers, Paul Fiocca, Anderson Charters and Paul Winkler had purchased Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News.

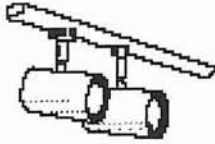
Paul Fiocca would be the new publisher. Ellen Rodger was announced as the new editor and would be replaced by the current editor, Bret Evans in 1990.

Now, ten years later, things remain essentially the same.

The company is now called The Trajan Publishing Corporation and in addition to Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News publishes Antique Showcase, Canadian Sports Collector, Collectibles Canada and Non-Sport Report.

Recently, Paul Fiocca announced that for personal reasons, he would be moving from Niagara to a small community called Lighthouse Cove near Windsor, Ontario. He will, however, retain his interest in Trajan Publishing.

Paul Winkler agreed to move to St. Catharines from his home in the Okanagan Valley, B.C., to take over the reins at Trajan Publishing.



SPOTLIGHT ON
ONTARIO MEDALS

THE GEORGE KENT TOKEN

by Ted Leitch, London Numismatic Society

We are pleased to reprint the following article which appeared in the February 2002 bulletin of the London Numismatic Society.



In 1884, George Willoughby Kent started as a helper at John Campbell Carriage Manufacturing and he remained there until 1888 when he became a baker for J.E. Boomer. On November 1, 1890, George Kent bought the building at 209 Dundas Street and opened his own confectionery business. Kent's confectionery business consisted of an ice cream parlor which served lunches as well as pastries. He was well known for wedding cakes and other fancy baked goods as well as catering to parties. George and his

wife Elizabeth had eight children and they lived in an apartment above the store. When George died in 1929, two of his sons, Gord and Douglas, took over the store and it remained a confectionery store until 1951 when Gord converted the store to a restaurant and tavern.

The aluminum 25mm token has the inscription "G.W. Kent Lunch & Ice Cream Parlor - 209 Dundas St. London, Ont." The reverse inscription of this illustrated token has the number "95" which suggests that the token was used as a waitress check similar to the Fawkes tokens. Although this is the only known token remaining, they were probably issued in five cent denominations from five cents to a dollar.



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FROM THE CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN

CLUB DELEGATES MEETING TO FEATURE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, GIVE-AWAYS, DRAWS

The ONA Club Delegates Meeting, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, will feature the ONA Club Services Chairman speaking on "Additional Ideas For Making Local Coin Club Programs Even More Interesting."

On pages 42 through 43 of this bulletin, a summary of ideas, culled from club bulletins over the past 2 years, is summarized. The presentation will suggest additional ideas that club executives might wish to consider trying.

In addition to the main program, Ken Wilmot will present a report on the ONA Insurance Program as it benefits coin clubs, Ken Koch will discuss the usage of audio visual slide presentations and VCR tape programs available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library and John Regitko will announce the introduction of additional VCR tape programs. Numismatic and other collectible books, donated by Bill Cross of Charlton Press, will also be handed out to club representatives. Draws for everyone present will contain donations from Charlton Press and Canadian Coin News/Trajan Publications.

For clubs to be eligible for free books, they must either fill in the appropriate portion of the Registration Form enclosed with this bulletin or, if the person(s) representing the club do not register, they must advise the Club Services Chairman (either in writing, via e-mail or via telephone) at least 3 days prior to the Convention.

ONA CONVENTION TO HOST CLUB INFORMATION TABLE

I have made arrangements to have a manned information table at the upcoming ONA Convention. This table will promote local coin clubs throughout Ontario (as well as the benefits of belonging to the ONA).

Each member-club is asked to arrange to get to the convention, a quantity of flyers or business cards extolling benefits of belonging to their organization and listing meeting dates and location as well as contact information.

If your club has medals or woods to sell, we would also be pleased to look after their sale at the information table, with the full proceeds to be turned over to the club. We will also accept membership applications for any club that provides us with application forms listing the annual membership fees. Clubs may mail club flyers to the Club Services Chairman or bring them to the Convention.

The information table will have a number of collectible items available for anyone that makes a donation toward the printing and mailing of super-sized ONA bulletins. This would include prints of coins autographed by their designers, including Stewart Sherwood, Brent Townsend, Donald D. Paterson, David Craig and Raymond Taylor. As well, the original submissions to the Royal Canadian Mint by David Craig, Stewart Sherwood and Raymond Taylor for consideration of their designs will also be offered as a "thank you" for making donations. These designs were not selected by the judges to be used on coins and were, therefore, returned to the designers. Each design includes a written guarantee of authenticity.

Additional items available will include autographed wooden tokens featuring Donald D. Paterson's successful coin designs, collectible books by Charlton Press and Coiners Press and other unusual collectible items.

If a club makes a donation, it will be acknowledged in the ONA Numismatist. Any prizes earned through the donation can be used by the club for their door draws or can be auctioned off by them.

I look forward to seeing as many ONA members, whether they represent a club or not, at the Club Delegates Meeting in London!

John Regitko
Club Services Chairman

CONVENTION MEDALS FEATURE INGERSOLL LANDMARK



As was previously announced, the Convention Committee has selected an Ingersoll landmark for the central design of the official ONA Convention medal. It shows what Ingersoll is noted for: cheese. The building is Miller's Paragon Cheese Factory which is located in Victoria Park and is now part of the Ingersoll Museum. The park is located on Plank Rd. just north of the 401.

The 3 cheese balls are the design of David Peers and was first used on a medal in 1986 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Ingersoll Coin Club. Convention spokesperson Tom Rogers stated that "by adding the mouse, we wanted to show what we know all mice like to do - nibble on cheese." In the two maple leaves located at 3:00 and 9:00 o'clock appear the initials "A" and "K" for Aulis

Koslonen, the concept designer. These designs served both purposes in recognizing Ingersoll and the club.

The medals were struck in very limited quantities by the Great Canadian Mint of Edmonton, Alberta. Only 50 of the bright copper medals are available in the main registration kits, while the .999 fine silver medals are limited to 30 and the plated brass to a quantity of 40.



OFFICIAL

ONA 2002 CONVENTION MEDALS



Available by order through the Registration Form at the back of this bulletin, or purchase from the Registration/Daily Admission Table at the Convention, while supplies last.

Proof-like Brass (only 40 struck) - \$10.00 each

.999 Silver (only 30 struck) - \$30.00 each

Copper medals are not for sale - they are only included with the Main Registration

If you order convention souvenir medals but are unable to attend the Convention in person and cannot make arrangements to have someone pick them up on your behalf, they can be shipped to you following the convention at \$2.00 per medal.

JOIN US AT THE ONA BANQUET ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and cash bar - 7:00 p.m. ONA Banquet

Tickets are \$30.00 each and may be ordered through the registration form at the back of this bulletin or from the Registration/Daily Admission table at the Convention. Admission by pre-purchased banquet ticket only.

Full course dinner; Keynote speaker; Announcement of Award of Merit, "Fellow" Award and Best of Show winner.

ATTENTION COIN CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

An information table will be located in the lobby of the Convention hotel. It is intended to promote membership in your organization, upcoming annual shows, regular coin club meetings, annual dinner meetings. If you bring flyers or brochures with you, you may place them on the information table free of charge so that you can make convention-goers aware of your event or club meetings. We will also accept coin club medals and woods that you wish to sell.

ON A C O N V E N T I O N N E W S

MAJOR ONA AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT BANQUET



The ONA, to recognize numismatists who have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local level, presents two distinct awards annually. The Awards are in the form of a silver presentation medal, a suitably inscribed certificate and an engraved metallic name plate identifying the bearer as a recipient of the award. The name tag, featuring the ONA crest as well as the name of the award, recipient's name and year of award, has a pin backing so that it can be worn to all numismatic functions.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit, the highest award the ONA bestows, was introduced by the ONA in 1962. The purpose is to give recognition to the person living in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution towards the advancement of numismatics at all levels - local, provincial and national. A nominee does not have to be a member of the ONA.

Fellow of the ONA

The "Fellow of the ONA" award was introduced in 1994 to recognize individuals for outstanding service to numismatics in their local area. This includes their work with the local coin club and promoting numismatics in their community. Work in the local club can include executive and committee responsibilities, participating in club projects and shows and involvement in club meetings. Promotion of numismatics in the community can include involvement with museum and mall displays, articles in the area paper, television and radio interviews, speaking about numismatics at service clubs and other non-numismatic groups. Up to 3 numismatists can be recognized annually.

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Winners are selected by a select group of past award winners who take their assignment very seriously. Currently, the ONA Awards Committee consists of Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Past-Chairman), John Regitko, Ken Wilmot and the ONA President, Mike Hollingshead.

In addition to these awards, ONA Head Judge, Paul Johnson, will also announce the Best of Show award for the competitive exhibits.



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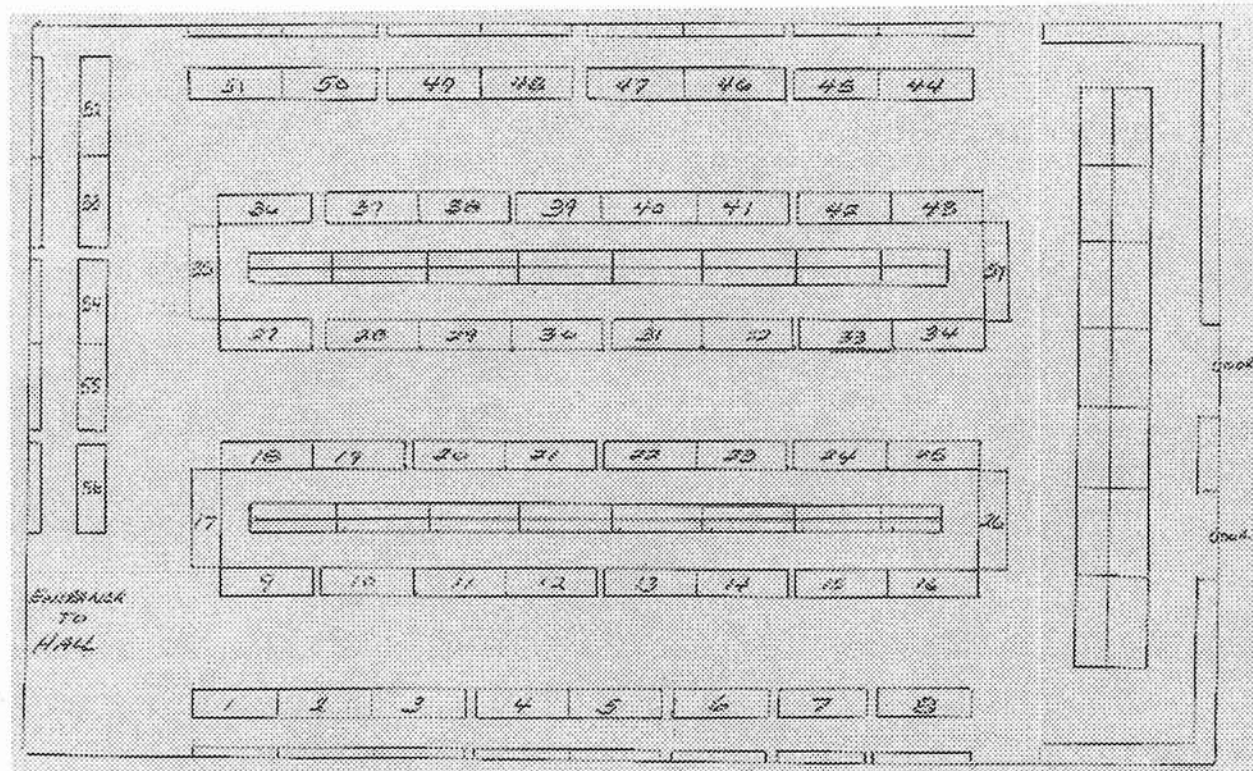
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ONA CONVENTION NEWS

FLOOR PLAN AND BOURSE DEALER LISTING



PARTIAL BOURSE DEALER LISTING

TABLE

NO.	BOURSE DEALERS
1 - 3	Bob Armstrong - Owen Sound, Ont.
4 - 5	B.C. Coins - Stratford, Ont.
6	Global Coin Exchange - Plantation, Florida
7	Colonial Valley Coins - Trenton, N.J.
8	B & W Coins - Brampton, Ont.
9	Ross King - Chesley, Ont.
10 - 11	Andy Grecco - Thorold, Ont.
12	Cameo Shoppe - Dover, Ont.
13	Doug Robbins - Montreal, P.Q.
14	Terry's Coins - Hamilton, Ont.
16	K.L. Coin Co. - Toronto, Ont.
17	Peter Kostyk - Niagara Falls, Ont.
18 - 19	Colonial Acres Coins - Kitchener, Ont.
24	Pierre Cyr - Riviere-Du-Loup, P.Q.
25 - 26	Canadian Coinnoisseur - Vancouver, B.C.
27	Versailles Coins - Montreal, P.Q.
28 - 29	Certified Coins of Canada - Angus, Ont.
30	Traders Goldcorp - Hamilton, Ont.
31	Tom Clarke - Windsor, Ont.
32	Canadian Coin & Currency - Richmond Hill, Ont.

TABLE

NO.	BOURSE DEALERS
35	Canadian Coin News - St. Catharines, Ont.
36	Forest City Coin & Stamp - London, Ont.
37	Charles Moore Auctions - Toronto & Walnut Creek
38	Newcan Coins & Currency - Kenora, Ont.
39	Olmstead Currency - St. Stephens, N.B.
40	Loran's Canadian Coins & Paper - Bruno, Sask.
41	Perth Numismatics - Perth, Ont.
42	ONA Information/Membership Table
43	Coin Clubs Information Table
44	Peter McDonald - Kirkland, P.Q.
45	Dave's Numismatics - Angus, Ont.
46	Lawson Gallery - Stittsville, Ont.
47	Jeffrey Hoare Auctions - London, Ont.
48	Proof Positive Coins - Baddeck, N.S.
49	Diverse Equities Inc. - Calgary, Alta.
50 - 51	London Coin Centre - London, Ont.
52 - 53	Ted's Collectibles - Paris, Ont.
54 - 55	Serge Laramee - Boucherville, P.Q.
56	Verrol Whitmore - Burlington, Ont.
57	South Western Ontario Coins - Strathroy, Ont.

The Convention Foyer will house registration, daily admission, show information and banquet ticket sales.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - APRIL 12

- 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. Viewing of auction material (Kensington Rooms 1&2)
- 5:00 p.m. Security commences
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dealer Set-up
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration table open for pick-up of registration kits, medals, banquet tickets
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Auction conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. (Kensington Rooms 1&2).

SATURDAY - APRIL 13

- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CNA Executive meeting (Kensington Room #1)
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse room unlock - set-up only for dealers and exhibitors
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration table open
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) meeting (Kensington Room #2)
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to the public
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (location to be advised)
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) meeting (Kensington Room #1)
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors meeting (Kensington Room #2)
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) meeting (Kensington Room #1)
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ONA Club Delegates Meeting (all official club delegates and their seconds, ONA Executives and guests are invited to attend) - Keynote Speaker is John Regitko, ONA Editor & Club Services Chairman on "Additional Ideas for Making Local Coin Club Meetings Even More Interesting." Presentation of ONA best local coin club bulletin and editor awards; report by the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library Chairman; introduction of new audio visual programs by the Club Services Chairman. Mike Hollingshead, ONA President, is M.C. (Kensington Room #2)
- 5:00 p.m. Bourse and exhibit close
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and cash bar - open only to holders of banquet tickets (Kensington Rooms 1&2)
- 7:00 p.m. ONA Banquet - keynote speaker. Includes full-course dinner, draw prizes, awards presentations and more (pre-purchased ticket required)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Bourse unlock - dealers and their legitimate assistants may enter the bourse room
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ONA Annual General Membership Meeting - Treasurer & Membership Chairman report by ONA Treasurer, Bruce Raszmann; exhibit award winners announced by ONA Head Judge, Paul Johnson; discussions from floor (Kensington Room #1)
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to the public
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (location to be advised)
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ONA Executive meeting - ONA members are encouraged to attend as observers (Kensington Room #1)
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Meeting about commemorative medals and tokens of Canada's Centennial 1967. Don Robb is M.C. Includes discussions about new discoveries, buy/sell/trade, etc. (Kensington Room #1)
- 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ONA Dream Vacation Draws - you do not have to be present to win (Convention foyer)
- 4:00 p.m. Bourse room closes. Exhibit tear-down begins
- 4:00 p.m. SHOW CLOSES

2002 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Main Registration <i>(Includes registrant's souvenir convention medal in copper, admission to bourse, unlimited visits to Hospitality Suite, souvenir program booklet, Dream Vacation draw ticket and hourly draw ticket.)</i>	\$30.00	_____
_____	Spousal "Add-On" Registration (a family member must be Main Registered) <i>(Includes all of above with the exception of the souvenir convention medal)</i>	15.00	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Registration <i>(Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the souvenir convention medal)</i>	5.00	_____
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner) <i>(Includes full-course dinner and draw prize ticket)</i>	30.00	_____
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free)	2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - brass (only 40 struck)	10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 30 struck) .. <i>(Note that the copper medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the main registration kits.)</i>	30.00	_____
TOTAL (please make cheque payable to the 2002 ONA Convention)			\$ _____

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT: _____

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (If applicable). Include first name: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: _____

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EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

If you are planning to enter a competitive exhibit, complete the following and return it with the above registration form

I am interested in entering a competitive exhibit at the Convention. I am aware and accept the following:

- Exhibits consist of one- or two-case displays.
- I do not have to be present when exhibit winners are announced at the Social Evening on Saturday
- To enter a competitive exhibit, I must be registered for the Convention.
- Set-up is on Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- I understand that tear-down starts on Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.

I will supply my own display case and lock

I will require display cases and locks (inside measurements of 28-1/2" x 16-1/4")

I am attaching a cheque of \$15.00 as a deposit. I understand that this cheque will not be cashed and will be returned to me upon set-up of my exhibit. However, it will be forfeited if I do not set up my exhibit.

Signature: _____