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## Racing focus of Isle of Man coin

By Jerry Remick

A sidecar with two racers is featured on the reverse of a 1984 commemorative Isle of Man 50 pence coin (\$0.69 U.S.). The coin commemorates the 1984 T.T. motorcycle races held in the Isle of Man.

The Machin portrait

of Queen Elizabeth II is on the obverse.

Pobjoy Mint of Sutton, Surrey, England, struck the coins. Specimens are available in uncirculated and in proof in .925 silver, 22 carat gold and platinum.

Specimens may be ordered from Pobjoy Mint's North American agents: World Proof Numismatic Association, Box 4094, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201, U.S.A. and Graham Pobjoy, Box 37, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 6R4.



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# Bridgeport's P.T. Barnum



In 1936, the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, issued a silver half dollar commemorating 100 years of incorporation, and featuring portraits of Phineas Taylor Barnum and a stylized, monolithic American eagle.

Which of the two designs evokes more emotion in Americans is debatable.

To millions yet living, P.T. Barnum was the Bacchus of Ballyhoo, the non-pareil of stagery and spectacle. He was the greatest showman since the Roman Caesars, the most flamboyant promoter since that apple-pusher in Eden, and he gave the circus to America.

Scrupulously honest in his business dealings, P.T. has been labeled less so in selling some of his earlier pitches to the public. But he brought the world to the dusty backdoors of hinterland America, and he is a nostalgic symbol of a better era, a time of slower pace and softer voice.

Softer and slower, that is, until "The Greatest Show on Earth" came to town. For thousands of summering urchins, that was the signal to arise at 3 or 4 a.m., shove skinny shanks into bib-overalls, and make barefoot haste to the railroad siding where heaven was de-training.

But, no, heaven couldn't be that great. Could heaven whip up 100 railroad cars full of menagerie, canvas, clowns, freaks and cotton candy? Could all the minions of Olympus shuffle 50 elephants, 400 horses, 300 roustabouts and 40 deliciously garish wagons so efficiently, while Zeus himself looked down from his brass-piped calliope, ready to signal the colorful exodus?

And sometimes, the greatest privilege of all — when the muscular gods with the big wooden mauls and the sharpened elephant goads would let a boy carry endless pails of water to the hose-nosed pachyderms, and reward him with a pass.

To "boys" now past middle age, those early Roman Caesars, with their piddling one-day stands of gladiators and lions, were strictly Grade B. Old P.T. was the real father of the "Circus Maximus," and Bridgeport made a wise choice when she put her illustrious citizen on her commemorative dollar.



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*Battle of Monte Cassino*  
*Fortieth Anniversary* 1944-1984

Bronze - Casting

Dia: 3 1/4 inch.

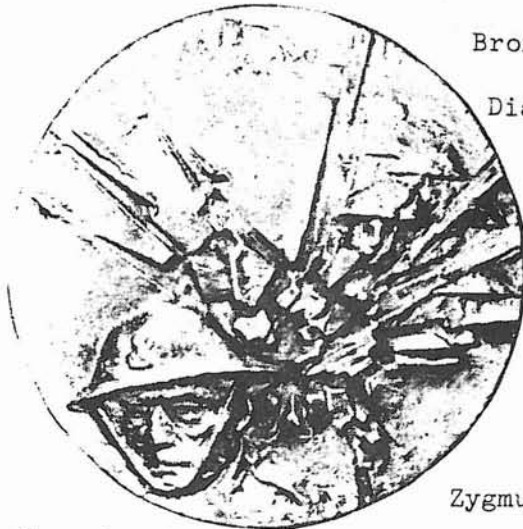
82 mm.

Made:

60 pieces.

Designer:

Zygmunt BRACHMANSKI



Obv.: In the middle of the fighting squad, an explosion of a grenade. On the top, a silhouette of a monastery of Monte Cassino.  
 Rev.: Six poppies (after the famous song by Feliks Konarski, Ref-Ren: "The Red Poppies on Monte Cassino"). In the center: "Monte Cassino". On the bottom at left, 1944-1984, KATOWICE. On the right side, stylized ZB.

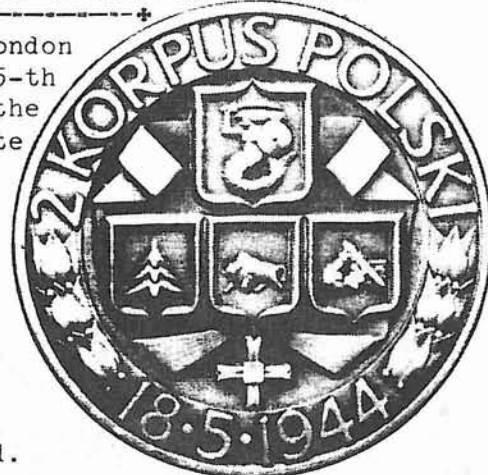
Zygmunt Brachmanski is a renown artist who designed a monumet to commemorate the Polish Girl- and Boy-scouts executed by the Germans in 1939. The monument was unveiled in September of 1983 in Katowice.



Medal issued in London in 1969 on the 25-th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino.

Designer:  
Andrzej K.  
BORKOWSKI

Dia: 63 mm.  
Bronze,  
Silver,  
Gold.



### BATTLE of MONTE CASSINO.

The Polish Second Corps under General Wladyslaw Anders' command fought throughout the Italian campaign, but the battle of Monte Cassino in May 1944 was their most memorable achievement. The mountains surrounding the monastery of Monte Cassino formed an important sector of the German defences (Gustav Line), barring the approach to Rome.

Several attacks by the Allied Forces - British, Americans, French, New Zealanders, Indians and others - were repulsed. In the final stage the Poles, after a fierce and bloody battle, captured the German position, on May 18, 1944, opening the way to further advance, to Rome.



This medal was issued by the Polish Americ. Numism. Assoc. in Chicago, in 1969. 160 silver and 400 bronze. This medal will be reissued in a limited quantity.

Designed by Wincenty Gawron. Dia: .62 mm.

The three shields shown in the upper right of the medallion represent:

The Siren — emblem of the Second Polish Corps.

The Spruce — emblem of the Third Infantry Division ("Karpacka").

The Bison — emblem of the Fifth Infantry Division ("Kresowa").



Medal issued in Poland  
in 1972 on the  
30th annivers  
of the  
foundati  
on of the  
Regime  
nt of  
Anti-  
tank  
Artillery.  
Design: W.Ł.  
Dia: 70 mm.  
Issued 50 pieces.



The emblem of the 7 Regiment  
The Regiment participated in

of ANTI-tank Artillery.  
the Battle of Monte Cassino.



Obverse.

Reverse.



40th Anniversary of  
Battle of M. Cassino



Dia: 40 mm.  
Gold: 44 g.  
Silver: .999 - 31.5 g.  
Bronze.

Designer:  
Bogdan BEREZNIKI  
17748 Francavilla Dr.  
Livonia, MI. 48152.



Medal issued in Poland in  
ry of the Foundation of

1980 on the 40th Anniversa-  
the Regiment of Carpathians.

## Token marks visit

The visit of Pope John Paul II to Quebec on Sept. 9-10 is marked on trade tokens issued by the J. A. Moisan Grocery Store of Quebec. The pope's portrait with Quebec in the background appears on the obverse and the grocery store on the reverse. The Sherritt Mint struck the tokens in 33 millimeters bronze available for \$2.50 and nickel for \$1.75. The tokens can be ordered by mail from J. A. Moisan, c/o Boris Maltais, 699 rue St. Jean, Quebec, P.Q., Canada G1R 1P7.



### NEW ISSUES.

On April 2, Poland released a próba (pattern coin) in .625 fine silver in the 1,000 zloty denomination honoring the centennial of birth of Wincenty WITOS (1874 - 1945), a Polish Peasants Party leader. A legal tender cupronickel 100-zloty coin for the same occasion is to be released this autumn.



Diameter:  
32 mm.



Design:  
Jozef POTEPA



SARAJEWO OLYMPIC 1984  
200 Zloty. Edge: plane.  
Dia: 33 mm. Weight: 17.6 gr.  
Silver .750. Legal tender.  
Issued: 15,000, from that  
8,000 to be sold outside  
Poland. Designer:  
Stanislawa Watrobska-Frindt.

### CALLS TO POLAND

BEDMINSTER, NJ — AT&T announced new city codes that customers must use when dialing international calls to most areas in Poland.

These new codes — which identify specific cities in Poland — are being introduced by AT&T Communications in response to changes in the Polish domestic telecommunications network. AT&T Communications is the AT&T unit responsible for long-distance and

international service.

AT&T said all US callers attempting to reach Polish cities directly should begin using these new codes as soon as they become effective. In some cases, callers using the old codes will hear a prerecorded message asking them to dial again using the new city codes.

City codes for two of Poland's major metropolitan areas will not change, however. The codes for Warsaw and Katowice will remain 22 and 32, respectively.

On April 1, the following city codes will go into service: Wrocław, 71; Lodz, 42; and Poznan, 61. On May 1, the city code for Szczecin will change to 91. New city codes currently in effect include Krakow, 12; Gdansk, 58; Białystok, 85; Lublin, 81; Rzeszow, 17; and Olsztyn, 89.

Codes for several other smaller communities also are scheduled to be changed by May 1. They include: Kielce, 46; Elblag, 50; Plock, 24; Zielona Dora, 68; Bielsko Biala, 30; Czestochowa, 331;

CONSTITUTION DAY.

Medal issued in 1891 to commemorate One Hundred Anniversary of MAY Third Constitution. The designer was Julius KOSSAK (1824 - 1899), commissioned by Mieczyslaw Kurnatowski of Krakow.



The medal was struck in Vienna, Austria, in a large quantity in bronze.

Fewer pieces in silver.

Diameter for silver and bronze: 43 mm.



From the early eighteenth century, the neighboring powers of Poland increasingly intervened in Polish affairs in an attempt to prevent Poland from strengthening. Despite efforts aimed at checking foreign intervention and introducing reforms undertaken during the rule of the last King of Poland, Stanislaus Augustus Poniatowski, the once powerful Royal Republic stood on the brink of disaster as it became a pawn in the hands of foreign rulers. Finally, in 1772, the three neighboring powers, Austria, Russia and Prussia, proceeded to partition Poland.

This annexation of Polish territory met with no Polish resistance. But the prospect of the total loss of independence, which loomed on the horizon, profoundly shook the conscientious members of the Polish people.

As a result of the first partition, the last two decades of the Royal Republic's existence were marked by events of vital significance, particularly the four-year Sejm which proclaimed the new Constitution of May 3, 1791. After the United States Constitution, this one was the second in the world to formulate principles of government in written form.

Removing the faults of the former political system, this constitution strengthened the power of the state. The major reforms introduced were the abolition of the liberum veto and the elective monarchy, and the establishment of a national army for the country's defense. The Constitution of May Third was an attempt at introducing a parliamentary monarchy, and it was intended as a starting point for further constitutional transformations. The Polish Constitution Day, sponsored by the Polish National Alliance headed by Aloysius Mazewski as a president, will be celebrated in Chicago on Saturday May 5, 1984, at 12' noon with a traditional Grand Parade in down-town. Mrs. Helen Szymanowicz, chairman of the PNA Educational Department is organizer of all festivities.

# PAPAL NUMISMATICS

BY KRZYSZTOF M. MUNNICH

COINS, MEDALS & TOKENS  
OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

Abbreviations: Obv - obverse; Rev - reverse; Edg - edge; M - mint; Ø - diameter (millimeters); l - loop; Ag - silver; Al - aluminum; Au - gold; br - bronze; bs - brass; Cu - copper; Ni - nickel; Zn - zinc; pl - plated; C - cast; W - weight (grams). Please direct inquiries and comments to the BULLETIN Editor.



125. SOUVENIR MEDAL - Produced in the U.S.A. in 1983 as a 1 oz silver token. Obv: inscr. POPE JOHN PAUL II \* FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO \* LUKE 23:34, half figure. Rev: inscr. \* SILVER TRADE UNIT \* .999 FINE ONE TROY OUNCE 31.1 GRAMS, crucifix. Edg: reeded. Ø-39.2; Ag; W-31.10.



126. HOLY MEDAL - Produced in Italy in 1982. Obv: inscr. IOHANNES PAULUS II - P.M., head right. Rev: inscr. REGINA POLONIAE, St. Mary and Child. Edg: smooth. Ø-36.2 (1); silver alloy; W-20.35.



127. COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - Produced commercially in West Germany in 1981, as part of a series of three. Obv: inscr. JOANNES PAVLVS II MCMLXXVIII, head right. Rev: inscr. SCHWARZE MADONNA VON TSCHENSTOCHAU · PAP ST BESUCH IN POLEN JUNI 1979 · (Black Madonna of Częstochowa, papal visit to Poland, June 1979), 1000, head of the Black Madonna. Edg: smooth. Ø-40.0; Ag; W-30.02.



128. COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - As No.127, but Rev: inscr. PAPSTBESUCH IN DEUTSCHLAND 15.-19. NOV. 1980 700 TODESTAG ALBERTUS MAGNUS (papal visit to Germany, 700th anniversary of death of Albert the Great), head right in an oval with ALBERTUS MAGNUS underneath, papal coat-of-arms, diagrammatic route of the papal journey with names of the cities visited KOLN - BONN - OSNABRUCK - FULDA - ALTOTTING - MUNCHEN and their six cathedrals, 1000.

129. COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - As No.127, but Rev: inscr. PAPTBSUCH IN BAYERN (papal visit to Bavaria) 18.-19. 1980, cathedrals and Madonnas of Altötting and Munich, papal coat-of-arms, 1000, and W-30.30.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

## T.I.C.F. Awards



The runner-up in the Model Dealer Award was Arcade Coins — R.D. Lockwood Inc. of Toronto. George Fraser made the presentation to father-and-son team of Dick and Peter Lockwood. They will receive a \$100 certificate towards the cost of the next show's bourse fee. The judges for the Model Dealer Awards were collectors picked off the bourse floor. They were free to establish their own criteria of what each judge felt was important to them.



First-place winner in the competitive exhibits was Nancy Hall who received a plaque and a cheque for \$150 from Walter Ciona, TICF exhibit chairman.



Second-place exhibit winner, Ron Marsetti, is rewarded for his entry with a \$75 cheque and a plaque.



Third-place winner in the exhibits was Tim Henderson, who received a cheque for \$25 and a plaque from Walter Ciona.



George Fraser, TICF bourse chairman, presented the Model Dealer Award to Ingrid Smith of Toronto. Her good rapport with the public and other dealers, her pleasant personality and her ever-willingness to assist in her areas of specialization (authentication, identification and grading) made her a favourite with the judges. She will receive a complimentary week-end for two at the Lakeshore Inn during Toronto's Sesquicentennial year.

## New coin marks Cartier's voyage

A commemorative coin minted in honor of Jacques Cartier's first voyage to Canada in 1534 will be available to the public in mid-June.

The reverse side of the nickel dollar depicts Cartier, flanked by two of his men, standing on shore in front of a large wooden cross and claiming the new land for France.

The coin was unveiled yesterday at press conferences in Ottawa and Quebec city.

It is legal tender and will be available from financial institutions across Canada, said Charles Lapointe, minister of supply and services. He's the minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint.

Toronto-area artist Hector



**Cartier coin:** New dollar marks Jacques Cartier's voyage to Canada.

Greville, 59, a computer graphics teacher at George Brown College, designed the coin.

30th May 1984

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Further information Paul Nadin-Davis, 1-613-235-1916

#### NADIN-DAVIS RELEASE AUCTION AND FPL CATALOGS

Ottawa dealers Nadin-Davis Numismatics have released two catalogs simultaneously, reports owner Paul Nadin-Davis. The first, a comprehensive fixed price list of Canadian and world coinage, contains a number of special offers on modern world Proof and circulating coinage, a small selection of military medals, orders and decorations, and lengthy listings of modern Canadian coinage, including several offers of wholesale quantities suitable for investment or resale. Also featured in the catalog are several numismatic books, a comprehensive listing of Canadian large cents, and an offer of the first Swiss shooting taler issued since 1939, the 1984 Oberhasli-Zurich shooting taler.

"Auction 12", the latest in a series of exciting auctions conducted by Nadin-Davis, features less than 400 lots, but has the most consistently high quality material of any sale so far conducted by them. Canadian items offered include original Gem 5¢ 1903 and 1907, a gem 1898 10¢, 10¢ and 25¢ of 1911 in Choice condition, superb gem 1935 and 1936 dollars, and a gem Year Set 1944. These are followed by a cameo proof 1964 dollar and an extensive collection of Silver dollars is offered at a later point.

The sale is also strong in several other areas. Canadian and United States paper money have several rarities, while the various lots of medals include five superb British marriage medals of the 19th Century, and an example of the death of George III medal by Kuchler in its original metal shell, thus being in GEM UNC condition. An extensive selection of counterstamped items is featured, including a run of Devins and Bolton pieces, while ancient coin collectors will enjoy a brief but interesting offering of Greek, Roman and Chinese ancients.

Canadian tokens are featured but briefly in the sale, but the quality of the pieces offered is second-to-none, no less than four extremely rare maritime pieces being put on the block. In the world coin sections scarce to rare Crowns and minors are emphasized, and there are several interesting and unusual tokens and medals from around the world, particularly Europe. A superb Gothic Crown of 1847, completely unhairlined and toned in muted colours is the highlight of this section.

Of interest to Canadian numismatists will be the partial collection of Canadian Numismatic Society medals offered, from the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario, the Prairies and British Columbia. The sale ends with the offering of 54 lots of numismatic literature, many of the volumes out-of-print and very desirable.

Nadin-Davis catalogs are normally available only by subscription (\$8 to end of 1984). However the two catalogs just released are being made available at just \$3 from P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1. Auction 12 closes July 12th, 1984.

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May 30, 1984

Further information Susan Nadin-Davis, 1-613-235-1916

### NEW ANCIENT COIN CATALOG AVAILABLE

"Dekadrachms", the Ottawa company specializing in very high quality ancient coinage, has released Volume I, Number 2 of its illustrated price list. The 12-page catalog features a small but superb assortment of quality ancient coins, from Ancient Greece to the Roman provincial (Greek Imperial) period, continuing on to medieval Byzantine gold.

The assortment should please everyone from beginner to advanced collector. For the refined numismatist there is a gold aureus of Trajan and a denarius of Pupienus, the latter being extremely rare but in superb mint state. It carries a price tag of \$2,650. The less pecunious collector will find decent sestertii and asses priced from about \$30.00.

Byzantine gold is very well represented, with gold solidi of Heraclius Constantine and Phocas, and an excellent run of scyphate Byzantine gold coins all priced around the \$200 level. A number of early Greek silver coins are offered, complementing a selection of Roman provincial pieces, typically neolver issues in high grade.

"Dekadrachms" catalogs are available by subscription (\$10 for 4 issues) from P.O. Box 508, Station A, Ottawa K1N 9H1. A sample catalog will be sent for a fee of \$3, to partially cover costs of production and postage, to all readers who request it.

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## BICENTENNIAL COINS

The Town of Newcastle Bicentennial Committee is pleased to announce that Bicentennial coins commemorating the Province's 200th and the Town's 10th anniversary will be available for sale by May 16th.

The coins may be purchased for \$1.00 and are redeemable at participating stores within the municipality until July 31st, 1984.

Gold plated coins may be ordered at a cost of \$6.00/\$6.50 if mailed.

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## Mint mistake like pennies from heaven

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — A batch of botched 1983 pennies, worth several hundred dollars each, has touched off a small treasure hunt in a quiet central Pennsylvania town.

Harry Forman, a Philadelphia coin dealer, first spotted the odd coins at the beginning of the year, when a man from Lewistown sold him eight of them. Forman, through ads in the Lewistown paper, has since bought 250 of the pennies at up to \$250 each.

The pennies were produced at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia and have a shadow, or double image, raised on their tail side. The mistake, says Forman, is responsible for their high value.

"An error where the die is being made, where it is double struck and not caught by the mint, is very unusual," Forman said. "The mints are embarrassed about it, collectors are happy about it."

A die is a stamping device that makes the coins.

"Once I saw them I was excited because the doubling could easily be seen," he said of his first purchase. "And when another guy from Lewistown came up with 10 additional coins, I knew I had struck oil. I knew they had surfaced in Lewistown."

William Smith, production manager at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, said, "There is no question there are pennies that have this doubled image," and he said it is possible for one batch of coins to be shipped to a single area.

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June 1984

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All coins will be mailed post paid. Insurance, registration or special delivery charges are extra.

The gold and silver editions will not be shipped until November. Orders for these coins (gold and silver) will be accepted until August 15, 1984, only.

Yours truly

Don Runge  
"Capital Dollars" Coordinator

/JSW



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