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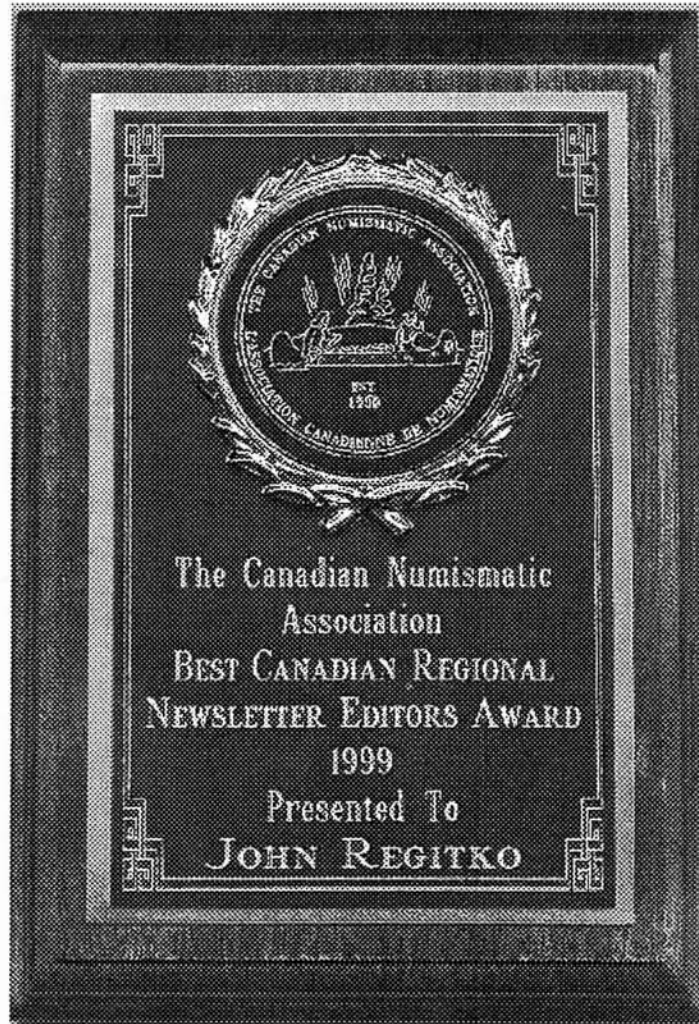
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At the Banquet at the ONA 2001 Convention, Tom Kennedy, CNA President, presented the ONA with the Best Regional Coin Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 1999 (rather than being awarded at the 2000 CNA Convention as would normally be the case, it was awarded at our ONA Convention. John Regitko, ONA Editor, accepted the above plaque.

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

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



Dear ONA Members:

If you missed the recent ONA annual convention in Guelph, you are officially "Off the Island."

The dealers I spoke to on Sunday were most pleased with the weekend (although most were lukewarm on the Friday bourse hours - we learned some things!). Several dealers reported mid-five-figures sales, WOW!

The opening reception was WELL attended and was an excellent mixer for the registrants and dealers. A BIG thank you to Monina Regitko and her assistants in the Hospitality Suite for the entire weekend's efforts. They were appreciated by all.

Congratulations to all award winners, John will be tooting some horns later in this bulletin, so rather than belabor that, let me blow one for John: he was awarded the BEST REGIONAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR AWARD by the Canadian Numismatic Association's President, Tom Kennedy and their Club Services Chairman, Barry McIntyre. Well done, John! And thank you to the CNA for noticing!

Thank you to all ONA members for supporting my bid to reign yet another two-year term as President of the ONA. I have always said that two years is not enough time to make meaningful changes and long term goal implementation in an organization, so I was most pleased to have the support of the ONA general membership once more. Look forward to more changes and better service!

The annual banquet was a most delightful evening. It enabled the ONA to realize one more goal: to bring Robert Aaron back into the Ontario numismatic club scene! Robert delighted the regulars and non-numismatists with his talk on what is a "real" counterfeit and what is a "legal" counterfeit. Ontario needs to hear more of this authors talks!

Thanks to Barry McIntyre (our new Area 9 director). Barry went beyond becoming the "Official ONA Convention Photographer" by becoming a Producer/Director of the newest ONA movie! Barry kindly video taped the Banquet and will be editing the Robert Aaron speech into a club video for educational use at local coin club meetings! The entire tape can serve as an archive of the evening's events and people may wish to see what went on. Its availability will be announced through the pages of the ONA Numismatist when ready.

We appreciate the support that Brian Cornwell and International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) are giving the ONA in underwriting the cost of printing and mailing this issue of the ONA Numismatist to cover the additional costs incurred between the 36 pages of this bulletin versus the normal cost of an 18-page bulletin.

That's it for now. See you at the shows!

Mike Hollingshead
ONA President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Some editors have the problem of finding sufficient material to fill the bulletin each issue. I certainly don't have a problem in that department.

Very, very few editors have a problem of deciding what to publish if too much material is on hand. That is the fortunate problem I find myself in. As far as this issue is concerned, you will find a lot of pages being taken up with convention-related items. Since the annual convention is the place where a lot of things happen that involves or affects every ONA member, it is only appropriate that full coverage appear in these pages for the many people who did not or could not attend, as well as serving as a recap for members that were at the convention but could not take in everything that went on.

We have not published information on club meetings as we indicated in the last issue. Although, I have gleaned information from the local coin club bulletins that are sent to me, with the ONA Convention and a lot of other things happening (like writing a number of columns for Canadian Coin News), I don't feel that club meeting listings would be complete for this issue. Therefore, I have decided to leave it for another issue so that I can get the incoming ONA Area Directors to fill in the missing blanks, especially about clubs that do not issue a bulletin and generally do not provide me with any information about them.

My personal congratulations to all the winners at the ONA Convention: Roger, Bob, Paul, Tom, but especially Bill Kamb who...well, you will have to keep on reading to find out!

We have not included any new numismatic items issued at the Convention other than the official medal. The numerous wooden tokens will be illustrated in the next issue. As well, Barry McIntyre, who filmed some of the awards presentations, will be sending us some photos for the next issue.

The survey included in the last issue went over much better than I every thought. A pretty good cross-section of members responded, which gives me a pretty good idea what changes to make in the ONA Numismatist.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CNA for awarding the ONA the Best Regional Coin Club Bulletin Award, and to the ONA Executive (initially those under the presidency of Ken Wilmot who originally appointed me, later under the presidency of Mike Hollingshead) for having enough confidence in me to turn over the Editorship to me. Although it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun which makes it all worthwhile!

The support given to us by Chuck Moore for the January/February issue and by Todd Sandham and Cameron Bevers for the March/April issue is really appreciated. It allows me to publish up to 36 pages an issue that the ONA could otherwise not afford. Brian Cornwell whomanages International Coin Certification Service (ICCS), join the small rank of sustaining donors (for this issue) who have accepted my offer to be part of an award-winning publication. When you contact any of them, I hope that you will take the time to let them know that their support is appreciated by the ONA membership. Fortunately for the membership, we have already lined up additional sustaining donors for both the July/August and September/October issues. We expect to have a sponsor for the November/December issue before too long. That's a lot of work. I recently received the following memo (I think it was from our President, but I'm not sure):



"Due to the increased workload in turning out 36-page bulletins, the ONA Management has decided that it can no longer afford for you to take time out of your busy schedule and go to the restroom. Instead, to increase employee efficiency the company will shoulder the expense of remodeling your office to accommodate restroom privileges. Thank you for your cooperation" - THE MANAGEMENT
Happy collecting!

John Regitko
ONA Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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

At the Banquet of the ONA Convention, Paul Johnson advised us that Steve Taylor of Dover, Delaware was in hospital, initially for a gall bladder operation, then for other tests. Paul passed around a get-well card for everyone to sign. We know Steve has a very soft spot in his heart for the ONA, having attended at least 12 conventions since his first one in 1978 when he was our Banquet Speaker. Your editor took the liberty of telephoning him to deliver well-wishes from all his friends in Ontario and beyond (the doctor's initial diagnosis may not have been too optimistic, but with Steve's attitude we expect the best). The following letter is in response to that telephone call.

Dear John:

First, thanks for the telephone call. It was great that you called and very much appreciated. Here's a short blurb for your newsletter:

First, let me thank all my friends and fellow numismatists from the ONA for the beautiful card sent from your convention. It was so nice to see so many familiar signatures on it. Some unbelievable things have happened to me since I entered this battle for my health. I have had so many telephone calls, e-mails and cards from all across Canada and a multitude of our United States with people pulling and praying for me.

Someone said that I sounded pretty good on the telephone. I indicated that with everything that has come in here, I would find it extremely difficult not to have a positive attitude about this whole thing. The best wishes of everyone have been overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

Thank you one and all. God Bless, keep the faith and keep smiling.

Love
Steve

Dear ONA Editor:

Please pass on my compliments to the wonderful hospitality suite which was available during the recent ONA Convention in Guelph. It was comforting to find this oasis of tranquility after the hustle and bustle of the bourse.

Please pass along my personal thanks to Monina for being such a perfect hostess.
See you next year!

Marvin Kay

Dear John:

Re pricing on \$10.00 error notes (March/April 2001 ONA Numismatist, page 63), in numismatics there is a little quote, but very accurate rule, called 'The Rule of Ten.' It states that prices for unusual items take approximately ten years to reach an equilibrium and a true market value. The prices for the \$10.00 errors may be too high or too low, but it will take a decade or so before the true market value is known.

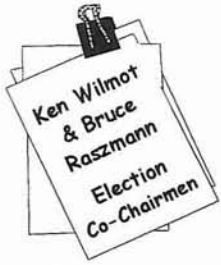
Chuck Moore
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Dear John:

Just to let you know that your bulletin is excellent. Just keep up the good work.

Roland Albert
Nickel Belt Coin Club (Sudbury)

ELECTION CO-CHAIRMEN REPORT



The following members were nominated prior to the close of nominations and confirmed their agreement to let their name stand. Since only one valid nomination was received for each elected position, no ballots were necessary to be mailed out to members.

No nominations were received from the floor at the General Membership Meeting for the positions for which no nominations were previously received. Nominations were declared closed. It was then declared that all those nominated previously are elected by acclamation.

Vacant positions will be filled by appointment by the Executive.

It gives us great pleasure to announce your Executive for the 2001 - 2003 term:

- President: Mike Hollingshead
- First Vice-President: Paul Petch
- Second Vice-President: Ray Desjardins
- Treasurer: Bruce Raszmann
- Recording Secretary: Len Trakalo
- Regional Directors:
 - Area 1 (Essex., Kent, Lambton): Tom Clarke
(includes Windsor, Sarnia and Kent (Chatham) coin clubs)
 - Area 2 (Huron, Oxford, Elgin, Middlesex): Tom Rogers
(includes London, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Watford and Woodstock coin clubs)
 - Area 3 (Niagara): No nomination
(includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland coin clubs)
 - Area 4 (Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk): Len Trakalo
(includes Brantford and Hamilton coin clubs)
 - Area 5 (Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin, Perth): Richard Johnson
(includes Waterloo, Stratford, Cambridge and South Wellington coin clubs)
 - Area 6 (Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka): No nomination
(includes Orillia and Champlain coin clubs)
 - Area 7 (Metro Toronto, Peel and York): Albert Kasman
(includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga-Thistletown and Oshawa coin clubs)
 - Area 8 (Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland): No nomination
(includes Peterborough and Kingston coin clubs)
 - Area 9 (All East of Hastings and Algonquin District): Barry McIntyre
(includes Ottawa, Pembroke and Pt. Claire, P.Q. coin clubs)
 - Area 10 (All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew): Roland Albert
(includes Sudbury, Timmins, Nipissing (North Bay) and Lake Superior (Thunder Bay) coin clubs)

The incoming Executive was installed at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership meeting at the 2001 ONA Convention and have assumed office, along with the Immediate Past President, Ken Wilmot, at the conclusion of the Convention. All elected officers will hold office for two years from that time and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

The Nominations/Election Committee thanks the nominees and nominators for their participation.

*Ken Wilmot & Bruce Raszmann
Elections Co-Chairmen*

Plan to Attend!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The ONA Treasurer's Annual Report, as presented at the General Membership Meeting at the ONA Convention by Bruce Raszmann, is reproduced on the following 3 pages.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 2000	\$ 11.59	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000	<u>1,450.95</u>	
	\$ 1,462.54	\$ 1,462.54

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$ 3,758.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,281.93	
Club Ticket Rebate	78.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	15.78	
Advertising - "Ontario Numismatist"	50.00	
1999 ONA Convention	3,726.02	
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist	914.12	
Donations	30.00	
2000 ONA Convention	1,264.86	
Return of 2000 ONA Convention Advance	350.00	
Interest & Bank Charge Reversal	5.75	
Transferred from Contingency Account	<u>2,250.00</u>	
	\$ 13,724.46	\$ 13,724.46

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 5,735.87	
Postage	64.56	
Office Supplies & Expenses	285.93	
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	77.04	
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	131.08	
C.N.A. Dues	33.00	
Telephone	83.09	
Photocopying	38.15	
Honorariums	225.00	
Best Bulletin	50.00	
ONA 2002 Convention Advance	500.00	
Convention Lamps	257.18	
Award Frames	68.96	
Merit & Fellow Awards	70.00	
Bookbinding	322.87	
Audio Visual	36.50	
Transferred to Contingency Account	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	\$ 13,479.23	\$ 13,479.23

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 245.23
Petty Cash @ December 31, 2000	32.23	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000	<u>1,675.54</u>	
	\$ 1,707.77	\$ 1,707.77

TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000		\$ 4,148.67
RECEIPTS		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 828.50	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificates	208.80	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	2,000.00	
Matured Cashable Savings Certificates	3,000.00	
Transferred from General Account	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	\$ 11,537.30	\$ 11,537.30
EXPENSES		
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 5,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates	\$ 8,000.00	
Transferred to General Account	<u>2,250.00</u>	
	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ - 3,712.70
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000		\$ 435.97

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 21,000.00
Cashable Savings Certificate	8,000.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000		\$ 844.40
RECEIPTS		
2 (2000) Club Premiums @ 35.00 each	\$ 70.00	
3 (2000) Club Premiums @ 45.00 each	135.00	
22 (2001) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 each	770.00	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	157.15	
Matured Cashable Saving Certificates	<u>4,700.00</u>	
	\$ 5,832.15	\$ 5,832.15
EXPENSES		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 5,000.00	
Insurance Premium	648.00	
Photocopies, Postage & Telephone	<u>24.44</u>	
	\$ 5,672.44	\$ 5,672.44
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 159.71
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000		\$ 1,004.11

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 5,000.00
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CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2000

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 1,707.77	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	435.97	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	21,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates - Contingency	8,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	1,004.11	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Insurance Account	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	37,147.85	\$ 37,147.85
Cash Assets (1999)		\$ 32,155.61
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 4,992.24

TREASURER'S REPORT-CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000			\$ 162.87
RECEIPTS			
Life Memberships	\$ 153.81		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>475.70</u>		
	\$ 629.51	\$ 629.51	
EXPENSES			
Membership Dues (2000) @ \$7.50	570.00	\$ 570.00	
Excess Receipts Over Expenses			\$ 59.51
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000			\$ 222.38

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$ 9,300.00

Note: The Bank Accounts are maintained at The T.D. Canada Trust, Belmont Branch, Kitchener, Ontario

Bruce Raszmann
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME



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

We welcome Serge Pelletier, Jeff Fournier, Gordon Nichols, Karl Flick, Nigel Alty, Scott Schinkel, Gene Maynard, Robin Wood, Prakash Mody, Jim Djambazis, Chad Hunter, Wayne Geroux, Richard Grove and Murray Church.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

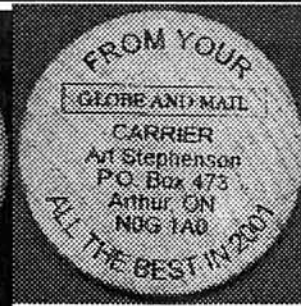
- #1724 Geoffrey Bell (Shediac, N.B.)
- #1725 David Reid (Zionsville, Indiana)
- #1726 John McArthur (Hepworth, Ont.)
- #1727 Art Stephenson (Arthur, Ont.)

Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman



NEW MEMBER NEWS

Art Stephenson recently moved from Alberta to Ontario and issued 2 woods. He attended a recent meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society as well as the ONA 2001 Convention. He has applied for membership in both.



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A TRIBUTE TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Over 2 years ago, when it was obvious that no host club would be stepping forward to agree to host the convention, the ONA Executive had to make a few decisions. It was agreed that President Mike Hollingshead would approach the College Inn (now Ramada Inn & Convention Centre following a change in ownership) to check out availability of convention space on a week-end that would be acceptable to us, costs, pricing of bedrooms, etc. The executive, in view of the acceptability of the site for ONA Conventions, agreed to commit to that location. As well, Mike was elected as General Chairman.

Mike appointed a number of experienced organizers and called a founding Convention committee meeting to get the ball rolling. A bank account was set up. The convention medal design was proposed and approved.. Negotiations with the hotel for room rates, meals and other requirements swung into high gear. The auction house was selected. Bourse floor plans were updated and readied over a year in advance. Invitation for bourse space was gotten ready for the prior year's convention. Numismatic organizations were approached to find out if they wish to hold meetings in conjunction with the convention. A program of events was finalized. Speakers and masters of ceremonies were considered. The ONA President confirmed the judges for the competitive exhibits. Pricing for the registration kits, banquet meal and medals were established. Medals were ordered. Publicity was generated. Registration kit envelopes, banquet tickets, reception tickets and invitations to the hospitality suite were designed and printed. Registration forms were created. Signs were made up or updated. The list goes on and on and on. Dream Vacation draw ticket books had to be printed and distributed.

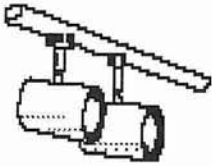
Then there are the front-line workers that have to organize activities before and at the convention. This includes the purchasing by the person responsibility for the Hospitality Suite of items required, both for the Friday evening reception as well as for Saturday and Sunday. The registration desk and daily admission table must be manned at all times.

To the following goes the credit for another good ONA Convention:

- General Chairman: Mike Hollingshead
- Treasurer & Pre-Registration: Bruce Raszmann
- Registration & Daily Admission Chairman: Bruce Raszmann
- Daily Admission Table Assistance: Robert Zmija, Richard Johnson, Gord Parker, Mike Hillingshead
- Exhibits Chairman: Chris Boyer
- Head Judge: Paul Johnson
- Exhibits Judges: William McDonald & Don Robb
- Bourse Chairman: Ken Wilmot
- Club Delegate Meeting Chairman: John Regitko
- Club Delegate Meeting M.C.: Ken Wilmot
- Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Paul Johnson
- Banquet Keynote Speaker: Robert Aaron
- Reception/Post-Banquet Reception Bartender: Ron Zelk
- Convention Medal Chairman: Mike Hollingshead
- Publicity Chairman - Numismatic Press: John Regitko
- Publicity Chairman - Non-Numismatic: Mike Hollingshead
- Hospitality Suite Chairman: Monina Regitko
- Hospitality Suite Assistants: Denna Benn, Carolyne Desjardins, Dorothy Mason
- Program of Events Planning: Paul Johnson
- Dream Vacation Draw Chairman: Bruce Raszmann
- ONA Awards Committee Chairman: Don Robb
- ONA Awards Committee Members: Mike Hollingshead, Ken Wilmot, Paul Johnson, John Regitko
- Signage: Roger Fox
- Auctioneer: Serge Laramée
- Property Chairman: Gary Oblinsky and Mike Hollingshead
- Bourse Room Set-up Assistance: Gary Oblinsky, Mike Hollingshead, Ken Wilmot, Steve van Bree

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

A column in praise of active ONA members



WILLIAM KAMB WINS BIG AT CONVENTION

In view of Bill Kamb's successes at the ONA Convention (Best of Show in the competitive exhibits, grand prize winner in the Dream Vacation Draw consisting of a choice of a \$1,250 travel voucher or \$1,000 in cash), we asked him to send us his biography. Normally, the ONA Editor would re-write it from "first person" (I, me) as submitted, to "third person" (he, him). Because Bill's submission reads so well without any changes, we thought we would present his original version without change.

by William Kamb, ONA Life Member

I was born and raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1972. I accepted a job in Cleveland, Ohio, where I met my wife, Mary Lou, and we were married in June of 1975. We have three children, two boys and a girl. Our oldest son, Will, is in his second year of law school at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio where we presently live. Bob graduated from Ohio University in November and just accepted a job. Our daughter Jennifer, is a junior at Ohio University, and is majoring in English.

Seven years ago, I joined a local coin club, the Central Ohio International Numismatic Society (COINS), and have missed only one meeting since. I've been president for the past five years and was just re-elected to another two-year term. As a new president, I presided over the merging of our club with the older Columbus Numismatic Society (CNS), which was a benefit to both clubs. In the past few years, we've almost doubled in size to over 100 members and at an average meeting over 40 attend. We're looking forward to our third annual coin show of 80 tables in September, and are already sold out and have a waiting list. Next April, we'll be the host club for the Central States Numismatic Societies' Convention here in Columbus and are looking forward to the challenge of putting on a 500 dealer show.

A year ago, I was appointed by Governor Taft to the Ohio State Quarter Design Selection Committee. The State quarter program started in 1999 and is modeled after the Canadian program of 1992. The U.S. Mint is issuing five quarters a year for ten years honoring a particular place or event from each State in the order in which they were admitted to the Union. We met several times last spring and reviewed over 5000 submissions, eventually settling on four designs, which we submitted to the Mint last June. We finally received the revised designs back from the Mint in April, reviewed them, and made our final recommendation to the Governor who approved it and forwarded it to the Mint.

I started collecting coins as a boy of nine when my father gave my younger brother and I a can of pennies to split up. I never lost interest in collecting, but during my college years, they were put on the back burner. Soon after graduating, I completed my Lincoln cents and Indian Head cents and started collecting U.S. large cents. I soon realized that I couldn't afford what I liked, so I decided to collect coins from Newfoundland. I grew up a mile down the road from my grandparents in Littleton, Mass., and have many fond memories of spending time with them. My grandfather was from Burin on the south coast of Newfoundland and my grandmother came from New Melbourne in Trinity Bay, on the north coast. As a boy, my grandparents took me back to Newfoundland for the summer. I was fascinated by the history and the people and wanted to learn more about my heritage. A relative from Bonavista, Notre Dame Bay, gave me a few "Newfie" coins as a keepsake on one of my visits and these eventually became the start of my collection.

I started collecting Newfoundland coins almost 20 years ago, and have found them to be challenging but affordable. I started collecting decimals in extremely fine or almost uncirculated condition and soon had most of the inexpensive George VI pieces, some George V and Edwardian pieces, and a few "Vickies." After a few years, I completed the large and small cents and George VI silver set and decided to upgrade them to choice uncirculated condition.

In 1990, I attended my first Canadian show in Niagara Falls. I added a Victorian twenty-cent piece to my collection and upgraded two other coins. The next year, I attended the CNA in Toronto where I attended my first Canadian auction. I was amazed that many scarce coins went to the book or to the first bidder.

In 1993, I attended my first ONA convention, which was in Guelph. I arrived early on Friday afternoon and was surprised to find that I was a day early. After an hour or so, people started arriving to set up the bourse room. I helped out and was invited to the reception that night. Arriving early was one of the best mistakes I've ever made as I met a few people and have attended almost every ONA Convention since and became a life member last year.

Slowly, I kept adding to my collection and by 1995 I only needed three more coins for a complete date set of decimals: 1873H and 1881 five-cent and 1880 twenty-cent pieces. I was fortunate as a mail bidder in the 1998 CAND Auction, and picked up the latter two pieces in ICCS EF40 condition. Normally, the 1873H five-cent piece in EF condition would be beyond my means, but due to a fortunate set of circumstances, I was able to complete my collection at the CNA Auction last summer. I had accomplished my goal set 18 years before by completing a set of Newfoundland coins in EF or better condition.

Two years ago I exhibited at the ONA for the first time, where I received Best of Show. I have met more people since then than I did in all the years before. It took me quite a few years to realize that the social aspects of numismatics are more important than plugging holes in a collection.

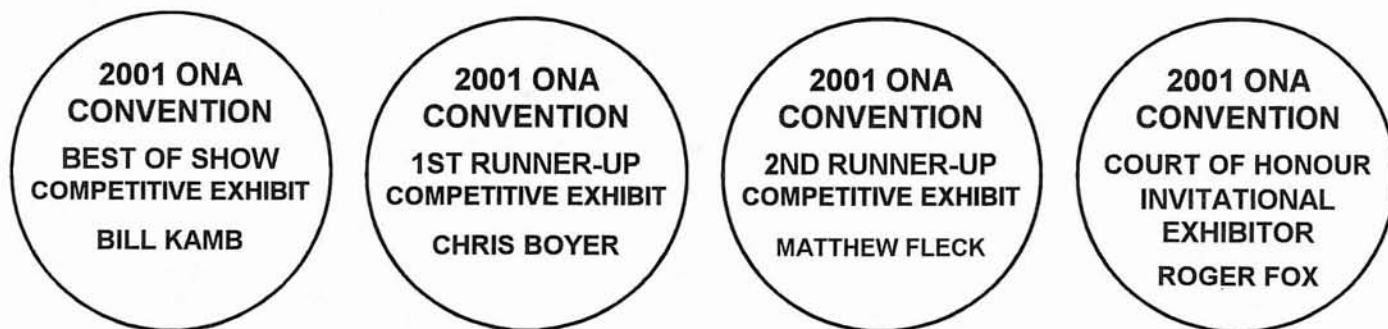
If you're looking for an affordable challenge, try collecting Newfoundland coins. Depending on how patient you are and what your budget is, you can spend a lifetime searching for choice pieces and collect friends along the way.

I look forward to attending shows now for the camaraderie as much as the chance of improving my collection.

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

BILL KAMB WINS BEST OF SHOW; WILLIAM MATTHEW GETS BEST JUNIOR EXHIBIT AT ONA 2001 CONVENTION

The ONA-appointed judges, consisting of Paul Johnson (ONA Head Judge), Bill McDonald and Don Robb, selected the following exhibits. Paul Johnson made the announcement and presentations at the ONA Banquet.

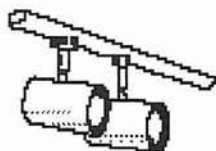


- Bill Kamb was awarded Best of Show for his exhibit on Newfoundland 50 cent coinage.
- Chris Boyer was declared as 1st runner-up for a display of RCMP numismatic collectibles.
- Matthew Fleck received the nod from the judges as 2nd runner-up overall and best junior exhibit for his display "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" featuring million dollar notes.
- Roger Fox's invitational non-competitive two-case entry consisted of Canadian Tire Coupons.

Although the exhibits were not plentiful, they were top-notch in quality. It is also nice to see a junior collector make up an exhibit and win an award!

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

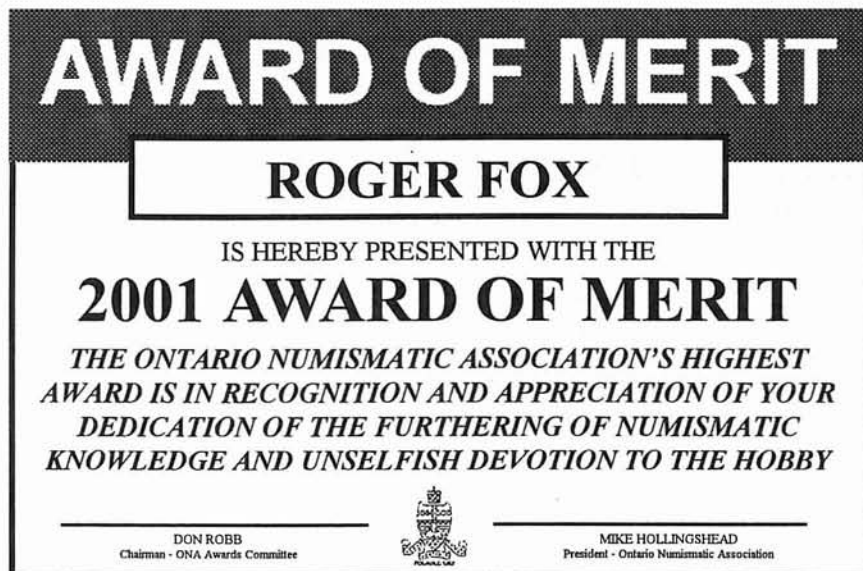
A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



ROGER FOX RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD

We are pleased to present a bit of background on the recipient of the 2001 ONA Award of Merit. He accepted the award at the 2001 ONA Convention's banquet in Guelph. He received a framed certificate (as illustrated), a uniface silver ONA presentation medal suitably engraved on the

reverse and an Award of Merit name plate badge.



HIS BEGINNINGS

Roger Fox started collecting at age 6. He expanded his collections through a paper route. He even started a high school coin club. Numismatics and collecting have certainly been a life-long interest for him.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH COIN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Over the years, he has served on many club executives, including as a Junior Director, Editor and President of the North York Coin club. Currently he is a Director and Social Convenor of the NYCC. He is currently in his 4th year as

President of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors club (CTCCC). He has written many articles, mainly about Canadian Tire Coupons and his favorite organization, CTCCC. These articles have appeared in Canadian Coin News, CATC and CNA. He has also written articles in the CTCCC's own publication for the past 10 years.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH CONVENTIONS

Roger has been a frequent exhibitor, including at the ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. He has been a member of numerous ONA and CNA Convention committees, including the two most recent ONA Conventions - 2000 (North York) and 2001 (Guelph). He has designed the 1986 CNA, 1987 ONA and 1994 ONA Convention medals, as well as co-designing the 1969 CNA and 2000 ONA Convention medals.



The central design of the 1986 CNA medal designed by Roger Fox features the old Community Hall, the meeting place of the NYCC for many years.



The 1994 ONA medal depicts David Gibson House, a North York landmark that was included in the Convention planning for a tour by registrants.



The 2000 ONA medal features Augustus Caesar and Q.E. II and includes the initials of Paul Petch, the concept designer and Roger Fox, artist.

As Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, stated at the presentation: "He has brought enthusiasm and skill to our hobby. Truly he is a most deserving candidate."

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

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

THREE ONA MEMBERS INDUCTED AS ONA "FELLOWS"

At the recent ONA Convention, Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee presented prestigious "Fellow of the ONA" Awards to 3 individuals. They receive a framed Certificate, a uniface ONA medal suitably engraved on the reverse and a lapel name plate, also suitably engraved.

FELLOW
OF THE ONA
2001
ROBERT PORTER

Bob Porter has been a collector for 50 years (his unusual start in numismatics was as a result of being a mine sweeper during W.W.II and keeping currency that he obtained during his service in France, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and other countries).

He served as President of the Etobicoke Coin & Stamp Club for about 10 years. During this period, he was also the club's Treasurer, Secretary and Program Chairman. Because of the amount of work he was willing and able to do, he is credited in single-handed keeping the club running. When the Mississauga Coin Club and the Etobicoke Coin & Stamp Club combined at the end of last year to form the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp Collectibles Club, he again handled the chores of President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Bob is also a Past-President of Richmond Hill Coin Club. He has been the auctioneer of the North York Coin Club for quite a few years, a chore he still does now. When the North York Coin club held their annual shows, he was appointed Judge for the competitive exhibits. He has also been a member of various award committees and display committees starting with the 1972 ONA Convention and carrying on for over 2 decades.

His involvement with the Ontario Numismatic Association has also been exemplary. He has been an ONA Judge or ONA Head Judge for their annual conventions for almost 25 years - from 1972 to 1995. Further, he has served on several ONA as well as CNA Conventions when they were held in the Toronto-area.

FELLOW
OF THE ONA
2001
TOM MASTERS

Tom Master's received the ONA Award of Merit in 1978. Since then he has contributed much to the success of numismatics, so much so that the Awards Selection Committee felt he is deserving of another ONA award.

His President/Editorial Messages in the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletins have been well-received by all members. Always interesting and thought-provoking, a number of them have been reprinted in the ONA Numismatist. He is probably best known to ONA members as the President and Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club over a 25-year period. He has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for local charities at club meetings.

As the presenter stated, "It is not merely an Award - it is a tribute to a man who has been a collector/numismatist for most of his life."

FELLOW
OF THE ONA
2001
PAUL JOHNSON

Paul Johnson received the ONA highest award, the ONA Award of Merit, in 1985. Again, the ONA Awards Committee felt that, in view of the hard work that Paul has accomplished since he received the ONA Award of Merit, that he certainly qualified for consideration for another award.

Although his biography has been well-documented in previous ONA Numismatists, we will point out some of the major awards that he received previously. He received an ONA Presidential Citation in 1998 for having attended 25 consecutive ONA Convention. He received the American Numismatic Association Award for "Outstanding Young Numismatist." He is also a recipient of the "J.D. Ferguson Award," the CNA's highest award.

Because Paul Johnson is on the Awards Selection Committee, only other potential recipients were discussed. It was behind-the-scenes that the vote was taken by all other Committee members to present the award to Paul. We can vouch that it came as a complete surprise to him at the Banquet!

Members of the ONA Awards Committee are Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Immediate Past-Chairman), Mike Hollingshead (ONA President) and John Regitko.



D R E A M V A C A T I O N D R A W C H A I R M A N ' S R E P O R T

We are pleased to publish the winners' names in the ONA Dream Vacation Draw that was conducted by Bruce Raszmann, Draw Chairman, at the conclusion of the ONA Convention

D R A W W I N N E R S

FIRST PRIZE (a dream vacation travel ticket for \$1,250, good through any travel agent in Ontario, anywhere you want to go, or \$1,000 cash): Bill Kamb (Powell, Ohio)

SECOND PRIZE (Canadian Olympic \$100 gold coin): Wendy Black (Moorefield, Ont.)

THREE CONSOLATION PRIZES (2001 O' Canada Sets): Terry Cooke (Toronto, Ont.), Michael Walsh (Vancouver, B.C.) and Ronald Cheek (Kanata, Ont.)

TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES (Tiny Treasures Sets): John Regitko (North York, Ont.) and Shirley Barker (Delhi, Ont.)

SELLER OF FIRST PRIZE TICKET (\$100 cash): Bill Kamb (Powell, Ohio)

The ONA would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them. Your support enables us to carry out our many programs.



T I C K E T S A L E S B Y C L U B S

For every book sold, the seller could specify the name of a club which would receive \$2. A total of 370 books were so designated. Following is a breakdown of the recipient clubs, in alphabetic order, along with the number of books credited to each one:

Brantford Numismatic Society	4	Paisley Road Coin Club	1
Cambridge Coin Club	9	Peterborough Numismatic Society	3
CAWMC (Southern Ontario Chapter)	1	Scarborough Coin Club	5
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club	2	South Wellington Coin Society	11
City of Ottawa Coin Club	14	St. Catharines Coin Club	2
Champlain Coin Club	2	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	3
Hamilton Coin Club	3	Stratford Coin club	63
Ingersoll Coin Club	42	The Numismatic Show	1
Kent Coin Club	2	Tillsonburg Coin Club	8
Kirkland Lake & District Coin Club	4	Waterloo Coin Society	77
Lake Superior Coin Club	8	Watford Coin Club	3
London Numismatic Society	1	Windsor Coin Club	48
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp Club	2	Woodstock Coin Club	9
Nickel Belt Coin Club	4	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
North York Coin Club	5	Bancroft Coin Club	1
Ontario Numismatic Association	27	Canadian Ass'n of Token Collectors	<u>1</u>
Oshawa & District Coin Club	4	Total Book Sales	370

One hundred percent of the profits of the Dream Vacation Draw will benefit the ONA and its membership. The funds will be used for ongoing programs that cannot be covered fully by membership dues. This includes the ONA Numismatist, new audio visual programs and other projects.

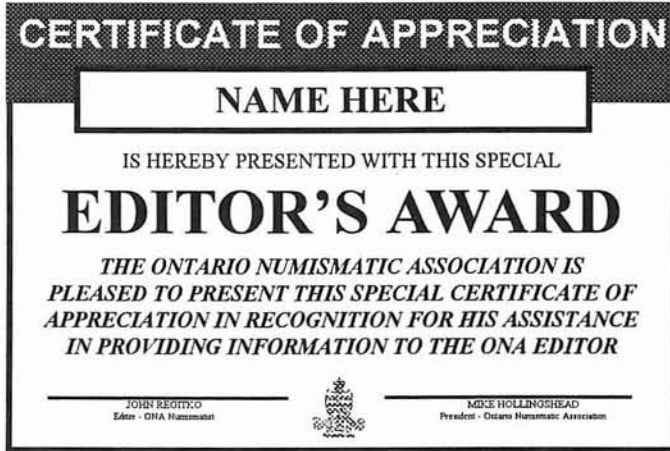
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*Bruce Raszmann
Draw Chairman*

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

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

THREE MEMBERS HONORED WITH SPECIAL EDITORIAL CITATIONS AT ONA CONVENTION



At the recent ONA Convention, John Regitko, Editor of the ONA Numismatist, presented special Certificates of Appreciation to 3 people who have given him assistance, behind the scenes, when requested to do so. We are pleased to publish the background on these individuals and the reasons they were so honored. Each person received a special certificate, suitably framed, accompanied by a covering letter signed by John Regitko, Editor and Mike Hollingshead, ONA President. We are pleased to include excerpts from each letter that explains each person's contribution in assuring that the ONA Numismatist's content is of exceptional quality, issue after issue.

KEN PROPHET - The first Editorial Citation was presented to Ken Prophet at the CNA Executive meeting held at the ONA Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through your library of CNA Journals, coming up with lists of recipients' names, recalling information and providing this information to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner. For your service to the ONA above and beyond the call of duty, we are pleased to present you with a special Certificate of Appreciation."

NORM BELSTEN - The second Editorial Citation was presented to Norm Belsten at the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors held on Saturday afternoon of the ONA Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through your extensive computer library, providing us with clipart, and in the process saving the ONA Editor countless hours of time and effort as well as assisting us in making the ONA Numismatist more attractive and eye-appealing with the illustrations you provided. You always provided this to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner. For your service to the ONA, we are pleased to present you with a special Certificate of Appreciation."

PAUL PETCH - The third Editorial Citation was presented to Paul Petch at the Banquet held on Saturday evening of the Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through back-issues of North York Coin Club bulletins in your computer, providing us with articles and clip art, and in the process saving the ONA Editor countless hours of time and effort as well as assisting us in making the ONA Numismatist more attractive and eye-appealing with the illustrations you provided. You always provided this to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner."

CLUB DELEGATES MEETING SUMMARY

by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman



The club delegates meeting held at 2001 ONA Convention was attended by 14 dedicated numismatic representatives from across Ontario as well as a number of members of the ONA Executive. The meeting was ably handled by Ken Wilmot, Master of Ceremonies.

It was announced that the Best Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 2000 was a tie between the London Numismatic Society and the North York Coin Club. Each club was presented a Certificate of Award by John Regitko, Chairman - ONA Club Services. Paul Petch accepted the award for the North York Coin Club, while Tom Rogers, ONA Area Director for the London Area, accepted it for later presentation to the London Numismatic Society.



Bill Clarke and Ted Leitch, editorial committee for the London Numismatic Society and Paul Petch, Editor of the NYCC bulletin, also received certificates as Best Club Bulletin Editors for the calendar year 2000.



Tom Rogers, ONA Area Representative for the London area, stated that belonging to the London Numismatic Society and attending their meetings teaches him how to research since a number of their members always give well-researched presentations at meetings and advise everyone where the information came from. He also stated that Bill Club, co-editor of the London club and a frequent speaker at their meetings, has been a member of the London Numismatic Society for 50 years.

Each club that pre-registered its delegate was given a Charlton Press CD containing both The Charlton Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins and The Charlton Guide to Canadian Chartered Bank Notes, donated by Bill Cross, owner/manager of Charlton Press. Unfortunately, only 8 clubs were pre-registered. They were Ingersoll, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Scarborough, South Wellington, Stratford, Watford and the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club. Although a number of additional delegates showed up at the meeting, John Regitko expressed his disappointment that so few clubs took the time to appoint a delegate and advise the committee in advance via the Convention registration form.

At the instigation of Ken Wilmot, a "round table" discussion took place. Entitled "What do you want from the ONA?," a number of topics were covered. As far as attendance of the Club Delegates Meeting and the time of the meeting were concerned, a strong message was received from the club representatives present that the attendance could without doubt be increased if the meeting was scheduled for Saturday rather than Sunday, since Sunday is usually reserved by collectors for travelling back to the homes or attending Church in the morning. Wilmot advised that this would be discussed at the ONA Executive Meeting that would be held later in the day and the outcome of the decision forwarded to the Ingersoll Coin Club committee that would be hosting the ONA 2002 Convention.

Ray Desjardins brought up the idea that as a program next year, short speeches of good ideas that have worked at local coin club meetings could be covered in presentations he dubbed "best practices." John Regitko pointed out that he had been including in the "Club News" section some of the ideas under the "Tip of the Month" banner and, in addition to considering it as a program for next year's meeting, he would summarize them all in an article later in the year.

Dorothy Mason, representing the Stratford Coin Club, talked about the special draws they have to encourage juniors to keep coming back. Tom Rogers, ONA area director, expanded on that by indicating that the Woodstock Coin Club asks all juniors at a meeting to pick a coin from the coin box and then give a report at the following meeting about the coin. Dorothy also stated that Stratford has a non-numismatic draw at each meeting such as for a box of chocolate or a plant. It was also pointed out that every club must have a program committee to keep people coming back. She also pointed out that the Stratford Coin Club makes a donation to a registered non-profit organization and then draws for tax receipts worth \$50 (this is perfectly legal since the \$50 is sent in in the winner's name).

Gary Oblinsky, representing the St. Catharines Coin Club, pointed out that when a club is flush with funds, they should consider giving a complimentary membership in the ONA to every new member that signs up with the local coin club like St. Catharines did at one time.

Mike Hollingshead, ONA President, suggested that clubs should not get hung up on the number of people that were at this meeting. It was better to have 14 eager people rather than a much larger number of dis-interested people. It was also wondered if eBay is affecting membership (only 8 clubs were pre-registered, namely Ingersoll, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Scarborough, South Wellington, Stratford, Watford and CTCCC).

Payment of an honorarium to attend the meeting was promptly defeated, and it was pointed out that the representative usually volunteers since he/she is attending the convention anyway and that the club that they are representing usually gives them an honorarium (\$25.00 seems to be a standard amount). As far as a "poor" club is concerned, Barry McIntyre pointed out that he has seen numerous people on the bourse floor just prior to the start of the Club Delegates Meeting that could be at this meeting for the little bit of time it takes, without incurring any additional costs to anyone.

Ken Koch, ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian, pointed out that officially, only 6 clubs borrowed programs from the Audio Visual Lending Library. However, Tom Rogers has taken numerous programs to clubs in his area for showing and John Regitko has also loaned programs to clubs. Such borrowing is never recorded by the Librarian and therefore the official number is low.

Roger Fox, representing the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, indicated that he has received the full 6-hour taping by TVOntario that he intends to edit down to a 30-45 minute program.

Draws were held for everyone in the room for prizes donated by the Canadian Numismatic Association, the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, Trajan Publications and Charlton Press. The Canadian Numismatic Association donated a set of 50th Anniversary memorabilia they issued last year, consisting of the book detailing the Association's 50 years, a souvenir 50th anniversary gold-plate medal, a special commemorative lapel pin and a 50th anniversary souvenir note. The Ferguson Foundation's donation consisted of 9 books published by them that retail for over \$200, while Trajan Publications' donation consisted of a complimentary 6-month subscription to any of their publication.

Ken Wilmot brought everyone up-to-date on the ONA insurance policy that affects all member clubs. He made club reps aware that during the past year, there has been an unavoidable change of carrier, at a cost of about double what it cost before. Following a brief discussion on the exact cost of the policy and how it would impact on each of the 29 clubs that are part of the insurance program at this time, it was felt that the proposed increase for next year would be acceptable (for those clubs that cannot afford the insurance premiums, the ONA has a "hardship clause" that would enable the club to take advantage of the coverage nevertheless).

The ONA Editor, John Regitko, indicated that he has received considerable feedback from members on what they would like to see in their bulletin, and the "Club News" section is very much in demand. However, he stated that he is unable to publish anything about the clubs that do not issue a bulletin and he would like a member of the executive of those clubs...or any member at all...to drop him a note (e-mail or snail-mail) so that he is able to include every club in the write-ups.

John Regitko, Chairman - Club Services, took the podium to announce the availability of 5 new VCR tape programs (write-ups on these appear elsewhere in this bulletin). He pointed out that clubs can borrow 4 of the 5 immediately through the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, as can individuals who don't have ready access to screening of programs at a local club meeting (a write-up on these will appear in the next bulletin). The reason for the delay of the 5th program, it was pointed out, is as a result of one of the 2 VCR tape machines breaking down during the duplication just prior to the Convention. John indicated that a further 5 VCR tape programs on numismatics would be duplicated shortly. These 10 new programs would be announced all at once. Because individual members can also borrow programs from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, the initial announcement would be made through the pages of the ONA Numismatist. This would then be followed up with a booklet listing all the available tapes.

Barry McIntyre stated that the Bank of Canada had updated the tape "Not Your Average Bank" and he agreed to get a copy to the ONA Club Services Chairman for duplication and forwarding to the ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian.

It was pointed out that the video on Emmanuel Hahn went over very well wherever it was shown. John stated that he had the idea of rating the videos in a future ONA Numismatist, and that this would be at or near the top.

Gord Parker, representing the South Wellington Numismatic Society, asked for an exchange of bulletins between clubs. He stated that most editors could not or would not afford to join over 30 other clubs, but it would be affordable if postage and a small increase in the press run were the only costs involved. Len Trakalo, representing the Brantford Coin Club, suggested that this could also be accomplished by e-mailing the bulletins to other clubs (*Editor's comment: see the Editor's Message in the next bulletin for comments on the implementation of this plan.*)

The ONA's Book Lending Librarian, Tom Rogers, then took the floor to advise us that the library is ready and waiting in his basement for requests from members. He stated that to make member clubs and individual members aware of what is available, a listing should be published in the ONA Numismatist, probably over 2 issues.

Other ideas concerning the ONA Book Library were also discussed: creating the library listing on a CD; donating the library to the CNA which would allow our members to borrow all books in the CNA Library similar to the arrangement that is in place between the CNA and CPMS; some sort of a mobile truck lending library, etc. It was agreed that a listing would be prepared and published in upcoming issues of the ONA Numismatist.

Tom Rogers invited everyone to attend the ONA 2002 Convention being hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club on April 12 to 14. Scheduled to be held in London to assure plenty of space for bourse, exhibits and meeting space, 40 bourse tables have already been sold one year in advance of the show, with room for an additional 16 tables. There is space allocated for competitive and on-competitive exhibits.

Club representatives were given an opportunity to tell everyone present of their upcoming annual shows and dinner meetings.

OFFICIAL ONA 2001 CONVENTION MEDAL FEATURES UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH'S MASSEY LIBRARY BUILDING



The central theme for the official convention medal for the recent ONA Convention was proposed by Mike Hollingshead, Convention Chairman and ONA President, at a meeting of the Convention Committee. The line drawing was created by Guelph artist Marlene Jofriet. The design, showing the Massey Library Building located at the University of Guelph, was inspired by a photograph of the building from the University of Guelph Library Archives.

The commercial bronze medal with reeded edge, of which 50 were struck, was included with each registration kit, while the salable official convention medals consisted of copper (of which only 50 were struck)

and .999 sterling silver (of which only 30 were struck). The original selling prices were \$12 for the copper medal and \$35 for the silver.

As is usually normal for ONA medals, they generally sell out by the close of the Convention. They make an inexpensive keepsake collectible souvenir of the Convention, as does the souvenir program booklet. Because of the low quantities of medals issued, they generally retain their value and can turn out to be a nice investment when it comes time to dispose of one's collection of ONA medals when it is time to turn them over to others who will appreciate having them in their own collection.



Illustration of actual medal. Computer scan courtesy of Paul Petch.

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SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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

May 27
STRATFORD
Spring Coin Show
Army, Navy & Air Force
Veterans Hall (formerly K of C)
151 Lorne Ave. East
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Parking; Lunch Counter
Admission \$2; YNs free
Door Prize Draws
Info: Bob
(519) 271-8884

June 2
TORONTO
CNA/NESA COURSE
Pre-Registration Required
Humber College
Toronto (Etobicoke)
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Contact CNA, P.O. Box
226, Barrie, ON L4M 4T2
cdn.numismatic@on.aiba.com
Info: Ken Prophet
(705) 737-0845

June 10
BRANTFORD
Brantford Numismatic Society
Annual Coin Show
Woodman Centre
491 Grey Ave., Brantford
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 50 tables - Draws
Free Admission & Parking
Info: Ed
(519) 759-3688

JUNE 16 & 17
TORONTO
Torex
Primrose Hotel
111 Carlton St., Toronto
Sat. 10 - 5; Sunday 10 - 3
Huge Bourse - Meetings
Friday Evening & Saturday
Afternoon Auctions
Info: Brian
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brian@torex.net

AUGUST 12
PARIS
S.W.O.N. South Western
Ontario Numismatics
The Convention Centre
Paris Fair Grounds
139 Silver St., Paris
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Over 50 Bourse Tables
\$2.00 Admission Includes
Draw for Gold Coin
Info: Ted
(519) 442-3474

SEPT. 8
HAMILTON
Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show
New Location: George &
Mary's Banquet Centre
252 Parkdale (at Melvin)
Hamilton
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
20 Dealers - Free Parking
Only \$1.00 Admission
Info: Ken
(905) 383-3742

SEPT. 9
WOODSTOCK
Woodstock Coin Club
12th Annual Coin Show
Southgate Centre Hall
191 Old Wellington St. S.
Woodstock
For additional details contact
Woodstock Coin Club
P.O. Box 20145
Woodstock, ON N4S 5K5

SEPT. 16
LONDON
London Numismatic Society
9th Annual Coin Show
The Ramada Inn
817 Exeter Road
(off Hwy.401), London
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Large Bourse - Displays
Admission Only \$1
Info:
(519) 472-9679

SEPT. 29 & 30
HAMILTON
The Numismatic Show
Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St., Hamilton
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3
Friday Eve. & Sat Auctions
Large Bourse - Draws
Admission: Adults \$3;
Seniors & YNs \$2
Info: Terry
(905) 318-6458

SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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



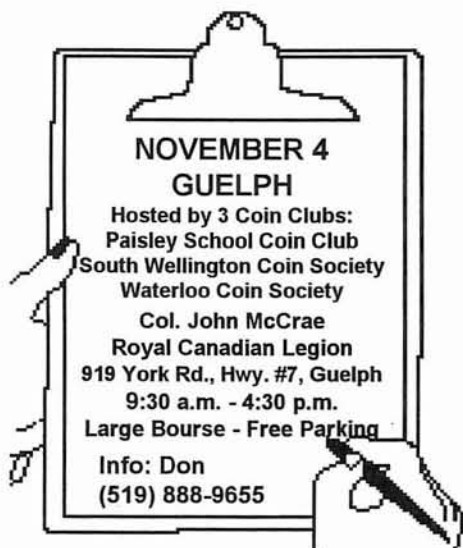
**OCTOBER 13
BURLINGTON**
**Burlington International
Coin Show**
Brant Hills Community Centre
2300 Duncaster Ave.
Burlington
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Large Bourse - Free Parking
Free Admission - Snack Bar
Info: Nancy
(705) 788-3159



**OCTOBER 21
Stratford**
**Stratford Coin Club
Annual Show**
Note New Location:
The Victorian Inn
10 Romeo St. N., Stratford
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Large Bourse - Free Parking
Restaurant on Premises
Info: Dorothy
(519) 565-5354



**OCTOBER 27 & 28
TORONTO**
Torex
Primrose Hotel
111 Carlton St., Toronto
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Huge Bourse - Meetings
Friday Evening & Saturday
Afternoon Auctions
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**NOVEMBER 4
GUELPH**
Hosted by 3 Coin Clubs:
Paisley School Coin Club
South Wellington Coin Society
Waterloo Coin Society
Col. John McCrae
Royal Canadian Legion
919 York Rd., Hwy. #7, Guelph
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Large Bourse - Free Parking
Info: Don
(519) 888-9655



**NOVEMBER 11
TILLSONBURG**
Tillsonburg Coin Club's
Annual Coin Show
Tillsonburg Community
Centre, Tillsonburg
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Watch this space for
additional details and
contact information



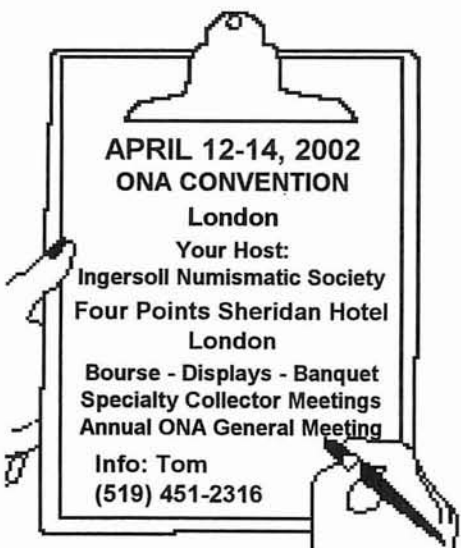
**NOV. 16, 17 & 18
OAKVILLE**
T.I.C.F.
Ramada Inn & Conv. Centre
360 Oakville Place Dr.,
Oakville
Fri. 5-9 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4
40+ Bourse Tables - Draws
Admission: Adults \$3;
Sat. Charles Moore Auction
Info: Trajan Publ.
(905) 646-7744



**NOVEMBER 24
N.I.C.F. COIN-A-RAMA
NIAGARA FALLS**
Your Host:
Niagara International Coin Fest
Our Lady of Peace Hall
6944 Stanley Avenue
Niagara Falls
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
40 Bourse Tables
Info: Barbara
(905) 356-5006



**January 25-27, 2002
C.A.N.D. SHOW
Hamilton**
Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St., Hamilton
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3
Large Bourse
Draws
Admission: Adults \$3;
Seniors & YNs \$2
Info: Terry
(905) 318-1638



**APRIL 12-14, 2002
ONA CONVENTION
London**
Your Host:
Ingersoll Numismatic Society
Four Points Sheridan Hotel
London
Bourse - Displays - Banquet
Specialty Collector Meetings
Annual ONA General Meeting
Info: Tom
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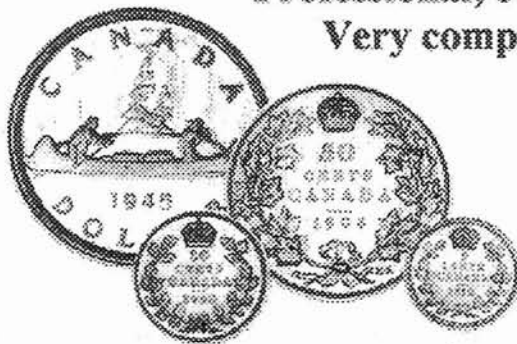
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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



To ONA member George Fraser and wife, Doris, on their recent celebration of 60 years of marriage.

To George Fraser again for reaching his 90th birthday. His daughter, Karen, is asking to have relatives and friends recall an incident for a scrapbook for which they remember George. Your Editor simply had to remember the time a strip-o-gram was delivered to George at a TICF Reception when he was retiring as TICF's Bourse Chairman when the ONA Editor was its owner/manager. That's what happens when you let collectors run coin shows for the fun & fellowship.

To Paul Johnson who attended his 28th ONA Convention last Month. Can anyone beat that?

To the Johnson family - Paul, Mary-Ellen, Laura - for their win of the grand prize at the ONA Banquet. One of their tickets was drawn for a free week-end stay at the Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, site of the ONA 2001 Convention. The prize was donated by the hotel (other donors were the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, Trajan Publications, Charlton Press and Coiners Press).

B E S T W I S H E S

To Steve Taylor of Dover, Delaware, on a speedy recovery, initially from his gall bladder operation. After spending some time at the Kent County Hospital to perform additional tests, he is now back at home.

O N T H E M O V E

RICHARD GIEDROYC JOINS U.S. NUMISMATIC AUCTION HOUSE



The former International Editor for Coin World, the world's largest numismatic publication who has attended numerous ONA Conventions over the years and also served as its guest speaker at both ONA Club Delegates Meetings and ONA Banquets, has joined the numismatic auction powerhouse Heritage Numismatic Auctions in Dallas, Texas. If any ONA members wish to say "hello" to him, he can be reached at 1-800-US-COINS.

And what is he doing in his spare time? "I am working on a book on world numismatic history," he responded to my recent e-mail wondering what he was up to.

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

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

CHARLTON RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM ANA



Jim Charlton (left) receives the ANA Presidential Award from ANA Governor Gary Lewis at Florida's Ridge Coin Club Show.

Congratulations to ONA member Jim Charlton, who was presented with an ANA Presidential Award when he attended the Ridge Coin Club Show in Sebring, Florida in February. The presentation was made on behalf of ANA President, Robert Campbell, by ANA Governor Gary Lewis. This comes on the heels of Charlton receiving an ANA gold medal for 50 years of membership in the ANA at the FUN Convention in Orlando, Florida, as reported in the last bulletin.

Thanks to ONA member Terry Campbell for bringing to our attention the fact that the April issue of *The Numismatist* mentions the presentation. The publication recognizes one of Charlton's contributions: "He is well-known in the Canadian numismatic community for authoring *Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money*.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Over the past number of months, so many, many club bulletins, month after month, mentioned the ONA Convention. When you have an organization that has a number of very, very active volunteers that get around to most clubs in Ontario time and time again without any compensation other than the fun & fellowship that they experience, you are bound to get exposure, both at club meetings and in the bulletins. So, to all the people that promote the ONA and the ONA Convention, we say "thank you" and wish you continued fun & fellowship within this wonderful hobby!

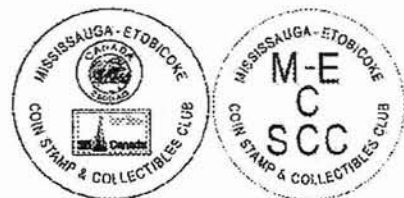
Over the past number of months, virtually every club published their year-end financial results. You probably hadn't noticed, but your editor chose never to publish financial information that is included in local coin club bulletins. In my opinion, that is strictly between the Executive of a club and their members. You will have to join the other clubs if you wish to know of their financial wealth. For your information, most clubs are financially sound, with plenty of money to weather any storm that might arise. Some clubs have thousands of dollars but need quite a bit to operate their club, while others don't have much but, fortunately, don't need that much to keep operating, thanks to local community halls and other publicly-owned meeting places.



And speaking of a club that has a very small membership and is not financially well off at all...no, don't let the logo on the left fool you, they are doing very, very well any way you judge them - financially, membership, attendance at meetings, quality of bulletin or quality of programs. When the North York Coin Club found out recently that the newly-formed Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club was very tight in funds (some of their money was tied up in probate re the Harvey Farrow estate), they donated \$100 from their share of the profits when they hosted the ONA Convention last year. NYCC's recording secretary, Lucille Colson, who is not even a member of Mississauga-Etobicoke, threw in another \$50 "in memory of Harvey Farrow." Now that's great cooperation. Our congratulations to both NYCC and Lucille.

**MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE
COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES**

And speaking of the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club, the members should be voting very soon on a new logo. Both the former Mississauga Coin Club and the Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club's logos became history when the two clubs agreed to merge. Norm Belsten designed 2 possible logos, illustrated at right, that will be voted on shortly.



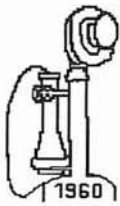
In the last ONA Numismatist, we told you that the program for the March meeting would be a presentation by Chairman of the Month, Bob Wilson, speaking on "Symphysodon" and we kept you waiting for 2 months to find out what it was all about. Well, symphysodon, commonly known as discus fish, are beautiful freshwater fish originating from the tributaries of the Amazon River. Breeding fish may seem a strange topic to discuss at a collectibles club, but other than being a great hobby, Bob admits to the fact that the sale of discus fish has financed many a purchase of rare and expensive coins for his collection. In his case, therefore, discus fish may be considered a form of "odd and curious" money that he used, indirectly, to purchase a beautiful set of 10 cent pieces he had on display that were purchased from the profits of his hobby. Nothing fishy about that!

The April meeting had John Regitko speak about "Backdoor Errors from the Royal Canadian Mint." He explained how they could be identified as non-production items, how they were made, how he came across them and a lot more. He augmented his presentation with a series of slides and a display of some spectacular errors. He handed out a genuine RCM blank planchet to everyone in attendance. Prizes were donated by John as well as Paul Petch, Bob Porter and Bob Wilson. John also donated a book and 4 woods which were auctioned off and netted the club \$19.00.



Their April bulletin included a cartoon (right) published in the April 5 issue of the Mississauga News, to show the state of the Canadian dollar.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Brantford Numismatic Society's April meeting featured an Auction Madness Night. Members were asked to bring in coins they no longer wanted so that others could bid on them.

Their April bulletin included a business card sized reminder of upcoming club meetings on one side and details on their upcoming show on the other side. Here is the way the bulletin reads with regard to their recent election (note that they use first names only in their bulletin): "Our elections are over and after a hard battle, Bill won and is no longer our President! (Just kidding!) Ed has agreed to serve a President and give Bill a well-won rest." All other positions remain the same, with Dave serving as Secretary and Treasurer and Len staying on as Editor.

The editor of the Brantford bulletin is the ONA's very own Len Trakalo, Area Director, who suggests this in the BNS's April bulletin: "With all the changes in coinage coming out lately (no pun intended), it would seem to be a good idea to place all your modern change into a jar and let it accumulate for a few years. There are many reported variations such as "W" and "P" marked coins being found as well as plating errors and if you can wait until all details on any low mintages are known, you may have put away a very scarce coin. If I am wrong and you do not have anything of importance, you will at least have a small nest egg to buy that special item you want. A few dollars are hardly missed, but can build up into a great deal of money over time."



To commemorate the London Numismatic Society's 50th anniversary, they have created a new logo. Say goodbye to the old logo on the right. They have maintained the general appearance and simply replaced the "LNS" in the center with "50 YEARS." They have struck a medal incorporating this logo, with the other side featuring the



club's first meeting place, the YMCA in London. Congratulations, LNS!

Their April banquet meeting was held at the Harmony Grand Buffet in London. The occasion, their 50th anniversary meeting, featured a review of the affairs of the club over the past year as well as some of the successes they have had over the first 50 years. Their President, Ross Blakey, paid tribute to the founding members who had laid the groundwork in establishing the London club as an organization for the study of numismatics. Blakey also took the opportunity to thank Bill Clarke, editor of the LNS Bulletin and all those who contributed articles to the 139 pages that were published during the calendar year 2000. He also noted the high quality of writing and research that had gone into the number of papers printed. The kudos were rather timely, since unbeknownst to them at the time, the ONA had selected them (and the NYCC bulletin) as the best local coin club bulletins in Ontario.

The Lloyd T. Smith Literary Award was presented to James A. Finch for his excellent paper entitled "The Coinage Denominations of Scotland Prior to 1604." Certificates of Recognition were also presented to Jeff Wenn for his continuous study of "World War II Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency" and to Bill Clarke for his paper on "The Siege of Gibraltar and the Early Token Issues."

The guest of honour was 50-year member Bill Clarke, who was also the speaker for the evening, giving a history of the early years of the club starting with the first notice of meeting sent out by former ONA Executive member Byron Swayze to "interested collectors" in April 1951. Clarke mentioned his close association with a number of collectors and fellow club members that have been active since the 1960s: Graham Esler, Ted Leitch, Mackie Smith, Jeff Wenn and a number of others. In reviewing the club's bulletin that details the goings-on at the banquet, we couldn't help but note that time and again the friendship and fun & fellowship that has been enjoyed by club members of the years is still very much evident.

The LNS's April bulletin contains a very interesting 5-page article entitled "Anglo-Saxon and Norman Mint Towns of East Anglia" by William Clarke, a 3-page article by Joe Cribb entitled "Designs on the Modern Money of the Central Asian Republics," as well as a 6-page article "A Numismatic Trip to London" by Ross Blakey in which he detailed his recent visits to Spink's, the British Museum's Coin Room and coin dealers.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB

The Tillsonburg Coin Club's March meeting featured a slide presentation brought to the meeting by ONA Area Director Tom Rogers. It covered the Canadian 25 cent circulating coins from 1870 to present.

The April meeting featured a video from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. ONA Area Director Tom Rogers again brought it to the meeting, as he has done for a number of other clubs, including clubs not even in his area of responsibility. Prizes for the Dutch auction were donated by club member John Mabee.

At a previous meeting, the Tillsonburg Coin Club presented a 2000 Proof-Like set to all members that had a perfect attendance record during the year. They had seven members with perfect attendance, and 3 members who missed only one meeting. We wonder how many other clubs, even those in larger centers with a much larger membership can boast such a feat?

TIP #1 OF THE MONTH

Your club might wish to implement such a contest also. Every club that I know of asks their members and guests to "sign in" when they arrive. This could be used to confirm attendance at year-end (if you forget to sign in, too bad!).



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The Ingersoll Coin Club has already filled a number of positions on the ONA 2002 Convention Committee being hosted by the club. Glen Springer has agreed to handle pre-registration. Stella Hodge and Joan Flood will look after the Hospitality Suite, while security will be handled by Hubert Grimminck, Jim Nelson and Ken Peers. The treasurer is Aulis Koslonen. Tom Rogers, Bourse Chairman, reports that most of the tables are already committed and that any other dealer wishing to participate in next year's convention should get in touch with him pretty soon before the balance are sold.

The club's February meeting featured the year 2000 Treasurer's Report by Hubert Grimminck, an auction and a lengthy discussion on the ONA 2002 Convention that the club is hosting. Covered were medal designs, where the medals could be struck, pricing for hotel accommodation, exhibits, auction time, security issues, etc.

Their March program was a slide presentation by the London Numismatic Society, entitled "Canadian Charter Bank Notes in the West Indies." These charter banks included the Bank of Nova Scotia, Merchants Bank of Halifax, Union Bank of Halifax, Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and covered the years from 1861 to 1939. ONA member Tom Rogers won \$4 in one of the draws.

The March bulletin contains a listing of 31 lots that will be auctioned off at the next meeting. It is mentioned that because the auction material is published prior to the meeting, a few mail bids are received. At only 5% commission on sold lots only, it certainly is a good way of disposing of unwanted/duplicate material. The bulletin also contains articles entitled "Meddling with Medals" and "Queen Anne and Her Coins"

The club's April program was the video "The Life of Emmanuel Hahn," one of the best videos available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. Hahn is best known as designer of the voyageur dollar and the caribou quarter as well as a whole series of Canadian "wildlife" postage stamps.

The April bulletin included a 31-lot auction listing, an article on the Brasher Doubloon by Vernon Brown and two articles by ONA member Jerry Remick. One of Jerry's articles deals with his thoughts about commemorating the golden jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II on the new \$20 banknote in 2002. The other article, dealing with cast medals and tokens, will be reproduced in the next ONA Numismatist.



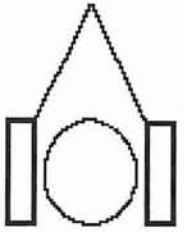
The Nickel Belt Coin Club's March meeting featured a Selling, Trading and Exchange Session where members were encouraged to come out and see what bargains could be had as well as getting rid of a few unwanted items by setting up a table at no charge.

The club also featured a donation auction, raising over \$120. They will be giving an honorarium to the Knox Presbyterian Church where they meet, as the church does not charge the club for their meeting space.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



Normally, we don't get updates from the Hamilton Coin Club since they don't issue a bulletin and don't bother telling anyone about their meetings, but Nancy Meredith (of Burlington International Coin Show fame) advised us that their Fall Show scheduled for September 8 show will be at a new location and not at the Legion on Barton where their shows have been held for many years. The new location is George and Mary's Banquet Centre, 252 Parkdale (at Melvin) in Hamilton. It has space for over 20 bourse dealers in a large well-lit facility. There is free parking off Melvin. Admission is only \$1.00 and there will be draws for some darn good RCM prizes.



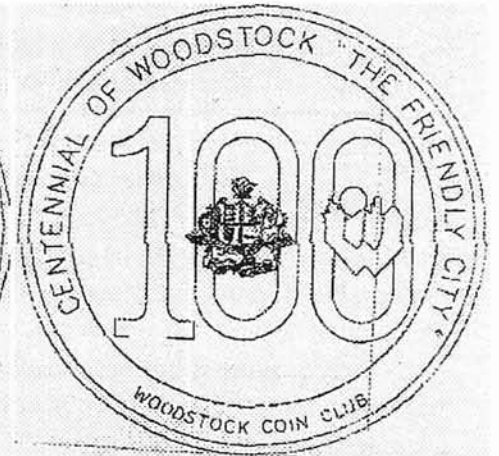
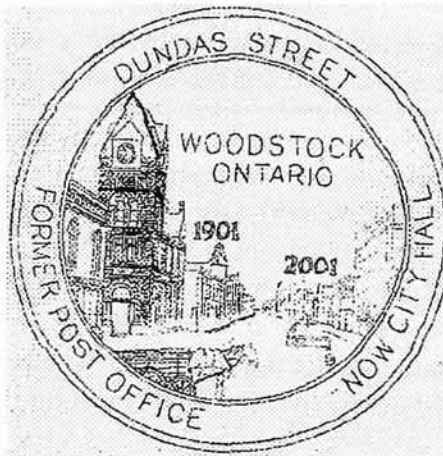
The City of Ottawa Coin Club's March meeting featured a slide presentation by Pierre Morel on early British coins from the Saxon period 50 BC to the Channel Islands 7550 BC and up to the current issues including the Winston Churchill commemorative issue. Also at the same meeting was a CNA slide presentation on Canadian banknotes, which included Province of Canada notes, Shinplasters and a lot more. Further, Barry McIntyre gave a brief report on the operation of eBay auctions. Sounds like it was a very busy meeting. ONA member Ray Desjardins won the 50/50 draw.

In the club's April bulletin, editor David Bergeron included numerous articles: "So You want to Clean Your Coins" by Dr. F.S. Epps, "The Magdalen Island Penny Token" reprinted from the CNA Journal, "Sun Tavern - Canadian Blacksmith Token" by the late J.D. Ferguson, "The James T. Brown Token" by Ronald Greene and "Numismatics in the Maritimes" by the first president of the Ottawa club, the late Major Sheldon S. Carroll and an article on 25 cent fractional currency by Jim Charlton.



The Woodstock Coin Club's April meeting featured a VCR tape presentation on the workings on the Bank of Canada. Tom Rogers received approval to proceed in booking the Southgate Centre Hall in Woodstock for their 12th Annual Coin Show on September 9. The club also agreed to continue to donate \$100 for prize money for coin displays at the Woodstock Fair in August.

Fred Freeman brought members up-to-date on the medal design that is being proposed for the Woodstock 100th Anniversary medal as well as the custom folder to portray and properly display the medal. The medal shows a split view of Dundas Street on the reverse, with a 1901 view on the left and a 2001 view on the right. The obverse shows a large "100," with Woodstock's crest and logo in centre of each zero. The reason for the issuing of the medal appears around the outer ring, as does "Woodstock Coin Club." Freeman indicated that the packages should be ready for delivery in early June.



The Scarborough Coin Club's April meeting featured Rick Craig speaking on St. Eligius, who is known as Patron Saint of Numismatists. He supplemented his presentation with a display of items relating to St. Eligius. A summary of his speech is reprinted in the club's May bulletin. Mal Mac Donald donated 2 proof sets and 27 trade dollars that will be used at upcoming meetings as draw prizes, with some going into the junior bag.

It is reported in the club's bulletin that Terry Cooke, one of their members, found a 1991 25 cent coin in his change. So keep on looking, because you never know what you will find!

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



It is never too early to make notes in a calendar, so make a note that the Stratford Coin Club's annual show on October 21 is at a new location. The Victorian Inn at 10 Romeo St. North right in Stratford is well-known to most of us old-timers. The first time I set foot in the premises was for an ONA Convention hosted by the Stratford Coin Club. And I have been back there for other occasions since. I recall being the speaker at one of the ONA functions (banquet or club delegates meeting, I forget which) and asking the audience that if the door leading goodness-knows-where says "Do Not Open Under Any Circumstances!" why they bothered putting it there in the first place. Couldn't they just brick up that section like they did the rest of the wall? I wonder if anyone will find it funny now? I wonder if the sign is still there?

The March meeting of the Stratford Coin Club had the first half of the video "Atocha - Quest for Treasure" by the National Geographic Society. Various people, including a number of ONA members, won draw prizes: Tom Masters won the special Valentine draw of a box of chocolates; Ryan Smith won the junior draw for the 1967 PL silver dollar. Bob Dowsett won a toonie in the attendance draw. Tom Masters, Frank Smith, Ken Wilmot, John Ferguson, Richard Johnson and Don Toman won prizes in the regular draw. The meeting concluded with a 31-lot auction, including a 1925 five cent piece and a lot described as "20 pieces of coins, tokens and junk." You know what they say: one man's junk is....

The club's April meeting featured the second half of the video on the Atocha.



The latest bulletin of the Paisley Road Coin Club, dubbed its "Final Edition," announced that Chris Boyer would no longer be running the club. Its final meeting was held just before the March Break, on Thursday, March 8. Chris stated in the bulletin: "It has been fun running Canada's largest school coin club every year here since 1997. We have done a lot of fun and interesting things, and even learned a few things along the way. I hope that many of you will continue collecting, as numismatics is still "the King of Hobbies. I look forward to sharing your collecting enthusiasm with me."

We hope that a number of the young numismatists will continue to attend local coin club meetings as they have in the past, and also visit annual coin shows and conventions when they occur in the area.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

Although the Niagara Falls Coin Club may have had a visibility problem in the past, we expect that you will see write-ups about the club's goings-on regularly in the future. They are reorganizing, with Gord Nicols currently the acting President and moving over to the editorship as soon as a replacement President is elected. When ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, was the speaker at a recent meeting, ONA Editor John Regitko and ONA member Gordon Parker also attended. Three dealers were set up. We noticed a number of other ONA members present, including ONA life member Andy Greco, who volunteered to be the runner in the auction. The best thing about the evening was the fun & fellowship experienced at the Nicols household prior to the meeting when they invited Mike, John and Gordon for a delicious lasagna dinner.

The club meets at the Stamford Lions Hall, 3846 Portage Rd. N. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has been consistently drawing over 30 members and guests to a meeting. If my memory is not failing (I turned a very young 60 last month and therefore don't think that is the case), that seems to give them the record for attendance. Other club meetings that I have been attending lately don't go over the 25-30 mark. Let's have a little contest: if your club gets over 30 members per meeting, contact the ONA Editor and we will make special mention in the next bulletin even you don't tell us what your secret is.

A recent bulletin mentions the fact that their Mall Show was a great success, with the dealers reporting brisk business and the people that manned the club table speaking to a great number of mall-goers.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

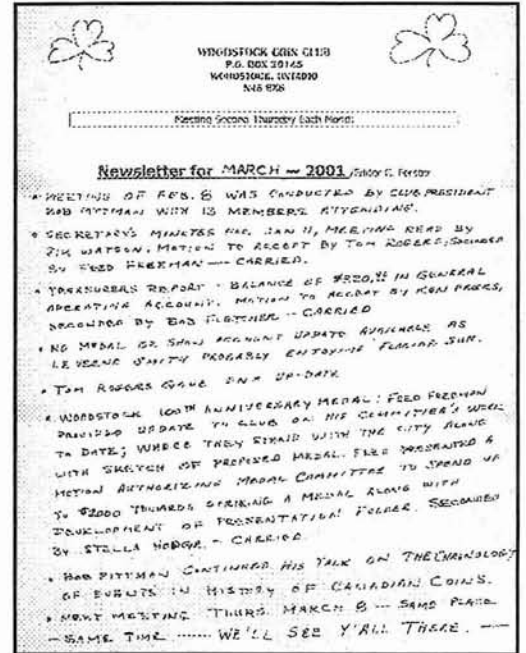
Let's give some credit to those clubs who consistently send out a bulletin!

Most clubs issue a minimum of 10 bulletins each year. A few issue one every 2 months. There are also a number of clubs who choose not to issue a bulletin. Since we don't receive any information from them, we don't know if it is lack of a volunteer or lack of funds or what?

I think clubs not issuing a bulletin are making a big mistake. Reminders are bound to get people out to meetings. If a club exists, obviously one or more people are interested in keeping it going, since someone has to make arrangements for a meeting place, program, draw prizes and draw ticket acquisition, hopefully coffee & cookies, handling of cash and some bookkeeping, etc. Surely someone can be found to put out a bulletin, no matter how brief. Look at the bulletin to the right. We congratulate the Woodstock Coin Club in getting a bulletin out even though it is handwritten (neatly printed) and one page. It covers information of what transpired at the last meeting, what is going to happen at the next meeting, and other short tidbits of information...all on one page.

If a club were to tell me they cannot afford to print and mail a bulletin, my response would be that they cannot afford NOT to! Bulletins have proven their worth. They will bring out more members. More members mean additional income from door draws. Additional income from door draws mean more money for publishing a bulletin. It's a nice cycle if you get it started. And, as Woodstock has proven, you do not need a computer. You do not need to be on the Internet. You do not need a fancy multi-page work of art.

So, I salute the Woodstock Coin Club and other smaller clubs like it!



The latest issue of Timber Talk, official publication of CAWMC, contains articles on why woods are issued and provides a breakdown of the reasons people have issued them, a write-up on the upcoming CNA Convention in Quebec City where CAWMC will hold a meeting, a write-up by ONA member Jerry Remick about the "2000 Supplement of Canadian Woods" by Norm Belsten, a reminder by Timber Talk editor Ross Kingdon about how to dispose of duplicate woods through free ads and an illustrated review of the various buffalo designs appearing on wooden nickels. As is always the case with membership in CAWMC, another free wood of the month was included with the bulletin.

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The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC holds monthly meetings at members' homes who volunteer their premises. Meetings are a mix of social gatherings, with donuts, soft drinks and coffee, and discussions about new wooden tokens issues, new discoveries of varieties, stories about old woods and some swapping/selling. Everyone attending is asked to bring a wood from their collection for the door draw. Information about upcoming meetings can be obtained from Norm Belsten, President of the Southern Ontario Chapter, at (905) 868-9187. You know,

meeting in someone's home adds to the fun & fellowship. No one should feel they intrude because it is held in someone's home.

The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC also hosted the Wooden Money Meeting at the ONA Convention. Numerous new issues appeared, most of whom are ONA members. We will publish illustrations in the next issue.



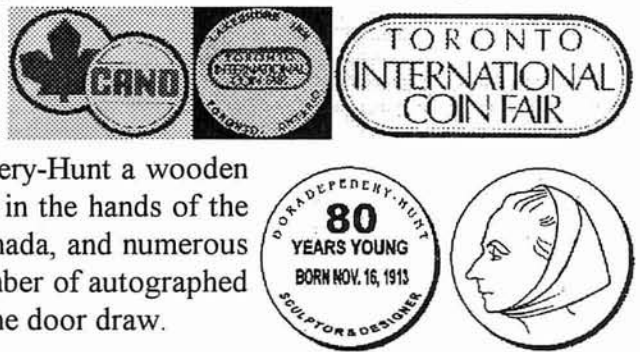
LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The South Wellington Coin Society has changed their logo. Basically, they took their old logo and worked their name around the outside between 2 rings. Robert Zmija, who has designed all of the club's medals, is the artist.



The March meeting of the club featured John Regitko reminiscing about the coin designers he has come to know over the past 41 years he has been involved in the hobby. These included Donald D. Paterson, Brent Townsend, Dora de Pedery-Hunt, David Craig, Stewart Sherwood, Raymond Taylor, Dwayne Hardy and Yaroslav Huta (no one at the meeting seemed to know who coin designers Dwayne Hardy or Yaroslav Huta were). He showed original artwork such as paintings and posters, the originals of losing designs submitted by these award-winning coin designers that were returned to them by the Royal Canadian Mint, autographed flyers, wooden tokens with which they were involved, one-of-a-kind wooden nickels hand painted by the artist as fund raisers for the CNA, and more. He revealed things about them that were not known. For example, Donald D. Paterson, who designed the 1975 (Calgary) and 1980 (Polar Bear) Canadian silver dollars, also designed the CAND logo for the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers and the TICF logo used by John Regitko when he owned/operated the Toronto International Coin Fair. Or the fact that John gave to Dora de Pedery-Hunt a wooden commemorative token for her 80th birthday that wound up in the hands of the Mayor of Toronto, the President of the Arts Council of Canada, and numerous well-known people involved with the arts in Ontario. A number of autographed illustrations of coins and wooden nickels were donated for the door draw.



The ONA Editor's wife, Monina, attended the meeting with John. Robert Zmija, SWCS President, presented her with one of the few remaining low-mintage club medals for attending. Why? We pamper juniors when they attend, holding special draws for them and letting them take a handful of coins out of the junior box. We make it a point to introduce them and the person that brought them to make them feel welcome. We tend to also welcome guests that are strangers to us. But what about spouses? Don't we wonder (complain?) why more spouses don't come out to meetings? Thanks, Bob and SWCS, for making her feel really special.



The members and guests attending the April meeting listened to Mike Hollingshead discuss Candian Tire Coupons and a lot of other things, while the May meeting had Martin Hoffman speak on the "German Inflationary Currency - the Two Inflationary Periods." A nice selection of emergency and inflation money was on display. Even though it was valued in the millions and billions of German Marks, the speaker pointed out that these notes were virtually worthless because of acute inflation. A wheelbarrow load might buy a loaf of bread. It was pointed that it was Martin Hoffman first attempt at public speaking. He did a marvelous job.

In a recent bulletin, their Editor mentioned, in a tongue-in-cheek, in an "exclusive to the editor of the South Wellington Coin Society" news flash, that they have found out from an unidentified source that there would be a new \$5 coin introduced in the near future. A sample was shown at the club meeting (illustrated at right). Let it be revealed here that Dr. Marvin Kay of North York was the one that originally brought the design to the attention of the ONA Editor a few years ago who then made hundreds of copies and had Marvin sign them all on the back. I handed them out at the 1996 ONA Banquet and at a North York Coin Club meeting that Marvin attended. Since the copy exposed at the SWCS was unsigned and very, very few exist unsigned, could it be a modern copy? Would that then qualify as a counterfeit? Will the RCMP have to be notified? Will they come and seize it? Will I then be able to write another article for Canadian Coin News and get on the front page again like I did an issue ago when I wrote about the seizure of the double-struck flip-struck diving goose dollar?



LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association, ONA Area Director Tom Rogers, presented a slide set on Canadian 25 cents. They also featured a 50-lot auction containing a good mix of Canadian and foreign material that produced good buys for bidders, and funds to reinvest in new material for their collection for the consignors - a win/win situation.

Another new design was also "exposed" in the bulletin. Because of the success of the GST, each dollar is now worth \$1.07. Their editor states that he was able to get a draft of the new coin from a secret source and wonders if this could be the new Mulloonie.



TIMMINS COIN CLUB

The March meeting of the Timmins Coin Club sounds like a very special event, courtesy of their member Bill Boychuk. He set up a display of Canadian and international coins, tokens and paper money with an emphasis on numismatic items and collectibles pertaining to Timmins and area. Also on display were archival photos, cancelled cheques and stock certificates from the Timmins area as well as numerous local dairy and bread tokens, etc. Highlights included cancelled cheques and local mining share certificates payable to and endorsed by various famous persons including Einstein and Schumacher (a million dollar cheque!).

Their April saw a show and tell and exchange of information on British coinage, followed by a slide presentation entitled "Private Banks and Bankers of SW Ontario" from the library of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

The April bulletin points out that thanks to the renewal by most members, the club has been able to prepay their rental for the whole of 2001 at the Archie Dillon Sportsplex in Timmins. The bulletin also includes information on new issues from the RCM, a background on the CNA 2001 medal and why you should attend the Convention in Quebec City and a very interesting 6-page article by Bill Waychison, their club editor about Sir William Edmond Logan, founder of the Geological Survey of Canada, and the medals issued in his honour.



A recent Oshawa & District Coin Club bulletin contained an illustrated article, "The Colonial Coinage and Tokens of Newfoundland" by Ron White. The article covered varieties of the well-known Rutherford tokens, the 1860 token advertising "Fisheries rights for Newfoundland," the Victorian, Edward VII and George VI coinage and the 1949 Canadian silver dollar commemorating Newfoundland's entry into Confederation. Attendance at the club's meetings consistently runs around the 25 to 30-mark.



The March meeting of the North York Coin Club was all about "Trains." Club member Roger Fox displayed 2 Canadian Tire coupons bearing trains, while Marvin Kay brought along 2 medical-related medals dealing with trains. Franco Farronato listed the Canadian coins with trains and John Regitko noted that 2 CNA medals featured trains and that a railway spike was given out as a souvenir at a CNA Convention in Moncton. Bob Wilson displayed pictures of steam engines dating back to the 1860s and presented facts about each.

Chris Fox gave an informed account of the trains and TTC cars that are on view at a Transportation Museum that he is involved with.

The April meeting featured Dr. Marvin Kay speaking on "Medical Numismatics." He showed slides of some of the material in his collection and also brought along a display. After no one winning the on-time attendance draw for 10 consecutive meetings, the \$20 prize was finally won by George Fraser.

TIP OF THE MONTH

I note that a few clubs do not list any contact information at all in their bulletin. It would be nice if the President's name and address or telephone number were included, or the Editor's as a minimum. In all fairness to the people that do the work, space should always be made available in bulletins to list the Executive's names and titles and some contact information.

And that's all folks. So many bulletins to go through. So little time. So much fun!

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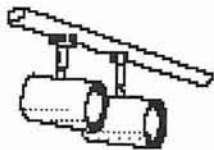
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SPOTLIGHT ON TRADE DOLLARS

NEW ISSUES OF TRADE DOLLARS FROM ONTARIO

By Jack Sauchenko

We acknowledge the contribution from Jack Sauchenko of Edmonton, Alberta, with information from Jerry Remick and other collectors. The illustrations and write-ups were first published in "The Canadian Token," official publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC).

DOFASCO ISSUES 1999 MEDALS



Dofasco Inc. of Hamilton, Ontario presented each of the employees a boxed set of two nickel bonded steel medals as part of their 1999 Christmas party gift package to celebrate the new millennium. The two medals have a common side showing three workers in hard hat in front of the Dofasco buildings and "DOFASCO" printed at the bottom.

The other side of one medal shows portraits of C.W. Sherman and F.A. Sherman, founders of Dofasco. The other medal shows a maple leaf with "Dofasco" written over on it.

Lawrence Medalllic Art struck 13,000 of each medal on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Each pair of medals is boxed. We understand that these medals are not available to the general public yet.



KITCHENER-WATERLOO 2000 SPECIAL MINT MARK TOKEN



The Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest has issued 200 nickel bonded steel \$2 tokens with special mint mark for prizes to whoever returned the token by December 1, 2000.

The mint mark is 4 fingers showing on the 2000 banner held by Onkel. The normal token only shows 3 fingers on the 2000 banner. The token can be redeemed for one of the souvenirs sold at K-W Headquarters in Kitchener. The holder of the token was given a ticket for a draw of one of three 25" TV.

LONDON 2000 MILLENNIUM MEDAL



Advance London Inc., a non-profit organization, dedicated to advancing economic activity in London issued a 2000, 28.6 mm brass medal. The issuer will use the proceeds to make London a premiere destination to live, work and visit. A quantity of 5,000, with a 28.6 mm diameter, were struck in brass.

The obverse side features the Pump House at Springbank Park and the reverse side shows four maple leaves.

The medal is available postpaid at \$3.50 plus GST as well as 8% PST for Ontario residents from ONA member Ray Desjardins, P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1, telephone (613) 823-3844.

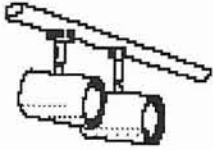
PORT HOPE ISSUES A 2000 MEDAL



The Port Hope District Chamber of Commerce has issued a 2000 medal to commemorate the New Millennium. Ten thousand pieces of the medal were struck on 31.5 mm antiqued nickel blanks by First Choice Specialties Ltd. of Peterborough, Ont. The medal was being sold locally at \$2.00 each.

The obverse shows the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce logo. The reverse side shows the Molson Mill, with trees and a few clouds.

The medal is available postpaid at \$3.50 each plus taxes from Ray Desjardins at the above address.



SPOTLIGHT ON MEDALS AND TOKENS

CAST MEDALS AND TOKENS

By Jerry Remick (ONA member #1239)

(The following article, written by the number one promoter of Canadian civic and personal medals, appeared in the April bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club)

In small quantities, cast medals and tokens are an attractive and less expensive alternate to die struck pieces. The molds for cast medals or tokens are about half as expensive as dies for die struck pieces.



KenPeers, member of the Ingersoll Coin Club and fourth generation owner of Valley Acres Farm, Woodstock, Ontario, sent me a copy of a 38mm cast copper medal he had made to commemorate the family's farm. One side shows the family's house, built by his great grandfather in 1840, with walls three bricks thick, the brick being made on the family farm. Ken's barn is on the other side. The names of Ken, his wife and his 2 children are below the house.

Dereham Forge Stamp Works of Tillsonburg made the drawings for the molds from polaroid photos and made 50 cast antiqued copper medals.

The resulting medal is quite attractive, with what is seen in the photos being in red copper in relief against a dark antiqued background.

The two molds for this medal cost \$250 total for the pair. A pair of dies for a die struck medal would have cost more than twice as much. Ken had the 50 copper medals made at a cost of \$3.60 each for a total of \$180.00, which is below the cost of a similar small quantity of die struck medals from most mints. Ken has no medals left to give away or sell.

Dereham Forge Stamp Works offers cast medals in copper, silver plate and gold plate with an antiqued or bright metal finish. The company will do artwork for a fee from photos or a sketch.

There are a number of small companies throughout Canada and a few large ones which make cast medals or tokens. Some companies that manufacture struck pieces also make cast medals or tokens.

In summary, a small quantity of cast medals or tokens can be made more cheaply than a similar quantity of die struck pieces. Cast medals give clubs, individuals, small municipalities, businesses, etc. an opportunity of having a small issue of attractive medals or tokens to give away and/or sell.

LOOKING AHEAD



A PEEK OF WHAT'S IN THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

- ◆ Background on the newly-elected members of the ONA Executive
- ◆ New issues from Ontario, including the wooden tokens of the ONA 2001 Convention
- ◆ Transcript of first half of Robert Aaron's ONA Banquet speech
- ◆ Members' responses to what to do with personalized numismatic gifts
- ◆ Update on the ONA web pages of Numismatic Network Canada
- ◆ Results of Future ONA Numismatist Content Questionnaire
- ◆ Less "business," more articles on Ontario numismatics