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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another ONA Convention has come and gone, but for many the memories will live on a while longer. I'm certain Lois Rogers and Ida Masters will not let husbands Tom and Tom forget that they owe their wives a big Thank You for their support AND hard work at the convention!

Congratulations to "The Two Toms" for an excellent 2002. They certainly picked a gem of a location with the Four Points and gave the ONA a great weekend of fun and fellowship. It looked like anybody that mattered numismatically in the London area was there.

Our Award of Merit winner was a most deserving Chris Boyer of Waterloo.

Fellows and a "Fellowess" selected for recognition this year included Ed Anstett of Brantford, William Waychison of Timmins and Dorothy Mason of the Stratford Coin Society.

I singled Ken Wilmot out for a President's Award this year. Ken has been a stalwart of the ONA for many years and has been a wonderful mentor to me since my father's death. It is hard to express my thanks to Ken in any other way.

Congratulations are due to the co-editors of the London Numismatic Society Bulletin, Ted Leitch and William Clarke, who once again were awarded Best Local Club Bulletin honors.

Last but not least, the little guy with the Big Heart, Barry Uman, who although he sold the winning Dream Vacation Draw grand prize ticket, put his local club, the Lakeshore Coin Club, down as seller, earning the club the \$100 seller's prize as well as the club rebate on the book of tickets!

For 2003, the ONA heads back to Guelph with the local team of Mike Hollingshead as General Chair, Ken Wilmot as Bourse Chair, Bruce Raszmann as Treasurer, Monina Regitko as Hospitality Chair and John Regitko as Numismatic Publicity Chair. Dealers will soon be invited to reserve their tables and we will begin working on our local publicity promotion.

Have a safe and prosperous summer.

Mike Hollingshead
ONA President

Mark your calendar now!

ONA 2003 CONVENTION

April 12 - 13, 2003

Ramada Inn, 716 Stone Rd., Guelph, Ontario

(formerly College Inn where many great ONA Conventions have been held)

Dealers will be contacted shortly. Watch for details in future issues.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



This issue appears loaded with information about the ONA Convention. However, when one analyzes the write-ups, you will notice that a lot of the activities reported on are actually not about the convention, but rather things that came out of the meetings at the convention. For example, the announcement of the Award of Merit and Fellow awards took a long, long time to earn. Likewise, the awards for best club bulletin and best club bulletin editor are the result of a whole year's worth of work on people's part. And certainly the "People in the News" write-ups are, again, something that was earned over a period of time and a lot of volunteer work and dedication. So it would not be correct to lump them under convention news.

Even if you were at the convention, a lot of the backgrounder published here will not be repetitive since we attempt to provide behind-the-scenes information. So we hope you enjoy this bulletin, whether you were at the convention or not.

In addition, we have published a number of reports from our hard working Club Services Chairman (that's me again wearing a different hat. Let's see if Monina deletes the words "hard working" from this paragraph.). We have had a devil of a time getting members to e-mail/write/phone responses to some of our columns in the past. I hope that they will respond to the columns on pages 96 and 97 where the Club Services Chairman asks for specific responses.

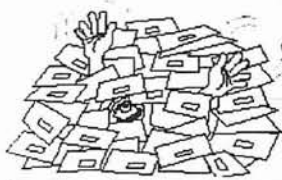
We are also pleased to list a quantity of new VCR tape programs that are available to clubs. As well, any individual member can borrow them for viewing at home. Why not take advantage of it. The only cost involved is postage in both directions.

At the recent ONA Annual General Membership Meeting, membership chairman/treasurer, Bruce Raszmann, tabled a membership report. In these times and in comparison to other groups' numbers, the ONA isn't doing badly at all. The count presented by Bruce on April 13 was as follows: 136 regular members, 29 husband & wife, 62 life members, 2 juniors and 36 clubs, for a total of 265 current paid-up members. Since then, we have received 22 new membership applications (see page 73), thanks mainly to the people manning the ONA information table at the ONA Convention. That brings us up to 287. With hopefully a few more renewals to come and with a call to clubs to schedule an "ONA Night" (a few clubs are already committed to do so), we expect to break the 300 barrier this year, a level we have not achieved for a few years now. Imagine what this figure would look like if every member could help out and promote the ONA at their local coin club meetings! The only apology I feel I have to extend is the lack of "Club News" in this issue. With all the work involved in writing the many pages following the convention and, in our desire to publish backgrounder on those honored at the convention, the rather limited space made us make a decision to double up on news about clubs in the next issue instead. Good news about what clubs are doing is never outdated. I know that people would have wondered about the lack of club news in this issue if we had not mentioned it, based on the good comments we have received.

I recently heard from 5 people wondering why I sent them an e-mail with attachments containing personal information (which my dad's Power of Attorney certainly qualifies as). I even received one from myself. Len Trakalo provided me with the following details: "My virus checker stopped it because it said that the attachment - since.pif - had the W32 Magistr.39921@mm virus contained in it. The virus was repaired by my computer but if other people received this virus, their computer may not eliminate it. Thought you would want to know in case you need to contact others on your mailing list. I have deleted the since.pif file and recommend others do the same in case there are other problems with the file."

Based on this information, I e-mailed a lot of the people on my mailing list telling them about it. No sooner had I finished typing it, when Paul Johnson called and told me that the same thing happened to him, but not through me. The reason I am mentioning it here is to caution all ONA members to a) back up often, b) keep your virus program up-to-date, and c) my apologies if you received something from me, but I didn't know about it because I didn't really send it.

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.

Dear John:

I am really impressed with the people in the ONA, people like yourself and Mike Hollingshead who contribute so greatly to the hobby. I tried to attend all the meetings at the recent convention and got so much from it all, which I shall pass on to clubs in the Maritimes. I am so impressed with you people, that I am sending along a \$100 donation to the ONA to be used wherever the ONA sees fit, and I'm sure that it will be put to good use.

The ONA publication in my view is the best anywhere!

Harry Eisenhauer
Saint John, N.B.
ONA Life Member #LM19

(Editor's Comment: Thanks for those kind words. It is always nice to see our members from out of the province visit us, especially if they stay for the whole annual convention. Your donation has been earmarked for the purchase of new VCR tape programs. See pages 98 and 99 of this issue for a listing of some of the new programs we have introduced. With more to come, additional donations are always welcome, especially since the ONA Club Services Chairman has committed to obtain them at no direct cost to the ONA treasury.)

Hello John!

I wonder if it would be possible to publish in the ONA Numismatist a listing of ONA members who have won the awards for which members can nominate candidates each year. If we don't know who received them in the past, then it is hard to nominate someone.

You are doing a GREAT job with the ONA Numismatist. Keep up your good work.

Jerry Remick, Ste-Foy, P.Q.
ONA Member #1239

(Editor's comment: You are right. I myself have had the same problem in the past knowing who already received the Award of Merit or the Fellow of the ONA award. It will be done for next year, most likely in the issue that's mailed out the beginning of November. That gives everyone over 3 months to get nominations in to the Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee.

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To the Ingersoll Coin Club and their 2002 ONA Convention committee whose names appear under "ONA Post-Convention News" on page 94, for organizing and executing one of the best ONA Conventions in many years! Although members of the ONA Executive try to look "over the shoulders" of members of the convention committee to see what potential problems can arise so corrective action can be taken if necessary, absolutely nothing was noticed that went wrong. Simply a fantastic convention all-round.

To Barry Uman, for his (probably) unexpected donation to the Lakeshore Coin Club of Pointe Claire, P.Q. Why unexpected? Barry received a book of Dream Vacation Draw tickets which he sold. Rather than putting his own name down as the seller, he decided to write in the name of his home club. Guess what? Brendan D'Silva's ticket was drawn for the grand prize of either \$1,250 cash or a \$1,500 travel voucher. As per the ONA draw rules, the "seller" of the ticket receives \$100. On our inquiry to Barry how the name of the club got on that specific ticket, he confirmed it was one of the ones he sold. "I received it as an ONA member and put the seller's name as Lakeshore Coin Club. Our club gained some badly needed revenue." A very nice gesture!

To Rose Becker, wife of the late coin dealer Larry Becker, who, it has just been revealed, donated one of the largest collections of material about Toronto to the City of Toronto. We have wondered for the past 5 years since Larry's death where the material that we had the pleasure to view in the North Toronto Collectibles Warehouse wound up. Now we know it has not been lost to us. See page 95 for information where you can see some of it on public display.

To ONA member Bill Kamb of Powell, Ohio, somewhat belatedly, for having been selected to serve on the Centennial Committee to select the design of the Ohio State Quarter. Which begs the question: Whatever happened to the numismatic representative on the Royal Canadian Mint's selection committee?

And in a sincere "egg in my face" apology to Irene and Barry McIntyre. I have always said that one should never misspell a person's name in a bulletin. Well, this is much, much worse, the worst mistake this editor has made since he took over back in November of 1998. Two issues ago, we expressed our condolences to Barry McIntyre on the passing of his mother-in-law. When Barry received his copy of the ONA Numismatist, Irene quickly reviewed it and saw our erroneous report that her mother had passed away. What makes matters even worse is that Irene and Barry were on their way out the door to celebrate Irene's birthday with her mother over dinner. I wonder if Irene will ever be able to forgive me! Incidentally, a belated happy birthday, Irene!

My thanks to Paul Petch for taking photographs at the convention, a few of which appear in this issue.

To Monina Regitko, who received a special "Editor's Award" at the ONA Banquet. She has done more in assisting the Editor than anybody else since the current editor took over in November, 1998 in assuring that the content of the ONA Numismatist is complete, accurate, eye appealing and whatever the other adjectives are that make for the best bulletin that we can come up with, given budget restraints and the editor's talent...or lack thereof! Sometimes we overlook those that are closest to us, and that includes my wife, who has had to read every word of every bulletin and make corrections, be they in spelling, grammar, tense or suggestions in content. After I got through making all the changes, she had the pleasure (?) of again reading the final copy in case I missed correcting some of the errors.

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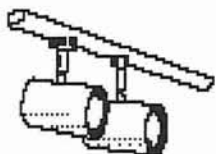
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SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors and dealers



THE "KING" OF ONTARIO BOURSE DEALERS

We are pleased to feature a very active Ontario dealer in this issue's "spotlight." He joins the small group of sponsors that enables us to issue super size bulletins.

Born in Welland, Ontario, Ross D. King was, at a very early age, trucked off to a farm in Egremont Township (near Mount Forest in Grey County) where he learned the joys and rewards of rural life. He was introduced to coin collecting in 1954 when he found a Bank of Upper Canada penny while helping his mother in the garden.

While attending elementary school at S.S. #10 Egremont and high school at Mount Forest District High School, Ross launched into his numismatic career by continually driving the Mount Forest bank tellers crazy. Almost every week, Ross would march into the bank with his rolls of various denomination to exchange for other rolls so that he could go home to search through them. "In those days - the 'good old days' - you could still find Vicky and Edward silver coins in quantity," he says. For the most part, Ross worked judiciously on his Canadian date set collection, but as fate would have it, his collecting interests took a sharp turn around grade 11 when an old recluse (a very scary person to most students) approached Ross one day and demanded to know whether Ross collected coins or not! Ross stammered out an affirmative, at which point the old gentleman invited Ross to his house (an equally scary two room hovel). Once inside, the gentleman pointed to the wall and said, "Take one of those." To Ross' amazement, there were about ten 6 quart baskets full of foreign coins! As soon as Ross found a copy of Yeoman, his interest in foreign coins was set.

During his years in university (he graduated with a degree in English and History from Waterloo Lutheran University, now known as Wilfred Laurier) and subsequently during the first half of his teaching career, collecting was put on the back burner. He was simply too busy teaching English (later becoming department head) and Physical Education and coaching basketball, badminton, soccer, volleyball and track and field, as well as directing a choir and directing/producing musicals, among other activities. Of course getting married (to Dianne in 1970) and having two children (Scott in 1973, Lisa in 1977) further delayed his re-entry into the hobby. That, however, changed in 1979.

In 1979, two things happened. For one, Angus Sutherland, the Presbyterian minister in Chesley, discovered that Ross collected coins, and as chance would have it, was interested in foreign coins. "Once he saw the accumulation received from the gentleman from Mount Forest, he made an offer that I couldn't refuse, thus leading to the discovery that people will actually pay money for this stuff," Ross told us. The second thing that happened is that Ross discovered British coinage ("who could possibly imagine that coins were actually that old!") and was hooked. He immediately sold all his Canadian coins to Bob Armstrong and set out to specialize in coins of Great Britain. These two events also set the stage for 1980 during the "silver boom," when Ross actually convinced people (mostly relatives) to give him money to play with during those heady years of 1980-1982. The Chesley Numismatic Investment Group (CNIG for short) did all right.

When the market collapsed, Ross was sitting there thinking that this would be a great time (at the bottom of a market swing) to start a business. So, very tentatively and on a very limited basis (Ross still had his career to work on), Ross D. King Coins was born in May 1982. Basically, it was the perfect fit. With Ross' interest in history (British specifically, worldwide generally), with a distinct lack of dealers in Canada with this type of material (as Ross discovered as he tried to fill out his British collection) and with only a few years left until retirement, Ross felt he needed something to supplement his meager teacher's pension, to support his wife in a style to which she had become accustomed, as well as something to do. He began to carve out a niche for himself!

Over the last twenty years, he has become very well known as the Canadian dealer specializing in British and foreign coins. He also carries a reasonable stock of Canadian material as well. And over these years, Ross has shown himself as an ambassador for numismatics as he has contributed articles to *Canadian Coin News* and local papers, appeared on radio shows, spoken to service groups and school classes, and taught numismatic night school classes.

Since retirement, Ross has "gone full time" ("except when I don't feel like doing anything - a retiree's prerogative - or when there is a round of golf to be played," he says, probably only half jokingly) and does 25 to 30 shows a year as well as sending out at least three mail order lists per year to clients as far away as Australia and Japan. Always pleasant, you can tell he very much enjoys meeting and interacting with the retail public at shows and is constantly amazed at the wealth of knowledge many collectors have in their fields and their willingness to share this knowledge with others. "I hope to continue in business for several more years and look forward to serving customers both old and new," he told us during the interview.

M E M B E R S H I P R E P O R T

W E L C O M E



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

We welcome Serge Gauthier, Michael Walkey, Janet Walkey, Fred Freeman and Ranjeeva Samaranayake.

N E W A P P L I C A T I O N S

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by June 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

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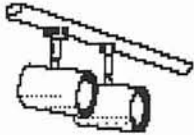
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S P O T L I G H T O N
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TNS PUBLISHES ANOTHER BANK OF HAMILTON REPLICA



Last year, ONA member Terry McHugh issued a replica of a \$100 Bank of Hamilton note to promote The Numismatic Show. He has published another replica of The Bank of Hamilton, this time the face of the \$10 note of 1892. The back contains information on this year's May 25/26 and September 28/29 shows scheduled for the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, level P3, Hamilton.

As in the past, Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is conducting a Numismatic auction on Saturday and a Military auction on Sunday.

Dealer set-up and auction viewing starts on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

These replicas could easily become a collectible, especially if extremely rare notes are reproduced and the originals cannot be obtained easily.

TNS, The Numismatic Show, 2002 Schedule

Spring show: May 24 (auction viewing & dealer set up), May 25 & May 26, 2002 (bourse open)
Fall show: Sept. 27 (auction viewing & dealer set up), Sept. 28 & Sept 29, 2002 (bourse open)

Location: Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, level P3, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1B2 tel. (905) 528-3451
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TREASURER'S REPORT



The ONA Treasurer's Annual Report for the caledandar year 2001 is reproduced on the following 3 pages. It was tabled at the General Membership Meeting at the ONA Convention in London by Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 2001	\$ 32.23	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 2001	<u>1,675.54</u>	
	\$ 1,707.77	\$ 1,707.77

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Husband & Wife, Junior & Club)	\$ 4,933.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,320.35	
Club Ticket Rebate	54.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	24.40	
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist	1,500.00	
Donations	18.93	
2001 O.N.A. Convention	6,904.05	
Interest on 30 Day Term Deposit	<u>6.58</u>	
	\$ 14,761.31	\$ 14,761.31

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 6,050.95	
Postage	25.94	
Office Supplies & Expenses	285.65	
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	45.72	
Photocopying	83.68	
Honorariums	200.00	
Best Bulletin	50.00	
Audio Visual	150.00	
30 Day Term Deposit	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 12,133.06	\$ 12,133.06

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 2,628.25

Petty Cash @ December 31, 2001	18.36	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2001	<u>4,317.66</u>	
	\$ 4,336.02	\$ 4,336.02

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2001	\$ 4,317.66
Outstanding Cheque (1)	<u>260.00</u>
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2001	\$ 4,577.66

GENERAL ACCOUNT ASSETS

30 Day Term Deposit	\$ 5,000.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT-CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2001		\$ 435.97
RECEIPTS		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 979.50	
Interest Cashable Investment Certificates	351.61	
Matured Cashable Investment Certificates	8,000.00	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 14,331.11	\$ 14,331.11
EXPENSES		
Cashable Investment Certificates	\$ 8,000.00	
30 Day Term Deposit	\$ 5,000.00	
Transferred to Life Membership Account	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		<u>\$ 331.11</u>
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2001		\$ 767.08

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 16,000.00
Cashable Investment Certificates	8,000.00
30 Day Term Deposit	5,000.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2001		\$ 1,004.11
RECEIPTS		
2 (2001) Club Premiums @ 35.00 each	\$ 70.00	
5 (2001) Club Premiums @ 45.00 each	225.00	
24 (2002) Club Premiums @ \$50.00 each	1,200.00	
Interest Cashable Investment Certificate	212.57	
Matured Cashable Investment Certificate	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 6,707.57	\$ 6,707.57
EXPENSES		
Cashable Investment Certificate	\$ 4,500.00	
Insurance Premium	1,647.00	
Postage, Photocopies & Telephone	<u>60.51</u>	
	\$ 6,207.51	\$ 6,207.51
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		<u>\$ 500.06</u>
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2001		\$ 1,504.17

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4,500.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2001

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 4,336.02	
30 Day Term Deposit - General Account	5,000.00	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	767.08	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	16,000.00	
Cashable Investment Certificates - Contingency	8,000.00	
30 Day Term Deposit - Contingency	5,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	1,504.17	
Cashable Savings Certificate	<u>4,500.00</u>	
	\$ 45,107.27	\$ 45,107.27
Cash Assets (2000)		<u>\$ 37,147.85</u>
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 7,959.42

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2001 \$ 222.38

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships	\$ 150.00	
Donations	355.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	475.70	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	1,000.00	
Transfer From Contingency Account	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	\$ 2,980.70	\$ 2,980.70

EXPENSES

Balance (2000) Membership Dues	570.00	
Cashable Investment Certificate	1,000.00	
62 Membership Dues (2001) @ \$15.00	930.00	
Postage & Photocopies	<u>14.07</u>	
	\$ 2,514.07	\$ 2,514.07

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 466.63

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2001 \$ 689.01

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 8,300.00
Cashable Investment Certificate	1,000.00

Note: The bank accounts are maintained at TD Canada Trust, Belmont Branch, Kitchener, Ontario

Bruce Raszmann
Treasurer

(Editor's Note: A motion was made at the ONA General Membership Meeting on April 13, 2002 held in conjunction with the Annual ONA Convention in London to accept the Treasurer's Report as published above. It was duly seconded. Carried.)



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 \$1,500, good through any travel agent in Ontario, anywhere you want to go, or \$1,250 cash): Brendan D'Silva (Pointe Claire, P.Q.)

Seller of first prize ticket (\$100 cash): Lakeshore Coin Club (sold by Barry Uman who entered the club as "seller")



Second prize (Canadian Olympic \$100 gold coin): Jacob Bzdel (Val Caron, Ont.)

Consolidation prizes:

2002 O Canada Set:	Winkie Toman (Stratford, Ont.)
2002 O Canada Set:	Ginette Enair (Kirkland Lake, Ont.)
2002 Tiny Treasures Set:	Betty Jean-Louis (Ingersoll, Ont.)
2002 Uncirculated \$1:	Donna Shine (Gadshill, Ont.)
2002 Proof Like Set:	Jean Orr (St. Catharines, Ont.)

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 who would receive \$2. A total of 422 books were so designated. Following is a breakdown of the recipient clubs, by books sold, along with the number of books credited to each one:

Ingersoll Coin Club	101	Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club	3
Stratford Coin club	70	Champlain Coin Club	3
Waterloo Coin Society	61	Peterborough Numismatic Society	3
Windsor Coin Club	51	Watford Coin Club	3
Ontario Numismatic Association	24	Kent Coin Club	2
Tillsonburg Coin Club	16	Lakeshore Coin Club	2
City of Ottawa Coin Club	11	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	2
Lake Superior Coin Club	8	CAWMC (Southern Ontario Chapter)	1
Brantford Numismatic Society	7	Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp Club	1
North York Coin Club	7		
Oshawa & District Coin Club	6	St. Catharines Coin Club	1
Scarborough Coin Club	6	The Numismatic Show	1
South Wellington Coin Society	6	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
Woodstock Coin Club	6	American Canadian Coin Club Ft. Lauderdale	1
Nickel Belt Coin Club	5	Bancroft Coin Club	1
London Numismatic Society	4	Franklin Coin Club	1
Kirkland Lake & District Coin Club	4	Hamilton Coin Club	1
Cambridge Coin Club	3	Total Book Sales	422

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*Bruce Raszmann
Draw Chairman*

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F R O M T H E C L U B S E R V I C E S C H A I R M A N

As part of my presentation at the club delegates meeting at the ONA Convention in London, I suggested that clubs should schedule an "ONA Night" at one of their upcoming meetings. We would like to repeat the details of the offer below to make all clubs aware of the details.

Members of the ONA Executive have committed themselves to travel to local coin club meetings, if and when a club schedules an "ONA Night." Personally, I am willing to travel up to 200 km to attend a meeting.

Once I am contacted via e-mail, letter or telephone, the following action will be taken:

- I would get back to you with some suggestions for a program.
- I would survey other members of the ONA to see who else is available to travel to the meeting.
- I would make your editor aware of the program agreed upon, a teaser write-up about the program and a listing of the members of the ONA Executive that are planning to attend.
- I would arrange to bring some complimentary door draws.
- If the club is short of funds, we would even donate some items for a donation auction for your club.
- And I promise to even bring donuts for everyone if you supply the coffee.

We have a number of programs we can propose to you. If the club is not unhappy to feature me as the main program, I have a few new presentations that might be of interest to their membership regardless of what they collect. Up to this point, I have only given each presentation once (at the Waterloo Coin Society)

"Counterfeiting: My Brush with the Law"



Synopsis: A number of years ago, John Regitko made up an exhibit of how paper money is printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company and the British American Bank Note Company. He will reveal the details that saw him plead his case to various law enforcement agencies. He will take us through the conversations he had with the RCMP, the Toronto Police Department's Fraud Squad and an attorney in the Attorney General's Department at Queens Park; his encounter with a Toronto Star reporter; the reporter's call to the Toronto Police; the subsequent discussions with the Police; and the final outcome.

He will have on hand the display that caused so much commotion among the various law enforcement agencies who didn't know how to handle the situation...whether to charge him with counterfeiting and possession of counterfeit money, simply confiscate his display, or turn a blind eye in the hopes that he will go away.

In his presentation that is approximately 25 minutes long, John will reveal the twists and turns that saw his display used to train new recruits in the Toronto Police Department's Fraud Squad who have overlapping jurisdiction when it comes to counterfeit matters in the Toronto area.

"Backdoor Jobs from the Royal Canadian Mint"



Synopsis: This presentation by John Regitko, lasting 35-40 minutes, will delve into errors that are known to be "backdoor jobs." He will reveal names of people that have been involved in getting error coins out of the Mint illegally. Although some of the items are easily identified for what they are, other items are not so readily identified as coming out the backdoor. He will show slides and explain why they are indeed backdoor jobs and not something that could have been manufactured through the normal minting process and gotten out in bags of coins through normal distribution channels. John will have some of the actual material on display.

Conversations that took place between him and others involved (such as some of the dealers where the material came from and the Vice-President of Manufacturing - Royal Canadian Mint) will be revealed.

It should be noted that we will take requests if you have a preference who you wish to be the speaker. For example, you might wish to have the President of the ONA address your group, or the ONA Area Director for your area.

*John Regitko
Club Services Chairman*

2002 ONA CONVENTION JUDGED ONE OF THE BEST EVER

by John Regitko, ONA Life Member #LM-083

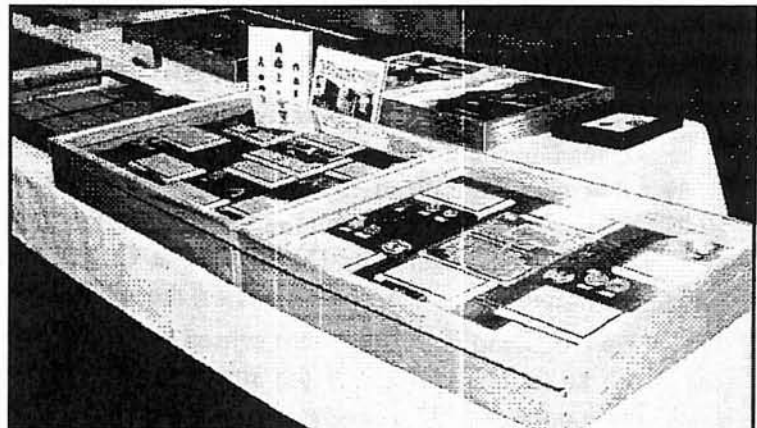


Some members might feel that it is my obligation, as a member of the Executive, to report how great the convention was, whether it was so or not. However, those that were in attendance will agree with me when I say that it was ONE OF THE BEST EVER! Everyone I spoke to said so, including long-time collectors that have attended many conventions. For example, ONA life member #LM19, Harry Eisenhower from Saint John, N.B., wrote me a note stating: "I would have to say that the recent convention in London, hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club, was the finest I have attended anywhere in many years. Everything was organized to perfection, in my

view. I salute the Ingersoll Coin Club and their fantastic convention committee!"

The bourse room was filled by close to 40 different dealers taking up about 50 tables. In addition, a table was manned by Canadian Coin News/Trajan Publications. The ONA Information Table, manned by ONA Club Services Chairman, John Regitko, assisted by Monina Regitko and Caroline Desjardins, provided visitors with flyers and informational brochures about coin shows and local coin club meetings throughout Ontario. I have never attended a show where so many clubs provided flyers. One of the benefits of such a manned table, other than promoting local coin clubs and their annual shows, was the signing up of a lot of new members in the ONA (see page 73 listing 22 new members).

The huge bourse room also held the competitive and non-competitive exhibits which were, somewhat surprisingly judging by other years, very well attended, with some visitors spending a considerable amount of time reading the information contained in each display. One of the appeals of the displays was the diversified material, ranging from Canadian decimal and paper money to trade dollars and trade notes, numismatics of London, foreign coinage (including an extensive display of the new Euro coinage) and a lot more.



Many interesting exhibits, both competitive and non-competitive, took up a sizeable amount of floor space.

The auction was ably run by the staff of Jeffrey Hoare auctions, with lots of spirited bidding.

The Banquet was one of the best attended in recent years, seating over 80 people. The keynote speaker, Graham Esler, a native of London who recently moved back there following his retirement from the Bank of Canada, reminisced about the early years of the ONA and the many people he met during that time. Don Robb announced this year's recipient of the ONA Award of Merit and the names of the three ONA "Fellow of the ONA" Award recipients. Paul Johnson announced the top exhibitors, while John Regitko announced the winners of the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin and Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editors (details on these presentations appear elsewhere in this bulletin).

But if one were to pick one item that stood out at the Banquet, it would have to be the fantastic choices of the buffet. Appetizers must have numbered 50, from every variety of salad ever invented to, well, you name it. One does not normally get a choice of all types of juices. Where you normally get one pre-selected meat at a convention, there was the selection of roast beef, chicken and ham. And you could have as much as you wanted of each and make subsequent trips for more.

The selection of deserts was equally impressive. I have to admit that I had 3 pieces of pie. I mean, how can anyone resist tasting a piece of each of pecan pie, tiramisu and apple crisp? Certainly not me!



Keynote Banquet speaker, Graham Esler, spoke on the early history of the ONA and the many people he met over the years.

General Chairman, Tom Masters, took the opportunity at the banquet to publicly thank his convention committee for the outstanding job they did, singling out Tom Rogers for additional praise. Not only did Tom Rogers do an outstanding job in various positions he held officially on the committee, but also for all the additional things he undertook that are not accounted for, such as visiting many clubs to promote the convention, liaison with the convention hotel, providing information to the ONA Editor for publication in our bulletin, spending time at the Registration/Daily Admission Table to welcome everyone whether they were registrants or daily visitors, chatting with bourse dealers and exhibitors, answering questions of the local press (one of which resulted in a write-up on page 2 of the London Free Press)...the list goes on and on! The ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, also thanked the convention committee for a job well done.

Tom Rogers had solicited donations from merchants in Ingersoll for draws at the Banquet. Lucky winners were from all over: Harry Eisenhauer of St. John, N.B., Graham Esler of London, Noreen Howcroft of Barrie, Richard Johnson of Stratford, Dorothy Mason of Stratford, Louis Rogers of London, Glen Springer of Tillsonburg, Hart Wheeler of Georgetown and Ken Wilmot of Stratford. Harry

Eisenhauer donated his prize, a complimentary night's stay at the convention hotel in London to be taken prior to year-end, to the Ingersoll Coin Club, who auctioned it off at their regular meeting on the Monday following the convention. I guess Harry thought it might be a bit too expensive flying in from New Brunswick just to take advantage of the prize. The successful bidder, with a donation to the Ingersoll Coin Club of \$75.00, was Bryan Hare of London. He told me he will use it either to have a week-end with his wife away from the house, or give it to out-of-town friends when they come visiting overnight.

Fourteen merchants also placed ads in the souvenir program booklet. As well, they contributed funds to pay for the rental of the tables and the transportation of display cases used for housing the exhibits.

The Club Delegates Meeting brought out a number of great ideas for clubs to consider. The keynote speaker, John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, passed on numerous ideas that some clubs have tried and found successful. John also brought club representatives up-to-date on new VCR tape programs that are available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library (details appear elsewhere).

CTCCC, CATC and CMNS held meetings. A special educational meeting during prime time on Sunday featured Don Robb speaking on the fun of collecting Canada's centennial coinage.

Hospitality was something else again! Fantastic is the word I would use to describe how the committee handled matters. Louis Rogers, Betsie Grimminck, Lorne Hall, Helen Holden, Mark Machaj, Thomas Machaj, Joan Mod and Manny Nelson did an outstanding job in the hospitality suite. But it went a lot further than that. Hospitality committee members could be seen at various times each day offering dealers and their assistants sandwiches, donuts, coffee and soft drinks.

A member of the hospitality committee, young numismatist Thomas Machaj, was not only active in the bourse room but also accepted orders at the ONA Executive meeting. Unlike is the case in most other instances, junior Thomas actually got his dad, Mark, involved in the hobby. Dad purchased some Polish coins for his son and that got him hooked on the hobby. Thomas asked his dad to accompany him to Ingersoll Coin Club meetings and they have been members...and workers...since (young Thomas is the runner at club auctions, his dad is club secretary).



Young numismatist Thomas Machaj poses with Bourse Chairman, Tom Rogers. Thomas was kept busy coffee, donuts and sandwiches to dealers and other attendees.



Meetings were held by CTCCC, CMNS and CAWMC. Other meetings were the ONA Annual General Membership Meeting, the ONA Club Delegates Meeting and the educational seminar by Don Robb on Centennial collectibles.

People were obviously interested in winning the choice of prizes offered in the hourly door draws, since many were claimed, indicating that visitors stayed for quite a while, at least until their number came up.

Registration kits were sold out even before the Convention opened. Convention medals were also sold out. I expect that they will trade at a good premium in the future.

People could be seen referring to the souvenir program booklet which, although not as thick as

some years, contained all of the basic information necessary for visitors to know what was going on. When I first saw the souvenir program booklet, I was impressed with the illustration of the medal on the front cover. It was the best illustration of a medal that I can recall ever seeing. The printer's daughter happens to be in the photography business and the credit goes to her for using the right light to highlight the relief in white and the background in solid black, without any of the usual blurring caused by the reflection of light as usually happens when you photograph a brilliant silver medal. The illustration at the top of page 84 is a scan of the convention side of the medal. Even after scanning it, printing it out on my printer and photocopying it for distribution, you can still see how good it is!

So much more went on. For example, beside the non-competitive display by Del Newbigging, President of the Medallic Art Society of Canada (MASC), were complimentary copies of the latest issue of "*behind the MASC*" that could be picked up by anybody. As well, Del handed out a 2-page article on "The Art Metal" that we expect to reproduce in the near future.

It was obvious to see the high regard Alan (right) and Barbara Macnab were held by members of the Ingersoll Coin Club. The Macnabs did a lot in founding the Ingersoll



Coin Club and serving on their executive for many, many years. Their names were mentioned on a number of occasion, including the dedication of the convention to their memory.

There was always something going on. Even during a lull in organized activities, there was much socializing going on, whether it was an impromptu gathering in the president's suite or the many friends and numismatic acquaintances that found themselves in each other's company in one room or another or in the restaurant.

If you were not there, you missed something!



Tom Masters, Convention Chairman, thanks Harry Eisenhauer for staying over to speak to the members of the Ingersoll Coin Club the evening after the convention. Tom Rogers looks on.

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

CHRIS BOYER RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD

We are pleased to present some background on the recipient of the 2002 ONA Award of Merit. He accepted the award at the recent Convention's banquet. 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.

AWARD OF MERIT

CHRIS BOYER

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

2002 AWARD OF MERIT

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST AWARD IS IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF YOUR DEDICATION OF THE FURTHERING OF NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE AND UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO THE HOBBY

DON ROBB
Chairman - ONA Awards Committee



MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

Chris Boyer began collecting around 1974, when he was 11 years old. He was encouraged by his brother who had a paper route and placed coins in a Whitman folder, as well as by his father, who took him to Manitoba Coin Club shows. With more time and money on his hands, his interest in numismatics was rekindled in his late twenties. In the early 1990s, he discovered the Waterloo Coin Society (he liked the auctions at their meetings the best). He went on to hold various offices in the Waterloo Coin Society, including Vice-President and President. He is currently Editor of their bulletin.

He acknowledges that he used the Waterloo Coin Society model to open several school coin clubs, including the Taylor Evans Coin Society (winner of the CNA's Louise Graham Club of the Year Award) and the Paisley Road Coin Club in Guelph. Currently, he is the driving force behind the Franklin P.S. Coin Club in Kitchener.

He had held offices in the ONA (as Area 5 Director) as well as the CNA (Youth Director) and is currently a member of the CNA Education Committee. He has volunteered to serve as Exhibit Chairman on various ONA and CNA Convention Committees, was appointed General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention and also designed their convention medal and was an instructor at the CNA/NESA educational courses at Humber College in Toronto as well as to 80 employees of the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

Chris, married to Martina since 1989 and having 2 girls (Sabrina, 6 and Kirsten, 2), is well-known for being a frequent award-winning exhibitor.

He is a regular contributor to Canadian Coin News, the CNA Journal, the ONA Numismatist (for which there is a backlog of at least a dozen of his articles) and other publications.

He is a recipient of the ONA "Fellow of the ONA" Award (1996), the CNA "Fellow" Award (1999) and the Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award (1995 and 1996).

He received the ONA Editor Award in 1998 for contributing to the success of the ONA Numismatist. He also received the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award in 1998, when the Waterloo Coin Society's bulletin, of which he was the Editor, was selected as the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin in Ontario.



Chris Boyer (left) accepts the framed Award of Merit certificate from Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, at the 2002 ONA Banquet at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, London.

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 three deserving individuals. They received a framed Certificate, a uniface ONA medal suitably engraved on the reverse and a lapel name plate. We are pleased to provide some background on these individuals.

2002
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
ED
ANSTETT

Ed Anstett shoveled snow and did odd jobs for a kind gentleman in Walkerton when he was 12. At times, the gentleman would pay him in Canadian large cents and five cent silver coins with the instructions: "Save these. Don't spend them. They will be valuable some day." Ed continued to add to his collection by trading or buying even when a company transfer took him to Stratford in 1954 as a salesman covering Perth and Huron Counties. The move gave him the opportunity to meet many new collectors...and provided more money to spend on his hobby.

He joined the London Numismatic Society and the CNA in 1957, which, he says, "helped to satisfy my thirst for knowledge about coins and the hobby in general." Being elected as a director of the LNS in January of 1969 provided him with an opportunity to meet additional collectors. "I got to know and work with a great Canadian numismatist, Major Sheldon S. Carroll, C.D., F.R.N.S.," he acknowledged.

A carload full of people, including Ed, went to London each month to attend their meetings. On one of those trips, the decision was made to form their own club in Stratford. "With the help from two great gentlemen from the LNS, Walter Holmes and Howard Whitfield, we started with the first club meeting in October, 1960. Even with my very limited experience and knowledge, I was asked to serve as President," Ed told us.

In 1967, a company transfer to Brantford and a much heavier workload left very little spare time for hobbies. In the mid-70s, he joined the Brantford Numismatic Society, becoming a club director. He was elected President for the 1989-90 term. He was elected in January of this year to again serve as President of the Brantford club "to try and return some of the enthusiasm and fun to our great hobby," he says. From 1987 to the present, his main focus has been to help organize and promote Brantford's annual June coin show.

Because of his long record in serving the hobby in Ontario, Ed has joined the 15 previous "Fellow" recipients.

2002
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
DOROTHY
MASON

Dorothy Mason has worked diligently at the local club level for a long time. She became secretary of the Stratford Coin Club in 1994 "to keep Ken Wilmot in check," she says (very believable but not an enviable task). She was also made bourse chairperson for their annual shows in October, as well as running the lunch counter at the shows. She has helped man mall displays set up by members of the SCC. She also helped organize and man hospitality suites at several ONA Conventions.

Since moving to Bayfield, Ontario to retire, she continues to travel to Stratford to attend coin club meetings and executive meetings. "Sometimes the weather is bad so I stay over with family," she says, revealing her love and dedication to the hobby. At the club's monthly meetings, she makes sure the coffee pot is on and there are enough cookies. Last year at the June meeting, she cleaned 8 quarts of strawberries for the shortcake. She has also been hostess for the club's summer executive meetings and barbecues at her cottage home south of Bayfield, on Lake Huron, for several years.

A collector of large cents and Maritime coinage, she likes to do needlepoint in her spare time and has donated many of her creations to the Stratford Coin Club for draw prizes at annual shows. For the club's Christmas party, she has been making a tree decoration for everyone to take home for as long as we can remember.

"I wish there were more women coin collectors," she states. "We are outnumbered greatly by male coin collectors. At the ONA club delegates meeting, I have been the only female there for several years," issuing a wake-up call to her sisters to discover the fun and fellowship that coin collecting brings.

For her long-term dedication, Dorothy has also been selected as a "Fellow of the ONA."

2002
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
WILLIAM
WAYCHISON

William Waychison's interest in numismatics was sparked in the early 1960s when he received an 1853-O Orleans mint-marked U.S. half-dime with double arrows. That coin started his collecting but his retained interest in numismatics is directly attributable to a copy of the 1964 Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money which he had purchased from the Spier's store in Montreal. "As a student I could not afford most of the coins in the catalogue even at their then low price. I had been collecting slowly for a few years but it was the book and the images which were always available that maintained and fuelled my interest. I still have that old worn 1964 catalogue. It is falling apart but still has a place on my shelf. It lies not far from the hard bound, special edition Standard Catalogue that Bill Cross put together in 1988. I was very pleased to have Jim Charlton personally autograph my copy of that publication."

William has been involved with the Timmins Coin Club since it was revived in the late 1980s. Since 1990, he had edited their newsletter and produced nearly 50 issues through to 2002. In 1992, the Timmins Coin Club Newsletter was named the ONA Bulletin of the Year.

He is a member of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec and in 1991 was named an "Ambassadeur" for "promotion of numismatics outside of Quebec in active collaboration with the activities of the SNQ." He is also a member of the CNA and was named a "Fellow of the CNA" in 1992. More recently, as part of the educational seminar at the 2001 CNA Convention, he presented a paper on the numismatic issues of Quebec city's old grocery store, Epicerie J.A. Moisan. During the period 1996-1999, William was chairperson for Coin Month Canada, a national program of the CNA designed to promote numismatics throughout Canada.

He is a member of the ONA and the Association des Numismates Francophones du Canada, and was declared a "Fellow" of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (entitled to have "F.C.N.R.S." after his name). He currently serves as Vice-President of CNRS. His numismatic interests include Canadian medals, mining exonomia, and store and gas bar trade notes.

A few years ago, when William Waychison's personal commitments did not allow time for him to create newsletters for the Timmins Coin Club, he persuaded the club to provide complimentary memberships in the ONA for a few years to all members of the Timmins Coin Club. This allowed members to "stay in the picture" and certainly increased local awareness of the ONA.

The ONA salutes William Waychison as another recipient of the "Fellow of the ONA" Award.

(Editor's comments: The "Fellow of the ONA" Award, instituted in 1994 on the suggestion of Jerry Remick, currently boasts the following selection committee: Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Immediate Past-Chairman), Mike Hollingshead (ONA President), Ken Wilmot (Past Chairman) and John Regitko (ONA Editor). Past recipients were: 1994: Jerry Remick, Harvey Farrow & George Fraser; 1995: Tom Kennedy & Tom Kostaluk; 1996: Dick Dunn & Chris Boyer; 1997: Norm Belsten; 1998: Ray Desjardins; 1999: Bruce Raszmann; 2000: Wilfred Becker; 2001: Paul Johnson, Tom Masters & Robert Porter. Up to 3 individuals residing in Ontario can be honored as "Fellows of the ONA" each year.)

(P.S.: The above write-up makes reference to the fact that the Timmins Coin Club gave complimentary memberships in the ONA to their members, thanks to a motion by William Waychison. We are aware that the St. Catharines Coin Club, on the basis of a motion by Gary Oblinsky, did the same. In Timmins' case, the ONA Numismatist took the place of a local bulletin. Here is a proposal: If any club that is not currently issuing a bulletin convinces their members, or at least a good percentage of them, to join the ONA, we will make sure that every issue of the ONA Numismatist will summarize the club's goings-on. We must, however, receive the information via e-mail, mail or telephone, by deadline, which is the middle of every second month. [the next deadline is June 15]. We expect that we will be provided with upcoming programs as well as what transpired at the last meeting. It will be incorporated in the "Club News" section to a degree that your club's members will be informed to the same degree as if you are publishing your own bulletin. This offer if not intended to replace existing bulletins, only to those clubs that do not currently issue their own bulletin.)

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

PRESIDENT AWARD PRESENTED TO KEN WILMOT

We are pleased to present some background on the recipient of a special President Award. Ken Wilmot accepted the award from ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, at the 2002 ONA Convention's banquet in London.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

KEN WILMOT

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

ONA PRESIDENT AWARD

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR DEDICATION TO THE HOBBY GENERALLY AND TO THE ONA SPECIFICALLY!

Presented at the 2002 ONA Convention

DATE OF PRESENTATION
At ONA Convention Banquet



MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

Those of us who have served on the ONA Executive for a long time, know that the most desirable "service" the ONA provides to clubs is the ONA Insurance Program. It has been handled exclusively by Ken Wilmot right from the beginning: the original investigation, negotiations with the insurance agent and insurance companies, review of the coverage from time to time, negotiations to prevent major cost increases, recommendations to the ONA Executive as to changes in coverage and the price to charge our member-clubs, contacting clubs to provide them with details, etc.

A lot of club representatives have told us time and again that when they discuss holding a show at a mall or in a local community hall, the question of insurance invariably comes up, with every venue now requiring proof of insurance to the tune of \$2 million in public liability. Further, the coverage Ken negotiated also covers club meetings where any member of the club or guest is covered should an accident occur. The rate Ken has been able to negotiate through an insurance agent is, in view of the coverage, phenomenal to say the least. Some clubs have admitted that, regardless of what else the ONA might have to offer them, they have gladly paid the club's membership and insurance fee. They have Ken and Ken alone to thank!

Ken joined the ONA in 1965 and first joined the ONA Executive in 1973, serving under Presidents Pat Lambert, Elliott Jephson, Bruce Watt, Fred Jewett, Stella Hodge and Roy Hollingshead. He took over as President in 1986 when Roy Hollingshead (who is the father of our current President) became ill. Ken was elected President for the 1987-89 term and was re-elected for 1989-91. In 1995, he won a hard-fought election for President and carried through for another two terms to 1999. He was at the helm of the ONA for a total of 9 years, the longest any President has served.

He was appointed chairman of five ONA Conventions, served on many other Convention committees and was ONA Dream Vacation Draw Chairman on many occasions.

Locally, he joined the Stratford Coin Club in 1961, serving five 2-year terms as President (as well as a 1-year term when he stepped in to relieve the President), also as Treasurer and Membership Chairman on at least three occasions. In 2001, he was instrumental in the club rolling back their dues to 1960 level of \$3.00. This turned out to be one of the most popular programs and turnout at meetings has been rewarding. He works hard to obtain what is in the best interest of the club and certainly receives a lot of credit for putting the Stratford Coin Club on sound financial footing.

(Editor's comments: We wish to thank Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, for providing background information on Ken Wilmot that formed the basis for this write-up.)



Ken Wilmot Photo: P. Petch

EXHIBITS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION

EXHIBITOR AWARD


CHRIS BOYER

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

*THE ONA CONGRATULATES YOU ON HAVING
YOUR EXHIBIT SELECTED AS THE BEST OF
SHOW AT THE 2002 ONA CONVENTION*

DON ROBB
Chairman - ONA Awards Committee

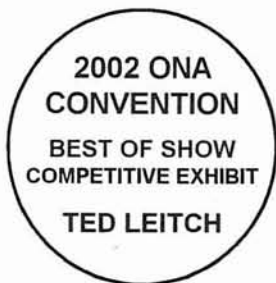


MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

A sizable area within the convention contained a quantity of both competitive and non-competitive exhibits. To assure good walk-through traffic, the exhibits were located in the same room as the bourse dealers. The competitive exhibits were judged by both a group of expert judges as well as by the general public.

Visitors were given a ballot when they came to the show and asked to cast a vote for the exhibit they enjoyed the most (this strategy also had the benefit of getting visitors to view the exhibits). They selected the exhibit featuring numismatics dealing with RCMP by Chris Boyer of Waterloo, Ontario.

In addition to the above award selected by the public, competitive exhibit entries were also judged by a committee consisting of Paul Johnson (ONA Head Judge, as appointed by the ONA President), Graham Esler and Don Robb. They reviewed the competitive exhibits on the basis of the ONA's non-category judging system that places a lot of emphasis on education (the public tends to vote for eye appeal). Winners were announced at the ONA Banquet on Saturday evening of the Convention by Paul Johnson. Each winner received a uniface convention presentation medal, suitably engraved on the reverse.



Best of Show: Ted Leitch for his display entitled "London Bank Notes."

First Runner-Up: Ross Blakey for his display entitled "Small Denominations of Elizabeth 1558-1603."

Second Runner-Up: Tom Kostaluk for his display entitled "Bank of Brantford Notes of 1859."

Other competitive entries were submitted by Chris Boyer, Joan Hood, Mike Hollingshead and young numismatist Thomas Machaj.

In addition to the competitive displays, a number of individuals also set up exhibits on a non-competitive basis. One of them was a fantastic display of Store Coupons by Hubert Grimminck of London, who has displayed his fantastic collection of Canadian Tire coupons at both regional and national shows. Others were entered by Aulis Koslonin and Tom Masters.

Two special exhibits were entered by Del Newbigging, President of the Medallic Art Society of Canada (MASC). One of the displays, entitled "Portrait Medals by Dora de Pedery-Hunt," featured a number of medals designed by this well-known coin and medal designer. Del's second display, again featuring medals from his collection that were created by MASC members, who are some of Canada's most prominent sculpturers and medallists, including Susan Taylor (an engraver at the Royal Canadian Mint), Dora de Pedery-Hunt (who, as a prominent coin designer, needs no introduction to ONA members) and Del Newbigging (President of MASC), among others.

Another special non-competitive display, made up by Exhibit Chairman, Tom Rogers, featured the background on Ingersoll's Royal Paragon Cheese, the central theme on the official Convention medal.

The displays were the largest since the 1998 ONA Convention hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

CLUB DELEGATES MEETING SUMMARY

by John Regitko, Chairman - ONA Club Services

The club delegates meeting held at the 2002 ONA Convention was attended by dedicated numismatic representatives from coin clubs throughout Ontario, as well as by most members of the ONA Executive. The meeting, organized by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, was ably handled by Mike Hollingshead, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mike opened the meeting by thanking the club representatives and members of the ONA Executive from attending and indicated that it was obvious that it consisted of a group of very interested people eager to participate by contributing ideas and taking back ideas they learned.

LONDON CLUB RECEIVES BEST LOCAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN AWARD FOR 2001



The Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 2001 was presented to the London Numismatic Society by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman. The club was presented with a framed Certificate of Award (illustrated at left).

John stated that other than the usual content of detailing what will happen at the next meeting and publishing a detailed summary of what transpired at the previous meeting, the bulletins always publish well-researched articles, good illustrations, goings-on in areas in which members have an interest (i.e. auctions or other local-area shows), member news and much more.

LONDON CO-EDITORS TED LEITCH AND BILL CLARKE ALSO HONORED



The co-editors involved with editing the award-winning bulletin of the London Numismatic Society were also honored with special certificates. Both of these gentlemen had been honored in the past with the same award.

CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN UPDATE

The ONA Club Services Chairman, John Regitko, handed out a 2-page summary of new VCR tape programs that are available immediately for both showing at local coin club meetings as well as being available for borrowing by individual members for viewing at home. They consist mainly of professional productions from A&E and the History Channel and cover how coins are minted, how paper money is printed, counterfeiting, buried treasure, searching for sunken treasure and a 200-minute program about the history of money. John speculated that the most interesting video amongst them would be the A&E production entitled "Treasure: The Money Pit of Oak Island," not because it is the only one specifically dealing with Canada but because of the mystery that still surrounds this 200-year old puzzle (it will be published in the next issue).

John also handed out a draft of a proposal concerning the compensation that should be paid to speakers that are invited to speak at local coin club meetings. It covers all variables, from those that are invited from out of town to those living locally, from club members to non-members (it will be reprinted in the next issue).

BULLETIN CONTENTS AS IT AFFECTS CLUBS

Mike asked John Regitko to change his hat and address the group as ONA Editor. John asked club delegates to comment on the content in the ONA Numismatist as it relates to clubs. He asked if the 6 to 8 pages of Club News that is typical in a bulletin is "worthwhile" for other clubs, since that was one of the things that last year's representatives asked for. He also mentioned that any material being distributed at the meeting would appear in the ONA Numismatist, as most of it would also apply to the general membership, such as the introduction of new VCR tape programs that could be borrowed by any member. He asked that suggestions and comments on the handouts be sent to him within a week, either via e-mail or regular mail, so that they can be incorporated into the write-ups that will, space permitting, be published in future bulletins (starting with the next issue).

Roger Fox, representing the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, asked about the content of member clubs that operate nationally (such as CTCCC, CATC, CAWMC and CMNS as well as the CNA). John said that due to other timely information and articles, he had not included information on these groups in a couple of the most recent bulletins, however, he promised that members can look forward to having information on these popular national clubs included in future bulletins on a regular basis.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS GIVEN BY JOHN REGITKO

Mike then introduced John Regitko, who spoke on "Additional Ideas for Coin Club Meetings." He mentioned that in the last ONA Numismatist, a 2-page summary of the ideas that were culled from local coin club meetings that, if implemented by other clubs, might make club meetings more interesting. He then made additional suggestions, revolving around programming, promotion and finances. He basically stated what he would do if he were to plan programs for a local coin club, the various directions he would promote it, and not to let the treasurer run meetings since some things will cost a few dollars, such as worthwhile door prizes tying into the program, or coffee and donuts. John passed around a draft outline of further ideas for club meetings. The discussion that ensued brought out additional ideas. (An update of John's presentation, incorporating these additional ideas, appears on pages 96 and 97 of this issue.)

FUTURE CLUB DELEGATES MEETINGS

On a request from Mike Hollingshead asking for comments about the timing of the Club Delegates Meeting, it was agreed that next year's meeting would again be scheduled for Saturday afternoon, rather than on Sundays as had been the case in prior years. Prove of the reason for the change in timing was very much evident by the number of people in the room, which was much higher than in previous years.

DRAWS AND GIVE-AWAYS

Draws were held for sets of books donated by Bill Cross, owner/manager of Charlton Press (one set consisted of 24 different collectibles books listing at around \$500), as well as 6 months complimentary subscriptions to Canadian Coin News or any other fine collectibles publications, donated by Trajan Publications.

Each club that pre-registered its delegate was given a copy of The Charlton Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins and The Charlton Guide to Canadian Chartered Bank Notes, also donated by Bill Cross of Charlton Press, to be used as door prizes at their club meetings. Everyone present also received books donated by Charlton Press.

ONA INSURANCE PROGRAM

Mike introduced Ken Wilmot, who has been looking after the negotiations with the insurer of the ONA insurance program and its administration. He brought everyone up-to-date on the ONA insurance policy that affects all member clubs. He made club reps aware that, because of further increased in cost, partially as a result of the 9/11 incidence in New York but also because of an almost doubling of cost the year before, that there would be a slight increase in the cost to each club, probably \$5.00 per club.

WRAP-UP

Club representatives were given an opportunity to tell everyone present of their upcoming annual shows and dinner meetings and what other interesting things they have been working on.

Finally, Mike thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting adjourned.

DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF COMMITTEE MADE IT ONE OF THE BEST CONVENTIONS IN A LONG TIME



Although your editor has been involved with the hobby for 40 years and has attended many, many conventions and local coin club shows, he cannot recall, with one exception, having heard as many kudos before!

The committee, under the guidance of Tom Masters, who has had much experience in running conventions, and Tom Rogers, whose dedication, determination and people-handling skills spilled over to other committee members, worked long and hard for the past year. It all looks so easy when one attends a convention, but those of us who are involved behind-the-scenes, whether part of the committee or strictly as observers, know the planning and execution one must go through to assure that the many different areas are going to run smoothly.

Although the following listing shows the "official" people responsible for each position, there are many others not listed that contributed to the success of a convention: the exhibitors, bourse dealers, delegates, daily visitors and spouses (without whose support and assistance a number of workers probably would not have been as active before and during the convention).

- General Chairman: Tom Masters
- Bourse Chairman: Tom Rogers
- Registration Chairman: Glenn Springer
- Exhibit Chairman: Tom Rogers
- Treasurer: Aulis Koslonen
- Secretary: Thomas Machaj
- Convention Medal Committee: Tom Rogers & Aulis Koslonen
- Publicity Chairman: Keith Hinton
- Security: Toby Grimminck, Jim Nelson, Ken Peers
- Hospitality Suite: Louis Rogers, Betsie Grimminck, Lorne Hall, Hellen Holden, Mark Machaj, Thomas Machaj, Joan Mod and Mary Nelson
- Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Tom Rogers
- Club Delegates Chairman: John Regitko
- Club Delegates Master of Ceremonies: Mike Hollingshead
- ONA Head Judge: Paul Johnson
- Competitive Exhibits Judges: Graham Esler, Don Robb
- Dream Vacation Draw Chairman: Bruce Raszmann
- ONA Awards Committee Chairman: Don Robb
- ONA Awards Committee: Mike Hollingshead, Ken Wilmot, Paul Johnson, John Regitko
- Educational Program Speaker: Don Robb

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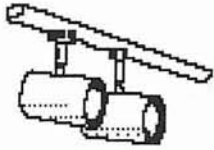
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SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend exhibitions

LARRY BECKER'S COLLECTION ON DISPLAY

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

The late Larry Becker, who passed away in 1998, was well-known to ONA members not only as a coin dealer, but also as a historian, researcher and frequent speaker at coin clubs on numismatic collectibles of Toronto.

When I owned and operated the Toronto International Coin Fair, he always had 3 or 4 tables at the back of the bourse room of the Lakeshore Inn, displaying his wares of coins, paper money, medals, tokens, streetcar tickets, military and police badges, political and military buttons and non-numismatic items such as old post cards, postage stamps and political items. I could probably fill up the rest of the page listing all the interesting and varied items that he brought along. A lot of show visitors told me they enjoyed viewing his material.

I recall visiting his store on Yonge Street, just south of York Mills in Hogs Hollow (better known as the place where the Jolly Miller Pub was located where local politicians met to attempt to overthrow the government of the day). When he moved further north to near Dufferin St. and Finch Ave., he spread out into space that must have been 20 times larger by square footage, as well as having extra height to stack things 15 or 20 feet...which he used to great advantage with high shelves and posters on the walls. He had the largest variety of collectibles material for sale that I have ever seen under one roof. With such an amount of space and such a huge variety of collectibles material, no wonder he called it "North Toronto Collectibles Warehouse." It was difficult getting through the front door, though. His two huge lovable dogs lazed around all the time, blocking the entrance and refusing to get up. You had to be very careful not to step on them on your way in or out!

Larry's widow, Rose, donated a lot of his material to the City of Toronto. It is one of the largest quantities of artifacts and archival materials ever donated to the City. Some of his former 4,000-plus collection of Torontonia is on display between now and the end of September at The Market Gallery, which is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market at the southwest corner of Front and Jarvis Streets. Although the place is now best known for the farmers and other merchants that sell fruits, vegetables and meats on the main floor, it is Toronto's original City Hall. As a matter of fact, The Market Gallery is located in the former council chamber on the second floor.

Larry had the foresight to accumulate Toronto memorabilia that provides a valuable historic record of by-gone days. On display are numismatic items such as Fenian medals, militaria, CNE memorabilia, a series of transit tickets showing the progression from horse-drawn streetcars to electric trolleys to the opening of the first subway, and commemorative medals designed by such eminent artists as Frances Loring, Florence Wyle and Emanuel Hahn. Some of the non-numismatic items on display are parchment deeds from the 1830s, a dance card for the 1860 reception welcoming the Prince of Wales to Toronto, Victorian advertising cards, Edwardian postcards, the first program for Maple Leaf Gardens, school report cards from the 1800s, a flag for the City's 1934 Centennial, World War I snapshots, old photos, milk bottles, newspapers, advertisements and a series of postcards showing the same Toronto street scene in daylight in the time of horse-drawn carriages juxtaposed with the same scene painted over to show a dramatically dark, moonlit city night.

Come enjoy the collectibles and artifacts of one of Toronto's former coin dealers!

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CLUB SERVICES REPORT

ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR LOCAL CLUB MEETINGS



In the last issue, I summarized the ideas that have been published in local coin club bulletins over the past couple of years. I am pleased to present a few additional ideas, which I covered in my presentation at the club delegates meeting at the ONA Convention. I hope that club executives will consider adding some of them to club meetings. If any ONA member has additional thoughts, we hope that they will send them to me so that they can be passed on to other club executives through the pages of the ONA Numismatist.

Starting on time - One of the first things that I learned when I joined the marketing department of a major company back sometime around 1961, both from the in-house sales training specialist and from books written by business-advice guru Peter Drucker and every other well-known authors of books about conducting successful meetings is: always start the meeting on time!

Tip
#1

Since most clubs meet during a week-night, members do want to get out at a reasonable time to get ready for work the following morning, or put the kids to bed on time. After a few meetings, people will arrive on time. If you wait for the latecomers, they do not have to make any attempt to be on time.

Planning Programs - I notice that most of the bulletins that have crossed my desk over the past year or so are pretty good in mentioning what will take place at the following month's meeting. However, there are a couple of club bulletins that I have seen that make no reference to any upcoming program or, worse, simply state that "an interesting program has been planned for the next meeting." What does that mean to me? That the person charged with the responsibility of coming up with a speaker or slide presentation or VCR tape program couldn't come up with something a couple of weeks before the meeting when the bulletin has to be made up and mailed to members!

Tip
#2

In our busy lives, coin club meetings are not usually the top priority in our lives. What does motivate people to come out to a meeting is the right program. But you have to tell them what it is!

I got my start with the Central Coin Club and the Metropolitan Coin Club, two of the most successful clubs ever in the Toronto area...until they decided to eliminate programs. That's another column, but let me make the statement that if you don't believe that the difference between a successful club and a *former* successful club is the programming, then discontinue your programs and see what happens.

Pre-arranging displays - Have you walked into a meeting room and wondered if you were in the right place? Because not a single coin was in sight?

Tip
#3

Dealers are not always present at meetings. If a speaker or member does not set up a display, the only numismatic material in sight might be the auction lots in a display case in the corner of the room. As far as I am concerned, it is the Program Director's responsibility to be involved in the planning of all areas of programming. That includes having displays, preferably tying into the evening's presentation. If a speaker is invited to speak on Trade Dollars or a slide presentation is being shown on coin errors, promoting the program in the club bulletin in advance of the meeting should be combined with an appeal to bring out displays tying in with the program. Actually, a good Program Chairman will go a step further. He should call a few members known to have material covered in the program, which is more apt to make them show up at the meeting with a display if they receive such a personal invitation. Make sure your club has some display cases on hand.

Draw prizes - The more varied and interesting the draw prizes are, the more tickets you will sell. The more tickets you sell, the more "worthwhile" prizes you will be able to include in the draws, causing you to get even better prizes or making more money for the club treasury. Have you thought about a special draw for juniors only, containing nice worthwhile prizes to encourage young collectors to come back?

Tip
#4

Don't be afraid to look "outside the box" for draw prizes. It is fine to get the usual supply of common medals, wooden nickels and that proof-like set that you have had in your safety deposit box since 1969. Although these prizes are fine, why not augment them with a few other special prizes.

For example, a copy of the cerlox bound library copy of the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course available from the CNA for \$40. Or contact the ONA Treasurer to find out what ONA convention medals are still available at original issue price. Or contact the CNA for some of their swell 50th Anniversary collectibles. How about a subscription to CCN? Or membership in the ONA? Or ONA Dream Vacation tickets when they become available? How about a box of chocolates or a plant? Or if your club makes a donation to a registered non-profit organization, draw for tax receipts which is perfectly legal since the donation is sent in in the winner's name. Contact dealers that advertise in the ONA Numismatist for price lists for unusual items that dealers at your meetings do not have. Since some of these suggestions might cost a little more than you might wish to spend, use them for the annual dinner meeting, annual general meeting or December holiday meeting.

Club bulletins - Some clubs do not have a bulletin. They no doubt feel they are so small it is not worthwhile to publish one. Or is it they are so small because they don't have a bulletin?

Tip
#5

Bulletins are really not expensive. If there is the possibility of e-mailing club bulletins as more and more clubs are doing lately, the cost is completely eliminated. No postage expense, no envelope cost and no printing bill. Since the bulletin is already in the computer so as to be able to generate an original hard copy for photocopying and mailing to members, it can readily be e-mailed at no cost or effort. At a cost of about \$10 per year for the cost of printing and distributing a club's monthly bulletin, I bet this is definitely the way most clubs are going to go. Nothing is lost, because illustrations can be sent as easy as ordinary type. If the recipient of the e-mail wants a hard copy, it is no problem hitting the computer's "print" button.

Promoting your club - I note that clubs that do not publish a bulletin, have not sent the editor a note about their meetings. As you must have noticed, the Editor does indeed do something with the bulletins. One need only look at the "Club News," "Congratulations," and "Members in the News" columns as well as reprinting articles credited to club bulletins. That's free publicity we're talking about that might entice ONA members to come to your meetings. A bulletin is an absolute must to promote a club to members and beyond!

Tip
#6

What are some of the other good ways of attracting members? Word of mouth by existing members to relatives, friends, neighbors and at other group meetings. Coin displays in malls and libraries. To get some existing members out that have missed a few meetings, set up a telephone committee, where one of the very regular attendees agrees to call 5 or 10 people a day or two before a meeting as a reminder and invite them to come out. If an existing member lives near the tardy member, possibly a ride can be arranged if they need transportation. How about making up a flyer and distributing it to homes within a 5 or 10-block radius of the meeting location (maybe people living in the neighborhood are not aware that the club meets nearby). And what are you doing about telling your local newspaper about meetings. Or do you prefer to operate in the dark?

The lowest denominator - You can run a topnotch meeting in a topnotch location. You can have topnotch speakers and topnotch draw prizes. But people will always remember the lowest denominator of a meeting.

Tip
#7

So be classy in absolutely every respect. Don't just have a couple of woods and a common trade dollar in the draw. And don't let your club be known for the dry cookies they serve rather than the fresh donuts that, without doubt, everyone prefers!

Lots of action - Attending meetings over the past 40 years, I have noticed a connection between the activities at a club meeting and their attendance and feel I can make a sweeping statement: The more activities there are at a club meeting, the higher the attendance!

Tip
#8

No club has just a main program and little else. You should also have an on-time attendance draw, raffle, reading of the Minutes, a brief Treasurer's report, displays, auction, coffee break, member participation (i.e. explain their display), review of area club meetings and shows, announcement of the following month's program, a brief summary of what transpired at the Executive meeting, a 50/50 draw if your club needs money, a junior coin box where they are asked to talk about the coin at the following meeting, etc., etc.

If you do not have each and everyone of these activities at your meetings, add them. Starting right now! Try it! What have you got to lose? And look what you might gain if you promote your new activities!

Summary - We would like to know what other ideas your local club has used successfully that have not been mentioned, either above or in the last issue. Let us know so we can share it with others.

John Regitko
Club Services Chairman

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



We are pleased to summarize the VCR tape videos that have not previously been announced through the pages of the ONA Numismatist. As all other VCR tapes previously announced, they can be borrowed by any ONA member or ONA member-club just for the cost of postage both ways. They should be shipped to an address where someone is there during normal delivery times, therefore, a post office box or a commercial service such as a Mail Boxes Etc. location is ideal. Contact Ken Koch, ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian, 310 Queen St. South, Suite 311, Kitchener, On. N2G 1K2, telephone (519) 749-0903, e-mail kenkoch@sympatico.ca

Next issue, we will announce at least a dozen brand new VCR tape programs.

"THE U.S. MONEY STORY" - Produced by Bureau of Engr. and Printing and U.S. Mint - 33 minutes - #V-35

This video is broken down into 3 distinct sections. Part 1 covers the history of money: what people did before money (barter system) and its drawbacks; early forms of money; the first coins (gold and silver in Western Turkey); early American coinage (i.e. pinetree shilling of Massachusetts); coinage during the American Revolution, civil war money issued by the government (green backs); U.S. paper money details (pyramid, floating eye, "In God We Trust," eagle with arrows of war and willow branch of peace, silver certificates vs. federal reserve notes, etc. Part 2 covers the production of money at the Philadelphia Mint, including design creation, engraving, the transfer to reduce the model to actual coin size (10 to 1) to create a master die and the workings of the press room. The blanking process is also covered as are the minting, counting and bagging operations. We also see how paper money is produced. Part 3 covers the uses of money (i.e. in parking meters). The Federal Reserve System with their 12 regional banks is explained, as well as the roll of the Federal Reserve Bank.

"THE MAKING OF MONEY" - Produced by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing - 24 minutes - #V-36

We first get a history lesson about U.S. paper money since 1690: the notes of the English colonies, the adoption of the dollar by the U.S. in 1785, the right given to private banks to issue paper money (8,000 banks issued notes at one time). We find out that the civil war encouraged governments to take over the issuing of money, although it was continued to be printed by private companies. The early history of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing is explained. The 1993 currency is highlighted, and we are taken through the manufacturing process that has been used for over 100 years. We see the creation of printing plates, the intaglio printing when metal plates are loaded with ink and wiped clean other than the ink in the grooves, how they are packaged for distribution and a lot of other details. The security features built into U.S. paper money is covered in some detail. We learn about the tests paper money go through to determine the durability of paper and ink. We find out that over 3 tons of ink are used every day to print money and that it costs about 3.8 cents to produce one note regardless of denomination; 48 percent of all notes produced are one dollar bills; Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait appears on U.S. currency; etc.

".900 FINE: THE STORY OF THE CARSON CITY SILVER DOLLAR" - Produced by U.S. General Services Administration - 28 minutes - #V-37

This video starts off with some scenes of the panning for gold and the discovery of the Comstock Lode of silver, the thousands of migrants to the area and the problems they encountered, the creation of gold cities and silver cities consisting of burlap lean-to's and tent cities as well as simply holes in the ground. In 1873, Consolidated Virginia Mine struck the richest vein in Nevada history. All of the mine's production went to the Carson City Mint that was virtually built above the mine shafts. The Carson City Mint refined the silver, producing blanks in a ratio of 9-to-1 silver to copper, punching silver dollars out under 150 tons of pressure. The Mint stopped production in 1893 because silver dollars were not of much use, since paper money became popular. The Carson City silver dollars evaded the massive coin melt of the early 1900s. In 1964, the U.S. Treasury discovered 2.9 million dollars in the basement vault. Richard Nixon signed a decree in 1971 to move the silver dollars from the treasury vault in Washington to West Point for sorting and packaging. Since they were the last of the government holding of 90% silver dollars, they became important collectors' items. The mines are quiet now, but they left their mark, stamped in the history books of America and on the Carson City silver dollars. This video gives us a very interesting look at the rich history that the discovery of silver produced and the need for a local mint to use up the mines' production. Incidentally, the Carson City Mint is the only U.S. mint to use a double mint mark ("CC").

THE GRANITE LADY: THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT - 1874 - 1937 - Produced by Bureau of the Mint
- 31 minutes - #V-38

In the early days, foreign coins as well as strange slugs and gold by private mints were used as currency in the Western U.S.A. But it was not enough to meet the demand. Also, without a standard of exchange, there was no trust. To keep pace with the demand following the discovery of silver and gold, Congress authorized a second Mint be built, in San Francisco. This video concentrates on the rich, varied history of the building itself which became known as the "Granite Lady," with its 4 feet thick brick walls reinforced with steel and iron beams. They produced cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars and silver dollars. Gold coins included quarter, 2-1/2, 5, 10 dollar double eagles, 20 dollars as well as the highest value they struck, the Panama-Pacific gold 1200 grain piece. The video takes you through the April 18, 1906 earthquake that rocked San Francisco with two powerful shocks that, although lasting only 65 seconds, caused over \$200 million destruction. Fires started, watermains burst, explosions destroyed homes, but the Granite Lady survived. In 1937, the building was declared an architectural monument. In 1961, it was declared a national historical landmark. U.S. Treasurer Mary Brooks had the aging mint returned to the Treasury Department, again turning part of the building to minting, the balance becoming custodial. On June 16, 1973, just shy of her 100th birthday, the doors opened as a museum.

"THE KEYS TO THE U.S. TREASURY" - Produced by U.S Office of Public Affairs - 34 minutes - #V-39

The opening scene of this video shows guards opening the doors to the U.S. Treasury, as they do every weekday morning, hence the title. We find out that the U.S. Treasury is not only responsible for the operations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Mint which make the money, but also to keep the money, collect taxes, enforce the laws of counterfeiting and protect the currency stored in their huge vaults. Construction of the U.S. Treasury building was started in 1836 and completed in 1869, at a cost of \$8 million. A Mint was opened in the building in 1874. Andrew Johnson ran his Presidency from here while Lincoln's widow still lived in the White House. The main site was declared a historic site in 1972. The video also deals in great length about all the other activities that the Treasury Department is involved with.

"THE GOLD STANDARD" Produced by Royal Canadian Mint - 11 minutes - #V-41

This video covers the production of Canada's gold Maple Leaf bullion coins. It shows the mining of ore and the process it must go through such as the crushing of tons of rock just to get a bit of gold out of the ground. Also covered is the refining process, the pouring of the gold into gold bars, the pressing and rolling of gold bars to make strips of the required thickness, stamping out blanks and weighing them. The engraving process and the assaying as well as other quality assurance programs are also incorporated in the video.

"CANADIAN COIN STRIKING PROCESS & MINT ERRORS" - Produced by CNA & NESAs - 42 minutes - #V-42

One of the CNA/NESA educational seminars at Humber College was taped by a student attending a photography course, including the presentation by John Regitko, one of the instructors. John explains the major stages of manufacture of coinage at the Royal Canadian Mint: annealing of metal, pressing of huge bars of metal to make strips of the required thickness, cutting blanks out of the strips, processing of the blanks, feeding the blanks into the minting presses, striking them and the ejection process of the struck coins. As each stage of production is explained, errors that could occur during that stage are shown and explained in detail. Some of the rarest errors produced at the Royal Canadian Mint, from the collection of Regitko, are shown during the presentation.

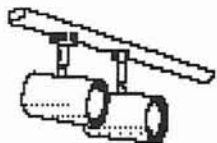
"REFLECTIONS OF CANADA 1988" - Produced the Royal Canadian Mint - 11 minutes - #V-85

How do you capture the soul of a country, its natural beauty, its storied history, its times of controversy, its times of triumph, its times of timelessness? Our coins reflect so much that is Canada: our history, heroes, heritage, artistry, technology. They are memorabilia, issued for special occasions. They contain special images of special themes, coins celebrating Canada's athletes, cultures and traditions, our wildlife, aviation, history, special events such as the 125 years of the RCMP, the discovery of Insulin, our animals, heroes, children, Canadian sport firsts, the anniversary of the RCM. They immortalize our spirit, celebrate our achievements, capture its soul. An excellent video in both photography and content intended to promote the RCM and its products around the world.

(Editor's Comments: Look for a listing of at least another dozen new VCR tapes in the next ONA Numismatist.)

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

A column in praise of the ONA Executive



EXECUTIVE RECEIVES OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM ONA MEMBERSHIP

Although this post-convention bulletin paints a well-deserved rosy picture about everything that happened at the Convention, no attendance figures are mentioned for the club delegates meeting and the annual general membership meeting. The following is intended to provide some additional information.

People who were in attendance at the club delegates meeting thought it was one of the best meetings in many years. The keynote speaker tried to present a motivational speech about improving local coin clubs. The club services chairman unveiled another batch of VCR tape programs. Ken Wilmot presented an update on the ONA insurance program. Absolutely nothing went wrong!

The general membership meeting featured a report by the treasurer that can only be called a very successful 2001 (both financial as well as in membership). The editor reported on the fact that 36-page bulletins would be published all year long. Other items reported on were equally positive.

What is not reported elsewhere, however, are the attendance figures at both of these meetings. The general membership meeting was attended by 13 people. Twelve of them serve on the current ONA Executive. That leaves only one non-executive type, ONA life member Harry Eisenhauer of Saint John, N.B. The Club Delegates Meeting was attended by 28 people. Most of the ONA Executive attended, as well as 17 members not on the executive.

What to do? Based on the above attendance, the General Membership Meeting should be incorporated into the Executive meeting since the same people attended both anyway. However, it is more logical to combine the Club Delegates Meeting and General Membership Meeting (by far the majority of club delegates invariably are ONA members). That is exactly the motion I propose to make at the next ONA Executive meeting (since the time we are freeing is during prime convention time, it can be used for an educational seminar).

Since numerous ONA members were at the convention at the time and since undoubtedly they belong to a local coin club or two, we can only assume that they all felt that the executive is doing an outstanding job and they could contribute nothing more to improve the way things are being run by the current executive. I assume that it was for that reason they saw no need to attend since they had no recommendations to make. I only hope they enjoyed whatever else they were doing at the time, be it finding that long sought-after treasure in the bourse room, getting educated in the exhibit area, having coffee with friends and numismatic acquaintances, exploring the beauty of the host city and surrounding area, taking in local cultural events or just lazing around their hotel room.

However, rather than simply staying away from the meetings, there is another good way to show support. And that is to have attended the meetings!

(Editor's comment: I am sure that if I were to poll the executive, they would agree that the best way to show support is to have attended the two meetings. However, in view of so many regular members having made a decision to let us carry on, I take this opportunity to thank each and every member that was at the Convention and did not feel a need to show up at THEIR meetings, in the confidence they have in us. And why not? Our membership is climbing. We are in a very healthy financial position. The bulletin has been receiving praises. The insurance program has again been renewed at favourable terms. Funding is in place to publish in the next couple of months a special 68-page bulletin celebrating our 40th Anniversary. Every bulletin this year will be 34 pages without the necessity of an increase in membership dues. Our web site is being completely revamped. Key members of next year's convention committee are in place. ONA Night has already been scheduled by a few clubs that is bound to result in a few new members. With all that going on, why would members question what the executive is doing? But, still, it would have been nice to have a few more non-executive members show up!

And don't anyone ask why we are taking the convention back to the College Inn (now the Ramada Inn) next year, because I will ask them where they were when the discussions took place about upcoming locations, and what they have done to motivate their local club to host an ONA Convention!