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

It seems just like yesterday when I became President of the Ontario Numismatic Association but here it is two years later and time for another election.

I believe the past two years can be viewed with a great deal of satisfaction. Several major accomplishments have been made such as our reintroduction of a Speakers' Circuit, a new guideline for Convention Exhibition, a revised and updated Constitution and what has been the most significant accomplishment, the continuing Club and Member Insurance Policy.

While costs have been escalating in all areas, the Association has maintained the Regular Membership at \$10.00 and although we have been forced to increase Club Dues by \$5.00 per year, we still feel that it represents the best value to be found anywhere. One of the ways in which we have been able to accomplish so much in the past number of years has been through the success of our annual lottery. The lottery provides funds for development of youth programmes, purchases for the library, and other educational programmes.

With this bulletin most of you will find a book of 6 Mexican Fiesta Draw Tickets. We hope you will SELL or BUY this book of tickets to help support the Ontario Numismatic Association and also local Coin Clubs. We will be rebating to local Coin Clubs \$2.00 for each book of tickets sold, and last year this amounted to over \$800.00 which helped to promote the hobby of Numismatics considerably. If you can use additional books, drop me a line and I will get them out to you by return mail. My address is on the cover of the Draw Tickets. If for any reason you are unable to SELL or BUY the tickets, it would be appreciated if you would return them to me, as a record of all tickets is required for the Government's report.

Before closing, I would like to suggest that you mark April 22 and April 23, 1989 on your calendar as the dates for the next O.N.A. Convention being held at the Quality Inn, Woodstock. This Convention will be hosted by the three Coin Clubs in Oxford County: Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock. This should be a REALLY BIG SHOW. I hope to see you there.

Your President,



Kenneth Wilmot.

EDITORIAL

Just finished reading a very true saying - "There are many willing people in the world today - those willing to do the work, and those willing to let those people do it. How true! Just looked over those nominated for office for the next two years and failed to find one new name on that list. I would have thought out of all our membership, we would have gotten at least two people who would be willing to share some of their time, energy, and ideas, to help promote and expand our hobby. When things go wrong we hear many people who will criticize the elected officials, but when push comes down to shove, those people have faded into the woodwork. Some may think that these remarks are uncalled for, but I believe we must awaken some new people, so our hobby will continue to grow.

This apathy I have just related to you is not just with our organization. From many reports, the local coin clubs are finding it difficult to fill various positions on their executive. Speaking for myself, I have been 15 years on the O.N.A. Executive and 15 years as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club. These positions have been labors of love, but there comes a time when someone new should be stepping forward for those offices. I would be delighted to have one of several executive positions removed from my shoulders. There used to be a saying- "Too many chiefs, not enough indians". Today we don't have those indians to take over the chiefs position. I ask every reader to give this matter your utmost consideration, and when asked to stand for an office in your club, come forward and say YES. I'm sure you will be glad you did!

Another problem that faces many clubs today is a decline in membership and attendance. I have spoken and written on this subject before, so will only touch briefly on the matter. Recently I read where a service club from Guelph, who have been in business for years, have folded and another club feel they may be forced to close by the end of this year. Several of our coin clubs fell victim to this over the past few years. The Simcoe Club, for instance, in an area not too distant from where I reside. What is the answer? Was there any effort put forward to try and continue operations? - or was it the easy way out?

I don't have all the answers and I may not have any, but the first thing I would do would be to review the membership list for the past 5 or 10 years, compile a list of names of those who were no longer members, write them a letter and invite them back to attend a "Special Member Reunion Night". This could be held on your regular meeting night or on a week-end. Plan something extra special, rehash some of those good times enjoyed when our meeting rooms were fuller than they are today. Each club has special events and happenings they can relate to, and don't make the meeting a dull affair (maybe that's one of our faults), get people to talk and mingle. If you can accomplish that, the reminiscing will follow on its own. Invite all back to attend your regular meetings and don't forget to offer them a membership. Who knows, this might be a solution to the recovery of our club woes and our numismatic future.

I. Masters

CONVENTION CALENDAR - Not included on listing on Page 7

March 4 - Peterborough Coin Club Annual Coin Show - Peterborough Square,
Hours 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free admission.
Info: L. Mosher, 1269 Royal Drive, Peterborough, Ont.,
K9H 6R6

COVER STORY

1911 DOLLAR IN LEAD

Canada's first pattern silver dollar of 1911 holds a very interesting and mysterious history. On May 10, 1910, authorization was given to coin a silver dollar weighing 360 grains and of .925 silver. These 1911 pattern dollars were struck in London, England, and many reports have indicated that as many as four coins were struck, but the actual number of coins struck is unknown. Once the master dies arrived in Canada, they were not used according to the official report of 1911. Just how many pieces were struck remains a mystery today but 2 pieces can be positively traced. To add further to this mystery, in November of 1977 Major Sheldon Carrell, the Curator of the National Currency Collection at that time reported that a third 1911 dollar had been discovered. While moving part of the Department of Supply and Services out of the East Block of the Parliament, a brown paper parcel was discovered containing a 1911 dollar struck in lead. This lead pattern piece has been added to the other Canadian patterns in the National Collection. No further 1911 patterns have been discovered but it took 65 years for the discovery of the lead piece. Could there be another 1911 pattern out there somewhere? Only time can ever answer that question.

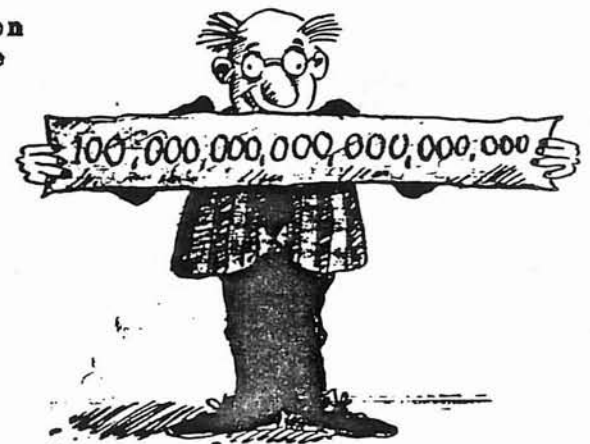
FUNNY MONEY

The story of money is sometimes weird and wonderful. Getting it and spending it, finding it and losing it, making it and giving it away sometimes create bizarre situations.

The German one-billion mark and one-trillion mark notes printed in the 1920s are not the highest denomination ever created. The government of Hungary, in 1946, issued a bank note worth 100 quintillion pengoes. A hundred quintillion looks like this....

During the American Revolution, General George Washington's soldiers took the paper money they were paid and stuffed it down their pants and into their socks for extra warmth. They called their leg warming money "shimplasters". The word was used in Canada in the 1870s for 25-cent bills, so today "shimplaster" means a bill that isn't worth very much.

Even though they had coins, the early Romans counted their wealth by how many cows they owned. Each head of cattle was called a caput, the Latin word for head. So if you had many cattle, you had lots of "capital", a word we use today to describe a large amount of money.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

The following are those who have agreed to stand for the various elected offices of the Ontario Numismatic Association for the years 1989-1991.

- President - Kenneth Wilmot
- 1st Vice President -
- 2nd Vice President - Ronald Zelk
- Secretary -
- Treasurer - Bruce Raszmann

Area Directors:

- 1A - Thomas Kostaluk
- 1B - Stella Hodge
- 2 - Charles Laister
- 3 - Robert Voaden
- 4 - Robert Fletcher
- 5 -
- 6 - Elmer Workman
- 7 -
- 8 - Bruce Watt
- 9 - Barry Uman
- 10 - Roland Albert

At the time of this writing several members of the last executive have as yet not indicated if they would be willing to stand for re-election.

It is the O.N.A. hope that all positions will be filled by the General meeting on April 22, 1989. If these offices are not filled by that time, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1989

Membership Chairman Bruce Raszmann has advised the editor that there are still some who have not renewed their membership for 1989. We trust that this is an oversight and that you will forward that renewal at the earliest possible date.

FROM THE PRESS:

Bank of Canada is offering uncut sheets of 40, \$1.00 bank notes for \$50.00 plus sales tax where applicable. These sheets will be sold over the counter at any of the Bank of Canada's nine agencies. These \$1.00 notes will not be issued after June 30, 1989.

Bank of Canada Agencies are located at the following:

250 University Ave., Toronto, Ont.; 1583 Hollis St., Halifax, Nova Scotia; 75 Prince William St., Saint John, New Brunswick; 901 Victoria Square, Montreal, Quebec; 234 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont.; 161 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba; 2220 12 St. S. Regina, Saskatchewan; 404 Sixth Ave., S.W. Calgary, Alberta; and 900 West Hastings St., Vancouver, British Columbia.

The response to this offer has been overwhelming, and after receiving numerous complaints from those not living in the immediate area of one of the Bank of Canada agencies, this offer is now being made available by mail. There was no report if there was a shipping charge. For those wishing to order by mail, check the agency in your area.

O.N.A. 27th ANNUAL CONVENTION - APRIL 22-23, 1989

It is my hope that by this time all have reserved those dates to attend this 27th Annual Convention. The Quality Inn, situated at the junction of highways 59 & 401, is a first class hotel, and has all the modern conveniences. By the time Convention time rolls around, a new sauna and whirlpool tub will be installed for registered guests, so don't forget to bring your bathing suit. Also many rooms have jet bath tubs so you can relax after enjoying some or all of the programs planned.

Most of the details of our program has been finalized, and others will be by the time our Convention Issue is mailed to you. Let me outline briefly some of those programs:

Guest bourse dealers and executive and committee people can enjoy a social get together on Friday evening, April 21st, at 8:30 p.m. Each Pre Registration Pack will contain a complementary ticket for a glass of refreshments and cheese, crackers, and cake. Also the hotel will supply a cash bar. Saturday, April 22nd, at 8:30 a.m., The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors will be holding their breakfast and auction, and those interested should contact Norm Belsten (address found elsewhere in this issue).

Our official opening will be at 10:00 a.m., and Woodstock Mayor Joe Pember has agreed to have someone from City Hall do the honours. O.N.A. General meeting is at 10:30. Tours of the downtown area - City Hall, Market Place, Museum, etc., are still in the planning stage. At 2:00 p.m., Jim Hall from Sarnia will conduct the auction and a list of his material for auction should be available soon. Auction material will be on display for viewing on the bourse floor.

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. will be a social hour, and the banquet will follow shortly after. Our Guest Speaker will be Bruce Brace from Ancaster. I'm sure that all or most of us know Bruce, and his message to us will be an inspiration to all. The Award of Merit and Grand Prizes for displays will also be announced and presented at the banquet. Following all this, the hospitality room will be open so all can mingle and become better acquainted.

Sunday is another busy day with the O.N.A. Club Delegate Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Letters will be sent to each club requesting their reservation and naming their delegate(s) - cost to be \$7.50 per delegate.

Bourse floor opens at 10:00 a.m. and an educational forum at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. A surprise is being planned for the ladies on Sunday afternoon, and more information will be available in our Convention Issue.

The draw for our Mexican Fiesta trip, the \$100.00 Canadian Gold Coin, and the Consolation Prizes will take place at 4:00 p.m., and the Convention closes officially at 5:00 p.m. Security will be arranged from 6:00 p.m. Friday night until 5:00 p.m. Sunday night.

This year the O.N.A. will produce a Convention Medal showing the Woodstock Court House on the reverse. Only 27 sterling silver will be produced. At this writing we have not as yet received a price from Pressed Metals of Vancouver, who are striking the medals. I would urge those who wish a silver medal to submit your order to me - T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8. I request a \$20.00 deposit on the silver medal to accompany your order.

Hourly draws will take place each day, and a number of good prizes have already been donated.

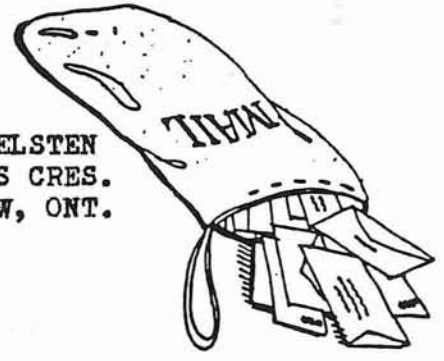
What we need now is a firm commitment from the many bourse dealers who have indicated interest in attending this Convention. Your continued support is needed,.....and to those who wish to put in a competitive, or non competitive display, all are invited and welcome.

T. Masters
Convention Chairman

CONVENTION CALENDAR

- Every Second Sunday (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex, on Woodsroefe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Admission free. For info: write Allan Davis, Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0.
- February 11 Huremia Numismatic Association Coin Stamp & Antique Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie. Displays invited. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, L4M 4T2.
- March 17-19 (Toronto International Coin Fair T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F., P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, & November 17-19 (M2K 2T6, Phone - 1 (416) 229 COIN.
- April 9 Kent County Coin Show, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Best Western Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St., Chatham. Info: Lou Wagenaar, 109 King St. W., Chatham, N7M 1E2.
- April 15 (Hamilton Coin Club Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, & October 14 (Branch 58, 1180 Barton St. E., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Free admission. Info: Hamilton Coin Club, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, L8G 3X9.
- April 22-23 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention & Show - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Junction of Hwys 59 & 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Limited number of Bourse Tables still available. Bruce Brace of Ancaster the Banquet Speaker on Saturday evening, April 22. Tours- Educational Forum - Wooden Money Breakfast, and Auction Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. Admission \$1.00. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, Ont., N5Z 1M8, (519)438 2402.
- April 30 (Metre Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.), Bond Place Hotel, & December 3 (65 Dundas St. E., Toronto. Hours 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info - Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 920 6461 (or 1 (416) 586 0098.
- May 5-7 Expo Niagara - Skyline Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada's largest Coin, Stamp, and Card Show - 150 Dealers expected. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ontario, L2B 3J4. More details later.
- May 13 Victoria Simcoe Coin Club, 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., Rebecca Hall, Cannington. Banquet 6:30 p.m. Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. #2, Cannington, LOE 1E0.
- June 11 Brantford 29th Anniversary Coin Show at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Hours 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., W3T 5N3.
- July 27-30 C.N.A. Annual Convention & Coin Show - Convention Center, Quebec City. Bourse hours: Thursday 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Preliminary program - all day and half day tours of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. More info: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Stn Saint Sauveur, Quebec, G1K 6V7.
- October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9.

from the Mailbag



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Well here we go again, another limited issue of 50 words, over-priced at five dollars each, and stating that they hate wooden nickles. I am glad that most of the dedicated numismatic collectors do not feel this way. Most of the C.N.A, O.N.A., as well as many local coin club executive and members, all collect wooden tokens and enjoy this fun hobby. I have conducted several wood auctions where the prices realized are better than some coin auctions, and not half as serious. Having been a collector of woods for over fifteen years, I have met many collectors of all types of numismatic material and find we have a lot in common. I hope that this issue was done as a joke, and not to harm our hobby as it would be a blight on all collectors if any area of numismatics started to discriminate against another. Over the years several issues have been released at exorbitant prices, with the proceeds going to an individual. I object to that. However I have no quarrel when a wood is issued as a fund raising enterprise, as long as the profits go to a worthy cause, not into somebody's pocket. In the past I have issued many personal woods, as have many other collectors, and we have yet to charge for them, most issues are handed out freely to other collectors or traded for an issue of their's. Woods are used more often than any other numismatic item as a fund raising vehicle by clubs, churches, etc. because of the high cost of producing medals and tokens compared to printing woods. I support these organizations. As a collector I have enjoyed meeting, and corresponding with many other numismatists, and will continue to do so as a WOODEN MONEY COLLECTOR AND PROUD OF IT.

Yours Truly

Norman Belsten
President of Canadian Association
Wooden Money Collectors

HOW TO SELL YOUR COINS



seller placing an opening bid; at least this will be enough to allow for the seller's cost being taken care of.

Most local coin clubs will have an auction sale. The members may submit a number of lots, which of course will depend upon the time involved for the entire sale. The average is five lots. To sell more than this, many people belong to a number of coin clubs.

In some small towns with no clubs and no dealers, the seller it. He must look elsewhere to dispose of his coins. A possibility of course is an advertisement in the local paper, but a less expensive and often sure method is the time-tested word-of-mouth contact with other collectors.

So you have some "extras" in your coin collection. Duplicates. You've either bought them or found them or traded for them. It doesn't matter. Obtaining coins in the first place is a reasonably simple matter. You must know the proper grading, know your dealer (if that's where you're getting the coins), and simply check that the prices you pay are more or less in agreement with the lists that are published in many of the current books and periodicals dealing with coin affairs.

Selling, as anyone knows in any field, is a rather different matter. First of all, you must be realistic about the value, or grade of your coins. There are some good books on how to tell a coin's condition, so that you can grade it, if you don't already know how. It has been said by authorities that "a coin takes its grading by the condition of the worst side".

One of the first problems the seller will run into is the fact that in trying to sell coins of common date there might very likely be no local market at all. Maybe the dealer in your locale will have the same coins as you have, and therefore he will not be able to offer a useful price to you. Of course, ask around. You might make a fast sale, at a little less than you would if you held onto the coin longer. But the waiting might not be worth a slight increase in price. It depends.

A number of local dealers have what are called "bid boards". These are a means of dispensing coins by way of auction bids. As a rule the coins are taken on consignment and a slight fee is accepted for use of the board. This fee might vary from 5 to 20 percent of the sale price. The coin can be protected from going for too low a price by the

local coin
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Or you can write to a dealer in another town. Coin dealers who belong to national organizations and who advertise regularly in coin publications are usually wholly reliable and they do offer reasonable prices. Bear in mind that the dealer must resell your coin or coins; and he may be holding onto it in his inventory for quite some time.

The Mail Bid ad in a coin publication is another good way of selling coins. Briefly, the seller lists the coins available and does not put precise prices in the ad. The buyer then places his offer and waits for the result of the mail auction. The highest bidder naturally gets the coin or coins.

But one overlooked point in selling coins is the time factor. It is apparent that coin market prices move in cycles. Sometimes holding onto a coin for just a few days beyond a certain, indefinable period will result in a loss or a gain. Who can really foresee? Usually the quickest method of getting a correct market offer is to sell to dealers. Some dealers own teletypes and they have access to all the coin areas in the country. Thus, they can sell much more swiftly. The best prices can be obtained by having them do the selling for you.

Finally, a healthy tip is to read and study coin publications, talk to dealers, discuss with other collectors. Yes--be a member of at least one coin club. You can never learn too much about the fascinating hobby of coin collecting!



DID YOU KNOW?

---- that the word "dollar" is known from Australia to Zimbabwe, and every English-speaking person wants to have "cash" on hand. But strangely enough these common words "dollar" and "cash" have snuck into our language

The word "dollar", comes from the German word thaler, a shortened form of Joachimsthaler, the name of a coin from a silver mine in the German town of Joachimsthal.

We got the word "cash" from the ancient Chinese, who carried little bundles of coins with holes in the middle that they tied up with string. A bundle of a hundred coins was called one cash. The Chinese got this word from the Portuguese, with whom they traded, and who called their coins caixa (pronounced cash-a).

-----that in the Bible lands and in Africa, wealth was measured according to how many cattle, sheep or goats a person had. In the country now known as Sri Lanka, big money was really big: it was elephants!

C.N.A. CONVENTION 1989QUEBEC CITYPRE-CONVENTION BUS TOURS

by Jerry Remick



Several Quebec City based tour companies offer a number of half day and full day bus tours of Quebec City and the picturesque countryside to the east along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. A one hour boat trip along the St. Lawrence River is also available. A full day of rafting through the rough rapids of the Jacques Cartier River is an unforgettable adventure. All of the bus trips show picturesque countryside and are well worth taking. Bus pickups can be arranged at the major hotels. Plan to

come to Quebec City either before the C.N.A. Convention July 26-30 or stay after to take several of these trips.

I highly recommend the 9 1/2 hour bus trip along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River through the picturesque Charlesvoix region. The scenic countryside is often compared to the Riviera in the South of France. The trip takes you through the gentle rolling hills of Charlesvoix county (east of Quebec City), century old villages and will allow breathtaking, panoramic views of the St. Lawrence River and its countryside. The lunch stop (lunch is included in the fee you pay for the trip) is at the castle-like Manoir Richelieu perched on a cliff overlooking the majestic St. Lawrence River. After lunch there is time to relax in the luxury of the Manoir's magnificent grounds, shop in local boutiques or take a mini tour of the area's points of interest. The 1988 price was \$55.00.

Equally interesting is the 8 hour trip which includes Quebec City, the Beauport Coast and the Island of Orleans. Lunch is generally taken at the Baker Restaurant housed in an old Quebec home in the town of Chateau Richer. A visit to Ste. Anne Falls and their canyon and a view of Montmercy Falls is also included as well as a visit to view a life size reproduction of Jacques Cartier's ship the Grande Hermine. The 1988 price was \$49.00.

There are other shorter bus trips which visit the lovely Ste. Anne de Beauport Church, Montmercy Falls, the Island of Orleans and Quebec City. A one hour boat cruise by day or by night on the M/V Louis Jolliet along the St. Lawrence River in the greater Quebec City area gives a terrific view of the cliffs below Quebec City.

A visit to the Island of Orleans is a must. The Island has retained the flavor of village and rural life in the 18th century with its winding roads, five churches built in the 18th and 19th centuries, quiet villages and quaint farms. Many of the homes are centuries old. Fresh raspberries and strawberries are sold at small stands along the road.

A brochure on these bus trips is available from Maple Leaf Tours, 757 rue Arago Ouest, Quebec, Quebec, G1N 2M4 (418)687-9226.

Some of the above-mentioned bus trips are also offered by Grey Line de Quebec, 720 des Recailles, Quebec, Quebec, G2J 1A5, (418)622-7420. Write for their free descriptive brochure.

By car, one can take a three day trip from Quebec City around the Gaspe Peninsula with many lovely views of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A visit to the Ile Aux Coudres by car and ferry boat allows one to

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visit a large rugged island in the St. Lawrence River which in centuries past made their own boats for fishing in the St. Lawrence. An old flour mill, several old homes and a lovely church are open to the public.

A full day of rafting on the Jacques Cartier River (west of Quebec City) is available daily. The outing includes transportation from your hotel in Quebec City to the Jacques Cartier River, lunch, an outdoor steak dinner, video program on your trip down the river and two three-hour trips down the river in rubber boats for 4 to 10 people. People of all ages can take the trip. The intensity of the rapids where your boat passes is suited to the desires of those in the boat. So the trip can be rough or smooth. A large swimming pool (outdoors), bar, and camping grounds are available free of charge at the site where you start your tour. A helmet and life jacket are provided each person. A wet suit is available on request. The 1988 price was \$49.00.

An illustrated brochure on this rafting trip is available from New World River Expeditions, 2360 Chemin Ste. Foy, Ste. Foy, Quebec, G1V 4H2, (418) 658-3862. Reservations a week in advance are advisable.

My next article will cover the main sights that can be seen on a walking tour of old Quebec City.

If you have any questions, write me enclosing a SSAE, Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.

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COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS

by Jerry Remick

There are a number of different ways collectors of all ages, coin clubs and coin dealers can inform the public of the many interesting phases of our numismatic hobby during Coin Week Canada and National Coin Week in the United States, both of which take place April 16-22, 1989. Emphasis should not only be on the different types of material to collect, but also on the educational, historical, recreational, and fraternal aspects of the hobby.

Good advance planning is the key to a successful activity or program of activities during Coin Week. A coin club should appoint a person to be in charge of Coin Week activities and to recruit club members to aid in their realization. Some of the ways an individual or a coin club can publicize Coin Week are mentioned below. The article ends with special projects a coin club can undertake.

Why not ask the mayor of your municipality to issue an official proclamation stating that April 16-22, 1989, will be known as Coin Week, Canada, in your municipality (National Coin Week if you live in the United States). See that this proclamation is published in your local newspaper.

Place a small display of any type or preferably several types of collectable and inexpensive numismatic material in a shopping center, store window, bank, library, school, community center, public building, etc. A display in a school, especially a grade school, is an excellent

Jerry Remick

COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS (Cont'd)

opportunity to introduce the hobby to youngsters.

There is a wide variety of Canadian, U.S., and foreign coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, trade dollars, military decorations, insignia, woods, and scrip, that can be displayed. Stock certificates, cheques, and even credit cards now seem to be part of the numismatic hobby. A display should consist of inexpensive numismatic material which the average non-collector could easily acquire without too much cost or background knowledge. One or two items from several of the different collectable materials mentioned above would probably make the most interesting display. Current issues of Canadian municipal trade dollars, especially those issued in your own province, should interest the non-collector. A catalogue on coins and possibly a coin album might be included in the display.

An interview on TV or radio is an excellent way of reaching a large number of people in all walks of life.

A talk given to fraternal groups (Lions, Rotary, Kinsmen, etc.), civic groups, church groups, student bodies, etc., is a good personal way to reach people, as questions can be answered. Actually many groups are continually looking for speakers with new, interesting, and informative topics. Some mention can be made of bullion coins in gold, silver and platinum.

Your coin club could sponsor an issue of Coin Week woods or elongated cents and give them to students after a talk by a member of your club on the hobby. A two inch badge is another possibility.

An article in your local newspaper or in a national magazine on any phase of numismatics would reach many people. An article in your own local coin club bulletin on how each club member can participate in Coin Week is a must. Young numismatists can write for their school newspaper. Be sure to include a photograph or two, the addresses of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Canadian Coin News and the address of your local coin club.

Your own personal issue of woods, elongated cents, scrip, medals, tokens, etc., for Coin Week is an effective way to remind people of Coin Week and also of the hobby, and makes a lasting souvenir for your friends, neighbors and others.

Your coin club might make a rubber stamper or stickers with "COIN WEEK CANADA" and "APRIL 16-22, 1989". Members can then stamp their envelopes and stationary in advance. Stationary can be made with this data and the 1989 Coin Week Canada logo.

Why not invite a few of your friends to your home during Coin Week and explain your hobby to them and the benefits you derive from it. Show them some collectable materials and any books or coin periodicals you have. At work or at school, inform others of your hobby and bring a few specimens from your collection. This is a perfect opportunity to give out your own Coin Week wood or any other souvenir of Coin Week. An issue of 50 round woods would run about \$22. from wood manufacturer James Delaney, 109 Sydenham, Angus, Ontario, LOM 1B0.

In addition to the above-mentioned projects, coin clubs can promote Coin Week by sponsoring any of the activities mentioned below.

Put up an official Coin Week poster in various public places or on notice boards. These are available on request from Coin Week Canada Chairman Stan Clute, Box 2082, High River, Alberta, T0L 1B0.

A coin show or coin convention held during Coin Week brings the public in contact with coin exhibits, coin collectors and coin dealers.

A coin clinic consisting of a booth or a table manned by members

COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS (CONT'D)

of your coin club during Coin Week in a shopping center, library, bank or public building provides the public with an opportunity to have their numismatic pieces identified and evaluated. At the same time club members can tell them about the hobby. This will usually recruit a new member or two. An article in your local newspaper and posters can announce this project.

Your club can sponsor a contest to guess the number of one cent coins in a jar displayed in a store window, bank, shopping center, school, etc.

A special meeting of your coin club can be planned for April to allow club members to invite their friends, family and others in the community to a program which would explain the material, fraternal and recreational aspects of the hobby. Slide programs are available from the C.N.A. This is a good way to pick up new club members. This is a good opportunity to show the hobby to one's spouse.

Your coin club can issue its own Coin Week badge, wood, medal, token, elongated cent, scrip, etc., with the club's logo on one side and the 1989 Coin Week logo or data on Coin Week on the other side.

A municipal trade dollar can be issued to mark Coin Week. Beginning in 1982, the Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 411, Box 22, Wildwood, Alberta, T0E 2M0, have sponsored a yearly \$2.00 municipal trade token for Wildwood to mark Coin Week. Specimens of their tokens for 1982-1989 are available at \$2.50 each postpaid.

Coin dealers with a store window can have a special display with a Coin Week poster.

There are still two months left until Coin Week starts, so there is time for both individuals and coin clubs to plan a project for the week of April 16-22. Do something, even a simple project. The success of Coin Week and the consequent growth of our hobby of numismatics is dependent on what each individual and each coin club does during Coin Week. Inform your local newspaper of your Coin Week project so it receives publicity.

Canadian residents may obtain data on Coin Week Canada 1989, and materials for this event including posters, woods, ribbons, badges, and medals, from Stan Clute, Box 2082, High River, Alberta, T0L 1B0.

United States residents may obtain a promotional packet on National Coin Week 1989, including buttons, posters, and adhesive stickers, from National Coin Week 1989, American Numismatic Association, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80901-3279, USA.



"Say, by any chance do you happen to be a coin collector?"

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