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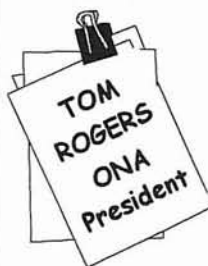
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Quality Hotel & Suites, Woodstock, Ontario

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Convention of 2003 is in the history books, with the Convention being well-attended, with all the dealers expressing their thanks for a good show.

I attended all of the meetings of the various organizations, which I found were also well-attended. I do hope all will attend next year's convention in Woodstock. We do appreciate your support.

The ONA Executive worked very hard at this convention to make it come off the way it did. Monina and the ladies in the Hospitality Suite did an excellent job of feeding the dealers, delegates and visitors all weekend. A bigger kitchen would have been of some help, I'm sure. Thanks one and all!

In becoming President and receiving the Award of Merit, it makes me proud to be an ONA member. The "Fellows of the ONA" this year include Robert Zmija of Guelph, Fred Freeman of Woodstock and Hubert Grimminck of London. Congratulations fellows. The President's Award went to Paul Fiocca for his many years of work and dedication to the ONA through Canadian Coin News.

The Convention would not be without a lot of my fellow members dedicating their time and commitment to the hobby. A big THANKS to all that worked and made my job much easier. A lot of appreciation goes to my wife and Toby for being my right and left hand when I was not up to par.

Congratulations to Alan Lakeman of Kitchener on winning the Dream Vacation draw grand prize. The ticket was won as a door prize at the monthly meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society. This gives the club the \$100.00 for selling the winner.

My goal in the coming years for the ONA is to let the clubs and members know who we are and what we have to offer in the lines of education and programs, videos and slide presentations. I would like to see more members write articles and have them published in their newsletters so it lets others know of their collecting interests. Over a period of time, I would like to go to each club and work with them to make their club stronger.

The 2004 ONA Convention will be held in Woodstock, Ontario at the Quality Hotel and Suites, with the host club being the Woodstock Coin Club. Make plans to attend April 16-18, 2004.

Happy hunting, and we'll see you at local shows or at the CNA Convention in Windsor. Have a good summer.

Tom Rogers
ONA President

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



I would like to thank our new President, Tom Rogers, for re-appointing me Editor for a while longer.

When I first agreed to take over the Editorship, I revamped the layout, upped the number of pages with the help of donors who agreed to underwrite the additional cost of publishing thicker bulletins, reduced the white space drastically and began republishing interesting articles from local coin club bulletins (a.k.a. Readers Digest).

I started new columns such as the "People in the News," "Club News," and various "Spotlight" columns. The changes must have pleased somebody because the CNA saw fit to reward the ONA with the "Best Regional/National Bulletin" award in both 2001 and 2002.

You can look forward to bulletins 30 to 36 pages long for the rest of the year, thanks to recent donations from the Stratford Coin Club (in memory of the late Ken Wilmot), Harry Eisenhauer and Albert Kasman.

Monina and I are pleased to sponsor this issue, to the tune of the usual \$300, the cost of printing and mailing the additional pages that are not budgeted.

We usually feature the background of the sponsor, but since both Monina and I have been featured in the recent past, we will spare you a repeat. What is included in this issue are articles that I had drafted up some time ago as fillers when I needed to fill pages at the last minute.

John Regitko
ONA Editor

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME



The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Eugene Hyshka and the Troyak Polish Canadian Club to membership.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

- #1785 Garnet M. Allan, Arthur, ON
- #1786 Todd J. Hume, Ft. Erie, ON
- #1787 Darrell Nutt, Stratford, ON
- #1788 Steve Brady, Stoney Creek, ON
- #1789 Harry Spice, Woodstock, ON
- #1790 Samuel Lipin, Kingston, ON
- #1791 Fred Hoffnan, North Bay, ON
- #C122 Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

ELECTION REPORT

The following have been elected "by acclamation" to serve on the ONA Executive for a 2-year term:



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

The slate was installed at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership meeting at the 2003 ONA Convention in Guelph.

All elected officers, along with the Immediate Past President (Mike Hollingshead), will hold office for two years from that time and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.



PAUL FIOCCA RECEIVES ONA PRESIDENT AWARD

At the ONA Convention's Banquet, Paul FioCCA received a special ONA President's Award for his many years of work and dedication to the ONA as Publisher of Canadian Coin News

To help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Canadian Coin News, a cake was presented to Trajan Publications, publishers of Canadian Coin News. Bret Evans (left), Linda Robinson and Paul FioCCA pose with the cake presented to them at the ONA Convention.

Photo courtesy of Paul Petch

SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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



JULY 17 - 20 WINDSOR CNA CONVENTION

Your Host: Windsor Coin Club
Cleary International Centre
For Information on Exhibition,
Bourse, Registration, Meetings,
Convention Medals, Etc:
Info: Tom (519) 735-0727
E-mail: mclarke@wincom.net
www.canadian-numismatic.org
Auction: North American Numis.



AUGUST 10 PARIS S.W.O.N.

South Western Ontario Numismatics
The Convention Centre
Paris Fair Grounds
139 Silver St., Paris
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Over 50 Bourse Tables
\$2.00 Admission Includes
Draw for Gold Coin
Info: Ted (519) 442-3474
e-mail: teds.S.W.O.N.22@Sympatico.ca



AUGUST 16 COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood-Georgian Bay
29th Annual Coin & Stamp Show
Leisure Time Club
100 Minnesota St.
Collingwood
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Coin & Stamp Bourse & Exhibits
Free Admission - Free Parking
Info: Horst (705) 429-4061



SEPTEMBER 7 WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Coin Club's
14th Annual Coin Show
South Gate Centre
191 Old Wellington St. South
Woodstock
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bourse Dealers - Exhibits
Admission \$1 - YNs Free
Free Parking - Free Draws
Info: Tom (519) - 451-2316



SEPTEMBER 14 GUELPH

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



SEPT. 21 LONDON

London Numismatic Society
11th Annual Coin Show
The Ramada Inn
817 Exeter Road (off Hwy.401)
London
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bourse Dealers - Displays
Admission Only \$1
Info: Ted (519) 472-9679



SEPT. 26 - 28 HAMILTON

TNS Numismatic Show
Ramada Plaza Hotel
150 King St. East, Level P3
Hamilton
Fri. 4-8; Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Large Bourse - Auctions
Admission \$3; \$2 Seniors/YNs
Huge Bourse
Info: Terry (905) 318-6458
e-mail: TNS@rscoins.ca



OCTOBER 4 OSHAWA

Durham Coin 2003 Show
Five Point Mall
285 Taunton Road East
Oshawa
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bourse - Free Parking
Free Admission - Free Draws
Info: Earl or Sharon
(905) 728-1352
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OCTOBER 18 BURLINGTON

Burlington International
Fall Coin Show
Brant Hills Community Centre
2300 Duncaster Ave., Burlington
(Off Brant St., N of the Q.E.W.)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Large Bourse - Free Parking
Free Admission - Snack Bar
Info: Nancy (705) 788-3159
e-mail: mersteel@muskoka.com

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OCTOBER 25 & 26 TORONTO - Torex

Novotel Hotel
45 The Esplanade, Toronto
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3
Large Bourse - Meetings
Friday Eve. & Sat. Auctions
Info: Brian (416) 861-9523
e-mail: brian@torex.net
www.torex.net
Auction Info: (604) 737-2044
e-mail: mail@coinoisseur.com



NOVEMBER 1 SCARBOROUGH

Scarborough Coin Club
7th Annual Coin Show
Cedarbrook Community Centre
91 Eastpark Blvd.
Scarborough
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bourse - Draws
Free Parking - Free Admission
Refreshments on Premises
Info: Dick: cpms@idirect.com



NOVEMBER 29 NIAGARA FALLS

N.I.C.F. COIN-A-RAMA
Your Host:
Niagara International Coin Fest
Our Lady of Peace Hall
6944 Stanley Avenue
Niagara Falls
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
40 Dealers - \$2 Admission
Free Parking - Free Gold Draw
Info: Barbara (905) 356-5006



APRIL 17 - 18, 2004 ONA CONVENTION WOODSTOCK

Quality Hotel & Suites
401 & Hwy 59 - Exit 232
Woodstock
Bourse - Auction - Banquet
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Annual ONA General Meeting
Free Parking - Draws
Complete Details in Future Issues
of the ONA Numismatist



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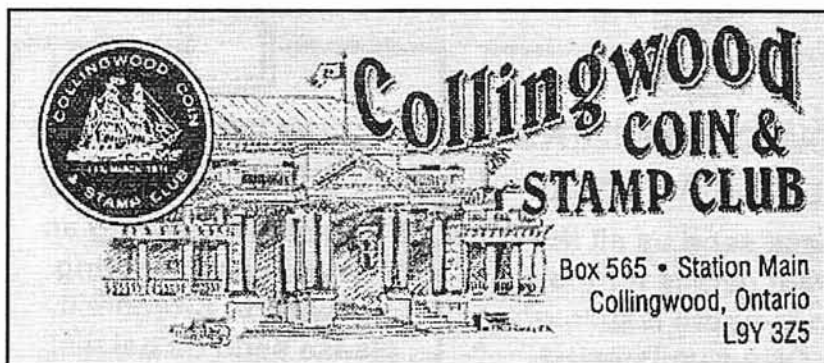


In view of my responsibilities within the numismatic community and the sheer fact that I have not devoted sufficient time to serving as the ONA Club Services Chairman, I have asked that I be relieved of that responsibility. As you may have noticed on the masthead of this bulletin, Tom Rogers has appointed Mike Hollingshead, our Immediate Past-President, to take my place.

I am, however, hardly finished providing "services" for coin clubs. For example, as ONA Editor, it is my intention to give major space in future issues to "Club News" as I have done until recently, now that pressures of time should finally be behind me.

As well, I am in the process of acquiring or duplicating a number of new VCR tape programs that have been donated to the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, a project I have been meaning to finalize for some time. Watch for the announcement of the availability of these numismatic tape programs shortly.

I wish Mike much success in providing the services that the member clubs expect. I only wish I had done more during my term.



ONTARIO CLUB SCHEDULES THREE MEETINGS PER MONTH

Congratulations to the Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club who, after being in existence for 29 years, have decided to branch out again. They expanded into Wasaga Beach last year and are branching out again this year, into Midland. In view of their various

meeting locations, they have changed the name to the Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club.

The club currently has 59 paid-up members and meet at three different locations on different days of the month. The following is a listing of their meeting times and meeting locations:

- First Tuesday of each month (year-round) at the Midland Library in Midland, Ontario (6:30 p.m. start).
- Second Wednesday of each month (year-round) at the Wasaga Beach Library in Wasaga Beach (7:00 p.m. start).
- Fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Collingwood Library in Collingwood (7:00 p.m. start).

Although other clubs also meet on the first Tuesday and fourth Tuesday of the month elsewhere in Ontario, they are far enough away not to cause anyone from having to choose one over the other.

Representatives of the club have asked us to be sure to invite everyone to attend their meetings. Bill English, who has served on the ONA Executive under various Presidents right from the start and certainly needs no introduction, is taking an active hand in promoting the club and their meetings.

Most ONA members are well-acquainted with the Collingwood Coin & Stamp club, having attended their annual shows over the years. ONA Executive meetings have been held in the past in conjunction with some of these annual shows.

As well, we venture to guess that most members have in their collection at least one of their attractive wooden tokens that promote their annual shows.



DREAM VACATION DRAW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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.

DRAW WINNERS

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): Alan Lakeman (Kitchener, Ontario)

Seller of first prize ticket (\$100 cash): Waterloo Coin Society (the winning ticket was one of the prizes offered in the door draw at one of the monthly meetings of the Waterloo Coin Society)

Second prize (Canadian Olympic \$100 gold coin): Brad Faulkner (Kitchener, Ontario)

Consolidation prizes (2003 O'Canada Sets):

- Judy Avery (Oshawa, Ontario)
- John Boshart Kitchener, Ontario)
- Karen & Frank Glidden (Troy, Michigan)
- David Nored (Detroit, Michigan)
- Al Roy (Cambridge, Ontario)



TICKET SALES BY CLUBS

For every book sold, the seller could specify the name of a club who would receive \$2. A total of 396 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:

Waterloo Coin Society	71	Champlain Coin Club	3
Windsor Coin Club	56	Watford Coin Club	3
Stratford Coin Club	52	CAWMC (Southern Ontario Chapter)	2
Ingersoll Coin Club	49	Lake Superior Coin Club	2
Ontario Numismatic Association	32	Niagara Falls Coin Club	2
Scarborough Coin Club	15	Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club	2
Tillsonburg Coin Club	14	Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club	1
Woodstock Coin Club	14	Kent Coin Club	1
South Wellington Coin Society	11	Lakeshore Coin Club	1
Brantford Numismatic Society	8	Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp Club	
Oshawa & District Coin Club	8	St. Catharines Coin Club	1
Cambridge Coin Club	7	Sarnia Coin Club	1
City of Ottawa Coin Club	7	The Numismatic Show	1
North York Coin Club	6	Timmins Coin Club	3
Nickel Belt Coin Club	6	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
London Numismatic Society	6	Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society	1
St. Thomas Numismatic Association	5	Canadian Association of Token Collectors	1
Peterborough Numismatic Society	4	Total Book Sales	<u>396</u>

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

*Bruce Raszmann
Draw Chairman*

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

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

TOM ROGERS RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD

We are pleased to present some background on the recipient of the 2003 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

TOM ROGERS

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

2003 AWARD OF MERIT

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DON ROBB
Chairman - ONA Awards Committee



MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

Tom Rogers, a Director of the ONA until now, tirelessly visits and supports all coin clubs in his area and beyond, really gets involved in his clubs. He is President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Vice-President of Woodstock Coin Club and a Director of the London Numismatic Society.

He certainly shares his knowledge. Hardly a single month goes by when he is not making a presentation at a club, be it a speech on some of his favourite numismatic items or promoting the ONA.

He has served as Bourse Chairman, Exhibit Chairman and virtually every other Chairman at numerous shows. He also served as

Chairman of the ONA 2002 Convention held in London, taking on the additional task of bourse chairman. For the past year, he has promoted the 2003 ONA Convention with which he became heavily involved, taking on various tasks including Bourse Chairman that was vacated by the sudden death of Ken Wilmot.

He has organized coin shows in Woodstock, and is also involved in organizing the 2004 ONA Convention being held at that location.

As Don Robb stated when he presented the award to Tom, "he is one of those people that if you need something done well and quickly, let Tom do it." In all, he is a tireless promoter of local, provincial and national numismatic clubs and associations.

In a previous "Club News" column in the ONA Numismatist, it was stated that the most quoted name in club bulletins in Ontario is Tom Rogers, giving the following examples for just one month's bulletin of various clubs.

"ONA Rep. Tom Rogers reported on ONA activities and insurance rates and showed a video on the making of paper money" states the bulletin of the Watford Coin Club. "We have enjoyed the videos and slides that our ONA Area Representative, Tom Rogers, brings to the meeting to make us better informed of our hobby" comments the bulletin of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association. The Woodstock Coin Club bulletin states: "program presented by Tom Rogers with excellent video on *The Life Of Emmanuel Hahn*."

The bulletin of the London Numismatic Society and the Ingersoll Coin Club also mention his contributions. So how does he do it, devoting all those evenings each month to his hobby? "I have a very understanding wife who even attends some shows and conventions with me."

With his involvement with the 2004 ONA Convention, being elected (by acclamation) as ONA President and not planning to slow down in attending local coin club meetings and coin shows, that is not about to change!

He has been involved with a number of clubs in Ontario for the past decade and a half. "I stay in this hobby because I enjoy what I do and I help clubs to keep rolling along," he told us recently.

Tom Rogers is one of the hobby's...and the ONA's... best promoters, taking every opportunity to do so.

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, three members were presented with the "Fellow of the ONA" Award by Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee. We are pleased to provide some background on these individuals.

2003
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
FRED
FREEMAN

To recognize his work for the hobby, the ONA Awards Committee selected Fred Freeman as the first recipient of the 2003 "Fellow of the ONA" Award.

Fred, whose home club is the Woodstock Coin Club, started collecting as a young lad in his hometown of Iroquis Falls, a pulp and paper town in Northern Ontario (his collecting interests include Canadian cents, 5-cents and silver dollars). He can frequently be found at the local coin show promoting our hobby to others at a club table.

In 2001, the 100th anniversary of Woodstock as a city, he chaired a committee to design and produce a medallion to commemorate the event. His subsequent promotion of the medallion certainly put Woodstock - and their commemorative medal - on the map.

He is presently teaching 2 classes of junior coin collectors at Woodstock schools. With help from donors such as the Royal Canadian Mint, Charlton Press and a number of CNA members, he is able to supply coins, supplies and catalogues to these students. He has also organized field trips to coin shows such as busloads of students to the CAND Show in Hamilton.

He is also very involved in other community interests. Currently, he serves as President of the Woodstock Historical Society and is a member of both the Museum and Library Boards.

He brings a lot of enthusiasm to our hobby and willingly shares his hobby and his knowledge with others.

2003
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
HUMBERT
GRIMMINCK

The second recipient of the 2003 "Fellow of the CNA" Award presented by the ONA Awards Committee is Hubert "Toby" Grimminck.

Toby started collecting in the early 1960s, collecting Canadian coins, trade dollars, Canadian Tire coupons and Pioneer Gas Bar coupons. He is a member of the Ingersoll, Windsor and Stratford coin clubs, as well as the CNA, ONA and CTCCC. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Ingersoll Coin Club and as a director of CTCCC.

Most of his collection is housed in very attractive wooden frames that he manufactured himself. He will go to almost any show that will provide space for his displays. Recently, he has travelled to the 2002 CNA Convention in Vancouver to exhibit his collection. He has also displayed it in the Atlantic Provinces and in numerous places throughout Ontario. As Don Robb stated during the announcement of the award, Toby's theme song should be "Have Collection - Will Travel," a take-off on the old Western show "Have Gun - Will Travel."

Friendly and very personable, he is a very enthusiastic and hard working collector who can be seen at a lot of club meetings and coin shows.

2003
FELLOW
OF THE ONA
ROBERT
ZMIJA

The third recipient of the 2003 "Fellow of the ONA" Award is Robert "Bob" Zmija.

Bob, who started collecting over 60 years ago, has been a very willing volunteer to help organize and promote the hobby. As a charter member of the South Wellington Coin Society, he has served as their President and Editor and designed the club's medals and club logo. He was an active and willing organizer and worker for the annual shows that SWNS has been involved with. Because of his long involvement and hard work for the club, the SWNS presented Bob with an Honorary Life Membership.

He has also the distinction of bringing various family members into the hobby. One of the sons served as vice president and auctioneer of the South Wellington Coin Society, while two other sons, three grandsons and a daughter-in-law also became involved, including as editor, auction runner and editorial assistant. They, no doubt the largest active family in numismatics in Canada, can regularly be seen at SWCS meetings.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY RECEIVES BEST LOCAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN AWARD



The Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 2002 was presented to the London Numismatic Society. The LNS also received the award last year. In a departure from previous years, the award was announced at the ONA Banquet rather than at the Club Delegates meeting. In announcing the recipient, John Regitko, chairman of the committee to select the award by virtue of being ONA Club Services Chairman, stated that the LNS bulletin was selected for various reasons. 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 for those members

who were unable to attend, the bulletins always publish goings-on in areas in which members have an interest (i.e. auctions or other local-area shows), member news, good illustrations and, above all, chock-full of original numismatic articles researched by various members of the club.

The actual presentation of the certificates of Award was made at the May meeting of the LNS. Present were Mike Hollingshead, President of the ONA at the time the awards were announced; John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman who also chaired the committee to select the award; and Tom Rogers, until recently ONA Area Director for the London area and now President of the ONA.

The club was presented with a framed Certificate of Award (illustrated above).

CO-EDITORS TED LEITCH AND BILL CLARKE ALSO HONORED



The persons involved in assuring a win for a club, who make the decision as to content and layout, are the Editors. It is therefore only fitting that they are "front and center" on any credits received for a club winning a prestigious award. The co-

editors involved with editing the bulletin of the London Numismatic Society were, therefore, also honored with special certificates. Both Ted Leitch and Bill Clarke had been honored in the past with the same award from the ONA. The Canadian Numismatic Association has also presented the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor award, awarded annually at the CNA Convention, to them.

The award is accompanied with a cheque in the amount of \$50, which Tom Rogers presented to the co-editors, who immediately donated it to the club. Len Booth, LNS treasurer, was on hand to accept it on the club's behalf.

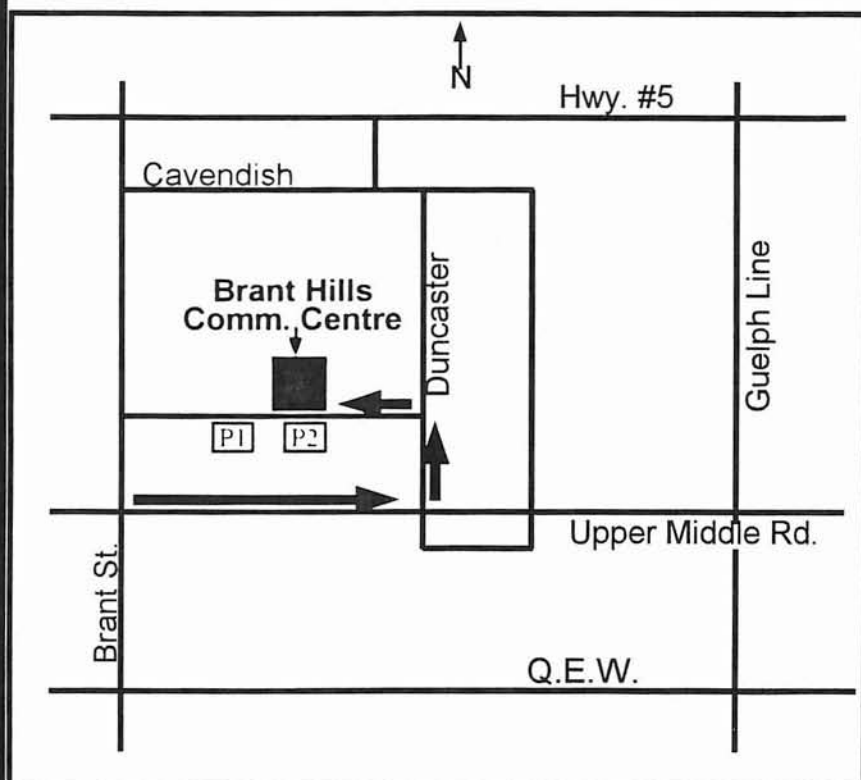
All local coin clubs that are members of the ONA are eligible for the ONA Best Local Coin Club Bulletin award.

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T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T

by Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer

Annual Financial Report for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 2002	\$ 18.36		
Bank Balance @ January 1, 2002	<u>4,317.66</u>		
	\$ 4,336.02		\$ 4,336.02

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Husband & Wife, Junior & Club)	\$ 4,245.00		
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,054.70		
Club Ticket Rebate	58.00		
Premium U.S.A. Money	7.91		
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist (2001)	470.00		
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist (2002)	1,000.00		
Donations	131.00		
2002 O.N.A. Convention	1,037.88		
Return of Convention Advance	500.00		
Bronze Medals	24.00		
Interest on 30-Day Term Deposit	<u>91.57</u>		
	\$ 8,620.06	\$ 8,620.06	

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 7,237.48		
Postage	21.05		
Office Supplies & Expenses	278.40		
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	237.54		
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	131.08		
O.N.A. Awards	333.80		
O.N.A Medal Die	275.00		
Banquet Photos (2001 & 2002)	100.00		
Archives	60.00		
Library Books	90.00		
Telephone	35.09		
Photocopying	44.41		
Honorariums	275.00		
Best Bulletin	50.00		
Audio Visual	48.62		
30-Day Term Deposit	<u>1,000.00</u>		
	\$ 10,217.47	\$ 10,217.47	
Excess Receipts Over Expenses			\$-1,597.41
Petty Cash @ December 31, 2002		32.05	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2002		<u>2,706.56</u>	
		\$ 2,738.61	\$ 2,738.61

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2002	\$ 2,706.56
Outstanding Cheques	<u>Nil</u>
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2002	\$ 2,706.56

GENERAL ACCOUNT ASSETS

30-Day Term Deposit	\$ 6,000.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT-CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2002 \$ 767.08

RECEIPTS

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates, Interest Cashable Investment Certificates, Interest 30-Day Term Deposit, Matured Cashable Investment Certificates, Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates, and Matured 30-Day Term Deposit.

EXPENSES

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Guaranteed Investment Certificates and Excess Receipts Over Expenses.

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2002 \$ 892.31

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$ 30,000.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2002 \$ 1,504.17

RECEIPTS

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Club Premiums for 2002 and 2003, Interest Cashable Investment Certificate, and Matured Cashable Investment Certificate.

EXPENSES

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Guaranteed Investment Certificate, Cashable Investment Certificate, Insurance Premium, and Postage, Photocopies & Telephone.

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 121.00

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2002 \$ 1,625.17

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Cashable Investment Certificate \$ 1,000.00
Guaranteed Investment Certificate 3,800.00

T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T - C O N T I N U E D

For the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2002

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 2,738.61	
30-Day Term Deposit - General Account	6,000.00	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	892.31	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	30,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	1,625.17	
Cashable Investment Certificate - Insurance Account	1,000.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate - Insurance Account	<u>3,800.00</u>	
	\$ 46,056.09	\$ 46,056.09
Cash Assets (2002)		<u>\$ 45,107.27</u>
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 948.82

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2002 \$ 689.01

RECEIPTS

Life Membership	\$ 450.00		
Interest Cashable Investment Certificate	35.00		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	409.45		
Matured Cashable Investment Certificate	1,000.00		
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	<u>1,600.00</u>		
	\$ 3,494.45	\$ 3,494.45	

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 3,000.00		
62 Membership Dues (2002) @ \$15.00	930.00		
	<u>\$ 3,930.00</u>	\$ 3,930.00	

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ -435.55

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2002 \$ 253.46

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$ 9,700.00

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 12, 2003 held in conjunction with the Annual ONA Convention in Guelph to accept the Treasurer's Report as published above. It was duly seconded. Carried.)

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- 1973 Lawson/Bouey NA - NZ Complete 23 Notes Unc.
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- 1973 Crow/Bouey BAA - BAZ Complete 23 Notes Unc.

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- 1974 Lawson/Bouey AGA - AGZ (D missing) Set of 22 Unc.

\$5.00 Notes

- 1986 Crow/Bouey ENA - ENZ (ENX missing) Set of 22 Unc.
- 1986 Crow/BoeuyEPA - EPZ Cross over Notes at EPC to Thiessen/Crow (No X note) Unc.
- 1986 Crow/Boeuy EOA - EOZ (No X note) Set of 22 Unc.
- 1986 Thiessen/Crow FNA - FNZ (No FNX) Set of 22 Unc.
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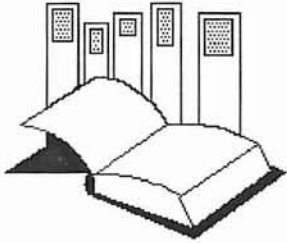
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BOOK REVIEWS

BOOK ON LONDON TOKENS AND MEDALS PUBLISHED BY TED LEITCH

by John Regitko, ONA Member #LM073

Mike Hollingshead and I attended the May meeting of the London Numismatic Society to give first-hand congratulations to Ted Leitch and Bill Clarke for being named Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Co-Editors for the calendar year 2002. The announcement was first made at the Banquet of the April ONA Convention held in Guelph, with the presentation of the Certificates of Award made at the club meeting.



Ted Leitch, Club President, showed a set of slides of numismatic collectibles (cheques, pass books, etc.) from banks of South Western Ontario that no longer exist or were taken over by other banks.

He also provided details on his publishing venture, a hard-cover book entitled "Tokens & Medals of London Ontario." At a previous meeting, he had given an interesting and amusing account of his quests for information on the tokens covered in the book, which included visits to the London Room of the London Public Library and the U.W.O.'s

Regional Collection. Also at that previous meeting, Ted showed several binders, folders and trays of assorted items of information, all parts of the jigsaw puzzle which is the history of London Tokens.

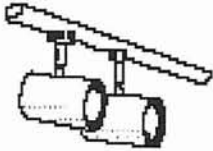
I had seen the original version of the book last year, when Tom Rogers gave me a copy. I not only found the articles interesting and the illustrations superb, but I was immediately taken with the fact that Ted had to spend hundreds of hours researching its contents. You could just tell it was a labor of love that he must have enjoyed immensely to devote so much time to it!

That first effort was presented as "a limited personal publication by Ted Leitch" of which only 25 copies were produced and presented mainly to members of the London Numismatic Society and contributors. The information had been gathered by Ted Leitch over a 30-year period. As he stated in the acknowledgements in the book, "This accumulation of information about London and Londoners who issued tokens and medals began in the early 1970s. Originally, the purpose of gathering this information was to satisfy a personal curiosity about the tokens and medals I had collected. Later it seemed appropriate to share some of this information with other collectors by publishing a few of the articles in numismatic journals."

Because I was so impressed with the book but disappointed that not more than 25 people could own one, I was happy to hear that Ted was accepting orders for an expanded version of the book to determine the number of copies to print in advance of the actual availability. A new batch was printed and bound by him but, alas, they also sold out quickly. I not only managed to obtain one for my own library, but I was happy to also have received a second copy for the CNA Book Lending Library.

The hardcover book includes issues by hotels, merchants, manufacturers, bakeries, dairies, fraternal organizations (Masons, Loyal Order of the Moose, Lions Club, Foresters, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Y.M.C.A. and Boy Scouts), the Canadian Medical Association, Western Fair, religious and educational organizations, and a lot more. The medals issued by the London Numismatic Society over the years are also included which include CNA and ONA Conventions that the L.N.S. hosted, as are convention medals from the Canadian Medical Association, Master Bakers, Old Boys' Reunion, Western Ontario Dairymen and others. Also covered are London Jubilee Medals, Royal Visit Dollars, Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee commemorative medals, Masonic Pennies, Coronation tokens and so much more.

Maybe in the future Ted will agree to again accept orders. I know he is planning on attending the CNA Convention in Windsor. If you are interested in admiring this work of art, see him there. If you wish to purchase a copy at his cost of \$40, you can let him know at that time so he can consider another press run.



SPOTLIGHT ON
ANNIVERSARY BO-
NANZA

FIFTEENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY A BONANZA FOR NUMISMATIC COLLECTIBLES, ALTHOUGH NOT KEEPERS

by John Regitko, ONA Member #LM073

A few friends and relatives got together recently with our Editor and his wife to help them celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. They share their good numismatic fortune with members of the ONA below.

A number of relatives and friends, totaling 36, recently met at The Hungarian Schnitzel House on Steeles Avenue, just west of Yonge St., in North York. Amongst the gifts of bottles, flowers, chocolates and well-wishes were a number of numismatic items that, although of a numismatic nature, were not "keepers." Unlike Canadian Tire Coupons which amount to little cost and therefore are very collectible, the items obtained by my wife and I represented a higher value than we were willing to add to my numismatic collection.



Gift certificates received were redeemable for items sold by the issuer.

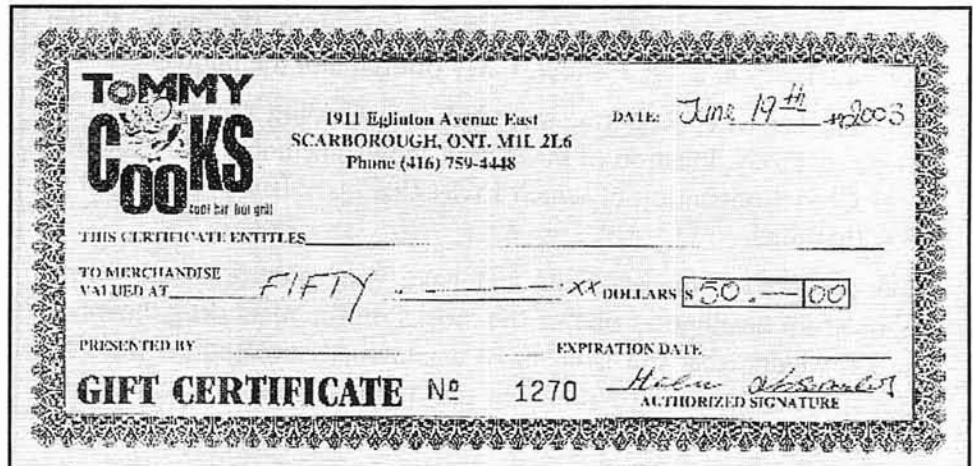
Above left: Swiss Chalet gift cards are redeemable for meals at Swiss Chalet, Milestone's, Montana's Cookhouse, Outback Steakhouse and Kelsey's Restaurants.

Above center: Hbc Gift Cards are redeemable at Hudson's Bay company, The Bay, Zellers, and Home Outfitters stores.

Above right: Gift card is redeemable at Chapters, Indigo and Coles book stores.

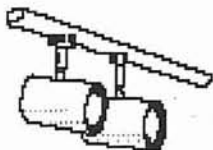
Above: The Famous Players gift certificate is good for admission to Famous Players, Silver City, Colossus, Paramount and Coliseum movie theatres against the purchase of movie admission tickets or concession food items.

Right: Although Tommy Cooks Bar & Grill has issues gift certificates in preprinted of \$1 and \$5 denominations (see ONA Numismatist November 2000, page 161), they are available in any amount.



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



THE SPECIAL EDITIONS OF CANADIAN COIN NEWS AND TODAY'S SENIORS MAGAZINE

by John Regitko, ONA Member #LM073

To newcomers to the hobby, the name of Don Atanasoff won't mean anything. To us old timers, he was a well-known and well-respected former Editor of *Canadian Coin News*. He attained that position when CCN was purchased by Torstar from Scott McLaren and it became part of their Metroland Division. Metroland, best known for its regional newspapers, also published *Today's Seniors*, recently renamed *Forever Young*.

My involvement with Atanasoff goes back a long way. We shared many lunches together when his office was located in North York where I brought him many publicity releases for upcoming *Toronto International Coin Fair* shows that I owned at the time. During our trips to coin shows, we brought along Golden Oldies Tunes tapes to see who could guess the titles and artists first. He beat me hands down every time, guessing most songs after only 2 or 3 notes. He would have done great on the TV program *Name that Tune* that had people vying for prizes by "betting" that they could name a song after just a few notes.



During this time, Monina and I announced our engagement, probably much to her subsequent chagrin (since she proofreads my material, I wonder if she will leave that in?). Don's wedding present to us was a "front page" of *Canadian Coin News*, dated June 19, 1988, the day of our wedding. To preserve the authenticity of a normal front page, he left the price of \$1.95 (is that what a wedding license cost back then, or simply a warning from Don to Monina what I am worth?) and numbered it "Vol. 1 No. 2" which referred to our second time around for both of us, although for different reasons (Monina's first husband passed away, mine moved away). I wondered where Don had obtained the picture that covered a third of the page. It shows me in Indian headgear giving a peace sign. Larry Sontagh, with whom I used to work, who assisted me at TICF and who also shared my love for hiking in Algonquin Park, had taken it a few years earlier when we stopped at one of the souvenir shops along the highway into the park. When



There is no truth to the rumour that the loon on the coin issued by "The Bank of John Regitko" purporting to be worthless is a reference to Regitko.

Don saw Larry at a TICF show, Larry offered him the photo.

Don and his wife, Roberta, attended our wedding reception at the Westbury Hotel, location of many coin shows, including TICF and the 1991 CNA Convention of which I was chairman. It was presented to us at that time.

You can go to Niagara Falls and have your picture taken with a trumped-up headline at one of the kiosks on the main drag, however the knowledge that the front page was actually created on the very computers and printing equipment that the real McCoy is created on makes a big psychological difference to Monina and me.

Monina turns a half-century
Special surprise party leaves her dumbfounded



When Monina was about to turn 50, I planned a large party against her specific request not to plan anything. Held at the Boy on a Dolphin Restaurant on Eglinton Avenue near Victoria Park, our



John's birthday present to Monina was not as unique as Don Atanasoff's special cover of Today's Seniors, consisting of a wooden nickel which was handed out to everyone at the event as well as non-attending collectors.

favourite hangout at the time, it has since been renamed Tommy Cooks (the owner's name is Tommy), who issued \$1 and \$5 trade notes that were written up in a previous issue of the ONA Numismatist.

Don Atanasoff, who was asked by Torstar management to take on the editorship of *Today's Seniors* when Canadian Coin News was sold to Trajan Publishing, its current owners, created a special front page of

Today's Seniors in full living colour to present to her as a birthday present.

Again, the main photograph has a story attached to it. Standing on top of the stereo in our living room for over 4 years was a framed picture of Monina and me taken at our wedding. One day, the picture, frame and all, disappeared mysteriously when Monina was out shopping. She wondered where it had disappeared to and even had us looking everywhere in the house for it. I had given it to Don without her knowledge, along with a second photograph that I had taken of Ryan in a school playground. When Don and Roberta presented her with this special gift, her reaction was: "So that's where the photo went!"

When Brian Cornwell's wife was planning to throw him a 50th Anniversary Party, I asked Don if he could make up a special front-page of *Today's Seniors* which would become Monina's and mine gift to Brian. Brian Cornwell is the owner/manager of the International Coin Certification Service, ICCS for short, whose special holders are found in every Canadian collection. Well, maybe not the wooden nickel and Canadian Tire coupon collectors, because Brian has refused to grade that material up to now. The last time I visited the ICCS office, only two things were hanging on the wall. One was a three-dimensional mural dealing with coin grading. The other was the special front page of *Today's Seniors*.

Following his departure from *Today's Senior* magazine and Metroland/Torstar, Don could be seen at stamp shows buying and selling stamps. I thought that his involvement with Canadian Coin News would have him become a numismatist, but maybe he couldn't pronounce it. He also served as ONA Editor, prior to my taking over in November of 1998.

Don Atanasoff passed away 2 months ago as a result of his diabetes.



Ryan was taught at a young age of the benefits of wearing a rubber. Too bad somebody didn't teach him how to install it.

Caption accompanying the photograph of Ryan in Today's Seniors Magazine's special cover

THE COMMEMORATIVE WOODS AND OTHER COLLECTIBLES ISSUED BY DR. MARVIN KAY

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM073



Marvin Kay, M.D., a resident of North York, Ont., is a collector of numismatic items involving the field of medicine. This includes coins, medals, tokens and paper money dealing with health care, doctors, nurses, hospitals, medical milestones and other topics and personalities related to the healing professions.

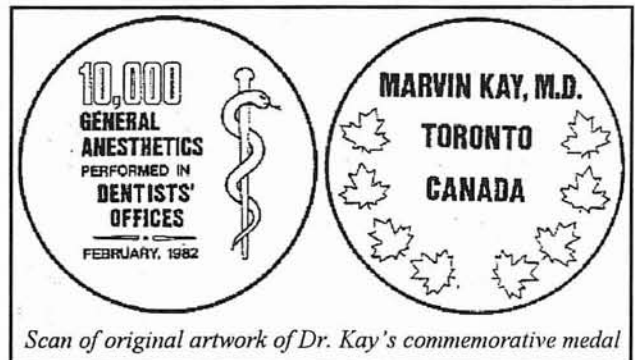
His interest came as a result of his background. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and spent a further 5 years of study in the

field of anesthesiology. In 1967, he began the part-time practice of administering general anesthetics in dental offices. There proved to be such a demand for his services that he ultimately became a full-time travelling anesthesiologist.

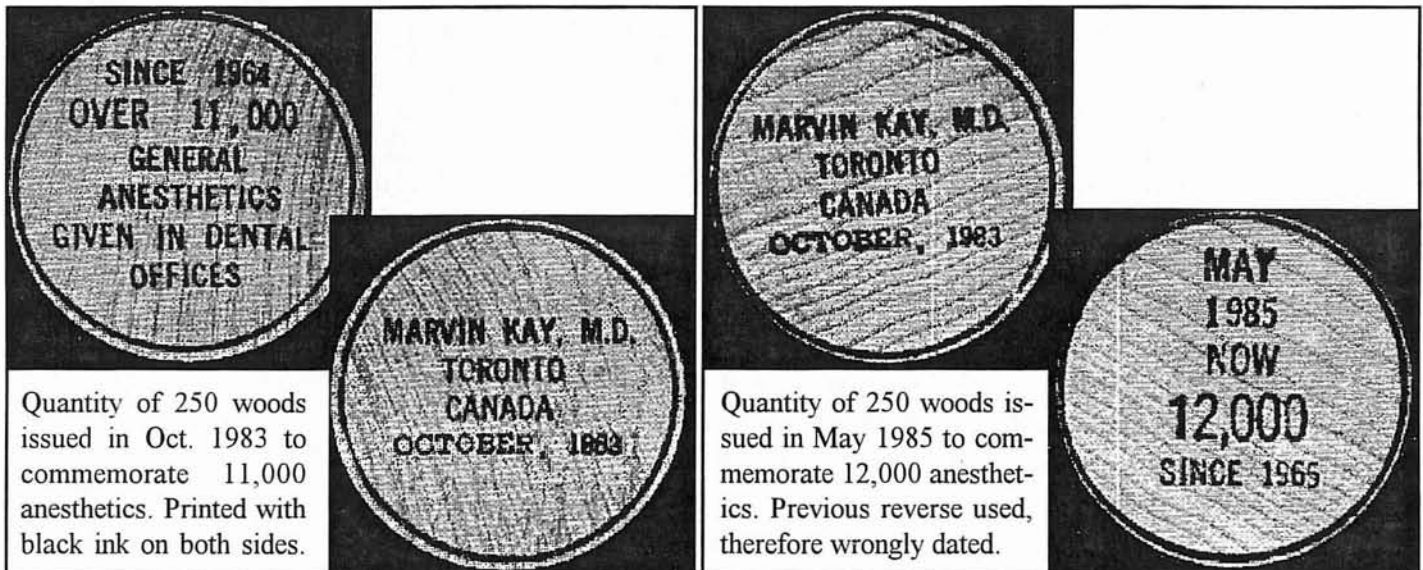
Early in 1982, he reached a milestone in his career with the administration of his 10,000th dental office anesthetic, a record probably unequalled by anyone else in Canada (or perhaps even in North America). Dr. Kay combined his hobby and his profession by having 50 copies of a medal made to celebrate this occasion. The medal (pictured above), includes the staff of Asclepius with the entwined snake.

Most of them were distributed to his dental colleagues who helped him to reach this number of general anesthetics. He donated a few to clubs for door draws. I was fortunate to have acquired one a number of years ago.

To commemorate various milestones since that time, he has issued a number of commemorative wooden tokens.



Scan of original artwork of Dr. Kay's commemorative medal



Quantity of 250 woods issued in Oct. 1983 to commemorate 11,000 anesthetics. Printed with black ink on both sides.

Quantity of 250 woods issued in May 1985 to commemorate 12,000 anesthetics. Previous reverse used, therefore wrongly dated.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
 SOUVENIR CARD
 OCTOBER 22, 1985
MARVIN KAY, M.D.



On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay administered a general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the past two decades. Dr. Kay's travelling anesthetic practice is probably unique in North America.

With this souvenir card, Dr. Kay combines his hobby of numismatics and his profession as a peripatetic anesthesiologist. The banknote shown above is a 1922 'notgeld' from the German village of Hannov-Munden. It describes Dr. Kay's career

perfectly. The obverse, on the left, portrays a Dr. Eisenbarth, an itinerant physician immortalized in a local folk song. In his left hand he holds a gold-headed cane, then a symbol of the medical profession.

The other side of the banknote shows the doctor performing a dental extraction. Slumped behind him is a previous patient recovering from the effects of Dr. Eisenbarth's anesthetic injection. At his feet rests a bottle labeled 'Opium'. In the top and bottom margins are some words of the folk song.

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Quantity of 250 woods issued in 1989 to commemorate 15,000 anesthetics. Printed with black ink on both sides.



A quantity of 200 woods were manufactured by Dr. Kay to give to young patients who found it necessary to avail themselves of his services. Printed with black ink both sides.

Dr. Kay also issued a souvenir card on October 22, 1985 commemorating the 20th anniversary of administering his first general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. The souvenir card reads as follows:

"On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay administered a general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the previous two decades.

"He again combined his hobby of numismatics and his profession as a peripatetic anesthesiologist by issuing a quantity of 1000 souvenir cards. The banknote shown on the souvenir card is a 1922 'notgeld' from the German

Dr. Kay is no stranger to numismatics, having been involved with the hobby for about 50 years. He is a Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, serving in that capacity from 1993-1995. This was preceded by a 2-year term as the CNA's 1st Vice-President in 1991-1993.

He is currently Chairman of the CNA's Editorial Committee, a position he has held for the past 4 years.

An active member of the North York Coin Club, Dr. Kay has served on both ONA and CNA Convention Committees hosted by that club. He also served as the NYCC's 1st Vice President. He has also been involved with the Toronto Coin Club.

He has written numerous original numismatic articles for the CNA Journal, ANA Numismatist, Canadian Coin News, Coin World, The Shekel and the Globe & Mail. The ANA presented him with the Heath Literary Award, the Association's highest literary award, for one of his articles.

He is one of the authors of the highly successful CNA/NESA Correspondence Course and is also an instructor for the one-day CNA/NESA Educational Seminars conducted at Humber College.

Featuring news about the Royal Canadian Mint



ROYAL CANADIAN MINT INVITES NUMISMATIC REPRESENTATIVE TO TORONTO COIN UNVEILING



Earlier this year, John Regitko, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Association, was invited by RCM personnel to participate in the Royal Canadian Mint's Growing Collectors' outreach program event, about the importance of agriculture and farming, wheat, good nutrition and the role of the Mint in commemorating Canadian milestones.

Participants who spoke with students at Duke of Connaught Junior and Senior Public School were The Honorable Maria Minna (P.C., Member of Parliament for Beaches - East York, on behalf of the Honorable David Collenette, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport and Minister Responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint), local representatives from Breakfast for Learning and, as the press release stated, "coin expert Mr. John Regitko of the Canadian Numismatic Association." Partners in this program include the Canadian Wheat Board, Agriculture in the Classroom and Breakfast for Learning.

"The agricultural theme of the 2003 14-Karat Gold Coin inspired the 'Growing Collectors' program. The initiative invites students to learn about coin themes and the historic events they represent," said The Honorable

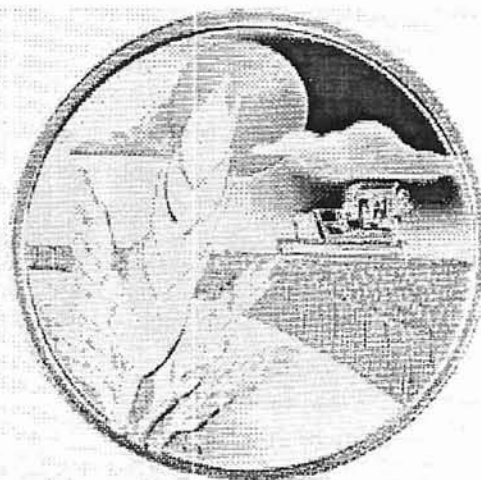
Maria Minna. "We are very proud to bring this program to students and teachers here in Toronto and to others across the country."

During the event, Ms. Minna served a whole-wheat breakfast to students at Duke of Connaught Junior and Senior Public School - the only Ontario stop on the Mint's 'Growing Collectors' awareness tour. Over the past several months the Mint has visited schools in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec. A Nova Scotia visit is planned.

Hailed as an agricultural triumph when it was introduced a century ago by Dr. William Saunders, Director of Canada's Experimental Farm Service, Marquis Wheat played an important role in making Canada forever known as the "World's Bread Basket." Dr. Saunders and his sons Percy and Charles understood the need for a strain of wheat that had an earlier maturity to escape Fall frosts, especially in Western Canada.

After 10 years of crossing and selecting hundreds of possible strains, the Saunders' found success. The superiority of the wheat was immediately evident at Western locations such as Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and in a few years, became so widely used that its attributes quickly spread throughout the wheat-growing regions of the world.

The reverse features a head of Marquis Wheat with a modern combine in the background. Composition of the coin, one of which was presented to the Duke of Connaught School, is 58.33% gold and 41.67% silver. It weighs 13.338 grams and is 27 mm in diameter and 2.15 mm thick, has a reeded edge, a face value is \$100 and a Proof finish (frosted relief on brilliant background). The RCM issue price was \$289.95 with case, \$277.95 without case. Stan Witten of the Royal Canadian Mint engraved the design on the reverse of the coin. The artist is Thom Nelson. The mintage was limited to 10,000.



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THE WOODEN NICKELS, MEDALS & TOKENS ISSUED BY THE LATE JACK VEFFER

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM073

The late Jack Veffe's involvement in the hobby took a number of turns and twists during his lifetime. He served the CNA in various elected positions, including 1st Vice-President for the 1977-79 term and as President for the 1979-81 term. He had previously served on the Executive of the Canadian Paper Money Society (CPMS) and the International Paper Money Society (IPMS). He was also an organizer of the Toronto Paper Money Group which met monthly in downtown Toronto. Professionally, he was a florist, the co-owner (with his brothers) of a chain of flower shops called Dutch Flower Shops. He also started the S.O.B. Numismatists, however, I will save any wooden token collectibles of that organization for another column.

Between all his other activities, both professionally and hobby related, he found time to start up a numismatic paper in 1981, the *Numismatic Courier*. I still remember vividly visiting his office before the furniture arrived, computers sitting on the floor and watching him plan the future of his new "baby."

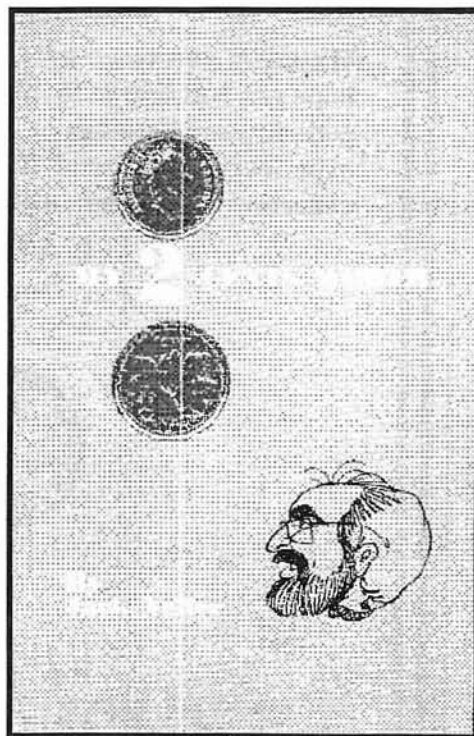
Alas, he would only be publishing 5 issues. Scott McLaren, then owner of Canadian Coin Stamp Antique News (those were the days before the paper was split into 3 different publications), decided to offer a 2-for-1 sale on all advertising to ward off this new competition. Jack realized that the well-established McLaren Publications, which included weekly Muskoka newspapers, could outlast his *Numismatic Courier*. He decided to end his foray into the publishing world...at least until he had another brainstorm a number of years later.

The press run of Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Numismatic Courier*, consisting of 20,000 copies if memory serves me right, was distributed free to coin clubs across Canada. The press run of issue numbers 2 through 5 were reduced to just accommodate his paid subscribers. Unlike most other publications, Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Numismatic Courier* is the most common (I still have a couple of dozen of Number 1, but only 1 of each of the others).



Prior to the start-up of the *Numismatic Courier*, he gave away \$3 trade dollars that were good towards the subscription of his paper. A quantity of 5,000 were struck, however, most of them were eventually destroyed. The exact quantity of tokens that remain unredeemed is unknown, however, they are not plentiful and turn up very infrequently in a dealer's inventory.

His other publishing venture involved a 353-page book entitled "*My 2 Cents Worth*." It has been acknowledged by everyone... from the late Sheldon S. Carroll and Robert Willey to various Presidents of the CNA...as informative, humorous, educational and a "good read." I was asked to keep the inventory and do the shipping. I am still the custodian of the remaining inventory of the book of which not many remain.





Jack designed artwork for a special wooden token to tie in with the launch of his book. Universal Signs of Moncton, N.B. struck a quantity of the woods that were then sent out, along with a greeting card designed by John Regitko. Illustrated to the right is the front cover of the greeting card, while below are the inside panels which gave the

reason for issuing and distributing the wooden token. Each card included one of the wooden tokens enclosed in a clear plastic 2x2 holder stapled to the inside of the card.

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Reproduction of Jack Veffler's original artwork. Note the shades of gray on reverse.

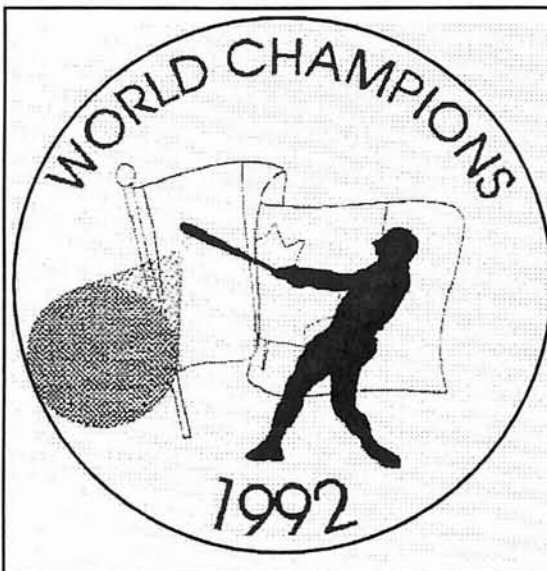
Jack, well-versed with the computer program *Corel Draw*, designed another wooden nickel. His initial artwork, which I still have in my collection, created in shades of black and gray on a white background, appears like it has the makings of a very attractive token. However, shades of gray usually come out as solids on the silk screen method of printing and the end-result pleased no one. Not pleased with the appearance, all but 2 of the woods were eventually destroyed (the two pieces are currently in the collection of John Regitko).

Jack revised the artwork and sent it to Universal Signs to have them printed for free to replace the first unacceptable batch. Universal Signs refused to "correct" the awful looking wood since they did not create the artwork that was the problem and only worked with what was given them. They claimed that since they did not create the artwork, they felt no responsibility towards the appearance of the first wood and were, therefore, entitled to ask for payment for manufacturing the second batch. Veffler refused and as a consequence, the replacements were never manufactured.

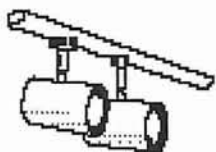
Since then, Veffler passed away and Universal Signs decided to stop accepting orders for the manufacture of wooden tokens. Too bad Universal did not advise Jack of the poor quality before manufacturing them!



Woods as manufactured by Universal Signs of Fredericton, N.B. The printing on the reverse (above, right) pleased no one, since the ball player and the bat blended into the dark portions of the flag in the background. As a consequence, it is believed that all but 2 of the woods were destroyed. The only 2 known surviving examples are in the collection of John Regitko.



Revised artwork of the reverse side created by Jack Veffler. It shows black ball player and bat against line drawing of Canadian flag in the background. Veffler thought that this would produce an acceptable design using the silk screen method of production. Note that he eliminated the black/grey overlaps so that every feature of the design is readily seen in the artwork. The gray of the ball in flight would not be a problem since there is nothing behind it to interfere. Even though this revised artwork would no doubt produce an unacceptable result, it was never used.

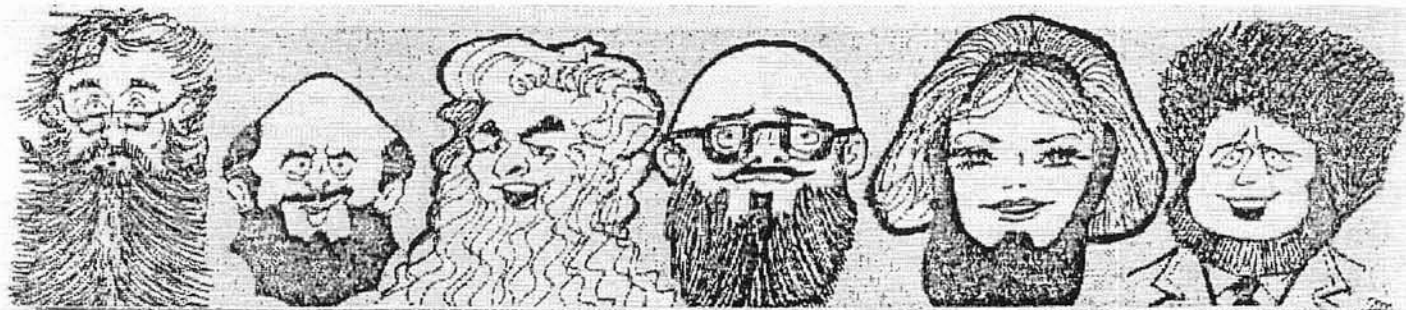


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THE HISTORY OF THE S.O.B. NUMISMATISTS

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM073

ONA members that were not active within the hobby in the 2nd half of the 1970s will think the following article is a figment of the imagination of the author. However, everything written below is fact. Nothing has been embellished. Everything can be verified word-for-word in the bulletins in the possession, and through the personal involvement, of the author, a former Associate Member of the S.O.B. Numismatists.



SOCIETY OF BEARDED NUMISMATISTS

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INTRODUCTION

The S.O.B. Numismatists, founded by the late Jack Veffler, was a numismatic organization that, more than anything else, attempted to put some fun back into an otherwise serious hobby. Or, as I put it at the time, to put some sanity back into an otherwise unsanitary hobby.

Jack Veffler enjoyed the fun and fellowship in the hobby. Although he was a collector...and investor...of paper money, specializing in Canadian chartered banknotes and Dutch banknotes, he definitely enjoyed the social aspects of the hobby.

As Jack Veffler told me himself, one day he and the late Col. Grover Criswell, a well-known dealer in U.S. Confederate States paper money, were sitting around a bar at an ANA Convention when the discussion got around to forming an organization that would put some fun back into the hobby that had gotten all too serious. By the time the bar closed, which was about a dozen drinks each later, the manifesto had been written on some paper napkins.

Within a matter of months, the S.O.B. Numismatists became a recognized "legitimate" numismatic organization, with bulletins and all. It was accepted into membership of both the CNA and ANA. The fact that they never applied for membership, or were never accepted, by the ONA should tell us something, but we're not sure what.

ITS NAME

Jack wanted a catchy name that was indicative of the association's aims and objectives. Since he sported quite a beard, he thought up the name "S.O.B. Numismatists." He told us it stood for "Society of Bearded Numismatists." Knowing his sense of humor, he didn't mind if you thought it also meant something else.

MEMBERSHIP

It was decided that only lifetime memberships would be offered. If you had a beard, a life-time membership, including bulletins mailed to you irregularly, would be \$2.00. If you did not have a beard and you were a male, associate lifetime membership would also be \$2.00. If you were female, associate membership would be \$2.02. For the extra 2 cents, female members would be allowed to 'throw in their 2 cents worth' at meetings. Since this was in the pre-politically correct days, no one objected to the fact that females had to pay more than their male counterparts.

Later, due to the cost of printing and mailing of the bulletins that Jack issued from time-to-time, lifetime membership was increased. As Jack stated at the time: "Those who wish to join from now on, will be charged \$10.00. From \$2.00 to \$10.00 is a mere increase of 8% and should not frighten away any serious applicants." That did not stop people from joining once they saw one or two of his bulletins, and membership reached over 400 members.

A benefit of membership, other than receiving bulletins, was the possibility of being issued squirt guns to the members that are on the Board of Directors of national and international groups...to expedite unreasonable arguments with their Executive.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Even Jack realized that any organization must have rules if it was to succeed. He incorporated his own ideas of what the S.O.B. Numismatist's should have as a prerequisite for membership:

- 1) a beard
- 2) a healthy liver
- 3) a strong dislike of rules and regulations
- 4) a good sense of humor

Members would be supplied with an S.O.B. Badge of Honor, a Membership Certificate and are entitled to all other privileges which may be conferred upon members from time-to-time.

Members may be expelled for two reasons:

- 1) shaving of the beard
- 2) anti-social behavior

Sheldon S. Carroll, Grover Criswell, Doug Robins, Yasha Beresiner and Robert Willey were just some of the well-known members who sported beards.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

For obvious reasons, there were no female members. Women were awarded Associate Membership...if sponsored by five regular members in good standing. Ingrid Smith, Ruth McQuade and Dora de Pedery-Hunt were just three of the well-known female associate members.

Associate Membership could be awarded to men without beards under one condition. An Associate S.O.B. shall always pick up the tab when having a social drink with an S.O.B. Should an Associate grow a beard within one year in which such incident occurs, the case may be reviewed if a sum in excess of \$1,000 is involved, according to the membership criteria.

Some of the male Associate Members were Robert Aaron, Alex Munro, William McDonald, Al Bliman, Chuck Moore, John Dewyze, Albert Kasman, Ross Irwin, Guy Lestrade, Abe Rogozinski and John Regitko.

ELECTIONS

I'll let Jack say it in his own words: "You've got to be kidding. We are never going to have elections. I want to be president for the rest of my life. I am having so much fun, there is no way I could be convinced to relinquish my position. There is only going to be one way by which a member can gain stature in the society, BRIBERY. You can hold any position you want at the right price."

BRIBING YOUR WAY ONTO THE EXECUTIVE

Jack appointed himself ½President of the S.O.B.s. Grover Criswell was the other ½President. Grover did the membership recruiting in the U.S. Jack did everything else.

Although there were no elections, everyone had the opportunity to serve the organization. Actually, it was hardly “serving” the society, since Jack was quite capable of looking after the best interests of the organization by himself. All you had to do to get your name included as a member of the Executive was to bribe your way onto the masthead listing. Bribes were accepted for the various positions.

Bribes to have your name and title listed on the masthead for life were not cheap. An Honorary Presidency would cost \$1,000, An Honorary Vice-President \$750.00. Hank Gibson was the big spender, picking the title of Vice President in Charge of Vice for himself. There were a number who opted for a Directorship, including some titles that were unique to the S.O.B.s. Ingrid Smith became Beard Inspector. Alex Munro was Barefaced Head of Intelligence. Sheldon S. Carroll, appropriately, bribed himself to the position of Ornerly Chief Curator. Al Bliman, for whatever reason, wanted to be Minister of Intimate Affairs. John Dewyze chose Official Welcher. Albert Kasman became Official Photographer, because he had a camera and he was the only S.O.B. who knew how to point it in the right direction.

The beauty was that members of the Executive were expected to do nothing and did a very good job at it. Very much like some members of the Executive of some numismatic organizations today. Each of these Directors had to pay \$50 to get listed.

Every cent raised through bribes and other donations was donated to the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, a registered non-profit numismatic organization. Jack just kept paying the bills out of his own pocket. Printing and postage sure added up.

S.O.B. MEETINGS

It was initially announced that a meeting was held every time 2 or more members met in a bar. Or any other facility that offered drinks, including members' and non-members' homes and hotel rooms. People should not get the impressions that this was an organization that was trying to put Alcoholics Anonymous out of business. Jack (and Grover) just felt that they had to hang their hat only some criteria for their organizations and the phrase “a meeting being on progress every time two or more members get together” sort of needed a reason. Since socializing was a main objective (humor was the other one), inviting someone to your room or home seemed a natural connection.

But Jack didn't just leave meetings to chance. Actual meetings were held in suites in conjunction with major coin shows such as the CNA, ANA, Torex and, if memory serves me right, even at ONA Conventions. Jack would pick up the tab for an open bar and it would not be unusual to have him pick up a tab of \$500. The money came out of his own pocket.

Two things happened at S.O.B. Numismatists meetings. The main one was definitely fun and fellowship. The second thing was the awarding of the “S.O.B. of the Year” Award that is detailed in the next section.

Very little was published about the meetings themselves. The problem becomes that if no real business is discussed or voted on and passed at meetings, why bother recording Minutes of meetings? Very easy, if you have the mind of Jack Veffer. Following are the only Minutes of a meeting ever published in one of the S.O.B. Numismatists' bulletins:

“The meeting was called to disorder at 8:00 p.m. Things became a little hazy after that. Photographs prove that the meeting was well-attended. Certain resolutions were made and as soon as I remember the name of the person who acted as secretary, the minutes of the meeting will be made public, with some exceptions. I vaguely remember motions being made, but that was mostly in the direction of the pretty waitress. To protect our privacy we must remember to hire a guard, next time.”

Incidentally, the S.O.B.s preferred to hold their meetings in hotels that did not have washroom attendants. That way, one of their bulletins points out, it saves many quarters in tips.

THE "S.O.B. OF THE YEAR" AWARD



Dora de Pedery-Hunt, whose designs are known to every Canadian numismatist, not only had talent, but she also had a good heart. Since she knew that Jack Veffer was one of her biggest fans and they had a lot of mutual respect for each other, she volunteered to design a medal for him that was to be awarded to members (or associate members, those of us without beards) that Jack felt contributed to the success of the S.O.B. Numismatists. Since it was never spelled out what sort of criteria qualified one to receive the award, "contributions" in the form of bribes (that were donated to the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation) could be made.

What Dora created was right up Jack's alley. A rather appropriate hairy medal that cannot exactly be called one of Dora's serious creations. There is no truth to the rumor that Jack modeled for it.

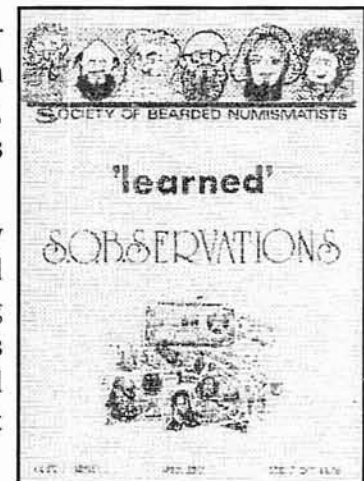
The cost to Jack: dinner with Dora and the cost of casting each medal. Cost to the recipients: Either a pile of drinks at a meeting or a bribe...except for the late Al Bliman, who received his because Jack appreciated all the work that he did to promote the hobby as well as for all the postage stamps used to send out the bulletins. I did not receive the award even though I paid for the printing and mailing of a huge bulletin, I think because I was semi-bald and refused to grow a beard or even a moustache.

THE BULLETINS

For the life time membership of \$2 (\$2.02 for the ladies), you certainly got your money's worth! A number of letter-size bulletins were issued, any one of which would have more than used up the life time membership fee. Fortunately for Jack, Al Bliman obtained uncanceled postage stamps from the mailroom of Sears Canada which Jack used to mail out some of the bulletins.

Then Jack got the idea of putting out a 32-page bulletin, complete with heavy cover, folded and stapled. He put a pile of his own money into its creation and distribution. Just as we attempt to publish articles in the ONA Numismatist dealing with numismatics of Ontario, so the S.O.B. Numismatist's S.O.B. Servations published articles about bearded people. Their "People in the News" covered members with beards. Their numismatic articles were about banknotes that contained famous people that sported beards.

Their letters to the Editor again dealt with their infatuation with beards:



"It sounds like an organization which no self-respecting coin collector would be associated with — the main reason why I want to join" - Walter Temple

"It began in my late teens, many years ago. I awoke one morning to find that God had put hair on my face. I took a razor and cut it off. The next morning, God had put it back again so I took the razor and cut it off again. This continued for over two decades and finally I let God have his way." - Stan Howe

"I qualify on three of the four requirements for membership to a very high degree, but alas, on the requirement for a full beard, I am somewhat lacking, having only a small moustache. Please overlook this discrepancy, and issue my membership anyway...maybe one of these days we'll have an electrical failure and then I won't be able to shave." - Ernie Von

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HIS LIFE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

Due to the cost of printing and postage increasing drastically, Jack felt it necessary to send out renewal notices. This is the only instance that is known in Canada and probably in the world where a numismatic organization asked members to renew their life membership. Life Membership renewal was pegged at an unrealistically low \$10. Nobody objected to paying twice in one's lifetime. Not even the lawyers.

HIS REWARD

So what did Jack get out of all of this? We know the bribery money went to the Ferguson Foundation. We know he paid for the printing of bulletins. He paid for postage for any shortfall in the donation of postage stamps from Al Bliman. We know he rented suites at conventions and stocked it with snacks and drink. He paid for the cost of casting each S.O.B. of the Year medal. He even spent money on his very own S.O.B. wood.



"So far it has been fun, fun, fun, all the way," said Jack, "This organization of ours has given me some time to frolic and poke fun at the hobby." When I look at my own involvement in the hobby over the past 41 years, I know that fun and fellowship played a big role in my longevity. Jack and I were of like mind in that respect.

The other reward he received was a plaque, suitably engraved, mounted on a wooden backing. What does "suitably engraved" mean in this case? The wording on the label below the backside of a donkey protruding from the wooden backing said "To Jack Veffer - the biggest JACKass of them all." I remember it well. I had it made and presented it to him. One thing that can be said about the plaque was that it was unique, just like Jack and the S.O.B. Numismatist organization!

Because of the S.O.B. Numismatist organization and his other numismatic interests, from publishing the Numismatic Courier to writing a book to being President of the CNA, he may have passed on, but he will not be forgotten!

SOME DIFFICULT NUMISMATIC TERMINOLOGY

Assay	A big article on numismatics
Bourse	Where it happens
Bar	Where it happens, if it does not happen at the bourse
Bar (Alternate)	A piece of silver with a picture on it; could easily be confused with numismatics.
Counterfeit	Illegal, except when done by a Government
Countermark	What you get, when you drop a coin
Crown	What you collect when you are rich
Debase	What Roman Emperors and Modern Governments have in common
Error Coin	When you buy a 1936 dot dime for \$5,000 and you can't find the dot after you get home
Field	The part of the coin with all the scratches
Filler	A coin that no respectable collector wants
Grading	The art of making a coin look better or worse.
Limited issue	Usually no more than 100 million
Magnifying glass	Instrument used to downgrade coins when buying
Mazuma	A bar in Mexico frequented by the Marines called the Halls of Mazuma. Not a numismatic word.
Medallion, Medalet	Words made up to confuse those who collect them
Numismatics	The science of buying Whitman holders and filling the holes
Numismatist	Anyone who can pronounce the word
Pattern	Could easily be confused with a coin. Use word with care unless talking about wall paper or dresses
Planchet	Can be used for making coins or put in parking meters

CNA CONVENTION NEWS

EDUCATIONAL FORUM TO FEATURE TOP NOTCH SPEAKERS

The CNA Convention in Windsor will host educational programs organized by Paul Johnson, CNA Education Chairman. We are pleased to publish details of the four presentations and some background on the presenters. The information was originally published in the CNA Journal.

The Canadian Numismatic Association is pleased to present two Educational Forums that will take place during the CNA 2003 convention in Windsor, Ontario on July 18 and 19.

Friday, July 18 - 3:30 PM

“The RCMP and Numismatics” - Chris Boyer

The year 2003 marks the 130th anniversary of the founding of the North West Mounted Police, today known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The scarlet tunic of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is among the top three recognizable symbols throughout the world, along with Coca Cola and Mickey Mouse. It is not surprising, then, that the image of the RCMP would have found its way into numismatics. What is surprising is the wide variety of numismatic items that bear the image of one of the world's best police forces.

Using slides and displays of the actual theme, we will examine the plethora of RCMP-related numismatic items, from circulating coinage, non circulating gold and silver coins, municipal trade tokens, errors, bank notes and decorations. We will also look at exonumia including wooden tokens, elongated coins, art bars and hobo nickels.

Chris Boyer is an avid numismatist with many years involvement in the hobby of coin collecting. He is a Past President and Editor at the Waterloo Coin Society and currently runs the Franklin Coin Club at the Kitchener public school where he teaches. In 2002 he received the “Award of Merit” from the Ontario Numismatic Association. Chris has written numerous articles for Canadian Coin News and the CNA Journal. He is also an instructor for the CNA numismatic course held at Humber College, Toronto.

“Rare Numismatic Items That You Can Afford” - John and Nancy Wilson

This program will cover a diversity of numismatic items that are very difficult to obtain but affordable to most collectors. Numismatics includes a large scope of topics and many of these subjects will be examined by John and Nancy Wilson. Every collector loves a challenge and the “thrill of the hunt” in obtaining an item for one's collection is very satisfying. An item can be “rare” but also be affordable. Dozens of examples will be reviewed and shown in this presentation. Some of the pieces include a set of four aluminum tokens from the Hudson Bay Company, 1760 French playing card with an embossment of Joseph the First, set of four 1033 Colorado Century of Progress Dollars from the John J. Pittman collection, large brown porcelain medal for the 1936 Olympics held in Berlin, a “BO” Hobo Nickel depicting Santa Claus on a Buffalo nickel, rare early 1800 Puerto Rico tres peso note, Japan-Kai Province Tokugawa Dynasty 1600-1850 Gold Koshukin and early American 1825 Delaware token issued by J. Randel Jr.

John Wilson is the current President of the American Numismatic Association, while Nancy Wilson served four years as ANA Governor.

John and Nancy are collectors, exhibitors, judges, authors, researchers and coin club workers. Both have been involved in numismatics since the early 1970s and have received numerous awards. They include the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award, the ANA Medal of Merit, Florida United Numismatists “Excellence in Numismatic Education” award, the Central States Numismatic Society Literary Award and various numismatic exhibit awards. Both have been Co-Chairpersons for the CSNS Conventions and John was General Chairman for the ANA Centennial Convention in 1991. Both have given hundreds of talks at local coin clubs and to the annual ANA Convention Numismatic Theatre. They are tireless workers and promoters of numismatics.

Saturday, July 19 — 3:30 PM

“U.S. Congressional Award Medals of the War of 1812” - Chris Neuzil

The War of 1812 pitted the United States against Britain and her remaining American possession, Canada. U.S. Army and Navy victories in the war were recognized with a series of 26 award medals mandated by the U.S. Congress. These large, visually striking presentation pieces feature flamboyant portraits of military commanders, intricate battle scenes and allegorical tableaus. They are personal works of art that reveal the tastes and sensibilities in the young United States. Hand-engraved dies were used to strike the medals; an example in gold was made for the commander and, in the case of the Navy awards, examples in silver for his officers. Some contemporary examples of the Army medals in tin are also known. These historic original medals, struck between 1817 and 1835 are quite rare. Restrikes in copper were made throughout the 19th century and, though most also rare by modern standards, are much more collectible. Modern (mid-20th century) copies in bronze are very inexpensive, but assembling a set can be quite challenging.

Chris Neuzil has collected coins and medals for about 40 years. For over 25 years, he has studied early U.S. medals, especially War of 1812 Congressional awards and other medals by diesinker Moritz Furst. He discovered the only known example of the James Monroe Presidential medal, and has published a die census and catalogue of Furst's medals. Chris has also recently written on medal-buying in online auctions and occasionally consults on medal-related topics. Neuzil is a Research Hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. He is currently a member of the American Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Society, Token and Medal Society and the John Reich Collector's Society. He has published numismatic articles in the ANA 1991 centennial volume, the 1997 ANS Coinage of the Americas Conference volume and the ANA Numismatist.

“The War of 1812–1814 - An Upper Canadian Perspective” - John MacLeod

In 1812 when the United States Congress declared war on Great Britain and her colonies, many of the inhabitants of Upper Canada must have felt that the end result would be a foregone conclusion. They would be American citizens before year's end. Even the commanding officer in the Province, Major General Isaac Brock speculated as much. Napoleon Bonaparte of France was in control of most of Europe, and this had great impact on the economy of Britain. British North America would have to be defended and, if need be, sacrificed for the good of the Empire. Why is it that the war ended as it did? Was it a draw or an American victory? Would there be a Canada in the British Commonwealth? John MacLeod will discuss the fascinating account of how, from an Upper Canada perspective, it was not a draw, nor an American victory. It is important to note that much of the backdrop for this war took place in the Windsor – Detroit area. John will be clothed as a member of “Caldwell's Rangers” a British group used for scouting and raiding following Britain's evacuation of Essex county.

John MacLeod is the Collections Manager of the Fort Malden National Historic Site, Amherstburg, Ontario. At 14 years of age, his interest in history prompted him to volunteer as a Drummer Boy at Fort George NHSC in Niagara-on-the-Lake, becoming a summer job for many years. After a few months spent working as a Heritage Presentation Specialist at Woodside NHSC in Kitchener, Ontario, John became the Interpretive Guide Supervisor at Fort Malden in 1992. He was also assigned as National Historic Weapons Supervisor. He is currently the Acting Resource Center Collections Specialist at the facility. John also holds a Queen's Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Cadet Instructors Cadre of the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve.

(Editor's Comments: We encourage all ONA members to not only attend the CNA Convention and take in the above educational programs, but also the many other activities scheduled between July 17 and 20 such as the bourse, exhibits, meetings of specialty groups, club delegates meeting, banquet, tours and more. Registration will get you a souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse and exhibits, unlimited admission to the hospitality suite, attendance to the Royal Canadian Mint Reception, an I.D. badge with souvenir convention ribbon featuring an illustration of the medal, and more!)

MEDAL DESIGN UNVEILED FOR 2003 CNA CONVENTION



Being involved with the CNA in a major way, your ONA Editor can certainly vouch for the fact that the Windsor Coin Club and the CNA 2003 Convention Committee have been working extremely hard to assure that all convention-goers have a lot to look forward to. If you have not already planned to attend, we suggest you do so now. In the last ONA Numismatist, we provided you with a lot of information about the Convention. If you have mislaid your copy and wish to fill in the Registration Form or review the Program of Events, you can view it on the CNA Website at www.canadian-numismatic.org or e-mail mclarke@wincom.net and they will e-mail you a copy.

The CNA 2003 Convention, scheduled for July 17 - 20, will be the Cleary International Centre, located on Riverside Drive in the heart of downtown Windsor, only two blocks from Casino Windsor. The Convention floor as well as the adjacent hotel rooms overlook the Detroit River and the impressive Detroit skyline.

If you have not already done so, get your registration in immediately. Make your room reservation directly with the hotel. Make the Exhibits Chairman aware of your intention to exhibit via the Exhibitor Application Form also available from the Website or through e-mail. Dealers who have not already committed to attend should contact the Bourse Chair. Don't miss out on the national numismatic event of the year!

HOTEL AND ROOM RATES

If you have not already done so, call either of the following hotels right now to make a reservation. Both are located adjacent to the Cleary International Centre.

- Windsor Hilton, 277 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, ON N9A 5K4 (1-800-445-8687). \$144 single/double
- Radisson Riverfront, 333 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, ON N9A 5K4 (1-800-333-3333) \$134 single/double

Be sure to ask for the "CNA Rate" when contacting a hotel. Above room rates are in Canadian funds, subject to 5% sales tax and 7% GST.

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