



## News from the September 22, 1992 Meeting

The 366th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, September 22, 1992. President Ron Zelk opened the meeting at 8:02 p.m., welcoming 27 members and guests. He began by drawing our attention to upcoming events and a couple of coin show flyers available on the front table. Bunny Turner's name was drawn for on time attendance, but she was not present so the pot grows to \$6.00 for the October meeting. The mint box was passed to 2 juniors.

It was wonderful to see Jean Orr out to a meeting after a long absence. She noticed that, with the passing of our 365th meeting in August, the club has completed what could be thought of as a "whole year full of meetings". We are indebted to Jean for standing in for Ted Boxall and preparing the refreshments for the evening. The Chair announced that Ted was recovering from recent surgery and asked the members in attendance to sign a get well card.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Susan Maltby. Susan began, a little off-topic, by telling us about a letter she had received from a man in Nigeria who is seeking a pen pal. Anyone interested in taking up correspondence should contact Susan through the Club. Getting back to her subject, Coin Cleaning, Susan distributed copies of a survey which had appeared in her Coin World column. Answering these questions served as the basis for a discussion on the results of the survey and the coin cleaning beliefs and attitudes of those at the meeting. Ron thanked Susan and presented her with a set of the Club's convention medals.

An auction of 3 lots was ably conducted by Bob Porter, with the assistance of Basil Latham. We thank Don Robb for his

donation which brought \$8.00 at auction. Lucky draw winners were Brad Petch(2), George Bellew(2), Lucille Colson, Fred C. Jewett, Tom Wilson, Don Robb, Russ Brown and Norman G. Gordon.

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

## Question-of-the-Month

Well, your editors continue to wait for contributions to this section from the members, and continue to have to come up with questions themselves. We're in the mood for a bit of a harder one this time-- Can you name four aspects of the appearance of a coin which would cause you to be suspicious that what you in fact have is a fake piece? There are certainly more than four in total, so there is no one set of "right" answers. In the mood for some easier questions? Think one up and pass it along to the editors. ;-)

The September question asked members to think about what late 80's and early 90's coins might become key dates and should be tucked away now. Ron Zelk listed the coins that are difficult to find, including the 1983 Constitution Dollar with the voyageur obverse, the 1991 25 and 50 and the 1992 Caribou 25 (found only in the mint set). The 1991 25 pieces, it is believed, were only distributed in the west, a sufficient supply of earlier dated quarters already being held for distribution in the east. On the topic of 50 pieces, it was noted that the lowest recent mintages, listed from lowest to highest, were in 1990, 1988, 1989, 1987 and then 1991. None of the 1992 25 pieces are particularly scarce, but are definitely being saved from out of circulation by many people.

## Coming Events

1. Torex, Oct. 31 10am-6pm & Nov. 1 10am-3pm Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. \$3.25 admission  
Info: Ingrid Smith (416) 586-0098
2. Tilsonburg Coin Club Coin & Hobby Show, November 1, Mount Elgin Community Centre 5 miles south of 401 and 5 miles north of Tilsonburg on Highway 19
3. Waterloo Coin Society Show, November 28, 10am-5pm, The Rink in the Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo, free admission  
Info: Don Robb, Box 724, Waterloo, N2J 4C2 728-1352
4. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th. 1992. The Club's Annual Christmas Party will be in the club's usual meeting room at Edithvale Community Centre.

The Treasurer will accept your reservations with your remittance of \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal and refreshments at the October 27th. meeting. There will be a gift exchange at the party with a value of \$5.00 per gift. ALL RESERVATIONS must be in no later than the NOVEMBER 24TH. MEETING.

Reminder to the Executive: The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. 1992, at 7:00 P.M. at 4720 Yonge Street, Please be on time so that we can start the meeting on time.

Until next month:

Your co-editors: Paul Petch and Harvey Farrow.

We'll be looking for you at the next meeting!!



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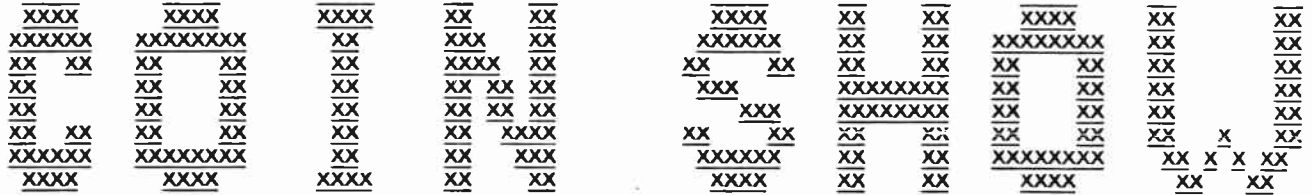
MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M. AT

MAIL ADDRESS--NORTH YORK COIN CLUB, P.O. BOX 294, STATION A., WILLOWDALE, ONT. M2N 5S9

Meetings--Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, Ontario, M2N 2R4

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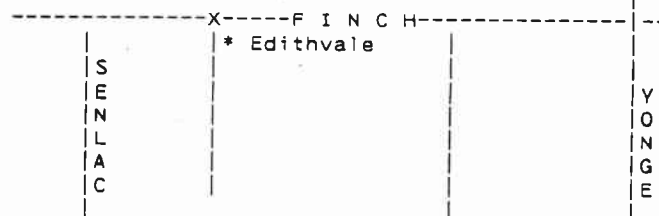
Saturday, October 17, 1992  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Edithvale Community Centre  
7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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Yonge Street

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# Survey asks collectors' views on cleaning coins

## Some are safe, some are not

I am interested in the treatments that collectors carry out.

There are a number of commercial products and home recipes that collectors use to clean, tone and coat their coins. Some are safe, but others are not. Therefore, to help me serve you better, this month's column asks

for your participation. I would like you to tell me whether, why and how exactly you would treat a coin, token or medal.

Please complete and return the following survey. If your answers are longer than the space allotted, feel free to use as many additional pages as are necessary. The most important thing is for you to be as honest and specific as possible. Tell me exactly how you carry out treatments including what recipes and products you use. Do not be shy: I promise not to chastise you. All who respond can be assured of complete anonymity.

I appreciate your involvement in this project and look forward to hearing from all of you. Send your completed survey to me in care of *Coin World* (Attention: Saving Money Survey, P.O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365). I will compile the results and report on my findings in a later column. Remember, I want to hear from you even if you answer NO to all of the questions.

1. Do you clean your coins, tokens or medals?

No  Yes

If answered No, please proceed to Question 2. If answered Yes, please tell me:

A.

Q: What does cleaning mean to you?

- A:  Degreasing  
 Removing surface dirt  
 Removing corrosion/tarnish  
 Other (please specify)

B.

Q: Why do you clean your collection?

- A:  As part of a regular maintenance program  
 In preparation for sale  
 When you notice tarnish  
 Other (please specify)

C.

Q: How do you "clean" your coins?

Please include the method you use (e.g. dipping, soaking, scrubbing), the type of coin cleaned (e.g. silver, gold, platinum, copper and copper alloy, zinc, aluminum) and product/recipe used.



## Saving money

By Susan L. Maltby

To reinstate a patina that was lost through a cleaning treatment  
 Other (please specify)

B.

Q: How do you carry out this treatment? Please include the method you use, the type of coin toned (i.e. silver, gold, platinum, copper and copper alloy, zinc, aluminum) and the product/recipe used.

A:

C.

Q: Is there a type of coin that you would never tone? If so, tell me why.

A:

3. Do you apply surface coatings (i.e. lacquers, anti-corrosion coatings) to your coins, tokens or medals?

No  Yes

If answered No, go to the bottom of the survey. If you answered Yes, please tell me:

A.

Q: Why do you apply a surface coating?

- A:  To prevent corrosion  
 To enhance the appearance  
 To protect them from the environment  
 To reduce the damage from inappropriate handling  
 Other (please specify)

B.

Q: What coatings do you use? Please include the method you use (i.e. dipping, spraying), the type of coin coated (i.e. silver, gold, platinum, zinc, aluminum, copper and copper alloy) and the product/recipe used.

A:

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D.

Q: Is there a type of coin that you would never clean? If so, tell me why.

A:

C.

Q: Is there a type of coin to which you would never apply surface coatings? If so, tell me why.

A:

2. Do you tone or repatinate your coins, tokens or medals?

No  Yes

If answered No, please proceed to Question 3. If answered Yes, please tell me:

A.

Q: Why do you tone or repatinate your coins?

A:  To enhance the appearance  
 To hide small flaws

Thank you for completing this survey. Even if you answered every question with No, please let me know by sending in your completed form.

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**Susan L. Maltby**, Toronto, is a private conservation consultant. She has written and spoken about numismatic preservation and cleaning on a number of occasions.

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