



North York Coin Club

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THE BULLETIN FOR JULY 2008

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 22

We start gathering at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Our July meeting will be a time for stories and reports on activities at the C.N.A. 2008 Ottawa Convention. This will give everyone an opportunity to recount their convention adventures and a chance to those who could not attend to catch up on the news.

Our supply of draw prize material is very low and we appreciate all donations.
Also, please bring some items for the auction.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, fellow members:

Well, it is almost C.N.A. time again.

Where does the time go, I asked one of my friends the other day? Her response was swift, and she replied, "It goes as fast as my money, maybe even faster." How true.

This will be the first of our summer meetings coming up and I will unfortunately, probably not be there. I am going to take a well deserved vacation at the same time as the C.N.A. and go on to Quebec and then to Kingston. So, I wish you a good meeting.

As you have probably read by now, TOREX was a really good show and the venue is perfect. The dealers all had a lot of good inventory and most that I met were buying a good amount as well. Along with this they were, for the most part, doing a brisk business in buying and selling of silver in all forms, from junk to 1,000 oz. bars, all at a good premium over Spot.

Silver seems to have become the new "must have" currency and with Gold at \$950.00 an oz. it would only seem reasonable.

The "GTA Coin Clubs" table that Paul Petch arranged and at the courtesy of John Regitko, was I think a welcome addition and certainly during my time in attendance was well received by attendees. I think we will see the results in the fall, when the mood of collecting starts its annual cycle.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support over the last year and I look forward to another year as your "Fearless Leader."

Have a good summer and I will see all of you in August.

Nick



BREAST CANCER COIN HONOURED AT MINT DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

Ottawa, Ontario, June 19, 2008 — The Royal Canadian Mint received a welcome accolade from its peers when the Mint Directors Conference, holding its 25th annual meeting in Busan, Korea, presented it with the *Most Technologically Advanced Circulation Coin Award* for its 25-cent breast cancer coloured circulation coin.

This is the second honour earned by this inspirational and innovative circulation coin, which was previously recognized in May 2007 as the "Best New Coin" by the International Association of Currency Affairs.

The 25-cent breast cancer circulation coin features the iconic pink ribbon, the symbol of hope and awareness in the effort to create a future without breast cancer. Thirty million breast cancer coins entered into circulation beginning on April 1, 2006. These were the second coloured circulation coins to be produced by the Royal Canadian Mint's Winnipeg facility, following the popular 25-cent poppy coin in the fall of 2004.

The Mint Directors Conference (MDC) was organized for the purpose of exchanging information on all monetary matters and related legal, economic, technical, administrative and numismatic questions of interest to the minting industry. The MDC provides a forum for co-operating on the study of current issues and mutually agreeable solutions. The MDC also promotes study and research into all coin-related matters, including the implications of new means of payment.

MEETING NEWS OF THE JUNE 2008 MEETING

The 536th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on June 24, 2008 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Blvd. North York, Ontario. President Nick Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. with twenty-seven members and two guests in attendance, one of whom was a junior, Ben Abraham Bar-Moshe. Ben was a guest of his father, Avner, who commented that he was indeed the father rather than grandfather of this enthusiastic collector.

The On Time Attendance Draw was won by Italo Villella, who received this month's attendance draw prize of \$10.. The pot returns to \$2 for the July meeting.

The minutes of the May meeting were published in The Bulletin. Approval was moved by Nick Cowan and seconded by consensus. Carried.

David Quinlan reported on web hosting and URL names. The club had instructed David to reserve domain names: www.northyorkcoinclub.org; www.northyorkcoinclub.ca; and www.northyorkcoinclub.net. This has been done for a cost of \$169.00. 1-2-wonder has agreed to host our site for free. Unfortunately www.northyorkcoinclub.com is now held by a site squatter based in Gibraltar, by the name of Sinclair Valblon. The secretary's suggestion that a piece of the rock be dropped on

this opportunist was greeted by widespread agreement.

This was a member participation evening.

In light of the club's upcoming fiftieth birthday in 2010, Dr. Marvin Kay presented a collection of his medically related items bearing the numeral fifty (50), including fiftieth anniversary medals for Glaxo, penicillin (1978), insulin (1971), the Ontario Society for Crippled Children (1952) and the Denver Jewish Hospital (1899-1949.)

Dick Dunn did a following up on The Bulletin article concerning a 1603 sword and sceptre gold coin discovered at the Avalon county archaeological dig in Newfoundland. He presented from his collection a half sword and sceptre denomination of James VI of Scotland. When Elizabeth I died without an heir, he became James I of the United Kingdom, notable for his edict to produce the King James Version of the Bible.

Roger A. Fox displayed a Canadian Tire coupon for 65 cents prepared as a fantasy item for a collector's 65th birthday.

An auction of 33 items, called by Robert Porter, managed by Mark Argentino and with Vince Chiappino as runner raised \$15.70 for the club in commission and

donations. The sale of door prize tickets brought \$19.00 for the club. Winners included Tony Hine, Marvin Kay, Leon Saraga and Ben Abraham Bar-Moshe. Thanks go to Paul Johnson for a generous donation of material to be used as door prizes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

100 YEARS AGO

The July 1908 issue of The Numismatist (Vol. 21, No. 7) recorded the passing on June 16 of Dr. George F. Heath, founder of the magazine. Articles paid homage to the man whose creation went on to become the official journal of the American Numismatic Association when it was purchased and presented to the ANA by noted Canadian collector W.W.C. Wilson in 1910.

The same issue reported, "Word has reached us of the death on the 13th of June of the wife of Dr. Eugene G. Courteau, Local Secretary of the ANA for Quebec and Eastern Canada." Dr. Courteau documented in over a dozen books and articles the early token coinage of Upper and Lower Canada and the maritime colonies.

COMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2008

JULY 17 - 20, Ottawa Canadian Numismatic Association 2008 Convention, Crown Plaza Hotel. Bourse open Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canada's \$1 million coin on the bourse floor Saturday. Other highlights include auction, speciality club meetings, CNA annual meeting and awards banquet. For information contact Serge Pelletier serge_pelletier@sympatico.ca. Web site: <http://canadian-numismatic.org>.
AUG. 10, Paris, SWON, Special Events Building 139 Silver St. (Paris Fairgrounds). Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *More than 50 tables of coins, papermoney, military and more. Admission \$2 includes*

ticket on a gold coin draw. Good food and drink available at show. Buy sell and trade For more information, contact Ted Bailey at 1-866-747-2646 or E-Mail tedscollections@bellnet.ca.

AUG. 24, Woodstock, Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show, NEW LOCATION. Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Door prizes and displays. Admission \$1, kids free.* For more information, contact Woodstock Coin Club, 41 Masefield Cr., London, ON N5V 1M9, (519) 451-2316.

SEPT. 6, Guelph, South Wellington Coin Society Fall Show, Colonel John McCrea Legion, 919 York Rd., Guelph or Hwy 7. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *One of*

Southwestern Ontario's biggest shows, 50 dealer tables, free parking, fully accessible. Large display area, hot meals. Admission \$2 for age 16 and up. Free gold coin draw. For more information, contact Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St., Guelph, ON, N1G 4K9. Phone (519) 824 6534.

SEPT. 14, London, London Numismatic Society 16th Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. [off Hwy. 401]. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Draws for prizes with admission of \$1 - children free. Free parking. Displays, and dealers for coins, tokens, medals, paper money and more.* For more information, contact Len Buth, 519-641-4353. Email lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

MOOSE MARKS CANADA DAY FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

WORLD COIN NEWS, JUNE 26 2008

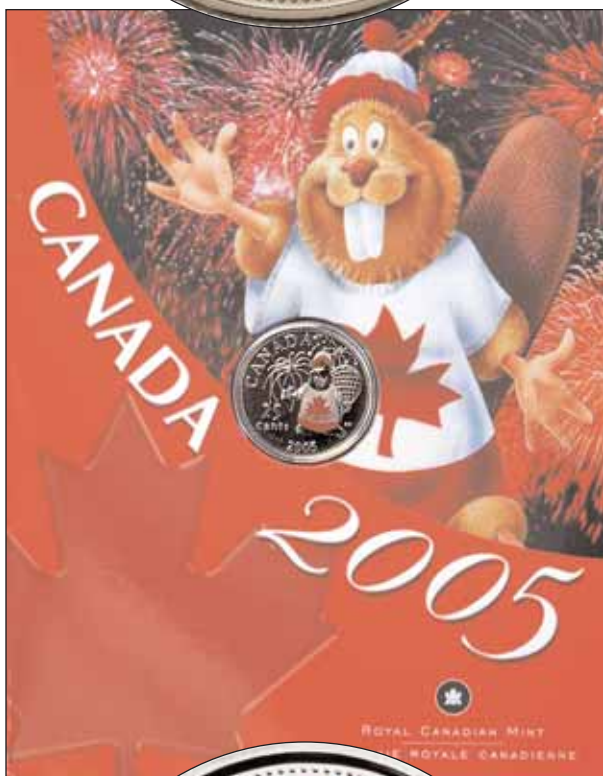


In the continuation of what is becoming a tradition, the Royal Canadian Mint has issued a colored 2008 Canada Day quarter geared toward the young, or the young at heart.

The coin features a “cool” moose wearing a backwards cap and patriotic red. The 2008 Canada Day coin is housed in an activity set with games and temporary tattoos. It is available from both the Mint and its U.S. official distributor, Talisman Coins.

The Mint is also offering a 25-coin roll of 50-cent pieces in a commemorative paper wrap for Canada Day. Just 6,000 of these rolls will be offered.

This is the fifth coin in the Canada Day series.



COLLECTING GERMAN COIN

AN EDITORIAL FROM *THE NUMISMATIST* OF 1919

*Collectors of world coins
have the opportunity of
mixing politics
with numismatics!*

A writer in a recent issue of one of the philatelic magazines strongly urges that in the future stamp collectors refuse to collect the stamps of Germany and her allies in the late war; that they remove the stamps of those countries already in their albums, and that they boycott all stamp dealers who handle those stamps. The writer does not say so, but we infer that by "German" stamps he means all stamps that have been issued in Germany, even those before the war, and perhaps those issued by the German States prior to the confederation in 1871. This proposition was conceived, no doubt, by a feeling that by her conduct during the war Germany had forfeited all right to be considered on an equality with other countries; that it should be treated as an outlaw nation, or considered as not existing or never having existed.

The position the numismatists of this country will take on this question has not manifested itself, except that so far no tendency has been shown by them to either dispose of their coins of those countries or to refuse to buy others, and we believe there is no more loyal or patriotic body of men in this country than the numismatists.

The numismatist does not issue coins nor cause them to be issued. He collects those that have been issued by governments of all ages, whether those governments were good, bad or indifferent, or whether their monarchs or rulers were saints or sinners. He studies the coins and preserves them for the benefit of the present and future generations.

During the past four years there have been issued in Germany a great variety of coins and tokens, medals and paper money, and a collection of coins of Europe of those years that did not contain specimens of at least some of the issues of Germany would be very much like a history of the late war without any reference to the part played in it by Germany.

A collection of coins of Europe of the first few years of the nineteenth century that did not contain coins of Napoleon and of those that resulted from his campaigns would fall far short of being a representative collection of the coins of that period. And Napoleon was as cordially hated by the other countries of Europe as William Hohenzollern is despised today outside of Central Europe. But we have not heard that Englishmen ever refused to collect coins of Napoleon or France, or of the many other countries in whose coinages the successes of the little Corsican are reflected, and Napoleon was more disliked by England than by any other country of Europe.

Collectors can be intensely American; they can be thoroughly loyal; they can refuse to purchase goods made in Germany; and at the same time they can collect coins and tokens and medals and paper money issued in Germany during the war, or before the war, or after the war, and be consistent. They can ostracise Germany in a commercial way, but they cannot blot out the fact of her existence or as a coin-issuing country, and it is on those coins, tokens, medals and paper money issued since 1914 that much of her history has been written.

However coin collectors may feel about collecting the coins issued during the war by the two empires that are now tottering upon their foundations, it is not likely that any will be disposed to remove from their collections the coins of Germany and Austria-Hungary issued prior to the war, nor the coins issued during the last 400 or 500 years by the various and numerous coin-issuing authorities within the boundaries that now roughly mark the borders of those two countries. This series includes many remarkable pieces—remarkable from many points of view. They are the backbone of the modern coins of Europe, and have about as little to do with the late war as the pine-tree shillings had to do with the Civil War.

We can all be patriotic and loyal, but we can be sensible as well, in collecting coins.

ANA Recognizes Lamp as Official Seal

FROM NUMISMATIC NEWS

The American Numismatic Association board of governors voted unanimously to acknowledge that the Lamp of Knowledge is and remains the association's official seal.

The vote, taken during a conference call June 2, authorizes the use of the Lamp of Knowledge on certificates, awards, the ANA Federal Charter, bylaws and code of ethics documents. The ANA will continue its use of the current ANA logo for marketing purposes until a new logo is selected by the membership and confirmed by the board. The current logo, created around the Peace dollar, has been in use since 2003.

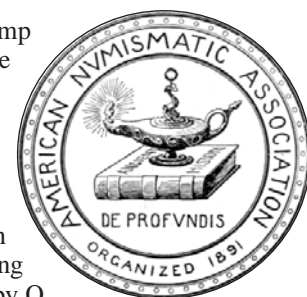
President Barry Stuppler announced plans last winter to ask five accomplished medallist artists to develop designs for a new logo. The designs were to be vote on by the membership. "We received some beautiful artwork," said Stuppler. "However, the designs we received would be difficult to use in a variety of ways as required for a logo. As a result, we have decided to seek additional input from artists from a variety of disciplines."

Stuppler said that once artists have been identified and additional submissions received, the membership would be asked to provide input. "We want to be sure that we make the right decision in selecting a logo for this association and that the voices of our membership are heard," he said.

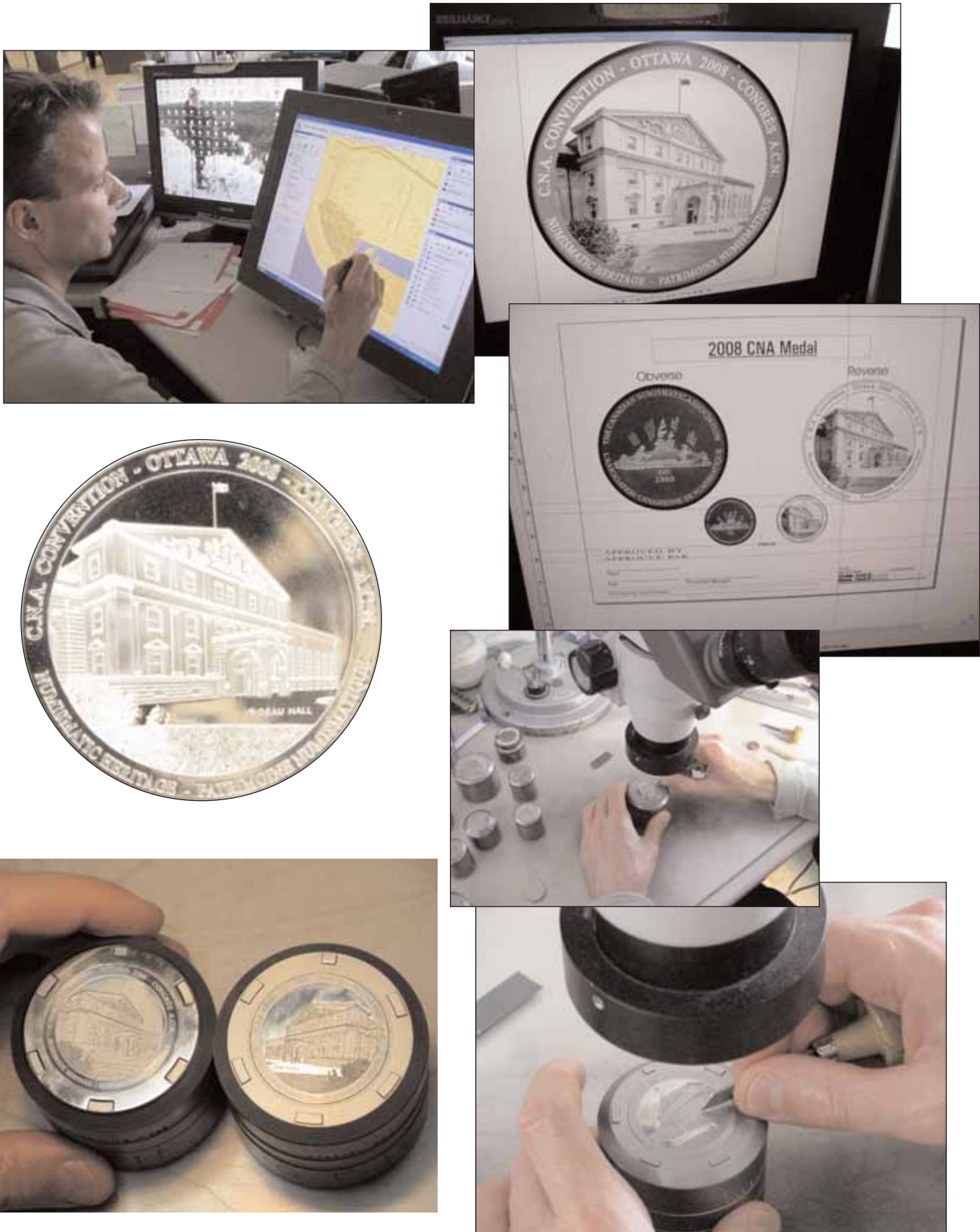
Stuppler said the decision to use the Lamp of Knowledge as the official seal recognizes the desire of many members to utilize the time-honored symbol. "It's an important icon to so many of our members," he said. "I think that placing the old logo on official medals, awards and documents is a vital step in responding to the wishes of the membership."

The Lamp of Knowledge was adopted for use by the ANA from the University of Michigan seal. According to an article by Q.

David Bowers, ANA historian, in the June issue of *The Numismatist*, it appeared in the ANA magazine as early as 1908.



A PICTURE ESSAY : 2008 C.N.A. MEDAL FEATURES RIDEAU HALL



FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES — DAVID LAZARUS : CONSUMER CONFIDENTIAL
YOU WON'T MAKE A MINT BUYING COINS THIS WAY!

*U.S. presidential coin offer
really doesn't add up*

What if I offered to sell you an ordinary quarter for 60 cents? You'd tell me to . . . well, I can't print what you'd probably tell me to do.

So what are we to make of a company called World Reserve Monetary Exchange, which recently took out full-page ads in this paper and elsewhere offering rolls of 50 \$1 coins for \$124? That's about \$2.50 for each \$1 coin.

The ads, which could easily have been mistaken at first glance for news stories, are titled "Going, Going, Gone," and say that "free coins are being handed out" to anyone calling within 72 hours to order "never-before-seen Ballistic Rolls of the U.S. Government's dazzling new Presidential Dollar Coins."

"The U.S. Gov't barely got started minting these new coins and by law were required to stop production forever," the ads breathlessly (and ungrammatically) states. "There will never be any more."

Well, yeah. But that's not because a law was passed suddenly cutting off production. It's because the U.S. Mint makes millions of coins honouring each president and then moves on to other presidents.

"We're minting to demand," says Michael White, a Mint spokesman. As such, he says about 340 million George Washington coins were minted last year, followed by 224 million John Adams coins, 203 million Thomas Jeffersons, 172 million James Madisons and 124 million James Monroes.

At least 115 million John Quincy Adams coins are being introduced this month, with four additional presidents coming each year all the way up to Gerald Ford in 2016. (A president has to be dead at least two years before being put on a coin.)

So are these coins worth more than the \$1 they represent?

"You can get them for face value at the bank," White says. "We're not marketing them as investment coins."

In other words, a roll of 50 presidential dollars is worth \$50. And with hundreds of millions of the coins in circulation, it's a pretty safe bet that, a decade from now, they'll be worth, well, about \$50.

"The mintage levels of these things are rather high," observes Jay Beeton, a spokesman for the American Numismatic Assn., the country's largest organization of coin collectors. "Right there it impacts their long-term value."

That's not the impression the World Reserve Monetary Exchange conveys, though. Its ads point out that 1973 coins commemorating Dwight Eisenhower "have already increased in value by an astonishing 1,200%."

"Just think if you had saved the Eisenhower Dollar Coins," it says. "Right now you'd be tempted to cash them in for a huge jackpot."

There are two problems with that claim. First, even though the "Red Book," a coin pricing guide, does indeed say the 1973 Eisenhower dollar is now worth about \$13 (a 1,200% increase), two local coin dealers I spoke with say that the actual market value of the coin is closer to \$5 (a 400% gain).

Moreover, it's not a fair comparison. While about 168 million Eisenhower dollars were put into circulation in 1972, the 1973 run was limited to about 4 million coins that were sold primarily in special sets.

"The '73 was not made for general circulation," says Jim Foster, owner of Liberty Coin Galleries in Long Beach. "It was made only for collectors."

And the current crop of presidential coins?

"There's no marketplace for them," Foster says. "No collector is interested in them."

He adds that there is no such thing in coin-collecting circles as a "Ballistic Roll."

World Reserve Monetary Exchange just made that up.

Monica Wallace, a spokeswoman for World Reserve Monetary Exchange, says via e-mail that the company's ads aren't misleading because they state, "values always fluctuate and that examples of value increases presented from prior-issue coinage do not guarantee an increase in value of current issue coins."

Presidential dollars can indeed be obtained for face value at a bank, she says, but the condition of those may be inferior to those being offered by World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"And there is no guarantee as to which president's portrait will be on those coins," she says.

That is, unless you specify to the teller which president you want, as I was able to do when I stopped by a local bank branch.

Wallace says that World Reserve Monetary Exchange charges \$124 for each 50-coin roll, plus \$11.88 in shipping costs. That's a total of \$135.88 for \$50 worth of money.

But when I called World Reserve Monetary Exchange's advertised number, a service rep told me I had to buy four rolls—one each of Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison—and that an extra roll of Monroes would be thrown in for free along with five additional display coins representing each set.

The total cost for that, I was told, would be \$543.52. In other words, you're getting \$255 worth of money for more than twice what it's worth.

What else are you getting? Each roll of coins comes in a plastic tube and is packaged in a box designed to look like a bar of gold, although there's no gold in the coins. They're made of manganese brass.

World Reserve Monetary Exchange is owned by an Ohio company called Universal Syndications Inc. The Better Business Bureau says Universal Syndications has received at least 265 complaints from customers during the last three years.



ESSENTIAL STORAGE GUIDELINES FOR COIN COLLECTIONS

BY DAVID KRANZ

Putting together a collection involves many personal decisions — whether to buy a desired item at a certain price in a certain grade at a certain time, or just where you want your interests within numismatics to lead. All collectors are free to determine these things for themselves.

When it comes to storage of coins and paper money, however, the best options are more limited. Most collectors resist being corralled, and that's probably why proper storage remains a hot-button topic in the hobby.

Simply put, metal and paper react with their environments. Humidity, temperature and the presence of reactive substances near your coins and paper money affect the rates at which changes will take place.

Most of the time, collectors can slow undesirable reactions by following a few safe-storage guidelines:

1. Most soft-plastic holders are bad choices for long-term storage of metal or paper items, though clean ones can be suitable for short-term storage. Coin dealers very often sell coins in soft-plastic flips, and coins should be removed from these holders before long-term storage.

Soft-plastic holders often contain PVC (polyvinylchloride), which over time undergoes chemical reactions with the surrounding air resulting in substances that can damage coins and paper money. How quickly this occurs can vary greatly, from a few months to years, but it may be the wisest course to simply eliminate the risk by selecting a

different long-term holder. Note: gold, a nearly inert metal, is safer in soft plastic than are other coinage metals like silver, copper or nickel.

2. Hard-plastic holders are typically considered the best for long-term storage of coins. Many types are available in coin-appropriate sizes. Having a properly sized holder can also be important: too loose, a coin may be damaged if it rattles against the sides; too tight, the holder may cause scratches when the coin is inserted or removed.

3. Mylar-D (DuPont) film has become a standard material for safe, flexible paper money holders. Such holders are available from dealers in many forms, including individual note and multi-pocket album formats. Hard-plastic (without PVC), polycarbonate and Lucite holders are generally suitable for paper, but be careful not to trap contamination inside.

4. Paper coin holders, from 2-by-2 coin envelopes to coin folders, that contain sulphur, chlorine or other reactive substances can cause accelerated toning of coins, sometimes quite ugly tarnishing. There are safe, archival-quality paper holders—just be sure to check into the ones you want to use.

Obviously, filling holes in folders, boards and the like means firmly pressing coins into place. For circulated coins this may be no concern. Each collector must deal with these sorts of questions individually, deciding what level of protection is appropriate.



5. Major third-party grading services encapsulate coins in hard-plastic holders that are generally safe for storage. Some include anti-tarnish and anti-corrosion agents. It should be noted that some of these holders are not airtight, so toning and other reactions on the coin surfaces may occur even within the encapsulation.

6. Sizes generally available for holders include 2 inches by 2 inches or 1-1/2 inches by 1-1/2 inches for coins. Larger envelopes and plastic holders are available for medals. Paper money holders are made for the typical sizes.

Most important, keep your collection fun. Sealing your collectibles away so no one, not even you, can enjoy them defeats the purpose of collecting. Take advantage of your opportunity to hold a piece of history in your hands!

YOU WON'T MAKE A MINT...

“Complaints for this company generally concern slow delivery or non-receipt of product, difficulty reaching customer service representatives, delays in obtaining refunds after returning merchandise, product quality issues and advertising claims,” according to the Better Business Bureau.

A spokeswoman for the organization in Canton, Ohio, says that Universal Syndication has refused to supply data on its volume of business, so it's impossible to say how the company's track record compares with similarly sized companies.

The U.S. Mint's White says that officials are aware of World Reserve Monetary Exchange's ads but are largely powerless to do anything about the company's claims.

He advises people to contact the Federal Trade Commission or their state's attorney general if they have a complaint.

Foster, the Long Beach coin dealer says he'd discourage people from buying slickly packaged rolls of presidential coins.

“It's like taking generic aspirin and putting it in a super-exclusive box,” he says. “It's still just aspirin.”

HALL IN TIROL PRESENTS THE LARGEST SILVER COIN IN THE WORLD

There is great excitement in Hall in Tirol as the public awaits the launch of the largest silver coin in the world. The hitherto unseen back of the Europe taler has been revealed on the occasion of the 2008 European Championship of Football in Austria and Switzerland. The verso of the coin, which weighs exactly 20.08 kg, with a diameter of 36 cm, portrays important personalities from the last 500 years in European history.

Famous people from history adorn the individual hexagons, which resemble the pattern of a football. The historical theme begins with Martin Luther, whose posting of 95 theses and his translation of the bible in the 16th century symbolised the transformation from the Middle Ages to modern times. The works of Antonio Vivaldi, one of the greatest composers of the 17th century, stand for the significance of European cultural life. Representing the inventors is James Watt, creator of the first steam engine in the 18th century.

The greatest upheavals in Europe have included continuous attempts to civilise countless wars on the continent and to replace them with pacifist politics. Although this objective was a long way from being achieved at the time, the Nobel Peace prizewinner, Bertha von Suttner, was one of the first exponents of this development in the 19th century. Sustained peace and economic progress only arrived in Europe in the second half of the 20th century after the catastrophe of two world wars. The process of European unification emerged as the most sustainable means of ensuring long-term peace. These scenes are linked with the help of the Hall Mint Tower, which provides both a starting point and an insight into the future. The Mint produces stars as symbols of European unity, which lead on into the European future of the 21st century.

The front side of the coin pays homage to the last five centuries. 500 years ago in Trient, Kaiser Maximilian I. crowned himself Emperor and by way of proclamation the Mint in Hall issued a propaganda coin. The silver coin heralded the ruler as the “King of all the lands in Europe.” The inscription also included the word “Europe” for the first time.

“The front side shows the same coin with Kaiser Maximilian I on horseback,” explained Bettina Haas, Managing Director of the Hall-Wattens Tourist Board, which initiated the project in conjunction with the Mint in Hall and the Austrian Mint. Whilst the world’s largest silver coin will soon be on display to visitors from all over the world in the Hall Mint Museum, collectors can also look forward to “small,” exact replicas of the Europe Taler 2008, 120 grams of fine silver with a diameter of 6cm which have been minted especially for sale in 2008. More information can be found at Europataler.at.

