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# Secrets of Making Money

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 1997**, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. For this meeting we will have available a copy of the PBS Nova program *The Secrets of Making Money*. This video looks at traditional methods of counterfeiting and modern computerized methods as well. The almost impossible task of creating secure and durable paper money that is pleasing to the eye and readily acceptable by the populous is revealed as background to the development of a new \$100 United States note. Hope you can join us for this well-produced and highly informative video.

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## President's Message

Well, the annual Coin Show is fast approaching on September 27. There are still some bourse tables available and we need exhibits. This year we would like to resurrect the best of show award donated to the Club by Fred Jewett in the early 80's. In order for this to work, your exhibit must be in the running! Display cases will be available at the show. A copy of the show flyer accompanies this issue of *The Bulletin*.

It seems it is never too early to start planning for the Christmas season. We'll be holding our annual party on Thursday, December 11, so please keep the date open.

Need to reach the President? Phone calls are welcome at **416-745-3067** (leave a voice mail message if you can't get through in person) and e-mail may be sent to [petchp@ican.net](mailto:petchp@ican.net).

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## Question of the Month

The September question of the month is suggested by Marvin Kay. It's a bit different than the usual questions because I don't think there's an answer yet—we've had some requests for harder questions. A recent news item reported that 40 different countries have commemorative stamps in the works to mark the passing of Diana, the Princess of Wales. What country will issue the first commemorative coin?

For the answer to the August question, "Can you identify the occasion for which a foreign monarch was featured on a United States coin?" turn to page 2 and the article "A FOREIGN MONARCH ON A U.S. COIN?"

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### Coming Events

**North York Coin Club Fall Show**  
Sept. 27, 10am-3pm, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., Free Parking, Free Admission

**London Numismatic Society Fifth Annual Coin Show**  
Sept. 28, 9:30am-4:30p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. London. \$1 admission. Info: (519) 472-9679

**Peterborough Coin Club Show**, Oct. 4  
9am-5pm at Portage Place Mall, Chemong Rd. Peterborough. Free Admission. Contact Evelyn Robinson, (705) 745-5050.

**Burlington International Fall Coin Show**  
Oct. 18 9am-4pm at the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. Free admission, parking. Contact Nancy Kanerva (905) 319-3817

**Durham Coin 97** (Oshawa & District Coin Club)  
Oct. 18 9:30am-5pm at the Pickering Town Centre. Contact Earl MacLean (905) 728-1352

**Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Coin Show**  
Oct. 19 9am-4pm at the Community Centre, 45 Hardy St. Contact Wayne MacFarlane (519) 842-6666

## Meeting News from the August 20 Meeting

The 420th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Wednesday, August 20, 1997 at the Edithvale Community Centre. 7 Edithvale Dr., Willowdale, Ont.

The President, Paul Petch, opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and welcomed 22 members and one guest.

The On Time Attendance Draw — Lucille Colson was present to accept the \$2.00 pot. She noted this was the second time in over 25 years.

Minutes of the July 16, 1997 meeting were read by the Secretary, Lucille Colson and accepted by the Chair. The treasurer, Harvey Farrow, gave the financial report.

The Chair announced the next Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 for the purpose of finalizing the Coin Show. He also advised the show fliers were available for distribution. As well, Paul had brought the coloured computer copies of the notes from Marvin Kay's article used in last month's bulletin and they were donated by Marvin to the auction.

Three members very kindly related highlights of their summer holiday trips and we heartily showed our appreciation to:

**Paul Johnson**, as Club Delegate, gave an excellent, comprehensive report of the CNA Convention in Moncton. Paul felt it was well organized, was an overall success with everyone enjoying themselves. He added that he and his wife took this time to also tour other parts of the Maritimes.

**Ron Zelk** enjoyed his three week motor tour of five countries in Europe. He and family covered thousands of kilometers and saw many amazing sites. He shared his collection of coins, numismatic items and other articles of interest with us.

**Rick Craig** had an interesting tour of

the northern, sparsely settled, part of Newfoundland. It didn't produce too much numismatically but he was most excited about having the opportunity to help promote the founding of what would be the first coin club in Newfoundland.

Again, many thanks to Italo Villella for preparing tasty refreshments on this cool blustery and wet evening.

Lucky Draw winners were: May Bunnett(3), Italo Villella(3), George Fraser(2), Ron Zelk, Paul Johnson, Jean Orr(2), Norman G. Gordon, Basil

Latham, Lucille Colson(2) and Bob Porter. Thanks to Al Bliman for calling the draw.

An auction of 13 lots was ably run by Bob Porter with the assistance of Basil Latham. Thank you Bob and Basil and many thanks to George Fraser, Brian See, Norman G. Gordon, Rick Craig, Marvin Kay and Paul Johnson for their auction donations.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.58 p.m.

## A FOREIGN MONARCH ON A U.S. COIN? by Charles Surasky

Throughout the history of U.S. coins, most have featured symbols of liberty or portraits of presidents. But do you know that one coin featured the picture of a foreign monarch?

In 1892, the United States celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America with its first commemorative coin. One hundred years before the World's Fair, George Washington had refused to allow his likeness to appear on the nation's coins. Washington thought that sounded too much like Europe's royalty. So it's ironic that in 1893, the U.S. Congress authorized the only coin bearing the likeness of a foreign monarch!



The front side of the silver coin features the crowned profile of Queen Isabella of Spain—royal patroness of Columbus and his voyage to the New World. The reverse side was designed by a man, to honor women, C.E. Barber. It shows a kneeling woman with a distaff and a weaver's spindle in her hands, symbolic of women's industry. Imagine, trying to get a design like that approved today!

Congress authorized the minting of 40,000 "Isabella" quarters, but the public demand was much smaller. More than 15,000 were returned to the Mint, and melted. Thousands more were placed into circulation. If you'd like an example of this unique commemorative silver quarter, you'll find them quite affordable today.

**ANA Money Talks, Transcript No. 1256, July 28, 1997**



## 1997 C.N.A. Convention Delegate's Report, Moncton, New Brunswick by Paul Johnson

The 1997 C.N.A. Convention was held at the Keddy's Brunswick Hotel in downtown Moncton, New Brunswick from Wednesday, July 23 to Sunday, July 27. It was a very busy, but enjoyable few days from the time we arrived in the city.

My wife and I flew to Moncton by way of Halifax during the afternoon of July 23 and arrived at the airport around the dinner hour. Two of the convention committee members were waiting for convention delegates to take us back to the hotel by van. It was a nice touch which the Moncton committee also provided during the last CNA Convention there in 1993. We checked into our room and then visited with various friends in the lobby. We learned that the city of Moncton had a problem with bacteria in the water supply and everyone was advised to use only bottled water supplied by the hotel. This had been an ongoing problem since the first week of July and the problem had not yet been corrected.

On Wednesday, the only event taking place during the afternoon was the CNA Executive meeting while the CNA Past Presidents' dinner was scheduled in the evening. We took the opportunity to have dinner with Dick and Jan Becker from Boston, Massachusetts, Paul Berry from the National Currency Collection in Ottawa and Ron Green, Chairman of the J. Douglas Ferguson Board of Award.

Thursday brought the opening of the bourse and exhibits. I attended the Judges' Breakfast early, only to find out that the number of competitive exhibits were somewhat decreased from the last few years. What they lacked in quantity they made up in quality. There were about ten judges and we were given specific categories to judge. The convention officially opened at 10:00 a.m. with a ceremony by the Mayor of Moncton Leopold Belliveau, Danielle Wetherup, Master of the Royal Canadian

Mint, and Yvon Marquis, CNA President. Rather than using a ribbon for the proverbial ribbon-cutting ceremony, a fishing net was used instead. There seemed to be a lot of collectors visiting the bourse room during the morning.

The convention was not lacking for social events. I attended the first tour with



about eighteen other conventioners. The tour took us from Moncton to the Shediac area and over the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island. The bridge is a magnificent structure which took the two vans about 15 minutes to cross the Northumberland Strait. We had lunch in a small town called Victoria-by-the-Sea located about five miles from the bridge. There was time to explore the town and enjoy the scenery.

The Royal Canadian Mint reception took place in the evening. Buses took conventioners a few blocks to the Capitol Theatre, a beautifully restored building which would rival some of Toronto's finest. The reception was held in the theatre lobby and close to two hundred people were in attendance. At 7:30 everyone was ushered into the theatre seating to hear Danielle Wetherup make some announcements about mint products and recipients of the Royal Canadian Mint awards. Their theme was youth and three winners were announced. Braden Jennings of the Taylor Evans Coin Society in Guelph was one of the award winners. One of the major announcements revealed that the Mint would not be issuing any twenty-five cent or loon \$1 coins in 1997 for circulation. The only way to obtain these

coins is by purchasing a mint set. The entertainment at this event was Kevin Robart who is a magician. He put on a great show along with his two assistants and there was a lot of audience participation.

On Friday morning I attended the Ferguson Foundation meeting which lasted most of the morning. The Canadian Paper Money Society held their annual meeting and luncheon with over thirty people in attendance. The speaker was Don Olmstead, a well known paper money specialist from the Maritimes. Another tour took place during the day to the Bay of Fundy which attracted about twenty people. Although I didn't go, my wife said it was very enjoyable and informative. I had the rest of the afternoon free to visit with other collectors and spend time in the bourse and exhibit area.

The very popular Lobster Supper was held on Friday evening and attracted about one hundred and twenty five people. Buses took us to the small town of Cocagne, which is 30 miles east of Moncton. It was an enjoyable social evening where we had time to mingle with other conventioners and feast on lobster, mussels and steak.

On Saturday morning I attended the CNA Club Delegates' breakfast meeting. Unfortunately the turnout was small and something needs to be done to revitalize this important event. Bill Waychison spoke about Coin Month Canada which takes place in October. This is a change from Coin Week Canada and it will be given a higher profile during the coming years. Bill showed us the new promotional note which was released for Coin Month Canada with a total quantity of 150. Yvon Marquis chaired the meeting and spoke about such issues as CNA communication with member clubs and CNA membership benefits to clubs. The awards for Outstanding Local Pub-

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publication and Outstanding Regional Publication both went to clubs in Quebec. The "Louise Graham" club award was presented to the Waterloo Coin Society and they received a cheque for \$250.00. I spoke about CNA Educational projects including an update on the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course and the course planned for Nov. 1 in Toronto. Yvon Marquis informed everyone that a new CNA Club Services Chairman would be appointed in the near future.

The CNA General meeting was next on the agenda. Ken Prophet was presented with an award to mark the fact that he is celebrating twenty five years in the office of CNA Executive Secretary. Sheldon Carroll presided over the ceremony to install the new officers of the association. Yvon Marquis will continue to lead the CNA as President for the next two years. Tom Kennedy of Stratford is the incoming First Vice President. The financial statements were reviewed and it was noted that the association experienced a small loss during the past year. The CNA Awards Presentation followed the General meeting.

I had lunch with Mike Schneider and Dan Gosling of the Edmonton Coin Club who are organizing the 1998 CNA Convention in Edmonton, Alberta. We spoke about some suggested topics and speakers for the CNA Educational Forum which is my responsibility as CNA Education Chairman.

I was busy in the afternoon with the CNA Educational Forum. There were two speakers: Paul Berry, of the Bank of Canada Currency Collection in Ottawa, speaking about the "Central Bank of New Brunswick" and Richard Bird of Fredericton who discussed the "New Brunswick tokens of 1854". This event drew about thirty people and it was unfortunate that the room had air conditioning problems. We wanted the presentations to revolve around the theme of "New Brunswick Numismatics" and I believe that the talks were well received.

The Royal Canadian Mint had a high profile during the convention and their booth was inside the door of the bourse room. They introduced a new CD-ROM Computer Program on coin collecting targeted towards school children and I highly recommend it. The Mint was promoting their 1997 silver dollar which commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Canada - Russia Hockey series. They brought in two former hockey players Yvon Cournoyer and John Ferguson to sign autographs and meet collectors at the Mint booth.

The final event of the day was the CNA Banquet. It was a great evening with about one hundred and twenty five people in attendance. David Segee of the Moncton Coin Club was the Master of Ceremonies. The Banquet Speaker was John Ferguson who was an Assistant coach for the Canadian team during the Canada - Russia 1972 series. As I mentioned earlier, this is the 25th anniversary of the event and he related his experiences during that dramatic series. A number of awards were presented at the banquet. Ron Greene of Victoria, B.C. received the Best of Show with a fine exhibit of British Columbia ghost town tokens. Braden Jennings of Waterloo received the Junior Best of Show. Al Munro and myself were inducted as "Fellows" of the CNA and received a certificate and lapel pin. The Guy Potter Literary Award went to Wayne Jacobs of British Columbia. The J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal, which is the highest honour of the CNA was awarded to Brian Cornwell. Unfortunately, Brian was unable to attend the convention and I accepted the award for him. Finally, Dan Gosling, the official representative for the Edmonton Coin Club, invited everyone to come to Edmonton in 1998 for the next CNA Convention. The convention will be held from July 28 to August 2, 1998 and follows the well known "Klondike Days Festival" that Edmonton features each July.

On Sunday morning I attended the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors breakfast meeting. The breakfast attracted over thirty peo-

ple and an auction was held along with a short meeting. At this point the convention was finished and all the good-byes were said.

In summary, I thought the convention was well organized and that it was an overall success. I saw a few members of the North York Coin Club in attendance including George Fraser, Dick Dunn, Gary Dorn, Norm Belsten, Russ Brown, Basil Latham and Bill McDonald. All of the events were well attended and it was a very enjoyable few days. Special thanks go to the Moncton Coin Club and the convention co-chairmen Geoff Bell and Wayne Gillcash.

**Editor's Note: Thank you, Paul, for this excellent report.**

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### Marvin Kay asks...

In his book, *Bridging the Border*, Robert M. Stamp describes the various bridges that have been erected across the border between Canada and the USA. The Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York, opened on June 1, 1927. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the link between good neighbours both the USA and Canada issued similar postage stamps.

When the 60th anniversary came along in 1987, the toll collectors did not collect the usual tolls. According to the Buffalo Evening News of August 8, 1987, "Instead of taking money from motorists they will be handing out brass-coloured coins". The article in the newspaper describes the token. It has the Peace Bridge on one side. On the other side is the inscription, "Today I crossed the Peace Bridge free".

I have two questions regarding these tokens....

- Were these tokens actually distributed?
- Has any North York Coin Club member seen one of these tokens?