

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 15 – June 20, 2005:

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INTRODUCTION

In the last bulletin, I told you about all the millions widows were willing to send me. What I didn't mention was the fact that others are also willing to send me millions.

For example, and I will not quote the dozens of similar e-mails I have received on this subject, I received an e-mail from the Promotions Director of Beigische Lottery International of Brussels Belgium who tells me that I am a winner in the Belgium E-Mail Lottery International Sweepstakes (sic). He even provided me with my winning ticket number, serial number, batch number, something called "credited file number" and my lucky numbers. I was advised that I won in the 1st category, no less, and have therefore been approved for a lump sum pay of 1000,000 Euros.

Wow, imagine winning the lottery...without even having to buy the ticket in the first place! It's almost too good to be true!

Oh, it isn't?

WE HAVE MAIL

From Joe Boling: "To add to your write-up about the SOB Numismatists: Non-bearded members could not join for the mere \$2. One had to pay a penalty of \$50, as I recall, in the form of a donation to the J Douglas Ferguson Foundation. You didn't mention the titles taken by the members, and bright yellow shirts bearing those titles. Denis Loring, for instance, is Stochastic Actuary. I am Shogun. One of the lady members, Ingrid Smith, is Chief Beard Inspector. You also didn't mention that the Dora de Pedery-Hunt awards come in silver and bronze. The silver ones are rare, with only 3 or 4 made, as I recall. Grover, Jack, and Yasha Beresiner had silver ones. I don't know where Grover's and Jack's are now. The last meeting of the SOB Numismatists that I recall was at the Atlanta convention in 1987, where I was awarded the last of the bronze medals. I am proud to have it." - Thanks for sharing your remembrances. There is so much to tell about the S.O.B. Numismatists, that we couldn't possibly include even a small portion in my presentation at Ohio State. We will continue to run bits and pieces from time to time. As for Grover's and Jack's silver medals, can anyone tell us at cnanews@look.ca where they are? I have a feeling that Jack's medal wound up with Earl Salterio which, upon his passing, was passed on to Al Munro who is currently on vacation and will tell us by the next bulletin, right Al?

From Alan Kreuzer: "I was a member of SOB's. I can't seem to recall the woman that was secretary, she was a well known numismatist, with a very attractive daughter. I remember that Walter Breen was a member, but not much else other than that we had fun." - And fun we did have! Even us no-beard, no-moustache, almost-bald people. You know, the ones that had to buy the drinks. The well-known numismatist is Ingrid Smith, and the daughter is Christina, referred to in numismatic circles as simply Tina.

From John Crawford: Re the people that want to send you millions, I have a suggestion. Go to a internet cafe so it can't be traced or attacked by a virus and answer as follows: "I don't believe in God and sure as hell don't fear him. I am the most cold hearted person you will ever meet. Do you have a good-looking daughter. If so, introduce me, you can trust me. I have secured a room where you get three meals a day paid for and you have a musical roommate, Charles Manson.

There is no politics here, just become involved with the right crew. I will look after you. So the government here doesn't hit you with the non-resident tax of 85 per cent, send all of it to me and I will give it to my Banker friend who will make it look like an inheritance owing to you. I also know people who will take care of your Uncle in France for only a return plane ticket and \$50,000.00 that will have to be paid up front. Please send this right away. When you are comfortable here with the proper attire for your residence we can talk about percentage. I need not send money as my two brothers live there and if I am not honest they will be over to visit you. Glad I can help, I look forward to receipt of the funds. By the way, do you have any VAM Morgan Dollars, YVT etc?" We have to let them know we care while staying politically correct." - With everybody having their own computer at home and at work, as well as probably a laptop, I wondered how the internet cafes stay in business, because it sure isn't because of the great taste of coffee. Now I know. It's all the people responding to the Nigerians et al to see how far we can string them along. Incidentally, the odds are getting better. The latest offer is 25%, or \$48 million, from the operational manager of Firstrand Bank of South Africa. I did not respond because they were telling me they have set aside 5%, or \$2.4 million, "for expenses in transferring the money" to my account. How much could it cost to write out a bank draft. If they are going to waste money, I want no part in it.

CUSTOMER OF THE WEEK/ PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK

By Tony Swicer

Another installment from a segment in my talks at the local club meeting called "customer of the week" or "phone call of the week." These are true stories of people who have called or come into the coin shop.

1. We had sold a customer most of the 1999 to 2003 silver proof sets, but we were out of the 2000. It bids \$32. So he goes on e-Bay and buys one for \$125. Then he comes in the shop and asks us if that was a good buy. Of course I said no, he just paid 4 times bid.
2. Someone calls with a 1936 proof set. He asks what we will pay. I said \$4500. He comes in with a 1936 "tribute" set out of Heartland Sales magazine that he purchased for \$29.95. Every piece has the word "copy" on it. He thinks he can buy something out of a magazine and turn around and make \$4470 profit.
3. A guy comes in with a coin heavily wrapped up in paper. He pulls out a 1923 dime in AG-3 condition. I tell him it's worth 32 cents. He says he saw it on e-Bay for \$800. He pulls out a copy of the e-Bay sale and it's a 1916-D dime, the rarest date. I said that his 1923 is not a 1916-D.
4. A man calls and asks what we will pay for a 1910 Lincoln cent. Ray said that we currently have plenty of them, but they are worth five cents. The guy says "Make it a dime and it's yours." We say no thank you.
5. A customer says that he has a U.S. penny dated 1409. I said "Can I see it?" He did not have it with him. I then told him about the history of the United States and how the country was founded in 1776 with the first pennies in 1793. I also reminded him that America was discovered in 1492. But, all this was for naught because he was sure his coin was 1409.
6. Another customer told me he found a Roman gold coin on the Lake Worth, FL beach. I said, "Wow, I didn't know the Romans came this far west."
7. A customer comes in, looks around, doesn't say a word, then leaves. A little while later I am straightening up and I found his stash of marijuana on the floor.
8. A customer asks "What is a 1921 Morgan dollar worth?" I said "\$7." He asks "How come I paid \$35 for it in Key West?" I said "You said it, Key West, tourist trap."

Memo to Tony Swicer: You're a big hit judging by all the feedback we have received. Running out. Send more!

UNINTENTIONAL DROPPING OUT

Have you been a member of an association for years and years and then, for some unexplained reason, you simply did not renew?

I just recently realized that I did not renew my membership in the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC). And I have no excuse for it.

And you know what made me renew? One-on-one! I have been a great fan of signing up members face-to-face, rather than through some mass mailing. I find that they are more apt to renew year after year.

Think back what bulletins you have not been getting lately that you used to enjoy. Then send them a cheque.

And speaking of CATC, check out <http://www.canadian-token.org/> and see if you might want to join. And while you're at it, go to the article Gord Nicols, CATC Treasurer, did on counterfeit coins, at canadian-token.org/british-counterfeit-coins.

PARKING CONTROL OFFICIALS AT BRANTFORD SHOW RECEIVE PRAISE

Last week-end, we wound up manning a complimentary C.N.A. Information Table at the Brantford Numismatic Society's annual show. For the past few years, we have heard nothing but praise from dealers...and every one of their customers...attending the annual coin show about the parking arrangements.

The first person a dealer normally meets when he arrives early to set up at the show is Ed Anstett, a long-time hardworking member of the Brantford executive, or one of the other volunteers.

After the dealer unloads by the main door or the side door, he is directed them to an empty school parking lot directly adjacent to the Woodman Centre that is not used on weekends by anyone else, freeing all parking spots for the customers. Normally, dealers and the show committee get the best parking spots, leaving their customers to fend for themselves in finding a spot when they show up, either the furthest from the entrance or off-property. Ed tells us that dealers are extremely cooperative.

We encourage all coin show organizers to consider a similar course of action. If there is no legal off-site parking nearby, make sure they park their vehicles at the furthest point to the entrance. If you are a dealer, don't wait to be told where to park. Park so that it's easier for your customers to do business with you.

But be prepared for that one dealer who will give you a hard time because he doesn't grasp the concept of convenience for customers and good public relations!

Drop us a line at cnanews@look.ca if you implement a similar plan at your show and let us know how it works out.

HOW DOES YOUR CLUB HONOUR SPOUSES?

We pamper juniors when they attend club meetings, holding special draws for them and letting them take a handful of coins out of Pandora's Box. We make it a point to introduce them and the person that brought them to make them feel welcome. We tend to also welcome guests that are

strangers to us. But what about spouses? Don't we wonder (complain?) why more spouses don't come out to meetings?

We know of a few wives that love to accompany their coin collecting husbands to club meetings. But we know of a lot more wives that reluctantly attend meetings. So how do we change that attitude so that they want to attend willingly?

What is your club doing to make them feel welcome?

CAN A COIN WIDOW SUE GOVERNMENT FOR MILLIONS?

A couple of months ago, reporters were writing about Constantin Digalakis suing the Ontario Government for \$1.4 million for his gambling addiction. For years now, people have been suing the tobacco companies. The drug companies are starting to get it lately. The alcohol companies have remained relatively unscathed in the lawsuit department. We expect any day now to hear about all the lawsuits being launched against chocolate bar manufacturers and the hamburger, fried chicken and pizza joints.

But what about the poor coin widow, who has been neglected far too long, while their husbands are feeding their habit of acquiring yet another numismatic item for their collection? The poor coin widow who sits home alone yet again while her husband spends hour after hour going through junk boxes at coin club meetings? While he drives hundreds of kilometers (miles in U.S.) to still another out-of-town weekend coin show?

What do we have to do to get numismatics recognized as a disease? What do we have to do to get our wives \$1.4 million?

In the meantime, rather than awarding all those awards certificates and medals to the collector, maybe we should give a few to the coin widow!

THE IDEAL COIN CLUB

Perhaps a lot of you know of the Utopia Coin Club. It is the largest coin club in all of Canada and the USA, with a membership close to 600 paid-up members. All with the exception of 9 or 10 turn out at every meeting.

One of the striking points of this club is that every member has a job to do and every member brings to the club one or more displays each month. The number of members waiting in line to give a five-minute talk on some numismatic item is so long that they will have to have a special weekend just to hear the speakers. And the president tells me the club is striving hard for the 1000-member mark. If this happens, they will have to have several weekends to hear all the speakers.

Another thing that surprises the visitor is the number of dealers in attendance each month. No time have they less than 100 dealers. And the auction. There are hundreds of items on the block. But this is not unusual I am told. In fact, if they get less than 100, they are worried. Dues are \$2.00 a year and there is always a large buffet for those attending.

The rent of the clubrooms, the printing of the newsletter, the printing costs of advertising and for membership cards are all donated by the members themselves. The treasurer tells me that they have over \$3000 in the bank with another \$3000 in draw prizes in the vault. Once a year, this money is used to donate scholarships to students taking courses in numismatics at Community Colleges. Some funds are allocated for the making of coin cases for the use of their members.

When a new member joins the club, he is introduced to the membership and for the rest of the evening, he is paired off with another member who will show him how the club functions by going over the constitution and by-laws, shows him where to put his old coin in the box, introduces him to the auction recorder, who explains the auction details to the member, then takes him to the treasurer so that his number can be recorded on the attendance roll. His duties and obligations are explained to him by the entertainment committee, for all members must bring in something for the buffet. The display chairman explains that he is required to display one or more coins every month and then he is introduced to the welfare committee, who looks after the wants of the members who are ill. All members are asked to visit the sick and the ill at least once a week.

The display chairman has a roster of over a hundred volunteers to man the displays, acts as security at their coin shows, acts as information officers in the city's banks where coins are on display every day. Each member donates five hours a week towards this volunteer work and there is a long waiting list to get on the roll. Every Saturday, during the summer months, the members take to the roads and stage a mini-parade to acquaint the public of their club and their work. The club never closes during the summer months, but instead hold shows every Sunday in the park, followed by a picnic. The big attraction around these picnics is that they invite the cubs, scouts, girl guides, school choirs and other choral groups to participate and thus, be sure of a large public gathering. The club gives prizes to these groups, of numismatic items and thus builds up interest.

Well, my dear friends, you are probably wondering why you have not heard of this coin club before. It is Utopia and while it is the desire and hope of every club to achieve success and put their dreams in reality, the hard fact remains that only a very few people actually do the work and join in. Like the swimmer in the water to his calling to his friend, "Jump in, the water's fine," the numismatic water is fine. There is some job, some task, some ideas, which every one of us can give to further this great hobby of ours. Try it, it is fun and you will be the happier for it.

The preceding article, by Bill Gage, Past-President and Editor, Huronia Numismatic Association, Barrie, Ontario, was originally published in their January, 1973 bulletin. It was reprinted in the March 1973 CNA Journal and in the January 2000 bulletin of the Scarborough Coin Club. It is as relevant today as it was when it was first published over 30 years ago. Utopia was just a dream back then, as it is still today. We still don't have enough workers, dealers and exhibitors at club meetings.

If we are wrong and such a club does indeed exist, we would like to hear from you at cnanews@look.ca.

WHERE ARE THE COIN CLUB LIBRARY BOOKS?

How many local coin clubs that you attend have a club library? Our guess is that the answer is "Almost all!"

How many of the clubs you attend ever bring out even a single book that members can review and borrow? Are there any?

We don't like to use the word "never" because it usually never applies to anything and should be banished from the English language. But we will make an exception in this instance and say that of all the clubs we attend, they NEVER put out books from their lending library.

We wouldn't mind hearing from you at cnanews@look.ca about your experiences on this topic. For example, what do your club members have to do to get to see the books? Do you have to place an order in advance so that it will show up at the next meeting? Does your Librarian even show up at most meetings? If you name clubs that consistently bring out books at meetings so members can readily borrow them, we will mention their names here along with meeting dates and location if you supply it.

SINISTREL AND NUMISMATICS

What do Bill Gates of Microsoft, Lou Gerstner of IBM, four of the past six U.S. Presidents and between 10% and 20% of the world's population have in common?

Well, the heading should be all the clue you need! Except you don't know what a "sinistrel" is. It means left-handed!

With the most recent International Left-Handers Day (that gives millions of southpaws across North America and the rest of the world their own day a chance to complain about kitchen utensils, tools, office equipment, cameras and lots of other stuff) now history, we wonder what items the coin collecting industry needs to satisfy left-handed numismatists. If you are left-handed and have a beef, drop us a note at cnanews@look.ca. Binders that would open from the other side doesn't count, because you can turn them upside down. And no one is going to print numismatic catalogues with the spine on the right.

Bet most of you never thought about it!

BEFORE THE COURTS

Equal Pay - The European Economic Community pointed out to the Irish Government that it had not yet implemented the agreed sex equality legislation. The Dublin Government immediately advertised for an equal pay enforcement officer. The advertisement offered different salary scales for men and women.

This will Lead you to Drink - Worried that ground staff was stealing miniature bottles of whisky from a Pan Am aircraft, security guards wired up a clock inside the drinks cabinet so arranged that it would stop whenever the door was opened. This, they said, would reveal the exact time of the theft and pinpoint who was there at the time. They omitted, however, to tell the plane's crew with the result that a stewardess, Miss Susan Becker, assumed it was a bomb. The Boeing 727 made an emergency landing at Berlin where 80 passengers left in a hurry through fire exits. A Pan Am spokesman said afterwards that the miniature bottles of whisky on the plane cost about 51 cents each. The cost of the emergency landing was \$19,500

Dog-Gone Stupid - Mr. J. Ealey committed a burglary in Detroit, but in the rush to get away from the scene of the crime, he left his dog tied to a hydrant. When the police heard from the passersby what had happened, they untied the dog and yelled: "Home, boy." They then followed the dog back to the burglar's house and caught him red-handed with the stolen goods.

If They Only Didn't Have License Number - In England, two men stole a car and tried to sell it before it was even reported stolen. They were arrested minutes later when they tried to sell it...to its original owner.

If any of our recipients hear of something funny and stupid involving money, let us know at cnanews@look.ca.

CSI: MIAMI FEATURES COUNTERFEIT MONEY

A recent episode featured an armored truck heist for \$3.2 million. Unfortunately, the money stolen turned out to be counterfeit when it was recovered minutes after the robbery, before anyone had a chance to switch the money. The paper was identical, since the counterfeiters took low denomination notes, bleached the paper clean and then used it to print their \$100 notes. The money was traced back to a branch of a bank where the money had arrived from a cash machine for sorting but that didn't lead to any further clues. The FBI wanted the money, while the Miami police wanted to keep it because it was evidence in an ongoing murder investigation. A GPS tracker was found in the bag of counterfeit money, containing the fingerprint of one of the two drivers. The driver admitted that his younger sister was held by people who wanted him to switch the good money for bad.

The Miami police woman suggests to the FBI that they should stop selling printing machines they seize in raids to the highest bidder, usually the bad guys, rather than selling it and then going after counterfeiters that use the equipment. It was pointed out that the GSA (General Services Administration) did that, not the FBI.

Interesting plot, interesting twists. If you want to see the episode yourself in reruns and don't want to know how it concludes, skip the next two paragraphs and go to the next bold heading.

It takes up to 5 days to process money to find out if it is fake. By then, the bank manager and his accomplice...the sister of the driver... in the above CSI episode would be far, far away. Argentina for the bank manager, since a plane ticket had been purchased on his credit card the day before.

The bad guys were also counterfeiting Swiss passports from some scrap evidence recovered underneath the printing presses. Switzerland, we don't have to remind you, is the money capital of the world, with a bank on every corner and no questions asked! The Miami police checked the passenger list of flights going to Switzerland and determined that the sister and a friend were booked on a flight to Geneva. They intercept the couple at the airport. She is arrested with the money, while the gentleman accompanying her apparently knew nothing about what was in the baggage...except the FBI were after him about a money laundering situation in Columbia.

LOOSE CHANGE

A man is in the hospital after getting drunk and swallowing 120 coins on a dare. Doctors are monitoring his situation. So far, they say, no change!

Don't blame us for this old joke. Blame Jay Leno on The Tonight Show (NBC). Or Reader's Digest, who recently reprinted it.

NON-NUMISMATIC JOKE CIRCULATING AMONG NUMISMATISTS VIA THE INTERNET

Subject: THE FOUR SONS!

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers and prospered. Some years later, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who lived far away in another city.

The first said, "I had a big house built for Mama." The second said, "I had a hundred-thousand-dollar theater built into the house." The third said, "I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible, and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 preachers 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000 a year for twenty years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the holidays, Mom sent out her 'Thank You' notes. She wrote: "Milton, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you."

LYING, APPARENTLY, IS THE HOT TREND

We read with interest the results of a survey about partners, involving their relationships, finances, decision-making and more. It revealed that 23% of the women surveyed would marry for money, 24% said they would cut off their little finger for a £1 million, 46% admitted to going through their husband's pockets, and 25% would be willing to run down the street naked (the survey did not ask men how many would be willing to see that last one happening). We won't go into details what they would do with their teacher.

A whooping 94% of women would lie, but in all fairness, we should point out that lying includes things like telling someone your weights, but that's not lying, that's forecasting. Or simply wishful thinking.

We like to conduct our own survey of partners of numismatists:

1. Have you told your spouse that you were going out "with the guys" when you were really going to attend a coin show?
2. When she asked you what you spent, did you lie to her and tell her a lot less than you actually did?
3. When you did 'fess up' to buying something and you showed it to her, did you lie about what you paid for it?
4. When you came home late, did you tell her you went to a bar rather than telling her you spent all that time at the coin show?
5. Do you regularly tell her you are going to visit friends when you are actually going to a coin club meeting?

If the answers are "yes" to most, if not all, you are a typical coin collecting husband.

ECONOMY 101

During a recent seminar on money and the economy, the speaker stated the following: "My plan to stimulate the economy is foolproof and requires just one simple step.

“Step One: You all need to get out and spend more money!

“You see, the more you spend, the more demand for products. The more demand, the more jobs are created. The more jobs created, the more money you will have to spend.”

A member of the audience called out: “If I may be so bold. Your plan has one basic flaw.”
The speaker asks: “And what’s that?”

“Step One.”

We’re willing to bet that every one of you looked back to find out what Step One was!

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Eugene Touchette, on his recent passing. A member since 1978, he was the marker of the French edition of the C.N.A. Correspondence Course for 4 years and served as the Registration Chairman of both the 1967 and 2000 C.N.A. Conventions held in Ottawa.

CLUB MEMBER COMPLIMENTS FELLOW MEMBERS

Frank Fesco, a member of the City of Ottawa Coin Club, praised his fellow members in a recent club bulletin:

“The more that I get to know the club members, the more I am encouraged for the future of the hobby because of the knowledge, skills, abilities, qualifications and energies that exist among our group. I salute you for it,” he states. He continues with the comment that “it would indeed make startling reading if a survey was made of each member’s admitted qualities and capabilities.”

Is your club recognizing its talent?

ANOTHER COLUMN ABOUT THE AVERAGE AGE OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

We have written a few times about the average age of the people attending club meetings. We feel we’re on the right track because not a single recipient e-mailed us, challenging our comments. Here is another way to tell their age. If they can remember most of the following first-hand, they qualify for your club’s senior membership rate:

The following were some comments made in the year 1957:

(1) "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, its going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00."

(2) "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000 will only buy a used one."

(3) "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

(4) "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

(5) "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

(6) "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage,"

(7) "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday that they will be making more than the President."

(8) "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

(9) "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people."

(10) "I guess taking a vacation is out of the question nowadays. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."

(11) "No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

ONE FOR OUR PHILATELIC FRIENDS

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran, 22 Baptists, and 6 Methodists

THE S.O.B. NUMISMATISTS - PART TWO

The following was published in a S.O.B. Numismatist bulletin and formed part of John Regitko's presentation at the Ohio State banquet. Other excerpts from S.O.B. bulletins will be published in future C.N.A. E-Bulletins.

SOME DIFFICULT NUMISMATIC TERMINOLOGY

Numismatics - The science of buying Whitman holders and filling the holes

Grading - The art of making a coin look better or worse

Magnifying glass - Instrument used to downgrade coins when buying

Bar - A piece of silver with a picture on it; could easily be confused with numismatics.

Countermark - What you get, when you drop a coin

Debase Coins - What Roman Emperors and Modern Governments have in common

Field - The part of the coin with all the scratches

Filler - A coin that no respectable collector wants

Limited issue - Usually no more than 100 million

SHOW BUSINESS

June 25 - 26, Toronto, ON - TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay West, Admiral's Ballroom. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523. Web site: <http://www.torex.net>. The C.N.A. will be manning an Information Table, promoting membership and making available C.N.A. materials such as Correspondence Course Part One, the 50th anniversary book, information on the upcoming C.N.A. Convention in Calgary and more.

July 20-24, 2005 - Calgary, Alberta - 52nd Annual Convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Hosted by the Calgary Numismatic Society. Location: Westin Hotel, 320 - 4th

Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, Canada. For room reservations, call (403) 266-161. Bourse room open Thursday through Saturday, July 21 – 23. General Chairman, Al Munro, at wood5cents@shaw.ca or phone 403-273-6133. The hotel's deadline for rooms at the attractive price is TODAY, so if you have not made a reservation yet, we suggest you do it IMMEDIATELY.

2005 C.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS

Bill Waychison, Chairman of the C.N.A. Club Services Committee, has announced that Michael "Stan" Turrini of Vallejo, California, will present a short, somewhat humorous presentation entitled 'The Handshake,' at the annual CNA Club Delegate Breakfast, Saturday, July 23.

The presentation is a somewhat inspirational and reflective recollection, described by Turinni as "a short but sincere story of how one single act can predicate the future, teaching a lesson for those today toward those of tomorrow."

Turrini is the C.N.A.'s Western United States Director and an A.N.A. Regional Coordinator, as well as serving on a number of executives of California clubs.

Incidentally, Turrini ends his e-mail with "Remember, Have Fun With Your Hobby!" That's exactly our thinking.

CONCLUSION

Al Munro, Chairman of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention and his wife recently flew to Toronto on personal business and were invited to have dinner at our place. Over the past year or two, a number of other collectors have stayed at our house when they attended Toronto-area coin shows. When the C.N.A. Executive met in Toronto, receptions have been held at our home from time to time. When my wife and I visited the Maritimes, we stayed with Geoff and Sylvia Bell. When I traveled to Vancouver some years ago, a group of members of the Vancouver and South Shore coin clubs invited me for dinner at one of the members' homes. Ditto for a recent trip to Windsor. When my wife and I went to Niagara Falls to make arrangements for the 2006 C.N.A. Convention, we had dinner with Peter and Barbara Kostyk.

Ah, numismatic friendships. Makes it all worth it!

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