

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 9 – April 10, 2005**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

A recent “Adam @ Home” cartoon gave me an idea. From now on I will charge all my Tim Hortons purchases as a business expense. The cartoon had an accountant ask his client: “\$1,500 spend on Lattes?!? How’s that a business expense?” Answer: “I can’t work without caffeine!”

Besides, I can claim I am doing research for this bulletin finding out if they still give you a Poppy Quarter, whether you make a purchase or not.

Wait a minute, don’t you have to have income before you can claim expenses?

### **WE HAVE MAIL**

From Gerry Mack: “The reason you might not get many comments on the bulletin is that many people, like myself, enjoy it as it is. Length is fine, content is great, humor is good, can’t think of any changes I would like to make but if I do, I will be sure to let you know. Keep up the good work and thanks.” – Thanks for your e-mail. Needless to say, you made our day.

From Harvey Bisgould: “I am perhaps the newest member of this wonderful organization. Your most recent newsletter is both extremely interesting, and a breath of fresh air. Keep it up!” – Thank you for joining the C.N.A. and for your comments. As for this bulletin, it was the intention to include light-hearted news, gossip and plenty of humor. Does anyone know of another e-bulletin that is similar in content to this bulletin? If you know of one, please let us know their e-mail address or Website at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca).

From Bob Ruby: “I am the editor of the MSNA Numismatist (journal for the Maryland State Numismatic Association, published quarterly). I got a few chuckles out of your bulletin # 8 customer or phone call of the week section. With your permission, I would like to use a few of them in my June journal. Credit will be given to your publication. If you wish, I could add your e-mail address so that any interested members could reply and possibly ask to be added to your distribution list.” –We would be flattered if any of the material appearing in this bulletin is copied. If the article was submitted by someone, we suggest you give the original author credit. Whether you give us credit or not as well we’re not too fussy if you obtain permission from the author. If it is something that we do not credit to anyone, then we would ask that its source (namely this bulletin) be mentioned.

From Bil Fivaz: “If anyone is contemplating starting a new club or is a member of one that is headed south for any reason, the METROPOLITAN COIN CLUB OF ATLANTA has available at no charge, a comprehensive brochure entitled ‘A Guide for Organizing, Operating and Growing a Successful Coin Club.’ The information is based on various seminars I have conducted over the years on the subject, and it offers some ideas that may help you get started or how to give your ailing club a needed transfusion. Interested parties may obtain one by contacting me at: Bill Fivaz, P.O. Box 888660, Dunwoody, GA 30356-0660 or via [FEEV@webtv.net](mailto:FEEV@webtv.net).” – Nice offer. Since the C.N.A. is in the process of updating their Club Handbook, let us be the first to ask for a copy. We do have a question: Does Dunwoody, Georgia really have 888,660 P.O. boxes?

From Marvin Kay: "The latest issue of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin has fewer of those strange Greek letters in the place of apostrophes. However, several still remained to annoy me. Good luck in trying to eliminate the remaining Greek letters. Keep up the good work." – Back to the drawing board. Did anyone else have the same problem?

## **A QUESTION OF MORALITY – PART 2**

In the last bulletin, we ask you to tell us what you would do if a bank machine dispensed an extra \$20. Would you return it to the bank or would you keep it?

From Mike Marotta: "If a bank machine (or a bank teller) gave me an extra \$20, I would return it. I believe in karma: what goes around comes around. Of course, that is just me. Someone else could keep it without consequences. It all depends on who you are. Long ago, in a high school German class, we learned this morality story about three men who applied for work at a casino. The manager interviewed each in turn. Each time he got a buzz on the intercom and excused himself. On the floor was a 500F note. The first man picked it up, looked around and left. The scene played out again. The second man put the money in his pocket, then took it out and put it on the desk. The manager interviewed the third man, and played the same ruse. The man took the 500 francs, went to the desk and wrote a note and left. He was hired. The note said, "Received in advance of wages, 500 francs."

From Bill Fivaz: "If I received an extra \$20 bill from the bank machine and there were no cameras around to record the transaction, I would keep it, go to a different bank, buy 2 rolls of half dollars, look through them, take out any 40% or 90% halves, replace them with copper-nickel pieces and put the two full rolls in the night deposit receptacle of the bank where I got the extra money with no note. They would have their \$20 back and no harm, no foul. Let them wonder where the rolls came from."

With respect to the last e-mail, we will now have to ask the question: what would the teller that sorts the night deposit do with the extra rolls of halves? When my sister was a teller at a bank, she had to balance her books before leaving at day's end. Even if she was out two cents, she had to double-check everything. I suggested to her on a number of occasions that if she was short a couple of cents, to simply replace them from her pocket and go home. But if she was over by two rolls of halves, it should work the same way: take the overage and go home!

Here is what a recent issue of Reader's Digest published: "I was enrolled in a morals issues class at College. One day a bank machine gave me an extra \$20, so I returned the money to a teller. I asked some of my classmates and professors what they would have done. Many conceded they would have kept the money, but my philosophy professor quipped: 'I'd have tried the machine again.'"

So that is what professors are teaching in morality class these days!

## **JUDGE JUDY DECIDES LOTTERY TICKET OWNERSHIP**

Now that we finished telling you about the man that sued a couple that he claimed stole his \$250,000 winning lottery ticket and got \$150,000 from them, then sued the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation for the \$100,000 he didn't get from the couple, we have to tell you about another recent decision involving ownership of a lottery ticket.

Judge Judy (do we have to tell you who she is?) recently ruled on the ownership of a winning Keno lottery ticket. A customer of Dunkin Donuts saw a lottery ticket lying on the ground in their parking lot and cashed it. The original owner claimed he had lost it and, since he knew it was a

winning ticket, tracked down the lady that cashed it in through the lottery corporation. When she refused to turn the winnings over to him, they wound up before Judge Judy.

The ticket was purchased in a convenience store in North Berlin, Massachusetts. He selected three of the numbers on the basis of birthdays of his three children, with the other three being randomly selected. He returned to the store on Saturday following the draw and found out that it won \$1,600. The lottery machine "verified" his win, but because of the amount, he had to wait until the lottery office opened its doors on Monday to claim his winnings. He lost the ticket before it could be cashed in.

The reason the owner lost the ticket was that he was a tree cutter by profession, had climbed a tree and fell to the ground, breaking some ribs. The paramedics removed his safety gear and cut off his pants. When he was discharged from the hospital, he realized the ticket was lost and contacted the lottery corporation where he found out that someone had cashed in the ticket.

Judge Judy ruled that the lady that found the ticket knew that someone had lost it since it had the winning verification stapled to it and that the decent thing to do would be to turn it over to the lottery corporation to see if anyone could prove ownership. The clincher was that Judge Judy was told that when the owner took it to the store for verification, the store manager made a photocopy of it, had the owner sign it and hung it on the wall as he did with all winning tickets sold by that location. The photocopy was produced as evidence. Therefore, Judge Judy told the defendant to return the \$1,600 to the plaintiff.

## **CUSTOMER OF THE WEEK/ PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK**

By Tony Swicer

Here is 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. More will follow in future issues.

1. A guy comes in with a hand full of wheat cents and says, "do you have any 1943 pennies that look like this (brown)?" I said that if I did, I would sell it for \$60,000.
2. This guy calls and says that he has a 1963 Kennedy half dollar, what is it worth? I said are you sure it's a 1963, and he says that he has the coin right in his hand. I hear, "Mamma open that roll." Then I hear, 1964,64,64,64. So I said, "why don't you call me back when you find it." He calls back and says, "Well it's doubled, in god we trust." I said, "look we can talk on the phone all day, but until I see the coin, I can't tell you anything." I never heard from him again.
3. An officer from the ATF is running a drug seizure auction and he wants me to appraise the coins. I went down to the courthouse and the first thing I saw was fake California gold coins. Then, I looked at a fake Continental dollar, fake Mormon gold, and fake Pandas. I said to the officer that most of this stuff was fake. He says, "well we are going to sell it anyway, after all it's buyer beware".
4. A guy comes in with a jar full of pennies through quarters. He wants us to separate and roll them. I said "sorry."
5. "I heard about MS-70 for cleaning coins." I said the main purpose of any of these cleaners is to bring out the luster. If you use anything, use acetone and a cotton swab. He says, "I metal detect, that won't hurt the coin will it?" I said that his coins were probably so far gone, it wouldn't matter.
6. A guy comes in, "I need some state quarters but I don't remember which ones."
7. A guy asks, "where are the holes in the book for the 2000 and 2001 Delaware quarters?"

8. A phone call, "do you buy coins? Yes. Do you pay Red book? What exactly do you have? 20 gold eagles. Ray says," we are buying at \$395 and selling at \$415. The guy says how late are you open? He's calling at 5:30 and we closed at 5PM.
9. A lady comes in the shop and she looks at our scale and says, "what do you weigh?" I said, " 220 pounds, what do you weigh?"
10. "Do you buy errors?" Yes, what do you have? " I have a Lincoln penny with another Lincoln facing him" I said it's a novelty item done for profit.
11. I get a phone call. "I want to buy 20 gold eagles and I'll wire you the money (call from New Jersey)." I said cash or cashiers check only. He says, "I'm on the road." I said sorry. It was a scam. He could buy from 100 dealers in New Jersey.
12. Phone call, "are you familiar with the million dollar bill?" I said yes, "they are black and yellow with the statue of liberty on them and they sell at Disneyland for \$1.99 a pack. "Oh no, mine are original, yours are reproductions." I said, "OK."
13. A lady comes in with a one ounce round. I offer her \$6. She says, "what, are you trying to rip me off? Wall Street silver is 614 and gold is 387." She says silver is more than gold. She storms out. I guess she never heard of a decimal point.
14. A customer buys 6 sets of 2001 state quarters and then asks, "I was here a year ago and you didn't have a couple of states I needed, do you remember which ones those are?"
15. "I want to buy a Barber dime, my son's fell out of its frame and I must have vacuumed it up, do you have one?"

### **BOOK FEATURES 50 YEARS OF C.N.A. HISTORY**

For a couple of years, C.N.A. member Stanley Clute diligently worked on gathering facts, spending hundreds upon hundreds of hours looking up information and corresponding with many people, to turn out a 148-page hardcover book detailing the history of the first 50 years of the Canadian Numismatic Association. The book was unveiled at the 50th anniversary CNA Convention in Ottawa in 2000. It was indeed fitting that a book covering the history of the CNA should be introduced in Ottawa, since that is where it all began.

Assisting him in the capacity of proofreader, advisor and someone Stan could turn to whenever he needed assistance, was the late Earl Salterio, Chairman of the CNA's Golden Anniversary Committee who originally appointed Stan to write the book.

The book traces the history of the CNA from events leading up to its inception in 1950 to the Golden Anniversary Year of 2000. The nine by six inch 148 page book is chock full of not only widely known facts, but covers much little known and/or unpublished material along with an abundance of photos, some of which have not been published before.

Stan is no stranger to members of the C.N.A. and a lot of other collectors. He resided in North York, Ontario, until job opportunities took him to Calgary and High River, Alberta. He served on the Executive of the North York Coin Club and the Young Numismatists Association and assisted with their coin shows. He has served as Chairman of Coin Week Canada, as well as serving on various Coin Week Canada Committees in the 1980s. He was appointed C.N.A. Archivist/Historian in 1989. Stan was awarded the Guy Potter Literary Award in 1981. He has also served on the Committee of the museum in High River, Alta. In 1981, he was elected by acclamation to the position of CNA Second Vice-President. He was elected as CNA's First Vice-President in 1983 and as its President for the 1985-87 term.

The book can be ordered directly from the CNA, 4936 Yonge Street, Suite 601, North York, Ontario M2N 6S3 Canada. We are pleased to offer them at the special price of \$10.00 each, Canadian funds if shipped to a Canadian address and in U.S. funds if shipped to a U.S.

address. If 6 or more copies are ordered at one time going to one address, the price is \$7.50 Canadian or \$6.50 U.S. All prices include postage.

### **MICHAEL JACKSON GUILTY**

According to the March 21 issue of People Magazine, Michael Jackson is guilty on one count!

Not what he is currently appearing in court for, but for wearing an unauthorized medal. During his first week in court, Jackson wore an eight-pointed gold star pinned to his jacket. Turns out that the medal is given out by the City of Vienna to roughly 20 people a year for service to the Austrian capital – only the singer has never been one of them!

The penalty for wrongly wearing the bauble can be a fine of more than \$900. Although the Austrian press is grumbling about the matter, Jackson needn't worry. Because a member of his entourage innocently bought the award at an antique store in Vienna, city officials said they'd let him off the hook.

### **CONDOLENCES**

To Paul Fiocca, Editor of the CN Journal, official publication of the C.N.A, on the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

To the family of Bob Hendershott on his recent passing at the age of 106. Bob is a Past President of the Florida United Numismatists, which he helped found in 1955. He was FUN Life membership #2. Bob received the ANA Medal of Merit in 1986 and the ANA Farran Zerbe Memorial Award in 1993. He was named ANA Numismatist of the Year for 1998 and received the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award. Bob authored a 365-page book in 1994 entitled "1904 St. Louis World's Fair, Mementos and Memorabilia."

### **JEHOVAH'S WITNESS MAGAZINE PROMOTES NUMISMATIC MUSEUMS**

A recent issue of Awake! Magazine, official publication of Jehovah's Witness, featured a six-page article entitled "Museums – Why Are They Worth a Visit?" which mentions a number of Washington's most popular museum. It mentions the Smithsonian Institution, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian, the National Gallery of Art and more. Among the museums recommended is a building that draws thousands of curious citizens, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The article states: "The 40-minute tour displays the process of engraving and printing that is necessary to manufacture the dollar bills that people use in their daily transactions. Over \$140 billion worth of money is printed here each year. Is the special paper that is used a State secret? How long does a dollar bill last in circulation? What steps are taken to frustrate counterfeiters? These and many other questions are answered on this tour."

### **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

So where you one of the dealers that was two hours late opening up your bourse table at the coin show this past Sunday?

Repeat after me: "Spring forward, Fall back." Or did you think it was Fall forward, Spring back?"

### **RICHARD GIEDROYC AUTHORS TWO BOOKS**

We all know Richard Giedroyc from when he was the International Editor of Coin World, appearing at ANA and C.N.A. and other major Conventions regularly. He went into other numismatic ventures, including writing two books:

“Superstition, Folklore and Your Money” - Have you ever seen a \$2 bill on which a corner has been deliberately torn off; put pennies in your new loafers for good luck; or replaced the baby tooth your child put under his or her pillow with a coin, then told the child the tooth fairy visited during the night? These examples are just the tip of the iceberg regarding customs and superstitions that surround our money. We’ve tried everything from placing a sixpence in the Christmas pudding for good luck (if the recipient didn’t swallow the coin by accident first!), to burning paper money facsimiles to appease the spirits of the deceased. Coins have been in use for about 2,600 years. There are even coins alluding to Dracula and the Frankenstein family! There are lots of superstitions and strange customs associated with money. *ISBN: 1-4137-2113-3, 114 pages, 5.5 x 8.5.* Retail Price: \$16.95 Your Price: \$13.95. Go to [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com) for details.

“20th Century: The Experiences of a Politically Active Eastern European Family” - This book is a byproduct of the author’s research into his family’s history. Due to the placement of people at either the right or the wrong place at a moment in history, the accounts of their experiences help recount events. What is unusual about this book is that sufficient eyewitness or secondary accounts involving people with this surname have survived. No other history book has ever used such a far-flung surname to illustrate history. The author tries to be careful not to over-emphasize the importance of this family, yet presents a personal side to historic events. This is a general history book meant to explain major events of the 20th century and how they impacted most of the world. The book concentrates on nations that dominated the political landscape, also using two nations heavily impacted by the activities of their larger neighbor for supporting information. For this reason the United States, Russia (and Soviet Union), Lithuania, and Poland are the major thrust of the story. Go to [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com) for details.

### **ONE CANADIAN AMONG SEVEN NEW RECIPIENTS OF CARNEGIE HERO MEDAL**

At the Educational Seminar at the 2004 C.N.A. Convention in Toronto, Michael Turinni presented a paper on the Carnegie Medal and the Canadian Connection. He told how Andrew Carnegie established the prestigious award to recognize those who save lives with little regard for their own. Now we can add one more Canadian connection.

Karl Vaartjes was awarded a 2005 Carnegie Medal last month for his heroism in saving a 4-year old child from a pit pull. Vaartjes threw himself between the dog and the child he didn’t know in December 2003 and has the gash across his thigh, puncture marks running along his arm and fang marks on the side of his leg to prove it. The 44-year old technical director heard cries for help coming from the front lawn of his neighbor’s Mississauga, Ontario home. An unleashed pit bull was terrorizing 4-year old Ryland Jacobs and his mother. The dog alternated between attacking the boy and his mother. Vaartjes swung the child up over his head to keep him away from the dog. The pit bull tore into the back of Vaartjes’ leg, piercing the side of his knee and ripping at his arm.

To qualify for the award and the \$3,500 U.S. grant, here has to be a human whose life is in imminent danger of being lost without intervention, and the rescuer must have “no obligation to act.” In other words, he can’t be responsible for the safety of the person he saves, like a parent or police officer.

### **RICHARD HATCH IN THE NEWS ONCE AGAIN**

Remember Richard Hatch? He’s the forgetful chap who neglected to declare the \$1 million he won on Survivor and fessed up to his misdeed to the IRS because they watched Survivor. Hatch

told AP Radio that he thought the CBS was responsible for paying the taxes on his \$1 million prize. In case you missed the write-up in the press, he has more troubles.

Prosecutors charged him with filing false 2000 and 2001 tax returns not only for omitting his income from the reality show, but also for failing to declare an additional \$321,000 he was paid by a Boston radio station.

### **PART OF OAK ISLAND SOLD**

Books have been written about the “money pit” treasure that nobody has been able to get to since it was discovered by three boys in 1795. Located on Oak Island, Nova Scotia, millions of dollars have been spent and six lives lost in trying to recover it. There are lots of Websites to obtain the story. Just to name a few:

[www.oakislandtreasure.co.uk](http://www.oakislandtreasure.co.uk)

[www.oakislandtreasure.com](http://www.oakislandtreasure.com)

[www.mysteriesofcanada.com/Nova\\_Scotia/oakisland.htm](http://www.mysteriesofcanada.com/Nova_Scotia/oakisland.htm)

[www.activemind.com/Mysterious/Topics/OakIsland](http://www.activemind.com/Mysterious/Topics/OakIsland)

[www.csicop.org/si/2000-03/i-files.html](http://www.csicop.org/si/2000-03/i-files.html)

[www.unmuseum.org/oakisl.htm](http://www.unmuseum.org/oakisl.htm)

[www.members.tripod.com/~Zomb/OAKISLAN.HTM](http://www.members.tripod.com/~Zomb/OAKISLAN.HTM)

According to Canadian Press, Montreal businessman David Tobias, who owns most of fabled Oak Island, has sold a piece of it to an American with a Nova Scotia-registered land development firm. Tobias had previously spent \$5 million in his quest to uncover the truth of the island and its treasure, finding nothing.

Tobias sold one lot to Alan Kostrzewa of Traverse City, Mich. The two-hectare lot faces west, away from the money pit. Included in the sale is a right-of-way-access to the causeway, which has been denied other island landowners.

Both Tobias and Kostrzewa refused to comment on the sale. Danny Hennigar of the Oak Island Tourism Society, said Kostrzewa may simply want to build a home there, or even help the Society in its efforts to establish a tourist attraction on Oak Island.

### **VCR TAPE PROGRAM ON MONEY PIT ON OAK ISLAND**

A tape entitled “Treasure: The Money Pit of Oak Island,” produced by A & E, is available to C.N.A. member clubs for showing at club meetings. The write-up in the booklet of available tapes from the library reads:

It is one of the most famous and sought after treasures on earth. Everyone knows exactly where it is, but for 200 years, no one has defeated the forces that seem to guard the “Money Pit of Oak Island.” For many years, it was rumored that the notorious pirate William Kidd hid a treasure worth millions on Nova Scotia’s Oak Island. In 1795, three boys went looking for it. Amazingly, they found an ancient chest. Before they could recover it, the sea flooded the pit they had dug. But word of the discovery spread, and for 200 years adventurers have come to this remote island, but no one has ever come as close as the three boys who once saw the chest. Travel to Nova Scotia to visit the fabled site, and meet two men who have devoted their lives to finding the treasure. See remarkable footage of previous efforts, and discover why Oak Island has been able to defeat so many for so long. It’s a gripping look at a unique tale of a treasure that does not want to be found, and the people who are determined to unearth it.

It is a very interesting professional presentation that is thoroughly enjoyable even though not a single coin is shown. Members of local coin clubs that have seen it at their club's meeting did not feel it was too long at 45 minutes, since they found it very interesting.

For a listing of all audiovisual programs available from the C.N.A. to member clubs, go to [www.canadian-numismatic.org](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org). Remember, however, that you must be a member of the C.N.A. to be able to borrow them.

### **WHAT IS A TRIP TO THE EAST COAST WITHOUT A VISIT TO OAK ISLAND?**

Since Oak Island is located in somewhat a remote area on the East Coast of Canada, not too many people have made an attempt to visit the site where pirates or whoever is supposed to have buried great wealth there. The biggest drawback to visiting the island, however, is that it is closed to visitors, whether tourist or treasure hunter.

So what is a researcher to do? Purchase a book about the elusive treasure, of course! When visiting any of the thousands of souvenir shops found everywhere in tourist territory in Eastern Canada, among the key chains, T-shirts, collector spoons, miniature wooden light houses and plastic lobsters, you will find a selection of the books on the elusive treasure of Oak Island.

One of the recent ones is entitled "Oak Island and its Lost Treasure" by Graham Harris and Les Macphie, selling for \$19.95 for its 200 pages. As is typical of the couple of dozen books available on the subject, the author details the history of the attempts made to extract the treasure from the island, as well as speculating who might originally have gone through all the trouble of burying it and building safeguards to assure that only someone with the right knowledge can retrieve it. The first part of the book describes the various treasure-seeking ventures conducted on Oak Island since the finding of the Money Pit in 1795. The second part deals with the history of those the authors believe might have been responsible for the original work.

A list of books on Oak Island from Amazon can be found at [www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail). They can also be ordered through your local bookstores or through the Internet at [www.chapters.ca](http://www.chapters.ca) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). They make a fascinating read!

The May/June 2003 Ontario Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, featured an article about the Oak Island treasure. According to the article, Dan Blankenship has solved the mystery of what is buried there, by whom and exactly where, after 38 years of searching. This after so many have failed in their attempts to recover the treasure over a 165-year period. He gave up a Miami-based business to move his family to Canada to be near Oak Island. The only problem is that he cannot go after the treasure because he does not have a permit under the Nova Scotia Treasure Trove Act to go digging.

We just have to ask: if you wanted to move your family from Florida to Nova Scotia on a hunch and spend even a fraction of 38 years finding nothing, would your wife be still with you? No reply necessary. We think the answer is pretty obvious...except in the Blankenship household, apparently.

A recent issue of World Coin News featured an article on the Oak Island treasure by Ed Rochette. He visited Oak Island when the 1970 C.N.A. Convention was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, only about 100 miles from Oak Island. He was editor of the ANA Numismatist and was accompanied by John Jay Pittman who was ANA president at the time, and then-ANA governor



Grover C. Criswell. Rochette revisited Oak Island more recently and reports that all activity to find the treasure has ceased, at least for the moment. The manmade causeway, built to ease access by treasure hunters, is now barricaded. Lack of funds are given as the official reason for inactivity. However, he reports that a recent best-selling book has given cause for renewed interest in seeking the answer as to what lies near the bottom of the money pit.

### **PNG SOLICITING AWARD NOMINEES**

The Professional Numismatists Guild is interested in hearing from you if you have any nominations to make for outstanding achievements in various areas of the hobby and profession. You can contact PNG at [info@PNGdealers.com](mailto:info@PNGdealers.com) for the name of the chairman of the six committees responsible for selecting recipients of the awards as well as the reasons for each award. Or visit [www.PNGdealers.com](http://www.PNGdealers.com).

### **DO YOU QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

Now that renewal time has come and gone, I note that the membership application from a number of clubs includes the statement "I have never been expelled from a club."

It is interesting to note that a convicted burglar, con artist, bank robber or murderer is not singled out and, we can only assume, are therefore okay for acceptance into membership since it makes no reference to any of these occupations.

But heaven help you if you lie about your expulsion from another coin club!

### **C.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS**

The following 2005 C.N.A Convention Committee has been announced. What impresses us is the amount of experience on this panel, mixed in with a few newer faces with fresh ideas.

General Chairman: Al Munro  
Bourse Chairman: Stanley Clute  
Exhibits Chairman: Lawrence Duncan  
Education Chairman: Paul Johnson  
Treasurer: Al Munro  
Advertising: James Williston  
Secretary: Stanley Clute  
Registration: Troy Carlson  
Security Chairman: Bernie Walker  
Hotel Co-Chairman: Bernie Walker & Murray Weston  
Hospitality Suite: Geraldine Chimirri-Russell  
Spousal Activities : Marion Munro  
Tours Chairman: Al Munro  
Souvenir Booklet Chairman: Neil Probert  
Banquet Chairman: Neil Probert  
Medal/Ribbons : Al Munro  
Auctioneer: Stan Wright of Diverse Equities  
C.N.A. Liaison to Convention Committee: John Regitko

### **ONA CONVENTION NEWS**

By the time you read this, the bourse tables for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, to be held in Sudbury, April 15-17, 2005, should be sold out. The silver medals with an issue of 30 are also sold out.

If you wish to reserve one of the few remaining Registration Kits, contact Gerry Albert at (705) 523-1778, or Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316 or email [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca) (it's too late to pop it in the mail). Registration is \$ 25.00.

The Convention will take place at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn) in downtown Sudbury, located at 85 Ste. Anne Road, Rainbow Outlet Centre, Sudbury, Ontario (for room reservations, call 800-436-4449).

### **C.N.A. TO MAN INFORMATION TABLES**

The C.N.A. Executive Secretary, John Regitko, has set a very hectic schedule for himself over the next four months. In addition to his normal duties, he will be manning C.N.A. Information Tables at the following coin shows. If you are at any of these shows, please come and introduce yourself.

April 16-17 – ONA Convention, Sudbury, Ontario (hosted by Sudbury Coin Club)

May 1 – Windsor Coin Club Annual Convention, Windsor, Ontario

May 20-22, 2005 - Ohio State Numismatic Association's Coin Show, Columbus, Ohio

June 12, 2005 – Brantford, Ontario – Brantford Numismatic Society 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show.

June 25 - 26, TOREX Show, Toronto, Ontario

July 20-23 – CNA Convention, Calgary, Alberta (hosted by Calgary Coin Club)

August 26-28 - Central States Numismatic Society Fall Convention, Dearborn, Michigan (hosted by Michigan State Numismatic Society)

### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

April 15-17, 2005 - Dearborn, Michigan - Michigan State Numismatic Association 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Convention. At the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan.

April 16-17, 2005, Sudbury, Ontario – Ontario Numismatic Association 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club. At the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn), 85 Ste. Anne Road, Rainbow Outlet Centre, Sudbury, Ontario. The 50-table bourse is almost sold out, as are the majority of the registration kits, thanks to the hard work of Gerry Albert, Show Chairman, and Tom Rogers, O.N.A. President. The silver medals, with the low mintage of 30, are sold out. Information from Gerry Albert at (705) 523-1778, Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316, or email [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca). The C.N.A. will be manning an Information Table.

APRIL 16 - 17, Regina, Saskatchewan - Coin & Stamp Show, Best Western Seven Oaks Motor Inn, 777 Albert St. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3 adults, 13-16 years old \$1, 12 and under free. Displays, door prizes. Hosted by Regina Coin Club. For more information, contact Paul Daniel at (306) 868-4528.

APRIL 30/MAY 1, Niagara Falls, ON - TLC Show, Ramada Suites, 7390 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, ON. Auction by Rick Simpson on Saturday 6 p.m. Free Parking. For more information, contact Tom Kennedy at (519) 271-8825.

MAY 1, Windsor, ON - 54th Annual Spring Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$1 admission includes draws for hourly door prizes and a grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke at (519) 735-0727 or [mclarke@wincom.net](mailto:mclarke@wincom.net). The C.N.A. will be manning an Information Table.

MAY 1, Vallejo, CA - 33rd Annual Vallejo Coin & Collectibles Show, Vallejo Elks' Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: Vallejo Numismatic Society. Information from Michael "Stan" Turrini at [EMPEROR1@juno.com](mailto:EMPEROR1@juno.com) .

May 5-8, 2005 – St. Louis, Missouri – Central States Numismatic Society's 2005 Convention. America's Center, St. Louis, Missouri. Details at [www.centralstates.info](http://www.centralstates.info) .

MAY 14, Peterborough, ON - Peterborough Coin Club Show, Portage Place, 1154 Chemong Road. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: Peterborough Coin Club. For more information, contact Colin (705) 742-0114.

MAY 15, Moncton, NB - Coin Cabinet Collector Show, Howard Johnsons Brunswick Hotel, 1005 Main Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 65 bourse tables. For more information, contact Brian Bell or Mike Wilson at (506) 857-9403.

MAY 20 - 22, Hamilton, ON - TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. East. Dealer setup Friday from 2 p.m. Open to the public Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc., Saturday and Sunday. Sponsor: The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. More information from Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434 or e-mail [cand@cogeco.ca](mailto:cand@cogeco.ca).

May 20-22, 2005, Columbus, Ohio - Ohio State Numismatic Association's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual OSNA State Coin Show at Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Rooms available at "The Columbus" a Renaissance Hotel, 50 North Third Street by calling 614-228-5050. Bourse setup Thursday 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Open to public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. each day. The C.N.A. will be manning an Information Table.

## **CONCLUSION**

A local coin club bulletin published our e-mail so that their members could ask to be included in our distribution. The comment that stood out among some positive comments made by their editor was: "My reaction to this effort is that there are a lot of items in it that do not pertain to coin collecting. However it is a good start."

We have to agree that is a fair...and accurate...comment, but our intention is to continue to include background information (i.e. problems the CIBC bank had, the court cases involving lottery tickets or news from the Royal Canadian Mint) and humor (i.e. stealing truckloads of nickels and beer, difference between Canadians and Americans, or responses from our readers). That is the equivalent to having the E-Sylum write about nothing but books – it would take away a lot of the camaraderie. And make for some short bulletins.

Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor  
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