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INTRODUCTION

Thanks to all the people that have e-mailed us over the past couple of months. We are still working ourselves through all the letters. Keep 'em coming!

WE HAVE MAIL

From Lou Fontaine: "All I have to say is 'You snooze, you lose.' It's the Post office fault for not being on the ball." - Everyone I ever talk to on this point agrees that if the Post Office does not cancel a stamp, they reuse it. I wonder if Bob Aaron or one of our other 'legal minds' recipients would care to give us a legal opinion for both Canada and the U.S. about using postage stamps that a) we know have been used before and b) can honestly say we really don't know. I recently purchased a quantity of postage stamps that I was told were removed from envelopes by a mailer company that ran out of address labels and sold them to someone at a great discount who had to remove them from the envelopes.

From Terry Johnson: "If Canada was to do away with pennies...every business would raise its prices UP to the next coin higher...NOT DOWN ...this would cost us, the consumer, more out of our pocketthey would be as money grabbing as the fuel companies are as oil raises and then lowers...without lowering their prices."

From Lou Fontaine: "The Canadian Tire Corp. gift cards, \$10, \$25 etc.... These are like debit or cash cards, Gas bars or stores will give you CTC money if you use these. Perhaps you meant the options credit card which is a credit card and you do not get CTC money in this case." - Thank you for setting the record straight. I just copied and published in the September 10 E-Bulletin what I read from a wire service without further research. It makes sense that you should get coupons when you pay with a gift card since it is the same as handing them paper money.

From Terry Johnson: "Although dollars are loonies.....how about the everyday buck for the lands and forests or wild life groups...or a fin for the fishing sportsman and lumber jacks for a saw buck. Or a Looney embossed with your local lockup to support the cost of housing criminals

HUMOROUS TELEPHONE CALLS TO C.N.A. EXECUTIVE OFFICE- PART TWO

When I was C.N.A. Executive Secretary, I received a lot of telephone calls. Not all were about coin collecting. The second group of ten, non-numismatic calls, are recorded below.

11. A lady called and told me she is conducting a survey. Could I tell her the make and model of our photocopier. I tell her it's a Remington SR-101. Having worked at Remington Rand for over 25 years, I knew there was no such model. I figure it will keep them busy trying to find it in their catalogues longer than they wasted my time for a phony survey. I never heard back from them trying to sell me toner.

12. Another caller asked us to make a donation to their charity. I told him I already support my favorite charities, but would he consider making a donation to the C.N.A., also a registered non-profit organization. He hangs up.

13. A gentleman called from the Blue Page Directory and told me that their new telephone directory is going to the printer shortly. Did we wish to place the same ad we did last year. I said

sure, if it is free. He tells me there is a \$295 charge. I asked him who authorized and paid for last year's ad. He said he didn't know. I said: "That's funny, I'm the only one that answers this line and I certainly didn't authorize or pay for it." He says "thank you" abruptly and hangs up.

14. A caller asked for Fred. I told him there is no Fred here. He calls out the telephone number. I told him that was the right number, but there was no Fred here. He tells me I must be mistaken. I told him that I could check the name on my drivers license to make sure, if he wished.

15. Another caller told me they were in the neighborhood and they would be willing to come to our office and review our stationery requirements at no charge. I said "sure" and hang up. They call back to ask for our address. I told him that I thought that if he knew which neighborhood we are in he would know our address. He said he just knows telephone numbers and gets paid for "developing leads." I told him I will review our own requirements, thank you very much, wish him a nice day and hang up.

16. Still another caller told me our shipment of laser printer paper is ready and are we ready to accept it. Knowing if I say yes I just ordered it, I asked him who ordered it. He says his paperwork doesn't show it. I asked him to check it out and call me back. I never heard back from them.

17. A caller told me he is with a coffee service and wants to install a free coffee machine in our office. To his question of how many employees we have "at that location." I answered "one" and tell him I could use a free coffeemaker. He tells me not to be ridiculous because I had to buy a certain amount of supplies monthly. I told him that I was just taking him up on his original offer of installing a free coffee machine. And I wonder why sales people hang up on me!

18. A stockbroker trying to sell shares in some hot stock I never heard of stumbles over the pronunciation of the word "numismatics" and asked me what it means. I think that we have a long ways to go.

19. A call came in from someone wanting to sell us website construction and upkeep services. I told him that it is being done at absolutely no charge to us. He says we must be paying something to an ISP. I told him a member from Vancouver donates it. What about updating the website? Our associate Webmaster donates his time and talent. He mutters something about people trying to put him out of business. I said, "Pardon me?" He says, "never mind" and hangs up.

20. A caller wanted us to confirm our current address so he can come and give us a free estimate on cleaning services. I told him we already have a cleaning service who does it for free and she happens to be my wife. I think of the time a few weeks earlier when my wife and I went to a department store to look at dishwashers. The sales clerk asked us how old our current dishwasher was, to which my wife answered: "He's 64, but is getting tired of doing the dishes all the time."

FEEDBACK FROM THE ANA CONVENTION

Randy Nelson sent us the following:

"Let me tell you a story of a deal of a lifetime...the one that got away. In August, I went down to the ANA show in Denver. Most of the 1,000 dealers dealt in American material, of course. As I was wandering up and down the aisles, I came across a dealer who had, among all his American currency, one holder of Canadian money. I asked his wife if I could examine it. He

was busy down at the end of his table with another customer. Inside this holder were nine (yes, nine!) number 1 notes from the 1954 to 1979 series. I asked her how much they wanted for these notes. She didn't know but said she would ask. When she returned, she said that her husband wanted \$1100 for ALL NINE notes!! I could barely contain my excitement as one note generally runs for around \$900 or so. I told her that I would take them and reached for the Visa. I must have looked too excited as she checked with her husband again, came back and apologetically said that she made an error and it was \$1100 for one note. I was disappointed but am glad that she was able to continue living as I am sure her husband would have "killed" her if she would have sold them to me!!

"Just a couple of blocks from the convention center is the Denver Mint. I took the tour. I asked the tour guide how many coins were going to be minted that day and the answer was 32.5 million coins. That's totally mind boggling!

"The show was a good time and I was able to see some of the rarest American coins like the 1913 nickel and the 1927 Double Eagle. The competitive displays were well done but not any better than the ones I see at our CNA shows here. Someday, I would like to display at the ANA show just to see how I could do. One other thing I noticed is that our shows are a lot friendlier.

"On the way home, I stopped at Custer's Battlefield and was even able to make a few elongated coins from the machine they had there. On a side note, I learned that three Canadians died under Custer's command on that fateful day in 1876."

JERRY REMICK MATERIAL TO BE AUCTIONED BY SPINK

We knew the late Jerry Remick as the number one promoter of the rather inexpensive hobby of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens, formerly known as Trade Dollars. He was a columnist for various numismatic publications, including Canadian Coin News, and was probably the most prolific issuer of Personal Medals that he gave away to his numismatic friends. I was fortunate to acquire his accumulation of Trade Tokens from Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-lake for draw prizes and in registration kits of the 2007 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

What I...and I suspect most other collectors that knew him...didn't know is that he owned a fantastic collection of other material. Dick Dunn made us aware of the fact that Spink of London, England is conducting a series of three auctions for Remick's collection of Colonial and British Commonwealth Coins. Part 1, covering Australia and Asia in 505 lots, will be held on October 18. The catalogue can be viewed at <http://www.spink.com/auctions/pdf/6009.pdf>. Be warned that if you hit the "print" button, your printer will spew out 112 pages.

The auction of Part 2, covering Europe, Africa & the Indian Ocean, is being held on November 29, while Part 3, covering Central America, West Indies, Canada and Non-Commonwealth Countries, is scheduled for early 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS

Charles "Chuck" Moore, President of the C.N.A., has announced the following appointments:

Michael Walsh has been appointed Chairman of the C.N.A. Education Committee to fill the vacancy left by Paul Johnson's resignation to concentrate on his new duties as C.N.A. Executive Secretary. Michael is 1st Vice President of the C.N.A.

Louis Chevrier has been appointed Area Director for the Montreal area (Postal Code H). He replaces Barry Uman, who has stepped down from the position after nearly 25 years in that position.

Bret Evans has been appointed as Area Director for Central Ontario (Postal Codes L & M). At the recent C.N.A.'s Annual General Membership Meeting, an amendment to the Constitution was passed which divided the Province of Ontario into three area directorships. The motion passed unanimously since it was recognized that it was rather difficult for two directors to cover such a large area effectively. With one of the current Directors, Tom Clarke, consenting to reduce his area of coverage to the western part of Ontario, Bret Evans was appointed to be the third Ontario Area Director, covering the central portion of Ontario.

ANA CONVENTION AWARDS

A number of awards were presented at the Denver ANA World's Fair of Money. For a complete listing, [click here](#). We noticed a few names amongst the winners that have a C.N.A. connection:

The Glenn Smedley Award, acknowledging those who demonstrate the spirit of the late Glenn Smedley, a hobby enthusiast who was known as a "collector's collector," was awarded to Roland Finner of Iowa, WI (one of 5 recipients). Finner, along with his wife Patty, a Governor of the ANA, attended the 2006 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. Rolly was one of the photographers at the Convention whose photos were used in the CN Journal and on the C.N.A. Website.

The Outstanding Local Club Publications Award, which recognizes outstanding newsletters, went to *The Cincinnati Numismatist*, official publication of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, whose editor is Katie Heinrich. Katie was the runner-up in the recent C.N.A. Young Numismatist contest held in conjunction with the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. And as we pointed out before, she is the editor of the C.N.A.'s bulletin...the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, that is.

Congratulations to the recipients of the ANA Electronic Newsletter Award. First went to *e-Gobrecht*, the e-bulletin of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, whose editor is Bill Bugert. Second went to *The E-Sylum*, the e-bulletin of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, whose editor is Wayne Homren.

NON-NUMISMATIC JOKES FROM OUR NUMISMATIC FRIENDS

Submitted by Ralph Trimble, retired person:

IDLE THOUGHTS OF A RETIRED PERSON

- I planted some birdseed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
- I had amnesia once -- or was it twice.
- I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?
- Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- All I ask ... is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
- If the world were a logical place, men would ride horses sidesaddle.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
- They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
- Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.
- Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.
- Experience is the thing you have left when every thing else is gone.
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?

- The shampoo promised me extra body and I gained three pounds.
- One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- How can there be self-help "groups?"
- Is there another word for synonym?
- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- The speed of time is one-second per second.
- Is it possible to be totally partial?
- What's another word for thesaurus?
- Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?
- If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.
- Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

ANA YN MAIL-BID AUCTION

Young members of the American Numismatic Association are actively bidding on a wide variety of numismatic collectibles in the ANA YN Mail-Bid Auction, an opportunity for collectors age 22 and younger to bid on items for their collection, according to an e-mail received from Gail Baker of the ANA. All lots in the auction are sold for "YN Dollars," that are earned by performing various numismatic activities at school, club or community events.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. The auction catalog with complete directions for bidding and earning "YN Dollars" is available online at www.money.org. Click on "Young Numismatists" from the "Explore the World of Money" drop-down menu and on "YN Mail-Bid Auction."

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ANA AWARDS

The ANA is seeking nominations for the 2006 Young Numismatist of the Year and the 2006 Adult Advisor of the Year. The Young Numismatist of the Year is awarded to an outstanding young collector who has contributed substantially to the ANA and hobby during the 2005 calendar year. The Adult Advisor of the Year Award recognizes the dedication and achievements of an adult numismatist who has fostered the growth of young collectors in the hobby.

If you know of a deserving young collector or adult advisor, please contact the ANA Numismatic Outreach Department at outreach@money.org or online at www.money.org (click on "Young Numismatists" under the "Explore the World of Money" drop-down menu) for the appropriate nomination forms. Nominees will be requested to complete a brief application to assist the selection committee in evaluating their outstanding contributions to the hobby. The deadline for receipt of the completed applications is October 16, so be sure and nominate those deserving young collectors and adult advisors as soon as possible.

RCM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER HONORED

Congratulations to Beverley Lepine, the Royal Canadian Mint's Chief Operating Officer, who was honored by the Treasury Management Association of Canada recently. Ms. Lepine received the prestigious Distinguished Treasury Award at their annual conference in Montreal..

The annual TMAC Distinguished Treasury Award was established in 2003 to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of treasury and financial management.

Ms. Lepine joined the RCM as Director of Finance in 1987, holding the position until 1997 when she was promoted to Vice-President of Administration and Finance. In this capacity she oversaw the construction of the RCMs \$31-million state-of-the-art plating facility in Winnipeg. In 2001, she became Vice-President of Manufacturing. She was appointed Chief Operating Officer in 2003. In this role, Ms. Lepine is responsible for ensuring the profitability of the Mints four business lines: Canadian circulation coins, Canadian numismatics (collector coins), foreign coins, and bullion and refinery services, including overseeing all operations, from production to sales. Prior to joining the Mint, Ms. Lepine worked for the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada's Office of the Comptroller General.

U.S. MINT SETS DIFFERENT PRICES FOR SAME PRODUCT

In a recent e-bulletin from Numismatic News, editor Dave Kranz asks: "Have you canceled your order for the two-coin American Eagle 20th Anniversary Gold and Silver Set yet?" We are pleased to pass on the details:

"The \$850 set featuring a 2006-W one-ounce gold American Eagle and a 2006-W one-ounce silver American Eagle is not the only way to buy these specially mintmarked uncirculated coins.

"The U.S. Mint's holiday catalog, due to be mailed Sept. 28, offers the very same coins separately at much cheaper prices. The gold coin is priced at \$720. The silver coin is \$19.95. Total cost is \$739.95—\$110.05 less than the set.

"Mintage also is basically whatever number are ordered, meaning the 20,000 maximum for the set is not the whole story.

"Let Numismatic News editor Dave Harper know what you did or are planning to do. Send e-mail, including city and state, to david.harper@fwpubs.com."

The Numismatic News website is nn@krause.com.

BANK OF CANADA CANCELS PLANS FOR \$200 BILL

A survey by SES Canada Research Inc. commissioned by the Bank of Canada showed strong opposition among 2,000 retailers worried about counterfeiting, according to just every Canadian daily and weekly newspaper that you could pick up in the last week-and-a-half of August. The survey asked whether storeowners would accept a circulating \$200 bill. Fifty-nine percent said they were opposed, with 40 percent saying they "strongly opposed" any such move.

Asked why a \$200 bill was not acceptable, retailers answered most often that they feared it would be counterfeited. Others were worried that a customer might clean out all the change in the till after a single transaction.

The fear of counterfeiting came as a surprise to bank officials because, since 2002, counterfeiters most often target the \$10 and \$20 denominations, using cheap but sophisticated color-copying equipment. Those two low-denomination bills account for about 82 percent of all counterfeits passed, with the \$100 bill accounting for only about 7 percent. "There's still a big misconception among the public that higher denomination notes are the main target" of

counterfeiters, a bank spokesperson said, according to a Canadian Press release published in The Globe and Mail.

A poll last year suggested that 39 percent of Canadians expect to receive a counterfeit bill, a big jump from 24 percent the year before. The government plans to introduce a revamped \$5 bill in November with new security features to make counterfeiting more difficult. Higher denominations have already had makeovers.

I have to ask: If merchants refused to accept \$50 and \$100 notes previously and were even reluctant to take \$20 in change, what different result could they have expected in the survey? Further, when I tender higher denominations, the clerks scrutinize it rather thoroughly. With smaller denominations, they do not have as much to lose and the time they spend examining a \$10 or \$20 note is reduced in relation to the line-up at Tim Hortons. Imagine how much time they would be spending on a \$200 note?

In my years of looking at all the money I receive, I only know of receiving one counterfeit note, a \$10 bill. I would be interested in knowing how many you received and what you did with them. Confidentially, as usual, is assured if it involves self-incrimination by admitting you added it to your collection, as long as you were not the counterfeiter but rather the innocent victim. Contact cnanews@look.ca.

MINT WON'T PRINT \$200 BILL

This comes under the "Boy, do we have a long way to go to educate people" section:

The Sunday Sun published the heading in the "Money" section: "Mint won't print \$200 bill" in large type. What is wrong with that?

We have no complains against Dean Beeby at Canadian Press who wrote the article itself. He doesn't write the headings. But the person that decides what articles to pick up from the wire services, proof-readers and goodness knows how many other people must think that the Mint is the one that prints our money.

Don't tell me that the people at The Toronto Sun think that the Mint and the Bank of Canada are one and the same outfit?

HIDDEN CAMERA SHOW FEATURES \$200 BILL

And while we are on the subject of \$200 bills, one of those hidden camera shows on TV featured just such a bill just the other day.

A girl with two bandaged hands was carrying parcels. She pretended to trip and drop the packages and her wallet, which passers-by were asked to pick up for her.

Lo and behold, there was a \$200 note half sticking out of her wallet. No one reacted to the strange denomination.

CONCLUSION

Unless the sky falls in, we intend to issue Part Two of a special post-Convention C.N.A. E-Bulletin on September 25, only 3 days from now. In the meantime, happy collecting!

John Regitko
Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor

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