

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 27 – September 25, 2006

An electronic publication of the Canadian Numismatic Association

Copyright © 2006, the Canadian Numismatic Association

INTRODUCTION

This is Part Two of the special 2006 C.N.A. Convention wrap-up, again dedicated to the volunteers, collectors and dealers that made the convention so successful.

WE HAVE MAIL

From Len Trakalo: "I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was at the recent CNA Convention. As always, your organizational skills are to be commended. You were able to control a million small details and I am certain you just woke up from exhaustion! I am curious if lists are being generated of those interested in becoming involved in either the Error-Variety or Newfoundland groups. Please add my name to both lists if possible. The combination of a vacation week's dirty laundry and a dead washing machine prevented me from attending the Convention on Friday afternoon." - Thanks for those kind words, Len. It does help time-wise if you are retired and love the organizational aspects of the hobby. We have offered to send the first issue of any Error-Variety E-Bulletin to our mailing list as a sample (unfortunately, privacy issues will probably prevent me from using the C.N.A. E-Bulletin mailing list for sending it out on an ongoing basis). As for the Newfoundland group, plans are being worked on and I am sure that we will have news to report shortly on their future plans. I hope your washing machine didn't break down because you were cleaning your coins again. As for your laundry, did you ever think of buying a second set of underwear? If you showed up at one of the founding meetings in the nude, they might have decided to call themselves the Society of Bare Numismatists, or S.O.B. Numismatists for short, but we can't do that because Jack Veffler used that for his Society of Bearded Numismatists.

From Mark Waller: "On behalf of three different area coin clubs, thank you all for the courtesy tables at the Convention recently held in Niagara Falls. We had a coin show in Niagara Falls, New York. Many patrons reported that they received information at the courtesy table allotted to the coin club. The 2007 Convention is set for the same location in Niagara Falls and the clubs look forward to participate." - We look forward to having everyone back next year.

From Jim Majoros: "Fantastic, fantastic, fantastic convention - really enjoyed it and sincerely hope I assisted as much as you expected. Everything was great. John Regitko did an outstanding job putting the convention together along with the goodies we received in the registration kit as well as the additional gift received in our hotel room. John was a real workhorse before, during and most likely, after the convention. I can't thank him enough. I thought the turnout for the "kids clinic" was great and they seemed to enjoy it with many parents indicating they would definitely return next year as they and their youngsters had much fun. I enjoyed very much working with Fred and Dick with the youngsters' treasure hunt. They did a fabulous job and spend a lot of time with the program. The ladies at the registration table were delightful and so helpful. I fully enjoyed the club delegates breakfast and the banquet. Both were very entertaining and fun and I look forward to attending next year, since it is within reasonable driving distance from New Jersey, as long as I can continue to assist with the C.N.A. program. Thanks again for the tremendous hospitality I received from everyone connected with the C.N.A." (Jim Majoros is President of the Ocean County Coin Club (NJ).) - Thank you, Jim. It is nice to be appreciated.

From Robert Graham: "I just finished enjoying the latest E-Bulletin. One thing leaves me a little puzzled though. I was under the impression my Markdale tokens exhibit took a 2nd, not a 3rd as reported??? Perhaps my memory is even worse than I think, or maybe the judges reconsidered after the awards meeting, I don't know. I'm glad to know that the award medals are still going to be given out eventually." (Bob is a frequent award-winning exhibitor and one of the driving forces behind the Canadian Paper Money Society, including the important position of editor) - I obtained the information from the proofreading copy of the September C.N.A. Journal that had two names in reverse order, rather than the final printed Journal which had it corrected. You did indeed place second, and the appropriate presentation medal will be presented to you as soon as the industry works out the "ghosting" problem we wrote about in the September 20 C.N.A. E-Bulletin. Alan Roy must also have been surprised that we had him listed as winning second place, rather than third. Our apologies to both of you!

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS

A father brought his 12-year-old son to the Convention. The son said he wanted to shop on his own with his own money. The father sent him on his way, reminding him to be careful not to pay too much for anything he wanted to buy.

After the son went off to browse through the material in the bourse room, his dad saw a coin that he knew the son would want. Dad negotiated the dealer down to \$10, and when the son returned, he handed him the coin. "Thanks," said the son, "but I just bought the same one."

Thinking this a good opportunity to complete the lesson about money management, the dad asked, "Okay, but how much did you pay?" "Six bucks," he replied.

Dealers sure went out of their way for juniors at the Convention!

J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON AWARD PRESENTED TO HARRY N. JAMES

Text read at the banquet of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention by Ron Greene, Chairman of the Board of Award, presenting the J. Douglas Ferguson Award to Harry N. James:

"By authority of the Board of Award, it is our privilege to inform you that you have been awarded the J. Douglas Ferguson Award for distinguished service to Canadian Numismatics. Your service to Canadian numismatics is long and noteworthy. You became President of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors in 1980 and retain that position today, a quarter of a century later. You became the editor of The Transactions in the Fall of 1993 and then added the editorship of the CeeTee in March 1995, retaining both these positions until the two publications were combined in 2002 to become Numismatica Canada, of which you remain the editor. As if there were not enough you have published dozens of well-researched articles on a wide variety of tokens, concentrating on Ontario's post-Confederation general merchants tokens. You have published an updated Ontario General Merchants' list as well as numismatic accounts of several Ontario counties which have become standard references. We are proud to present to you the J. Douglas Ferguson Award for 2006, the highest distinction in Canadian Numismatics."

JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS

The winner of the all-expense trip to the 2006 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls, 11-year-old Christine Guyatt-Woodland, was front-and-center at a few events. She was invited by Mr. Ian Bennett, President of the Royal Canadian Mint to a special meeting with other key Mint personnel to ask her 5 questions.

In addition to a photo opportunity with Mint personnel, she was presented with a prize package worth over \$1,200.00. It included a transportation allowance to Niagara Falls and return, four nights stay at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Coin Kids registration kit, silver convention souvenir medal, banquet ticket, ticket to the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting and a \$100 coupon good in the bourse room.

Because of the quality of the five questions from one of the dozens of other entrants, Katie Heinrich of Cleves, Ohio, age 14 (the editor of the other C.N.A. bulletin, the Cincinnati Numismatic Association), she received a Coin Kids registration kit, silver convention souvenir medal, banquet ticket, ticket to the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting and a \$100 bourse coupon.

The cost of the prizes were underwritten by Charles Moore of Moore Numismatics, Michael Walsh of The Canadian Coinoisseur, Al Hager of AH Collectibles, Stan Wright of Diverse Equities, the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and the C.N.A. Convention.

NIAGARA HISTORIAN A HIT AT THE BANQUET

Mr. Sherman Zavitz, official historian for the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Parks Commission, was a hit, according to comments made during exit interviews. His presentation, entitled "Niagara Falls: The Weird and the Unusual," covered the people that went over the Falls (some, unfortunately, unsuccessfully) or crossed on high wires, and other stories that were both interesting and unusual.

THE DAREDEVILS

In 1901, Maud Willard threw herself over the Niagara Falls in a barrel, but the fall didn't kill her as it has other daredevils. What got Maud? She forced her dog into the barrel with her. The dog pressed its nose up against the barrel's single air vent, and Maud suffocated.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

by Bill Waychison, C.N.A. Club Services Chairman
(the following was published in the September 2006 CN Journal)

Congratulations to the Société Numismatique de Québec and its editor Pierre Minguy for winning this year's Best Regional/National Newsletter Award. The SNQ publication Bulletin de Liaison has evolved over the years. Although it has taken the award of Best Local Newsletter in previous years, its publication has truly become a strong regional/national newsletter. This is especially true this past year with strong, well written and researched contributions from throughout the province and from many of the editors of other local newsletters.

The SNQ should also be very proud of the fact that they also publish their newsletter in a digital and full color version. A bound paper copy of their colored version was circulated at the Club Delegates breakfast and is available to borrow through the CNA library. It was highlighted at the meeting that the addition of color is something all clubs should strive for as it comes at no additional cost if available as a digital version.

The Mid-Island Coin Club of Nanaimo, British Columbia, and its editor Wayne Jacobs, are congratulated for winning this year's Best Local Newsletter Award. This is the second time that the club publication MICC Numismatic Journal has taken the award. This is especially significant in that the club was founded only four year ago! A bound copy of the publication was circulated at the Club Delegates meeting and is also available to borrow through the CNA

Library. Membership in the Mid-Island Coin Club is the "best deal in Canadian Numismatics" and their editor Wayne Jacobs and the MICC should be extremely proud of his work.

U.S., CANADIAN COOPERATION EXCELLENT AT 2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION

I have never seen so many of our American friends work at various tables and events as I have at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. Just in case you don't know about the Niagara Falls area and U.S.-Canadian relations in the past, read the following. Tony Hine passed it along from the Globe and Mail.

On July 25, 1814, invading U.S. troops fought British regulars and Canadian forces at Lundy's Lane, almost within sight of Niagara Falls. It was the bloodiest battle fought on Canadian soil. At the height of the conflict, wrote Robert D. Harris in *The Globe* in 1956: "There has never been anything like it - 7,000 men shooting it out at point-blank range, fighting hand to hand with bayonets, clubbed muskets, fists. Inch by inch, the line of combat was pushed back...American gunners worked their hard-won guns until they were bayoneted...the Americans pulled back 35 miles to Fort Erie. The Canadians and British were in little better shape. All next day they stayed there, too shaken to do anything, scarcely under discipline at all. Veterans of all the wars of Napoleon were saying they had never seen a battle to equal it." Neither side could claim victory. The British side suffered 878 casualties with 84 killed, the Americans had 853 casualties with 171 killed.

Maybe 1814 wasn't that great, but I'm sure glad that things were much more peaceful at our Convention in 2006!

DUMB THINGS FAMOUS PEOPLE SAID

This comes from the "Well, Duh!" calendar and involves the inventor of alternating current that had its world debut at the Adam Beck Generating Station at Niagara Falls:

Nikola Tesla, who invented the alternating current, was considered an engineering genius in the 1930s, a rival for acclaim to Thomas Edison. He was also a stalwart crusader against the evils of chewing gum. Not from a moral stance, but for health reasons. "By exhaustion of the salivary glands," Tesla declared, "gum puts many a foolish victim in the grave." Most people without his brainpower probably didn't realize that.

YOUTH & FAMILIES DESCEND ON C.N.A. JULY 2006 CONVENTION IN NIAGARA FALLS

The following was published in the September 2006 CN Journal:
by Walt Ostromecki, CNA Coin Kids Committee Member

There is an old adage in business that says: 'Build it and they will come.'

Well, Canadian Coin Kids built it for the youth at 53rd CNA Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario, July 19-23, 2006 and they came! "Boy, did they ever," noted Coin Kids activity co-coordinators, Fred Freeman and Walt Ostromecki, "...and they were educated, entertained and engaged in the fun of the numismatic hobby with a 14 stop Treasure Hunt and Auction on Saturday afternoon. "We introduced nearly 100 youngsters and half as many families to the exciting world of numismatics through our story telling of the various hobby related items on public display at the Coin Kids table," quipped Ostromecki, a youth activity specialist in the Western United States from California who was asked three years ago to spearhead the CNA efforts to re-invigorate and revitalize the youth outreach and education at their yearly conventions. "He and his fellow CNA "Team USA" Convention volunteers: Lee Gong, Jim Majores, Mike Stanley and Michael Turrini have been an invaluable pro-active volunteer workforce at our shows for the

past four years. They are a great team of fun-loving hobbyists who delight in sharing and educating the world of numismatics with others," noted CNA Executive Secretary, Paul Johnson.

The Saturday afternoon second annual Youth Auction registered 34 young bidders, who went away with some 77 lots donated by dealers, the CNA, Coin Kids, and Ostromecki's USA dealer contacts. The active and sometimes spirited competitive 'spirted' bidding received rousing applause and accolades from the 50 or so parent-adult audience.

The Youth Auction realized a total of \$7,840 Script CNA Dollars. Highest script price bid for a lot was \$101 on a 2000 Canadian Proof Set, donated by an anonymous collector.. An 1884 Queen Victoria Large Cent in AU sold for \$61, while a 1926 George V Small Cent in BU went for a bid of \$56. A golden loon \$1 dollar bank commanded \$59, with a 2006 Charlton Standard Guide Book of Canadian Coins (autographed by Mr. Charlton) going for \$44. Xavier, a 13 year-old collector from the Ontario area commented: "This is the most fun and exciting event I have ever participated in as a coin collector. I actually got several US items to add to my collection. It was really cool! I can hardly wait for the one next year." Xavier and his mother also attended the CNA Club Delegate Breakfast and the Royal Canadian Mint Reception. They were simply overwhelmed by all the numismatic camaraderie and the special effort made to include young upstarts and families in CNA Convention activities.

CNA member, Chris Boyer, praised the Coin Kids efforts to reach out and involve more youth in its yearly conventions. "It's nice to see the renewed focus on having on-going numismatic activities during the show for all kids. My daughters just simply loved the Treasure Hunt and the Youth Auction. They were so excited about their (auction) purchases that it was almost impossible to get them to calm down and relax, after we got home. My kudos and sincere appreciation to the Coin Kids Committee, CNA and that talented, energetic outgoing personable youth advocate from the States, Walt Ostromecki."

The Coin Kids Committee could not have carried off the 'numismatic magic' generated if it were not for all the gracious donors and individuals who generously gave of their time to the Treasure Hunt. In no particular order, a debt of sincere thanks goes to: Eric Jourdin, Royal Canadian Mint, Thomas Rogers, Bruce Benoit, Chuck Moore, Bob Armstrong, Canadian Coin News, Charlton Press, Matthew Sztym of Mattz Coinz, Michael Walsh, AH Collectibles, Jim Majoros, Terry McHugh, Terry Campbell, Bill English, John Regitko, Harvey Garner, Lee Gong, Bill Waychison, Fred Freeman and Louis Chevrier. Chevrier added spice and flair to the hunt by conversing with Treasure Hunters only in French, then rewarding them for their efforts with additional numismatic treasures. If any one's name has been omitted, this writer sorely apologizes for it!

TEAM USA AND THE CLUB DELEGATES MEETING

By Michael "Stan" Turrini

(the following was published in the September CN Journal)

Thank you to all who attended the Club Delegates breakfast meeting. All attendees left with multiple numismatic souvenir and neat door prizes courtesy of John Regitko and the CNA. I understand that some of the personalized numismatic souvenir may inspire certain clubs to issue similar items.

A special thanks to Michael Turrini, CNA Director for the Western USA, who gave an excellent presentation titled "You Will." This inspirational presentation centered about two simple words

which a fellow collector, friend and mentor said over 30 years ago. "Those words instilled, not at first taught but with time, those virtues of confidence, commitment, determination, and dedication."

These qualities were clearly evident in Michael Turrini who also was a lead figure with Team U.S.A. This group of American collectors came to the CNA at their own cost to volunteer and assist their Canadian counterparts make the youth programs a success. This is especially significant as they dominantly came a great distance from California.

Team U.S.A. attended the delegates' breakfast and offered their services throughout the convention. They assisted in manning the Youth Delegates tables, youth auction and treasure hunt, error coin table, Coin Kids registration table, and whatever they were requested to assist. These folks included Michael Turrini, Dr. Walter Ostromecki, Lee Gong, and Michael Stanley, all of whom came from California, and Jim Majoros, ANA National YN Coordinator, from New Jersey. Patricia Jagger Finner, ANA Governor, also attended the delegates' breakfast and assisted in promoting our hobby. Thank you all. Your assistance and friendship is greatly appreciated.

CONCLUSION

We hope that a summary of happenings at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention has whetted your appetite and that you are making plans to attend the show next year. Make a note in your calendar: July 12 - 15, 2007. We will issue one more bulletin dealing with the Convention, which will praise all the people that were involved.

I am taking a sabbatical for a little while and expect to publish the next C.N.A. E-Bulletin in a couple of weeks.

John Regitko
Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor
Canadian Numismatic Association

The Canadian Numismatic Association is a not for profit organization devoted to serving those who enjoy coin collecting/numismatics by promoting fellowship, communication, education and providing advocacy and leadership for the hobby.

If you have a comment to make, or would like to submit an item for publication, email:
cnanews@look.ca

To subscribe to the E-Bulletin email:
cnanews@look.ca

Back-issues of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin are available from the C.N.A. Website at
<http://www.canadian-numismatic.org/ebulletin.php>

If you have questions about our privacy policy, email:
privacyissues@canadiannumismatic.org

To learn about the benefits of membership or to join the C.N.A. visit our website at
www.canadian-numismatic.org

For a complimentary copy of The CN Journal, email your name and mailing address to:
cnainfo@look.ca

Any submissions, comments or information sent to us will be shared with subscribers unless indicated otherwise. We reserve the right to edit submissions for publication.