

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 4 - January 20, 2006**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

I was introduced to another taste of numismatic friendships...and pizza...last week when a group of collectors volunteered to help assemble some of the items that have already been accumulated for inclusion in the 2006 C.N.A Convention Registration Kits.

Have you noticed that it is always the same people that get involved at your club? They all say they get a lot more out of the hobby than if they just attend a few meetings. The last item in this bulletin talks about the ones that don't get involved.

### **C.N.A. CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN INVOLVED IN NUMISMATICS FOR OVER 40 YEARS**

William Waychison's interest in numismatics was sparked in the early 1960s when he received an 1853-O Orleans mint-marked U.S. half-dime with double arrows. That coin started his collecting but his retained interest in numismatics is directly attributable to a copy of the 1964 Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money that he had purchased from the Spier's store in Montreal. "As a student I could not afford most of the coins in the catalogue even at their then low price. I had been collecting slowly for a few years but it was the book and the images which were always available that maintained and fuelled my interest. I still have that old worn 1964 catalogue. It is falling apart but still has a place on my shelf. It lies not far from the hardbound, special edition Standard Catalogue that Bill Cross put together in 1988. I was very pleased to have Jim Charlton personally autograph my copy of that publication."

Bill has been involved with the Timmins Coin Club since it was revived in the late 1980s. He has edited their newsletter since 1990. In 1992, the Timmins Coin Club Newsletter was named the ONA Bulletin of the Year.

He is a member of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec and in 1991 was named an "Ambassadeur" for "promotion of numismatics outside of Quebec in active collaboration with the activities of the SNQ." He was named a "Fellow of the CNA" in 1992. During the period 1996-1999, William was chairperson for Coin Month Canada, a national program of the CNA designed to promote numismatics throughout Canada.

He is a member of the Ontario Numismatic Association (from whom he has received the "Fellow of the ONA" award) and the Association des Numismates Francophones du Canada, and was declared a "Fellow" of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (entitled to have "F.C.N.R.S." after his name).

He currently serves as the C.N.A. Club Services Chairman. He is already planning a program for the C.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast meeting being held at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention.

### **TITLES IN CLUB BULLETINS**

In the January/February 2006 CN Journal, we made members aware of the policy with respect to the publishing of information for new membership applicants and the information contained on the Journal mailing labels. Other than advising them that we are dropping middle names and initials as well as Mr./Mrs./Ms. to simplify our mailing labels and not listing all the names of parents and children for family applications, we are also including the following:

“We consider every member in the Association as an equal. For that reason as well as space limitations and the fact that we are not made aware by most people of their professional background, we do not publish titles and other honors such as are bestowed on accountants, doctors, lawyers, politicians, Order of Canada recipients, numismatic dignitaries and others. This policy is, of course, not meant to slight anyone or diminish their status and stature in the community.”

If your club has a policy on this matter, drop us a line at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) and let us know how you handle this.

### **JUST WAIT UNTIL OUR CANADIAN MONEY IS WORTH SOMETHING**

Do you recall an episode of Jerry Seinfeld where they poked fun at the value of Canadian money?

George Costanza: “Sometime life deals you a good hand”

Jerry Seinfeld: “Did someone take that Canadian quarter?”

Nothing escapes this Editor!

Just wait until the Canadian dollar picks up some more and the U.S. quarter is worth 20 cents Canadian. It happened before you know, in 1858. Then they will have to re-shoot that scene because it won't be funny, right?

### **FOUR BURGLAR TYPES TARGET NEIGHBORHOODS**

According to an article by Frank Fourchalk, security consultant and licensed locksmith, published in The Toronto Star, there are four types of burglars that we should watch out for. Although the dictionary defines a burglar as “a thief who enters a building with intent to steal,” Fourchalk defines a burglar as quite often the person or persons you'd least expect to steal from you. These criminals could be that well-dressed person conducting a home survey or that smiling gentleman that so kindly held the door for you or, worse yet, your next-door neighbor.

Whoever the person may be, once the mask comes off these people transform themselves into cold, uncaring individuals who prey upon decent, honest people.

Recognizing and understanding the four types of burglars will create a safer environment, he states. This will also help prevent you and others from becoming another statistic of their actions.

These four basic types of burglars are: the Opportunist, the Smasher, the Sneaky Prowler and the Professional.

The Opportunist is an individual who looks for an open door or window and then seizes the opportunity. These spur-of-the-moment thieves seem to appear from thin air snatching items. Locking your home and vehicle at all times will help prevent this type of thief from succeeding.

The Smasher is a premeditated predator with a less opportunist approach to his or her craft. This unsolicited thief can be found scooping out a house and quickly kicking out a door or window to gain access. Once inside, these often-nervous intruders don't spend a lot of time rifling through belongings because of their need for a speedy exit. They usually grab one or two valuables and bolt. A good home security package can help deter them.

The Sneaky Prowler is a somewhat more sophisticated burglar. They may use similar tactics as the Smasher; however, once inside they're usually not in any hurry to leave. They will rifle through personal property and be more selective in what they take. These thieves are more discrete about their entries. They usually carry some type of break-in tool to help reduce the noise of breaking glass or kicked-in doors. They often apply a few tricks to help make entry easier and usually leave a trail of mess behind, like dumped-out drawers or uprooted closets. Their lack of fear makes them more dangerous because they may become physically violent when confronted or surprised. Beefing up your existing home security will help deter this type of intruder from gaining entry to your home.

Professional burglars are extremely rare and not your regular everyday intruders. Often you don't even know that these slick thieves have been in your home. Graduating at the top of their class, these pros don't need to break anything to gain entry. Quite often they are filling an order for a collection. These items are then usually shipped to other locations in the country to fill orders.

Professional burglars have been known to empty out homes in the middle of the night as well. If you suspect this type of intruder has targeted you, Fourchalk recommends that you call a security professional who can incorporate state-of-the-art security measures.

### **COLLECTING INTERNET COUPONS**

Surveying the Internet the other day, we came across some Websites that either contain "good for" coupons or coupons will be sent to you if you fill in your name and mailing address. If you Google "coupons" you will be directed to numerous Websites. For example, the Proctor & Gamble site makes available over a dozen different coupons. The coupons available through most sites, such as:

<http://www.valpak.com/vpcol/listCoupons.do?cat=107><http://www.valpak.com/vpcol/listCoupons.do?cat=107>

do not look enough like colorful money to be worthy of adding to our collection.

The most colorful coupon that we found was on the Dr. Flea's Flea Market Website at <http://www.drflreas.com/toronto/survey.shtml>. It is a \$2 coupon that looks great. If you print it out in color and trim it to size, it makes a colorful addition to your coupon collection. And it is actually good for something. Take a copy to Dr. Flea's at Highway 27 and Albion Rd. in Toronto and the office will give you another colorful collectible that you could actually use to make purchases from any of the vendors if you didn't add it to your collection.

What Websites have you found with colorful printable coupons? Let us know at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca). If the printed coupon is good enough to add to our collection, we will send you a few different coupons from Dr. Flea's that have been used in the past and that you can no longer obtain from them, compliments of the C.N.A. Executive Secretary who obtained them when he was manager of their Toronto location.

### **WILL MARTHA STEWART HELP US PLEASE**

Based on their sign in the window offering numismatic material for sale, we visited a hobby shop the other day to see what sort of coins they had. To be blunt, the store was a mess. Dust all over the merchandise. You had to ask what things cost because very few items were priced and we felt that we were being sized up before a price was quoted.

The reason we mention it is that you might want to look around your own store with a critical eye and see what improvements you can make during slow days, to make it more appealing and customer friendly.

## **DOING YOUR PART IN PROMOTING THE ORGANIZED HOBBY**

In an article that appeared in Numismatic News, Michael "Stan" Turrini quoted John Regitko, Executive Secretary of the C.N.A., in part as follows: "Both the ANA and CNA need to do a better job at publicity to the general public. There are many people who have coins in jars in drawers and need to learn what their value is or how to organize a collection, leaving their heirs at a disadvantage. A 'hoarder' is someone who has coins in a drawer. A 'collector' has coins in 2x2s and albums, and a 'numismatist' does study, and that is how I classify our hobby's participants. Our hobby's job is to advance them from 'hoarders' to 'numismatists.'"

Have you tried to convert your relatives and friends from a hoarder into numismatists?

## **SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE ROTATOR NOTES? OR SWIMS?**

Even though we have been involved with numismatics for quite a few years and have dabbled in paper money, we have not come across the term "Rotator Notes." So what are they?

According to an article by Brent W.J. Mackie, with contributions from Michael A. La Croix, published in the Canadian Paper Money Newsletter, official publication of the Canadian Paper Money Society (CPMS) last year, they are more rare than 2-digit radar notes. They could be lurking in your collection and you didn't even know it. You could have sold them for the price of regular radar notes and didn't know what you had.

We won't go into all the details that the article exposed, except to explain the rotator note. The following information is taken from the C.P.M.S. Newsletter.

A normal radar note is a serial number that is the same read forward and backwards, such as the standard 4-digit note EJA1953591. Rotator notes are a bit trickier in that you must get the same number if you rotate it by 180°. The only digits that allow this directly are 0 and 8. If you rotate them around, they're the exact same digit. Obviously, you cannot do this with a 3, 4, 7, etc. When you rotate the digit 6, it becomes a 9, and vice versa. The digit 1 on all Bank of Canada note series has at least one serif on it at the top or along the bottom of the digit so it cannot be considered able to rotate. Because 0 and 8 are the only digits that rotate to themselves, they are the only ones that can be used as the center digit of the serial number. The outer 3 sets of digits form an "odd function," if you will. This function will accept any digit from 0, 6, 8 or 9 and return the rotated digit. So if you have a 6 in the first position, you must have a 9 in the last position. As with radar notes, the alphabetic prefix of the serial number is not taken into account when considering rotator notes.

Examples of rotator notes: FNX8888888 (also a solid radar), HNA6680899, EJA9690696, ESD0008000 (again a radar), CBI9088806, EKA9860986 (a "repeater") and FMD6668999.

So what is the scarcity? Without going into the detailed explanation by Mr. La Croix, a mathematics combinatorics and optimization Ph.D. student at the University of Waterloo, there are only 127 possibilities for rotator serial numbers per 10,000,000 notes printed. In comparison, there are 630 two-digit radar notes, 5040 4-digit radars, 4320 3-digits radars and 9 solid radars for a total of 9,999 radars per 10,000,000 notes.

If you found this interesting, you should really join C.P.M.S. because they also have lots of other informative articles and news in their bulletins. Contact Dick Dunn, their Secretary-Treasurer, at [cpms@idirect.com](mailto:cpms@idirect.com) for membership rates.

### **ANOTHER NEEDY PERSON WINS LOTTERY**

A 68-year-old cleaning woman from Braintree, Massachusetts, stepped forward to claim the \$294 million Mega Millions jackpot, the second-largest jackpot ever to go to a single person in North America.

"I'm in disbelief. I can't believe it's me," Geraldine Williams told reporters at lottery headquarters, according to a Reuter's news release.

News like that warms our hearts, loosens our purse strings and unleashes our fantasies. What couldn't we do with \$294 million, we ask ourselves as we loiter by the coffee machine at Tim Hortons clutching a hard-earned dollar? Why do hotel maids and ditch-diggers always seem to win?

Here is a bit of a true or false quiz from the Ontario Lottery Corporation:

### **MAIDS AND DITCH-DIGGERS ALWAYS SEEM TO WIN**

False. Consider already-affluent Jack Whitaker of West Virginia, who won a \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot -- still the largest single U.S. lottery payoff -- on Christmas Day 2002. In fact, lottery officials in several states say big jackpots tend to bring out a more affluent crowd.

But studies show that the heaviest lottery players -- the 20% of players who contribute 82% of lottery revenue -- disproportionately are low-income, minority men who have less than a college education. That has fueled a vociferous anti-lottery movement. "It really is government undercutting what government's role should be," which is encouraging people in financial straits to be responsible with their money, says Tom Grey of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

About one-half of American adults spend \$45 billion annually on some 35,000 lottery games in 40 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It's not news when someone earning \$7 an hour scrubbing toilets parts with a buck for a ticket -- but it's news if she wins.

### **YOU'VE GOT TO PLAY A LOT TO WIN**

False. While it's true that Mega Millions winner Williams regularly played games of chance -- she won \$1,000 at the Foxwoods Casino two weeks before her big win -- spending lots of money doesn't always do much for your chances. For instance, the odds of winning the Mega Millions are 1 in 135,145,920. Buying two tickets bumps your odds only to 2 in 135,145,920.

Of course, you have to buy a ticket to win. The average player nationwide spends \$150 a year, according to the 1998 National Survey on Gambling. Some states have averages several times higher than that.

### **A LOTTERY TICKET IS YOUR BEST SHOT AT RICHES**

False. Sadly, this isn't the no-brainer that it should be.

### **SHOW BUSINESS**

Next weekend, January 28-29, you will find the President, 1st Vice-President, Executive Secretary and other assorted elected members of the Executive as well as Committee Chairs at the CAND Show. The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers is holding their annual Winter Show at the Ramada Plaza hotel, 150 King St. East, Hamilton, Ontario. For full details, go to [www.cand.org](http://www.cand.org) or contact Terry McHugh at (905) 318-6458.

The C.N.A. has a complimentary Information Table in the lobby. Visit us whether you are a member or not.

### **ANNUAL COIN CLUB MEETINGS**

The annual general membership meeting, where every member has a say and a vote, are usually held in January. They usually are just extensions of monthly meetings, with constitutional matters rarely raised (and we think that is as it should be). The only exceptions to the “normal” routine of a monthly meeting are the year-end treasurer’s report and possibly an election. Even then, the “election” is usually nothing more than the nominations chairman reading out of the same names as currently serve. One nomination per position, if lucky. No names for some positions.

We are willing to bet that the people who declined to serve and who may not even bother to show up at the annual meeting are the ones that will be the most critical during the course of the year. They are usually the ones who do not lift a finger for the betterment of the club but always find something to complain about, be it the program, the type of cookies being served, or whatever.

Does any of this sound familiar for your local coin club? Without mentioning specific names, do you want to tell us about your club horror stories at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) involving a member? Anonymity assured!

### **CONCLUSION**

The next issue is slated for February 1. Do you have anything to contribute?

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