

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 3, No. 40 – July 27, 2007

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INTRODUCTION

What a Convention it was. Niagara Falls was brimming with coin dealers, numismatists, spouses and young collectors. Eye candy for everyone. Not only did the collectors come for the C.N.A. Educational Symposium on Wednesday and Thursday, but their families were there to take in the attractions. They came early to take in the many sights that Niagara and area had to offer.

This bulletin honours the many people that participated in the Convention. It also includes write-ups on some money-related things that happened while I was in Niagara Falls.

WE HAVE MAIL

From Mr. Ian Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint: "It is always a pleasure for the Royal Canadian Mint to attend the Canadian Numismatics Association's Annual Convention because the CNA is an important ally in supporting Canadian numismatics and generating new interest in this fascinating hobby. It also gives the Mint an ideal opportunity to hear directly from its customers."

From Jim Majoros: "Can't say enough good things about the CNA Convention. Really enjoyed every bit of it. Everyone goes out of their way to make it work and make it enjoyable. Can't get over the Presidential award I was given. That was really the icing on the cake. Again, thanks so very much for everything and especially to Fred Freeman, who, along with others at the registration, CNA and all other tables, the hospitality room, the banquet, the exhibit directors, etc., did another commendable job. Hope to see you all next year and work again with the kids group as I thoroughly enjoyed doing it."

From Bill Kamb: "It was another great convention. You've done an outstanding job as show chairman, especially as there was no host club both of the last two years. Niagara Falls is such a convenient location, I think it should be used as an emergency location if future shows fall apart for some reason.

From Ann Marie and Ron Siteman, and son John (future CEO of the Mint): "Just a quick 'thank you' for a wonderful first CNA convention. As you could probably tell, John had an absolute BLAST. It was CERTAINLY the highlight of our trip to Ontario. It was SO kind of you to coincide it with our trip! Are you going to do any kind of feed-back survey to parents and participants of the 'kids' program? It would probably be a good idea to get some ideas for next year. My John is anxiously awaiting the next CNA e-Journal with the results of the Kids' Coin Design competition. I was impressed when I saw his designs at home but even more-so when I saw them alongside the others - and he was the youngest of those who had entered! The Editor of the Canadian Coin News took his photo with his designs and told John that it will appear in an up-coming issue. Talk about excited! Anyway, many many thanks for all your help and especially all the resources that you have provided for our upcoming Coin Club at the school. We met many fantastic people at the convention and hope to attend again (maybe next year... who knows). The Kids' Coin Registration Kit was absolutely AMAZING! John has read everything in it and examined everything over and over again. All he talked about on the drive back to Nova Scotia was the convention, the people he met and the things he saw and did. There's NO DOUBT that he wants to be in Ottawa in 2008!!!! With our gratitude!" – When

you hear that people enjoyed themselves, it makes all the volunteering worth-while. When you hear that juniors enjoy themselves, it makes it double worthwhile for those that participated. Incidentally, if you or anyone else has ideas for next year, drop a line to the 2008 CNA Convention at cocc@rogers.com. If it involves a junior program, contact Fred Freeman, Chairman of the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee, at coinkids@execulink.com.

From Stan Clute: "Another C.N.A. Convention has just ended and once again it looks to have been a resounding success, due to the untiring efforts of General Chairman John Regitko. Having just returned home from the Convention, I can attest that it was tremendously enjoyable, thanks to the efforts of the ubiquitous John R. I call him ubiquitous as he seemed throughout the convention to be in multiple places at once: e.g. holding a prize draw during a club meeting while simultaneously (it seemed) sorting out a problem at the admissions table. John, have you solved the problem of human cloning, or do you have a twin that you have kept secret these many years? Thanks for making the event so much fun. A Convention Chairman who was a lesser mortal would probably be looking forward to a long vacation once the convention was over, but I'd bet that John is now working feverishly to get the next e-bulletin ready." – Well, now, that is a really nice tribute, especially coming from one of the C.N.A. Past Presidents.

From Tony.Hine: "Thank you for all you did to make my visit to the CNA2007 Convention a valuable, memorable and more comfortable one."

From Michael Turrini: "Thanks for your and Monina's hard and many hours toward the C.N.A. Convention. Thanks for your fellowship and fun. Hope to see you in 2008!"

Editor's Memo: Thanks to everyone...those published above and the many others received... for the kind words about the Convention and the hard-working committee.

COIN KIDS CONTEST

One of the activities that all registrants could participate in was the Coin Kids "Design your own Coin" Contest. Young collectors were invited to submit up to three designs prior to the convention, while all main and spousal registrants received a judging form in their registration kits which they were asked to fill in and drop into the ballot box.

We congratulate the following junior collectors for their winning designs based on the results of the ballots:

Third Place was a tie. Both submissions belonged to John S. of Nova Scotia, age 9. He receives a "Niagara Falls" 2005 "Celebrate this Country" Oh Canada uncirculated set produced by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Second place went to Laura J. of Ontario, age 11, who receives a "Niagara Falls" 2003 \$20 hologram silver coin produced by the Royal Candian Mint (original issue price was \$83.70 plus taxes).

First place goes to John S. of Nova Scotia, age 9. He receives one of the limited edition 2007 deluxe coin sets commemorating the 2007 C.N.A. Convention. This set was sold only at the recent Convention in Niagara Falls at the Royal Canadian Mint booth for over \$100. In case it escapes you, the three entries by John S. placed first, third and fourth out of a total of 15 entries, not bad for a 9-year old's first attendance at a C.N.A. Convention.

We also congratulate Breanna D. of Saskatchewan, age 11; Ryan D of Alberta, age 10, Kirsten B. of Waterloo, age 7, Sabrina B. of Waterloo, age 11, Christine of Osgoode, age 12, and Alexa R. of Windsor, age 12. Although they did not place at the top, their entries also received a good number of votes. They should all be proud. Congratulation to all.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following awards were presented at the 2007 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls:

The J. Douglas Ferguson Award is presented to the living numismatist who has made the greatest contribution to the advancement of numismatics in Canada by research, writing, publishing, or other means: Warren Baker (Montreal, QC).

The Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award is presented to C.N.A. member clubs entering a competition to acknowledge the club having made the most significant overall achievement on behalf of its members and of the hobby during the previous calendar year: Calgary Numismatic Society (Calgary, AB).

The Fellow Award recognizes members of the Canadian Numismatic Association that have performed a worthy service judged to be of a direct benefit to the association: Michael "Stan" Turrini (Vallejo, CA) and William "Bill" Kamb (Powell, OH).

The Guy Potter Literary Award is for the best original contribution published in the previous calendar year in the The CN Journal: Eric Leighton (Port Greville, NS).

The Jerome H. Remick III Literary Award is given annually to the author of the best numismatic article published in a local Canadian coin club newsletter during the previous calendar year: Tolling Jennings (Lasqueti Island, BC).

The Best Local Newsletter Award is given to the local coin club and its editor judged best in the previous calendar year: Mid-Island Coin Club (Nanaimo, BC) and its editor, Wayne Jacobs.

The Best Regional/National Newsletter Award is given to the organization and its Editor judged best in the previous calendar year: Canadian Paper Money Society and its editor, Robert J. Graham.

Each year, the exhibits at the C.N.A. convention are judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of various categories. We congratulate Robert Graham, Patti Brace, Matthew Van Brunschot and Chelsea Harper for their First Place finish; Larry White, Ronald Greene, Chris Boyer, Colin Cutler, Sabrina Boyer, Caleb Brace and Sabrina Boyer for their Second Place finish; and Randal Haigh, Alan Roy, Dorte Brace and Kirsten Boyer for their Third place finish. It should be noted that Tim Henderson, C.N.A. Head Judge, commented that he could not recall ever having so many juniors enter competitive exhibits.

The "Best of Show" in the competitive exhibits: Patti Brace, for her display of "Money Troubles: Tudor."

It is the C.N.A. President's prerogative to recognize supporters, whether individuals or corporations, for outstanding support of the Association. The following received Presidential Awards from outgoing C.N.A. President, Charles Moore, for reasons mentioned by him during the presentations: Doug Andrews (Winnipeg, MB), Geoffrey Bell (Shediac, NB), Ian Bennett (Royal Canadian Mint), William Cross (Charlton Press), Dick Dunn (Pickering, ON), Bret Evans

(Canadian Coin News), Fred Freeman (Woodstock, ON), Lee Gong (Santa Rosa, CA), Dan Gosling (Sherwood Park, AB), Tim Henderson (Florenceville, NB), Mary-Anne Luzba (Canadian Coin News), Jim Majoros (Toms River, New Jersey), Walter Ostromecki (Encino, CA), Paul Petch (Toronto, ON), Vic Schoff (Estevan, SK), Michael Stanley (Concord, CA), Michael Turrini (Vallejo, CA), France Waychison (Timmins, ON) and Paul Winkler (Canadian Coin News).

THANK YOU

When a major convention is organized and executed, there are many dedicated volunteers involved. Although each and every member of the planning committee and the hardworking volunteers at the Convention did an outstanding job (their names have been published on previous occasions), I must single out the following individuals for their outstanding efforts:

Dick Dunn - He was not only responsible for selling the most bourse tables of any C.N.A. Convention ever, but he and a small committee (Vic Shewchuk, Graham Esler and Rick Craig) made sure that all display cases, lamps, extension cords and signs were placed on all tables. He also made sure that the cases were loaded on dollies and returned to the vans and trucks of their respective owners.

Cathie Dunn and her hospitality committee - If you spend any time at all in the Hospitality Suite either during the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or at the various receptions on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, then you know they went all out. Assisting Cathie were Sandy Craig, Doris Buth, France Waychison, Nina Leitch, Betty Freeman, Lillian Esler and Monina McCullough-Regitko.

Monina McCullough-Regitko & Lillian Esler at Registration & Daily Admission - Starting early in the morning before the registrants and daily guests arrived, they were setting up the tables where pre-registrants would pick up their kits, new registrations were accepted, daily admissions were received, convention medals were sold and information was disseminated.

Dan Gosling - When we needed people to look after receiving competitive exhibits at the Convention, Dan volunteered (along with Stephen Woodland). With the passing of Paul Fiocca, Dan volunteered as editor of the souvenir program booklet. Not just 48 pages. We added 8 more to make it probably the thickest souvenir program booklet in C.N.A. history. Then he volunteered to create the C.N.A. Banquet program of events booklet, as well as being Co-Chair of the Wednesday and Thursday C.N.A. Educational Symposiums. He even presented a paper during the Wednesday session.

Judges - The competitive exhibits were judged by a team assembled by Tim Henderson (Head Judge): Geoffrey Bell, Len Buth, Phil Carrigan, Rick Craig, Richard Dunn, Graham Esler, Chris Faulkner, Ian Graham, Bill Kamb, Ted Leitch, Yvon Marquis and John Temple.

The California/New Jersey Connection - Travelling great distances, Michael "Stan" Turrini, Walter Ostromecki, Jim Majoros and Lee Gong spent most of their time manning the Coin Kids Tables, meeting and greeting young collectors. Along with Fred Freeman, the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee Chairman, they took care of handing out the Coin Kids registration kits, looking after the Treasure Hunt, Coin Kids meeting and donation auction. Terry O'Brien manned the supplies table, selling coin supplies to juniors at below wholesale.

Other Supporters - Things just don't happen on their own to assure a good show. Rick Simpson volunteered to drop the C.A.N.D. All-State cases off at the show. Ted Bailey made available his All-State cases to us, also dropping them off and picking them up at his expense. Brian Smith,

owner/operator of the Torex show, not only made his 120 All-State cases available but also helped with their unloading. Tom Rogers drove his trailer with All-State cases, wooden display cases, gooseneck lamps and extension cords belonging to the Ontario Numismatic Association. Without their assistance, we would have had a problem obtaining sufficient cases for the dealers and exhibitors. And did you notice all those professional signs? They were created...and donated...by Roger Fox.

Promotion - We must also thank the success of the Convention to the numismatic press, both in Canada and the U.S. Canadian Coin News gave us page after page of publicity. The ANA promoted us, as did various national numismatic publications. The Ontario Numismatic Association published our program of events and registration form, as did numerous local coin clubs right across Canada. Peter Kostyk handled local non-numismatic publicity, allocating his \$2,000 budget to local and regional publications from the Niagara Falls area and northern New York State.

Dealers – The largest bourse at a C.N.A. Convention was a direct result in coin dealers having faith in the Convention committee's ability to draw people to Niagara Falls. With three days of prime selling time, they had the opportunity to show off their wares, entice collectors to add items to their collections and add new names to their customer database.

Collectors - Although not a record number of total registrants (that record belongs to last year), we came close. Spousal registrants were up, proof that a good tourist location will bring out whole families. Daily admissions also attended in good numbers and participated in the hourly door draws, "Guess the Number of Tokens in the Jar" contest and specialty group meetings.

The Hotel - I said it last year and I say it again: of all the hotels I have dealt with going back many, many years (as owner of T.I.C.F., chairman of three previous C.N.A. Conventions and as a member of convention committees at numerous other times), there has never been a more accommodating team to work with.

With the committee we had, how could we fail? They ALL went beyond the call of duty. Volunteers all, it was a labour of love for everyone. For all the planning and all that work, they received the usual presentation medal...and the satisfaction that they participated in another great C.N.A. Convention!

VOLUNTEERS A MUST AT COIN SHOWS

The following was recently republished in Canadian Stamp News, sister publication of Canadian Coin News from Trajan Publishing. Although he writes about volunteers required to run stamp shows, the same also holds true for coin shows.

by Bret Evans, Managing Editor & Associate Publisher - Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News

I often write about collecting, stamps, Canada Post, and even sometimes speculate on where this hobby is going, but I can't recall a recent item about how much philately relies on the unpaid, and often unthanked, corps of volunteers who are a key part of the success of any sizable philatelic event.

For instance, any time you see exhibits, chances are that they were assembled and will be taken down later, but volunteers - volunteers do much more. They hand out programs, man information booths, collect attendance, organize meetings and seminars, collect bourse fees,

and generally plan, organize and run virtually every single stamp-collecting event you'll ever attend.

Now I know that's a sweeping statement, because that's exactly what I intended. I've been to sales, shows, and exhibitions, ranging from small club events up to world-class events and all of them had volunteers at the centre.

Remember Washington 2006? Just a few weeks before this event started, the biggest on this continent in a decade, organizers were still soliciting for volunteers.

While there's been talk of another CAPEX for the past year or so, one key aspect of making it work is the ability to recruit, organize and train, if need be, a small army of volunteers. It isn't just that volunteers are cheaper than hiring people.

Volunteers also bring special knowledge and enthusiasm to the job. Who would you rather have setting up an exhibit of your stamps: some guy hired from the day labour pool, or an experienced stamp collector?

A couple of recent cases remind me of just how important volunteers are to the success of this hobby. Organizers of a major West Coast show are figuring the show may not take place next year because the existing corps of volunteers is too tired and no new faces have turned up. Just a couple of volunteers, stepping forward, could turn this scenario right around.

The Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance is hosting the Royal 2007 this fall, their newsletter has more than a page outlining possible jobs for volunteers. Workers can put in anywhere between several days and several hours, depending on their time and inclination.

If you're curious about what happens behind the scenes, getting involved as a volunteer is a sure-fire way to become an insider, almost overnight.

If you're ready to add this exciting new dimension, there's nothing to it - all you have to do is step up and say, "I want to help."

HOW TO TELL BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES

Graham Esler tells me he caught five flies at the C.N.A. Convention, 3 females and 2 males. So how did he know they were male or female?

"There were 3 on the phone and 2 on a beer can," he replied.

SIGNS

While cruising the streets of Niagara Falls, members of the Convention committee reported spotting the following signs:

- On a septic tank truck spotted on Highway 20 outside Niagara Falls: "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels."
- On a plumber's truck parked outside a restaurant: "We repair what your husband fixed!"
- On another plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."
- At a tire shop: "Invite us to your next blowout."
- On a sticker on a towing truck: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."
- On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

- In a non-smoking area at the Niagara library: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."
- In an optometrist's office window: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
- On a fence on a side street near Lundy's Lane: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"
- At a car dealership on Stanley Avenue: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."
- Outside a muffler shop off Highway 420: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."
- Sign at the Niagara Electric Company's office: "We would be delighted, if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."
- In a Restaurant window near the Convention hotel: "Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up."

DID I PASS THE TEST?

Sitting around the Hospitality Suite one evening, I was asked to participate in a quiz.

The first question was: "What two days of the week begin with the letter T?" I answered "Today and Tomorrow!"

The second question was: "How many seconds are there in a year?" I thunked and thunked about that and eventually answered: "Twelve!"

I was asked in an astounded voice: "Twelve? In a year?" I replied: "Got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd..."

Funny, I never did get asked the rest of the questions! Nor did I win the prize if there was one.

EXCUSES FOR NAPPING

Because the members of the Convention committee worked so hard, I anticipated that some of them would be extremely tired, to the point where they might doze off at the most unexpected time. I therefore thought it best to prepare a list of excuses in case they are caught by convention-goers napping at their station. Here are the top 5. The idea originated in the Rocky Mountain News and were forwarded to me by Tony Hine.

- "They told me at the blood bank that this might happen."
- "I wasn't sleeping. I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."
- "Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to funding the C.N.A. Headquarters."
- "Boy, that cold medicine I took last night just won't wear off."
- "Ah, the unique and unpredictable circadian rhythms of the workaholic!"

You might want to use them the next time your boss catches you falling asleep on the job.

WHY WE CHOSE THE HOTEL

Everyone that attended the 2007 C.N.A. Convention thought the convention hotel was a great location. But with all the hotels throughout Canada and with the huge number of hotels in the Toronto and Niagara Falls areas, why did the C.N.A. pick the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Center?

The C.N.A. has always held its Convention at nothing but the classiest of hotels, but there are many reasons that one site is selected over others. Tony Hine bought a column in the Globe and Mail to my attention that lists alternative reasons for selecting a convention hotel. Here are 15 reasons to consider future convention sites:

- For an extra \$20, you can upgrade to a building-code-certified room.
- You WIFI connection consists of two tin cans and a string.
- The peepholes in the doors work from the outside.
- The hotel's brochure lists "peeling paint" as its most outstanding architectural feature.
- Bellhop? You have luggage?
- They coined the phrase, "Don't let the bed bugs bite."
- Their "slept here" wall includes numerous newspaper photos of missing persons.
- The clerk asks you to fill out a toe tag.
- "Over two million served" refers to their staff's jail time.
- "Lots of room - everyone cancelled yesterday."
- The complimentary toiletries have the names of other hotel chains on them.
- There's a reserved parking space for the health inspector.
- "First let me see if the police are through in there."
- "The honeymoon suite is already reserved but they'd like to share."
- When you ask directions to it, the locals gasp out loud.

CELEBRATING CANADA DAY

As we were preparing for the C.N.A. Convention, we took a break to celebrate Canada Day on July 1 with things distinctly Canadian. For example, we went on a picnic, spread out a Hudson's Bay blanket, drank an ice-cold Molson's Canadian and listened to some Bryan Adams tunes.

Uh, wait a minute. According to The Toronto Sun, that scene might be less Canadian than most people realize.

Sure, the Bay likes to trumpet its heritage as Canada's oldest corporation, but the Hudson's Bay Company was acquired by Maple Leaf Heritage Investments Acquisition Corp., which is owned by South Carolina billionaire Jerry Zucker.

Surely you can't go wrong downing a Molson's Canadian to celebrate Canada Day? After all, the brewer itself called it the "official beer of Canada Day" and boasts a Canadian history back to 1786 no less. But like the Bay, it's no longer exactly Canadian. In 2005, Molson Inc., merged with the U.S.-based Adolph Coors Co. and became part of the giant Molson Coors Brewing Co. If you're looking for more patriotic suds in a bottle of Labatt's Blue, forget that, too. Labatt was bought by Belgium's Interbrew back in 1995.

But who needs beer to quench that July 1 thirst. There's always that famous brand Canada Dry ginger ale. But while the company originated in Toronto in 1904, its ownership has long been south of the border. It's part of Texas-based Dr Pepper/Seven Up Inc., the largest soft-drink maker in North America.

You may have to settle for a Tim Hortons coffee. For a while even that was iffy, because the ubiquitous Canadian coffee and doughnut chain was once owned by the U.S.-based Wendy's International Inc. But Wendy's spun it off as a separate publicly traded company in 2006, and the Tim Hortons head office remains in Oakville, Ontario.

Even the once-venerable Montreal Canadiens have not only failed to win a Stanley Cup since 1993, they're now owned by American ski tycoon George Gillen Jr.

We could go on and on. The Toronto Sun also mentions that California-based Walt Disney has exclusive control over who is allowed to use RCMP images on souvenirs, clothing or anything else. Nickel miners Inco Ltd. and Falconbridge Ltd., as well as Hamilton steelmaker Dofasco Inc, were all taken over by foreign interests in 2006.

I was going to celebrate at one of the famous Canadian Pacific hotels, but they have been taken over by a Saudi prince. Another Canadian hotel chain, Four Seasons Hotels Inc., was also bought by an investment group including Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates and another Saudi prince.

Well, at least we know that one of the items you use every day is "Made in Canada." Congratulations to the Royal Canadian Mint for not transferring production to China or Mexico.

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A WEEK

While I was having fun in Niagara Falls, the coin world certainly did not stop. Here are a few items that you might find of interest.

TIMMY'S TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

If you have actually been reading these bulletins, you know that Tim Hortons, the distributor of the Canadian Poppy Quarter, is a) a Canadian institution that has yet to find its famous logo onto a Canadian commemorative coin, b) is your E-Bulletin's favorite watering hole, and c) only accepts cash.

Well, at least one of these is about to become history. Since I do not know if the Royal Canadian Mint is planning on placing the famous Tim Hortons logo on a coin and I am not about to switch to Starbucks, the answer is "c" above.

Tim Hortons is installing Chase credit card equipment and telephone connections right now at most of its outlets. Starting in August, they will be accepting credit cards. Remember, you read it here first!

THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF IT WAS TIM HORTONS

And while we're on the subject of coffee, Starbucks closed a coffeehouse in China's former imperial palace. Chinese critics said it damaged a key historical site.

With the anticipated popularity of coffee houses in China, I predict that in future, imperial places cannot be built on the site of Starbucks or Tim Hortons.

INUIT LEADER DOESN'T LIKE NEW \$20 COIN

The new \$20 silver coin, struck by the Royal Canadian Mint to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the International Polar Year, depicts the 16th century Arctic explorer Martin Frobisher and an Inuit kayaker. Some Inuits aren't too pleased with the design since, they claim, it is eerily reminiscent of the kidnapping of an Inuit kayaker by that explorer.

I personally cannot see any relationship between any kidnapping and the design depicted on the coin, and I find it quite attractive. I am sorry to hear about some Inuit's reaction, but the Mint did consult various groups, including archeologists and polar experts.

I wonder how they would have felt if the Inuit and the kayak were completely ignored and only Frobisher and his ship surrounded by water and ice floes were shown?

EDITORS SHARE COMMON PROBLEMS

Alan Shanoff, who has provided legal advice to The Toronto Sun, recently wrote a column that touches on ads containing depictions of coins, currency or badges. It also explains what we editors have to watch out for to avoid lawsuits. We reprint part of it:

After just one column, I can tell you it seems writers are held in higher esteem than lawyers. People appear more impressed with me now than over the 30 years I spent providing legal advice to the Sun. I guess taking a 90% reduction in fees is impressive. Go figure.

The response from Sun staffers has been interesting. Associate Editor Lorrie Goldstein gave me "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Writing Well." (Editor's comment: funny, that's the same book that Chuck Moore gave me when he asked me to take on the editorship of these e-bulletins.)

As a newspaper lawyer you'd be amazed at what crossed my desk before making it into print. Aside from the worry over defamation actions, there are many laws relating to what can or cannot be published in a newspaper. Advertisements face a host of rules. A paper can get into trouble if it publishes an ad with certain depictions of coins or currency. Certain types of reward ads violate the Criminal Code. Some types of health claims are illegal. You could write a book about all of the restrictions.

Ever enter a contest in the Sun? Did you read the contest rules? It's a pity if you haven't because I probably wrote the contest rules. And why is there a time-limited skill-testing question in contests? It's covered by the Criminal Code. Ever wonder about the line about the odds of winning? It's covered in the Competition Act. Pretty boring stuff, but no one wants to be prosecuted.

Letters to the editor? Editorial cartoons? Yep I'd have to go over them. There's not much in the paper that hasn't crossed my desk – including obituary notices.

So what are some of the stranger claims made against the Sun? I received a complaint from then President Bill Clinton's White House lawyer complaining about a Bad Boy ad with a Clinton look-a-like. I guess he worried Sun readers would think Slick Willy was endorsing Bad Boy.

Canada seems to have a lot of bureaucrats with time on their hands, too. The Department of National Defence once complained about some Sunshine Girls who were wearing bits of uniforms, badges and caps. This was apparently a violation of section 291(1)(c) of the National Defence Act, section 419 of the Criminal Code and section (9)(1)(n)(i) of the Trademarks Act. A perfect trifecta. Three violations in one!

Corrections Canada got upset because the Sun had the temerity to give the names of certain prisoners at Kingston penitentiary.

I am happy to report that justice prevailed in each case. After I sent out "are you nuts?" letters the cases disappeared, never to be heard from again.

PRECIOUS METAL STOLEN NEAR BIKERS CLUBHOUSE

For years, the Hells Angels motorcycle club has had a club house in downtown Toronto. In April of 2006, the police raided their club house and about 40 other locations around Ontario,

involving 300 police officers. The club house became "proceeds of crime" under new anti-racketeering legislation.

Art Phillips has run the plumbing business next door to the Hells Angels clubhouse in Toronto since 1941. He has never had a problem with crime. You can understand that crime was virtually non-existent in the neighborhood, whether criminals were afraid to come anywhere near the Hells Angels or they considered it their territory.

So what happened since? One week after the police raid, there was a break-in at the plumbing store. And you know what was taken? That precious metal commodity formerly known as the base metal copper! Four thousand dollars worth of copper pipe, to be specific.

And what does the owner of the plumbing store have to say? "If the Hells Angels had still been here, it never would have happened." Go figure. You can't even please law-abiding citizens all the time.

MUNDANE METAL NOW HOT COMMODITY

It doesn't have the exotic quality that recently pushed nickel, uranium and molybdenum to record highs, but plain old copper is suddenly the mining market's hottest commodity, thanks to a sudden spate of takeovers inspired by an increasingly common belief that prices for the mundane metal will stay stronger for longer, according to a report published in the Mining Reporter.

This follows Teck Cominco Ltd.'s offer of \$4.1-billion for copper producer Aur Resources Inc., and an offer of \$1.6-billion for Katanga Mining Ltd. who is developing a copper mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Various labor disruptions and low inventories on the London Metal Exchange helped copper prices break through \$8,000 (U.S.) a tonne on July 9. Prices have gained more than 10 percent since the end of last month. LME inventories fell to just over 102,000 tonnes, which is a little more than two days of global consumption and the lowest level since last year. The price of copper has increased more than fourfold over the past four years on surging demand from China and other fast-growing economies in developing countries (China imports roughly 100,000 tonnes of refined copper each month).

Doesn't that make you wonder what is going to happen to coins that contain copper?

I WONDER IF HE IS A COIN COLLECTOR

A 47-year-old man is facing charges in a string of pay phone thefts in Hamilton, Ontario.

Police had released a surveillance photograph last week of a suspect using a phone moments before it was stolen. The phones were targeted because of the change that they hold, according to police.

ANA ELECTION RESULTS

We extend our congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected to the ANA Board for the next two years. They will be installed on August 11:

- President: Barry Stuppler
- Vice President: Patricia Jagger-Finner

- Board of Governors: Joseph Boling, Chester Krause, Clifford Mishler, Walter Ostromecki, Edward Rochette, Radford Stearns and Wendell Wolka

With one exception, these are the very people that we indicated in a previous E-Bulletin who were either members of the C.N.A. or assisted the C.N.A. in one way or another, including at the recent C.N.A. Convention. Coincidence? You decide!

CONCLUSION

I can still remember my conversation with then-C.N.A. President, Chuck Moore, in early 2005 when he discussed with me his idea of creating a C.N.A. E-Bulletin. While the Journal is sent to members only and contains scholarly articles, he envisioned a light-hearted bulletin that would be sent to anyone, member or not, that wished to be placed on the complimentary mailing list.

Following some discussion about content, frequency, setting up a mailing list, etc., Chuck asked me to take on the role of Editor. I agreed to set up a web hosting site and set up a mailing list of people I thought might be interested in receiving a copy (such as those serving on the executive of local coin clubs, regional/national numismatic organizations, dealers and other collectors known to me). To assure absolute privacy of our mailing list, I agreed to maintain the list and send out the bulletins myself. We even went as far as disassociating names of people with the e-mail address - even I do not know who most e-mail addresses belong to. With an initial distribution of over 1,000, it has grown to the present 2,297.

After 108 bulletins totaling well over 750 pages of text in the past two-and-a-half years, it is with some regret that I have decided to move on to new opportunities, both personal and numismatic. This is my final bulletin as Editor of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin. Incoming C.N.A. President, Michael Walsh, will make an announcement regarding a replacement shortly.

Having made a number of new friends through an exchange of e-mails, and with the pending discontinuance of my existing e-mail addresses involving both this E-Bulletin (cnanews@look.ca) and the one set up for the last two C.N.A. Conventions (cnainfo@look.ca), you can reach me in future at coinman@look.ca.

Thanks for your encouragement and support!

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