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North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 8 P.M. AT
Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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Next meeting

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 1995, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. For this meeting we will be featuring a slide presentation from the CNA Library. This one is a little different than most because it features World Coins with Special Significance. Please join us for what promises to be a most interesting evening.

President's Message

Those members who received Ontario Numismatic Convention draw tickets in last month's bulletin mailing are asked to bring their money and ticket stubs to the next meeting, especially if they are not attending the Convention. The Convention will take place before the April meeting and the March meeting is your last chance to have the Club submit the draw ticket stubs on your behalf.

The Club executive met on March 9. We had quite a full agenda and the items discussed will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Coming Events

1. Hamilton Coin Club Semi Annual Show, April 1, 9am-4pm Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St., (across from Centre Mall) Hamilton, FREE ADMISSION
Info: N. Kanerva phone (905) 319-3817
2. Kent Coin Club 27th Annual Coin & Card Show, April 2, 10am-4pm Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St., Chatham, FREE ADMISSION
Info: Lou Wagenaer, P.O.Box 95, Chatham, N7M 5K1 (519) 352-4150
3. ONA '95 Annual Convention, April 21-23, College Inn, Stone Road & College Streets, Guelph
Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O.Box 21031, Stratford, N5A 7V4
Reservations 1-800-563-9240
4. Windsor Coin Club Spring Coin & Card Show, May 7, 10am-4:30pm Caboto Club, Tecumseh Rd. E. at Parent
Info: Ron Binder phone (519) 254-6855
5. Burlington International Coin Show, May 13, 9am-4pm Mainway Rec Centre, Walkers Line & Mainway, FREE ADMISSION
Info: Nancy Kanerva phone (905) 319-3817
6. North York Coin Club Show, Saturday, September 23, 10am-5pm, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, FREE ADMISSION

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News from the February 28, 1995 Meeting

The 393rd meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, February 28, 1995. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m., welcoming 29 members and 1 guest to this, our 35th anniversary meeting.

It was with great sorrow that Ron announced the recent passing of Mr. Ken Bunnett, one of the Club's founding members and a Past President of the Club. A moment of silence was held in his memory.

New members welcomed to the club were Avram Zak, club member #493 and Dion Van Laethem club member #494. (The editor apologizes to Mr. Laethem for spelling his name incorrectly in February bulletin.)

Paul Petch, for the first time ever, was the winner of the \$2 on time attendance draw. The pot remains at \$2 for the March meeting. There being no junior members in attendance, the mint box was not passed.

It was the Club's great pleasure to bestow two Life Memberships at this meeting. The two long-standing and hard-working members were George Fraser, Life Member #12 and Ted Boxall, Life Member #13. Presentations of gold-plated membership cards took place at the meeting with suitably inscribed plaques to follow once engraving is completed.

This being the 35th anniversary meeting, we welcomed two special displays. One came from Harvey Farrow and consisted of Club ribbons and medals produced on the occasion of past CNA and ONA conventions. He also included pictures from the 25th anniversary banquet. The other was from Marvin Kay which included material on the theme of 25th, 30th and 35th anniversaries. Marvin originally assembled the items to mark each of his wedding anniversaries. Thanks to Harvey and Marvin for their contributions to the meeting.

We thank Ted Boxall for providing refreshments during the break and to Ron Zelk for cutting the cake. Thanks also go to Bob Porter for running a 14 lot auction with the assistance of Basil Latham. We are indebted to Norman G. Gordon, Jean Guy Cote, George Fraser and Marvin Kay for their generous donations.

The lucky draw winners were: Paul Johnson, Lucille Colson, Marvin Kay, Ron Zelk, Gary Doran(2), Tom Wilson, Russ Brown, George Fraser, Jack Veffer, Harvey Farrow and Norm Belsten.

The meeting closed at 10:10 p.m.

Prisoner of War Currency

Paul Johnson introduced Ted Leitch, our guest speaker for the evening. Ted has been working at assembling a new slide set on the subject of Prisoner of War Currency used in Canada During the Second World War.

Because the allies were concerned about holding prisoners in Great Britain, there were 26 camps established in Canada holding over 35,000 prisoners. At least 15 of the camps issued currency. They did so to ensure that, should they escape, they would not have a supply of Canadian currency to aid in their travels.

The talk included photos of camps and of the currency itself. Some was in the form of strips, others came from sheets. Examples of both perforated and cut currency were shown. All of the material was paper except for PoW tokens which came from Lethbridge. A highlight of the talk were the stories of camp life and interesting, although at times violent, incidents which occurred.

Ted hopes that the material will be completed and that it will be ready to go to the CNA slide library sometime during 1996.

Ron Zelk echoed the club's enthusiasm for the presented material and made a presentation of appreciation on behalf of the members.

Question-of-the-Month

For our March question of the month, please identify the **World Coin News** coin of the year.

Because the meeting ran so long, we didn't have the time to cover the Question of the Month in February. That was too bad because it followed along on the theme of "forms of money which are not intended to enter general circulation." Thinking of examples of limited-circulation money (other than PoW currency) I came up with these:

- promotional community trade dollars and scrip
- company tokens such as bread and dairy tokens as well as the Hudson Bay Company's Made Beaver tokens
- company scrip provided to employees... such as that produced by mining companies
- customer scrip... such as Canadian Tire money
- stretching the limits a bit, I think we can also include 17th century French Canadian playing card money and even the P.E.I. Holey Dollar (illustrated below) in the list!

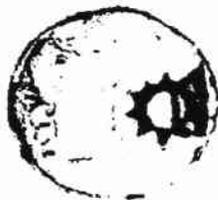
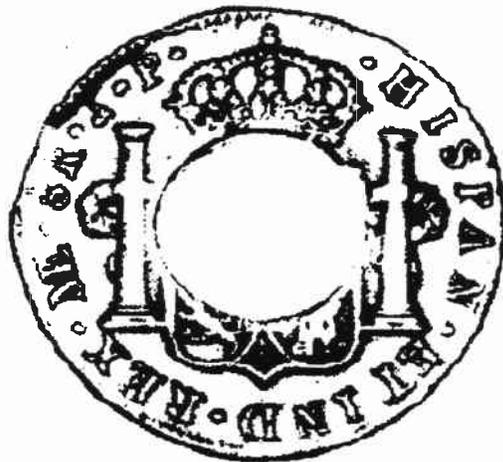
Those math problems from Marvin Kay were covered and it took us a fair while to take them up. Your editor confesses that he fell back on relational formulas in a computer spreadsheet program to get the answers. A few tries and the application of a bit of logic produced an answer in a shorter time than trying to remember how to apply higher math!

- 1) Can you change one dollar into exactly fifty coins using at least one 1, 5, 10 and 25 cent piece.

Answer: 45, 2, 2 and 1, respectively.

- 2) I have 100 coins (1, 5, 10 and 25 cent pieces) worth \$7.50. The number of 5 cent pieces is one more than half (the editor fixed a spelling error here to make the question understandable) the number of 10 cent pieces. There are three times as many 1 cent pieces as quarters. How many of each denomination do I have?

Answer: 45, 14, 26 and 15, respectively.



We hope to see you at the March Meeting