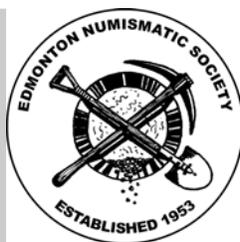


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Wednesday, April 9, 2008
Doors 7:00 pm-- Meeting 7:30 pm
Royal Alberta Museum
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Edmonton Numismatic
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The **Planchet**

55th Anniversary Year

TRICERATOPS
2008 Dinosaur Collection



This coin shows a complete Triceratops skull, a rare discovery that was made in Saskatchewan in 1967. This is the second coin in a series featuring dinosaur fossils following the 2007 Parasaurolophus. Other coins to be issued include 2009 Tyrannosaurus Rex and 2010 Dromaeosaurus. A selective finish has been applied to the reverse of the coin to give its design an aged appearance. Designs approved by the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology.

The Edmonton Numismatic Society

The Edmonton Numismatic Society (ENS) dates back to September 1953. At that time the members met and discussed the hobby under the name, the Edmonton Coin Club. During the 1960's, 70's, and 80's the Club sponsored 20 Annual Coin-A-Rama shows, issuing many collectible souvenirs. In 1979, The City of Edmonton's 75th Anniversary, the Club was host to its first CNA Convention. A number of mini shows and Anniversary shows were held during the 1980's and 90's. As a reflection of the varied collecting interest of the current membership, and a continuing commitment to promote the hobby, the Club changed its name to the Edmonton Numismatic Society (formerly the Edmonton Coin Club) just prior to hosting its second CNA Convention in 1998. Since 1996 the Club has sponsored two shows each year, one in the late winter/early spring and one in the fall. ENS will host CNA in 2009.

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APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, April 9th. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm; door will open at 7:00 pm.

Speakers: Terence Cheesman
Coins of Aelia Capitalina

Marv Berger
Watches - Collecting Them

NOTE: Regarding the ENS Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics.

All members are reminded that the draft of the new ENS Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics will be voted upon at the April 9th, 2008 General Meeting. To review said draft, please go to:

http://www.edmontoncoinclub.com/ENSCo_nstitutionBy-lawsDraft2008.pdf

or

<http://www.edmontoncoinclub.com/beginnings.htm>

Suggestions, changes and concerns should be submitted in writing prior to the meeting to the Chair of the Constitution Subcommittee at mbink@shaw.ca

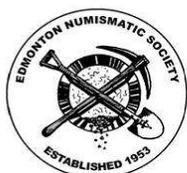
Copies of the draft will also be available for review at the meeting prior to debate and vote. All members are requested to attend this meeting, please come early. Thank you from the ENS Constitution and By-laws Subcommittee.

As usual, the coin discussion and fellowship will continue at the nearby Boston Pizza at 10543 124 St.

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for 2008 renewal, payable to the ENS, or if you're paying cash, pay it to the Secretary/ Membership chair (Marc Bink). Membership fees are unchanged from last year, and membership cards will be sent out with the next issue of *The Planchet*. Those that pay via cheque will have their membership cards mailed to them in a subsequent issue of *The Planchet* while those who pay cash at the meetings will get a card either mailed to them, or in

person. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Due to the age of our database, we'd like to ask that members provide a current mailing address when renewing their membership. ***Please note that the Society does not, and will not, sell or use any personal information obtained from the membership for commercial uses or for publication.*** Any information we collect will only be used for club functions such as the newsletter, and a call out list for any special events.



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Annual Membership is now due and payable as of January 1. The dues are payable as follows:

FAMILY - \$12.00
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(except life membership) JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

**A message from ENS President
Jamie Horkulak**

Greetings everyone,

The March 2008 Money Show was deemed a success, despite several obstacles. New location, short notice, higher costs and date change didn't detour most people from attending. The two day attendance was 426, down about 75 from last show.

Everyone liked the hotel itself and the ballroom. Some dealers reported sales were a little down, this may be due to the fact that collectors are more discerning now, with common items being obtainable any day of the week on eBay. Hot items are still in high demand, and are sold very early. The trouble is hot items are few and far between.

The March 2008 Money Show marks the end of an era for some long time coin dealers. It was the last show for both Michael Walsh and Peter Milpacher, as they are retiring. I would like to extend our appreciation for their support over the years, and an extra thanks to Michael Walsh for a generous donation of \$100 toward the purchase of new lamps.

A special thanks also has to go out to the few volunteers that help make the show happen. Organizing, setup, running of, tear down, and transportation are not possible without them. Marv Berger and Pat & Bob Ericksson stepped forward at the last minute and provided excellent assistance at the Show Admission table.

March 2008 may also mark the end of an era for the Money Show itself. With lack of hotel commitment and location uncertainty, we are forced to seek out non-hotel venues so we can provide an adequate advance notice to dealers.

The next big club event is the Royal Museum tour, which is happening at our regular Wednesday club night in June. Please sign up for this tour either by email or at the April meeting, as the museum needs to know how many will be attending for security purposes.

At the next meeting we will be voting to adopt the revised club constitution, so everyone is requested to attend.

See you then!
Jamie

ENS Executive Note:

As per order of the President, the draft of the new ENS Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics has been completed and is available for review by ENS members on the ENS website. Copies are available for review on the ENS website.

All members are requested to be present at the April General Meeting to vote upon the adoption of this new Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thanks to all who have provided compliments and constructive comments regarding the new layout of *The Planchet*. Those of you who downloaded the PDF version from the ENS website were impressed by the full page layout and colour images – certainly a perk for digital delivery. Unfortunately, the printers did not follow their instructions and printed the new layout in the old booklet format. That should be corrected for this issue (hopefully).

The ENS Executive is currently debating the best means to handle digital delivery of our newsletter. I suspect the minor bugs will be worked out over time.

Lastly, I would encourage any of our members to contribute their favorite collecting niche or numismatic expertise to *The Planchet*. Sometimes all you really need are a couple of good photos and a small bit of written information – the editorial process can bring it to life. My email is on the ENS web page, feel free to send me any articles you deem relevant to *The Planchet* there.

Roger Paulen
Editor, The Planchet

NEW BRITISH COIN DESIGNS TO BE UNVEILED

London Telegraph, April 2, 2008

The first new designs for Britain's coins since decimalisation nearly 40 years ago are due to be unveiled. The Royal Mint has commissioned new "reverse" designs for the 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins to partner the Queen's head on the flip side.

It is the first mass change to the country's coinage since decimalisation was first introduced in April 1968. Since then generations of people have grown used to seeing the crowned lion on the 10 pence coin, the one penny's portcullis and chains, and the two pence piece's three curling feathers.

The Royal Mint said the designs had been commissioned to "renew and reinvigorate" the UK's coinage. No other details were being released ahead of the tightly-guarded launch. The coins officially become legal tender from April 2nd 2008, with the old versions also remaining valid.

But the London Telegraph has noted that the new pound coin features the traditional shield design from the Royal coat of arms. The lower-denomination coins will feature close-up details of the shield which, when fitted together, show the shield as a whole. The sovereign's coat of arms has evolved over many years and reflects the history of the monarchy and country.

"In the design the shield shows the Royal emblems of different parts of the United Kingdom: the three lions of England in the first and fourth quarters, the lion of Scotland in the second and the harp of Ireland in the third. The designs were devised after a public competition which attracted more than 4,000 entries. The Queen and Prime Minister endorsed the choice.

Buckingham Palace and Downing Street hope the use of the coat of arms will reassure traditionalists and supporters of the Union.

There were more than 27 billion coins in circulation across the UK at the end of 2005. The £2 coin, which sometimes features commemorative motifs for notable occasions such as last year's 300th anniversary of the Act of Union between England and Scotland, is not part of the redesign.



ANIMAL COINS INCREASE IN POPULARITY

Roger Paulen

There is a good current of cross interest for animal coins. Animals-on-coins has been a growing collecting field for several years now and is probably one of the strongest of modern coin collecting areas.

Certain animals have stronger followings than others, but it is the animal coins from countries with large and active collecting communities that seem to be driven up in value to the highest extremes. Canadian coins have long been popular with world collectors because animals have graced our 5-cent and 25-cent coins since 1937. Canada's centennial coinage also depicted a rock dove, rabbit, mackerel, wildcat, howling wolf and a Canada goose designed by famous Canadian artist Alex Colville. The common loon now occurs on our dollar coin and a polar bear resides on the two-dollar coin.

The Royal Canadian Mint has since released a plethora of animal coins as non-circulating legal tender. The majority of animal issues are contained in affordable issues, such as the new 25-cent *Bird Series*, the 50-cent *Discovering Nature Series* (1995-2000) and *Canadian Butterfly Collection* (2004-2006), five-dollar coins of the *Canadian Wildlife Series* (2004-2006) and the expensive *Canadian Wildlife Series* (1990-1994), *Endangered Wildlife Series* (1995-2004) issued in proof platinum coin sets. These are just the main sets, other animals occur in the regular silver dollar issues (e.g., 1985) and the unique 'loon' dollars issued in Specimen Sets. Animals grace other denominations, such as the beaver on the 2001 3-cent and 2006 3-dollar coins, a grizzly bear on the 2004 8-dollar coin, a caribou on 2006 30-dollar coin and a mountain sheep (1985) and bowhead whale on the (1988) on the 100-dollar gold issues.



Above: the 1997 issue of the *Discovering Nature Series* of four Canadian dog breeds. Below: a 2006 Short-tailed Swallowtail from the *Canadian Butterfly Collection*.



For 2008, the Royal Canadian Mint continues to have animals as a reverse theme, such as the 2008 25-cent coin - Downy Woodpecker.



**ROYAL CANADIAN MINT ISSUES A
COMMEMORATIVE FIFTY CENT
'MILK TOKEN'**

There was a time when most people did not go to the grocery store to purchase their milk; it was delivered to their door. Many adults today have childhood memories of a uniformed milkman placing bottles of fresh milk on the front porch and leaving with empty bottles their mother had put out in exchange. But there was more than just leaving the empty bottles, the milkman collected dairy tokens in exchange for fresh milk.

From the late 19th century to the late 1960s, consumers could buy dairy tokens to "pay" for the milk or cream that was delivered. Many dairies had their own tokens. They were valued at such quantities as ½ or 1 pint, 1, 2 or 3 quarts or ½ gallon and specified whether the token was for cream or milk and what kind (pasteurized, Jersey, skim, etc.). Dairy tokens were used in all ten provinces across Canada.



This new issue features the first ever triangle-shaped coin from the Royal Canadian Mint! Beautiful green enamel-effect enhances the reverse design, nostalgic of one of the colours of some original milk tokens. The coin is silver, the edge has interrupted serrations and the 'token' has a proof finish.

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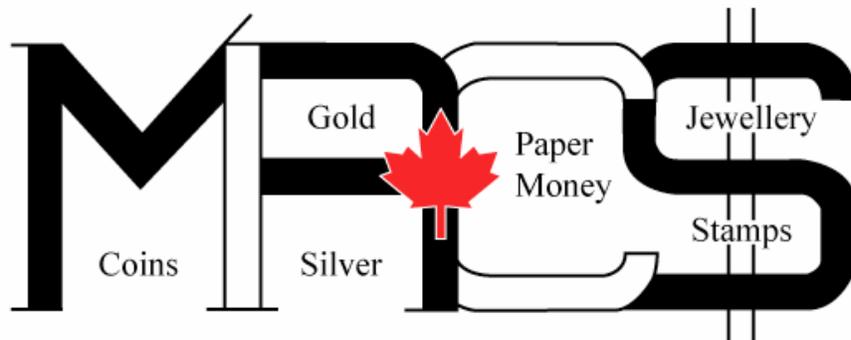
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