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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : SATURDAY APRIL 9, 1994

TIME : 8:30 A.M., Breakfast starts at 9:00 A.M., Meeting to follow

PLACE: WESTWOOD INN, 18035 STONY PLAIN ROAD, GOLD ROOM

**PROGRAM : BUFFET BREAKFAST MEETING, GUEST
SPEAKER TO TALK ON "MONEY IN CANADIAN LAW" AND
"MISCELLANEOUS COIN STORIES", DOOR PRIZE, EARLY
BIRD DRAWS**

APRIL MEETING

Members and guests are invited to attend this special meeting, once again a breakfast meeting, at the Westwood Inn. The doors to the Gold Room will be open at about 8:30 a.m. with the deluxe Buffet Breakfast being served by 9:00a.m. Following the breakfast, our guest speaker, James Kindrake, will talk on "Money in Canadian Law", a topic James has been interested in for some time. In addition he will talk on his many exploits to other countries and his numismatic findings along the way. Following the talk, we will have an attendance door prize draw and on Sunday afternoon, we will have 3 early bird draws for our Fall Show. The draws will consist of a 1994 mint set, a 1994 Silver dollar and a 1994 double dollar set.

Following the meeting the members and guests may attend the Edmonton International Coin Show being held across the hall from our meeting. Members are asked to bring any ticket stubs remaining in their books and turn them over to Joe to be included in the Early Bird Draw. Tickets for the Breakfast can be reserved by calling Mike at 463-4452, or Ray at National Pride Coin & Stamp by calling 433-7288, or you can pick them up at Rays shop. **Please contact the above in order for us to get a head count by April 6.** HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !

***DON'T FORGET TO
BRING IN YOUR
TICKET STUBS FOR
THE "EARLY BIRD
DRAWS"***

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March's meeting saw 17 members and 2 guests attend the Grading Seminar. The meeting started off with Mike showing the 62 CNA slide series on grading Canadian Decimal coinage. Following the slide show which had a tape commentary, the members broke for coffee and enjoyed the bake goods. Several members brought in coins to grade, with several "slabbed" coins being used to test the members skill. The coins were numbered and circulated around the room for grading. The member who brought the coins in then explained the "real" grade based on ICCS or who ever provided the grade. Discussion on the grades were varied and provided an interesting evening of discussion.

Thanks are extended to Howard who donated a set of "Coin World Trivia Cards" to the Club, for future use. Members were reminded of the Scratch Pak early bird draw in April and to sell the tickets and turn in the money as soon as possible. Members with partial books sold should bring the stubs and money in for the April draw, so the tickets are eligible for the early bird draws.

MARCH MINUTES CON'T

The following members volunteered to provide displays for the April Show: John Callaghan, Terry Cheesman, Dan Gosling and Howard Gilbey. These will be added to the Club display and information booth.

Members were reminded that the 1994 Mint products are in and available at Ray's and Jack's shops.

The attendance door prize draw for the meeting of a 1977 Mint Set, was won by our guest, Dave Rose.

COIN WEEK CANADA IN EDMONTON

April 3rd to 10th this year will be designated Coin Week Canada in Edmonton. In recognition of this event, the City of Edmonton has proclaimed the week of April 3rd to 10th, "COIN WEEK" in Edmonton. A copy of the official proclamation is included in this newsletter. A special framed copy with embossed city logo and seal will be available for viewing at the April meeting. As part of the Coin Week activities, the Club will be putting on a display at the April 8 to 10 show at the Westwood Inn.

EDMONTON COIN CLUB "WOOD" ISSUED

As part of the Clubs 40th anniversary celebrations and in recognition of Coin Week in Edmonton, the Club has issued a new "wood". The wood has red embossed foil lettering on both sides with one side as follows: "COIN WEEK CANADA" with a maple leaf in the centre, and the word "EDMONTON" under the maple leaf. The date "APRIL 3 - 10, 1994" is at the bottom of the wood. This side is in recognition of our April meeting & show as well as Coin Week. The other side has the following: "EDMONTON COIN CLUB - ANNIVERSARY SHOW" around the outside of the wood. Within an inner ring are the words "WESTWOOD VILLAGE INN, SEPT. 23 - 25, 1994" and the word "40TH" for our 40th year. Design of the woods was by John Callaghan and Mike Schneider.

The woods were made by CANADA WIDE WOODS, P.O. Box 21104, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7V4, (519) 273 - 1715. A total of 500 woods were made.

A copy of the wood will be available free to Club members. Additional copies will be available at cost or 50 cents each. Non-club members costs are as follows:

- \$0.75 each plus Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.
- \$1.25 for mail orders with no return envelope.
- \$1.25 US for US mail orders.

Orders will be on a first come first served basis.



1994 EDMONTON COIN CLUB WOOD

APRIL MEETING REMINDER

As part of our April Coin Week meeting, we will be having a display at the show at the Westwood Inn. Members are asked to volunteer to man the tables for both Saturday and Sunday the 9th and 10th. Please contact Mike at 463-4452 to help out. The more people we get the less time you'll have to be at the tables, so please volunteer today!

In addition, anyone wanting to put in a display can bring the display to the meeting and set up after the breakfast meeting.

Also just a reminder to bring in the ticket stubs from the Scratch Pak tickets. The staples can be removed and the stubs taken out for the draw. You can then staple the remaining tickets back together to sell the remaining tickets. Also please bring in the money for the tickets sold so we can get an update of tickets sold to date.

FALL SHOW UPDATE

Thanks are to be extended to club member Hans Buchmueller who has graciously donated the cost for the second half of the \$100.00 Gold Coin which will be drawn for at our Fall Show in September. The cost for the first half was previously donated by Ray Neiman of National Pride coins & Stamps. Thanks again to both members for the generous donations. This now means that all the prizes to date have been donated by Club members. Congratulations and thanks are extended to all of the donators. Anyone else who wishes to donate a prize for the show are asked to contact any member of the Executive. Your contribution will be gratefully acknowledged or if you wish, remain anonymous.

CLUB MEMBER INJURED IN LOCAL FIRE

Best wishes are extended to Club Director Ed Dreger who was involved in a fire in his home on Thursday March 24. Ed suffered minor burns and was hospitalized for a few days to recover from his injuries. By the time this arrives we hope he will be out of the hospital and recuperating at home. Flowers were delivered to Ed at the Grey Nuns hospital by friend and President, Joe Bardy. All the best from your friends at the ECC.

FOR A MORE INTERESTING HOBBY

By Jerry Remick and Revised by Yvon Marquis

Whether you are an oldtime collector or a newcomer, you are probably looking for a way to make your hobby more interesting. The text that follows contains a few suggestions on some ways to do so; it's up to you to use them.

First of all, an excellent way is to diversify what you collect. For example, take on a secondary collection of numismatic material that is in a different field from you main collecting interest. This way, you will have a greater variety of numismatic material to be on the lookout for at dealers' tables at coin shows and, yes, even at Flea Markets. This diversification will be the source of more extended research about your pieces that will increase your background in numismatics, because as you will see, all the fields of numismatics have some similarities.

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INTERESTING HOBBY CON'T

At last, you will have more material to show to your friends and for display at coin shows. (we will be back on that matter later)

Another interesting fact, a secondary collection will allow you to continue to have fun when you are advanced in your principal area of interest and when missing coins that are hard to find or too expensive.

There is a wide variety of fields that may fit with your primary or alternative collection. Let's mention just a few: Canadian decimal coins; coins issued by the Provinces; foreign coins; Canadian and foreign banknotes; colonial tokens; dairy tokens (milk, bread, transportation etc.); municipal trade tokens; wooden tokens; casino tokens; religious, historical and commemorative medals, medallions issued by numismatic organizations, satirico-political scripts and many others. For example, a collection grouping coins struck in different metals or with different shapes, or one banknote from each of the foreign countries constitute very interesting and educational collections, which are not expensive to build. And how great is the thrill to look for new items to add to your collection.

Another way to make your hobby more interesting is to be involved in the administration of your local or national club. There are many ways to get involved and you don't have to be on the executive to do so. You can submit texts for publication in the monthly newsletter, or give some help with promotional activities and coin shows. Why not prepare and exhibit for your coin show? You can't imagine the satisfaction you will get from it.

Another excellent way to make your hobby more interesting is to meet with other collectors with whom you can trade some coins and share ideas, and who will possibly become true friends. This can be done at the local, regional or national level. For myself, I use every opportunity to participate in meetings and meet with people. It's what I consider the most important part of a show, more especially at the annual CNA Convention when there is the occasion to meet with friends from all across the country and from the States, most of them we see once a year. Everyone is happy to attend this formal and informal meeting to review old friends and to meet new faces. Those who have had the pleasure to participate at such meetings know the fun it represents. Why don't you join us in Hamilton this summer

So, I hope that these few suggestions will help you to make your hobby more interesting and don't forget, we have a meeting together in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 21 - 21, 1994 for the annual Canadian Numismatic Association Convention. Hope to see and meet with you there!

(Editor's Note- Thanks to Jerry and Yvon for this article. They requested it be published in our newsletter and I was happy to do so. There are many interesting suggestions on ways to improve the hobby and increase your participation. I especially liked the suggestion of members providing articles for the newsletter! Something I've been trying to get members to do for years. What ever you do, the hobby of numismatics is vast and the opportunities endless; its up to each member to explore there potential and specific interests.)

A LOOK BACK - EDMONTON COIN CLUB 1954 - 1994

As discussed in the last issue (February's) I left off with a comment on the status of the Club's leather bucks. It seems Dan Sandulak had not quite cornered the market on them, as Peter Walusko, past member and current owner of Mayfair Jewellery and Coin, still has several copies. Peter indicates he is selling them for \$20.00, but you may be able to talk him down.

The executive for 1970 was as follows:

- President - J. Wray Eltom
- Vice-president - George Chichak
- Secretary - Treasurer - Rod Banks

The Club shows were called "Coin-A-Rama's" and once again a committee was selected to put on a show. Tickets were sold for \$0.50 each or 3 for a dollar and the following prizes were offered:

1. 50 only Manitoba 1970 dollars
2. 1- 1967 Proof like Medallion set
3. 1- 1967 Proof like set
4. 1- 1970 Proof like set
5. 1- Canadian Prime Minister's Medallion set

The centennial project display cases had new plaques affixed that year with the inscription "Centennial Project - Courtesy of Edmonton Coin Club. Est. 1954". The cases were put on display at the Klondike Smoke and Souvenir Shop to advertise the show.

In 1971 the club President was once again Wray Eltom. That year the club hosted the 9th Annual Coin Show on October 9 at the Corona Hotel. This year the club placed the centennial exhibits in the main branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, and received the approval of many of the patrons of the bank.

Much of the information obtained for these articles have been from old newsletters and CNA bulletins. Unfortunately we do not have copies of all the newsletters and some holes are missing. Hopefully by the end of the year, I'll have a clearer picture of the events of the Club and possibly be able to put together a more detailed and concise record of the history of the Club.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 3 - 10 COIN WEEK CANADA IN EDMONTON
APRIL 9 Breakfast meeting at Westwood Inn, 18035
Stony Plain Road, Edmonton (See Flyer)

GUESTS WELCOME

APRIL 8, 9 & 10 Edmonton International Coin & Stamp Show,
Westwood Inn, Edmonton

APRIL 30/
MAY 1 Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show,
Ramada Hotel, Calgary

MAY 11 Boston Pizza Night, member talk on Ancient
Coinage.

JUNE 8 Annual Numismatic Donation Auction

REMINDER

Please call Mike at 463-4452 or Ray at 433-7288 to reserve a ticket for the April breakfast meeting. Also please volunteer to man the Club table for sometime on Saturday and Sunday during the show. SEE YOU THERE !

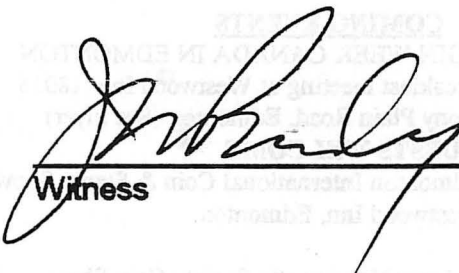
**Edmonton Coin Club 1993
Financial Statement**

Balance December 31, 1992	\$	1,002.36
Deposits January 1 - December 31, 1993		1,312.76
Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1993		1,647.26
Service charges January 1 - December 31, 1993		49.00
Interest January 1 - December 31, 1993		4.33
Balance December 31, 1993	\$	623.19

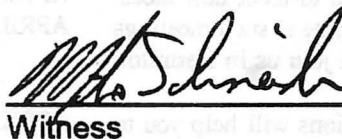
Outstanding cheques for 1993	\$	347.50
(# 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135)		

- 128 Scratch Pac	\$	250.00
- 131 CNA Dues 1994		30.00
- 132 COTC 1994		15.00
- 133 CAWM 1994		10.00
- 134 CAPM 1994		22.50
- 135 CACM		20.00
	\$	347.50

Respectfully submitted by John Callaghan, Treasurer of The Edmonton Coin Club, this 9th day of February 1994.



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Expenditures 1993

Canadian Assoc. of Token Collectors (annual dues 1993)	\$ 15.00
Canadian Numismatic Assoc. (1993 dues)	25.00
City of Edmonton (Newsletter)	89.16
National Pride (coins)	104.00
Canadian Paper Money Society (1993 dues)	22.50
Postage	171.73
Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (1993 dues)	20.00
Edmonton Examiner (ads)	22.13
J. Bardy (coins)	102.00
Edmonton Journal (ads)	48.60
R. Smith (book)	25.00
Pizza Night	100.00
Canada Post Box Rental (1993)	59.92
June Meeting Supplies	20.00
Tickets for June	27.00
Friends of the Museum (meeting place)	101.64
Hobby Mecca	26.00
Parkgate Holdings (mall show)	80.25
Provincial Treasurer (Consumer Affairs)	8.00
Trojan Publishing (shipping)	21.65
Scratch Pacs (tickets)	250.00
Westwood (breakfast meeting)	174.90
Christmas Party	20.00
Executive Coins	102.51
Edmonton Sun (ad)	<u>10.27</u>

Outstanding cheques 347.50

(#128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135)

\$ 1,647.26

Income 1993

Memberships - cheques \$156.00 cash \$339.00	\$ 495.00
Coffee Fund	32.54
Club Donations	41.50
Archives	10.00
Auction Commission	3.50
White Elephant	160.22
Breakfast Meeting (November)	200.00
Mini-Shows (April & October)	245.00
Draws (meetings)	111.00
Pizza Night (May)	<u>14.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 1312.76



PROCLAMATION

COIN WEEK


WHEREAS coin collecting or numismatics broadens knowledge of the history and cultures of countries around the world, and;

WHEREAS the Canadian Numismatic Association encourages Canadians to expand their horizons through coin collecting, and;

WHEREAS the Edmonton Coin Club, celebrating its 40th anniversary, will provide Edmontonians with the opportunity to learn more about numismatics;

**THEREFORE I, MAYOR JAN REIMER, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
APRIL 3 - 10, 1994 "COIN WEEK" IN EDMONTON.**





Mayor of the City of Edmonton

City Clerk

March 11, 1994
Date

A NICKELS WORTH OF FRAUD AND MYSTERY

by David Harper



There has never been a series of United States coins in numismatic history like that of the Liberty head nickel. The first and last issues have been surrounded by controversy, shady dealings, and attempts to defraud the public. This series has troubled two centuries.

The idea for the Liberty head series was born sometime during 1880, when the shield nickel was but 14 years old. It was in that year that Charles E. Barber first created the design. It took two years of experimenting and persuading but in 1883 the first Liberty Head nickel was struck.

The design followed the then prevalent tradition of carrying the designer's likeness of Liberty on the obverse. In this case, the crowned Liberty faced left and is surrounded by 13 stars along the edges, representing the 13 original colonies. The date is found below the profile. The main feature of the reverse was a large Roman numeral "V", used to designate the denomination as being 5 cents. The "V" is surrounded by a wreath of agricultural products which in turn is surrounded by the legends, E PLURIBUS UNUM and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The word "cents" was omitted which proved to be a costly error.

As soon as the new coin appeared, unscrupulous people, noting the absence of the word "cents", quickly seized the opportunity to make a fast buck. Plating the coin with gold they passed it off as a 5-dollar gold piece. With the newness of the design, the size being the same, and the gold coloring, the coin fooled many a busy clerk. Later in the year the mint added the word "CENTS" to the design to prevent further attempts of fraud. The word "CENTS" was placed where E PLURIBUS UNUM was and the latter was pushed to an inconspicuous place above the "V".

The years that followed the initial issue passed without any further undue occurrences to mar the series. However, in 1913, the spectre of dishonesty again haunted the series. In 1913, the design of the nickel was going to change to the buffalo version. The mint, however, in case the buffalo design was scrapped, prepared dies for a 1913 Liberty Head nickel. The buffalo nickel went through and the Liberty Head dies were locked up for good, or so they thought.

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A NICKELS WORTH OF FRAUD AND MYSTERY (Cont'd)

In 1919, an ad appeared in "The Numismatist" offering to buy 1913 Liberty Head nickels, and in 1920, Samuel Brown came up with five of them. No-one could explain their existence and Brown, who was an ex-mint employee was suspected of creating the five nickels himself. Whatever the case, the controversy is still raging and it will probably never be resolved.

This series, even with its derogatory history has done much to further the cause of numismatics. When the word "CENTS" was added to the nickel in 1883, many people hoarded the "centless" coins as oddities. Who knows how many new collectors were started in this way. The 1913 Liberty Head nickel has also helped. B. Max Mehl, the "Grand Old Man of Numismatics", ran ads offering 50 dollars for one. These ads spurred many a person to look through his change. How many collectors began in this way?

Whatever the case, the Liberty Head nickel series has served its purpose well. It was a successful issue for 30 years and it sparked the interest of many into becoming collectors. For this we should be grateful.

BRITISH 1933 PENNY POSES A MYSTERY

Among the famous rarities in British coinage is the 1933 bronze penny of George V. Unlike other coins which have achieved rarity through loss, destruction or the natural attrition in numbers that comes over a period of years, the 1933 penny was born rare.

Only six were struck, according to mint records; of these, four are said to have gone into cornerstones while two were retained by the mint.

Through the years a small mystery has developed around the coins. A British numismatic writer points to the claim of London coin dealers that three other 1933 pennies exist beyond the mint's recorded six. The extra three are supposedly in private collections. The supposition may or may not have gained a degree of confirmation from a story that made the rounds a year or two ago, a story that a London youth had put a 1933 penny on the market after receiving it as a gift from his coin collecting uncle. A Royal Mint authority was quoted as saying the coin was worth a small fortune. But there the story ended. A similarly undetailed story of about 15 years ago had a 1933 penny in circulation, placed there by someone who had no knowledge of its value.

And what would its value be -- if there were one? Well, several years ago when a fake 1933 penny showed up in London, dealers said a genuine George V penny of that year could be worth anywhere up to \$80,000.00.

Krause's World Coins list the coin as 8 known, but no price given - just very rare. Until one of these coins is offered on the market, a true price cannot be quoted.

Then when the mint records indicate only six being struck and other records say eight - we'll let you be the judge.

Is there an extra 1933 British penny at large? If so, where? And what's it worth?

You pays your penny and you takes your choice.

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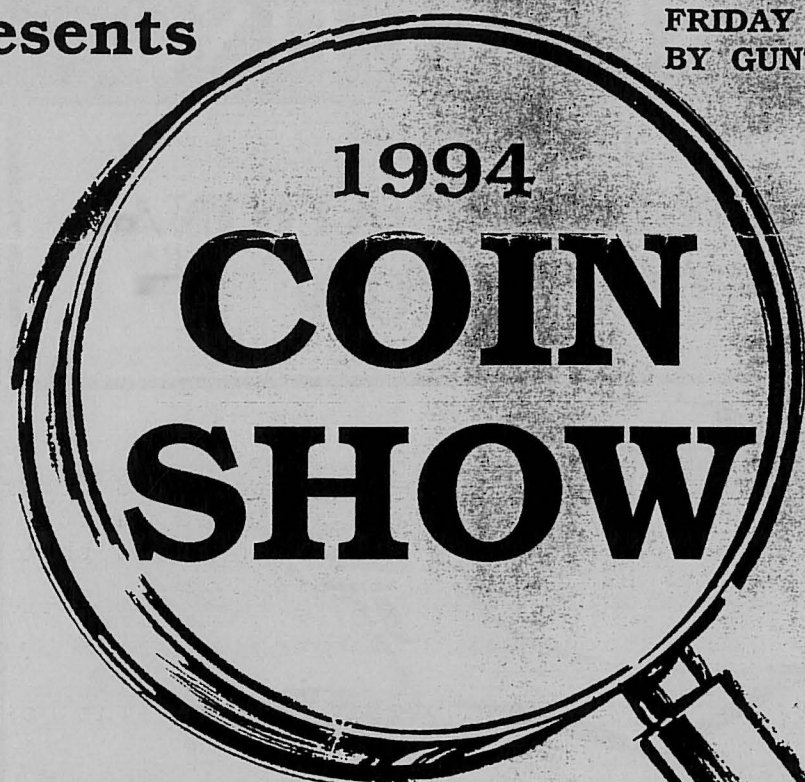
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Coin Week Calgary
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COIN AUCTION

FRIDAY APRIL 29

BY GUNTRAM WEISBRICH LTD.



★ **DISPLAY
COMPETITION**

★ **RARE COINS, TOKENS
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★ **DEALERS FROM ALL
OF NORTH AMERICA**

- **EVALUATIONS**
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- **SELL**
- **TRADE**

★ **EDUCATIONAL SLIDE
PRESENTATIONS**

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TABLE**

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DOWNTOWN CALGARY

708 - 8th AVENUE S.W.

**APRIL 30th
& MAY 1st**

ADMISSION \$2.00

Good For All Days

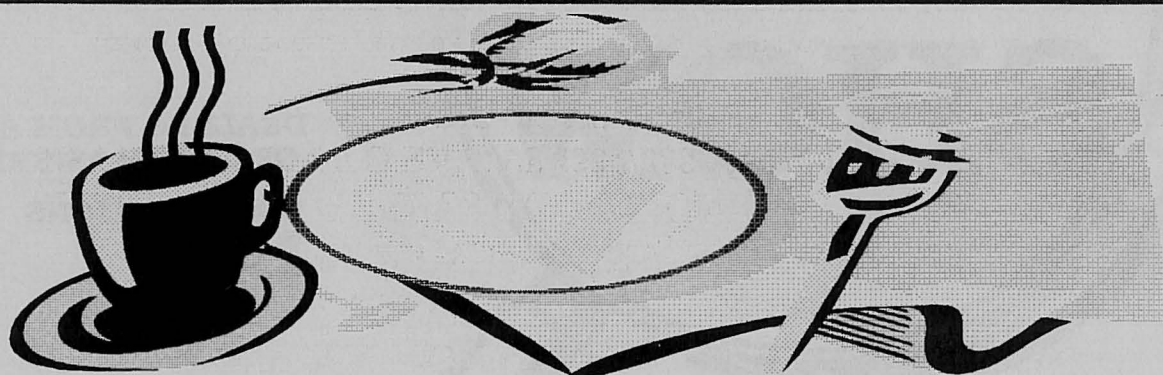
Saturday • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CALGARY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
P.O. Box 633, Calgary T2P 2J3**

EDMONTON COIN CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST MEETING

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL
COIN & STAMP SHOW**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1994,
ROOM OPEN AT 8:30 a.m., BREAKFAST 9:00a.m.
WESTWOOD INN, EDMONTON, ALBERTA
18035 Stoney Plain Rd.**

**DELUXE BUFFET BREAKFAST !
GUEST SPEAKER, ATTENDANCE DRAW, EARLY BIRD
DRAWS FOR FALL SHOW.**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME!
MEMBERS & GUESTS \$10.00 (JUNIORS \$5.00 under 16)
RSVP BY APR. 6 TO RAY AT 433-7288, OR MIKE AT 463-4452
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