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MEETING NOTICE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1994 TIME: 7:00 P.M., Meeting starts at 7:30

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

(Main floor Lecture Room P138)

PROGRAM:" BOSTON PIZZA NIGHT" Meet at Boston Pizza at 10543 - 124 St. from 5:30 to 7:00. Meeting to follow at the Museum at 7:30. Member talk & Display on Ancient coinage.

MAY MEETING

Members and Guests are welcome to attend May's meeting which will start with a Pizza supper at Boston Pizza at 10543 - 124 St., from 5:30 to 7:00. Following the Pizza we'll meet at the Museum for our regular program. The Club will subsidize each Member by \$5.00 for the Pizza. Drinks and the remainder of the costs will be split by the members.

Our speaker for the evening will be Terry Cheesman who will talk on Coinage of Asia

Minor (Turkey) and will cover the period from 625 B.C. to 500 A.D. As usual Terry will provide an excellent range of Coinage of the era for viewing. by the members. Hope to see you all there for this educational meeting!

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April's meeting was held in conjunction with Edmonton International Coin & Stamp Show, and was an enjoyeable and sucessfull meeting. Twenty -

The Mint is issuing a new comemmorative and circulating dollar coin commemorating Canada's participation in World War II.

six (26) members and 4 guests were in attendance at the breakfast meeting. The members and guests were treated to a buffet breakfast accross the hall from the Coin show. There was time before breakfast to socialize and renew aquaintances as several members who have not been around lately were able to attend. Each person in attendance received the Club's new "wood" which was introduced at the show. In addition the Club's framed Proclamation of "Coin Week in Edmonton" which was received from the City was also on display. The meeting started off with Joe welcoming everyone and then introducing our Guest speaker, Mr. James Kindrake. James is a past member and Lawyer in the city who has been doing research on money due to his numismatic interests. Numismatically his interests are in foreign type collecting. The first part of his talk dealt with money in Canadian law, followed by some of his findings and travels in Europe this past summer.

His talk started with the use of money today, being mainly:

A) Cash

- coinage

> 25% of all transactions today

- paper money

Transferrable deposts

- Cheques > 91%

> 7% - credit cards > 75% of all transactions today

- Pre-authorized debits > 2%

- other (Interac system) > 1%

MINUTES CONT'D

After an interesting and informative discussion on money and it's various uses. James gave an interesting description of his 1 1/2 month trip to Europe last summer. The talk was enjoyed by all and James answered several questions from the members before closing.

Joe then reminded the members to turn in any ticket money as well as remind members of the early bird draw on Sunday. All in all an enjoyeable meeting was had by all. The meetings Attendance draw prize of a 1991 US Silver dollar was won by member Bernie Theriault. Following the meeting the members went en mass to the show accross the hall where undoubtedly several purchases were made.

COIN WEEK SHOW REPORT

As part of Coin Week in Edmonton the Club put on several displays at the Coin Show. Two club displays were on hand as well as Terry Cheesman had a small display of Ancient Coinage. In addition Howard Gilbey displayed two cases of Edmonton Coin Club numismatica that to the best of our knowledge was complete. Tickets were also sold for the Fall Show and free information was handed out to the public. As a result of the display and show, the club also received 3 new members. The show in general was fairly well attended and the weather cooperated as it was a beautiful weekend. On Sunday afternoon John Weisbrich drew for a \$100 prize and the Club drew its 3 early bird prizes. Results follow separately in this newsletter. Thanks are to be extended to the following for helping out with the meeting, show and displays:

Displays

- Terry Cheesman
- Howard Gilbey

Manning Tables - Joe Bardy

- John Callaghan
- Terry Cheesman
- Howard Gilbey
- Mike Schneider

Thanks are also extended to John Weisbrich for his support of the club (by buying better than 1/2 a book of tickets), and allowing us to display at the show.

EARLY BIRD DRAW WINNERS

The following early bird draws were made on Sunday April 10, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The ticket seller is shown ()

1994 Double Dollar set - Rod Munro (Mike Schneider)

1994 Silver Dollar - Chris Bier (Kathy?)

1994 Mint set - John Weisbrich (ECC) The first and third prizes have been given to the winners. The 2nd prize winner has not been found as his phone and address have changed and no forwarding phone has been left with the phone company. Anyone knowing this person or the seller (Kathy) are asked to contact Joe at 435-3294. If the winner is not found by the Fall show, it will be redrawn along with the rest of the prizes. John W. says that his prize of the mint set he won was one of the most expensive he's ever won! Thanks again for your support John.

NEW MEMBERS

The following applications for membership in the Edmonton Coin Club have been received. Should there be no objections they will become members in good standing.

> Jules Rach Edmonton John Weisbrick Calgary

#365 #366

James Hogan Edmonton #367

Welcome to the club!

MISCELLANEOUS CLUB NOTES

The Club has been approached by the Executive of the Westex Coin Show to participate in there November show. Westex is prepared to help the Club out by either providing funds for advertizing their show or subsidizing a breakfast to be held in conjunction with their show. Details will follow when they are known.

John Weisbrich of Edmonton International Coin & Stamp Shows has agreed to produce a \$40.00 note for use during our fall show. The note can be purchased from John for \$40.00 with the note being good for purchases only for the weekend of the show. The notes will be available for a nominal amount after the Show as a souvenir of the Clubs show. Details to follow.

Well it's official! The Provincial Museum of Alberta has notified the Club that our rent will double as of September. We will now be paying over \$500 for our 10 meetings of the year. (\$50.82 per meeting) As we had anticipated this to happen we would like to ask members to try to sell their remaining tickets for our fall show as soon as possible. In order to be able to afford the rent we have to raise money outside of our dues. As you can see by annual statement in our last newsletter, we cannot afford this cost if we do not raise money from alternate methods. If any member has any suggestions to raise money or find an alternate location at reasonable cost, please contact any member of the Executive.

MEMBER TO DISPLAY AT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

A display of Greek and Roman Coinage will be on display at the Old Rutherford Library building as part of the Bruce Peel Special Collections exhibit. Club member, Terry Cheesman has been asked to provide a display suitable for the exhibit. A choice selection of 42 pieces from his collection will be on display from the end of April to mid July. In addition to the coinage, a selection of rare and old books will also be displayed. The exact dates may be obtained from Terry at May's meeting.

WOODS AVAILABLE

Enclosed with this newsletter is a press release on our new wood. Our first orders have been received and will be sent out shortly. Members can pick up their copy at the next two meetings or have them mailed out at the posted rate. Quantity is limited and we have to keep some on hand for the Fall show where we expect to sell out. So get your orders in soon and obtain a part of our 40th anniversary celebrations as part of your collection!

A TYPE COIN COLLECTION - CORRECTIONS

Jerry Remick has asked us to provide the following corrections to March's article on a checklist by Type for Canadian coins.

THE CUNTS

1968, nickel, Ottawa Mint, "V" shaped grooves on the edge 1968, nickel, Philadelphia Mint, "U" shaped grooves on edge Thus there are two types for the 1968 10 Cent in nickel.

TWENTY - FIVE CENTS

Add 1968 silver to the entry published of 1965 - 1966 so as to read " 1965 1966, 1968.

Eliminate the single 1968 entry.

A collector, especially a junior collector, might start a collection of Canadian type coins with a collection of one specimen for each denomination for each monarch.

Add a new single entry, a new type coin for "1993 to date" for the 5 Cent, 10 Cent and 50 Cents having beads around the outer part instead of denticles. Eliminate the 1993 5, 10 & 50 cent from the grouping given as '1990 - 1991, 1993 - date. New portrate with crown.'

Add 1994 silver dollar.

Thanks for the corrections and update Jerry.

NEW MINT ISSUE

The Royal Canadian Mint will honour Canadians in the 2nd World War by issuing a 1994 Remembrance Proof Dollar. The Dollar depicts the National War Memorial in Ottawa which honours Canada's contributions to peace and freedom. In addition to the proof dollar, circulating dollars will be available. They should be available at the Royal Bank by the end of the week, with limitations on quantities at some banks. Ray and Jack should also be obtaining some of the Proof dollars in the near future. Issue price is not known at this time.

POSSIBLE JUNE SHOW

John Weisbrick of Edmonton Internation Coin & Stamp Shows indicated there may be a June show in Edmonton. As soon as we find out for sure we'll let you know. The location is tentatively set at the Westwood Inn again.

A LOOK BACK - EDMONTON COIN CLUB 1954 - 1994

As part of my search for information on the early years of the Club, I stumbled into the shop of Olly and Peter Walusko of Mayfair Jewellery and Coin Ltd. Located for years at 10065 Jasper Ave., the Walusko's were a part of the early beginnings of the Edmonton Coin Club. I asked them if they had any information on the early years of the club and after allowing them a few days to dig something up, Olly emerged with a shoe box of old momentos of the Club and area shows. Peter advertized in the 1st Coin-A-Rama and was the Chairman of the 2nd Coin-A-Rama.

The shoe box contained buttons, pins and ribbons from many area shows and CNA conventions. A letter from J. E. Charlton acknowledging receipt of a donation from Peter for the 1967 CNA auction contained the following lots:

- -1 authentic 'French Regime Card Money'
- -\$5.00 Bill of the Union Bank of Canada with
- -the 1912 overprint of the Northwest

Territories

-Tokyo Olympic Games set of 3 medals

If only he had these items now! Articles showing he had in his possession 1921 5 cent pieces as well as a 1911 pattern dollar, were all keepsakes from past possessions. An original copy of the 1st program and a copy of a letter of his donations to the CNA auction as well as some ribbons from the early shows, were graciously donated to the Club. Thanks are extended on behalf of the Club.

Don't Miss the 2 Best Shows in the West





The Calgary
International Coin &
Stamp Show
RAMADA HOTEL
708 8th Ave SW

June 18th & 19th '94 Sept. 30th, Oct 1&2 '94 Nov. 18th,19th & 20th '94 Feb. 17th,18th & 19th '95

The Edmonton
International Coin &
Stamp Show
WESTWOOD INN
18035 Stony Plain Rd

April 8th, 9th & 10th '94 Sept. 23rd, 24th &25th '94 Nov. 11th, 12th&13th '94 Feb. 10th, 11th&12th '95

Show Times Friday 1:00PM to 9:00PM Sat. 10:00AM to 6:00PM Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:00PM

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FROM WAY-STATION TO LEADER

by Lowry Hershey





The necessity for spices forced Portugal to attempt a break from the Italian monopoly in the late fifteenth century. This necessity led to the exploration which brought to Europe the knowledge of the Cape of Good Hope and what is now the Republic of South Africa. To exploit this new trade route to the East, Dutch merchants formed trade companies which in 1602 became the Dutch East India Company. By 1620, Holland controlled nearly half of Europe's shipping.

The average voyage from Europe to the Indies lasted six months. For the major part of the trip, the sailors were short of water and had few if any fresh fruits and vegetables. Meals consisted almost entirely of salt meat and biscuits. Without fresh fruit during the six month voyage, disastrous effects frequently occurred. A loss of half the crew to the vitamin-deficiency disease scurvy was not uncommon.

A need for a way-station to provide fresh supplies about halfway through the voyage was obvious, but the best place for it was not known. Because Africa was virtually unexplored, a guess might prove costly, if not fatal. In 1647, the Haarlem was wrecked at what is now Cape Town. Although most of the crew were saved, they ultimately spent more than a year there. During that period of time, they found the land productive, the climate seasonable, and fresh meat available from native tribesmen through bartering.

With permission from the Dutch government to settle, the Dutch East India Company sent Jan van Riebeck with sixty colonists to Table Bay to form a way-station for the company's ships. On April 6, 1652, with a fleet of three ships, Riebeck landed at Table Bay with specific instructions "to build a fort to protect the water supply and to accommodate a garrison and sick sailors; to lay out gardens and orchards and to barter sheep and cattle to ensure an adequate supply of food".

The first colonists, therefore, were employees of the Company, and not farmers. Restrictions placed on farming by the Company, moreover, hampered the colony during the first few years. By 1662, however, the colony had a population close to 150, the farming restrictions had been removed, and farmers replaced the original company employees.

Natural advantages for settling at the Cape of Good Hope and present day Cape Town were the natural harbor, Table Bay; fresh water from natural springs; and the natural protection against the stormy south-

FROM WAY-STATION TO LEADER (Cont'd)

easterly winds which was provided by Table Mountain. The slopes of Table Mountain also provided an area suitable for cultivation of grapes that allowed a profit to be earned for the colony.

In 1795, during the French Revolutionary Wars, England seized the colony to prevent its use by France, then allied to Holland. Although it was returned in 1803, the colony was permanently ceded to the British through the Convention of London in 1814. In 1910, South Africa with Cape Town as its capital, entered the Commonwealth of Nations. It withdrew in 1961 to become the Republic of South Africa.

April 6, 1952, marked the tercentenary of the founding of Cape Town. A crown size, five shillings, silver commemorative coin was issued in honor of the occasion.

From meager beginnings, South Africa is now a leader from the "Dark Continent".

THERE'S MORE TO A U.S. DOLLAR BILL THAN MEETS THE EYE



You've seen it countless times on the back of every y.S. one-dollar bill -- the unfinished pyramid with the free-standing eye. But what does this strange symbol represent?

It's the back side of The Great Seal of the United States.

The Latin inscription just below the pyramid translates as "a new order of the ages", signifying the dawning of a great new era.

The Roman numerals on the pyramid base identify the year 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. And the 13 layers of the pyramid represent the original 13 states.

A pyramid was chosen for the design because it represents strength and permanence. It was left unfinished in the expectation that more states would join the union.

The Eye of Providence above the pyramid symbolizes an all-seeing deity keeping protective watch over the union.

And the Latin words "annuit coeptis" translate to "He (God) has favored our undertakings".

Last June 20th marked the 207th anniversary of The Great Seal, which was designed by Charles Thomson.

-- Steve Coz--



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PRESS RELEASE

IN CELEBRATION OF THE EDMONTON COIN CLUBS 40TH ANNIVERSARY, AND IN RECOGNITION OF 'COIN WEEK CANADA IN EDMONTON, THE ECC HAS ISSUED A NEW "WOOD". THE WOOD HAS RED EMBOSSED FOIL LETTERING ON BOTH SIDES, WITH ONE SIDE AS FOLLOWS:

"COIN WEEK CANADA, EDMONTON, APRIL 3 - 10, 1994" AROUND A RED MAPLE LEAF. THIS SIDE IS IN RECOGNITION OF OUR APRIL MEETING & SHOW AS WELL AS COIN WEEK CANADA

THE OTHER SIDE HAS THE FOLLOWING:

"EDMONTON COIN CLUB - 40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW" AROUND THE OUTER RIM, AND "WESTWOOD VILLAGE INN, SEPT. 23 - 25, 1994 " IN THE CENTRE. THIS SIDE IS IN RECOGNITION OF OUR UPCOMING FALL SHOW BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW.

THE DESIGN OF THE WOODS WAS BY JOHN CALLAGHAN & 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 WOODS IS AVAILABLE FREE TO MEMBERS.
ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT \$0.75 EACH.

NON-CLUB MEMBER COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \$0.75 EACH PLUS A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.
- \$1.25 EACH FOR MAIL ORDERS WITH NO RETURN ENVELOPE
- \$1.25 EACH U.S. FOR U.S. MAIL ORDERS.

ORDERS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.





1994 EDMONTON COIN CLUB WOOD