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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: *LOCATION CHANGE*

DATE : Wednesday, April 8th, 1998

TIME : 7:00 P.M. Sharp!

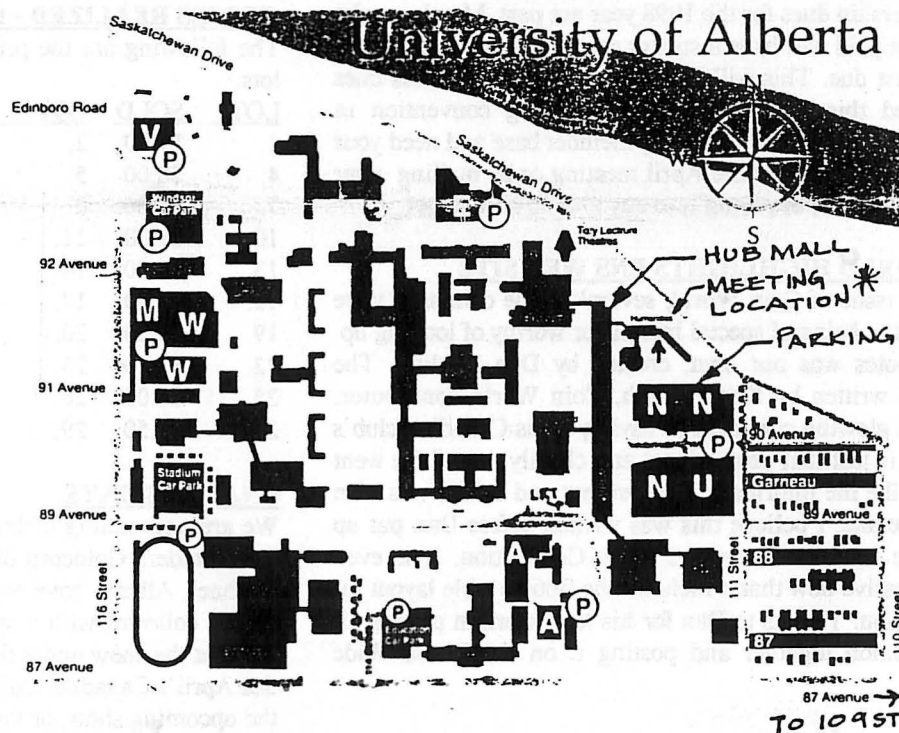
PLACE: University of Alberta, Humanities Building, Room 114

(See main entry lobby for directions)

PROGRAM : Tour of Humanities Collection & Rutherford Numismatic Library. (Humanities collection includes ancient coinage and Antiquities)

APRIL MEETING AGENDA

April's meeting will see the club once again tour the Humanities building and it's collection of ancient coinage and antiquities. We did this tour in 1995, but due to all the new members we thought we should do it again. In addition to this tour, we will tour the Rutherford library's collection of numismatic books. Having been there a few years ago, it is an interesting area for members to browse through, and perhaps find that one numismatic book you've been looking for. Members can take the LRT which comes out at the south end of HUB Mall, and enter the south end of Hub Mall and walk the full length to the north end to the Humanities Building. If you wish to drive, there are 2 options. You may car pool by meeting at Ray Neimans shop at 10511 - 82 Ave., and park in the rear parking lot behind Tim Hortons. You should be there by 6:30 - 6:45p.m. at the latest to join this group. Otherwise, you can park in the University parking lots marked 'N' as shown on the map below. There may be a \$3.00 charge to park here. This is the closest to the Humanities Building. Hope to see a good turnout for this meeting. Guests are welcome. See you all there!



MARCH 1st MEETING MINUTES

Thirty-two (32) members and guests met at our Winter Show on March 1st at the Convention Inn for another of our successful breakfast meetings. Joe welcomed all in attendance including special guests Albert Kaiser and Earl Salterio from Calgary, as well as Charles D. Moore from California. All were up for the ENS Coin & Stamp Show. Dan gave a brief CNA '98 report which highlighted the Kit price at \$30.00 and the CNA delegates information has been uploaded to the Club's Web Page on the Internet. Earl Salterio was asked to say greetings on behalf of the CNA and thanked the club for inviting him to attend. Our guest speaker was Garth Wright from Calgary, who gave a great slide presentation on Unusual World Coins through the Ages. Unusual or special coins were shown from ancients to blacksmith tokens, Chow Dynasty coinage, spade money as well as more contemporary coinage. All in all an excellent presentation. Our attendance prize of 3 Canadian Token books went to member Bruce Cadieux.

NEW MEMBERS

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

James Williston	#401	Sherwood Park
Peter Figol	#402	Edmonton
Charles D. Moore	#403	California
Matthew Moore	#404	California
Alexandra Moore	#405	California

Congratulations on joining the Society. Your membership cards and receipts will be sent with the next newsletter.

1998 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS PAST DUE

The Membership dues for the 1998 year are past. Members who have not yet paid will have a sticker on the envelope indicating dues are past due. This will be the last newsletter unless dues are received this month. With the upcoming convention in 1998, we have to maintain a strong member base and need your support. You may pay at the April meeting or by mailing your cheque to the Club, or giving it to any executive member.

COIN WORLD HIGHLIGHTS ENS WEB SITE

In a recent issue of Coin World, several online coin sites were highlighted as being of special interest or worthy of looking up. One site noted was our own, created by Dan Gosling. The article was written by Kevin Hatch, Coin World contributor, who gave a glowing comment by saying "This Canadian club's site design is just that professional and cleanly done." He went on to describe the information we present and said it was "fun to visit" the site. I believe this was written before Dan put up all of the information on the CNA Convention. It is even more impressive now that it includes the Bourse table layout for the convention. Thanks to Dan for his hard work in putting all the information together and posting it on the World Wide Web!

COMING EVENTS

March 31	ENS Executive meeting @ Joe's
April 18 & 19	23rd Annual Wild Rose Antique Collectors Show & Sale, Northlands Agricom, Western Canada's largest
July 29 - Aug. 2	Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention, Convention Inn, Edmonton
Aug. 1 & 2	Militaria '98, Mayfield Trade Centre. Ph. 403-424-5281 for info.

FEB. 28th / MARCH 1st ENS COIN SHOW REPORT

By all accounts, the ENS held another successful Coin & Stamp show last month. The club cleared over \$1700 on the show, had 32 members and guests attend the Sunday breakfast meeting, and saw over 400 paid collectors attend the show over the 2 days. Several new members signed up as a result of the show. In addition, we were able to show Earl Salterio around the hotel to report back to the CNA. The following is the list of door prizes and winners at the show:

1981 Silver Proof dollar	Ted Strathson, Edm.
1988 Double Dollar Set	Ken Friedrich, Edm.
1983 Silver Proof dollar	Linda Gorman, Edm.
1980 Double Dollar Set	Robert Hahn, Czar, Alta.
1982 Silver Proof dollar	Luciano Caputo, Edm.
1989 Double Dollar Set	Paul Hawryshko, Edm.
1982 Silver Proof dollar	Baron Wissink, Sh. Park
1990 Double Dollar Set	Darrell Atkins, Edm.
Hockey Display Poster	Robert Robinson
\$100 Gift Certificate	Brian Werner, Edm.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks are extended to all who helped put on this great show!

PRICES REALIZED - FEBRUARY AUCTION

The following are the prices realized for February's auction lots:

LOT	SOLD	LOT	SOLD	LOT	SOLD
1.	\$7.00	2.	\$3.00	3.	\$14.00
4.	\$8.00	5.	\$12.00	6.	\$2.00
7.	\$7.00	8.	\$3.00	9.	\$2.00
10.	\$9.00	11.	\$5.00	12.	\$8.00
13.	\$3.50	14.	\$8.00	15.	\$2.25
16.	\$3.50	17.	\$6.00	18.	\$10.00
19.	\$5.50	20.	\$20.00	21.	\$16.00
22.	\$14.00	23.	\$11.00	24.	\$5.50
25.	\$6.00	26.	\$13.00	27.	\$7.00
28.	\$4.50	29.	\$8.00		

CNA '98 UPDATE

We are now selling tables in the overflow area of the bourse hall. Traders Goldcorp of Ontario and Loose Change of St. Michael, Alberta have requested tables at the show. In addition, a collector with a special 8 table display has requested space at the show under the non-competitive display category. See April's Canadian Coin Journal and CNN for more info on the upcoming show, or visit our web site on the Net!

Edmonton Coin Club

1997 Financial Report

Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 1,050.56
Expenditures Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1997	7,328.91
Deposits Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1997	9,648.55
Interest	2.98
Service Charges	71.40
Balance December 31, 1997	3301.69

Income 1997

Memberships	\$ 693.00
Commission	5.00
Coffee Fund	24.80
Door Prize	91.00
Club Donation	79.00
Breakfasts	570.00
White Elephant	367.25
Bourse Shows	7818.50
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	\$ 9648.55

C.N.A 98 Expenditures

Poster Covers (E.D.E)	\$ 85.00
Crafts Supplies	37.13
Hotel Deposit	500.00
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C.N.A 98 Balance 31 Dec/ 97	\$ 6,776. 61
Deposits 98	1,765. 00
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	\$ 8,541. 61

Expenditures 1997

Rental Meetings	\$ 355.76
Can. Association of Token Collectors	15.00
Can. Paper Money Society	25.00
Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society	25.00
Canadian Association of Wooden Money	10.00
Stamps	351.93
Stationary	287.27
Coin for Draw	59.00
Post Office Box Rental	69.55
C.N.A. Convention Delegates	1300.00
Alberta Corporate Registry	8.00
Advertising	211.84
Christmas Party	25.66
A.N.A	47.80
Canadian Cancer Society	65.00
Compu Smart	50.00
City Of Edmonton	30.00
Landale Signs	96.30
Coins (April)	171.21
Hotel (April)	1154.15
Insurance	500.00
Wild Rose Society	15.00
Shipping	36.32
Postage (Wood)	13.59
Phone	20.00
C.N.A 97 Wood	117.91
Computer labels	26.74
Debit (Cheque)	50.00
Lamps	125.84
Flowers	50.00
Coins (Fall Show)	220.96
Hotel (Fall Show)	1355.27
Show Chairman	100.00
Security	216.68
C.N.A Crafts	37.13
C.N.A Poster Covers	85.00

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\$ 7328.91

The Lincoln Heritage



A. Lincoln

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

16th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BORN: FEBRUARY 12, 1809

ASSASSINATED: APRIL 14, 1865

I like the idea of being depicted on the cent. It's a common coin used by common people. I like the common people, guess the Lord did too. He must have, "cause he made so many of them".

It's more than sixty years now since my people honored me in this fashion. Actually, I was the first President to receive this distinction--except for some special coinage issue. I'm glad the Cent wasn't something special--just a plain, common, ordinary cent. Oh, some people say it was a special thing, this cent--sort of my 100th birthday. It's nice of them to say so.

Who would have thought it possible? Abe Lincoln, born in a crude log cabin in Kentucky, too poor to go to school,--but I had good American blood in my veins, mind you, 7th generation on our country's soil.

And after I was gone for 44 years, my people remembered me kindly. I like that. Today I discuss the American scene with the Englishman, William Shakespeare--and with the ancient philosopher, Plato. I am prompted to tell you about myself but having played my role, I am content; let another do it.

As we gaze on the Lincoln cent, we see a tall powerful man. One hundred and eighty pounds, thin, sinewy, raw-boned. Not handsome, yet with a kindly face. Not a businessman, yet keen, honest, trusted.

We see a man born in the South, yet we do not think of him as a Southerner, director of the armies of the North, yet we do not think of him as a Northerner. We see a man who fought without hate, who never evidenced sectional jealousy or bigotry. We see a friend of man and men. We see a man who took pride in his strength and recognized his weakness with humility.

The lack of love between President Lincoln and General McClellan was well-known. One evening Lincoln called on McClellan to discuss strategy. The General was particularly rude, retiring to bed while Lincoln and his attendants waited below. The slur was evident to all.

The meeting was important, a battle was imminent which meant much to the Union Cause. Lincoln did not ignore McClellan's rudeness. In all humility, he said, "I will hold McClellan's horse--if it will only bring success."

We see a man of faith. His stories, his speeches, his actions were all predicated on faith. "Let us have faith," said Lincoln, "that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

We see a sad man, yet one whose humor is celebrated. It is said:

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OF Lincoln, "Perhaps no other human clay-pot has held more laughter and more tears."

During his famous debates against Stephan A. Douglas, Lincoln was the victim of many cruel remarks, common during the heat of a political campaign. A slow thinker, Lincoln was quick with repartee.

During one of their debates, Douglas pointed out that Lincoln was a complete failure in everything he had undertaken. Farming, teaching, liquor selling and law--now he was trying politics.

Lincoln arose--Douglas had presented quite an accurate picture. "It's true," said Lincoln "every word of it. I've tried a lot of things but there's one thing Judge Douglas forgot. He told you I had sold liquor, but he didn't mention

that while I had quit my side of the counter, the judge remained resolutely on his."

A tribute to Lincoln's greatness is found in the respect in which he was held by his erstwhile political opponent. As Lincoln advanced to the speaker's stand at his First Inaugural, he looked for a spot where he might place his high hat. Douglas reached for it and whispered to Lincoln's cousin--"I at least can hold his hat."

As we think of the first inaugural, we recall the difficult days, the lack of a stable currency, the profusion of wildcat bank-notes with little or no backing. A country floundering half-free and half slave, using nothing much better than play-money with which to conduct its commerce. Here is a sample of the money of the times. An obsolete bank note issued without evidence of any backing. Just a piece of paper. Thousands and thousands of banks each printed millions and millions of notes--many of them printed only on one side.

Soon after Lincoln's inaugural, Congress passed the National Banking Act which was designed to stabilize our currency.

Of course, new money did not mean stability in itself. In fact, when a motto was being considered for the new money, Lincoln suggested "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give to thee."

However, the new system was sound and workable.

During those hectic days, when all metal went to was, a shortage of the materials necessary for coinage, necessitated improvisations. Stamps were circulated as money, but stamps were perishable and did not serve well. An enterprising merchant devised a metal disc in which a stamp was placed, covered with a thin mica and behold we had our encased postage stamp.

Elaborating on the disc of Postage Stamps, the government issued Postage Currency redeemable in United States currency. Eventually a series of three, five, 10, 15, 25 and 50¢ notes were issued, the famous Fractional Currency series.

Merchants who had copper or could avail themselves of some had tokens struck. These were the size of the cent and frequently had patriotic slogans on one side and the merchant's advertisement on the other. More than 10,000 varieties exist of this Civil War token. Here, we see an opportunity for Lincoln Cent Collectors to broaden the base of their collecting activities.

These things we see as we look at the common Lincoln Cent. Oh, we are reminded of all the things we learned about Honest Abe back when we attended grammar school.

Can we read Emil Ludwig and not learn something of Lincoln? Has Carl Sandburg nothing to contribute? Edwin Markham, James Oppenheim, John Drinkwater--these are men who were fascinated by Lincoln and

THE LINCOLN HERITAGE (Cont'd)

volumes about him. John Greenleaf Whittier and Herman Melville were moved to poetry and who among us can forget Walt Whitman's "Captain, My Captain?"

Playwright Robert E. Sherwood's Abe Lincoln in Illinois was a dramatic masterpiece of our day and who will forget the stories of Julia Ward Howe and Ida M. Tarbell?

As this is written, I think--normally I know how long it will take out of a busy day--how wrong I was about this one! There is no end, but I am grateful that this side-road was a necessary path. Studying Lincoln makes one proud to belong to the human race.

Yes, as I look at the Civil War tokens and paper money, I think of the trying days that were experienced by all Americans. The fortunes of war were ever-changing but the man in the White House was steadfast. His faith was firm.

One of Lincoln's favorite stories is about two Quakers who were travelling and discussing the probable result of the war. "I think," said the first, "that Jefferson will succeed," "Why doest thou think so?" asked the second. "Because Jefferson Davis is a praying man." "So is Abraham a praying man." "Yes," replied the first doubtfully, "but the Lord will think Abraham is only joking".

Lincoln was also amused at the many job-hunters that came to Washington. One day when he had an unusually large number of them, Lincoln told a fable.

"Well, sir, it seems like there was once an old king who was going hunting. He met a farmer on the road who told the king it was going to rain. The king consulted his astrologer who disagreed. Within an hour a cloudburst proved the farmer to be right; so the king cut off his astrologer's head, sent for the farmer and offered him the vacant office. The farmer refused. "It ain't me that knows when it's going to rain, it's my jackass. He lays back his ears." "Then your jackass is hereby appointed Court Astrologer," said the king.

Afterwards the king realized it was the biggest mistake of his life.

Lincoln turned away picking up a paper from his desk. "Well, why was it a mistake?" asked an office seeker. "Because after that," replied Lincoln, "every jackass in the country wanted an office."

The night Lincoln was shot he tried to get out of going to the theater, he had seen the play before, he was tired. Mrs. Lincoln insisted, the President must go. "All right, Mary, I'll go--but if I don't go down in history as the Martyr President, I miss my guess." Sadly prophetic, indeed.

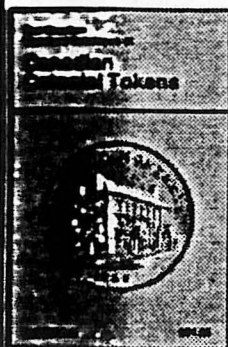
Well, Mr. Lincoln, I've taken over for you. You told us you were content to have played your role. Can we ask you to respond for just one more curtain call?

"Well, one more.

"Thank you for your kind words, I was beginning to wonder when you would run out of them. In fact, I was reminded of a man out in Illinois who, in company with a number of friends, visited the State Penitentiary. They wandered all through the institution and saw everything, but when it came time to depart, this man became separated from his friends and couldn't find his way out. At last he came across a convict who was looking out from between the bars of his cell. Hastily he asked, "Say, how do you get out of this place?"

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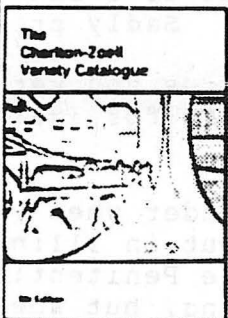
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1998 CNA CONVENTION

Edmonton, Alberta, July 29 to August 2

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Only four months to go before the start of the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention. All indications point to a first class convention experience. We have secured a **room rate of \$79.00** Canadian plus taxes for the duration of the convention. Dealers and attendees alike are encouraged to book early to ensure this rate. The cutoff for this rate ends June 26th. Phone the toll free number located at the top of the page to confirm your reservation. The Hotel itself boasts the largest pillar free hall in northern Alberta at over 13,000 square feet in area. The Edmonton Numismatic Society has held 3 successful Coin & Stamp shows over the past two years, so the Hotel has become accustomed to the special needs of the Numismatic dealer and collector. Edmonton is a great place to visit during the summer. Edmonton is home to West Edmonton Mall, the World's largest indoor Mall. Dealers and their guests won't want to miss the experience of the indoor waterpark, submarine ride, and Galaxyland Amusement Park, as well as hundreds of shops and services. In addition, Edmonton is home to many other attractions including Fort Edmonton Park, Muttart Conservatory, and the Provincial Museum of Alberta, which houses part of the fabulous Nickle coin collection. Regional sites include the Ukrainian Village and the Reynolds Antique Museum. Jasper and Banff National Parks are half a days drive away. So bring your partner and children and join us "on the Trail of '98" in Edmonton, at this years CNA convention.

'98 CNA Information Newsletter

Details of the convention are being finalized, and we are pleased to offer a special Friday night's evening of entertainment on a genuine paddlewheel riverboat cruise down the North Saskatchewan River. This seldom seen view of the city will please young and old alike. The evening includes a buffet dinner catered by the Westin Hotel. The "party-goers" among us can stay on board for the midnight cruise, which is included in the package. Edmonton's main summer exposition, "Klondike Days", occurs July 16th to 25th, and you are encouraged to come early and enjoy this unique Klondike experience. We are fortunate to have during the last 2 days of the CNA convention, another convention being held in the city called "Militaria '98". This convention is being hosted by the Edmonton Chapter of the Military Collector's Club of Canada. The event is dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War One. Both organizations are promoting each others event, as coin collectors collect medals and vice versa. As the Edmonton Numismatic Society has been hosting several coin shows over the past 2 years, we have been advertizing the fact of the CNA show at each event. Local radio and TV have been kept informed of the event and special promotions will be held to inform the public of this show. In addition, our show auctioneer Charles D. Moore, will be sending out his catalogue to his contacts around North America, which will also promote the show. To date we have 44 dealers registered plus the Royal Canadian Mint, Canadian Coin News, and our Auctioneer, Charles D. Moore. We are also negotiating with 2 other companies representing many world mints, who are interested in attending the show.

For your information, the following dealers have registered for the 1998 CNA show: J& M Coin & Jewellery Ltd., Diverse Equities Inc., Proof Positive Coins Ltd., Ross D. King, Verrol Whitmore, Serge Laramee, Ian A. Marshall, Olmstead Currency, Monnaie Yvon Chicoine, Versailles Coins, Andrew McKaig, R&D Coins & Paper Money, London Coin Centre Inc., R&S Coins, Douglas Robins Inc., Bob Armstrong Coins, Newcan Coin, Card, Collectables, Arctic Coin, Albern Coins & Foreign Exchange, Global Coin X-Change, Certified Coins of Canada, West Edmonton Coin & Stamp Co., M.J. Daniels Coins & Collectibles, Randall's Coins, Calgary Coin & Antique Gallery, Allan Davies, Lawson Gallery, P.B. Numismatic Auctions Inc., Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc., Art Cox, Albert Kaiser, Collins Coins, National Pride Coins & Stamps, Canadian Cameo Coins, Monnaie Louis Chevrier, Michael Walsh Investment Quality Coins Inc. Hope to see you in Edmonton at the '98 CNA Convention!

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