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# Edmonton Numismatic Society

50th Anniversary Year!

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**DATE:** Wed. May 14, 2003 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. door opens, 7:30 Meeting

**PLACE:** PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 Ave.,

(Use Archives entrance to Main Floor Lecture Rm. P138)

**PROGRAM:** May - Talk Ancient Coinage, Show & Tell

See inside for June's Bar-B-Que info

### May Meeting Agenda

May's meeting will see our guest speaker, Terry Cheesman give his annual talk on ancient coinage. Terry is always obtaining new acquisitions and will provide a great presentation with examples to view. In addition, we hope to have several members provide interesting show & tell stories. See you all there!

### June Bar-B-Que

Due to the closeness of the June Bar-B-Que to the regular meeting date, it has been decided to hold our June meeting in conjunction with the Bar-B-Que. Please see the attached poster to register for attending the Bar-B-Que

### April Meeting Minutes

Forty (40) members and guests were in attendance at April's regular meeting. Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting. All in attendance were eager to hear about our talk and to participate in the very exciting auction. Our meeting was opened by Albert Meyer who delighted us with details from his trip to Cuba. In addition, we were pleasantly honored to have two very special men attend the meeting and

willing to give excellent presentations about some unique Cuban money that they had come across either by travel or pure interest in Cuba and the difference in the backgrounds and history that accompanied some very interesting and eye opening money. Chris Hale and James Kindrake shared a lot of knowledge with us and were delighted to answer any and all questions that arose. Members seemed very interested in

presentations and they weren't shy on asking for more information. Our meeting was also honored with some Show & Tell. There were four men who spoke briefly and passed around some very nice coins and paper notes. These men

were: Ray Neiman, Jamie Horkulak, Terri Cheesman and Mark Bink. We are very appreciative that these four outstanding individuals were able to pass around and explain some of the most magnificent coins and paper notes some of us have ever seen. Ray spoke on several notes including a 1845 20¢ City-Bank note, 1835 St. John's New Brunswick promissory note, and 1837 Henry's Bank 1/2 & 1/4 dollars. Jamie showed us a 1946 & 1948 Can. Specimen 25

### Get your Bar-B-Que Tickest at May's Meet

### ENS to send Member to CNA in Windsor

### Plan to attend our 50th Anniversary Show

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cent pieces from the Pittman/Belzberg collections, that he recently purchased, in MS64 & MS 65 respectively. Terry Cheesman brought in a Trajan Denarim from 117 AD which was a recent acquisition. Mark brought in some German coins from the 1300-1400's which were very interesting. Mark also brought in some Cuban coinage to add to the talk by Chris and James. Our door prize winners for the evening were: 2001 unc dollar – Steve Hachey; 1982 proof – John Callaghan; 2002”P” cents roll – Greg Wichman; 1985 Parks Canada Beaver Dollar – Andrew; Royal Canadian Mint Video – Andrew; Set of 4 Club notes – Jay Charland; Cuban Coins (5 cents- \$1) 3 sets – Terry Cheesman, Michael and Jim. Included in this newsletter is a list of the items that were in the auction and how much they went for. As usual, several members continued the meeting at Boston Pizza.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of the executive of the ENS, we would like to extend our welcome to the following new member. If there are no objections, he will become a member in good standing:

**Ray Jansen #497 Edmonton**

Congratulations and welcome to the Edmonton Numismatic Society. A membership card will be forwarded in due course, with an upcoming newsletter.

### **Prices Realized in Aprils Auction**

The following were the prices realized from the April Auction. Additional lots were added at the meeting.

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1.	\$12	2.	\$2	3.	\$15
4.	\$5.50	5.	\$14	6.	\$4
7.	\$16	8.	\$4	9.	NB
10.	\$6	11.	\$15	12.	\$5
13.	\$15	14.	\$2	15.	\$10
16.	\$2.50	17.	\$10	18.	\$10
19.	\$16	20.	\$25	21.	\$16
22.	\$14	23.	\$12	24.	\$6
25	\$7	26.	\$7	27.	\$16
28.	\$15				

Thanks to Ray for once again doing a great job of auctioneering.

### **MAY EXECUTIVE MEETING NOTES**

On May 1st, the executive met at the home of John Callaghan, to review general club business. In attendance were: John C., Dan G., Terry C., Michael R., Michael S., Ray N., James W., James K., Albert M., Lub W., and David P. The following are the highlights of the meeting:

- June Bar-B-Que will be at John Callaghans on June 8th. Due to the closeness to our regular meeting, the Bar-B-Que will be our meeting.
- The Club voted to support a member to attend the CNA in Windsor this year to the tune of \$300. Ron Darbyshire has been nominated as he is also on a new committee to get junior members for the CNA.
- Review of the fall programs are as follows: to continue with a Pizza night in September along with a CNA and ANA report. Albert Meyer may go to the ANA this year again; the November show will be a Coin Show only as it is our 50th anniversary show. Stamp dealers who usually attend our shows will be advised officially. The November banquet will be subsidized, with member costs about \$19 per person. Actual cost will be an upset of \$30 per person.
- It was voted on to increase the honorarium to the show chairman starting with the November show.

### **JUNE 8TH BAR-B-QUE MEETING**

At the back of this newsletter is the June meeting notice. Please contact Terry Cheesman to register for the steak bar-b-que. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Confirmation of attendance is June 1, in order to allow the committee to make food arrangements. If you can bring a desert to share it would be appreciated.

### **NOVEMBER SHOW UPDATE**

Preparations are underway for our fall show, which will include a Saturday banquet instead of a breakfast meeting. Our guest speaker will be Bret Evans of Canadian Coin News. Costs for the banquet will be \$19 each, the balance of which will be paid by the club. Details of the times and location will be announced later. Ticket sales will go on sale in September.

### **COMING EVENTS - 2003**

**June 28 & 29**

**Torex Coin Show, Novotel, Toronto Centre, Admission \$6**

**July 17 - 20**

**CNA Annual Convention, Windsor, Ontario**

**October 25 & 26**

**Torex Coin Show, Novotel, Toronto Centre, Admission \$6**

**Nov. 8 & 9**

**Edmonton Numismatic Society Coin Show, Coast Terrace Inn, Admission \$2**

**50th Anniversary Banquet with Guest Speaker, Bret Evans, Trajan Publishing**

## Three Reales

by Garth Wright

Spain had more than a dozen mints all over Central and South America. All producing A standard 8 Reales coin of 27 gr. of fine silver. These coins were traded with confidence all over the world! So when a problem arose Spain had to protect it's reputation.

The chief assayer at Potosi mint in Columbia was Senior Juan Rodriquez de Rodas from 1649 to 1651. This mint in the center of the richest silver producing area in the New World, striking coins to ship to the orient for trade. Rodas' administration was caught by Spanish officials sent to Columbia, because of complaints of low grade silver in the current 8 Reales.

The Chief Assayer and Mint Master both had their necks stretched in the garden. All of the undergraded coins had to be found and tested for purity. They were counterstamped with a letter under a crown - L signified a coin worth 7 Reales and a P only 6 Reales. Many of these coins were melted down and refined, so the discovery of examples is worth writing about. In the accompanying illustration (click on coin to see enlargement), the top 2 coins were salvaged from 'La Capitana' off the coast of Ecuador. They are a little rough from being sea-salvaged but the coins were crudely made in the first place: chiseled off the end of a 1 1/2 inch silver bar. Both examples are from the 1650s. The one on the left is countersrucked with an 'L' and the design is upside down of the Cross of Castile/Leon. The coin on the right shows a 'crowned P' in the center of the Hapsburg family shield. Incidentally this coin tests purer than 6 Rls.

The third coin is included because it has such an interesting shape. It was struck at the Mexico city mint in 1733 and was counterstamped with Sun over Mountains in a Circle - the Coat-of-Arms of Guatemala. The counterstamping Guatemalan received a plug of silver seen removed from the right, in the legend. A great image of The Cross and the Castle/ Rampant Lion. A union of Spain's two reigning families. The Church and State together.



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# TANZANIA

## THE PORTRAIT'S ON TANZANIA'S COINAGE

The most recent series of Tanzanian coins are a 50, a 100 and a 200 Shilingi (types KM-33, 32 and 34 respectively) each bears the portrait of an important Tanzanian statesman. These men are Mwinyi, Nyerere and Karume respectively. All but Karume have appeared on previous Tanzanian types and several different portraits of Nyerere have been used on Tanzanian coins over the years. In fact it is only a few non-circulating types of the last few years that have not included the portrait of one of these three prominent Tanzanians. So why not take a closer look at these people and their numismatic portraits.

Firstly though - to understand the positions held by each of these statesmen, something must be said about the make-up and administration of Tanzania. The country's full title is "United Republic of Tanzania". The "United" in the title recognising that the country came about through the union of Tanganyika and (the islands) Zanzibar (including Pemba) in 1964. This union is strongly reflected in the country's governmental structure. Within this structure there are two presidents. First and most importantly there is the "President of the United Republic" usually known simply as the "President", he has authority over all matters relating to mainland Tanzania and those matters relating to Zanzibar that are deemed, by law/constitution, to be "Union Matters". Secondly there is the "President of Zanzibar", he has authority (through a separate government) over all matters in Zanzibar except those seen as "Union Matters". The Executive of the United Republic comprises the President, his Vice-President, the President of Zanzibar, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Ministers.

### ALI HASSAN MWINYI

Ali Hassan Mwinyi was born in 1925. Mwinyi was appointed acting President of Zanzibar in 1984 following the resignation of Sheikh Mwinyi Aboud Jumbe. (That resignation made during a period when the Tanzanian government seemed to be trying to take greater control over Zanzibar.) After a few months as acting President of Zanzibar, Mwinyi became President of Zanzibar proper and held that position until 1985 when elections were held throughout the whole of Tanzania. These elections saw Mwinyi move up to the position of President of the United Republic and he held this position for ten years (two full 5 year terms) i.e. upto the time of the 1995 elections. Those elections saw the nation's current President take office, he is Benjamin William Mkapa.



The coinage portrait of Mwinyi as seen on the obverse of a 1991 5 Shilingi.

The 1986 commemorative 20 Shilingi coin celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Central Bank of Tanzania was the very first to bear Mwinyi's portrait. (Several later commemorative coins also include this portrait). The 50 Senti, 1 Shilingi, 5 Shilingi and 20 Shilingi circulation coins of the period 1987 to 1993 (not all dates exist for each) saw great use of this portrait for circulation coinage with a total of 19 date/denomination combinations known to exist. Of these circulation coins, pieces of the 50 Senti type seem to be the hardest to get hold of.



The first series of circulation coins to bear Mwinyi's portrait all had the word "TANZANIA" above the portrait and the date below. The more recent and ONLY other circulation type with Mwinyi's portrait (i.e. 50 Shilingi KM-33, 1996) utilised the same portrait as the first series but changed so as to follow the general style of the coins with the third portrait of Nyerere (see later). This 50 Shilingi type shows the portrait of Mwinyi encircled with surrounding legend...

"NGUDU ALI HASSAN MWINYI RAIS WA PILI WA TANZANIA 1996".

This legend is in Swahili and translates approximately to "Brother Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Second President of Tanzania, 1996". In this title the word "Brother" is not a religious reference but a Swahili way to address a man as means to acknowledge equality between all. Swahili is the national and the official language of Tanzania and is hence very widely used on Tanzanian coins with just a few exceptions where English is used a little on some commemoratives.

The Swahili language is, no doubt, introduced in many places on the internet but an introduction well worth a look is:- [A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SWAHILI LANGUAGE](#). That page gives a straight forward history of the Swahili language and includes important references to Tanzania.

## **JULIUS KAMBARAGE NYERERE**

Julius Kambarage Nyerere, was born in 1922. He became Prime Minister of Tanganyika in 1961 and President of Tanganyika in 1962. He played a major part in the negotiations, which in 1964 led to the union of the independent states of Tanganyika and Zanzibar, a union which brought Tanzania into existence. Consequently Nyerere became the first President of Tanzania and held that position until his retirement in 1985. Nyerere died in London on October 14th 1999.



**The first coinage portrait of Nyerere as seen on the obverse of a 1984 5 Senti.**

The first of the three coinage portraits of J. K. Nyerere debuted in 1966 on the Tanzania's very first coins, these were 5, 20 and 50 Senti and 1 Shilingi. Other types with this portrait were the 10 Senti introduced in 1977, several 5 Shilingi circulating types and a few non-circulating commemorative types. The last circulation coins with this first portrait were dated 1984. All regular types with this portrait had the word "TANZANIA" and the date above the portrait and the Swahili words "RAIS WA KWANZA" (roughly meaning "First President") below. This portrait can be attributed to engraver Christopher Ironside (as per such sources as "The Numismatic History of the Birmingham Mint" by James O. Sweeny (1981), that, in referring to Tanzania, states "The 1966 issues were designed by Christopher Ironside"). Ironside is perhaps best known for having being the designer of the reverses for all of the initial decimal coins of Great Britain - the half, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50 Pence coins.



**The second coinage portrait of Nyerere, its only appearance was on this coin, the 5 Shilingi of 1978.**

The second Nyerere portrait must be the hardest Tanzanian portrait to get hold of, appearing on just one type and a scarcer one at that. The type with this portrait is the 5 Shilingi of 1978, a Food and Agricultural Organisation coin marking the occasion of the "F.A.O. Tenth Regional Conference for Africa". Why this different portrait was used for this type, who designed it and whether it had only ever been intended for use on this one type I might never know. The legends around the portrait are as per the standard types made with the first Nyerere portrait.



**The third coinage portrait of Nyerere as seen on the 20 Shilingi of 1981, one of the series three coins on which this portrait debuted.**

The third Nyerere portrait first appeared in 1981 on a series of three coins celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Tanzania's independence (20 Sh. in Cu-Ni (Silver proof), 200 Sh. in Silver and 2000 Sh. in Gold). This portrait is always surrounded by the Swahili legends "MWALIMU JULIUS K. NYERERE" above and "RAIS WA KWANZA WA TANZANIA" below. This legend roughly translates to "Teacher Julius K. Nyerere, First President of Tanzania". "Mwalimu" is actually the title given to all teachers by Swahili speakers. Nyerere before his political career had trained as a teacher and the title "Mwalimu" stayed with him even though he went on to lead a nation. The page [The Meaning of the word "MWALIMU"](#) discusses this subject very well. Also notable of these 1981 coins is that the reverses all have, as their main feature, the Tanzanian coat-of-arms, it was the first time that this had appeared on any coinage. These 1981 coins (and hence this portrait of Nyerere) can be attributed to designer Philip Nathan (famed for the likes of the British "Gold Britannia" series as introduced in 1987). My source for this designer attribution being a collector who spoke to Nathan sometime in the past year on the subject of designs.

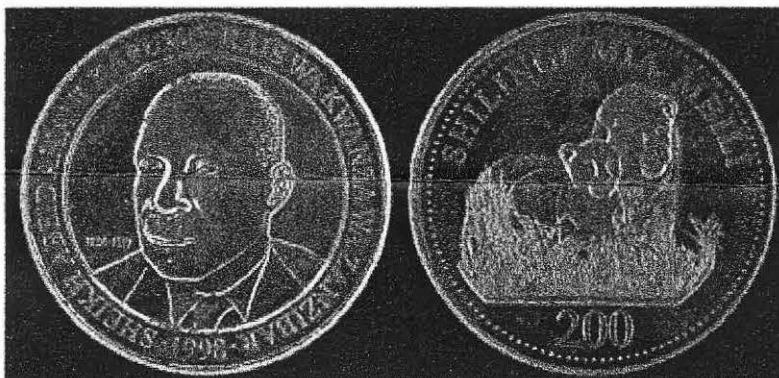
This third portrait of Nyerere appeared on a similar (but rather scarce) commemorative series of 1985 and, notably, after Nyerere's retirement, on 10 Shilingi circulation coins of 1987 to 1993 and the recent 100 Shilingi, KM-32, coins of 1994.

There seems to be no sign of a Tanzanian coin to mark Nyerere's death, a little odd to say he was of such importance to the birth of this nation. I suppose there is always a chance something will appear and perhaps with

it a fourth coinage portrait of Nyerere.

### **SHEIKH ABEID AMANI KARUME**

Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume was born in 1905. He became the first President of Zanzibar as result of an armed uprising and the deposing of the last Sultan, in Zanzibar during January 1964. Three months after this the union was agreed to that created Tanzania. Karume remained President of Zanzibar until his assassination on 7th April 1972. The current (since elections in the year 2000) President of Zanzibar is Amani Karume, he is son of Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume. Between them had passed four other Presidents of Zanzibar:- Jumbe, Mwinyi, Wakil and Amour.



**The coinage portrait of Karume as seen on the obverse of a 1998 200 Shilingi, still the only coin to include this portrait.**

Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume appears on only the most recent circulation coin types of Tanzania, it is the 200 Shilingi type KM-34 and as yet this type is only known to exist with the date 1998. The portrait, like those seen on types 50 Shilingi KM-33 and all types with the portrait as seen on 100 Shilingi KM-32, has the portrait encircled and then surrounded by the main legend, which in this case is...

**"SHEIKH ABEID AMANI KARUME - RAIS WA KWANZA WA ZANZIBAR"**

...meaning "Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume - First President of Zanzibar" AND the date and ADDITIONALLY with "1964-1972" near to portrait these are the years during which Sheikh Karume was President of Zanzibar.



**All five portraits.**

So who might appear on a future new higher denomination coin of Tanzania - perhaps on a 500 or 1000 Shilingi coin? We wait and see - but very likely a past or present "President of the United Republic" or "President of Zanzibar" - there are a few to choose from.

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# EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW

**CELEBRATING THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE  
EDMONTON NUMISMATIC  
SOCIETY**

**November 8 - 9, 2003**

*The Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Gateway  
Boulevard, Edmonton, Alberta*



Coin Show Hours:

**Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

*Up to 28 coin dealers at 50 tables with millions of dollars in inventory! Displays for public viewing including Canadian Decimal, Ancients, Paper Money and More! See our "Kids-on-Coins" display table, especially for Kids! Bring in your coins for FREE Appraisal!*

**GOLD COIN & OTHER DOOR PRIZE DRAWS!**

The following Dealers attended the March show:

*National Pride Coins & Stamp; 2. Loose Change, St. Michael; 3. Classic Cash, Sylvan Lake; 4. West Edmonton Coin & Stamp; 5. Collins Coins, Sherwood Park; 6. Canada Coin & Paper Money, St. Albert; 7. OK Coin & Stamp, Kelowna, BC; 8. Kadillac Koins, Hamilton; 9. Kensington Coin & Stamp Edm.; 10. Lub Wojtiw Paper Money Edm.; 11. Calgary Coin Gallery, Calgary; 12. Diverse Equities, Calgary; 13. Lucky Dollar Coins, Edm.; 14. Kameron Coins, Edm.; 15. David Peter Coins; 16. M.J. Daniels, Calgary; 17. Ed Jackson Coins, Edm.; 18. D.B. & D Collectables, Edm.; 19. Ed & Norms Coins, Edm.; 20. Michael Riedel Coins & Stamps, Edm. 21. George Manz Coins, Regina; 22. Lorne Paydli, Bruno, Saskatchewan; 23. AP's Coins, Edmonton; 24. Bluenose Coins & Stamps, Penticton; 25. Andrew McKaig Coins, Calgary, The Coin Coinnoisseur, Vancouver, B.C.*

*Join us for our Saturday night Banquet with Guest Speaker, Bret Evans, Editor, Canadian Coin News. Cost \$19/person*



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\$2.00/day at the Door, 16 & under FREE!**

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# **JUNE BBQ**

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**At The Home Of John Callaghan**

**12211 - 156 AVE\*., Edmonton Phone 456-1586**

\*Enter off 153<sup>rd</sup> Ave., to 121<sup>th</sup> St., turn on 158<sup>th</sup> Ave. then to 156 Ave. & 122 St.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**2:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM

We will be serving **Steak** with Potatoes and Salad

Tickets \$5.00 Available at the May club meeting

Or Phone (or email) **Terry Cheesman**

**455-0480**

**tpcheesman@yahoo.com**

Between 4 pm and 10 pm weekdays

If you have special dietary needs please let us know

If you are able to bring a **desert** item we would appreciate it!

**Bring your own Refreshments** (pop, wine, beer, etc.)

And a **Lawn Chair** (if you want to sit down)

This event will be held, rain or shine! If you purchase a ticket and are unable to attend,  
please let us know as soon as possible, as we will be purchasing the food once we  
confirm the number of attendees

**SEE YOU THERE!**