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# **Edmonton Numismatic Society**

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<u>DATE:</u> Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004 <u>TIME:</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Pizza Served, Regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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

PROGRAM: Annual CNA & ANA Convention Meeting with 'Free Pizza", Show & Tell

September Meeting Agenda

September will see our regular Pizza Night with Dan Gosling reporting on the events of the CNA Convention in Toronto, and Albert Meyer reporting on the ANA convention in Pittsburgh. The pizza is being served at 6:30 pm to allow the regular meeting to start at 7:30. Show & Tell items are also welcome. See you there!

May 12 Minutes

May's meeting saw 29 members and guests in attendance. Our president, Dan Gosling welcomed all to the meeting, including new member Randy Tillotson. Dan updated the members on the upcoming bar-b-que in

June. Dan will also be off to the CNA in Toronto from July 8—11. He will also be teaching a course at the ANA in Colorado Springs on June 26th. Our guest speaker was Adrian Liggins, PHD, PEng., who spoke on the history of the Soviet Space Program. He provide medals and models of space

ships. He is also the president of the Edmonton Rocketry Club. The PowerPoint presentation started in 1967 with a 10 Kopek piece on the 50th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and ended with a "first flight" medal from 1988. Most of the medals commemorated anniversaries of Yuri Gagarin and others involved in the Russian Space program. Over 30 slides were shown with the accompany-

ing medal. Thanks to Jules Rach for donating several books and magazines to the club. Many members paid for their bar-b-que tickets and 9 door prizes were drawn to close out the evening.

JUNE BAR-B-QUE A SUCCESS!

NOVEMBER SHOW TO HAVE

FRI. & SAT. NIGHT

**AUCTIONS** 

CONGRATULATIONS TO

DAN GOSLING FOR BECOM-

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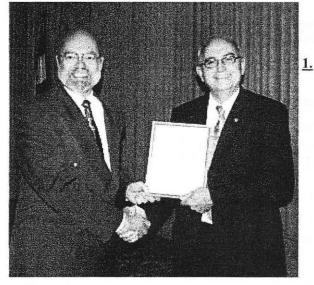
June 13 Bar-B-Que

Thanks are extended to

Dan Gosling for once again hosting the ENS Bar-B-Que. Over 30 members and companions attended for a great steak dinner with all the trimmings. Members enjoyed the conversation and perusing Dan's library. Thanks to all who brought desert to share and to Michael & James K. for cooking the steaks.

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## CNA Convention Photos

It looks like the Dan Gosling Show but seriously, congratulations to Dan for all his hard work on the CNA. Photos are as follows:

- 1. Dan receiving his Fellowship award from Tim Henderson
- 2. Dan viewing a 'unique' 5 cent piece in hopes of a winning bid (just kidding)
- 3. Dan receiving a Special Appreciation award from President Charles Moore for Dan's work on the CNA Website.

Congratulations again Dan for representing the ENS at the Convention.

### **NEW MEMBER**

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

Jason Van Rassel#518Wabamun, Alta.Randy Tillotson#519Edmonton, Alta.Mark Tuttle#520St. Albert, Alta.

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

### CONDOLENCES - RAY MAH, VANCOUVER

On behalf of the Edmonton Numismatic Society, we would like to extend our condolences to the North Shore Numismatic Society and the family of Ray Mah, on his recent passing. We have had the pleasure of dealing with Ray over the years and always found him interested and helpful. He will be sadly missed.

	COMING EVENTS - 2004
Sept. 11 & 12	North Shore Numismatic Society Show, Oakridge Auditorium, Vancouver, B.C.
Sept. 24 - 26	TNS Show, Hamilton, Ont., Ramada Plaza Hotel, Auction, \$3/day admission
Oct. 23 & 24	Manitoba Coin, Stamp & Collectable Show, Ramada Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg
Oct. 30 & 31	Torex Coin Show & Auction, Novotel Toronto, \$6/day admission. Web site: www.torex.net
Nov. 6 & 7	Edmonton Numismatic Society Coin Show & Auction, Coast Terrace Inn, Admission \$2.50/day. Auction Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 - 14	Nuphilex, Holiday Inn Midtown, Montreal, Auction

### KIDS-ON-COINS REPORT

Thanks to Ron Darbyshire for providing this report. As of Oct. 13, 03, Ron has set up 3 school Coin clubs. One is located in St. Albert and 2 in Edmonton. They average 12 children per meeting plus parents and Ron. Ritchie Junior High is interested in setting up a club as well. At the February Teachers convention, Ron was voted the highest rated speaker at the convention. Since then he has been asked to speak in Drayton Valley and Bowden, Alberta. He has also spoke to Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in Edmonton. To date he has spoken to 1200 students and 150 adults on the benefits of coin collecting. He would like to thank the ENS and the many dealers and club members who have supported him in this program, including Ray Neiman, Edm.; George Manz, Regina; Stan Wright, Calgary; Jack Jensen, Edm.; Bud Collins, Sherwood Park; Charles Moore, California; Jules Rach, Edm., to name a few.

Great work Ron. Keep up the good work! Anyone wishing to help Ron at the coin clubs or who would be interested in speaking to the kids on a particular subject, please contact any member of the ENS and we'll put you in contact with Ron.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING REPORT - Aug. 26/04**

Thanks to Ray Neiman for hosting our executive meeting. Ray was a gracious host providing food and beverages for the following attendees: Ray N., Dan G., John C., Michael S., Michael R., Chris H., Howard G., Terry C., Bob E. and David P. Dan welcomed all to the meeting. Dan gave an introduction into how best to keep the club active and to avoid becoming stagnant, and it was agreed that new blood and an active membership are the key. Members are encouraged to volunteer and participate in the club and take a stronger roll in its operations. The following were resolved:

- A new editor is required soon. The current editor is becoming too busy to do a proper job. Volunteers needed!
- Discussions centered around possibly hosting a CNA in 2009. This can only happen with more and new member involvement in club matters.
- Club cases will be loaned to Calgary for the CNA in 2005. Howard Gilbey has volunteered to deliver them.
- 4. Calgary will loan us cases for the Nov./04 show.
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- 7. Michael S. reviewed the results of the February Show. We made a net profit of \$1800.
- The November show budget was reviewed and approved with minor changes.
- Several new dealers will be attending as well as the show layout has changed slightly. The Auction by Stan Wright will now be a 2 night auction, Friday & Sat. night.
- Due to lack of space and suitable venue, a joint ENS - Edmonton Stamp Club Show in 2005 will not be held.
- 11. Show dates for 2005 have been confirmed as follows: March 19 & 20 and Nov. 12 & 13. Details on auctions are not yet finalized.

Bob Phalen from Arizona is still in town, and anyone wanting to attend a farewell drink, are invited to meet at the Globe on Jasper and 109 St., at 5:00 pm, Sept. 2.

The next executive meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 2004 at the home of David Peter.

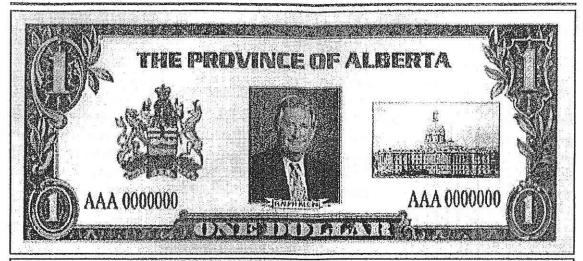
### **NOV. SHOW REPORT**

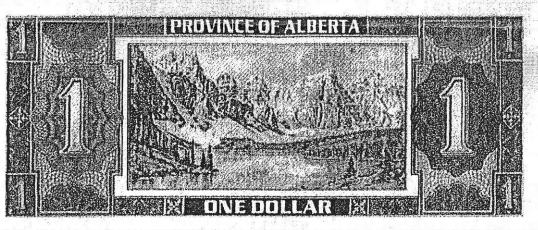
Once again the Bourse is sold out, and dealers had to be turned away. A couple dealers have guit doing show and some modifications to the plan have allowed 4 new dealers to attend. Thanks to Stan Wright for getting Joe Iorio from Vancouver, Willard Burton, CAND president from Ontario, and Michael Findlay from Ontario. Don Olmstead will also be in attendance along with our other dealers. (See the enclosed layout for all dealers) Due to the interest in the Auction by Stan at Diverse Equities, he has obtained the rights to the remaining Belzberg Collection. This will be auctioned off at our Auction on Friday and Saturday night at 5:30 pm. For more information on the Auction, contact Stan directly. (see enclosed flyer for info)

### SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Members who are able to set-up Friday afternoon, Nov. 5th, man the admission desk for a 2 - 3 hour shift, tear down Sunday Nov. 7th after 4:30pm, are asked to contact Michael Schneider at 496-6602. If I am not in, please leave your name and info on where you can help out.

### Alberta Fantasy Dollar





This is a little political piece I found on the internet that I thought you might like. This is a fantasy bank note designed by someone (unknown) from Alberta. I Quote then here, "I was talking once over coffee about if Alberta was independent that their dollar would be worth more then Canada's and what it would look like." Alberta being rich with oil and the richest province in Canada and one of only a handful of rich regions behind only Texas in the America's! The front features the Alberta coat of arms, a picture of the leader, Premier Ralph Klien and the legislative buildings. The reverse border is from a Paraguay note and the Rocky Mountains in Alberta that was taken from the Old Canadian \$20.

I don't know if this note was ever produced or if it was just made for the internet

(REPRINTED FROM THE NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER)

### The Legend of Troy and the Trojan War

The story of Troy and the Trojan War is a well-known legend. According to tradition, the conflict began after Paris, the son of King Priam of Troy, was given Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world, by Aphrodite. Helen, the half-mortal daughter of Zeus, was already married to Menelaus, the brother of Agamemnon and the King of Sparta. After Helen left Sparta with Paris, Menelaus summoned an expedition to go to Troy to win her back. Included in this expedition was Achilles who, as a result of being dipped in the River Styx as a baby, was invulnerable except for his heel. Troy was besieged by the Greeks for ten years, and several well-known events took place during the long and arduous conflict, including the death of Achilles after Paris fired an arrow into his heel. Paris too was killed in the conflict. The siege was only brought to an end after Odysseus, the King of Ithaca, had the idea of the wooden horse. The horse was presented as a gift to the Trojans, but Greek soldiers were hidden inside. When the horse was brought into Troy, the soldiers crept out, opened the gates of the city, and let the Greek army into Troy. As a result, the city was burned and the Trojans massacred. Only Aeneas, the son of Aphrodite and the Trojan Anchises, escaped. His travels were later recorded in The Aeneid by the Roman writer Virgil. Helen returned home to Sparta with Menelaus. It is impossible to separate fact from mythology in the legend of Troy. Indeed, it has long been debated whether any conflict actually took place. The story was passed down by oral tradition before being recorded by Homer in The Iliad, believed to have been written in the 9th-8th centuries B.C. However, by the time the legend was written down, it would no doubt have been altered by generations of bards. In the late nineteenth century, an ancient city called Ilion was excavated near the coast of Asia Minor (modern Turkey). It is thought that this might be a likely location for the lost city of Troy and the basis of the legend, as a conflict seems to have taken place there in around 1250 B.C., resulting in the destruction of the city. From a numismatic point of view, the legend of Troy is believed to have taken place at least 500 years before the first coins were struck. Therefore, there are no coins contemporary to the period of the Trojan War. For enthusiasts of the legend who see the horse as the turning point of the war, coins were struck later in the Greek world that depict horses. In fact, many city-states issued such coins and several examples are shown below



In the Roman period, Julius Caesar, who believed that his ancestry could be traced back to Aeneas, issued a denarius with a reverse type depicting Aeneas and his father Anchises (pictured below).



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### Reno man pays record price for rare 1873 dime

Tim Anderson RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL 7/16/2004

One-of-a-kind coin: 10-cent piece minted in Nevada's capital. There's not a dime's worth of difference between some 10-cent pieces. But the one-of-a-kind, 1873 dime acquired last week by Reno coin shop owner and coin collector Rusty Goe isn't one of them.

Goe paid \$891,250 for the coin, made 131 years ago at the historic Carson City Mint. He said he got a good deal. "I'm ecstatic, elated. It's the ultimate experience," Goe said. Goe, who with his wife, Marie, operates Southgate Coins, said he bought the extremely rare coin last Friday at public auction in Baltimore.

After paying a record price for any dime made in the United States, he said his South Virginia Street shop became a celebration site for customers and friends. "The atmosphere in our store was festive. It was like having the winning team in the World Series or the winning horse in the Kentucky Derby," Goe said.

Goe, who recently completed a book on the history of the Carson City Mint, said the acquisition is particularly satisfying because it was made in the capital city. The coin, minted nine years after statehood, is called the "1873-CC Without Arrows Dime."



Liz Margerum/RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL RARE COIN: The front of the 1873 dime acquired by Reno coin shop owner Rusty Goe is shown.

The year the coin was minted, 12,400 silver dimes were produced in Carson City. But Goe said the federal Coinage Act called for an increase in the weight of silver coins, and the originally minted ones were ordered destroyed. Replacement coins were minted with arrows to distinguish them.

Goe said coin experts have speculated that when a few of the "without arrows" coins were sent to the Philadelphia Mint for testing, an employee exchanged one of his own dimes for the Carson City piece. No other coins without arrows from 1873 in Carson City have surfaced over the years, Goe said.

Goe said two Philadelphia coin dealers were the first owners of record of the piece he acquired. He said they made their ownership known about 1910. In 1915, Goe said, the coin was sold at auction for \$170. The coin has had a series of different owners through the years, Goe said. From 1950 to 1996, Goe said, the most prominent coin collector of the 20th century — Louis E. Eliasberg Sr. of Baltimore — owned the coin. He died in 1976, and the family sold the coin in 1996 for \$550,000.

In 1999, the coin sold at auction for \$632,000. "The sky seems to be the limit for rare coins. The way they've escalated in value has been phenomenal," Goe said.

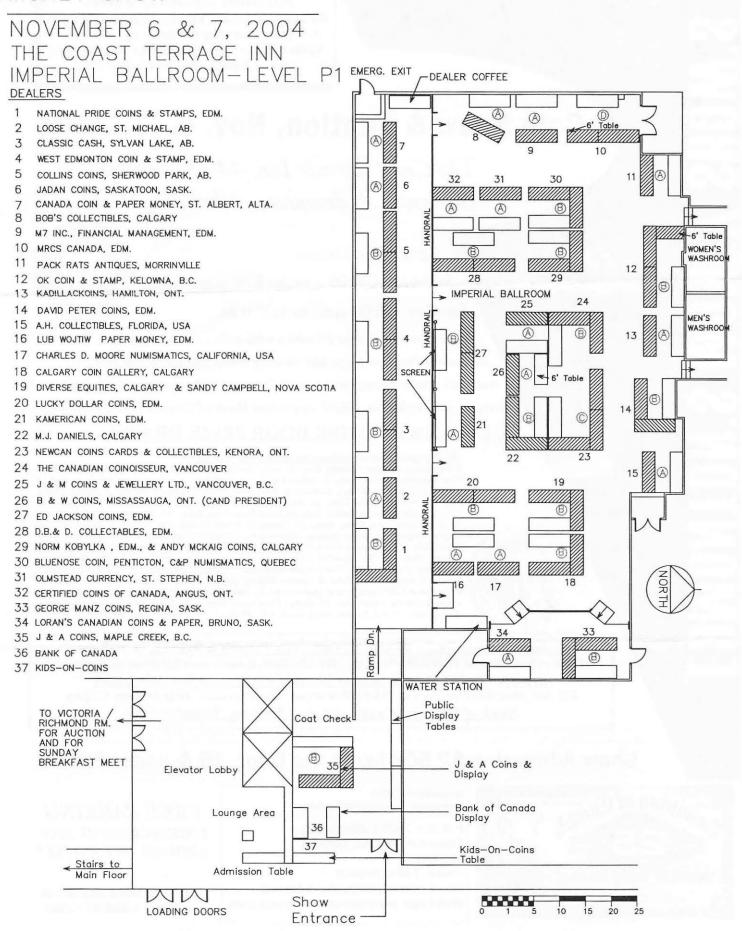
Bidding at last Friday's auction opened at \$550,000, and Goe said he went to \$775,000 before he was able to secure the coin. The sales price includes a 15 percent auction company fee — bringing the total to \$891,250. Goe said he got a bargain based on the recent sales of other rare coins. For example, he said, the rarest nickel is the 1913 Liberty Head, only five are known to exist. One of those coins recently sold for \$3 million, Goe said.

Up to now, the most a U.S.-made dime has fetched is \$825,000 for an 1894 coin minted in San Francisco. Considering how prices for rare coins have escalated, Goe said that the Carson City dime represents a good investment.

"Eventually, it's likely to become part of one of our client's collections. But for now we're basking in the wonderment of it all," Goe said. He said he hopes to be able to bring the coin back to the Carson City Mint — now home to the Nevada State Museum — for an exhibit. The 10th annual museum coin show Aug. 28-29 is a possibility, he said.

"We want to do this, but we have to overcome the hurdles of insurance and security. It would be so great to be able to have the coin back at its home in Carson City, even briefly, after 131 years," Goe said.

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### Auction Event of 2004!

Numismatic Auction Fri. Nov. 5 & Sat. Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m., Featuring the Belzberg Collection - Edition II. For more info contact Stan Wright, Diverse Equities Inc., at 403-230-9321

## Coin Show & Auction, Nov. 6 - 7, 2004

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



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38 coin dealers at over 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! Bring in your coins for FREE Appraisal! Bank of Canada Booth Saturday!

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

The following Dealers are confirmed for the November 2004 Show:

1. National Pride Coins & Stamp, Edm.; 2. Loose Change, St. Michael; 3. Classic Cash, Sylvan Lake; 4. West Edmonton Coin & Stamp; 5. Collins Coins, Sherwood Park; 6. Jadan Coins, Saskatoon, Sask.; 7. Canada Coin & Paper Money, St. Albert; 8. Bob's Collectibles, Calgary; 9. M7 Inc. (Financial Mgmt), Edm.; 10. MRCS Canada, Edm.; 11. Pack Rat Antiques, Morinville, 12. OK Coin & Stamp, Kelowna, BC; 13. KadillacKoins, Hamilton, Ont.; 14. David Peter Coins, Edm.; 15. AH-Collectibles Inc., Florida; 16. Lub Wojtiw Paper Money Edm.; 17. Charles D. Moore Numismatics, California; 18. Calgary Coin Gallery, Calgary; 19. Diverse Equities, Calgary & Proof Positive Coins, Beddeck, N.S.; 20. Lucky Dollar Coins, Edm.; 21. Kamerican Coins, Edm.; 22. M.J. Daniels, Calgary; 23. Newcan Coins & Collectibles, Kenora, Ont.; 24. The Canadian Coinoisseur, Vancouver, B.C.; 25. J. & M. Coins & Jewellery, Vancouver, B.C.; 26. B. & W. Coins, Missasauga, Ont., 27. A&E Coins, Edm.; 28. D.B. & D. Collectables, Edm.; 29. Norms Coins, Edm. & Andrew McKaig Coins, Calgary; 30. Bluenose Coins & Stamps, Pentiction & C&P Numismatics, Quebec City; 31. Olmstead Currency, St. Stephen, N.B., 32. Certified Coins of Canada, Angus, Ont.; 33. George Manz Coins, Regina; 34. Loran's Canadian Coin & Paper, Bruno, Sask.; 35. J. & A Coins, Maple Creek, B.C.; 36. Bank of Canada; 37. Kids-on-Coins

Numismatic Auction by Diverse Equities Inc., Fri. 5th & Sat. 6th, at 5:30 pm

Contact Stan Wright at 403-230-9321, Fx: 403-274-3828, E-mail: stan@diverseequities.com

Breakfast Buffet Meeting Sunday Morning - 8:00 am coffee, 8:30 buffet

\$12 cost. Must RSVP to Terry at 455-0480 to attend. Guest Speaker Andy McKaig, Calgary

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