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**NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, January 10, 2007***

*Doors 7:00 pm-- Meeting 7:30 pm*

**Royal Alberta Museum**

**4440 Calgary Trail North, EDMONTON**

# The Edmonton Numismatic Society

The Edmonton Numismatic Society (ENS) dates back to September 1953. At that time the members met and discussed the hobby under the name, the Edmonton Coin Club. During the 1960's, 70's, and 80's the Club sponsored 20 Annual Coin-A-Rama shows, issuing many collectible souvenirs. In 1979, The City of Edmonton's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Club was host to its first CNA Convention. A number of mini shows and Anniversary shows were held during the 1980's and 90's. As a reflection of the varied collecting interest of the current membership, and a continuing commitment to promote the hobby, the Club changed its name to the Edmonton Numismatic Society (formerly the Edmonton Coin Club) just prior to hosting its second CNA Convention in 1998. Since 1996 the Club has sponsored two shows each year, one in the late winter/early spring and one in the fall.



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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The year 2007 bring a new editor to *The Planchet*. Although I am an interim editor, I suspect that once you slip on a pair of ENS executive shoes, they are almost impossible to remove. I'll try my best to fill the existing shoes Howard Gilbey left behind.

*The Planchet* format remains unchanged, but the internal digital framework has changed drastically, allowing for a seamless future transition to the digital world that is forthcoming. Email delivery and downloadable PDF newsletters from the ENS website are some of the ideas being discussed now. I will continue to solicit articles from the regular contributors and welcome numismatic articles from all of our members.

Roger Paulen

# COMPUTERS ARE THE GREATEST COIN COLLECTING TOOL

A message from ENS President Jamie Horkulak

Ever since the early days of numismatics, knowledge has been the key to success. Knowing what to look for, where to look, and what to pay was part of being a successful collector. Through the years, one would accumulate knowledge through experience with other collectors and dealers, studying catalogs, attending coin shows and conventions. Typically, only traveling dealers would know people from other regions.

Since that's the way it was, a relative 'newbie' couldn't possibly have a great deal of knowledge to start with, and any information they did obtain may have been locally derived and only 'regional' in its importance. Coin collection supplies and information was sporadically available from local hobby shops, flea markets and your trusty Charlton Standard Catalogue.

Now it's 2007. The information age has become affordable and accessible just about everywhere. The high-speed Alberta SuperNet is now built and operational in thousands of facilities in 429 communities across Alberta, making our province more connected than ever before. There are still a few people out there, young and old, who either can not afford a computer or otherwise had no use for one. If you have not jumped on the digital bandwagon, I urge you, now is the time. For the cost of a few coins or notes, the collecting world becomes infinitely more accessible. In almost every case, if used with any effort, the internet will at least *double* your contacts almost immediately. A new collector can very quickly gather much more information *before* their first purchase. An experienced collector can research recent sales and prices realized for key dates at both traditional and online auctions. Whether for selling, buying, or knowledge gathering, a computer is a tool you simply cannot afford to do without.

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## NEW 2007 ROYAL CANADIAN MINT PRODUCTS

This week, the Royal Canadian Mint unveiled the 2007 non-circulating coin sets. This year, for the first time, the 2007 proof set will have a limited mintage of 60,000 (previous proof sets were minted on demand). As with the 2005 and 2006 proof sets, the silver dollar has a gold-plating on the devices. The reverse is adapted from an original artwork by Laurie McGaw.

The 2007 Proof set bears the portrait of Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea was his native name). Born in Ohio during a tumultuous era that defined North America, Brant's life was greatly influenced by an alliance with the British. Brant fought his first battle with the British when he was just a teenager. But this young warrior was also a visionary. Brant clearly understood that Native people faced inevitable change and united various first nations to protect their interests.

As war chief of the Six Nations and a British military captain, Brant was respected by both; and when the American War of Independence ended (1783), he acted as statesman and negotiated land for the Six Nations people. They settled in the Grand River Valley (Ontario) where Brant played a key role in their economic, political and religious lives, bringing a school, as well as a saw and grist mill to the community. Yet, despite this seemingly British way of life, Brant's vision of Native sovereignty persisted. Brant was equally at ease with a tea cup or a tomahawk. He adopted a new culture without dishonouring his Native roots. Through his voice and his actions, Brant shaped much of Native Canada a truth that echoes throughout southwestern Ontario and in the town that bears his name.





The 2007 specimen set continues from previous years with a unique aureate dollar which features the Trumpeter Swan by artist Kerri Burnett. The finish on the specimen coins is probably my favorite, with a three-fold combination of brilliant and frosted relief on lined finished fields. Mintage for the 2007 specimen set is limited to 40,000.



This year, the collector of 25 cent coins will be inundated with additional non-circulating coins that are unique to the various 2007 gift sets. While many collectors were pleased in 2006 to have several commemorative coins released for circulation, I expect mixed reactions to a plethora of Royal Canadian Mint products. No less than five coloured 25 cent coins are released in these gift sets, priced at \$19.95 (don't forget about the 2007 hockey 25 cents too). Personally, I like the *Oh Canada* coin (shown here), it has a classic silver maple leaf dollar look to it – as for the rest, visit the Royal Canadian Mint's website and judge for yourself if you want a baby rattle, balloons, fireworks and a wedding bouquet in your collection.



## COINS CHEER BELL RINGERS

This phenomenon caught my attention over the Christmas holidays. According to one newspaper, the practice of dropping gold coins in Salvation Army kettles started more than 20 years ago and is now occurs across America. The tradition appears to have started in the Midwest. The first gold coin was donated to the Salvation Army in Crystal Lake, Illinois, in 1982. Since then, more than 300 gold coins have been donated. The Waterloo chapter of the American Red Cross has received a gold coin every year for seven years.

This year was no exception:

- A 1978 South African Krugerrand was found in a kettle in Iowa on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and two gold American Eagles were discovered in Vermont and Florida during the first week of December.
- A 1993 American Eagle was deposited in a kettle in Panama City, Florida.
- An American Quarter Eagle worth as much as \$14,000 landed in a Salvation Army's kettle in Berlin, Vermont.
- Five gold American Eagle coins mysteriously appeared in Salvation Army kettles of Porter County, Indiana. A small handwritten note was found in one of the clear plastic coin sleeves, saying, "God bless you and the work you do. Merry Christmas!"

In Denver the Salvation Army was visited by the Grinch, however. Someone dropped an 1804 silver dollar into the kettle, or so it was thought, according to Rod Gillis, a numismatic educator at the American Numismatist Association. Gillis had to explain to the excited Salvation Army worker who called him "that there is a very, very slim chance that that was real." He said all 15 1804 silver dollars minted are accounted for. Had it been real, it would've been worth up to \$4 million.

Right: Four Gold American Eagle coins that were dropped recently in a Salvation Army kettle in Valparaiso (Lisa Schreiber/Post-Tribune). Below: Salvation Army Capt. Louis Patrick displays a rare gold coin that an anonymous individual dropped in a holiday donation bucket Friday at the Berlin Mall in Berlin, Vt. (Oren Dorell, USA TODAY).



## LOON DOLLARS

*Joseph F Kennedy*

Silver dollars were minted in Canada from 1935 until 1967. In 1968, silver dollars were replaced by nickel dollars as a cost-saving measure. However, nickel dollars never caught on with the Canadian public; they were minted from 1968 to 1987, but were not adopted by the vending machine industry or by businesses in general. So when the time came to replace the dollar bill, dollar coins were redesigned to a smaller size and lighter weight in 1987. The \$1 (loonie) and \$2 (twoonie) denominations have since become the most useful coins in everyday transactions.

Canadian Loon dollars are a great choice to collect as a modern date series. Loonies are easily recognizable by the general public – with their distinctive bronze color and 11-sides. As of 2007, Canada has been minting loonies for 20 years. In most years the now-familiar loon design is seen on the reverse side of the dollar coin, though occasionally it is replaced with a commemorative design.

A date series collection of loonies is fairly inexpensive to purchase in mintstate condition. Even the Non-Circulating Legal Tender (NCLT) collector coins can be found at prices for collectors of almost any means. Most of the collector coins look familiar to circulating loonies in size and shape, but have unusual reverse designs not found in pocket change. Unlike \$2 coins, there have been no solid-gold loonies issued (yet), so a “complete” date series is a fun possibility for collectors with a limited budget. Another alternative is to collect loonies broken out of proof sets; a complete set of proof loonies is a beautiful sight to see!

*Some Canadian coin collectors end their collection with coins dated no later than 1967. That was 40 years ago! Since then there have been many interesting circulating coins made and also a plethora of non-circulated “collector” coins. Consider collecting a modern coin series such as \$1*





## Loonies – Reverse Side (Including NCLT)

Date	Description	MS	PL	SP	PF
1983-85	Test tokens CH. TT100.1 to TT100.13	X			
1987	Loon dollar not included in PL, SP or PF coin sets.	X			X
1988-91	Loon dollar	X	X	X	X
1992	Double dated, Canada 125	X	X	X	X
1992	Anniversary of Confederation, Parliament Buildings, also struck in proof.	X			X
1993-96	Loon (all strikes)	X	X	X	X
1994	Remembrance	X	X <sup>1</sup>		X
1995	Peacekeeping	X	X		X
1997-2001	Loon not issued for circulation,		X <sup>2</sup>	X	X
1997	Flying Loon		X <sup>1</sup>	X	
1997	Silver Flying Loon				X
2002	Loon Privy / Centre Ice (gold plated)				X
2002	Double dated on obverse (Coronation 50 <sup>th</sup> )	X	X		X
2002	Loon Family, 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary			X	
2003	Loon dollar	X	X	X	X
2004-07	Loon dollar	X	X		X
2004	Elusive Loon				X <sup>3</sup>
2004	Canada Goose			X	
2004	Olympic Loon	X			
2004	Silver Olympic Loon (coloured)				X
2004/06	Test Token CH. TT100.14		X		
2005	Tufted Puffin			X	
2005	Terry Fox	X			
2006	Lucky Loonie	X			X <sup>4</sup>
2006	Silver Lucky Loonie (coloured)				X
2006	Snowy Owl			X	
2006	Teddy Bear Privy Lullabies Loon (silver)				X
2006	Holidays Snowflake (coloured)				X



1. Issued in *Oh Canada Set* (PL)
2. 1997 Ottawa PL Set has a Specimen Finish
3. Issued in *Coin & Stamp Derivative Set*
4. Proof Lucky Loon issued and encapsulated in *Going for Gold – Bookmark*.



### Loonies – Obverse Side (Including NCLT)

Date	Description	MS	PL	SP	PF
1987	Tiara Portrait	X			X
1988-89	Tiara Portrait	X	X	X	X
1990-96	Crowned Portrait	X	X	X	X
1992	Crowned Portrait with date on obverse (Canada 125)	X	X	X	X
1994-95	Crowned Portrait with date on reverse (Commemorative)	X	X		X
1997-2001	Crowned Portrait (not issued for circulation)		X	X	X
1998	W Mintmark		X		
2000	W Mintmark		X		
2002	Double dated on obverse (Coronation 50 <sup>th</sup> )	X	X		X
2003-07	Uncrowned Portrait	X	X	X	X
2003	W Mintmark		X		
2005	Date on obverse (Terry Fox)	X			
2006-07	RCM Mint Logo	X	X		
2006	RCM Mint Logo (Snowflake)				X



# CANADA'S FORGOTTEN AND OBSOLETE COINAGE

*Roger C Paulen*

One of the perks of volunteering to become editor of any newsletter is that you can select your favorite topics to discuss. While my collecting ambitions focus on Canadian one cent coinage, recently I have found great pleasure with my hunt for mint state business strike nickel composition dollars and the varieties that occur in that series.

From 1968 to 1986, Canada produced a pure nickel coin that weighed over 15 grams and in excess of 32 mm in diameter. This coin was never really accepted by the masses and rejected by the vending machine industry. As a youngster in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the only place I saw these coins was when I asked for them at the bank. This series includes a nice mixture of commemorative issues such as the 1970 Manitoba dollar, the 1971 British Columbia dollar, the 1973 Prince Edward Island Dollar, the 1982 Constitution dollar and the 1984 Cartier dollar. The last nickel dollar was 1987, but only available in uncirculated sets.



For amateur and experienced collectors, this is a very inexpensive series to collect in proof, specimen, proof-like or business strike. Like any series, there are coins that will be almost impossible to obtain such as the 1982 Constitution dollar with upset dies, the 1982

Constitution struck on a thin planchet and the 1985 New Zealand mule. However, that aside, my personal opinion is that the business strikes coins of this series are highly collectable and undervalued. The mintages are small, ranging from 1,393,745 for 1977 to a maximum of 11,812,00 for the 1982 Constitution dollar. The massive size of this coin also means a reduced probability of coins being MS-64 or better. More importantly, relatively few of these coins remain in choice uncirculated condition. They contained no silver, so these coins were not saved and most were returned to coin dealers and banks. Coin dealers, in turn, saw little value and no collector demand with these coins and most were relegated to an empty ice cream bucket or the dollar bin. Putting together a set of grades MS-64 or better has proven to be quite challenging over the past year (and I am not done yet), despite most of these coins being available at or near face value. At the very least, the risk of my investment, other than time, is insignificant. The proof-like, specimen and proof quality coins are also reasonably priced.

Perhaps someday the collectors will discover this obsolete series, including the varieties. Flat field doubling, doubled dates, abraded dies, missing islands, doubled yolks, short water lines, detached jewels, and die clashes and cracks are abound in this short series.

## COMING EVENTS

### SHOWS – CANADA

Jan 26-28	CAND 9, the annual show	HAMILTON, ON
Feb 24-25	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show	TORONTO, ON
<b>Mar 17-18</b>	<b>EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW</b> <b>Coast Terrace Inn</b>	<b>EDMONTON, AB</b>
Mar 24-25	Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show	CALGARY, AB
Apr 21, 22, 2007	45 <sup>th</sup> Annual ONA Coin Convention Four Points Sheraton	LONDON, ON
July 12-15	2007 CNA Convention Sheraton Fallsview Hotel	NIAGARA FALLS, ON
Aug 17-19	East Coast Extravaganza Casino Halifax	HALIFAX, NS
<b>Nov 10, 11</b>	<b>EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW</b> <b>Coast Terrace Inn</b>	<b>EDMONTON, AB</b>

### SHOWS – USA & INTERNATIONAL

Jan 12-14	39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show Parkside Hall	SAN JOSE, CA
Jan 12-14	TEXAS Coin Show Convention Center	GRAPEVINE, TX
Jan 18-20	International Coin & Stamp Show Convention Center-Copper Ballroom	TUSCON, AZ
Jan 26-28	Vegaspex Sahara Hotel & Casino	LAS VEGAS, NV
Jan 26-28	Money Show of the Southwest George R. Brown Convention Center	HOUSTON, TX
Feb 1-3	Suburban Detroit Coin Show Livonia Holiday Inn	LIVONIA, MI
Feb 3, 4	Niagara Frontier Coin Club Collectors' Show/Expo 2007 Elks Lodge No. 346	NIAGARA FALLS, NY



Apr 20-22	Gold & Silver Over Niagara 2007	NIAGARA FALLS, NY
Aug 17-19	East Coast Extravaganza Casino Halifax	HALIFAX, NS

## AUCTIONS & MAIL BID SALES

Jan 12, 13, 2007	Ponterio & Associates NY International Numismatic Convention	NEW YORK, NY
Jan 14	La Galerie Numismatique (Vilmar Collectibles) Waldorf-Astoria	NEW YORK, NY
Feb 24-25	Charles Moore TOREX	TORONTO, ON
Online catalogue at: <a href="http://www.torex.net/torex_coin_show/auctions.htm">http://www.torex.net/torex_coin_show/auctions.htm</a>		
Feb 11-13	Superior Galleries Pre-Long Beach Elite Coin Auction	LONG BEACH, CA
Feb 11-14	Ira & Larry Goldberg Auctioneers Pre-Long Beach Sale	BEVERLY HILLS, CA
April 27, 28	Ponterio & Associates Chicago International Coin Fair	CHICAGO, IL



Two 1970 VIP Specimen Sets are up for auction at the Feb. TOREX



## ENS Annual General Meeting, Dec. 13, 2006

The meeting came to order with 26 members in attendance and J. Horkulak presiding. Jamie put out the call for a new "Planchet" editor as Howard Gilbey is no longer able to continue on as newsletter editor. Member Roger Paulen accepted to a trial period as editor, effective January 2007.

Howard Gilbey presided over the nominations and elections of the executive for 2007. The results are: **President** – James Horkulak, **Vice President** – David Peter, **Secretary** – Marc Bink, **Past President** – Dan Gosling. A motion was made that the election of **Treasurer** occur at a later date. **Directors** – John Gallupe, Jules Rach, Terry Cheesman, Marvin Berger, Chris Hale, Roger Paulen, Greg Wichman, Albert Meyer, Ray Nieman and John Callaghan. Jim Kindrake was appointed as Ex-Officio Counsel. Each of the officers mentioned was voted in unanimously, and elected by acclamation.

After the elections, an auction was held to benefit the "Kids on Coins" program. A total of 35 lots were auctioned off for the sum of \$469.00, which was turned over to Ron Darbyshire for his "Kids on Coins" program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30, and the fellowship was continued by a small group at the Boston Pizza on 124<sup>th</sup>.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for 2007 renewal, payable to the ENS, or if you're paying cash, pay it to the Secretary/ Membership chair (Marc Bink). Membership fees are unchanged from last year, and we will try and get membership cards out to you as soon as we get them made. Those that pay via cheque will have their membership cards mailed to them in a subsequent issue of *The Planchet* while those who pay cash at the meetings will get a card either mailed to them, or in person. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Due to the age of our database, we'd like to ask that members provide a current mailing address when renewing their membership. ***Please note that the Society does not, and will not, sell or use any personal information obtained from the membership for commercial uses or for publication.*** Any information we collect will only be used for club functions such as the newsletter, and a call out list for any special events.

## JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be held at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm, door will open at 7:00 pm.

**Speaker:** Roger Paulen  
Rocks to Riches – Where our Money Really Comes From

**Speaker:** Markus Molenda  
*To be announced*

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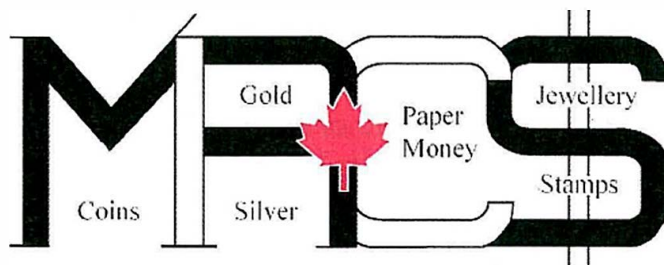
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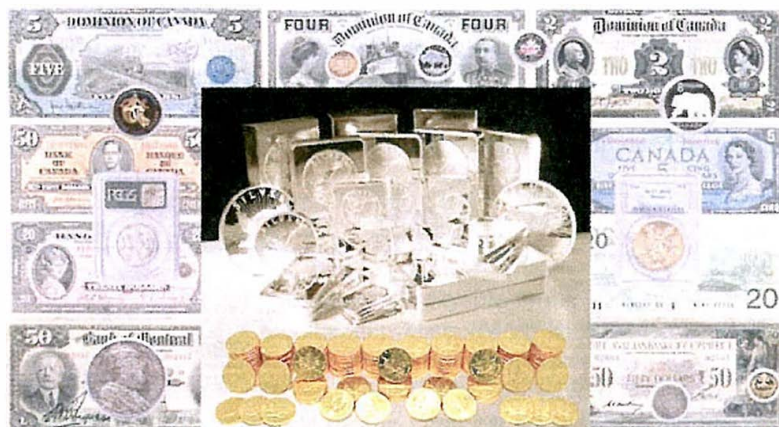
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