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**2007 Silver Maple Leaf Coloured Coin - Sugar Maple in Orange**

**NEXT MEETING: PIZZA NIGHT!**

*Wednesday, September 12, 2007*

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

**Royal Alberta Museum**

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## 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

**Annual Membership is now due and payable as of January 1. The dues are payable as follows:**

**FAMILY - \$12.00**

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**FOR ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,  
(except life membership) JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

A message from ENS President Jamie Horkulak

Greetings to all, and welcome back from a great summer. Many of us regard winter as the most active season for collecting, however, this summer was numismatically charged! What has transpired since May? There have been 2 major auctions, Torex in June and CNA in July. We look forward to our CNA delegate report from Dan Gosling.

The much-anticipated Charlton Paper catalog has been released with the controversial "3 grades of UNC" system. Despite a rather large signed petition toward this system, Charlton went ahead with it. Initial reactions from collectors and sellers at auctions and forums have been quite positive. Dave Peter will be an upcoming guest speaker to explain the "demerit" grading system introduced by Charlton.

Speaking of Paper, SNRs have hit the streets. For the very few that don't collect inserts, those are "single note replacements" as opposed to the regular "sheet replacements". It seems that the printer is inserting replacements into single bricks, to replace damaged notes from the multitude of processes after cutting, adding another dimension to insert collecting. Estimated notes per range are typically 1000. This is a similar method as used for the devil's face asterisks, and we all know how rare those are.

Edmonton's Money Show is indeed booked at the new location, the Ramada Edmonton Inn on Kingsway. The facility is slightly larger and more flexible than the past location. With over 45 dealers present, I do believe that makes us the largest show in Canada.

The Royal Alberta Museum has again postponed renovations, so our meeting place will stay the same at least until the New Year. I hope to see everyone in attendance with their new acquisitions to show off!



## COIN CLUBS VERSUS THE INTERNET

*Roger C. Paulen*

For decades, collectors in any given region have met in colleague's basements, local community halls or other low-cost venues to share their hobby with others. Coin clubs throughout Canada are experiencing a gradual decline in memberships and are struggling to attract new members and the enthusiasm necessary to keep local coin clubs strong. Our club has been meeting regularly for over 50 years and despite a membership base often exceeding 100 or more, club meetings bring in only a handful of the membership together. Part of this group is the club executive and the remainders are senior members who are there to socialize. This problem is not unique to our club; coin clubs elsewhere are experiencing the same phenomena. It is proving difficult to attract young members to participate in club activities and to join the executive. Young members are essential to keep our club and hobby strong.

The irony is that the Canadian Numismatic Association (CAN) and the American Numismatic Association (ANA) have seen a steady gain in membership over the last several years. Attendance remains high at our coin show and at national coin shows, yet attendance at coin club meetings remains low. The Internet perhaps is partly to blame this discordant trend; an endless supply of information is available to anyone with a computer and Internet connection. We never have to leave our homes to seek information on any niche within our hobby and we can even purchase coins and participate in major coin auctions while sitting in a comfortable chair. Online chat sites such as the Canadian Coin Reference Site (CCRS) and auction sites such as eBay are probably the main venues for the younger generation of Canadian coin collectors. Collecting on the Internet is viable, yet it is missing the human interaction of like-minded colleagues who share stories over their latest acquisition or the insight of a seasoned collector or dealer. A coin club provides a sense of belonging and friendship, both of these commodities are rarely found on the Internet. Many collectors who use the Internet often are not even aware of a local coin club's existence, although maintaining an active and informative web page does help.

The challenge remains to maintain a strong membership and to attract new and young club members to our meetings and encourage them to participate.

## CHINESE FORGERIES ON EBAY

*Roger C. Paulen, with contributions from Randy Ash*

Recently, a number of key date Canadian coins have appeared for sale on eBay, originating from China, Hong Kong and Japan. Sharp eyes of several collectors and dealers have immediately spotted these coins as forgeries. Yet, some of these coins now reside in North American collections and these forgeries are now being resold on eBay. Some of these coins even are in fake ICCS holders!

All the Chinese bogus coins are struck coins from cast dies; a mold of a good coin is taken, a date is retooled, a die is cast and a coin is struck. The coins usually have an even grey colour on both the devices and fields, with relatively unscratched and unmarked fields not consistent with the level of wear seen on the devices. Coins of different dates will often share the exact same obverse cast, this is especially true with Victoria 50 cent pieces and the 1875 and 1884 10-cent pieces.

Several collectors and dealers across Canada report these forgeries to eBay as they arise, even to the point of creating duplicate eBay accounts with creative names such as *Mr.Fraudbuster* and *Justan\_ otherfrawd* to bid on these items in an attempt to thwart a successful online transaction. But unsuspecting buyers continue to be taken, thinking they have found a great deal. What concerns me is how these fake coins may influence the value of genuine rare coins, when they do surface. ICCS should be greatly concerned about these auctions since fake holders could completely undermine the reputation of ICCS. Once these fake coins in the fake slabs reach North America and go back up for auction, they may not be detected by some collectors. Yet another reason to 'buy the coin, not the holder'. Recent examples include a 1884 10 cent coin listed on eBay in fake ICCS flip without a certification code and was graded as XF-40 instead of EF-40; a 1921 5 cent coin was also recently listed on eBay in a fake ICCS holder.

The following should be taken into consideration prior to purchasing a key date online, raw or within a slab:

1. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. *Caveat emptor*.
2. Avoid key dates above grades of VG originating from China and east Asia
3. Check the entire feedback comments of the seller, including those that have been mutually withdrawn. Private bids and 3-day auctions are common practice to avoid detection and removal by eBay.
4. Examine all features of the coin closely; refer to the Charlton Standard or other coins within your collection if necessary. Note the consistency of wear for the grade, including the colour and toning. If the scanned image is of poor quality, email the seller for additional photos and information.

The following pages contain several examples of forged Canadian coins of Chinese origin.

Here is the obverse of an 1888 25-cent coin for sale recently on eBay. Would you bid on this coin?



Note the wear on the hair indicates a VF to possible EF grade, yet the fields appear to be free of marks. However, the dead giveaway is that an Obverse 2 portrait variety was used in this forgery. Only the Obverse 5 portrait is found on the 1888 25-cent coin.

Below left is a 1925 5-cent coin recently listed for sale on eBay. Compare it to the genuine version on the right. Nickel composition coins can tone harshly and I have certainly seen 1925 coins in worse condition, however, note the '5' in the date. Those who forged this coin probably used a common year for the cast, and retooled the date with the same design used for the denomination.





Below is an 1875 10-cent coin recently listed for sale on eBay. Compare it to the genuine version at bottom. At first glance, the '5' is not even close to the real coin. Also, take a look at the Heaton (H) mintmark. The H on real 1875 is much larger. This could indicate that the cast could have been an 1871 10-cent coin, which has a small H mintmark.

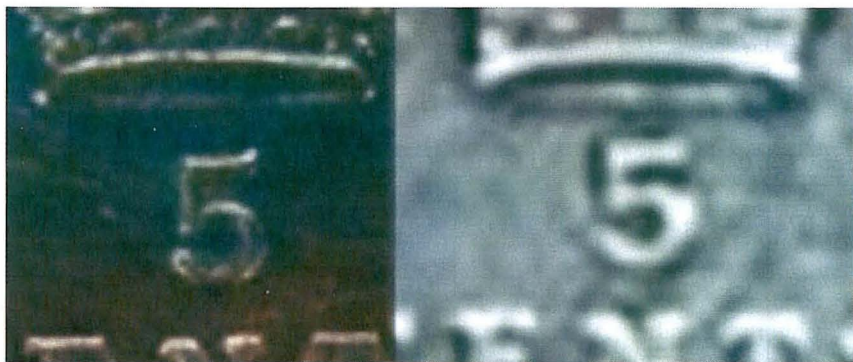




Below is a digital photograph of an ICCS 1921 5-cent coin for sale recently on eBay, from a Chinese seller with a low feedback rating. This 'coin', and/or its digital image, has been for sale several times on eBay during the last several months. Sellers previous to this one also tried to sell a 1921 5-cent coin 'raw', and used unusual adjectives such as "a happy coin".



Here is a digital zoom of the '5' in '5 CENTS'. The real Prince of Canadian Coins is at left; the "happy coin" or forgery is at right. Those who retooled the date wrongly assumed the simple font design of the coin's date also was used for the denomination. This could indicate that a 1921 10-cent coin was used as a scaled cast with the denomination retooled.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Images of these forgeries were derived from eBay listings. Although the original sellers assumed copyright of these images, they were used in a fraudulent manner and many listings were removed by eBay prior to the auction's conclusion. I used these images under the pretense that if Chinese counterfeiters want to enforce the copyright of their images, let them come to Canada and sue me – I suspect the RCMP may want to ask them a few questions regarding the forgery of Canadian currency first.

## RECENT CANADIAN COUNTERFEITS OF CHINESE ORIGIN

*Randy Ash*

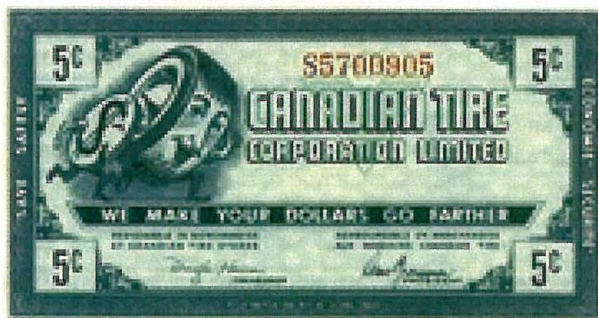
Here is a list of Canadian coins from a single Chinese seller, queried from eBay. Buyers should exercise caution when bidding on any of the coins listed below up for auction online. If the coin looks suspect or the digital image is of poor quality and the seller is not a known Canadian coin dealer (e.g. Colonial Acres), then do not hesitate to contact the seller of the coin for additional photographs. Specifically ask if the coin originated from China. Note that all the listings were just for 3 days only. Some of these coins, if genuine, would be worth thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, the consumer is partly to blame because of the greedy nature of getting a 'deal'.

Start	End	Price	Title
04-Aug-07	07-Aug-07 13:20:20 EDT	EUR 58.00	Canada 5 Cents 1926
04-Aug-07	07-Aug-07 13:22:09 EDT	EUR 38.00	Canada 25 Cents 1927
04-Aug-07	07-Aug-07 13:25:24 EDT	EUR 80.00	Canada 50 Cents 1921
04-Aug-07	07-Aug-07 13:29:00 EDT	EUR 59.00	Canada 5 Cents 1925
26-Aug-07	29-Aug-07 11:21:29 EDT	US \$180.50	Canada 25 Cents 1885
26-Aug-07	29-Aug-07 11:25:21 EDT	US \$76.00	Canada 10 Cents 1885
26-Aug-07	29-Aug-07 11:29:50 EDT	US \$232.50	Canada 5 Cents 1921
26-Aug-07	29-Aug-07 11:42:26 EDT	US \$365.99	Canada 10 Cents 1889
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:06:40 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1875H
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:06:57 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1883H
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:07:06 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1889
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:07:18 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1872H
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:07:42 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1887
01-Sept-07	04-Sept-07 02:07:54 EDT	GBP 29.90	Canada 10 Cents 1889

## CANADA'S OTHER CURRENCY

*Roger C. Paulen*

Canadian Tire is a symbol of Canada, just as our maple leaf and Tim Horton's coffee. A popular form of paper money collecting has evolved from the colourful issues offered by Canadian Tire since 1958. Since then the company has issued 21 different series.



These "cash bonus coupons" were issued to customers with their gasoline purchases to be redeemed only on store merchandise. In the early sixties, Canadian Tire 'Money' extends out from the gas bar to the retail environment. Today, Canadian Tire 'Money', available nationally, is Canada's most recognized customer loyalty program. Each year the company gives out more that \$100 million worth, in denominations ranging from five cents to \$2. Often jokingly called Canada's second currency, Canadian Tire bills are also accepted by some sellers on ebay.ca and in many small-town bars. A CIBC BANK machine in Moncton, New Brunswick in 2004, even accidentally dispensed some Canadian Tire bills.

In 2005, Liquor International in west Edmonton started accepting Canadian Tire money at par as a form of payment, and part owner Don Calder says the program is a hit with shoppers. It was supposed to be a short-term gimmick but proved so popular that he's kept it up. There are a few rules: customers can only pay up to \$50 with Canadian Tire bills. Oh, and none of those pesky five- or 10-cent ones. Most people come in with a couple of dollars' worth, probably whatever they've got in their glove box. There are no legal problems with the store accepting Canadian Tire money, said Robyn Cochrane, a spokeswoman for the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, which oversees the province's private liquor stores.

Groups such as the Canadian Tire Collectors Club collect them just like any coin or bill collector. Jerome Fourre, who edits the group's newsletter and co-wrote a guide to the "currency," has a caution for people who might want to cash all of their wayward Canadian Tire money in for some liquid cheer: some of the rarer bills can go for as much as \$1,500 (*Editor – \$1500 buys a lot of beer!*).



## COMING EVENTS

### SHOWS – USA & INTERNATIONAL

Sept 27-29	Coin Stamp & Collectible Expo Long Beach Convention Centre	LONG BEACH, CA
Oct 27-28	COINFEST, 90 Harding Road	GREENWICH, CT
Mar 7-9 2008	ANA National Money Show	PHOENIX, AZ
Apr 18-20	Gold and Silver Over Niagara Conference Center at Niagara Fall	NIAGARA FALLS, NY

### SHOWS – CANADA

Sept 28-30	TNS, Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East	HAMILTON, ON
Oct 13	Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall	OSHAWA, ON
Oct 27-28	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Radisson Admiral Hotel	TORONTO, ON
Nov 2-4	NUPHILEX, Holiday Inn Midtown	MONTREAL, QC
Nov 3	11th Annual Scarborough Coin Club Show Cedarbrook Community Centre	SCARBOROUGH, ON
<b>Nov 10, 11</b>	<b>EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW</b> <b>Ramada Edmonton Inn (Kingsway)</b>	<b>EDMONTON, AB</b>
Nov 25	Vancouver Coin & Stamp Show Oakridge Centre Auditorium	Vancouver, BC
Feb 23-24 2008	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Radisson Admiral Hotel	TORONTO, ON
July 18-20 2008	2008 CAN Convention	Ottawa, ON

## 2007 \$4 DINOSAUR COLLECTION COIN SERIES

*Roger C. Paulen*

Being a geologist, of course I was thrilled to see a new coin series on Dinosaurs. The Royal Canadian Mint has struck dinosaurs before, but as non-legal tokens celebrating Jurassic Park III as part of their Reelcoinz Series in 2001 – somehow this does not quite count in my books. The new coin series is somewhat unique; each coin features a captivating design of fossilized dinosaur bones with a selective aging technique, which appear as small versions of mounts and casts like those seen at the Royal Tyrrell Museum. Variations in tone and colour are a direct result of this process. No two coins will be alike. Knowing full well how poor the investment value is with Royal Canadian Mint ‘giftware’, I still intend to purchase this set.

The first coin depicts a *Parasaurolophus*. This dinosaur was one of 12 duck-billed dinosaurs that flourished throughout Alberta between 65 and 76 million years ago. It is easily identified by the six-foot long crest curving out from the back of its head which paleontologists believe was used for communication - an important capability for these rather docile herbivores that relied on their herds for protection. I eagerly await the next three dinosaurs.



The Royal Canadian Mint has long produced thematic coins of a geological theme. This list includes: 1951 5 cent Nickel commemorative; 1992 25 cent series from Quebec (Perce Rock), Yukon (Glacier), Alberta (Hoodoo), and PEI (Sandstone Coastline); 1992 Gold \$200 Niagara Falls; 1996 Gold \$100 Klondike Gold Rush Centennial; 2002 Gold \$100 Canada's Oil Industry (Leduc); 2003 Silver Dollar Cobalt Silver Discovery; the 2003-2005 \$20 Natural Wonder series, specifically those celebrating Niagara Falls, Rocky Mountains, Icebergs, Hopewell Rocks and the NWT Diamonds; and the 2005 Alberta Centennial with the Oil derrick tower on the 25 cent and \$5 silver coin. The Royal Canadian Mint missed a grand opportunity (in my opinion) by not striking a commemorative celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geological Survey of Canada in 1992.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

According to ENS Secretary Marc Binc, ENS has 74 (paid) members for 2007. New members 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. 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.

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our September meeting will be held at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm; door will open at 7:00 pm. Bring your appetite, for this is the annual ENS 'Pizza Night'.

**Speaker:** *Howard Gilbey* – The Halifax coin show and his other numismatic adventures during the summer.

**Speaker:** *Dan Gosling and others*– ANA, CNA attendees - club member summer experiences related to all.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE: A PLEA FOR HELP**

First of all, my apologies to the membership for not getting a June issue of *The Planchet* in your mailbox. My career as a geologist is a chaotic one at times, and I simply ran out of time as fieldwork beckoned.

Last winter, when I assumed the role of editor for *The Planchet*, I suddenly realized that the title of 'editor' is all-encompassing, including researching and writing 95% of the articles, editing, publishing, packaging and shipping. Given my current professional workload, this can no longer continue. I am willing to continue as editor for *The Planchet*, I really do enjoy researching and writing the articles, but I desperately need help in all the other departments. If one or more members have the time to get the documents printed, sit and staple them together (yes, we staple them by hand to save the society money), fold them, print off 4 sheets of envelope labels and stick them plus the stamps on the envelopes and finally mail them the week prior to the meeting – please raise your hand. The ideal situation would be for me to email the final word document with all the images embedded in jpeg format (universal) in advance of the mailing date and then the publishing team takes it from there. If I can't get the help I need here, then I can confidently declare that this is my last issue - I will have no choice but to step down as editor due to my professional commitments.

Roger Paulen



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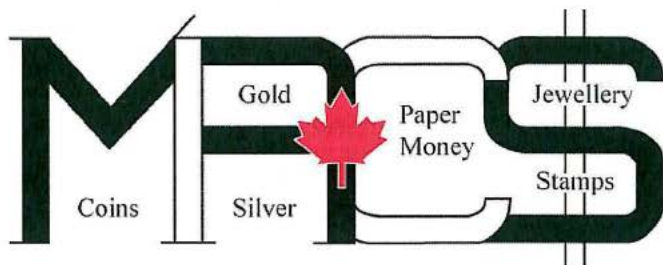
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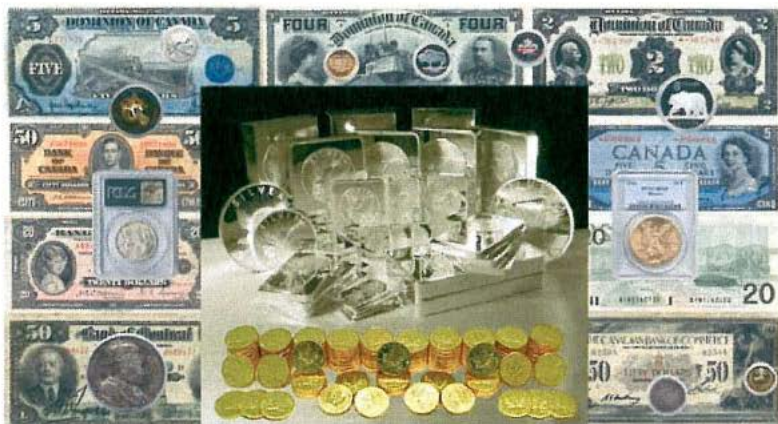
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