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*55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*

# Edmonton's Money Show

## March 29 & 30

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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 75th 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. ENS will host CNA in 2009.

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## **ENS Monthly Meeting, February 13, 2008**

As the dust settled around our society status, elections were held for the 2008 ENS Executive and Directors. Outgoing directors are thanked for their time and contribution and we welcome the new faces on the ENS Executive.

Guest speaker was Marc Bink who gave an insightful presentation on the Reichsmark. Dan Gosling presented the 2008 Ashrap report, authored by ENS member Randy Ash. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30, and fellowship continued at Boston Pizza on 124<sup>th</sup>.

### **MARCH MEETING**

Our March meeting will be held on the Sunday morning of Edmonton's Money Show, at the Mayfield Inn, 16615 – 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Doors open and coffee is available at 8:00 am, breakfast buffet at 8:30 am. Cost to attend this meeting is \$15 per ticket; please RSVP to Terry at 455-0480 to attend.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Keith Meagher (Royal Canadian Mint)

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The digital version of *The Planchet* has arrived. Delivery, via a PDF document, by email is now an option to all members.

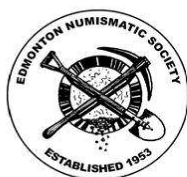
To benefit those who opt for email delivery, I have changed the entire format of *The Planchet* from a folded booklet format to a single page, double column format. This will allow easy printing (single or double sided) of the PDF newsletter. I hope you like the new format!

Roger Paulen  
ENS Editor

## MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for 2008 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 membership cards will be sent out with the next issue of *The Planchet*. 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

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## **A message from ENS President Jamie Horkulak**

Welcome everybody to one of the busiest months in numismatics. This is coin show season. The dealer community is fairly small, travelling across the country bringing their wares to collectors in all the major cities, and their schedules have to coincide with hotel availability. These traveling dealers along with the local dealers make up the show.

Our show attendees come from all over western Canada. This time around, we are after Nuphilex in Montreal, the CNS show in Calgary, and Torex in Toronto. What that means for collectors is fresh inventory picked up at those shows is now on sale in Edmonton!

A highlight of the upcoming Edmonton Money Show is Michael Walsh, the Canadian Coinoisseur, will be previewing auction lots of a fabulous paper consignment from his upcoming Torex auction. These early dominion chartered and '35 issue in high grade are rarely seen this nice. George Manz Coins will also be previewing auction lots for his upcoming world coin auction to be held April 19th in Regina.

It was great to see a rather large Edmonton contingency at the Calgary show March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to Ex-ENS member, now CNS President, James Williston for his hospitality. James has been instrumental in turning the Calgary show, and the entire Calgary Numismatic Society, into a great success. The CNS show is slightly smaller than our Money Show, but with James at the helm it could only expand. We are expecting many CNS members up for the Edmonton Show.

See you there!  
Jamie

### **ENS Executive Note:**

As per order of the President, the draft of the new ENS Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics has been completed and is available for review by ENS members on the ENS website. Copies will also be available for review at the ENS club table during the March show.

All members are requested to be present at the April General Meeting to vote upon the adoption of this new Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics.

## **ENS PLANCHET FACELIFT**

As of this issue, *The Planchet* has undergone a couple of major changes. We have changed the printing layout from booklet style to a single page format, two column printable format. This new format will allow us to easily create full colour PDF digital documents of the planchet that can be emailed to members. The full page format will allow members to easily print copies of *The Planchet*.

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Being the first issue in this new format, please note that minor changes may occur as we work the kinks out of our new layout.

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Roger Paulen, Editor, *The Planchet*

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**Special Guest speaker: Keith Meagher from the Royal Canadian Mint**

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## UNUSUAL CANADIAN GOLD COINS AT HERITAGE AUCTION

Some sharp-eyed Canadian collectors were puzzled over the latest Canadian gold coins being auctioned on eBay from the February 2008 Heritage Long Beach Auction. Even more amazing, is that these "gold coins" were attributed by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC). The items up for auction were (shown here with Heritage Auction site descriptions):

Canada 1849 1/4 Dollar Liberty Head Gold MS62 NGC. Gold, 0.54 gm. 1849-dated Canada 25 cents Liberty Head RGT-with shield.



1849 Canada One Dollar Gold, MS62 NGC. Gold. Liberty head type with reverse shield.



British Columbia 1849 Gold 2 Dollar MS62 NGC. Gold. Two dollar British Columbia gold with reverse eagle and shield.



Actually, these three pieces are considered to be 'Canadian Gold Jewelers Pieces' and were minted by Jacoby Brothers Limited, Manufacturing Jewelers. They were often made into brooches, earrings, tiepins, bracelets, or some other form of jewelry. The pieces are typically 9K to 10K gold.

There appears to have been little numismatic interest, past or present, in these pieces in Canada. They occasionally show up on auction lists, but surprisingly appear more often in the United States. As to rarity, one can only hazard a guess. Obviously "mint" records are not available. However, Greene and Locke (2001) mention that typical orders were for 1000 large pieces, 500 smaller pieces and that multiple orders would have been received per year. The dies were used over a period of decades so it is possible that the mintages of some varieties could have been in the tens of thousands. At least 114 varieties of British Columbia gold jewelers pieces are known.

Several Canadian collectors contacted Heritage Auctions and received this reply:

"Unfortunately, the lots for Heritage tokens and medals auction #462 were put into the wrong category on eBay. The lots should have gone into the euxonomia category. As you can see from the online Heritage version of the lot, the items are listed under the category "California Gold Charms" and the auction is intended for tokens and medals only."

It is not unusual that auction lots containing these pieces often have erroneous statements in their listings (e.g., 1990 CNA Auction). However, the attribution, grading and designation of these coins being described as Canada or British Columbia issues by NGC is the real jaw-dropper.

References:

Green, R. and Locke, M. 2001. Canadian Gold Jewelers Pieces

<http://www.calgoldcoin.com/canada.htm>

## **George Manz Coin Auctions presents Auction #4**

ENS member George Manz has announced that the Regina Coin Club's Spring Show will be the venue for the fourth in a series of auctions by George Manz Coin Auctions. The auction includes Part I of the George Manz Senior Collection (the father of the auctioneer who passed away in 1971) as well as Part III of the Roy Miller Collection.

The first lot at auction among the 194 lots is a denarius of Severus Alexander, who ruled Rome from 222-235. In EF condition, the silver coin is expected to sell for \$250. Another ancient coin of note is a Chinese Chou Dynasty Pu Spade issued 1122-255 BC. World coins include a beautifully toned 100 pesetas from Equatorial Guinea depicting Goya's famous painting of a nude woman, a French Crusader coin struck for Charles II of Anjou in the 13th century, a British 1911 half penny in MS-65 Red, an Irish 1822 penny from the Bud Collins Collection of Irish Coins, and a square 1920 cent from the Straits Settlements. A small number of U.S. coin lots are also offered, including a 1990 one-ounce Walking Liberty Silver Eagle with premium quality toning, estimated to sell for \$30.

Many Canadian coins are included in the April 19th auction in Regina, including numerous ICCS certified and graded coins. Among the highlights is an 1859 Double Punched Narrow 9 Variation graded VF-30 by ICCS. This variety is not listed in either Charlton or in Trends. The coin is estimated to sell for \$300. One of the prettier coins at auction is a 1973 specimen dollar celebrating the 100th anniversary of the North West Mounted Police. The reverse of this coin has outstanding toning and eye appeal and is graded SP-66, estimated to sell for \$30. Another lovely coin is a 2007 \$30 commemorating the Canadian National Vimy Ridge Memorial where four divisions of Canadian troops fought to victory in 1917. The auction also features a large assortment of Newfoundland coinage, including a rare 1899 Hooked 9s 20 cent, graded VG-8, expected to sell for \$45. A key date Nova Scotia 1862 cent, graded VG-10 by ICCS, is also for sale, with an estimated value of \$100.

A 1959 CNA Convention medal from Regina, the first CNA convention held outside Ontario, is expected to see spirited bidding. One of only 275 bronze medals struck, the scarce medal is shaped like a scallop. The medal is expected to sell for \$60. A large rectangular wooden nickel issued in Amsterdam, NY in 1954 and a love token carved on the reverse of a British 1843 groat (4 pence) are also expected to see lively bidding.

Historical and commemorative medals are among the prominent features of the auction, including four 1936 Edward VIII pattern crowns from British East Africa, Ceylon and New Guinea. Also at auction are three Canadian medals from the Great Canadians Series, including Samuel de Champlain and Emily Carr, both of which exhibit ultra heavy cameos and outstanding multi-colour obverse toning. American medals include a 56mm bronze 1934 Centenary of Maryland medal and a Loyal Order of Moose medal from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

American paper money includes an obsolete Citizens' Bank of Louisiana \$5 CINQ note, a close cousin of the more famous \$10 DIX notes, after which the land of Dixie or Dixieland is named. A Royal Bank of Canada 1935 \$10 note with large signatures is also for sale, estimated to sell for \$275. Canadian paper money includes an 1878 \$1, numerous shinplasters, and a large number of replacement notes and radars. A 1973 \$1 error note that was cut out of register and cut off size is expected to sell for \$100. A lot of two specimen notes with the same serial numbers from the Pacific island of Tonga is also at auction, as is a lot of six stock certificates issued to Roy Miller in the 1950s and 1960s.

A collection of flags from the Roy Miller Collection and a large set of 315 Harley-Davidson sports cards that depict its history and motorcycles will also go under the gavel. Numismatic books and catalogues round out the auction, including the first part of the George Manz Senior Collection. Included are a Third Edition of Jim Charlton's 1955 Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens & Fractional Currency as well as several catalogues written by Hans Zoell.

The auction will take place at the Regina Coin Club's Spring Show on April 19 at the Western Christian College gymnasium in Regina. Lots can be viewed in the bourse from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, while the auction begins at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to receive the auction catalogue by email should send their email address to George Manz at [george@georgemanzcoins.com](mailto:george@georgemanzcoins.com). The catalogue can also be viewed at [www.georgemanzcoins.com](http://www.georgemanzcoins.com)



# GEORGE MANZ COINS AUCTIONS



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## HOARD OF GAULISH COINS DISCOVERED IN FRANCE

**French News, 18 February 2008**

France's biggest trove of Gaulish coins has been unearthed in Brittany. Archeologists found them while searching along the route of a bypass under construction in the Côtes d'Armor. The coins are in the hands of specialist restorers and will go on display in the department. The trove consists of 545 gold-silver-copper coins: 58 staters and 487 quarterstaters. 'Stater' is the generic term for antique coins. They lay a foot beneath the earth's surface near Laniscat, 64km south of Saint-Brieuc, at a known Iron Age manor house or farm site, and date to 75- 50BC. They are very well preserved.

Inrap, the national institute for preventive archeological research, which has the right to investigate sites ahead of infrastructure work, reports similar finds in the 1930s at Guingamp and Perros-Guirec, but says the latest trove is the biggest yet. Searching ahead of construction work, an Inrapled

team found a single coin about 30cm down, and then began a systematic search. They found another 50 coins the same day, then brought in metal detectors and found the rest. They believe the coins were all buried together but were disturbed over the centuries by ploughing. The hoard represents a fortune for its period and is priceless to archeologists. Most deals in Gaulish times were by barter: coins were for the mega-rich.

The farm where the coins were found is thought to have belonged to the Osisme people, a Celtic tribe living in the far west of Brittany. Inrap quotes Pytheas of Marseille, a Greek seafarer who left Marseille in about 300BC for Great Britain, as mentioning the tribe living at the tip of the peninsula. Inrap cites Léon Fleuriot, 1923-87, a specialist in old Celtic languages and Breton history, as stating that the word Osisme meant "the people farthest away". Latest archeological finds, says Inrap, show that the Osisme people ruled a territory comprising today's Finistère, Morbihan and Côtes d'Armor, controlling the overland trade route between



the Atlantic and the Channel. The coins are made from an alloy called electrum and, like all Gaulish coins, are copies of early Greek money. Greeks served as mercenaries in the armies of Alexander the Great and used the money they brought home as a model for coins of their own. Some of the coins show a horse on one side and a man's head on the reverse, a familiar Celtic monetary pattern. Other coins have previously unknown designs, such as horses

with human heads. Others again show riders and wild boars.



Much of the importance of the find is that it was discovered close to where it was buried. The manor house site, dating to the third century BC, includes an enclosure marked off by a ditch and rampart, less for defence than as boundary markers, with six entrance porches. Part of the enclosure holds a grain store raised above ground. One mystery remains. No one yet has come up with a solution as to why the coin hoard was buried – or why it was never retrieved.

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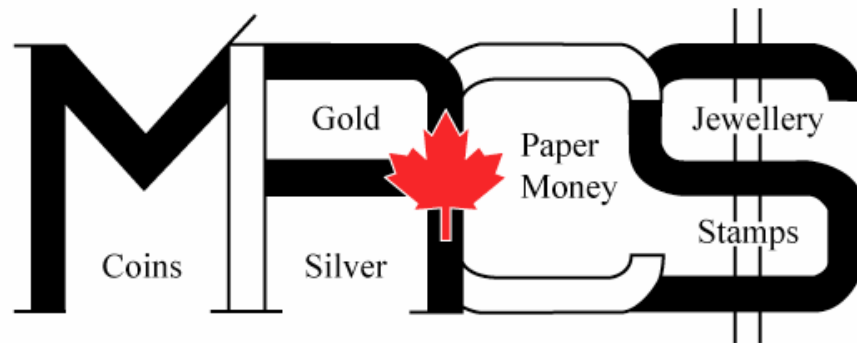
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