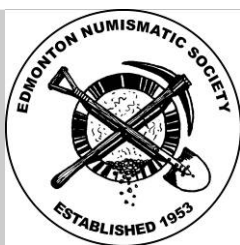


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Wednesday, June 11, 2008
Doors 7:00 pm-- Meeting 7:30 pm
Royal Alberta Museum
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The Planchet

55th Anniversary Year

2008 25-Cent Canada Day
Coloured Coin and Activity Set



The Royal Canadian Mint celebrates Canada Day with its 8th Canada Day coloured 25-cent coin and activity set. This year's coin features a 'cool' moose in shades and with his cap on backwards.

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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JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting will be held at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, June 11th.

Topic: Museum Tour
by Sean Moir (curator)

NOTE: Members are asked to arrive no later than 18:45 hrs - at the Old Archives Entrance of the Museum. This tour replaces the Show and Tell, which was originally scheduled (this will be rescheduled for later in the year).

As usual, the coin discussion and fellowship will continue at the nearby Boston Pizza at 10543 124 St.

ENS 2008 CLUB BBQ

Generously hosted by Matt Sztym, Sunday, June 22nd.

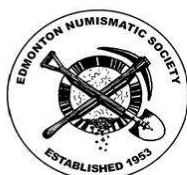
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Start arriving by 15:30 hrs, bring your own liquid refreshments (beer, pop, etc.).



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you have not renewed your 2008 membership please do so as soon as possible, payable to the ENS, or if you're paying cash, pay it to the Secretary/Membership chair (Marc Bink). 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.



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(except life membership) JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

In Memoriam: Lorne Paul Kroetch

By Dan Gosling

A Life Well Lived

It always seems that the feeling one gets when attending the funeral for a dear friend, or loved one, is a reflection of how they lived their life. This was true during the service for Lorne Kroetch at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Wetaskiwin on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Father Jim Corrigan officiated a warm and loving tribute to our fellow coin collector and club member.

Lorne died suddenly in Wetaskiwin on March 24th, 2008, at the age of 81 years. He was very active in the Edmonton Coin Club in the late 1970s and throughout much of the 1980s and served our club well as both a Director and Vice-President for many terms.

He led a full life, both as a member of the legal profession in Alberta, and as a devoted husband, stepfather, grandpa and great grandfather. Born in Strome, Alberta, Lorne studied at the University of Alberta, and was admitted to the bar in 1951. He practiced law in Edson and Edmonton, before retiring to Wetaskiwin in 1989. An avid outdoorsman and adventurer, Lorne canoed, motor-biked and traveled to all corners of our world.

Left to mourn is his wife, Doris; stepsons: Tony (Jean), Greg (Mitzi), Doug (Lilly), Darrell (Gloria) and Mark (Christine); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five brothers: Martin (Hilda), Tom, Edwin (Gwen), John (Rosa) and Richard (Lynne); three sisters: Margaret (Borle), Catherine, Donna (Sommer); and many other relatives and friends.

We will certainly all miss Lorne; I know I will.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

By the time you read this issue, the May ENS Club Meeting will have come and gone. Due to unforeseen circumstances and a personal issue, I was out of town from April 30 until May 14 and could not get the issue to press in time. This was unavoidable and I apologize to those who were eagerly awaiting the May issue prior to the club meeting.

Thanks to all who have provided compliments and constructive comments regarding the new layout of *The Planchet*. Those of you who now download the PDF version from the ENS website are enjoying the full page layout and colour images – certainly a perk for digital delivery.

Lastly, I would encourage any of our members to contribute their favorite collecting niche or numismatic expertise to *The Planchet*. Sometimes all you really need are a couple of good photos and a small bit of written information – the editorial process can bring it to life. My email is on the ENS web page, feel free to send me any articles you deem relevant to *The Planchet* there.

Roger Paulen
Editor, The Planchet



IMAGES OF THE ENS 2008 MONEY SHOW

*Photographs courtesy of Mary-Anne Luzba
(Canadian Coin News)*



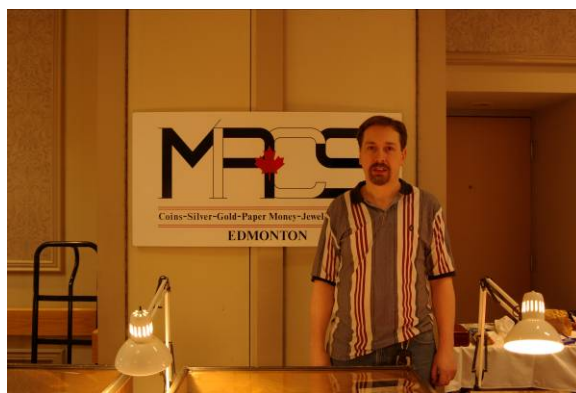
Bourse floor on a busy Saturday morning.



ENS Executive member Pierre Driessen takes a shift manning the show entrance.



Hugh Powell, Newcan Coins & Currency, always brings gem red, high-grade bronze coins to the ENS Show. For one-cent collectors, it is a tantalizing display.



Michael Riedel, MRCs Edmonton, has been a great supporter of the ENS and a long-time sponsor and advertiser in *The Planchet*. His table always has an impressive display of bullion silver and gold.



ENS Executive David Peter smiling and selling his selection of Canadian coins.



Editor of *The Planchet* posing for a photo with his uncle, Willard Burton of B & W Coins and Tokens, from Brampton, Ontario.

COMING EVENTS

SHOWS – CANADA 2008

JUNE 14-15, WINNIPEG, MB

Winnipeg Coin Club Spring Show, Royal Canadian Mint. Contact bmcoin@shaw.ca

JUNE 15, VANCOUVER, BC

Vancouver Coin and Stamp Show, Oakridge Centre Auditorium (North Shore Numismatic Society). Contact kjcarter@shaw.ca

JUNE 28-29, TORONTO, ON

Torex – Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

JULY 17-20, OTTAWA, ON

2008 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel. Web site: <http://Canadian-numismatic.org>

AUGUST 15-17, HALIFAX, NS

East Coast Extravaganza, Casino Nova Scotia. Contact: citadelcoins@eastlink.ca

SEPTEMBER 14, LONDON, ON

London Numismatic Society 16th Annual Coin Show, Ramada London. Contact: lbuth@webmanager.on.ca

SEPTEMBER 26-28, ST. CATHERINES, ON

TNS, Quality Hotel. Contact: rcoins@cogeco.ca

SEPTEMBER 27, NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK

Frontier Mall Collector's Show, Frontier Mall. Contact: fmma@accesscomm.ca

OCTOBER 18, OSHAWA, ON

Durham COIN-A-RAMA, Five Points Mall. Contact: papman@idirect.com

OCTOBER 24-26, LONGUEUIL, QC

International Coin Show, Sandman Hotel. Contact: timbratheque@videotron.ca

OCTOBER 25-26, TORONTO, ON

Torex – Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

OCT. 31 – NOV. 2, MONTREAL, QC

Nuphilex, Holiday Inn Midtown. Contact: nuphilex@bellnet.ca

NOVEMBER 2008

EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY MONEY SHOW. Date to be announced.

SPAIN TRIES TO CLAIM SHIPWRECK TREASURE

Steve Kingstone, BBC News, Madrid

Spain has formally laid claim to a haul of half a million gold and silver coins raised from a shipwreck by the American treasure-hunting company Odyssey Marine Exploration. The wreck was discovered last year in the North Atlantic.

In its legal submission, the Spanish government says the mysterious shipwreck is the Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes - a Spanish naval frigate which was destroyed by the British in 1804. The government in Madrid says that, under international law, the vessel and its contents are the property of the Spanish state.

Except, the Mercedes' precious cargo has already been removed. More than half a million gold and silver coins were raised from the wreck by Odyssey Marine Exploration, the NASDAC registered company that located the ship. Weighing seventeen tonnes, the haul was brought ashore in Gibraltar and promptly flown to Florida, where the company is based.

Odyssey Marine Exploration did keep the identity and location of the ship secret for many months - although last month the company publicly acknowledged that the wreck was "possibly" the Mercedes. Odyssey insists it's broken no laws, and suggests the Spanish government had, in effect, already abandoned the ship to its fate.

The coins and other artifacts, whose combined value has been estimated at half a billion dollars, are said by the company to be at a "secure location." A judge in Miami will eventually rule on the rightful ownership of this valuable slice of naval history.

COINS OF AFGHANISTAN

By Roger C. Paulen

Having recently acquired a collection of international coins, and the paucity of articles being submitted from ENS members, I felt that I should share some of the more interesting coins with our readers.

Afghanistan is an ancient country with a long history, too long to attempt to recount briefly here. It sits astride strategic trade routes, which probably account for the turbulence of its history dating back to its invasion by Darius the Great. It has been in the world news in recent years and Canadian soldiers have been deployed there for several years.

Since decimalisation in 1929 under Muhammed Nadir Shah, the main Afghan denomination has been the Afghani, with 100 Puls = 1 Afghani, and 20 Afghanis = 1 Amani. In common with many Moslem countries, there are usually no portraits on the coins, and they are often indecipherable



to most westerners. In recent years a number of commemorative issues has been produced which also have inscriptions in English. Here is one of the last coins (250 Afghanis) from the short-lived Republic, which lasted from 1973 to 1978, with a beautiful snow leopard on the reverse.

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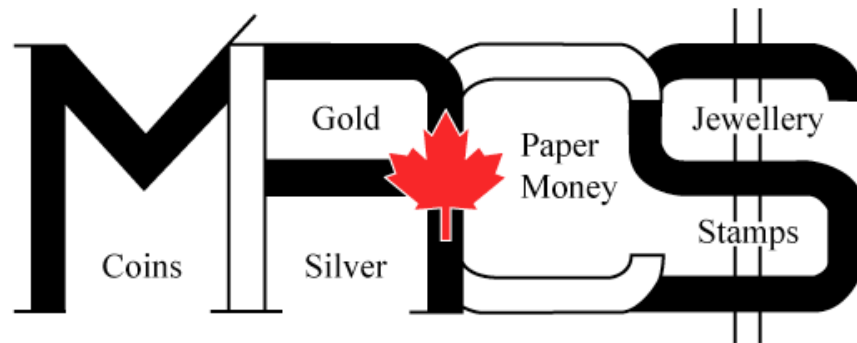
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