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CLUB NEWS. by Terry Hjalmarson (M3)

Our third Sunday bourse on November 19th was very busy until it was time for the Bills to "do their thing" but the auction drew a really nice crowd of enthusiastic bidders. The pace was steady and a couple of interesting lots added to the excitement. A steel slide box with some coins in it started out at \$40.00 and realized a final bid of \$75.00. An equally old cigar box of mixed coins and currency was offered for \$35.00 and was "stolen" by a lone bidder.

Our next coin auction on December 17th will also include another steel slide box with some numismatic treasures in it. An additional lot that may interest some of our members is 7 rolls of 1982 small and large date Lincoln Cents (zinc and copper) in BU condition. Check out these and the other 128 lots to be offered in the December auction. Hope to see you there!

Lucky winners of the drawing for 26 week's free subscription to *Numismatic News* are members Bill Lange and Larry Reade. A non-member won \$29.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Membership

Be sure to renew your membership by the end of this month if you want to renew at the current rate. On January 1st the membership rates will increase to \$ 15.00 per year (\$ 8.00 for Juniors, 11—18 and Seniors, 65 and over). OR if you really want to support your club, wait till next year to renew! Ha,ha.

Sick List

About the middle of November Harry Schutt's wife, Lois, called to let us know that Harry had emergency heart surgery. We're happy to report that he's doing fine and hopefully we'll see him at our next bourse.

February Meeting Means Elections

February 5, 2001 is the date to set aside for getting together with fellow members at the Eagles Hall on Broadway in Depew at 7:00 P.M. We will have a short business meeting which will include election of officers—people you want to lead you through the next two years of numismatic and philatelic happenings. There will be an auction (Each member is welcome to put in up to 5 lots. Let us know 2 weeks before the meeting if you are interested.) and refreshments will be available for all. Come and make your voice heard. Sorry, no recounts!

The following members have tossed their hats into the ring—

Ron Kus—President

James Cross or Carl Miller—Vice President

Rolf Hjalmarson—Treasurer

Terry Hjalmarson—Secretary



Ken Brubaker—Events Coordinator
Brian Delmont—Sergeant at Arms
Gary Strasser—Asst. Sergeant at Arms

If any member is interested in running for any of the above positions, please let any of the officers or board members know of your intent by the first of the year. Ballots will be sent out with the next mailing.

WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY ?

Some of you may remember an article in our September, 2000 issue (p. 3) about a former Philadelphia Mint coin press mechanic who stole error coins that were produced there. David J. D'Angelo was sentenced on November 28th to a federal prison term and was heavily fined. His sentence included six month's imprisonment, two years of supervised release including six months of home detention, and an \$80,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

D'Angelo had pleaded guilty on September 12th to one count of theft of public money and property after admitting to stealing the error coins over a 15-month period. His employment was terminated as a result of his devious means of "collecting" errors. It was discovered that he stole single coin errors and multi-coin errors from the Philadelphia Mint between 1998 and 2000. He sold his cache to collectors and internet auctioneers for about \$ 74,000.

Court documents revealed that D'Angelo admitted to stealing the coins and stashing them within the Mint with plans to smuggle them out one to two coins per day. However, his plans were interrupted on March 21st when he was stopped and searched by U.S. Mint Police. Found at his work station in tool boxes were approximately 2,800 error pieces.

KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING

We received a couple of interesting letters the other day and wanted to share them with you—

Dear Rolf:

*Your newsletters are excellent and contain lots of interesting items!
Although my main numismatic interest is not coins—Canadian or U.S., I find your club to be a fun club. I wish I was closer to attend more often.*

My main U.S. interest was 'building' a complete set of SERIES 1995 Geo. Washington \$1.00 suffex letter notes (Robert Rubin series) and am still missing a few. It's more difficult to go through U.S. \$1.00 notes here in Canada!

My main Canadian interest is 'Canadian Tire Cash Bonus Coupons' and related currency.

DON'T FORGET !!! - ELECTING NEW OFFICERS

AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**FEB. 5th, 2001 FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE YEAR
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These are fractional currency notes produced by either the Canadian Bank Note Company—the same two companies that make Canadian Paper Money! The quality is the same as real money—produced on bank note security paper complete with several security devices, micro-printing and latent images! (Roger sent samples of all denominations with his letter. Please ask to see them if you are interested.) Canadian Tire has been issuing 'coupons' since 1958 and some of the early notes can be worth up to \$1,000.00!

Our club, The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club was formed in 1990 and we have over 330 active members nationally across Canada and several U.S. members who either have property or spend time in Canada during the year, or are currency collectors and like acquiring these colourful fractional notes.

The notes are available at any of the more than 400 Canadian Tire Stores in Canada and are given out on a percentage or purchase value when you pay by cash, debit card or cheque.

If anyone would like more information on these 'coupons' please call me @ 905-898-7677, write me at 382 Selby Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y-6E1 or e-mail: phoxy@look.ca. I would even consider doing a presentation for the club.

Roger Fox (M211)

Dear Rolf:

I attended the (ECCSC) Coin & Stamp Show this past Sunday and thoroughly enjoyed it and even met someone with whom I had previous dealings with—(favorable, of course).

I particularly thought your auction proceedings were fair and moved along at a very good pace—not too fast and not too slow). I was also able to indulge myself in refreshments

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TNS, The Numismatic Show, 2001 Schedule

Spring Show: May 11 (auctions and dealer set up), May 12 & May 13, 2001 (Bourse open)
Fall Show: Sept. 28 (auctions and dealer set up), Sept. 29 & Sept. 30, 2001 (Bourse open)

Location: Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, level P3, Hamilton, Ont L8N 1B2

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while awaiting auction time which was also a positive!

I read the Newsletter and was wondering if you would consider including a numismatically oriented trivia question in any of the upcoming issues. I am currently involved in a major project of this nature and would be more than happy to send you a question and answer every month for this purpose.

*Sincerely yours,
Michael (M266)*

Our answer to Michael and all members is, "Yes, yes, yes—absolutely!!" Just think—if each of our 175 members put just one thing into the newsletter—it would really be a members' newsletter. Isn't there something you've been wanting to say for such a long time that we can put into your newsletter?

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

- There are 9 different types of half dollars, not including varieties or commemoratives, that have been minted for circulation since 1794? Can you name them? See page 6 for the answer.
- The new postal rates for first class mail of one ounce or less will be increased by 1¢ to 34¢ while 2 ounces will remain at 55¢.

THIS MONTH'S NEW STAMP ISSUES

New postal stamps to make an appearance on December 15th will not bear the usual letters of the alphabet for nondenominated stamps. Not since 1978 have letters appeared on such stamps. The new U.S.P.S. nondenominated stamps will mark the increase to 34¢ next month on January 7th. They are inscribed "First Class USA." and are worth only 34¢. They will not be accepted as full payment for first class mail after future rate increases are made, though this does happen in the United Kingdom.

Up to 1985 monochrome Eagle designs have been used for this purpose, but the newest nondenominated

self-adhesive 34¢ stamp sports an American flag in the foreground with a farm in the background (Farm Flag). Also making an appearance will be Flowers definitives and about 3 billion nondenominated 34¢ Statue of Liberty stamps.

After the new stamp rates are approved denominated versions will be produced and distributed.



THE MYSTERY OF 1913 LIBERTY HEAD NICKELS. by Brian Delmont (M101)

A Philadelphia Mint worker, Samuel W. Brown, was somehow involved with the production of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickels. By 1919 Mr. Brown no longer worked for the Mint and had moved to North Tonawanda, New York. At that time he placed an ad in the *Numismatist* for purchase of any 1913 Liberty Head Nickels. He had claimed that he owned five specimens. They were perfectly legal. These coins were minted in early January and the replacement Buffalo Nickels would not come out until the middle or later part of February.

Samuel Brown was also a well-regarded person of his time. Not only was he elected mayor of North Tonawanda, he was also invited to serve on the Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint from 1924 to 1925.

Somewhere between 1920 and 1924 Brown sold his five prized coins to August Wagner, a Philadelphia coin dealer. In January of 1924 Wagner offered the five coins for sale. The list of subsequent owners after that were Stephen K. Nagy, Wayte Raymond and Col. E.H.R. Green, son of Hetty Green, financial Wall Street wizard. Following Green's death on June 8, 1936 his coins were appraised by B.G. Johnson of St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company).

Each coin has its own individual pedigree after that—the most interestingly mysterious one is the Reynolds specimen which was thought to have been in the hands of George O. Walton who died in a car crash in 1962. (This ownership was never verified). The car crash occurred on his way to or from a coin show. Coins were spilled over the highway and the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel was never located. It will be interesting to see if and when it may reappear. As of this date there are only 4 specimens known.



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JOSEPH HOOPER, ANA PRESIDENT FROM 1898—1901. by Scott Douglas (M238)

Joseph Hooper was born in Plymouth, England on February 19, 1833. He moved with his family to the United States in 1851 and a short time later settled in Port Hope, Ontario. Hooper operated a jewelry store in Coburg, Ontario for a number of years. His son was still running this business in the 1940s. Hooper sold his collection in New York City (July 21-22 and October 6, 1892) through Edouard Frossard. (Josef Hooper's collection included Canadian tokens and Peace medals as well as British coins.) He then retired from business and moved to Rochester, N.Y. where he died in the spring of 1919 at the age of 86.

In the *Numismatist* of 1892 a fellow collector was noted as commenting, "Mr. Hooper is the type of the true numismatist; one who loves the science for the science. His greatest delight is the study and arrangement of his fine cabinet of coins and medals, and he is ever anxious, that, that which gives him so much pleasure should be shared by others. He has given several highly successful numismatic exhibitions for charitable purposes, and does much to awaken an interest in the science with the young and old. Painstaking and methodical, he is filled to the brim with enthusiasm in the study."

Joseph Hooper was one of several early Canadians who played a prominent part in the establishment of the American Numismatic Association. Hooper was the first vice president (1892) before becoming the president of the ANA from 1898-1901. This was a very critical stage of the organization's development. Hooper wrote a continuing series in the *Numismatist* entitled "Numismatic Foundation Stones." In 1892, through those pages, he suggested that the ANA should compile a listing of prices from various past auction sales so that values of coins in various condition could be determined. It was at this time Hooper also proposed an obverse and reverse design for an ANA medal. The obverse incorporated the legend "De Profundis" (out of the greatest depth) under a volume titled *Ancient History* upon which stood a lighted student's lamp. This design was immediately embraced and is the ANA symbol in use today.

NEW FEATURE SERIES IN COIN WORLD

Coin World previews a new series of feature articles scheduled to appear throughout 2001. The new series, titled "Who's Who on U.S. Coins," profiles the men, women and children who have appeared on U.S. coinage since its beginning.

The first installment is found on p. 90 of the December 18, 2000 issue which profiles Ira Allen, the Vermont patriot who helped found the republic and state, and was instrumental in the early economic and political development of Vermont. Allen is depicted on the 1927 Vermont Sesquicentennial half dollar.

The new series will appear regularly in the pages of *Coin World* beginning in the January issues. The series will be written by the *Coin World* staff and will focus on the individuals portrayed on U.S. coins and their accomplishments. The series is meant to provide insight behind the faces on U.S. coinage.

If you don't subscribe to *Coin World*, we will try to have the articles available at our Club Library table at our monthly bourse. If you should miss any or need a quick copy, call us with a fax number and we'll zip it to you. (Local faxes only, please.)

ANSWER—DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

- The 9 different types of half dollars are 1) Flowing Hair, 2) Draped Bust-Small Eagle Reverse, 3) Draped Bust-Heraldic Eagle Reverse, 4) Capped Bust, 5) Liberty Seated, 6) Barber, 7) Liberty Walking, 8) Franklin-Liberty Bell and 9) Kennedy.

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To All Members
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and a

Happy New Year



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Further information (bourse tables, dues, etc.) may be obtained by contacting:

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