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CLUB NEWS. by Terry Hjalmarson (M3)

It's great to know that the football season is winding down. One of the reasons for the huge throng of people in attendance at our January 21st Sunday bourse (The attendees were parked on Genesee Street because the Donovan Post parking lot, etc. was filled to capacity.) was due in large part to the end of the Bills' football season. Now we can enjoy the coin and stamp shows without everyone filing out enmasse when it gets near kickoff time. The auction was another good one. Not too many bids died at the reserves and bidding was brisk for many of the items offered for sale. Regular dealers reported that they had done fantastic business on the bourse floor. And those dealers who were set up for just that Sunday were impressed with the amount of business that they had conducted.

Congratulations go out to member Tom Kane who won the 50/50 drawing. What a fat purse that was!. Also in line for congrats are member Alan Tomilo and non-member Josh Beideck who each won 26-week subscriptions to *Numismatic News*.

Elections

As you may or may not know (if you read your newsletter) elections were held February 5th at the Eagles Hall on Broadway at Borden in Depew. The officers remain the same. The only position which was contested was that of vice president—Vice President James Cross won over Carl Miller.

It was a disappointing crowd gathered on the night of the elections—only about 2 dozen people showed up which included the officers and board of directors. Despite the fact that our numbers were few, we breezed through the meeting and elections, enjoyed a good-sized auction and ate and drank to our hearts' (or should I say stomachs') content with some pizza left over at the end.

There was an overwhelming abundance of material offered for sale in the auction—many bargains were snatched up, some even way below current prices. Items offered for sale included coins, currency and stock certificates.

We had a 50/50 drawing which was won by our president, Ron Kus, and the winner of the gold piece was Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Delmont.

Thanks to all those who purchased tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Although there can only be one winner of the drawing, we are all winners in the long run because our contributions help to defray the cost of so many things that the Club does for its members. For that evening alone the pizza and chicken wings cost \$60.00 and beer and pop from the bar came to \$76.00. The gold coin for the drawing cost \$33.00 and we took in \$15.00 from the 50/50.



DON'T FORGET!!! -

**JUNE. 4th, 2001 - 2nd GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR
AT THE EAGLES, 4569 BROADWAY IN DEPEW AT 7:00 PM
MEETING - AUCTION - FOOD & DRINKS
IT'S ALL ON THE CLUB**

2001 SACAGAWEAS

For those of you who are interested in adding to your Sacagawea dollar collection, get ready. As of February 1st the "Golden Dollars" were to begin being shipped to Federal Reserve Banks. Then the Federal Reserve Banks are to distribute the dollars through "normal commercial banking channels."

There has not been a final tally for last year's golden dollars nor for this year's, but it is common knowledge that this year the mintage will be much lower than the first year of issue.



N.C. QUARTER BAGS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE MARCH 19

March 19th marks the beginning of the sale by the U.S. Mint of mini bags and two-coin rolls of 2001 North Carolina quarters struck at the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. For 72 hours the Mint will fulfill all orders for the Mint-sewn mini bags and Mint-wrapped rolls of North Carolina quarters starting at noon on the 19th and continuing through noon on March 22nd.

The reverse of the North Carolina quarter dollar was designed by Mint Sculptor-Engraver John Mercanti. The first powered flight by the Wright Brothers on December 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, N.C. is depicted with Orville Wright at the controls and Wilbur Wright watching the flight.



The quarters will be available in 100-coin and 1,000-coin bags which are struck at either the Denver or Philadelphia Mints. The price will be \$35.50 for the 100-coin bag and \$300 for the 1,000-coin bag. Rolls will be offered in only a two-roll set (one Denver and one Philadelphia) for \$32.

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*10th Annual Get-together Show / Time: 11:00am to approximately 5:00pm

EXPO 2001 COIN, STAMP, CURRENCY SHOW OCT. 6-7

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LEGAL U.S. \$20 GOLD NOT LIMITED TO SMITHSONIAN

Hooray for the "little guy"!! Do you remember way back in 1996 when the government seized a rare 1933 \$20 gold piece in New York City? At that time the coin was for sale for over \$1.5 million. The coin was confiscated because in 1933 then President Delano Roosevelt ordered that gold be nationalized and then Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau prohibited private ownership of gold.

All of that has now changed since settlement of a case to allow London dealer Stephen Fenton of Knightsbridge Coins to once again hold the coin. However, there is a catch. Under the agreement made between Fenton and the U.S. Mint, the two will decide together how to market the rare coin. Half of what is realized will go to Fenton with the other half going to the Public Enterprise Fund of the U.S. Mint (whatever that is).

MINT OFFERS N.Y. OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COIN COVERS

Seventy-five thousand New York Official First Day Coin Covers will go on sale on February 12th. The cover which features two New York quarter dollars from the first day of mintage is being offered for \$19.95. The cover includes quarters from the Philadelphia and Denver Mints on a display card with the 33-cent Flag-Over-City postage stamp.

Ordering procedures are the same for coin and stamp covers. See the information in the previous article (N.C. Quarter Bags on page 2).

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

- Only two coins have been struck with an incuse design (recessed field)—the Indian Head Quarter and Half Eagle gold coins. This was done in an attempt to foil counterfeiters and increase the circulation life of the coins. (Mike #266)



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

Auctions Conducted by: Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc.

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For Information, Contact Show Chairman Terry McHugh at: (905) 318-6458
 or Fax: (905) 318-1638 or Email: rscoins@netaccess.on.ca

- Deep Mirror Prooflike (DMPL) coins can only be minted from polished virgin dies or properly prepared planchets. It is the ultimate state of preservation that a Mint State coin can attain.

BNA HAS NEW MEETING PLACE: *by Rolf Hjalmarson (M1)*

According to a letter from Scott Douglas, President of the Buffalo Numismatic Association, the club has a new meeting place with which many of you are already familiar. For at least the next two years the club will meet at the Polish Falcon Hall located in Depew at 445 Columbia. The meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month. The hall is nice and large and somewhat centrally located, therefore, it is easily accessible to all members.

The group gave up meeting at the Eagle House in Williamsville since the fee for the meeting room had doubled. President Douglas is certain that all members will enjoy the new location.

His letter continues—"I have spent several evenings over the past couple of months going over the material in what is now our core BNA archive. It would appear that we can thank Bob Lloyd for keeping all of what we have together for so many years. Without his diligence this material would be lost. I am now in the process of reading and further sorting this material (Norm Peters gave it a great start) and can state to all members that I intend to write a long overdue complete history of the BNA. I am very excited about this project and ask all members to let me know if they have anything pertaining to the BNA that should be noted. I am in the very early stages of a draft now."

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2001

The Buffalo Numismatic Association was established in 1927 and has enjoyed a long and distinguished history. The BNA can boast, among other accomplishments, of having previously hosted two ANA conventions (1930 & 1947). The door is always open for new members looking to study the science of numismatics and so **guests are always welcome.**"

The officers of the BNA are as follows:

President: Scott E. Douglas 519-853-3812 Vice President: Brian Delmont 716-876-6246
 Secretary/Treasurer: Norm Peters 716-683-2722

MEMBERSHIP IN A CLUB MAKES COLLECTING MORE FUN. by Terry Hjalmarson (M3)

“There’s strength in numbers.” We’ve all heard that one before. But no truer words were spoken when it comes to collecting anything these days. When you get together to discuss a subject you learn more and meet people who are as dedicated to your pastime as you. Isn’t it encouraging to find someone else who is as crazy about something as you are? You bet!

The best part of all is sharing ideas for things to do as a group. Do you have an idea to share with club members to spread knowledge about a certain coin, stamp, certificate or currency? Do you have a collection that you would like others to see and enjoy the same way you do? Let one of the officers know. Perhaps you could give a little presentation. It doesn’t have to be anything fancy. You could just tell about how you started to get interested in your particular hobby and how you continued to immerse yourself in your

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interests. Just "tell it like it is." What do you say—do you have something to share with your fellow collector members?

USPS MUST RELEASE FUTURE SEMIPOSTALS

Semipostal postage stamps have an added surtax or value, with the additional amount going towards some charity. According to many stamp collectors such postage stamps are an involuntary tax on their hobby.

The first U.S. semipostal which benefits breast cancer research was released in 1998. The USPS wasn't ecstatic when faced with the expectation of having to account for the issue. However, according to a congressional mandate placed upon the USPS new semipostals will be introduced over the next 10 years—one every two years beginning with 2002. The Breast Cancer semipostal will remain current until that time.

Each semipostal must originate from a human condition that is currently funded by the federal government. Interested parties should look for information to come out sometime in April which will seek out suggestions for semipostal subjects.

22¢ COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ERROR

It's been over 13 years since the 22¢ U.S. Girl Scouts commemorative was released and a new major error has just been reported. A collector from Vermont discovered the panel just after the stamps were released and just recently reported his discovery to *The Vermont Philatelist*, the journal of the Vermont Philatelic Society.

The error is different from previous errors which were reported. All black and red line-engraved intaglio is missing from the stamps. It is only noticeable on the patches which shows missing linework on the Capitol, Conestoga wagon, latitude and longitude lines and red stripes on the shoe and sock.

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free T: 20 F: \$15. Rolf Hjalmarson, 6589
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Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY
13041, 315-699-3711

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32nd Masonic Community Ctr. (Formerly
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