

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 24 – November 1, 2005:**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Even after breaking down the size of each mailing list folder, a few people tell me that they still did not receive the last E-Bulletin directly. We will have another look at what we have to do. In the meantime, we know that Brian Smith's Website at [www.canadiancoin.com](http://www.canadiancoin.com) publishes it and numerous collectors forward it to their friends. It is also listed on the C.N.A.'s Website at [www.canadian-numismatic.org](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org) under the link "Educational." I know that if you get a few chuckles or some newsy information out of it, you will track it down if you should happen to miss receiving one.

### **WE HAVE MAIL**

From Bill Bright: "I recently decided to spend part of my vacation in Thunder Bay, ON, so Vicki and I headed up the stunning Superior coast and had a great time. Lots of wildlife, scenery and Tim Hortons! Vicki is a bank teller and as part of our trip she had agreed to exchange the Canadian coins that her bank had accumulated in recent years. I also had a few dollars in change to exchange. (The Canadian Finance Minister will appreciate that we waited until the exchange rate was closer.) Vicki's bank does not like to accept rolled coins because the tellers have to unroll them to put them through the change-counting machine but we discovered that we could not exchange them at all at the Canadian bank unless they were rolled. So, we interrupted a short period of our vacation to roll a little over \$300 in coins in the parking lot of historic Fort William. Perhaps we should have taken them inside to the Counting House and had a more authentic experience of being a part of the fur trade. Thankfully, none of the burglars and robbers mentioned so often in the CNA E-Bulletin happened to be visiting the Fort William parking lot at the time. We had a wonderful time and hope to be back again in Canada soon, but next time with rolled coins. Keep up the good work with the CNA E-Bulletin!" (Bill Bright is Publisher, Numismatics of Krause Publications, Iola, WI) - Reminds me of the days when I went to the bank to obtain bags of loose coins to look through. Five thousand cents took a while to roll up before the bank would take them back. Hardly seems fair, but what made it worthwhile is that it was possible..and worthwhile...to find clips, off-centers, blanks, even double-strikes. Today, the best you usually can hope for is a minor die variety best viewed with a 10x or higher magnifying glass. Or, if you are lucky, you might find an older rare coin that someone stole from a collector and spent at the local variety store. I don't know where you would find a counting house anywhere near Fort William. It's so cold up there that all the fur traders and former residents moved South. Why do you think all Canadians move to Florida (a few to Arizona) 6 months out of the year? We even have a sign on the highway at the Peace Bridge that reads: "Would the last Canadian leaving for the winter please turn off the lights!"

From Paul Glover: "I have been a coin-collector for 40-plus years (not so much in the Seventies and Eighties when raising a family) and collect the Zoell books... I notice you were pretty involved in varieties and error coins in the Sixties." - My number one collecting interest was errors produced at the Royal Canadian Mint. That's why I looked through rolls regularly (see response to above letter) and found some wonderful things. The Mint tried to put me out of business when they obtained new presses that were not very forgiving when something went wrong and would actually shut down so quickly that very few errors escaped. I was involved with the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association (CNVCA) and the Coin Irregularity Association of Canada (CIAC). I was Chairman of the First Annual CNVCA Coin Show (which, incidentally, was also their last due to no fault of mine). I was First Vice-President of CIAC and Co-Editor of the monthly bulletins that were published during 1971 and 1972 and which are now

collectors items. When Hans Zoell retired and moved back to Winnipeg, I obtained all remaining error and variety publications in his possession. I still have a quantity of CIAC bulletins, a few sets of which will be donated for door draws to the 2006 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario July 20-23.

From Paul Glover: "Just finished reading the latest CNA bulletin. In it, you mentioned a Richmond Hill Coin Club. I have lived in the Hill for 30 years and have never heard of it. Do you have any contact information? It is not mentioned in the CNA Club listings." - There indeed was a Richmond Hill Coin Club, with emphasis on the "was" unfortunately. It went the way of the dodo bird along with the Markham Village Coin Club, Central (Toronto) Coin Club, Metropolitan (Toronto) Coin Club, Newmarket Numismatic Society, Huronia Numismatic Association...and the Richmond Hill Coin Club. All were within about 100 km of Toronto. Today, the Toronto area still has the Toronto Coin Club, North York Coin Club, Scarborough Coin Club, Oshawa Coin Club, South Wellington Coin Society, Waterloo Coin Society, Brantford Coin Club and the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp Collectibles Club. And that's in addition to all the coin shows in the area (Torex three times a year in downtown Toronto, the CAND show in Hamilton, TNS twice a year in Hamilton, TICF that was originally located in Toronto before moving to its current location in St. Catharines, and the annual shows run by clubs in Scarborough, Oshawa, South Wellington, Waterloo and Brantford). All have a sold-out bourse and most, if not all, are extremely well attended. It was a matter of survival of the fittest, the weeding out by natural progression which probably made it a stronger hobby because it left so many "successful" clubs and shows for us to enjoy.

From Ken Grahame: "I'm a little confused by the last bulletin's "world's richest." Were you referring to the "World's Richest" or the "wealthiest Americans?" If they are one and the same as the bulletin seems to imply, then there is NOT hope for me (and you?) as a Canadian!" - It didn't hit me until you brought it to my attention, but it looks like, with just two exceptions, every rich person in the world is American. I know I am neither a Middle East oil sheik nor the son of Oriental parents so I will just have to be content that while the opportunities are plentiful in the U.S. to earn your high quality of life, our Canadian social umbrella (health plans, baby bonuses, family allowances, no taxation on lottery wins, even a very lenient court system where you can rob a bank in exchange for very little jail time) makes both countries the best in the world to live in. (As far as I know, there are no Swedes receiving this bulletin so we shouldn't get too many letters challenging that statement.)

From Ken Grahame: "Question: the Mint's 2005 \$300 14 kt gold coins for the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Standard Time were issued in 6 versions (different time showing on each) with a maximum of 200 of each made. Would a collection of all 6 versions have any enhanced market value? Original issue price was \$999.95. I do read and enjoy all of your e-bulletins. The format and content are excellent. Please keep up the good work." - Generally, complete sets are usually sold for less than the individual parts if the items are reasonably easy to acquire. However, that does not apply when it comes to low-mintage items where it might be extremely difficult to obtain individual pieces to form a complete set. I mean, with only 200 sets, how many owners would be willing to break up their set? But let's ask the people who have a set. E-mail us at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) and we will publish a follow-up. And thanks for the kind words about the contents of the bulletin. It is meant to be fun and although we cannot have numismatic humor, we can try for "money" humor.

From Bill Waychison: "Information on 'Questionable Issue: Currency of the Holocaust' was described in the North Shore Numismatic Society bulletin "The Shoreline." The display is open to the public October 1 to December 15, 2005 at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Center,

50 – 950 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC (telephone 604.264.0499; web site: [www.vhec.org](http://www.vhec.org)). The display was produced by the Holocaust Museum Houston, Texas. I am sending this info to you for passing along.” - I found their Website interesting and informative. See next article.

### **CURRENCY OF THE HOLOCAST ON DISPLAY**

The currencies of the Nazi-imposed camps and ghettos of World War II speak of the tragedy, depravity, horror, hope and salvation of that time and those places. These bits of paper and metal speak to us of a broad tragedy in an especially personal and understandable manner. After all, money has been used virtually everywhere since ancient times. We now know this was true even within sight of the chimneys of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Many of the examples of money in this collection silently speak of this loss and in some cases are the only voices left of people erased from our world.

So states the introduction to the Website of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre at [www.vhec.org](http://www.vhec.org) that is currently featuring an exhibit created by the Holocaust Museum Houston Education Center and Memorial.

The exhibit “Questionable Issue: Currency of the Holocaust,” examines a little known aspect of the Holocaust - the special currency and scrip of the Nazi concentration camps and ghettos. The artifacts in this exhibit include rare bills and coins, which offer a unique window into the desperate conditions found in the camps and ghettos. Through the careful examination of the currencies and exposure to support material and text, students will gain a better understanding of how the camps and ghettos operated, what the prisoners experienced at the hands of their captors, and how they responded. Students will also examine the larger issues of propaganda, isolation, exploitation and humiliation associated with the camps and ghettos.

For a series of images of Holocaust-related currencies, go to the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies’ website at [www.chgs.umn.edu](http://www.chgs.umn.edu) and click on Histories, Narratives, Documents, then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Philatelic and Numismatic Items.

### **FORMER MINT HEAD EXONORATED BY TWO INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Much space has been consumed in the press lately, as well as much airtime, following David Dingwall’s resignation as President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. We wished him well in the previous bulletin and reserved judgment until all the facts came out. And now they have, so we are devoting a bit of space to the findings, since he certainly was a major figure in Canadian numismatics who, during his short time at the Mint, turned the corporation around to a profitable operation.

The findings of two independent reviews related to the expenditures incurred by the Honourable David C. Dingwall during his tenure as President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint exonerated him, with a small exception. Although I am not a lawyer, I don’t believe you have to be to fully understand what the reports say. And what it says to me is that I have been misinformed by the daily press! The following information is culled from the actual reports by the auditors.

The scope of the first review, conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), was to determine the legitimacy of the expenses of the Office of the President and CEO from March 24, 2003 to September 28, 2005.

The second review, led by Peter Dey of the legal firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (OHH), one of Canada's foremost experts in corporate governance, was undertaken to review the provisions of the corporate governance systems of the Royal Canadian Mint relating to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the office of the CEO.

The PWC report concluded that of the total expenditures incurred by the Office of the President during his 30-month tenure, \$2,570.66 was determined to be reimbursable to the RCM. In addition, \$4,198.35 was deemed recoverable due to a clerical payroll error and car insurance prepayments issued by the RCM. They also stated that the tone of the travel and hospitality policies were consistent with the Mint's objective to improve its financial performance.

The second review supplemented the findings of the PricewaterhouseCoopers review. In the report from OHH, they concluded the governance process followed by the Mint with respect to the approval and reimbursement of its CEO's expenses was sufficient to ensure that the Corporation's funds were "expended in a manner consistent with the Mint's policy. The RCM process goes well beyond what one could expect to find in most private sector corporations."

The review by PricewaterhouseCoopers covered expenses of the Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Canadian Mint during the tenure of Mr. David Dingwall, President and Chief Executive Officer (President) of the Mint for the period March 24, 2003 to September 28, 2005. The objective was to review the legitimacy of the expenses of the Office during the review period. They were provided unrestricted access both to documents and Mint personnel, reviewing Mint policies related to reimbursement of travel costs and hospitality expenses; employment contracts for Mr. Dingwall and his Staff; all expenses claimed by, and paid to, Mr. Dingwall during the review period; payroll records; payment vouchers, journal entry details, general ledger excerpts, cheque remittances; 2003 and 2004 audited financial statements; cash disbursement journal; the budget for the Office for the relevant period; and various Board of Directors minutes. "Our review of the travel and hospitality policies as well as other information such as Mr. Dingwall's employment contract, minutes of various Board of Directors meetings, and other financial information, provided us with useful information to help assess the legitimacy of the expenses of the Office. Our review of the expenses of the Office consisted of a 100% review of Mr. Dingwall's expense reports, as well as a review of all other expenses of the Office," their report states.

It was discovered that a clerical error had been made in Mr. Dingwall's monthly automobile allowance. It was also determined that, due to clerical error in claim preparation or processing, Mr. Dingwall was reimbursed an amount lower than otherwise should have been paid. Their review also determined that other items in the news were legitimately incurred.

They addressed the expense claim allegedly made by Mr. Dingwall relating to a package of chewing gum. They identified an expense claim in connection with Mr. Dingwall's January 23, 2005 visit to Winnipeg for the Annual Employee Meeting. Included in the expense claim package is a receipt from a "Relay" outlet in the Ottawa Airport. The receipt indicates the purchase of chewing gum and a bottle of water. While the receipt was included in the expense claim package, it was removed from the calculation of reimbursable expenses by the individual responsible for verifying expense claims. The reason for the removal was because Mr. Dingwall was authorized to claim an incidental allowance of \$20/day to cover such items. Accordingly, Mr. Dingwall was paid the incidental allowance for the day, but was not specifically reimbursed for the package of chewing gum.

Further, they commented on an expense incurred during June 2004 whereby the Office allegedly paid approximately \$5,800 for "a meal." "During the period June 3 and June 4, 2004, the Mint held an executive retreat at the Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa. The total value of services provided by Brookstreet was \$5,693.06 including all taxes. The invoice details that the services comprised food, beverages, room rental and audio/visual equipment rental for an executive retreat which identified the names of 24 Mint personnel to be in attendance."

An expense claim allegedly made by Mr. Dingwall in respect of approximately \$13,000 for foreign travel expenses which were accumulated in one day was also debunked. The auditor stated: "During our 100% review of Mr. Dingwall's travel expense claims, we found no evidence of expenses in the range of \$13,000 associated with one-day's travel. We did, however, identify two claims that were processed in July 2004 that relate to foreign travel and that, together, amount to \$13,693.83. Of these two claims, \$2,912.15 related to a conference attended by Mr. Dingwall in Phoenix, Arizona during 4 days in June 2004. The balance, \$10,781.68, related to a lengthy itinerary which included a Mint Board meeting in New Brunswick and attending Mint-related business meetings in the UK, Switzerland and Germany. This business trip occurred over a period of 11 days in late June and early July 2004. These expenses were properly supported and documented."

They also identified documents supporting the Mint Board's approval of a \$1,000 per month vehicle allowance and operating expenses which were part of the remuneration and benefits package for the Mint's President and Chief Executive Officer. Operating expenses include but are not limited to insurance, repairs, licenses, gas, oil, washing and parking. "During our review of Office payroll records we identified that Mr. Dingwall received a \$1,000 per month allowance as a taxable benefit during his tenure. Furthermore, our review of Mr. Dingwall's expense claims revealed that he claimed various operating expenses associated with his private vehicle. These operating expenses fell within the definition approved by the Board.

Although some small amounts, due to clerical errors, are recoverable from Mr. Dingwall, certainly the reports vindicate Mr. Dingwall. Who feels apologies are warranted?

### **MATH TRICK**

The most recent bulletin of the Scarborough Coin Club included the following math trick, for which you will need a calculator:

- #1 Key in the first three digits of your phone number ( Not the area code)
- #2 Multiply by 80
- #3 Add 1
- #4 Multiply by 250
- #5 Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
- #6 Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again
- #7 Subtract 250
- #8 Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?

### **FREEDOM TOWER "COIN" SELLER FINED**

We were just about ready to type out an update on the Freedom Tower "coin" that we wrote about in previous C.N.A. E-Bulletins when we received The E-Sylum: Volume 8, Number 45, October 23, 2005, an electronic publication of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, edited by

Wayne Homren. Rather than spending time to write it ourselves, we are pleased to copy his write-up:

On Wednesday, October 19, ConsumerAffairs.com reported that "A New York court has ordered the promoters of the "9/11 Freedom Tower" coin scam to pay nearly \$370,000 in penalties. New York Supreme Court Justice Thomas McNamara ordered National Collectors Mint (NCM) to pay civil penalties totaling \$369,510 in connection with its marketing and sale of its "Freedom Tower Silver Dollar." The company has already refunded more than \$2 million to consumers who fell for the scam.

"In September 2004, NCM began an extensive advertising campaign for the "Freedom Tower" coin on television, in magazines and on its website. The ads depicted the coin as a "legally authorized government issue silver dollar" and as a "U.S. territorial minting" from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In fact, the coin is not a government-issued silver dollar at all, but was manufactured and issued by a private company. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands uses U.S. currency and is not authorized to mint legal tender."

The ads also claimed that the coin was made of pure silver from silver bars recovered at Ground Zero during recovery operations. Spitzer's lawsuit showed, however, that the medallion is not made of pure or solid silver, but is an inexpensive metal alloy plated with approximately one ten-thousandth of an inch of silver valued at approximately 1.4 cents. The question of whether the silver used in the medallion is actually from Ground Zero was not involved in the lawsuit."

To read the full article, go to [http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2005/coin\\_scams.html](http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2005/coin_scams.html). To read a related Association Press article in Newsday, go to: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--attacks-coin1019oct19.0.475088.story?coll=ny-region-apnewyork>.

Sales were approximately \$11 million on 550,000 pieces sold; \$2.2 million on 110,000 pieces redeemed (or orders canceled).

The company claimed the coin was a "U.S. Territorial Minting" from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, but the islands use U.S. currency and are not authorized to mint legal tender. The fact that the silver used was recovered at Ground Zero after 9/11 was not challenged by the attorney general, nor was it questioned in any finding by the court.

Keep up the good work in the E-Sylum, Wayne! To read all back-issues, go to [http://www.coinbooks.org/club\\_nbs\\_esylum.html](http://www.coinbooks.org/club_nbs_esylum.html).

### **KIDS GAME HAS INTERNATIONAL APPEAL**

In C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 18 of August 10, we mentioned that the president of an electronics company could not decide whether Christie's or Sotheby's should sell the company's art collection, which was valued at \$20 million US (about \$25 million Canadian). He resorted to a game of Rock Paper Scissors. Christie's won the sale of paintings by Cezanne, Picasso and van Gogh.

This game, we realize now, is not just a children's game any more. Adults have formed an international organization, the World RPS Society. They got 495 competitors together on Sunday, October 23, in Toronto "to vie for world domination."

Toronto's Andrew Bergel made a final throw of paper to beat out American Stan Long's rock to capture the tournament's gold medal, as well as a \$7,000 cash prize. Golly, another thing in which we Canadians came first.

In case you think we're kidding, go to the Society's Website at [www.rpschamps.com](http://www.rpschamps.com) and click on the Official Press Release. If you follow the links, you can actually see medals in gold, silver and bronze worn around the necks of the winners.

### **ANOTHER VICTORIA CROSS DONATED TO THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM**

In a C.N.A E-Bulletin a while back, we asked how many Victoria Crosses we should have in the Canadian War Museum and how much the Canadian taxpayer should pay for them to keep them not only in Canada but in a museum for everyone to see. When we listened to Lloyd Robertson on the CTV News about another one being donated, we thought that praise was due to the donor as we were not expected to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for it. The network's Website at:

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051017/warmuseum\\_victoriacross\\_20051017/20051017?hub=CTVNewsAt11](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051017/warmuseum_victoriacross_20051017/20051017?hub=CTVNewsAt11) contains the following information:

The Canadian War Museum has unveiled a new attraction -- the First World War Victoria Cross of Captain Francis Scrimger. A Montreal native who studied medicine at McGill University before the war, Scrimger served with the Royal Montreal Regiment (14<sup>th</sup> Battalion) during the Second Battle of Ypres. Scrimger was the first medical officer to receive the British Commonwealth's highest military decoration for bravery and gallantry, after he conducted the evacuation of a medical station in what is believed to have been the first use of poisonous gas in battle.

In April 1915, when German forces unleashed the deadly chlorine gas on Allied forces in Belgium, Scrimger instructed the men in his battalion to breathe through moistened handkerchiefs. Because the gas was water-soluble, his advice was credited with saving many lives. Days later, when the farm building where the wounded were being treated came under heavy fire, Scrimger led the evacuation. Before it was over, he carried a severely wounded officer away from the facility. And when he couldn't carry the injured officer any further, he waited with him until help arrived.

Scrimger was not only awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery, he also had a mountain near the Kootenays named in his honour. Scrimger's descendants donated his rare medal -- alongside two other medals he received -- to the War Museum in Ottawa. According to Scrimger's grandson, Dr. John Wooton, selling the medals to a collector was never an option. "I don't think it would be acceptable in our family to take financial reward from anything of great historical importance," Wooton told CTV News.

Only 94 Canadians have ever been honored with the Victoria Cross.

### **MEN FACE MULTIPLE IDENTITY-THEFT COUNTS**

Two Markham men have been charged in what police call a massive identity theft ring.

Yazhkován Balazuntharam, age 32, and Kirupaharan Balasingam, 47, have each been charged with 21 counts of fraudulently possessing credit card data, as well as two counts of possessing a credit-card forgery device and two counts of exposing a counterfeit mark.

They were scheduled to appear in a Toronto court yesterday.

Question: if you could get hold of one of these counterfeit credit or debit cards, what would it be worth?

### **WORDING ON EURO COINAGE TO CHANGE**

Now that the Euro Commission has announced that English will become the official language of the EU, rather than German, the other front-runner, we predict that the wording on their coinage will change shortly.

As part of the negotiations, the government conceded that, with the rise of text messaging and e-mailing, spelling the Queen's English correctly had become of low importance. Before this trend really takes hold, steps need to be taken to re-educate the masses. So, in accordance with a Brussels ruling, a five-year phase-in plan is to be implemented that would produce an English language variant called EuroEnglish." In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c," Certainly this will make the sivil servants jump for joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favor of the "k." This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the second year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by the "f." This will make words like "fotograf" 20 percent shorter. In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes will be possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" in the language is disgraceful, and it needs to be eradikated. By the fourth year, people will be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v." During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords containing "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz year, ve vil hav a realy sensibl riten styl. Zer will be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi to understand each ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

We can't believe the Toronto Star actually published the above.

Now all we have to do is help them figure out the new EuroEnglish wording on the coins. Or maybe they will find a compromise and do something similar to what we did in Canada. We decided to make our paper money bilingual - the words are in English and the numbers are in French.

### **Torex ANOTHER SMASH SUCCESS**

Brian Smith deserves a hearty pat on the back for organizing another very successful Torex show this past week-end. From what I observed, every dealer set up on Friday afternoon and did brisk business dealer-to-dealer as well as with the "Early Bird" visitors. The bourse room was packed on Saturday for most of the day. Although Sunday was not overly busy, it provided time for dealers to spend a bit of extra time with each customer.

Most commercially-owned Canadian coin shows hold a bourse and auction. Torex is the only one that comes to mind that offers complimentary meeting space. The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) and the Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) took advantage of it, holding their meetings during prime-time on Saturday. The C.N.A. also had an Executive gathering.

One benefit of the new Torex location, the Radisson Admiral Harbourfront Hotel in downtown Toronto, is the reasonably large hallway outside the bourse room. It enables Brian to offer complimentary space to the C.N.A. to promote membership as well as its three Correspondence

Courses. The generosity of the Torex Show management also enabled the C.N.A. to offer numismatic catalogues, other collectible catalogues and coin supplies to visitors. Catalogues sold included most publications from Charlton Press, the numismatic books published by the Ferguson Foundation and supplies acquired from Unitrade Associates, which is Canada's largest distributor of coin and stamp supplies. Thanks to the generous donations from Bill Cross of Charlton, the profit-sharing arrangement with the Ferguson Foundation, the special pricing from Unitrade and the support from collectors and dealers, the C.N.A. stands to gain a profit of at least \$1,000.00. This is in addition to gaining a number of new members, selling three additional bourse tables for the 2006 C.N.A. Convention, and placing a dozen C.N.A. Correspondence Courses into the hands of collectors.

The offer by Torex to provide complimentary space to the C.N.A. was a win-win situation for both Torex and the C.N.A.! We hope that all show organizers reading this will take another look at the space they have and decide to offer it to a local coin club or numismatic association.

### **2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS**

In case you haven't heard, Charles Moore, C.N.A. President, has appointed John Regitko as General Chairman of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention scheduled for Niagara Falls, Ontario July 20 to 23.

John previously chaired the 1981 and 1991 C.N.A. Conventions in Toronto and has been involved with numerous other shows in various capacities. He was the owner/manager of the Toronto International Coin Fair (TICF), at the time Canada's largest coin show.

John was the first "Fellow of the C.N.A." ever inducted (at the banquet of the 1991 Convention) and also received Canada's highest numismatic award, the Ferguson Medal.

He takes on the 2006 Convention Chairmanship in addition to his other C.N.A. duties, including Executive Secretary, Journal Advertising Manager, other unspecified duties and...I know there is something else!

Oh, yes, C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor.

"I am really excited about my involvement with the C.N.A. over the next year" John states, "I am looking forward to planning the 2006 C.N.A. Convention along with one of the best teams ever assembled to host a C.N.A. Convention...and continuing the fun I am having with the E-Bulletin."

### **SHOW BUSINESS**

November 4 - 6, Montreal, QC - NUPHILEX, Holiday Inn Midtown, 420 Sherbrooke Street West. 65 dealers, including the Royal Canadian Mint. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coin auction by Lower Canada Auctions; stamp auction by La Timbratheque. To participate in the auctions live, register on [www.ebayliveauctions.com](http://www.ebayliveauctions.com), under Category: Coins and Stamps, with auction id: nuphilex. For more information, contact Louis Chevrier at (450) 448-3662 or Gabriel Sebag at (514) 842-6898 or [info@nuphilex.com](mailto:info@nuphilex.com). Web site: [www.nuphilex.com](http://www.nuphilex.com). Holiday Inn room reservations at (514) 842-6111.

November 5, Scarborough, ON - Scarborough Coin Club 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and hourly draws. Information from Dick Dunn at [cpms@idirect.com](mailto:cpms@idirect.com).

November 12 - 13, Edmonton, AB - Edmonton Numismatic Society's Money Show, Terrace Inn,

4440 Gateway Blvd., Imperial Ballroom, Level P1. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Over 50 tables. Displays. Door draws including \$100 gold coin. Admission \$2.50, 16 and under free. Sunday morning Breakfast meeting with guest speaker. Information from Michael Schneider at (780) 496-6602 or [mike.schneider@edmonton.ca](mailto:mike.schneider@edmonton.ca). Web site: [www.edmontoncoinclub.com](http://www.edmontoncoinclub.com).

November 12, Toronto, ON – C.N.A. Canadian Coin Grading and Preservation Workshop, Humber College, Toronto, ON. Sold out, as has every other seminar run by the C.N.A. at Humber College over the years. Now accepting reservations for the same course being held on Thursday, July 20 in conjunction with the C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. Six of the 25 spots already filled. Act fast if you want in! Contact [cnainfo@look.ca](mailto:cnainfo@look.ca) for details.

NOV. 13, Windsor, ON - Windsor Coin Club's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$1 admission includes draws for hourly door prizes and grand prize, juniors admitted free. Free parking. Information from Margaret Clarke at (519) 735-0727 or [mclarke@wincom.net](mailto:mclarke@wincom.net).

## **CONCLUSION**

Usually, my wife proof-reads this bulletin, but since she is not available nobody saw it in advance. I hope you don't find too many typos!

Next issue, if all goes well: November 10!

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