

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 29 – October 15, 2006**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

There are two highlights each year as far as the C.N.A. is concerned. One of them is the educational journals that are sent ten times during the year to members. The other highlight is the annual Convention that is accessible to everyone, whether they are members or not. We have made you aware of the many activities that take place at our annual Convention in two previous C.N.A. E-Bulletins. This is the third and final C.N.A. E-Bulletin dealing with the 2006 C.N.A. Convention.

It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the people that made the 2006 C.N.A. Convention happen. This issue is a salute to the workers.

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE THE GREATEST I EVER WORKED WITH**

by John Regitko, Chairman - 2006 C.N.A. Convention

I have worked with some great convention committees over the years, but without downgrading the work of other committees, I feel obligated to go on record that the committee I worked with this year was the greatest! And probably also the largest in the history of the C.N.A. as the list of members of the convention committee below will attest. I hope I didn't accidentally leave anybody out.

Although I expected a lot, chairs of the various committees were simply outstanding, as were members of their respective committees.

Dick Dunn, Bourse Chairman, did a superb job in not only signing up dealers, but looking after their interests during the show, ably assisted by Jim Willison and Vic Shewchuk. Hubert "Toby" Grimminck brought All-State Cases and lamps to the convention and assisted in unloading and setting up the bourse room.

Paul Johnson wore multiple hats. Having recently inherited the position of C.N.A. Executive Secretary, he was not only busy looking after details associated with the C.N.A. Executive meeting and annual general membership meeting as well as manning the C.N.A. Information Table, but also handled his duties as Convention Display Chairman well. What I believe to be the second highest number of exhibits in the history of the C.N.A. kept him hopping. As a member of the Convention planning committee, he also planned the extensive Program of Events and communicated with the specialty groups participating at the Convention.

What started out as a smaller group of volunteers for the Hospitality Suite under the guidance of Marrian Munro, expanded into a larger group of ladies that also volunteered to man the Registration Table and the Daily Admission Table. Not only did they embrace their responsibilities with enthusiasm, their charm made everyone feel welcome. The success of the convention added extra pressure on them when the hospitality suite overflowed, when additional registration kits were required, when we ran out of sandwiches, when the Spousal Breakfast Gatherings were added to the program.

The Coin Kids Committee, led by Fred Freeman, Chairman of the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee, had more on their plate than at any previous young numismatist committee. While Fred did a

fantastic job getting things organized before the Convention, Team USA took over a lot of the activities at the Convention. They organized the Treasure Hunt, the Coin Kids meeting, donation auction and manning the Coin Kids Information Table. Fred, other than having an active hand in all of these activities, also manned the Coin Kids Supplies Sales Table. Ron Darbyshire acquired a lot of material for the Coin Kids Donation Auction and catalogued them. Walter Ostromecki, Lee Gong, Michael "Steamer" Stanley, Michael "Stan" Turrini and Fred Freeman will long be remembered by not only the young collectors, but also by all attendees that saw them in action.

Although we made sure that a few people would be on hand to take photographs, a number of people that had digital cameras at the Convention sent us pictures. We used photos from Rollie Finner, Bret Evans, Dan Gosling, Andrea Evans, Allan Roy, Paul Johnson, Richard Blaylock, Serge Pelletier, Diane Taylor and Mary-Ellen Johnson in post-Convention publicity in the C.N.A.'s Journal, C.N.A. Website, Canadian Coin News and other numismatic publications. Dan Gosling also took plenty of pictures and, with the help of Paul Fiocca's text, posted them on the C.N.A. Website. For full Convention news and photos, go to:  
[www.canadian-numismatic.org/2006niagara.php](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org/2006niagara.php).

Paul Fiocca put his creative talent to good use, turning out a darn good-looking souvenir program booklet. Too bad that the cover got wrecked by the printers when they decided to use a printed copy as their original artwork to print the 1,000 copies. This extra step caused the background of the falls and surrounding area that looked so eye appealing on the original, to be lost in the final printing.

And where did all those exhibits come from? Phenomenal! Next year, we will be adding another long row of double-tables to the Convention foyer so that we can add even more exhibits, including a number of new non-competitive displays. The Newfoundland Enthusiasts group has already promised at least 9 cases of displays. The full array of presentation medals and plaques awarded to Jim Charlton will be on display, as will the second half of the scrapbooks by the late Earl Salterio. I am working on a display featuring "Awards Medals of the C.N.A." that will contain blow-ups of the various presentation medals, actual presentation medals, criteria of each award and a list of recipients since their inception.

I could go on and single out each and every other committee for their outstanding work, but the list would just go on and on. Then there are the additional people that assisted outside of the convention that never get any credit. For example, Brian Smith assisted in the unloading of display cases on loan to us from Torex. Or the various porters from the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel that were always present when we needed them, as was their banquet and catering staff.

To all, a collective "Thank You For A Job Well done!"

#### **PRE-CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

General Chairman: John Regitko

Vice-Chairman: Peter Kostyk

Bourse Chairman: Dick Dunn

Treasurer: Monina McCullough-Regitko

Exhibit Chairman: Paul Johnson

Pre-Registration Chairman: Marvin Kay

Program of Events Planning: Paul Johnson

Numismatic Publicity Chairman: John Regitko

Non-numismatic Publicity Chairman: Peter Kostyk

Souvenir Program Booklet Chairman: Paul Fiocca  
Bourse Property Chairman: Hubert Grimminck  
Specialty Group Meetings Liaison: Paul Johnson  
Tours Planning Chairman: Barb Kostyk  
Medal Design Chairman: Paul Petch  
Convention Signs: Roger Fox  
Convention Logo Design Chairman: Paul Petch  
Coin Kids Activities Chairman: Fred Freeman  
Daily Admission Chair: Monina McCullough-Regitko  
Education Chairman: Paul Johnson  
Registration Chairman: Monina McCullough-Regitko  
Security Committee: Dick Dunn & John Regitko  
Hospitality Suite Chair: Marian Munro  
Hotel Liaison: John Regitko  
CNA Grading & Preservation Course Chairman: Paul Johnson  
Spousal Breakfast Gathering Give-Aways Coordinator:  
    Monina McCullough-Regitko  
CNA Banquet Planning Coordinator: John Regitko  
Newfoundland Enthusiasts Founding Meeting Organizer: Bill Kamb  
Error/Variety Enthusiasts Founding Meeting Organizer: Henry Nienhuis  
C.N.A. Liaison to Convention: Charles Moore, C.N.A. President

## **CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

President's Welcome Reception Host: Charles Moore  
President's Welcome Reception Planning:  
    Monina McCullough-Regitko & Cathie Dunn  
CNA Grading & Preservation Course Chairman: Paul Johnson  
CNA Grading & Preservation Course Instructors:  
    Brian Cornwell & Susan Maltby  
CNA Past Presidents' Dinner Chairman: Geoffrey Bell  
CNA Club Delegates Breakfast Chairman: William Waychison  
CNA Club Delegates Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Michael "Stan" Turrini  
Draws & Give-Aways Coordinator: John Regitko  
CNA General Membership Meeting Chairman: Charles Moore  
CNA General Membership Meeting Awards Presentations:  
    Tim Henderson & Bill Waychison  
Spousal Continental Breakfast Gathering Chair: Marian Munro  
CNA Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Geoff Bell  
CNA Banquet Awards Presenters: Tim Henderson & William Waychison  
Coin Kids Supplies Sales Table Coordinator: Fred Freeman  
Coin Kids Treasure Hunt Coordinator: Walter Ostromecki  
Coin Kids Registration & Info Table Coordinator:  
    Fred Freeman & Walter Ostromecki  
Coin Kids Meeting Coordinator: Fred Freeman  
Coin Kids Donation Auction Material Coordinator: Walter Ostromecki  
Coin Kids Donation Auctioneers: Lee Gong & Michael "Steamer" Stanley  
Ladies Committee Responsible for Spousal Activities,  
Hospitality Suite and Registration Table:  
    Cathie Dunn, Sandy Craig, Marge Fox, Lois Rogers,  
    Betty Lou Hume, Betsy Grimminck, Lillian Elser, Jan  
    Becker, Laura Johnson & Monina McCullough-Regitko

C.N.A. Information Table: Paul Johnson  
A.N.A. Information Table: Patricia Finner  
CNA President's Welcome Reception Host: Charles Moore  
CNA Grading & Counterfeit Detection Presenters:  
    Brian Cornwell & Susan Maltby  
Competitive Exhibit Head Judge: Tim Henderson  
Competitive Exhibit Judges:  
    Ian Graham, Geoffrey Bell, John Temple, Graham Esler,  
    Ted Leitch, Rick Craig, Len Buth, Chris Faulkner, Dick Dunn,  
    Bill Kamb, Phil Carrigan, Geraldine Chimirri-Russell  
CNA Judges Breakfast Chairman: Tim Henderson  
CNA Banquet Keynote Speaker: Sherman Zavitz  
Newfoundland Enthusiasts Founding Meeting M.C.: Bill Kamb  
Error/Variety Enthusiasts Founding Meeting M.C.: Henry Nienhuis  
Error Identification & Authentication Table: Lee Gong

## **DONATIONS**

Many people made sizable donations of material for the various draws: hourly door draws, "In Attendance at Meetings" draws for Registrants, the Coin Kids Donation Auction, give-aways at the Coin Kids Meeting and other events, draws at the Banquet and Club Delegates Breakfast meeting and other events that have no doubt slipped my mind.

Canadian Coins & Currency of Richmond Hill, Ontario, donated a sufficient quantity of prizes for the hourly door draws for daily admissions & registrants over 3 days.

Others that donated material for the various activities were:  
Michael Findlay of Certified Coins of Canada, Angus, Ontario  
Bob Dowsett of B.C. Coins, Stratford, Ontario  
Willard Burton of B&W Coins, Mississauga, Ontario  
Bill Merkley of London Coin Centre, London, Ontario  
Charles Moore of Moore Numismatics, Walnut Creek, California  
Stan Wright of Diversified Equities, Calgary, Alberta  
Al Hager of AH Collectibles, Melbourne, Florida  
Joe Iorio of J & M Coins, Vancouver, B.C.  
Roger Fox and the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club  
Eligi Consultants and Bonavita Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario  
Sean Taylor of Taylor's Coins, Toronto, Ontario  
4Print.ca Printers, North York, Ontario  
Canadian Coin News of St. Catharines, Ontario  
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Center, Niagara Falls

The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) turned over a quantity of material to us, some of which wound up in the collections of juniors through the Coin Kids Donation Action and the Coin Kids Treasure Hunt.

Individuals were also generous with their donations: Roger Fox donated all the signs so prominently featured in the hotel's foyer, the convention area and outside meeting rooms. This included the huge "welcome" signs in the hotel lobby and convention foyer lobby.

Team USA brought material with them for the Coin Kids Treasure Hunt and Coin Kids Donation Auction. Bill Waychison raffled off a number of personal medals at the Club Delegates Breakfast

Meeting. Woods were handed out freely by over a dozen collectors at the CAWMC Breakfast Meeting. Donations were made to the Newfoundland Enthusiasts meeting for the donation auction to ensure seed money for their ongoing success.

In total, so much material was donated that we have a sufficient quantity still on hand to assure that lots of prizes will be handed out at the 2007 C.N.A. Convention!

### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

The Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls is 167 feet high and 2600 feet wide. Every second 600,000 U.S. gallons go over the Falls.

The American Falls moves 150,000 U.S. gallons per second - falling 70 feet along its 1060 foot long brink.

In extremely cold winters, falling water and mist can ice up to fifty feet to form the "ice bridge." Until 1912, visitors were allowed to actually walk out on the ice bridge but on February 4th, that year, the ice bridge collapsed and three tourists died.

The flow of water was halted over both falls on March 30, 1848 due to an ice jam in the upper river and the American Falls was stopped completely for several months in 1969 to examine the large amount of loose rock at its base.

The movies "Niagara" and "Superman" were filmed in part at the Falls.

A 63 year old female schoolteacher was the first person to go over the Falls in a barrel and survive. In the past ten years, Two daredevils have lost their lives trying to do the same.

### **CONCLUSION**

The C.N.A. President, Chuck Moore, has asked me to Chair the 2007 C.N.A. Convention. With the majority of volunteers already offering their help for 2007, I look forward to working with them again July 12 to 15, 2007!

Expect to receive the next C.N.A. E-Bulletin on October 20.

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Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor  
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