



TORONTO COIN CLUB

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— Meeting Minutes for April, 2013 —

CLUB MEETINGS

Held on the 3rd Monday of the month
(moved to 2nd Monday for statutory
holidays), from September to June.

Doors open at 7:00 P.M.,
starting at 7:30 P.M.

Located at Metro Hall, 55 John St.
(at King St.), Toronto.

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www.torontocoinclub.ca

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday May 13 (moved to 2nd Monday due to Victoria Day Holiday).

LAST MEETING:

The April 15, 2013 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was held in room 302 of Metro Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 with our president Don B. in the chair. There were 10 members present.

CLUB BUSINESS:

- We continued with on-time attendance draws featuring material donated to the club by the Bank of Canada Currency Museum. For this draw Don added an impromptu skill-testing question. The prize this week would be presented to the first person who knew the meaning of the term “anepigraphic - *without a legend or inscription*”. No one volunteered the definition; the prize was awarded to David Q.
- Don B. said that he approached Brian Smith (Torex show) in follow up to his offer of a complementary table at the show to publicize the club and numismatics in general. Don mentioned that Brian was willing to extend the offer to include sharing the table with other clubs in the GTA.
- Club secretary, Henry N., agreeing to act as Club Archivist—pro tempore was asked to document the archival material which he obtained from past president Del M. The club is interested in re-establishing its archive and requests any past or present member to help is identifying the whereabouts of this material.
- Treasurer Paul P. gave a brief financial report based on the latest accounting from our bank. The current balance is \$3,574.09 .

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Henry N. agreed to publish minutes to our website starting with our anniversary meeting in May. He asked for volunteers to act as a proof reading committee. Members Tom A., Tony H., Shawn H. and Don B. agreed to participate. The details of the committee will be arranged off-line.
- Henry N. tabled a library listing that he compiled from the boxes of miscellaneous material which he obtained from Del M. Del asked if we are planning to reinstate library services. After a brief discussion Don B. deferred further discussion.
- Don B. reiterated his decision to step down at the end of the year. He understood that members were interested in an election and asked that it be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

AFFILIATIONS



Royal Canadian
Numismatic Association



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- Paul P. mentioned two upcoming shows:
 - April 19-21, ONA 2013 Convention; Friday is the kick-off with Saturday being a full day of bourse and club/association meetings.
 - May 11, NYCC Hobby Show.

PRESENTATION:

This month Paul P. and Tom A. agreed to jointly present a London Numismatic Society presentation entitled “Eight Reale In The New World”. Tom read from the script while Paul moved the slides forward.

Everyone present enjoyed the presentation and thanked Tom and Paul. Don commended the LNS for their efforts to further numismatic education.

SHOW-AND-TELL ROUND TABLE:

Del M.:

Taking his cue from the presentation this month, Del brought along examples of the 8-Reale Spanish-dollar (1739 and 1817) struck at the Mexico mint and one that was cut into 2-Reale sub-denomination (1752).

Del also brought examples of “optical illusion” paper money which relates to Del’s other passion of Magic. Among the examples he brought was the 1954 Devil’s Face variety of the Canadian 1- and 2-dollar note as well as the 1922 German 10,000-mark Vampire variety note.

Don B.:

Relating to the suggested theme of “April 15, 1900: Paris International Exposition opened”, Don brought along a beautiful marble plaque with bronze (cast copy) medal commemorating the Paris Expo of 1899.

As a second item Don brought along a modern struck medal commemorating the 1973 SEARS Roebuck Department Store’s “Billion Year”. Don believes this is related to the year in which Sears’ achieved \$1 Billion Dollars in sales. The medal, which Don feels is in the style of Dora dePedery-Hunt, features the inverted pyramid style Canadian Headquarters office building located at 22 Jarvis St., was perhaps presented to store managers who obtained a million dollars in sales in that year.

David Q.:

David passed around a Canadian polymer \$50-dollar note with a small portion of the upper-right hand corner of the bill missing. David purchased the note, at face value, from a person wanting to use it to pay for lunch at a restaurant. The cashier was not willing to accept the

“damaged” note. David, who had the ulterior motive of wanting to move the cash line forward faster, acquired the note as an oddity wondering if it was a printing error.

Shawn H.:

Shawn also brought along a number of items this week. Including-

- a silver coin from the principality Nassau-Siegen (State of the Holy Roman Empire) he believes rare.
- A war medal that he purchased at melt for \$30.
- A subscription silver bullion \$10.00 Beaver and Polar coins dated 2013.
- A series of Chinese charms which he purchased for \$3.00 each. He is was not certain that they were real. One of the tokens shows the remnant of the runner which joins the tokens which are cast in a tree formation. Shawn will be presenting a paper on the subject at the Chicago ANA.

Dr. George G.:

George brought three medals for show-and-tell. The first bronze medal feature MONTESQUIEU, a French philosopher who lived during the Age of Enlightenment. He is credited as being one of the precursors in the field of anthropology.

The second medal features Louis XVI on the obverse and Marie Antonette on the reverse. The medal commemorates Louis XVI who George calls the first ‘constitutional’ king; who ruled after the first French revolution. The National Assembly controlled the government. As we know Louis XVI (along with Marie Antoinette) was be-headed in 1794 when the monarch was suspended by factions within the Assembly.

The third medal featured Edward VI and commemorated his royal charter to the Stourbridge grammar school in 1552. The school still exist today as King Edward VI College, Stourbridge.

Henry N.:

Henry’s item consisted of a 2002 5-Dollar Republic of Somaliland crown sized coin, struck in nickel, commemorating the “April 15, 1912: RMS Titanic sunk – 1,503 lives lost” suggested topic. Henry mentioned that this is one of many examples of coins struck to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the loss of the Titanic. He commented that the 90th anniversary is often chosen as a celebrated milestone and asked the those present their opinions on why.

Tom A.:

Tom also brought along an example of an 8-Reale Spanish dollar. His example exhibited a deep cut-mark which actually cut through both sides of the coin. Was this a severe attempt to determine if the coin was legitimate and silver at the core?

Tom M.:

Tom's show-and-tell was a aftermarket packaged 1977 Canadian nickel dollar. The green vinyl wallet was titled "1977 Canada Diving Dollar" and contained a rotated die variety of the 1977 dollar with an approximate 15% rotation. Tom acquired the coin recently and is interested in finding out more about the variety.

Tony H.:

Tony brought along his recent Spring 2013 copy of Lapham's Quarterly. The famous magazine contained the limerick by the poet Cosmo Monkhouse (c.1891):

*There was a young lady of Niger
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger
They came back from the ride
With the lady inside
And the smile on the face of the tiger*

Which he mused—

Do the OPP make roadside suspensions of poetic license?

