



TORONTO COIN CLUB

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— Meeting Minutes for February, 2014 —

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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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2014.

LAST MEETING:

The February 10, 2014 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was held in room 302 of Metro Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with our treasurer Paul P. in the chair. There were 7 members and 1 guest present.

CLUB BUSINESS:

- Don was back in the chair for February, feeling much better than last month.
- Our on-time attendance draw this month took the form of distribution of past issues of “*Coins - The Magazine of Coin Collecting*” from the 60’s to each member present.
- Don mentioned that he had brought along a selection of books from the donated to the club by the Bank of Canada Currency Museum that he would auction off at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

There was no new business opened at the meeting.

GUESTS:

Myron H. from attended our meeting as a guest visiting from the Georgian Bay Coin Club. He collects pre-1968 Canadian coins, although he also has a 50-cent piece collection which extends to the present. Myron has also been collecting British India items for about a year.

PRESENTATION:

There were no planned speakers for the January meeting.

AFFILIATIONS



Royal Canadian
Numismatic Association



Ontario Numismatic
Association

SHOW-AND-TELL ROUND TABLE:

Paul P.:

Paul P. brought along a bound copy of “Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal” issued in 1913-1914. This continued the 100th anniversary theme he started last month when he brought along the volume of ANA Numismatists from that year.

John M.:

John M. brought along some recent acquisitions of a different kind this time ancient artifacts he acquired at the Paris show at the beginning of February, including-

- two types of bronze arrow heads which he was amazed looked so similar even though their origin were separated by more than 2,500 years.
- a Fiance glass scarab dating between 800-300 BCE.
- an “Old Ironside” commemorative token originally received presumably with a 25-cent donation to the Old Ironside Fund as indicated by the legend on the token.
- a tiny 1988 “Official Commemorative Ingot” weighing 1-gram of silver.

Henry N.:

Henry, followed one of the published themes “February 10 - 1720, Sir Edmond Haley appointed Astronomer Royal of England”. He brought along a high relief medal issued in 1744 by famous Swiss medalist Jacques Antoine Dassier as part of the 20 medal series on notable British personalities. The 80 g, 54 mm bronze medal featured a detailed image of Haley on one side and the legend: Astronomus / Regis Magnæ Britanniae / MDCCXLIV on the other. Henry also distributed a 3 page back ground paper he produced while researching the medal.

Myron H.:

Myron read a short poem that was published in the September 2013 RCNA NumisNotes about a very explicit dream he had entitled “The Coin”. In which Myron dreamt that he was a coin.

He also has an article published in a recent Canadian Coin News on the new British £5 note featuring Yousuf Karsh’s portrait of Sir Winston Churchill.

Shawn H.:

Shawn brought along a number of interesting items including-

- \$10.00 Canadian polymer note which he believes to be an error note. The note, serial # FEW 3018285, is slightly deformed in places suggesting, to him, of being melted slightly by hot rollers.

- a complete set of RCM NCLT 2013 \$10 silver coins from the “Canadian Scenes” series, valued at \$600.
- a year of the horse \$10 and a Great Lakes series \$20 NCLT
- as well as a binder page of rarer Chinese, German States and French States small denomination coins.

Marvin K.:

Marvin brought along some interesting items linked to the theme “February 9 - 1822 Haiti invades the newly formed Dominican Republic”. Naturally the items also had a medical connection as well including-

- a series of notes with denominations 2-, 5-, 10-gourdes featuring Papa Doc Duvalier as the President of Haiti (1957–1971). François Duvalier graduated with a degree in medicine from the University of Haiti in 1934 and served as staff physician at several local hospitals.
- a 10-peso note featuring Che Guevara. As a young medical student, Ernest Guevara traveled throughout South America. The poverty, hunger, and disease he witnessed drove him in the direction of becoming a Marxist revolutionary and guerilla leader.

Don B.:

Don brought along a few interesting items from his collection. In particular he brought along a book he considers an important reference, the “Spink’s Catalogue of British Commemorative Medals, 1558 to Present with Valuations” by Daniel Fearon published in 1984 by Web and Bower Ltd.

He also brought along a number of items he acquired recently at the CAND show in Hamilton. These items include-

- an unusual, large silver love token made from a crown-sized Swedish 1779 OL Riksdaler. The token includes a person’s initials and last name along with the date 1785 engraved on the periphery of the bust of King Gustaf III. The engraving is in a curious style using dotted lines which seems consistent with the period.
- an encased postage token issued by the merchant Marburg of Germany. It was issued in heavy cardboard with the actual stamp was covered by a celluloid window. Other denominations were issued by the same entity in different colours and styles. The token was not listed in the Albert Pick reference catalogue on the subject.

At 8:55 we went on to the small auction of items Don had brought along for that purpose. The auction raised \$2 for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.