



TORONTO COIN CLUB

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— Meeting Minutes for May, 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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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday June 17.

LAST MEETING:

The May 13, 2013 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was held in room 304 of Metro Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 with our president Don B. in the chair. There were 11 members present.

CLUB BUSINESS:

- This month's on-time attendance draw (featuring material donated to the club by the Bank of Canada Currency Museum) took the form of a random draw. Member Shawn H. won a grouping of Coin Monthly Magazine from 1968-69.
- Don B. mentioned that his recovery from recent surgery was progressing well.
- Shawn H. talked about his presentation at the recent CICF show held in Chicago. The topic involved tips on dating older Oriental coins. He brought material, including a free pass, about the coming ANA convention and "World's Fair of Money" which will be held in Chicago's Donald E. Stephens Convention Center from Aug. 13-17, 2013. After some discussion Shawn agreed to reprise his talk at the June club meeting.
- Don B. reminded members that we will begin posting minutes on our website as of the May edition.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Don B. brought up the topic of club executive elections.
 - Henry N. took the action item to review the archives to determine if the last group of constitutional changes were in fact accepted at the 1974 general meeting. He will report back at the next meeting.
 - Don has called an election to take place at the November meeting. Because he has no intention of seeking office in the next term, he has agreed to act as the nominations chairman. Please forward all nominations to him. We are interested receiving in nominations for all positions including Librarian and Archivist as well as executive positions.
- Don asked for ideas regarding changes to the meeting format. Everyone present indicated that they liked the current theme-based show-and-tell format. Henry mentioned that he supported the idea of adding semi-regular presentations to the meeting format as an invaluable educational opportunity. Dr. George G. mentioned that throughout his 14-year tenure as president that he sought out speakers. He mentioned finding those willing to do original presentations is more difficult than those willing to

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give “canned” presentations, like those available through the London Coin Society.

- Jared S. mentioned the upcoming Toronto Coin Expo May 31-June 1 at the Toronto Reference Library.

GUESTS:

Jack, a collector of Canadian and World Coins attended as our guest. Jack has been collecting for 50-years and without consciously realizing it has started researching and documenting his collection.

PRESENTATION:

Henry N. presented a report as club delegate to the Ontario Numismatic Association 2013 convention held on April 19–21 in Kitchener. The power point included a number of images that he took at the convention.

SHOW-AND-TELL ROUND TABLE:

Jared S.:

Jared opened by saying that he had thought to bring some “cool-stuff” that he had purchased recently but was not able to find it for the meeting. Jared’s life is still somewhat in disarray after the fire which claimed his house.

He did bring some interesting two jewelry items made from 1890 one-shilling pieces which he bought at the recent NYCC Hobby Show. He also brought along a very special nine-digit, solid serial number (all two’s) 1979 series 20-dollar note.

Henry N.:

Henry’s items followed the May 12, 1937 “Coronation of King George VI” suggested topic. He brought along four 5-cent pieces from his collection. The first dated 1936 in SP67 from one of the famous 1936-dot sets was the presumably struck in 1937 prior to the dies be received for the new monarch. The other three, also specimen coins, were dated 1937 and were struck with the effigy of George VI. The three coins were: Matte Sp-67, Mirror Sp-67 and the DC-20 pattern, struck in Brass at the Paris Mint, in SP-64.

Paul P.:

Paul brought along some souvenirs of the O.N.A. 2013 convention including: the official convention medal struck in silver, brass and copper as well as a lead strike of the hardened obverse die; and examples of the 2012 Lucky Loonie in special holder signed in person by the coin designer Emily Damstra who was guest speaker at the awards banquet.

Chris P.:

Chris brought along some fine examples of ancient Roman imperial coins. First was a denarius of Severus Alexander (222-235), the last emperor of the Severan Dynasty, which features “Mars the Avenger” on the reverse.

Second was an antoninianus of Gallienus (253-268). Gallienus ruled with his father Valerian from 253-260 and then alone from 260-268. This represented a low-point in the history of the roman empire when Valerian was captured in battle in 260.

John M.:

Brought a number of interesting items he had obtained recently. This included- a 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics presentation medal; a medal from the “Don Robb collection auctioned by Jeffrey Hoare Ltd. at the ONA convection by Dora DePedery-Hunt; and a very interesting, two sided, notary seal for Andrew Somocyi Brodie.

Shawn H.:

Shawn mentioned that he had purchased a large quantity of Chinese Cash coins at the CICF show in Chicago at a very good 50%-off sale. He also brought along a rare piece of a ceramic “Mother Model” used in making the models to cast Chinese coins. Shawn also brought six-stripe flag variety coin from the Howard Crubb collection which Shawn believes is the plate coin from the Krause catalogue.

Dr. Marvin K.:

Marvin took his inspiration from a Mark Richardson radio interview talking about him driving the Trans-Canada highway in a yellow Camero convertible. Marvin brought along a medal commemorating the official opening of the Trans-Canada Highway in 1962 struck by Artistic Dies Inc., which later became the Lombardo Mint.

Marvin also brought along a beautiful full-colour booklet he purchased from the Shanghai Museum gift shop during his recent vacation in China. The booklet features the Shanghai Museum’s coin collection, a collection that Marvin felt was quite memorable, a collection that you could spend hours looking through.

Don B.:

Don took his inspiration from the “May 13, 1787: First Convict-fleet leaves Britain to colonize Australia” theme. The early life in Australia was very rough, in

many cases the convicts were forced to leave their families behind when they were sent to the Australian colony. Don brought along the “Convict Love Tokens” book by Michelle Field and Timothy Millett. The book is very well done with large colour images showing love tokens over a wide range of styles from the very simple “pointalistic” style (dots) to miniature works of art by accomplished artists.

Dr. George G.:

George brought two numismatic books: an interesting book on Russian coins called the Guide Book Of Russian Coins 1725 to 1970 by Robert P. Harris; and Silver Crowns of the Far East by M. Oka with text in Chinese.

Tom A.:

Tom’s show-and-tell consisted of some items he obtained at the NYCC Hobby show on May 11. He purchased a Canadian 50-cent dated 1943 for a friend’s birthday year as well a small denomination silver ancient coin one of the Mississauga-Etobicoke club members who had a table at the hobby show. The coin, a tetartemorion (1/4 obol) struck in the 5th century B.C.E. from Mylassa, Caria, garnered his attention because the holder was mis-labeled as from Myssia which Tomn was not familiar with. Mylassa, Caria was located in the northwest part of Asian-minor. Tom mentioned the coin weighing about 0.1 gram of silver was often struck well below the stated weights making them difficult to attribute properly.

