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President's Message

It seems like just yesterday that I became President of the ONA but here it is two years later and time for another election. It is with a feeling of regret that I will be leaving the President's position, but also one of satisfaction. I feel the ONA is stronger with its many good and dedicated members. This convention will see the election of a new executive and board of directors. It is important for all members to make their wishes known through nominations and or voting at the convention.

Before closing I would like to suggest that you mark April 16 and April 17/05 on your calendar as the date for the next ONA Convention being held in the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury (formerly the Ramada Inn) This Convention will be hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club. I hope to see you there.

I want to remind every club to consider sending a delegate to this year's Convention in Sudbury. These delegates could bring back some good ideas from other clubs that attend. Don't forget to sell those Dream Vacation tickets. Clubs benefits from the proceeds as well as the O.N.A.

Registrations and medals are going very well as of this publication so register now and don't be shut out.

Registration and Exhibit forms are included in this Newsletter, so take a look and fill them in and enjoy what you will get from attending this Convention.

Tom Rogers
President

**Please send your Dream Vacation
tickets in before April 8/05. This is so
we can get them to Sudbury on time.
Thanks Bruce**

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Official Call for Nominations

As per the ONA Constitution and By-Laws, I am pleased to:

- appoint Len Trakalo as Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Members of his committee are Paul Petch and Tom Rogers.
- call for nominations for all elected positions outlined in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws.
- announce that the closing date for acceptance of nominations to be March 31, 2005.

Please send your nominations, along with a written letter of acceptance from nominee, to:

ONA Elections,
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He may also be reached at (519) 756-5137 evenings and weekends or via email at : ltrakalo@sympatico.ca.

Tom Rogers
President

Membership Report

The applications for membership which appeared in the January/February issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Gwen McDonald, Frank E. Noble and the Franklin Coin Club.

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections, they will be accepted into ONA Membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

1834 Jack Labrie, Midland
1835 Gerry Albert, Sudbury
1836 Trevor Lynn, Ottawa

Bruce Raszmann,
ONA Membership Chair

People's Choice Awards

While attending the ONA Convention please remember to view the exhibits and cast your vote for the exhibit you enjoy the most. The panel of exhibit judges will determine the Best of Show Award using the official ONA criteria. The People's Choice cannot be determined until the very end of the Convention when all of the votes are cast.

From the Editor

My apologies for not publishing the call for nominations in the last bulletin. As a result we will not be able to publish the list of nominees prior to the convention.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go out to the family of Earl Salterio who recently passed away.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 19, CAMBRIDGE

The 14th Annual Cambridge Coin show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road,. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 40 Tables, of Coins, Tokens, Paper Money, Trade Dollars, Militaria, CTC Coupons. Free Admission. Directions: From 401, take Hwy 24 (Hespeler Rd.) South to Dunbar Rd. (3 km - 8 traffic lights) & turn left, 2nd Building RH. For more information, contact: Wolfe at wolfed@sympatico.ca

Apr. 1-3, KINGSTON

EONS, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. Hours: Fri. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Auction Sat. 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ted's Collectibles Inc., (866) 747-COIN (2646), email teds.s.w.o.n.22@sympatico.ca.

Apr. 10, CHATHAM

CHATHAM COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW - Wheels Inn, Corner of #2 Highway & Keil Dr. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 16-17, SUDBURY

ONA 43rd Annual Convention, Ramada Inn, 85 Ste. Anne Rd. Rainbow Outlet Centre. Opens at 10:00 a.m. each day. Admission \$3. 45 bourse tables, auction April 16. Sponsor: ONA & Nickel Belt Coin Club.

Apr. 30, AMHERSTBURG

Essex County Coin Club First Annual Show, White Woods Mall, 400 Sandwich St. S. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, lots of free parking. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

Apr. 30 - May 1, NIAGARA FALLS

TLC Show, Ramada Suites, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Hours: Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3, free parking. Auction by Rick Simpson (Sat. at 6:00 p.m.) For more information contact Lina Robinson (905) 309-5967, lindann@sympatico.ca or Tom Kennedy (519) 271-8825.

May 1, WINDSOR

54th Annual Spring Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$1 admission includes draws for hourly door prizes and a grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

May 14, PETERBOROUGH

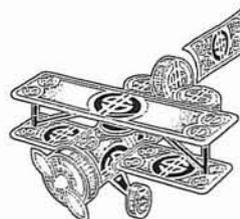
Peterborough Coin Club Show, Portage Place, 1154 Chemong Road. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Colin at (705) 742-0114.

May 20-22, HAMILTON

TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. Dealer set-up Friday from 2 p.m. Show pass \$20. Public admittance Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc., Sat & Sun. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. For more information, contact Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434, fax (905) 318-1638 or email cand@cogeco.ca.

Oct. 1, OSHAWA

Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.



Do you have a show coming up.

Email or fax us the details.

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Nomination Committee Report



As required by the ONA's Constitution and By-Laws, the President has made a call for nominations of elected officers and has appointed me, Len Trakalo, Chairman, with Paul Petch and Tom Rogers as members of the Election Committee.

- Nominations must be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to us. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected.
- Nominations shall close on March 31, 2005
- The elected officers of the Association shall be: the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the Regional Directors, and there shall be at least one director from each area. The areas served by the Directors are published on the following page.
- The duties of the elected officers shall be to conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. The duties are more specifically detailed in the By-Laws of the Association.
- The governing body of the Association shall be elected and appointed officers as well as the immediate Past-President and shall be known as the Executive. Each member of the Executive shall have full voting rights.
- The duties of the elected officers shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to appoint officers, bi-annually or at such other times as the offices may be vacant, to fill the following offices: Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Editor, Librarian, Archivist, and such offices as the Executive may deem advisable.
- Duties of the Executive shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to decide on the time and place for holding the General Meeting; to rule on the admission of applicants against whom objections have been raised; to rule on the disposition of formal charges brought against a member of the Association; to fix advertising rates for space in the official publication and set rules and regulations in connection therewith; to fix the compensation paid to any officers to whom such compensation is paid; to prescribe which elected and appointed officers shall be bonded and to fix the amounts thereof; to remove from office any elected or appointed officer who does not or cannot meet the requirements of the office; to carry on and direct the affairs of the Association generally.
- Any Life Member or Regular Member who has been in good standing for two years or longer shall be eligible to hold office in the Association. In the event that no eligible member is nominated to any position, the Executive shall have the authority to appoint any member in good standing by a majority vote of the Executive.
- No member shall be elected for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two-year term as an elected or appointed officer of the Executive.
- The names of the nominees will be published in the March/April issue of the ONA Numismatist.

Election Procedures if more than one person is nominated for any elected position:

- If more than one person is nominated for any position, the names of all nominees will be printed on official ballots and one ballot mailed to each member in good standing around the end of March, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and an envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee.
- The unopened envelopes, containing the marked ballots, shall be taken by us to the Annual Convention where they shall be opened on the first day of the Convention, by the Chairman in the presence of at least one other member of the Committee and the ballots counted. In the event of a tie, the matter shall be reported to the President, who shall call for a vote from the floor of the Annual General Meeting to break the tie. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman of the Election Committee at the meeting.

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Nomination Committee Report - Continued

- Any office for which no nominations have been received shall be filled by the following procedure: nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, then voted on at the meeting. If no nominations are received from the floor, they will be filled by the elected officers at a regular executive meeting.
- All elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the General Meeting and shall hold office for two years.
- No member shall stand for election for more than one office.

The Area Directors for which nominations are being accepted would represent the following counties:

Area 1 - Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex (includes Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia, St. Thomas)

Area 2 - Huron, Perth Oxford (includes Stratford, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Woodstock)

Area 3 - Niagara (includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland)

Area 4 - Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk (includes Brantford, Hamilton)

Area 5 - Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin (includes Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge, South Wellington)

Area 6 - Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka (includes Barrie, Orillia, Champlain)

Area 7 - Metro Toronto, Peel and York (includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga, Thistle-town, Oshawa)

Area 8 - Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland (includes Peterborough, Kingston, Victoria-Simcoe)

Area 9 - All East of Hastings and Algonquin District (includes Ottawa, Pembroke, Pte. Claire, PQ)

Area 10 - All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew (includes Sudbury, Nipissing, Thunder Bay, Kirkland Lake)

In addition to any duties spelled out in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws for Area Directors, anyone that is approached to run as an Area Director should agree to the following objectives and conditions:

- Is available to attend ONA Executive meetings when they are held; that there is no ongoing commitment on Saturdays or Sundays that would preclude them from attending approximately 7 meetings a year.
- Attend meetings of clubs in his/her area, on a regular basis; attend local coin shows to promote the ONA.
- Agrees to submit reports to the President if they are unable to attend an Executive meeting.
- Is willing and able to dialogue with individuals and at club meetings about the benefits of belonging to the ONA; attempt to sign up new members; follow-up with delinquent members.
- Believes that membership in the ONA represents good "value" (psychological, fun & fellowship).
- Is able and willing to attend the ONA's annual convention and agrees to attend the annual general membership meeting, the club delegates meeting, the executive meeting and the banquet.
- Should also be willing to contribute, from time-to-time, "worthwhile" write-ups and original articles for publication in the ONA Numismatist.

A number of these points also apply to the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, who should also express a willingness to move up the ranks in future elections.

We are also accepting nominations via e-mail at ltrakalo@sympatico.ca with the stipulation that anyone that you propose must have given you verbal confirmation that they are willing to accept the nomination.

In addition to receiving nominations from members, we will be in touch with a number of people encouraging them to let their names stand.

Len Trakalo - Chairman

Paul Petch & Tom Rogers - Members

ONA Nominations Committee

Sudbury and the 43rd Annual O.N.A. Convention Medal

The Ontario Numismatic Association's 43rd Annual Coin Convention to be held in Sudbury, April 15-17, 2005, will be the largest such event ever witnessed in Northern Ontario. The last such coin show, the 9th Annual O.N.A. Convention, was held 34 years ago on April 24-25 1971. It was a great success and was also hosted in Sudbury by the Nickel Belt Coin Club.

The O.N.A. Convention is being held at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn) in downtown Sudbury, located at 85 Ste. Anne Road, Rainbow Outlet Centre, Sudbury, Ontario (tel: 800-436-4449). For those unfamiliar with the area, the ride from downtown Toronto is 390 km which is actually a shorter distance to Sudbury than to Ottawa. Other facts that may surprise visitors are that 8.2 million trees have been planted in Sudbury since 1979, or that 19.2 percent or nearly one in five persons within Sudbury is employed by either government or the health care industry. This more than three times that of the mines.

Preparations for the O.N.A. 2005 Convention are well advanced with all dealer tables sold as are most of the registration kits. The silver medals with an issue of 30 will probably be sold out by convention time. Given both that this year's medal includes a train locomotive design and that nearly half of the registration kits were sold to residents of northern Ontario, there will be a strong after market demand for the medals in the rest of the country.

The 2005 Convention medal employs design elements of the logo of the Nickel Belt Coin Club as suggested by Gerry and Rolly Albert, long time members of the host club. The original club logo was officially adopted in January 1990. It was designed by the late Father Roger Lavoie, professor at Laurentian University, with design modifications by Jeff Fournier.



The central design of the convention medal illustrates a train locomotive in the foreground with a mining and metallurgical site in the background. Both the railroad and mines are founding industries of Sudbury. "Sudbury" and "Ontario" appear above the design while "April 15-17 2005/ Club/ Est. 1956" appears below. Within an outer ring at the top appears "43rd Annual O.N.A. Convention" with "Host Nickel Belt Coin Club" below. Two stylized maple leaves, bearing the letters "G" and "R", at the left and right, respectively, separate the text within the outer ring and reflect the medal design contributions of Gerry and Rolly Albert. The other side of the medal portrays the official logo of the O.N.A.

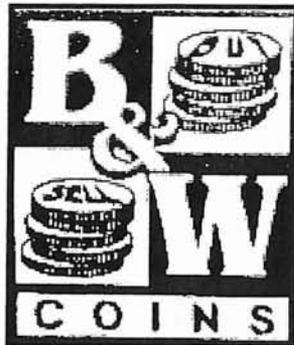
The Great Canadian Mint in Edmonton, Alberta struck the 2005 O.N.A. medals on 38mm diameter, smooth-edged planchets. Medals were struck in proof-like finish in brilliant copper (50 available only in the registration kits), 0.999 fine silver (in an issue of 30), and brilliant brass (in an issue of 40). The silver and brass medals are available to the public at a cost of \$35.00 and \$10.00, respectively.

The central motif used for the convention design is especially fitting as it was because of the CPR line coming through Sudbury that the first copper and nickel deposit, the Murray Mine, was exposed in a right-of-way railway cut through bedrock.

Even the name of the community is tied into the coming of the railroad. Originally established as a lumber community named Ste-Anne-des-Pins, the name changed when it became a railroad divisional site in 1883. The town was re-named Sudbury by CPR Superintendent of Construction, James Worthington, after his wife's birthplace in Suffolk, England. Sudbury was incorporated as a city in 1930.

Several stories exist as to who first uncovered the discovery outcropping with its marked reddish stain. Some would say it was the local Magistrate McNaughton, who in the fall of 1883 while exploring the area surrounding his home, become lost and discovered a rock exposure which he thought contained some copper. Others may suggest that CPR doctor, William H. Howey, who upon finding the lost McNaughton, co-discovered the showing as it was he who collected the initial samples and showed them to Dr. Alfred Selwyn, geologist and director of the Geological Survey of Canada. Selwyn had been working in the area because of the increased accessibility due to the coming of CPR. The importance of the showing, however, was dismissed and no further action was taken by Dr. Howey as the samples were reported to contain "worthless iron sulfides. There was copper in them, all right but not enough to be worth while. There might also be some nickel, but there was no market for nickel (at that time)."

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Club Reports

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Members can set up tables at their meetings to sell yard sale type household items as well as numismatic related materials.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB (ORILLIA)

In February they had a "Hobby Night" where members got to show off "other" hobbies. In March they are having an OPP Officer in to discuss home security issues. The editor also publishes Internet addresses each month that are Numismatic related.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The club is approaching the 100 member mark. They also contribute annually to the "Thames Valley Children's Treatment Centre". In 2004 they anted up \$500.00. Keep up the good work!

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

March will be their 650th meeting. Bill Clarke, the clubs editor, will be the guest speaker.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

They are putting the finishing touches on plans for the ONA Convention on April 16 & 17. The club is looking forward to a great year and the executive is promising a few surprises. They have the longest auction list I've seen (66 items).

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The club is producing commemorative woods to reflect their 500th meeting in December, 2004 and their 45th anniversary in 2005. Congratulations!

Attention Club Presidents: Please do not forget to send us news and happenings from your club. We will gladly publish them here. Anything from Milestones, Achievements (club or member). Share the good news!

...ONA Convention

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A few weeks later it is reported that Tom Flanagan, a local blacksmith, rediscovered the small stained hill and re-sampled it. Unfortunately for him, he did not acquire title to the land even after it was subsequently blasted open to expose yet more mineralization during the emplacement of the railroad line. His sole reward is being commemorated with the discovery on an historical plaque along highway 544 near the Murray Mines.

Acquisition of title to the land was left to a syndicate of four men: John Loughrin, a contractor from Mattawa who supplied rail ties to the CPR; Thomas and William Murray, merchants from Pembroke; and, Henry Abbott of Brockville. All were involved in the area because of the CPR presence. On February 25 1884, the syndicate applied to purchase title to 310 acres, including the discovery showing, from the Ontario Department of Crown Lands. Within five years this property would become the Murray Mine which produced millions of dollars over the next 32 years. Numerous other world class deposits such as the Froot, Stobie and Levack

Mines, rich in copper, nickel and platinum group metals, were subsequently discovered and continue to be discovered in the Sudbury area, thereby making Sudbury Canada's Mining Capital.

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THE CASHLESS SOCIETY A REALITY - A FALLACY OR IS IT GETTING NEARER

-by Len Buth

Over the past many years we have all heard and read about the coming of the "cashless society". While credit and debit cards have taken away the need to carry an abundance of cash, everyday need for hard cash payments does not appear to have diminished.

New and innovative payment methods do keep presenting themselves however - e.g.. Esso's "Speedpass" - a small 1" long x 1/4" round key chain gadget. The user simply has to point the end of the "Speedpass" to the gas pump reader [or in store at register for non-gas purchases] - no cards to swipe or numbers to remember, no buttons to push, or a receipt to sign - but payment is still charged to a credit card on file with Esso.

Another new innovation appeared in late 2003, in Toronto's downtown business district and commuter heavy Union Station. The writer read about this new product from Dexit Inc., in the July 19 - August 15, 2004 issue of Canadian Business magazine, page 29. This small key chain fob [pictured below] has an embedded rechargeable chip which can be pre-loaded with amounts to a limit of \$100.... and automatically decreases the remaining amount with each purchase made. Again, the "fob" is simply pointed at a retailer's terminal - no cash, no credit card, no signature, no monthly billing statement to pay, no codes to remember. A quick and easy way to pay for that morning coffee and muffin as you step off the train to go to your office. The fob does not eliminate the need for cash, but as Dexit's founder and CEO stated, " In a global society everything has gone electronic, it doesn't make sense to carry heavy coins in the pocket". With the weight and never ending accumulation of loonies and twonies in one's pant pocket or purse, the Dexit may just have a chance to serve a purpose? There is also a benefit to the retailer..... no cash register sales to input, no change to carry or make, no time consuming credit card swipes etc.

The Dexit does not really appear to represent "brand new" technology. While the writer was still in the employ of a major bank some 10 years ago, several of us were "guinea pigs" for a "smart card" being developed. It looked like a regular credit card, but it had a 3/4" round encrypted chip which we were able to load with various amounts and then use to pay for in-house parking and dining room purchases as with the Dexit, the amounts remaining available reduced with usage - and when low we could recharge.

Cashless society.... not yet.

Courtesy of the Nickel Belt Coin Club

REFLECTIONS OF A FORMER JUNIOR MEMBER

For many people, the holiday season is a nostalgic time of the year and I recently found myself reminiscing about my involvement with the Nickel Belt Coin Club (NBCC) of Sudbury. I would like to take the time to share some of these memories with you.

My family moved to Sudbury in July of 1964. I no longer remember how but I soon learned about the existence of the 1962 re-engraved five cent piece and managed to find one in my pocket change. Today, the Charlton Catalogue more accurately refers to this variety as "die doubling deterioration". In the winter of 1965, at the ripe old age of 14, I attended my first NBCC meeting which, at that time, was held in the basement of the Sudbury Public Library on MacKenzie Street. What a wonderful experience attending those meetings turned out to be. I was still feeling like a newcomer to the city but I was welcomed into the club by adults who always had the time to talk with and educate me. Often, on my walk back home, I would stop in at the Adie Apartments where Bob Allen's wife would fix me a cup of hot chocolate while I stared with fascination at Mr. Allen's large cent collection and his 1926 far 6 nickel. Many other times, I would walk with another member of the club to the corner of Pine and Ethelbert Streets; that member was Joe Ash (sorry for dating you Joe).

Over the years, the club moved locations many times (e.g., the President Hotel/Days Inn; Tom Davies Square, etc.) and I have been in and out of it for personal reasons. Some members are no longer with us (founding member Charles [Chuck] F. Martin, Bob Willey, Leo Villeneuve, Father Lavoie to name a few) but the club carries on. And it carries on because of the long-term dedication of senior members Jerry Albert, Roly Albert, and Joe Ash. My heart-felt thanks go out to these 3 individuals as well as to other past and present Executive members for their hard work over the years. Because of the NBCC, this former junior member had a place to go to one Sunday of each month where he could relax, enjoy the company of others with like interests, learn about and purchase coins, and feel important in the company of adults.

The challenge today seems to be how to attract new junior members so that we are not so top-heavy with adults. The question is how to convey the message to parents that numismatics has so much to offer young people compared to solitary activities like video games. Numismatic clubs afford opportunities to learn about history, to socialize, to organize oneself, to budget, and to increase self-confidence. Not bad given the token cost of a yearly membership. But we live in different times and parents are rightly concerned about the safety of their children compared to 40 years ago. Perhaps the time has come to establish a web-site for the NBCC to connect with younger members via the computer. However it is done, the future of the hobby and the viability of this club depends upon attracting new junior members.

Thanks for allowing me to take this walk down memory lane and to muse about possible future directions.

Alan McQuistin
January 9, 2005

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MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... *by Lou Vesh*

The number of "trick-or-treaters" at our door dropped drastically this year, for reasons unknown. The weather was definitely not in their favour, but I suspect that the number of younger children in this area is dwindling. It's been a trend over the last few years, as families grow up and move on.

Still, I felt that a Hallowe'en wooden nickel was in order. This year's issue, shown at right, features the comic witch that I first used 4 years ago. I've now given her the name of "Gertie".

Her full nickname is "Guilford Gertie". I am quick to add that the name is not meant to associate with any person, living or dead.

Any such similarity is purely coincidental.

The jack-o-lantern has been enhanced with

some acrylic paints applied by brush. And what's

this, a red nose? Has she been imbibing? Maybe she stopped in at the local liquor store? Has it been 8 hours between the bottle and the throttle? Well, I shouldn't jump to such conclusions. After all, Rudolph has a red nose and flies too, but has never been considered a "beer deer". Cheers.



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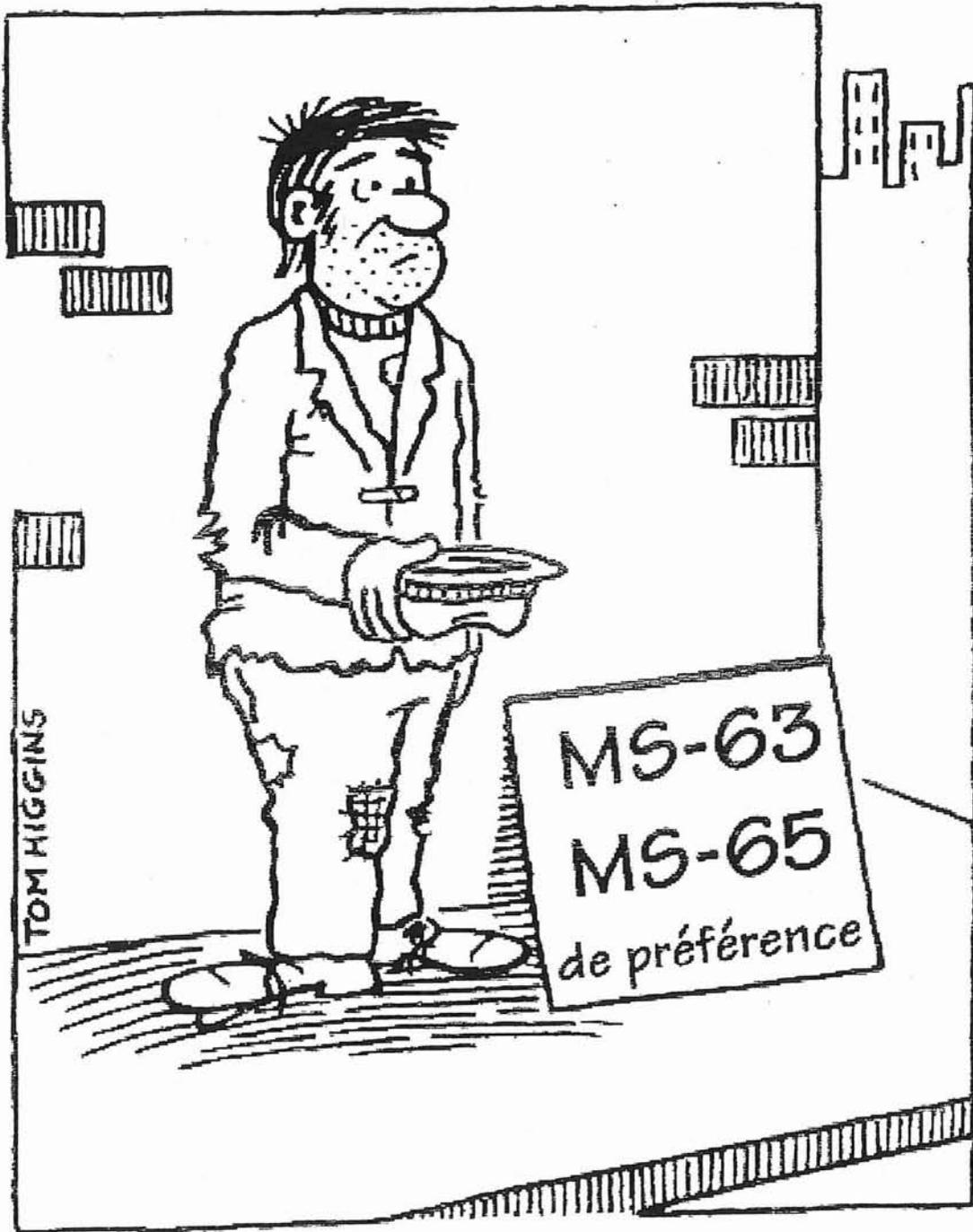
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Who is... François Rufiange, our new Club President?

I have been a serving Canadian Armed Forces officer for almost 28 years. I joined the military in 1977, graduated from Royal Military College (RMC) in 1982 with a mechanical engineering degree and then studied for another year to become an Aerospace Engineer. I am married and have two beautiful daughters.

During all my traveling, I always kept a few coins and bank notes here and there, but never thought much of them. I began to seriously collect coins and paper money in 1997 after I received for Christmas the beautiful *Snowbird* coin from my brother-in-law from the 20\$ Aviation series. I became a numismatist later when I began to study the fascinating Thomas Shingles 'Victory' 5-cent coin. I used that coin as the foundation for a scientific experiment on magnification at my daughter's school in June 2002. This experiment was so well received by the students that I decided the following September to start a numismatic club at our school. That experiment was also the topic of my first article published in *Canadian Coin News* in September 2002. Most of my work is done in French and I continue to write for the French organization that promotes numismatics for young French Canadians called 'Apprenp'tits Numismates' (<http://www.apprenptits.org/>).



We are a scout family and all enjoy very much nature. That is why the theme of my most fun coin collection is wildlife. My very favorite Canadian coin is the 1997 flying loon and international coin is the lion obverse on the Ethiopian coins. Wild life coins are by far the kid's most popular coins. The cubs also very much enjoyed decoding the Morse code on the Victory 5-cent coin!

For the past three years, I have also learned very much about coin photography. I had no choice because I needed pictures for all my presentations! This has become another hobby of mine!

Today, I support two numismatic clubs: every week for one hour at a primary school and every second week for two hours at a high school.

In closing, I enjoy very much buying, selling, studying coins, writing articles, but what I enjoy the most is talking about it! I have made great friends in the past few years and it is just a lot of fun to share stories!

Major François Rufiange, CD, P.Eng.

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Ten Steps for a Great Coin Club – Your Program Director’s View

by Steve Woodland

After reading “Ten Steps to Winning the Louise Graham Club of the Year Award” that appeared in the September 2004 issue of the CN Journal (Vol. 49, No. 7, pp 367-369), I got to thinking about how these points might apply to the City of Ottawa Coin Club. What follows are my personal thoughts on the “Ten Steps” Dan Gosling presented in his article and how we might use them to enhance our Club.

1. Improve Your Meeting Programs

The success of the COCC is highly dependent upon regular attendance at our monthly meeting. To achieve this, we need a program that is interesting, inclusive, and informative for all our members. We need enthusiastic speakers, appealing topics, enlightening activities, and lively discussions. All our members need to get involved and speak about their coin collecting interests, experiences, and passions. And we mustn’t ever hesitate to offer differing perspectives, state opposing views, or discuss provocative issues. It is this lively and interactive exchange of ideas that will draw us together and help each of us to get as much as we possibly can out of our hobby and the Club.

2. Remove Your Club’s Business Affairs from Your Regular Meetings

Yo! COCC Executive sit up and take note! We attend the meetings to enjoy the numismatic experience, not to listen to dry and boring nausea about the administration and management of the Club. Keeping that “stuff” to the Executive Meetings means we will take away a positive experience from our regular meeting each month (and it means the members of the Executive don’t have to listen to the dull stuff twice...ZZzzz). No need to say anymore on this point!

3. Increase Your Revenue

Our program depends on a steady stream of income to the Club. We must maintain a positive cash flow in order to fund the Club’s activities and keep us from withering on the vine. How do we do this? This is where we need ideas, initiative and input. We already have some traditions established: Annual Fees, Fall Club Auction, and monthly 50/50 draws, but we need some new ideas too! When was the last time we hosted the CNA or ONA convention and coin show? Have we ever had a corporate sponsor? How can we reduce our expenses? Can we write a book/publication and sell it to raise money? We are limited only by our imagination and our desire to succeed. Money makes the COCC world go round, but it is the effort and initiative of each individual that greases the gears and wheels. Let’s hear some ideas!

4. Separate the Business of Earning from What You Fund

This is an interesting one. Essentially, what it means is that the people who focus on raising the funds should not, if at all possible, be the same folks who are making the decisions on how the money is spent. In other words, the Executive should decide what program activities get funded, while a separate committee (that reports to the Executive, of course) is responsible to raise the necessary funds. By operating this way, we separate the business decision of what to fund from the emotional attachment to the money that develops from having to raise the funds. Gosling

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stated it quite well: "Your club's executive should decide what projects to support and what initiatives to finance. [The fund-raising committee]...should only focus on generating a fair and reasonable profit from its activities and not be concerned with how the profits are utilized."

5. Find a Recruiter

Continued growth will keep us from fading away, and the recruitment of new members is an essential ingredient to a healthy club. Not all of us have the knack for encouraging others to join the club, but those of us who do are vital to our Club's future. We need the skills and abilities of those individuals to keep new members walking through the door. Gosling suggests that a local coin dealer who is a member of the club might be the right person to do this job, as he or she would be motivated to encouraging people to become interested in numismatics. While I'll concede that a coin dealer is one possibility, I would prefer that our "recruiter" be someone in the club who is motivated for reasons other than personal profit. As a motivating factor, perhaps we could offer of some sort of incentive to those who recruit new members, say, exemption from next year's fees if you bring in three new members. Any other thoughts? Any volunteers for COCC Recruiter?

6. Develop Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Club; without them we will not survive. And I'm not just thinking about the folks who volunteer for the COCC Executive. We need people to set-up and teardown at each meeting, and we need volunteers as speakers, discussion leaders, and to share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of us. We also need people to develop ideas for Club activities, to contribute articles and items for the COCC Journal, to lead a recruiting drive, to coordinate fund raising, and to spread the word about our great Club. Volunteering will help each of us feel like we belong to the club, that we have made a contribution to the betterment of the club, and that our club is an extension of each of us. This sentiment of "belonging" or "ownership" or "vested interest" in the club is what we get out of our volunteer work. So let's get volunteering!

7. Expand Your Inner Circle of Volunteers

Encouraging members to volunteer for activities and take on responsibilities that are within the scope of their talents and interests will go a long way to drawing in those "fringe" members and forming a more cohesive Club. Anyone who collects has something to give back to the hobby and, if approached in the right way, will become an enthusiastic participant and organizer of Club activities. They will also feel closer to the "Inner Circle of movers and shakers" in the Club and, if all goes well, they will form the core of the next "Inner Circle" as they will be in a better position to move on to positions of greater responsibility within the Club's management structure.

8. Feed the Troops

As an Army guy, I like this one! Food and drink certainly do function as a catalyst to bring people together and get them talking. When I came to my first meeting in November, I was very pleased to see a spread of cheeses, crackers, and sandwiches. By staying around after the meeting and having something to eat, I was able to meet many of the Club members and talk with them about coin collecting in a very informal and relaxed setting. We need to do this more often,

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and Gosling offers several suggestions in his article. Our proposed program has a Holiday Gathering planned in December. Are there any other suggestions? Everything we do together doesn't have to focus completely on coin collecting. How about a breakfast meeting? Brunch at the Racetrack? Summer B-B-Q?

9. Acknowledge the "One"

Every club has its "key" people who go "above and beyond" to make the Club a success each year, and these people deserve to be recognized for their contributions. I was extremely pleased to see Johnnie Johnson recognized in the first issue of the CNA Bulletin for his work on our COCC Journal. Well done, Johnnie! We must always ensure those who contribute are thanked for their efforts. Such recognition can range from a simple "thank-you" and a pat on the back to a public presentation of an award. Not only is this the "right" thing to do, it may also encourage others to participate when they see the recognition their colleagues receive for their contributions. And of course, such acknowledgement should be embedded in the culture of our Club, not as an afterthought. So if we see someone "going that extra mile," let's make sure they get recognized for it!

10. Groom Your Replacement

Each of us can only do the things we do for the Club for so long. Fatigue, boredom, illness, age, and many other factors will eventually cause us to change what and how we contribute to the Club. We all need to be both Mentors and Students; Mentors who bring others along in what we are doing now, and Students who are learning to do something else that will both contribute to the Club and motivate us. My mother always told me that "A change is as good as a rest," so each of us should be prepared to change duties and responsibilities within the Club to prevent ourselves from becoming stale. We continually need "new blood" on our Executive and our committees, so start thinking now about how you might contribute to the Club in the future.

These are a few of the thoughts I had as I read Dan Gosling's article. I realize that these ideas are not the way each of us may see things within the Club, and I respect each individual's perspective. What I hoped to accomplish was to get each of us more interested in the Club, becoming more involved in establishing where we want to go and how to get there, and achieving that goal. Each of us is an essential part of the Club, and each of us can make an important contribution. What will you contribute?



ONA 2005

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The O.N.A. Awards Committee is now calling for nominations for the "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the O.N.A." Award. You are invited to submit the name(s) of residents of Ontario you consider worthy of being recognized with the "Award of Merit" who have significantly contributed to the success of the O.N.A. and numismatics in the Province of Ontario. You may also nominate any O.N.A. member as a "Fellow of the O.N.A."

Please be sure to include:

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