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REGINA COIN CLUB

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1991

Presidents Message

Happy new year to all of the clubs paid up members, I have assumed the role of R.C.C. president for the next year and as such would like to introduce you to the 1990 executive:

president.....KELLY MOENS
vice-president.JIM SMALLEY
secretary.....GLEN LITTLEMORE
treasurer.....JAMES GOODCHILD
past president.DEAN NEALD
directors.....AL LITTLEMORE
....MILDRED LITTLEMORE
.....HENRY HEINEK
.....JAMES ZEIGLER

Once again the club is starting out with a full slate of officers and a good financial picture. I am hoping that this will be an enjoyable and prosperous year for all of you as well as the club. We still need more involvement from our members as volunteers, and as participants at the meetings, shows, and social events, although I have been happy with the improvment over the last few years. I am still looking for someone who could spare a few hours a week to be the editor of our newsletter.
I am looking forward to seeing as many of our members as possible at the joint meeting in Davidson of the Saskatoon and Regina Coin Clubs, I hope that this will become an annual or semi-annual event. So long for now.

Kelly Moens

REGINA COIN CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING

In January the executive committee held their monthly meeting thus setting up the years agenda. There was a little discussion on the topics that should be approached. We arrived at the following topics, Copies or Reproductions, Foreign paper money, Wheel & Deal night, Ancient coins, Canadian dollar coins, Medallions, Film night. Do you as members of the coin club have any topics that you wish to hear or be discussed? The dates for these various talks will be published in future newsletters.

The club is going to be having a joint meeting in Davidson with the Saskatoon club. There will be a van supplied by the club to take members up. So if you are interested in attending please contact Al L. 543-6712, or Kelly M. 543-7771. All this will take place Sunday March 10 from 1pm to 4pm. There will be two short talks, one on Canadian paper money and the other on Canadian and foreign coins. We also hope to have a short auction so bring along your extra goodies. As a donation each of the Saskatoon members who attend will receive a Regina trade dollar coin. So everyone come on out and meet some new coin collecting people.

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

The spring coin show will be held at the Seven Oaks Motor Inn. Please note the new location. Show dates will be advertised on their billboard, but just in case you don't read it the dates are APRIL 6 & 7. Show times will be Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-5. There is discussion on the possibility of a free Sunday brunch at this show. So stay tuned for a further chance to pack on the pounds (not the English type) as well as talking to other collectors (hopefully not with your mouth full).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Friday February 15/91. Topic has not been definitely confirmed at this point, but hopefully it will be one of the topics from the previous listed list. You will just have to take potluck and show up just to find out what the talk will be! What ever it is we all know it will be a good one. This will be a good time to come out and meet your new executive for the coming year. See the Presidents message for a detailed list of who's who.

EDITOR

Once again the call goes out for an editor for the club newsletter. Seems no one is interested in the job full time so what about a revolving editorship like we had last year? Seem to work pretty good except a couple of people had to do more than one issue.

The way it works is someone agrees to put together a particular issue of the newsletter. They write the editorial comments, put together any announcements that have to be made and if so inclined include an original article. Then either they type it up or had it over to a typist to do. Then the final version is put together by the editor inserting and picture and headlines that are needed. Sometimes all this can be done by the typist depending on the final layout. We have a couple of members with access to computers so even the typing and layout is very simple. At this point the newsletter is sent to the printers to be photo copied. Once the copies are done they are delivered to another member who folds, stuffs, and sticks the address labels on the envelope, then popes them into the mail. The next thing you know it ends up in the members mail boxes. All done for another month, but time to start thinking about the next one.

It is a lot of fun but would go much better if we could get a few more people to participate. So volunteer for one issue to be the resident editor.

It would also be very exciting if more members would submit articles to be published. You have special knowledge or interests in the hobby so why not share it with the rest of the fraternity via the newsletter. You do not even have to type or edit the article because we have members willing to help out in those areas. Who knows may be the Regina Coin Club could once again win awards for it's outstanding newsletter!

So please help out it gives you a nice warm feeling and it is fun to do. You might even pick up a few new job skills.

1991 TRADE DOLLAR

Speaking of new job skills have begun work on your design for the 1991 trade dollar that the club would like to put out? The deadline has been extended to the first regular club meeting in Feb. (Feb. 15/91) The committee would like to see designs from people who have not submitted before.

The way to go about this is to

) a little research on what ..appened 100 years ago. Preferable on a subject that has Sask. wide interest. Then draw up a lay out of the coin. The drawing doesn't have to be good at all because the mint employs a full time artist who touches up your drawing to make them presentable, and mintable.

If your design is accepted you get your initials carved into the trade dollar design as well as getting a uniface silver version of your creation. Just the unique type of coin you need in your collection. So get too it, the deadline is coming up real fast but you can still make.

REGULAR CLUB MEETING DATES

Regular coin club meeting dates will be the 3rd Friday of each month except where noted. Meeting 'eld at the Co-operators building c 1920 College Ave. Please enter through the parking lot door on Hamilton St. Once inside the security guard will direct you to the room if you do not know where it is. The meetings start at 7:30 pm. Usually finish around 9:30 pm. Please mark the following dates on your calender for future reference.

3rd Friday February 15
3rd Friday March 15
3rd Friday April 19
2nd Friday May 10 ***
3rd Friday June 21
Summer break July & August
3rd Friday September 20
3rd Friday October 18
3rd Friday November 15
2nd Wednesday December 11 ***

As mentioned before the topics for each date will be mentioned in future newsletters. Also if there 's any changes to the meeting dates e will let you know via the ıewsletter.
So make sure you have paid your 1991 dues so you will continue to receive the latest news. Regular membership is still $5.00 , with Juniors (under 16) only $3.00 and Family membership $7.50. Still one of the best values around. Bring your money to the next meeting or if you can't make it mail it in to the club's mail box. Address is as follows:

REGINA COIN CLUB
P.O. BOX 174
REGINA SASK.
S4P 2Z6

Would like to see as many people as possible out to the regular meetings. Lots happen at each of them. You will get a chance to meet fellow members plus pick up interesting and valuable information about our exciting hobby. Usually have a short informative talk with a coffee break and then the club business part. Other events are also put on the agenda. Auction sales, coin swaps, door prizes, giveaways and other unknown happenings.

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REVENUE (DEC.01/89 TO NOV.30/90)

1990 TRADE COINS - N.B.S. & SILVER.....	$ 7,217.00
1990 FALL SHOW.....	4,060.09
1990 SPRING SHOW.....	2,916.50
G.I.C. INTEREST.....	2,472.50
MAIL AUCTION.....	2,209.88
1991 SPRING SHOW.....	1,762.50
1985 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	1,089.25
BANK INTERESTD(CHEQUING A/C).....	1,054.11
1990 MEMBERSHIP DUES.....	375.00
1989 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	292.50
LOUISE GRAHAM AWARD.....	250.00
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION.....	182.50
MISCELLANEOUS INVENTORY SALES.....	135.50
C.N.A. REP. DONATION(SKN COIN CLUB).....	100.00
1987 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	66.50
1991 MEMBERSHIP DUES.....	65.50
1988 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	54.00
1986 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	32.50
PICNIC ADVANCE REFUND.....	31.38
1984 TRADE COINS - N.B.S.....	27.00
BOWLING NIGHT REFUND(PIZZA SALES).....	25.00
U.S. EXCHANGE.....	18.11
PINS - REGULAR.....	15.50
TOTAL REVENUE.....	$24,452.82

AUDITED - _____
(DATE)

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JOHN JOHNSON,
TREASURER - R.C.C.

EXPENSES (DEC.01/89 TO NOV.30/90)

1989 TRADE COINS - N.B.S. BUY BACK AND MISC.	$ 5,115.89
1990 TRADE COINS - TOTAL COSTS N.B.S. & SILVER - DIES - ARTWORK - SHIPPING...	4,743.78
1990 SPRING SHOW	3,546.85
1990 FALL SHOW	2,708.65
BANQUET	1,241.65
DONATION - BURN UNIT - 90 T/COINS	1,000.00
NEWSLETTERS(INCLUDES MAILING COSTS)	894.87
PICNIC ADVANCE(SEE INCOME FOR REFUND)	500.00
REGULAR/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS(INCLUDES DOOR PRIZES - BRUNCH - REFRESHMENTS - PHOTO COPYING	458.99
BOWLING NIGHT(SEE INCOME FOR REFUND)	334.17
C.N.A. REP.(SEE INCOME FOR DONATION)	328.20
SASKATOON TRIP	302.78
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	293.22
MAIL AUCTION	161.14
FRUIT BASKETS AND FLOWERS	50.12
LIBRARY BOOK	50.00
BANK SVC CHGS - CHEQUING A/C	36.15
SERVICE PINS - ENGRAVING AND MAILING	32.71
POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL - #174	26.20
ARCHIVE DISPLAY	10.36
1991 SPRING SHOW	7.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	$21,843.68

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JOHN JOHNSON
TREASURER - R.C.C.

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BALANCE IN CHEQUING A/C
AS OF DEC. 01, 1989.....$ 9,594.41

1990 REVENUE DEC.01,1989 TO
NOV.30,1990.....$24,452.82

1990 EXPENSES DEC.01,1989 TO
NOV.30,1990.....$21,843.68

TOTAL CASH ON HAND IN
CHEQUING A/C AS OF
NOV.30,1990.....$12,203.55

CHEQUING A/C.....$12,203.55
INVESTMENT CERT..... 10,000.00
INVESTMENT CERT..... 8,000.00
INVESTMENT CERT..... 5,000.00

TOTAL R.C.C. CASH ASSETS
AS OF NOV.30,1990.....$35,203.55

REVENUE 1990.....$24,452.82
EXPENSES 1990.....$21,843.68

TOTAL PROFIT 1990.....$ 2,609.14

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JOHN JOHNSON - TREASURER
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are almost at the end of March and our spring coin show is just around the corner. Most plans for the show are complete except for the volunteers needed for table setup on Friday April 5th from 6:00 till we are complete which should be about 7:30. I would also like volunteers to call me at 543-7771 if you can sit at the admissions table on Saturday or Sunday. Thank you.

The meeting between the Saskatoon and Regina Coin Clubs held at Davidson on March 10, 1991 was a huge success. Both clubs enjoyed a talk from Jim Smalley on reproduced coins as well as the talk from Cliff Beattie on the origination of paper money which we hope to reprint at a later date. The talks were followed by an intense auction conducted by our resident auctioneer Roy Miller. Good job again Roy.

The club is in the planning stages for a bus trip to the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg. If you are interested please contact any of the executive and let them know. We are hoping to leave on a Saturday at about 6:00 am [YES IN THE MORNING] and arrive in Winnipeg at about noon. Grab a bite and possibly visit a dealer or two before the tour of the mint begins. We will bed down in Winnipeg for the night as twelve hours in a bus in one day is a little too much, and return to Regina sometime on Sunday.

The 1991 trade dollar is well on its way to becoming a reality with Jim Smalley's design of a steam locomotive passing a grain elevator with a farmer plowing with his team of oxen in the forground. Great design Jim we need more ideas like this for our coin next year.

Well so long for now. I hope to see most of you at the coin show on April 6th and 7th at the Seven Oaks.

Kelly Moore

This months regular club meeting consisted of a talk given by Jim Smalley, his topic was on replicas or reproductions. Jim S. also submitted a couple of designs for this years commemorative coin. The design that was chosen to go with the grain elevator commemorating the Pool, and how Saskatchewan has advanced over the years. The club's books were audited and passed. Our chequing account has a balance of $10,696.57, in term deposits, GIC's we have $34,771.57.

Something that we all learnt about from this meeting was the mintage figures for 1990. Jim S. had met with the ad executive from the mint who told him these figures.

Penny	216,100,00	Nickel	42,500,000
Dime	64,800,000	Quarter	31,300,000
Fifty Cent	207,000,	Loonie	68,000,000

The mintage figures for fifty cent pieces for the following years are in 1988 266,000, 1989 270,000. It was mentioned that the mint was having a contest to design the 1992 twenty five cent piece this design was to be handed in by March fifteenth. They are going to be designing a different quarter for every month of the year with the exception of July they are going to have two designs. The Mint is commemorating Canada's one hundred and twenty fifth year as a country.

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

There was a discussion on having one eight foot table for club members at a cut rate. There will be a Sunday Brunch for coin dealers and for this years club paid up members. So everyone renew your memberships now. This is a good deal for your money. Club functions for this year consist of a picnic in June, bowling in November, trip to Sastoon's fall show if there is any interest. Has anyone any ideas for club meetings? We were thinking of having topics on Belgian coins, Ancient coints, Wheel and Deal Night, Film night. We are looking for your interests and suggestions. The people to talk to on these topics or contact Al L. 543-6712, Kelly M. 543-7771. The club also decided to purchase tickets from Ingersol coin club and Ontario Numismatic association. They had a draw for the tickets that were purchased. The lucky winners were Betty F., Connie, Jack S., John K., Jim Z., Dean N., Jim S.,

The club was also planning a trip to the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg. It was learned that we now have a contact in the mint who is willing to open the mint for a tour on a Saturday afternoon. We also are trying to set up a date for this gentleman to come to Regina to give a presentation on any topic we choose. The club is tentatively booking this meeting for May.

A LOOK AT COUNTERFEIT COINAGE, OR, COPIES FAKES AND REPRODUCTIONS

by Jim Smalley – February 11, 1991

Even just using the word counterfeit in a talk like this is considered extremely controversial. The reason ... it is widely believed by experienced numismatics that the police can size anything believed to be counterfeit. So, it was felt this should be titled, copies and reproductions. Every coin in this talk is owned by the author and was purchased from regular dealers ... most were bough in either Saskatoon or Regina.

This first coin is really a commemorative medal but it is a famous counterfeit. A well-know German medallist, Karl Goetz, designed a medal commemorating the sinking the British luxury liner, the Lusitania. The medal shows death, representing the Cunard line, as selling tickets and business as usuai, despite a German warning of U-boat or submarine warfare in the British Isles, 1917. He insisted the passenger ship was carrying munitions for the war, and was fair game. The British and Americans were outraged at the loss of 12 hundred lives. A British hardware merchant made hundreds of thousands of copies of the medal to show how brutal the German actually were .... that they celebrated the loss of so many innocent lives. This is quite the propaganda and counterfeit piece.

It cost me six dollars and hours of research to tell you this short story. The original was in brass, the copies are in lead or pewter and the word May is spelled differently.

This next slide has a copy of a well-know US colonial cent from Massachusettes. I bought it at a Regina coin show from a Saskatoon dealer as genuine, and paid 20 dollars. I took it around the room, happened to show it to another dealer, and he pointed out it appeared that the copper was peeling off a lead base coin. Then he saw a small imprinted R, which stands for reproduction, and told me it was indeed a copy. I went back to the dealer I bought it from, and he refunded my money. I was still interested in it, and purchased it again, this time for 5 dollars. On my trip to South Dakota this summer, I saw an identical piece at a dealers. The coin on the right is a British farthing. The date, 1843, is unlisted.. The coin is lightweight, and is counterfeit.

As I leave you, I want to issue a real warning about fakes. Know your dealer. At the CNA convention in Regina, the Royal Canadian mint had a display of a counterfeit 1948 silver dollar. It was a photo blown up to make the dollar about 5 feet high. The coin looked perfect to me, while the mint tried to point out obvious characteristics that made it a counterfeit. But I'll tell you, it had me fooled.

If anyone is interested in seeing these coins or any questions about them, ask Jim I am sure he will be glad to discuss this further.

Thank you

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

FLASH The Regina Coin Club has been lucky enough to arrange for a guest speaker to come from the Royal Canadian Mint. Mr. Dennis Cudahy will be visiting us on Friday May 10th at 7:30 P.M. I look forward to seeing a good representation from our club out to hear Dennis speak.

Dennis Cudahy will also be opening the Winnipeg branch of the Mint for us on Saturday May 11th. 47 of our members will be leaving from the north east corner of the Victoria Square shopping mall at 6:00 Saturday morning and returning Sunday evening around 5:00.

June 23rd is another date to mark down on your calender. this is the date of our annual bar-b-que and picnic which will be held at Avonlea. We will have a Littlemore information on this at a later date and you may wish to get a hold of them to add your name to the list of interested picnicers.

Our 1991 trade coin has been given the go-ahead by the Canadian Bankers Association. We are awaiting arrival of the artwork from the Sherrit Mint.

The Spring Coin show was a huge success, with our largest attendance to date. We had 537 adults, 82 juniors, and 88 children under 12 years of age.

The brunch was attended by 96 members and dealers who felt like a little nap afterwards. WE had plenty of food to devour and several different items to tempt the taste buds. Nobody went away from the table hungry. In fact some members had trouble moving after this feast.

After all was said and done by our many volunteers the club managed to amass around $1000 dollars.

Thank you to all who volunteered your time to make this show a success.

I was happy to see so many members out to our April general meeting, this has been the largest to date this year. We started out the evening with a question night with each member trying to stump his comembers with 2 or 3 unthinkable questions. Well so long for now, see you at the next meeting May 10th at 7:30.

March 15,1991 General meeting

The topic for this meeting was on How you became a collector? The people who had attended this meeting each told their story on how or what had interested them . The part that facinated me was there is quite a varietyof collectorswithin our club. The topics ranged from saving Canadian coinage to just about anything. People save Canadian coinage,paper money,gold coins, gold sovereigns, American coinage, American paper money,world coins,world paper money, Britsh commenwealth coinage,papermoney,ancient coins, medals,medalions , pins , tokens , trade dollars , commeratives. My favourite story of all was of a young lady who was working in a restaurant a few years ago.She worked in a Chinese restaurant where she was a waitress, one day a customer had supper and wanted to pay for his meal with large one pieces. The manager of the restaurant wouldn't acept these coins for equal value so Mary told the customer she would pay for this meal in exchange for the twenty large one cent coins. Mary said from that day on she was now hooked on being a collector because she had researched these coins to see why they were different. We had a brief discussion on club insurance and it was decided that we would not require this insurance for our purposes. We are also looking for a chairman for this falls coin show. The attendance for the meeting was eighteen .

April's Executive Meeting

The topics that were discussed were the distibution of the club trophy. This trophy was donated by the club to promote junior collectors to save coins and to keep interest going in the future of all coin clubs around the province of Saskatchewon. It was noted that everyone who had attended the bonspeilat Shellbrooke quite impressed of the design and the uniqueness of this trophy. The team players were also impressed by the size of the trophy. The kids are all going to want to play for this trophy in the future so I personally think that this was money well spent for the future of all coin clubs. During the course of this meeting one of our club members was looking through his collection of coins earlier in the week when he discovered that his 1973 mint set had the rare large bust of the Queen on the reverse side of the coin. Needless to say that he was excited about his new discovery.

April's General Meeting

This meeting started off with a differant twist , Kelly M. had decided we would have a question and answer night. The people in attendance each wroteup a few questions with the answers so we all could have a quiz. The questions were quite tricky but it was also imformative . After the quiz we had an auction the auctioneer was Roy M.,he did a great job of raising the bids and kept everyone on their toes to see what the next item up for bids was. The door prise was won by Jim S.

The spring show was another great success, thanks to all the many volunteers who had helped setup the night before,helped at the door, helped to cleanup after the show was over. On Sunday morning of the show there was ninety people who had attended the brunch. This was quite a feast everyone who had attended were stuffed full before they left. They had an excelent variety of food to satisfy anyone's tastes. We also talked about the clubs trip to Winnipeg on Saturday May 11th. The bus is scheduled to leave the Victoria Square Mall at 6.00AM. This will be an excellent adventure for all that is going.

We have recieved word that the mint has our drawing of this years trade dollar. The mint said that they will return it back for final approval before the coins are minted. The Canadian Bankers Association has given the club it's approval to proceed with the 1991 version of this years trade dollar.

The month of Mays regular club meeting is going to have a special guest speaker from the Royal Canadian Mint. The gentlemans name is Dennis Cudahy, he will be giving an excelent presentation. So lets show our support and have as many people as our meeting room will hold,when we do this I'm sure that he'll be quite impressed and maybe he will come back and honour us withanother great topic of disscussion.

Ramblings of the Editor

During the past few months the club has been looking for ideas for our newsletters,topics of the months for our meetings.Do you think we should have a theme for every month? Are there different who commerate festive holidays? Have you often wondered how the mint picks their commeratives coins for each year? Do you remember when interests were down in coins in the past? Why were wooden coins introdued? Do you remember when tokens and medalions were the hot ticket items to collect? Do you think try and take a look at the newest fad like Sports cards? Do you have an article that you think would be of interest to others? Would you like newletters with stories on tokens,medalions,trade dollars,varieties of coins? Or would you like to have a speaker to do any of these topics? Enough mumbling for one day please answer these questions for yourself and give it some thought for disscussion.

Quiz for all you experts out htere. The answers will be published in next months newsletter.So have fun with it and see how many questions you are able to get correct.

1) How many different varieties of 1859 one cent piece are there?
2) Which is the better grade MS63, MS65 ?
3) Are there any grades of silver dollars (CDN) worth more in UNC than in proof ?
4) What reason did the mint have for changing the round pennies to Multi-faced ?
5) How come the mint keeps the mintage figures of the fifty-cent pice so low ?
6) Who designed the reverse of the 1958 Silver dollar ?
7) Who designed the obverse of the 1990 coins ?
8) Which two $100 gold coins were designed by the designer of the 1990 coins ?
9) Are the Tombac nickles no longer legal tender ? True or False
10) What is the last year the nickle dollar minted ?
11) In what years was there a considerable change in the Queen's image on the Canadian coins ?
12) What is the present 1991 nickel made of ?
13) Who designed the new portrait ofQueen Elizabeth or Canadian coins since 1990 ?
14) When did the Queens eligy chage the previous time ?
15) Translate the morse code on the Canadian 1943-45 "V" nickels thats on the reverse around the rim ?
16) What year were there special British coins struck to commerate Queen Victoias 50Th anniversary on the throne ?
17) What British coin is called the Barinarels Curse ?
18) Canada made 3 years of 25 cent paper(Shin plasters) ?
19) Canada made one 20¢ piece What year ?
20) What are the different 1946 nickels ?

1991 SPRING COIN SHOW

BALANCE SHEET

EXPENSES

POSTERS	47.37	
ADVERTISING	210.65	
DOOR PRIZES	54.00	
DISPLAYERS PRIZES	109.25	
COFFEE FOR SET UP HELPERS	13.22	
SECURITY	400.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	91.76	
7 OAKS ROOMS	570.00	
COFFEE FOR DEALERS	102.60	
7 OAKS SIGN	57.00	
SUNDAY BRUNCH	740.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	2395.85	2395.85

INCOME

DEALERS BOURSE TABLES	2325.00	

SATURDAY DOOR ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 290	580.00		
JUNIOR 108	42.75		
SATURDAY TOTAL	622.75	622.75	

SUNDAY DOOR ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 247	494.00		
JUNIOR 62	39.50		
SUNDAY TOTAL	533.50	533.50	
TOTAL INCOME		3481.25	3481.25

TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS) 1085.40

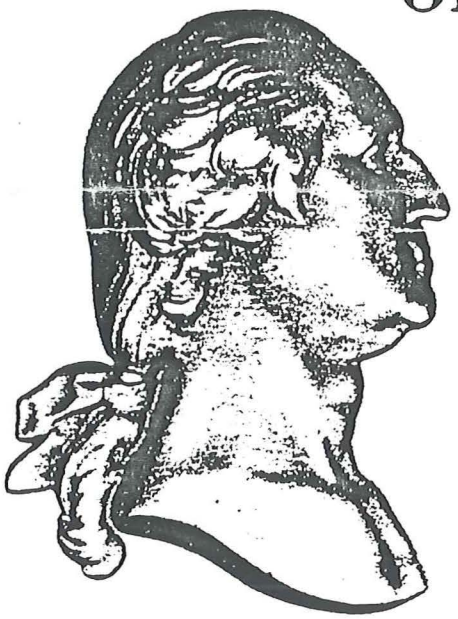
ATTENDANCE TOTALS **ADULT** 537 **JUNIOR** 170

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 707

WASHINGTON COINS:

LASTING TRIBUTES TO A MAN OF MANY FIRSTS

by Ed Reiter



"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Such was the high esteem in which George Washington was held--and such were the high responsibilities with which he was entrusted.

Washington was, indeed, first in a great many ways. As commander-in-chief of the Continental army, and especially as first President of the United States, he blazed trails in many areas of national life where he had no precedent to guide him.

A century after his death, Congress bestowed yet another "first" upon him by placing his likeness on the Lafayette commemorative silver dollar. That made him the first President to appear on a United States coin.

To be sure, he was not the first President depicted on a regular issue United States coin. The Lincoln cent predated the Washington quarter by 23 years.

But, in such matters, "firsts" are secondary. The important thing is, Washington coins (and currency, too) remind Americans of the greatness of their country's "father". And his likeness, in turn, enhances the money on which it appears.

Editor's Note:-

Ed Reiter is a journalist by profession, and a collector for many years. It was in 1972 that Ed wrote this article and it has been in my files all these years. Each February we feature an American Numismatic article because two great U.S. Presidents were born in that month, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both have been honored on the U.S. coinage and contributed a great deal to the numismatic hobby. Ed's article, with some minor date changes is as important today as it was in 1972.

Washington was born on February 22, 1732, (Feb. 11, if reckoned by the calendar then in use) on a farm in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His father was a well-to-do planter, and might have given young George every educational advantage. He died, however, when the boy was only 11, and George's subsequent schooling was more practical than formal.

At 16, Washington quit school altogether and took a job as a surveyor. Through

"Washington Born Virginia." This piece was restruck, using the original die. in 1960 by Albert Collis.

WASHINGTON COINS (Cont'd)

dil igence and the favor of his employer, Lord Fairfax, he advanced quickly

While still in his teens he joined the Virginia militia, and there, too, his progress was swift. At 20, he was given command of one of the four military districts in the state. Soon afterward he fought with distinction in the French and Indian War.

Washington's reputation as a soldier and patriot grew steadily in the years that followed, and when the colonists took up arms against the British, it was he who got the call to lead them into battle.

George and Martha Washington supposedly furnished the silver for the 1792 half-disme.

Organizing the haphazard colonial forces into a cohesive army was a formidable task; holding them together was, if anything, an even greater feat. Washington accomplished both, however, and at the same time held the British at bay until French intervention finally tipped the scales in favor of the colonists.

With the coming of peace, the commander-in-chief retired from public life for a time. Spurred by concern that the nation was dangerously adrift under the ill-conceived Articles of Confederation, he was induced to return for the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Two years later his countrymen prevailed upon him to accept the presidency, and for the next eight years he steered the ship of state safely past the shoals that lay in wait.

By all accounts, Washington took a dim view of efforts to place his likeness on the nation's coins--efforts being made even during his lifetime. In 1792, when pattern cents were struck bearing his bust, he is said to have acted at once to halt their production.

"It is a well-ascertained fact", a historian later wrote, "that Washington did not favor the proposition to place his likeness upon the coins of the United States. It is even said that, when several specimens of that description were exhibited to him for inspection and approbation, he indignantly ordered the dies to be destroyed and expressed his desire that there should be placed on the coins an ideal head of Liberty".

As first President, Washington had to chart a fiscal course for the new nation. Indeed, this was quite possibly the most critical of all his duties, for the strength of the government would rest on its fiscal foundation.

He wisely chose the astute Alexander Hamilton to be secretary of the treasury and architect of the nation's economic framework. With Washington's firm backing, Hamilton quickly funded the public debt and created confidence in the nation's integrity.

Adoption of a coinage system and establishment of a mint were important elements in the economic framework erected by the founding fathers. The U.S. Mint came into being in Philadelphia in 1792, and its first regular issue coins--copper large cents and half cents--appeared the following year.

It is said that Washington himself furnished silver for the very first coins the mint made, the pattern "dismes" and "half dismes

WASHINGTON COINS (Cont'd)

of 1792. He and his wife, Martha, provided a silver tea service which was melted to make the coins--or so the story goes.

The trails Washington blazed came to be regarded as precedents, having almost the weight of law. So it was that later presidents, following his example, declined to seek more than two four-year terms (up to the time of Franklin D. Roosevelt, that is).

So it was, too, that Congress and Mint officials scrupulously avoided the portrayal of presidents or any other actual persons on U.S. coins.

The first exception to this rule came in 1892--93 years after Washington's death--when Congress authorized the striking of the Columbian half dollar. This, the nation's first commemorative coin, bore the bust of Christopher Columbus.

Lafayette Commemorative Dollar

The Columbian quarter, with its bust of Spain's Queen Isabella, followed in 1893. Then, in 1900, came the Lafayette silver dollar, with conjoined busts of Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette, the French general and statesman who aided the colonists during the American Revolution.

The Lafayette coin was issued in conjunction with the unveiling of the Lafayette Memorial in Paris. It is the only commemorative silver dollar the United States ever made, and it ranks among the more valuable U.S. commemoratives, commanding a premium of more than $200 in mint condition.

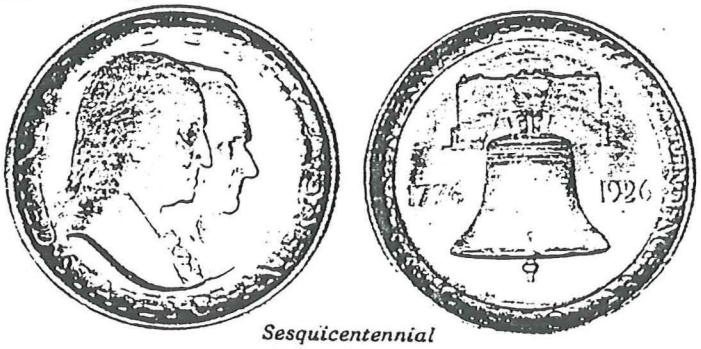
Washington also appeared on a second commemorative coin--the half dollar issued in 1926 to mark the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Here, again, he had company. This time his bust was conjoined with that of Calvin Coolidge, the president at the time the coin was issued. Coolidge's appearance made him the only president to be portrayed on a U.S. coin during his lifetime.

Actually, the Washington quarter also was intended originally as a commemorative, rather than a regular issue coin. It was planned as a one-year issue in 1932 to mark the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth.

However, the coin proved so popular (and the Standing Liberty quarter so prone to wear) that it was decided to retain the design. No quarters were minted in 1933, but when production was resumed in 1934, it was with the Washington design.

The quarter design is the work of John Flanagan, a New York sculptor. His initials, JF, can be found in tiny letters at the base of Washington's neck.

From 1932 to 1964, Washington quarters were 90 per cent silver. Those minted in 1965 and thereafter are of culpro-nickel--or "clad"--



Sesquicentennial of American Independence

WASHINGTON COINS (Cont'd)

composition, with no silver content.

By normal standards, the Washington quarter has had an unusually long life. After 25 years of use, design changes in U.S. coins may be made without congressional approval; sometimes, when Congress steps in, they are made even sooner, as in the case of the Kennedy Half dollar.

The Washington quarter is now 61 years old--older than any current U.S. coin except the Lincoln cent. Like the Lincoln cent, however, it has something special going for it: The prestige of the extraordinary man it portrays.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sorry for the delay in getting the newsletter out. I have been tied up for the last few weeks. The club enjoyed a wonderful time at The Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg. Mr. Dennis Cudahy set up the tour with four of the mint executives but was unable to be there himself. We had a tour of the facilities followed by a buying spree with half dollars being a good seller. At the hotel saturday night a party broke out in the treasurers room hence there were a few sleepers on the bus sunday for the ride home.

The coin club annual picnic at Avonlea's Dunnet Park was enjoyed by the thirty-two people in attndance. Raw egg races started off the day with a croquet tournament following. There was also a friendly game of crib for the ones who didnot want to chase croquet balls through the underbrush. Again the supper was a delight with roast beef, baked potatoes, salads, ice cream, and black forest cake for Carol's birthday. There was an unfortunate accident with three of our members tumbling to the ground with a picnic table. We were lucky not to have a serious injury. Everyone, with full tummies, climbed into their carriages and made for home. A very enjoyable day behind them.

The 1991 version of the trade token has been ordered from the Sheritt Mint with delivery to be sometime near the end of july. Those of you who ordered silver tokens last year will again be offered the same number this year. The club did not have time to go out for orders this year as the order to Sheritt had to be in before their summer shutdown. We ordered a few extra this year and they may be had on a first come first served basis by sending a note to me at our box number. Please do not send a cheque un till we can confirm your order. Thank you.

Through the Regina Coin Club the mint has offered to sell us rolls of coin for the 1992 year. Current members as of June 21, 1991 will be able to order rolls of $.01 , $.05 , $.10 , $.50 , $1.00 and also any of the 13 different $.25 pieces. The quarters in the 1992 year will consist of one different quarter for each of canada's provinces and territories plus one commemorative quarter for canada. We are limiting the order to ten [10] roll sets of coin for each member. You may order any one of the above rolls of coin or a complete set of rolls by dropping me a note at our box number in Regina by August 30, 1991 as I have to get the order to the mint by the first week of September, 1991.

The method of payment will be cash or cheque, cash for those of you who are not in good standing with the club, when you pick up your coins at one of the club meetings, or if you cannot make the meetings I can ship them to you at your expense,plus insurance.

The club will pickup the shipping from the mint to our bank in Regina and I will distribute them once they are here. Again don't send us a cheque yet as the coins will not be delivered until sometime in 1992.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS QUIZ

1. 1859 NARROW 9, 1859/8 WIDE 9, 1859/8 NARROW 9,1859 REENGRAVED
2. MS-65
3. YES
4. EASIER FOR THE BLIND TO IDENTIFY, TO SAVE ON MATERIALCOST
5. LACK OF DEMAND,THEY WILL WORK IN SOME VENDING MACHINES AS LOONS
6. STEVEN TRENKA
7. DORA-DE PE'DERY HUNT
8. 1976 AND 1987 $100 GOLD COINS
9. TRUE
10. 1987 ONLY AVAILABLE IN MINT SETS
11. FIRST MINTED IN 1953,CHANGED IN 1965,CHANGED IN 1990
12. 25% NICKEL, 75% COPPER
13. DORA-DE PE'DERY HUNT
14. 1965
15. "WE WIN WHEN WE WORK WILLINGLY"
16. 1887
17. QUESTION : WHAT BRITISH COIN IS CALLED THE BARMAIDS CURSE
    ANSWER : THE DOUBLE FLORIN OR 4 SHILLING PIECE
18. 1870, 1900, 1923
19. 1858
20. 1946 ARROWHEAD, REGULAR 46 NICKEL

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SUMMER EDITION NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Mary Johnson

Hello fellow members:

This will not be a message from your President as he will be out of town for a couple of weeks but as there is a coin show to be held in less than a month I thought I would take this opportunity to notify all the members of the show plus some of the other activities that have been arranged for the members benefit.

I hope you all enjoyed the summer even with the large army of mosguito's that were on hand to attack you as soon as you went outdoors. John and I had a couple of weeks holiday in B.C. in July and the rest of the summer we also battled the outdoor pests, especially when we tried to metal detect. They seemed to love most of the sprays we tried.

As most of you realize, fall time is SHOW TIME. I'm chairing the Fall Show which will be held at the 7 OAKS MOTOR INN, 777 ALBERT ST. on Saturday OCTOBER 19TH from 10-6 and on Sunday OCTOBER 20TH from 11-5. Admission will be $2.00 for adults, $1.00 for Juniors 13-16, 12 and under FREE.
I will be phoning the members to do duty at the door. If you do not get called it means that before I got to your name I got a full quota of members to sell at the door.

SUPPORT YOUR COIN CLUB... COME TO THE SHOW OCT. 19/20 th

The Regina Coin Club is again sponsoring a Dealer/members brunch Sunday morning from 9-11. This will be FREE to all fully paid up Club members. If you are not a paid member you may still come to the brunch but you will have to part with some money for your brunch. The food last year was absolutely scrumptious. As some tickets were lost.left

behind or just misplaced for the spring show brunch, I will not be sending tickets out in the mail. I will have an up to date (hopefully) membership list at the door and if you are a paid up member or a dealer, you will receive your ticket/s at the door. The brunch will be held in the COURTYARD at the 7 OAKS. If you are a dealer member you will only get one ticket per table or one ticket per member. We will not give you a duplicate ticket, one because you are a dealer and one because you are a member. Please remember, this is FREE only to members and dealers. You may bring guests but you will have to pick up their tab.

There will NOT be a regular OCTOBER meeting of the R.C.C. Instead, I would like the members to come out to the 7 OAKS at 6.30 P.M. on Friday the 18th, to help set up tables and help with all the preliminary work that needs to be done before show time Saturday morning. Take this opportunity to get to work with your fellow members. For your efforts the club will spring for your coffee or coke after the work is done.

The Regina Coin Club is again sponsoring a FREE bus trip to the Saskatoon Coin Show on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th. The bus only holds 15 people so if you wish to go, a sign up sheet will be available at the door during the Coin Show. IF YOU SIGN UP PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GO. The bus will be leaving Regina Saturday morning from the South West corner of the Northgate Shopping Mall at 7 A.M. Dean N. will be our bus driver. If for some reason you cannot make it to the show but wish to have your name on the list, you can phone Al or Millie at 543-6712. REMEMBER, we want a full bus load so if you sign up make sure you are on TIME and that you GO. Nothing is more discouraging to the organizers than that the members don't co-operate. PLEASE, if you sign up, go and be on time. The following is only my opinion and may not be that of all the Club members. This is a Coin Club function to a Coin Club function. Do not abuse the intent of the trip. Any paid up member or family of a paid up member can sign up for this trip.

The Regina Coin Club annual bowling night is set for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd. at the NORTOWN BOWLING LANES at 9 P.M. REFRESHMENTS will be served. The club will pay the bowling, shoe rental and cost of the goodies that will be served. Again, PLEASE BE ON TIME. The upstairs has been reserved from 9-12. We want to start bowling as soon as names are drawn. We have room for about 50 players so if you wish to go the same rules apply. Sign up at the show or phone Al or Millie. If you sign up mark your calendar and make sure you go. If you dont show you will have taken away another members enjoyment that wanted to go but couldn't because there was no more room left. At Club functions in the past, members have signed up and have not shown up. This is one of the main reasons why we will have to be looking for a new Social committee for 1992. The committee should not have to cajole the members to participate. Do not

forget, the Social Committee are just members working for other members. They do not get any compensation and very little thanks for all the work they do. Help make these next two functions so successful that they will change their minds and accept the Social Committee positions next year.

Again, a final reminder. EVEN IF YOU CANT PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE CLUB FUNCTIONS, AS A MEMBER, HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS BY PARTICIPATING AND COMING TO THE COIN SHOW. As Show Chairmen I can only do so much. The Club needs your presence at the Shows.

I have been informed that the Regina Coin Club Trade Dollar is now being distributed through most of the Banks in Regina. The nickle bonded steel (NBS) specimens are also available from the Regina Coin Club P.O. Box 174 Regina, Sask., S4P 2Z6 for $2.50 postpaid.

The Trade Coin has a $2.00 redemption value in Regina and expires Dec. 31/91. The obverse of the coin was designed by Jim Smalley and marks the 80th Anniversary of the Sask. Co-op Elevator Co. founded in Regina in 1911. The reverse of the coin has the same design as previous issues and was designed by Dave MacDougal. Issues of the coins dating back to 1984 are still available. Why don;t you go for collecting the whole set.

The R.C.C. did not have sufficient time to accept special orders for the 1991 silver specimen Trade Coin but if you had purchased the 1990 silver coin, a 1991 silver coin was automatically ordered for you this year. The club members will be notified when their silver coins arrive. The Club has ordered a few extra silver specimens so if you did not get a coin last year and wish to purchase one this year, please place your order with the Club at the above address.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you Friday evening or at the show.

Mary Johnson
Fall Show Chairman

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COME TO THE COIN SHOW ON OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH

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TO HAVE LIVED WELL,
LAUGHED OFTEN AND LOVED MUCH:
TO HAVE GAINED THE RESPECT
OF INTELLIGENT MEN
AND THE LOVE OF CHILDREN:
TO HAVE FILLED A NICHE
AND ACCOMPLISHED A TASK:
TO HAVE LEFT THE WORLD BETTER -
WHETHER BY AN IMPROVED POPPY,
A PERFECT POEM OR A RESCUED SOUL:
TO HAVE APPRECIATED EARTH'S BEAUTY
AND NOT FAILED TO EXPRESS IT:
TO HAVE LOOKED FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS,
AND TO HAVE GIVEN THE BEST OF YOURSELF.

THAT IS ACHIEVEMENT

from Robert Louis Stevenson's "ACHIEVEMENT"

As we have a coin show coming up in October, I felt the following may be useful to some of our newer collectors that are plannibg to do some buying at the show. Most of this information can be found in Charlton's coin book but I will try and give you a condensed version. This is a copy of the talk I gave to the members at a meeting a few years ago. Some of the feelings portrayed in my talk about grading are just my own opinions and every one may not agree with them.

GRADING

There has been for several years a need for some measure of uniformity of standards in the grading of coins. It has been said that no two collectors agree completely on the condition of a given coin. Because of human failing, certain recognized standards of condition have been set up over the years and the terms generally accepted are from good to uncirculated. Since the mid 70's, the industry has adopted an alternative grading system that uses a numerical scale that ranges from 1 to 70. In this numerical scheme, the circulated grades range from 1 to 59, the uncirculated range begins with 60 and progresses to the perfect coin, which is a 70. In most cases, the numerical system is used in conjunction with their designated grades eg. UNC.-60, AU + 55, AU -50 down to a G at 4 and lower for fillers. I would not buy a filler coin for my oun collection unless it was a coin that was next to impossible to get (very rare).

An uncirculated coin must not show any signs of wear or loss of detail (due to wear) when examined by the naked eye. There are currently 5 recognized grades used to describe uncirculated coins which can be very confusing to the average collector. The Haxby book lists these as PERFECT UNC- 70, GEM UNC- 67, CHOICE UNC- 65, SELECT UNC- 63 and REGULAR UNC- 60. This is my own opinion, but in the OLD DAYS an UNC was an UNC. I imagine it was a good way for the dealer to get an extra buck out of the collector and as we all know we do have to go with the flow.

Toned coins must be considered with caution, especially if high priced premiums are being demanded. Toning that is darker can obscure very fine lines on the coins' surface and make it appear in better condition than it really is. Toning can also hide the fact that a coin has very slight signs of wear and in fact is not uncirculated. The best protection when examining toned coins is to ensure adequate lighting, lots of study time and the use of a good magnifying glass.

Because collectors have begun to pay premiums for toned coins, it has spawned an increase in the number of people attempting to 'ARTIFICIALLY" tone coins throgh sped up chemical reactions and by other means. Most specialists in the coin field recognize artificial toning from that of

mother nature. When in doubt, seek the opinion of a specialist.

USEFULL GRADING HINTS

1. Scarcer dates within a coin series are NOT graded any differently than the more common dates of the same series. You may be charged a premium because of the scarcity which does not change the grade.
2. There are really no such grades as a commercial grade. Coins are either strictly graded or they are sliders.
3. Expect the larger coins to have more and larger bag marks than smaller coins. Expect to see larger and more numerous marks on coins made of softer metals such as silver and gold.
4. The higher the grade of a coin, the amount of time taken to examine the coin should be greater.
5. Toned coins should always be studied more carefully in order to see what problems may be obscured.
6. Grading UNCIRCULATED coins reguires the assessment of three factors: Quality of the coins lustre, coins surface or field and the strike. Some coins have a weak strike but still may be uncirculated. On the other hand, grading a CIRCULATED coin, while taking into consideration the above, basically involves the amount of wear on the surface of a coin.
7. There is a natural human tendancy for the owner of a coin to overgrade his coins and for the purchaser to undergrade someone else's coins. Try to grade equally.
8. While a coin's grade and price are inter-related, a coin can only be priced correctly after its true grade has been determined. If a dealer has UNC. marked on his coin and you look in your book and find that the unc price is correctly stated on the coin, don't take it as gospel that the coin has been correctly graded. It may only be an AU.
9. Grading is not and never shall be an exact science. It involves lots of human judgement too. Honest errors can be made.
10. It is the rule and not the exception that production coins will have bag marks and other possible manufactured infractions. They may still be uncirculated and priced according to marks or abrasions.
11. Grading only by EYE APPEAL is not really grading at all. Eye appeal grading can be deceptively inaccurate because the grader is tricked into forgetting about problems that may exist on the coin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Regina Coin Club again has a full slate of officers but this was done with some arm twisting. I am again happy to be the club president but wish that it was not by acclamation. The club is in dire need of a **FULL TIME EDITOR** AND A NEW **SOCIAL COMMITEE**. Without these possitions being filled we may not have to many news letters finding their way to your doorstep or be able to put on the picnic or other social events we have enjoyed in the past years. I would like to thank all of the past executive, social club, coin show chairpersons and editing staff for your co-operation in making the last year a very enjoyable one for all of the members in the Regina Coin Club. I wish all of you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** AND A **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 1991.

There was a good response from our members regarding the ordering of the 1992 coins from the Royal Canadian Mint. It was so good that I have to request a cheque from each member to cover their full portion of the coins. The total amount of coin ordered exceeds $20,000 and the club does not have these funds available. Any interest built up in the fund prior to the club sending a cheque to the mint will be used to cover the shipping over and above the $500 the club is paying. Please send your cheque as soon as possible to ensure that you receive the coin that you ordered. I need the money by January 20,1992. Thank You.

Kelly Moms

FROM THE EDITOR

Come to the next meeting and meet your new executive. They are President KELLY M. Vice President JIM S. Secretary GLEN L. Treasurer DEAN N. Directors AL + MILLIE L. plus JOHN + MARY J. Congratulations to the above listed individuals and thank you for your donation of time to the club. Please see if you can help out for the other unfilled positions in the club. We need all the help we can get to make the club run smoother. Also the executive would like to hear what you want to take place over the next year. Is there a particular activity or talk you would like to see the club undertake? The executive is always open to suggestions. After all this is your club so let us know what you would like to see take place. Or for that matter what you don't want us to get involved in!

This next matter is directed at previous members who have been almost invisible in the past year or so. Is there any particular reason why you are not on the scene in the past little while? We would dearly like to know why you are no longer active, is it because the club is not delivering the activities you want or have you just lost interest in coins all together? Take a couple of minutes and let an executive member know the reason why. It would be much appreciated.

Take note that dues for 1992 are due now and you can send you money in or better still bring it in. See advertisement for that 1992 rates. Same as last year so it's a pretty good deal.

DO NOT
FORGET TO
SEND YOUR
MONEY FOR THE
MINT ORDER
PLUS
1992 DUES
FAMILY $7.50
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NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY
FEB. 21 1992

NO MEETING
IN JANUARY !

SEE YOU IN
FEBRUARY

PAST CLUB ACTIVITIES

Did you miss out on the following club activities? If so you missed a really good time. Better take note, these activities are likely to be offer again in the coming year and you don't want to be a has been 2 years in a row!

FALL COIN SHOW

Great turn out of dealers. We were totally sold out and had a waiting list. I bet your favourite dealer was there and if you were not, you likely missed out on some great bargains. Lots of members picked up some interesting pieces. Did you see the gold plated Regina Trade Dollar? Or how about the completely see through glass medal that I had for show only. What about all those rare Canadian 50 cent pieces that were floating around. A little price comparison went a long way. American silver rounds were an exceptional deal on the last day. If you didn't buy any may be you can win one as a door prize, as the club bought a couple.
One of the best deal was the Sunday Brunch for club members and dealers. Free to both parties and there was a very good turn out, except some people did not bother to stick around to attend the show on Sunday. Had to ask myself why! The meal itself was tasty with lots of shop talk to go with those endless cups of coffee or plates of food. Just wish I had more time to visit with everyone there, but there is always next year.

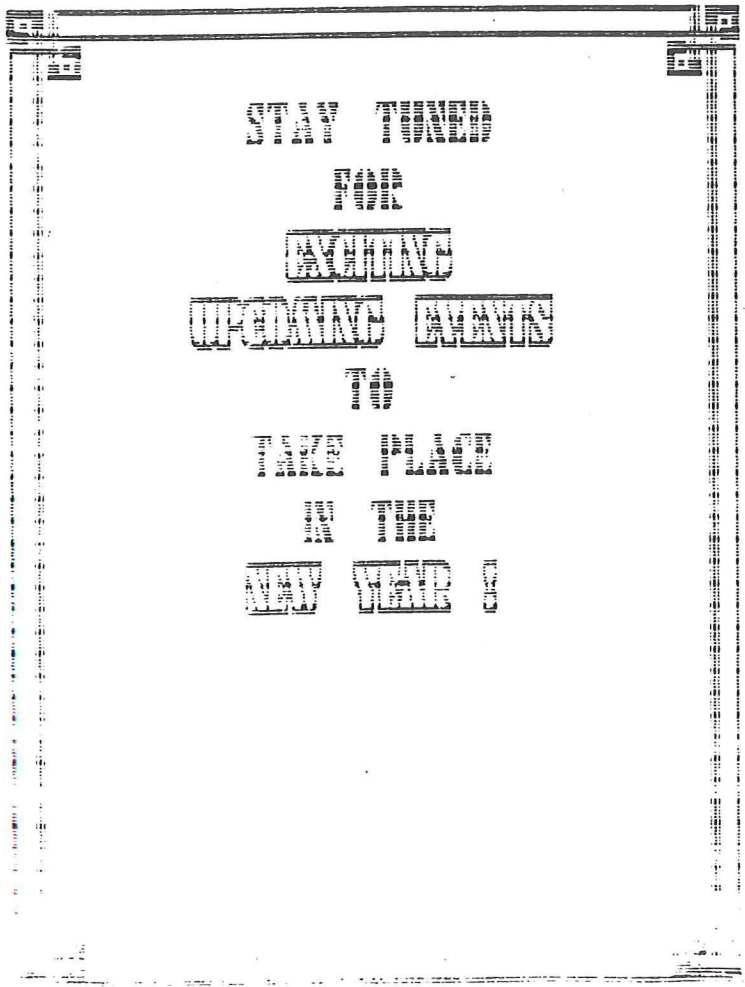
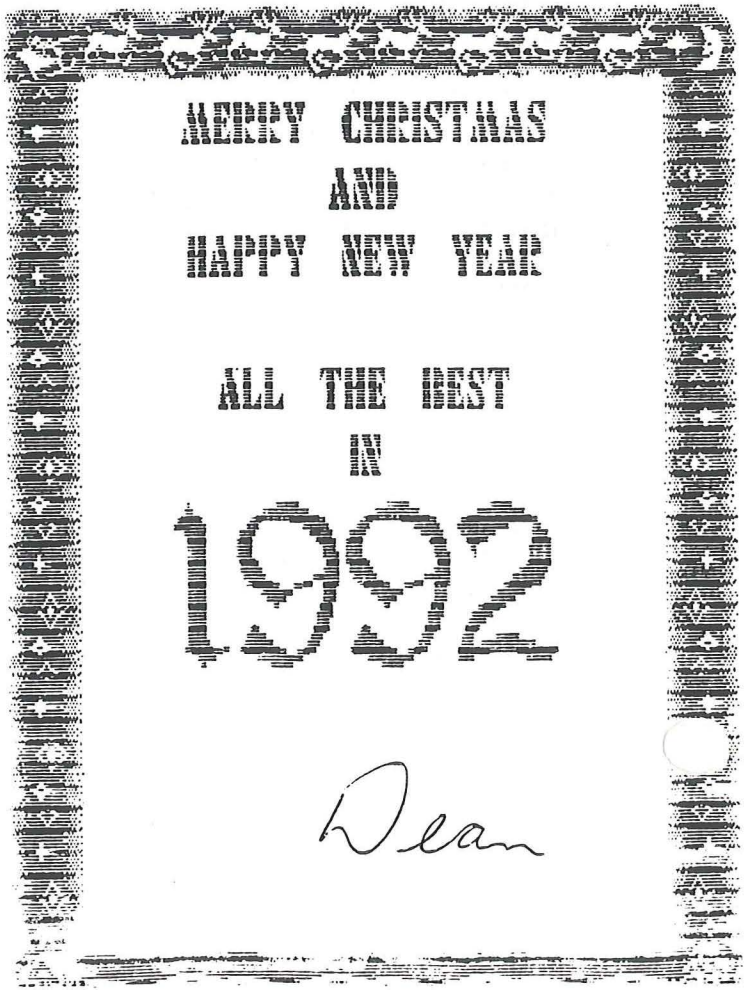
SASKATOON COIN SHOW

Once again a favourite event which promises to become an annual outing. The club rented a van and took 10 members up to Saskatoon on the last weekend in October. We still had room for 5 more. Seemed to be a case of bad timing this year. A number of members expressed interest in going but had conflicting events to go to. Plan ahead for next year because it is likely to be a sell out. As for the show itself most of the members seem quite happy with their purchases along with a few regrets about the ones that got away.

BOWLING NIGHT

In November the club once again had a bowling fun night. About 40 people showed up in the " ANNUAL KNOCK THE PINS DOWN " contest. It is sure easy to see why most of us are coin collectors, most of us are definitely not bowlers. The pins seemed to be glued down to the floor. And true to form in the BINGO bowl when you wanted that 2 pin do you think you could come any where near it? Not a chance! Prizes were handed out complete with real honest too goodness trophies, plus this year's trade dollar. Lots of food to go around, in fact some members even used that as their excuse for all the gutter balls.

REGINA COIN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Did you forget that the club's Christmas party was on Wed Dec.11? If so you were not the only one. Please remember that the club always has the December Christmas meeting during the middle of the week, usually the second Wednesday of the month. This is because of all the other activities that take place on Friday nights during December. Those that did manage to remember were treated to a nice social evening. Betty W. won the door prize while Glen L. won the attendance draw. Mrs. Santa Claus also put in an appearance for all the children present (both young and old). Christmas cake and other sweets were available to go along with the coffee and juice. Before that took place we had our annual arm twisting event which finally gave us a complete slate of officers for the coming year. Give them your support and encouragement to help get the club back on track for 1992. The rest of the evening was spent talking coins in a relaxed atmosphere.

I would like to remind you that I am only a temporary editor for this issue of the newsletter. The club would still like some one to step forward as a full time editor. We would also settle for having people submit articles for publication. I am willing to typeset and lay out the newsletter but I do not have time to write all the articles too! Being the treasurer is going to keep me busy enough! I am sure that lots of you have an interesting idea which would make a great little article for the club newsletter. It doesn't have to be very long at all, just a little something so we hear from someone else.