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New Coin Club in the Maritimes

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

Truro, NS witnessed the birth of a brand new numismatic organization with the meeting of the Central Nova Coin Club January 5th, 2015. At a time when coin clubs seem to be going the way of the dodo bird, this is welcome news.

Truro is the largest town in Nova Scotia and is located one hour from Halifax with a growing population base and was once home to a thriving organization with the Truro Coin Club, which featured the likes of Harold Don Allen, Ray

Unusual Find

by Tom Craig

Sometimes when you are able to source a small collection from someone or a friend, it can have some unusual items that you may or may not have seen in a long time. This is one of those times.

The item in question is an “event medal” struck to commemorate this local event in Saint John NB.

The occasion was the opening of the Oil Terminal, Canaport, December 1969, as we know it, in Saint John. It would allow oil to be unloaded from the large ships to shore tanks. You may know this, but it was the Western Hemisphere’s first Deep Water Terminal! Canaport was built by SUN OIL at the time in partnership with, IRVING OIL. Irving Oil now operates the terminal to this day.

This was quite an accomplishment when you think of it, the terminal is located several kilometres off shore and the oil is pumped ashore by a submerged line that practically floats.

The medal is made of bronze; dia. is 45mm, approx. thickness is 5 mm. weight is about 2 ozs.

It is not known who manufactured this or how many were struck. A second medal for this event is also known to exist but is much larger diameter at about 110 mm.



1969 Irving Canaport medal

Peppard and Harry Forbes, even winning an award from the American Numismatic Association for their participation in National Coin Week in 1970. The club went inactive some time in the '80s.

The Central Nova Coin Club is led by Dave Clark as President, John MacRitchie as Vice President, and Allan Carrier as Treasurer. To quote MacRitchie, who has opened a new coin store in their town, from the Truro Daily News, “There’s a lot of interesting history tied up in coins. It’s about learning our history. Our culture is tied up in coins.”

We wish our new numismatic peers the best of luck for the future of their club and the hobby in general.

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2 Newfoundland Medals by Tom Craig

I come across some unusual medallions or medals that I am not familiar with. This leads to doing research on my part, which in turn leads into knowledge. This is the other side of coin collecting I have grown to like very much.

This month I feature the anniversary issue medal from Newfoundland & Labrador. It was issued by the Provincial Government in 1974 to commemorate the 25 years of Confederation, joining Canada in 1949. The dates on the medal are 1949 - 1974.

I was unable to find the mint that struck this item or the designer's name. In contacting the archives in Newfoundland, they informed that information was available but I would need to go to the archives myself to find it. But, I did find out some specifics. They are as follows:

- Struck in .999 fine silver with fewer than 5,000 mintage.
- The ship on the reverse is the MATTHEW.
- Weight is 2.0 ozs or 62.3 grams
- Diameter was 51.5 mm or 2.06 inches.
- Serial was marked on the edge along with maker's marks.
- This was issued in a Blue velvet box, as picture shows.

All in all, this is a very nice medal for anybody's collection.



I have had this second medal for a while and tried to research it best I could. It is a medal issued for CHURCHILL FALLS (LABRADOR) CORPORATION LIMITED. It is for the opening of the Churchill Falls Generation Dam, in May 1972 I assume.

It features on one side, the blade of a turbine with the name of the manufacture of the turbines, in the centre, "BRINCO" - I will call this the riverside side. On the obverse side, it would appear the water intake is at the top of the medal and at the bottom, the water has passed through the turbine blades. At the discharge end of the water there is an inscription "7,000,000 HP." I would assume from that the flow of the water is equivalent to that kind of Horse Power. In the centre is the same inscription as the reverse side.

Specifications; 51 mm dia. Wt. 89.5 grams Tk. 5 mm. Serial # 04733 Brinco 7,000,000 HP

Edge inscription: MEDALLIC ART CO N.Y. BRONZE #04733 plus 4 hallmarks by the manufacture. The medal is dark bronze with a clear finish for protection. see pictures

Interesting note; in selecting the prints for the article, the prints were somewhat dark. So I was able to lighten them up somewhat and that is when I found the date of this medal. May 1972 in the center of the turbine wheel!



2014 Holiday Social Night

by Tom Craig

The Saint John Coin Club held their annual "social night" on December 16, 2014 at the Mediterranean Restaurant on Rothesay Avenue. This gives a chance for all members and spouses to mingle and meet one another in a relaxed format. This tradition has been going on for several years with the get together in the month of December, just prior to Christmas.



Above: A good turnout
Below: Chocolate! Steve & Jim too



This year about 20 people showed up for the dinner. Several others members indicated they would be there, but their plans got changed, these things happen. Everyone ordered their food of choice and by most accounts, it was delicious as expected.

During the end of the meal, it was decided to draw for the prizes that were to be given away. There were six prizes in all with Brian Mott and his wife winning the 1st, a Proof dollar and the 2nd prize. Third prize created the most excitement with

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George Murray's wife being the winner of chocolates in a container about 30 inches long!

All in all it was a fun evening and the meal was first rate as usual.



Above: Awaiting the meal
Below: Don and his magic spoon



Upcoming Numismatic Events

Feb. 4 & 5, 2015 - The Canadian Numismatic Company - online auction

March 14, 2015 - Florenceville, NB Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion Hall

April 25, 2015 - Woodstock, NB, Y's Men's Club



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**Next Meeting: January 20th, 2015
Howard Johnson Fort Howe, Portland and
Main, Saint John, NB 7pm**

Question Period with Jim Jennex

1. "JIAO" is the monetary unit of which country?
2. What is a "HALALA?"
3. What's another word for a roll of coins wrapped in paper?
4. What is a "LEU?"

Email your answers to the editor, the person with the most correct will be named here next issue!



**Above: Jim and his wife, Linda
Below: Tom and, wait, I'm confused**



The lucky 1st & 2nd place winners



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