Almost Circulated

Saint John Coin Club

Volume 1 - Issue 9
1
Oct 2014

Our newsletter continues. Submissions encouraged. Contact the editor. Visit us at www.sjcoinclub.com

An Introduction to the Hanging Cents of Young Elizabeth II

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

If you collect Canadian small cent coins, especially those with Mary Gillick's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, you may have come across some with the term "hanging" as a designation associated with the date of the coin. If you're unsure of this reference or want to extend your knowledge of these coins, hopefully this introduction will help.

Why do they call it "hanging" and where do I look?

"Hanging" refers to the appearance of a mark above the last digit of the date that makes it look as though the number hangs from the maple leaf above. When noticed, it is a particularly attractive effect that lends appeal to the collectability of these coins, likely because the date is the most scrutinized feature on the reverse and probably on the coin as a whole.

What exactly causes this?

The hanging digits are actually a die clash. Essentially, during the minting process, the high-speed dies accidentally come in contact with each other, or clash, without a planchet in the collar. The force of the

New Brunswick Coin Clubs

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

Coin club medals are something I've collected for years and am always excited about checking another off my list, as I did when I picked up this 1992 Miramichi Coin Club 25th Anniversary medal.

The Miramichi Coin Club was founded in 1967 and was a vibrant part of the numismatic scene here in Atlantic Canada.

1992 Miramichi Coin Club 25th Anniversary Medal

The medal shows the Atlantic salmon on the obverse and has the 25th anniversary designation on the reverse. The Northern New Brunswick club's wares always stood out because of their striking colour enamelled medals. The Pin Connection of Rodney, Ontario struck 305 of this issue.

Regional coin clubs struggle for attention today, unlike only a few short years ago when Saint John was flanked by active clubs in Fredericton, Moncton, and Miramichi in the province and the rejuvenation of inactive or floundering clubs is something that can only benefit our hobby.

What do you think about having our club help to get some of the other clubs get back on their feet, perhaps by program sharing – E.g. the newsletter – that would give valuable infrastructure needed to grow and support these organizations. This is very early in the planning stages, so your ideas are most welcome.

Almost Circulated

contact leaves impressions of the opposite die, which normally need to be buffed out by mint employees, but sometimes coins are struck before the die can be polished resulting in a freshly struck example with a feature that shouldn't be there.

The photo below gives a good idea of what happens when the dies clash and shows approximately where clash marks are possible, with the highest areas of the die, the fields, being the most vulnerable.

Are these coins valuable?

The presence of a die clash does enhance the coin's appeal to a collector that specializes in this field and the growing popularity and recognition of the hanging cents means an even larger audience of collectors since the coins take on a glamour similar to an actual variety. That being said, you're not going to be able to retire by finding an example, but www.coinsandcanada.com does list a BU 1963 cent as having a value of $5 while the hanging three in the same condition books at $22, so there is a premium.

What dates have hanging digits?

Hanging varieties for all dates (1953-1964) with the young Elizabeth portrait can be found with a little effort, making the collecting of a complete set of hanging cents a very enjoyable endeavour. While the numbers are a little premature, it does seem as though 1953 and 1964 seem to be the more difficult dates to find.

In fact, hanging cents continue past Gillick's portrait because the changes in the design of the queen are quite subtle, meaning hanging cents can be found past 1964. Because the design is different, the clash looks different, so the digit will not "hang" exactly the same.

How do I find these hanging cents?

Die clashes are not sought after by all collectors or searched for by all dealers – let's face it, it takes valuable time – so, examples can still be found anywhere you can find coins including circulation. It is easier to spot the clashes on mint state specimens, although circulated coins with strong clash marks can definitely be found.

Do the clash marks always look the same?

Nope. The degree of the clash can vary greatly. A strong, full clash is most desirable, but only a part of the line may be visible and these coins are sometimes referred to as "lightly hanging." Additionally, dies can clash more than once without having the resulting damage removed, so double and triple (and possible more) clash marks are possible.

Collecting the hanging cents of Elizabeth II can be a fun introduction to the world of die clashes, furthering the understanding of the minting process and any increased numismatic knowledge is a great asset to any collector. <>

1963 Double Hanging 3 Cent

Wait for Me, Daddy

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

Do you collect circulating commemorative coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint? The latest commemorative toonie has a lot of promise in that it encompasses a variety of subjects that will make it collectable to a large percentage of the population.

Claude Dettloff's Wait for Me, Daddy

On October 1st, 1940 Claude Dettloff, a photographer for The Province newspaper, was readying himself for a shot of the long line of British Columbia Regiment soldiers marching down Eight Street in New Westminster, BC when a young boy broke away from his mother and ran into the road toward his father. Dettloff snapped the shot of the trio capturing an image that would gain him international recognition with the photograph even appearing in Life magazine.

2014 "Wait For Me, Daddy" commemorative twoonie

The soldier was Private Jack Bernard and the child is named Warren and answered to the nickname, "Whitey." The wife and mother, Bernice, and Jack would later divorce. Whitey would go on to spend a time in politics, even serving as mayor.

This is a coin that should be of interest to any theme collector on the following subjects: art; war; history; people; or British Columbia.

The RCM is offering five-packs of the commemorative coin at face value with free shipping for a limited time. Did you get yours? Check our website often and like us on Facebook to stay apprised of such offers.

Almost Circulated

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Single ad - $5 per issue
6 consecutive months - $20

Advertising space is limited to 6 ads per newsletter

Upcoming Numismatic Events

October 24-27, 2014 - The Torex Auction, The Canadian Numismatic Company, online auction

October 25, 2014 - Woodstock, NB Coin Show

November 22, 2014 - Geoffrey Bell Auction, Moncton, NB

November 23, 2014 - Coin Cabinet show, Moncton, NB

Almost Circulated

Saint John Coin Club Minutes
September 16th, 2014

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved on a motion from Jason, seconded by Tom.

There are 19 members present.

The financial report was delivered by Treasurer Tom Craig. We have in our account, after expenses, $3199.80. Motion to accept was made by Jason, seconded by George.

There is a coin show in Woodstock October 25th. There will be a show in Moncton November 23rd at the Crown Plaza along with an auction the night before.

Tom Craig showed some photographs of a house he visited of a collector with impressive displays of many items.

The newsletter is available online with another fine job by Kevin.

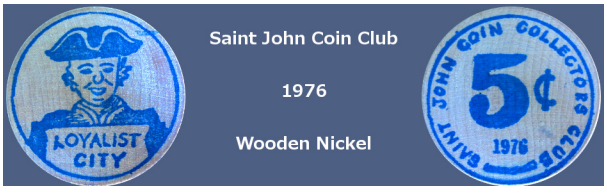
For the presentation tonight Tom showed a video of a visit by Rick Mercer to the Royal Canadian Mint where the gold is struck. Very impressive and entertaining.

George Murray did our auction, which was very well done.

There is a show in Saint John in November of 2014.

The meeting was called to a close on a motion by Jason, seconded by Tom.

Steve Small, Secretary



www.facebook.com/sjcoinclub

Next Meeting: October 21st, 2014
Howard Johnson Fort Howe, Portland and Main, Saint John, NB 7pm

Question Period with Jim Jennex
September Answers

1. A Coinstar is a machine, similar to a vending machine in appearance that will sort and count circulating coinage for a fee.

2. DDR stands for Doubled Die Reverse (often mistakingly written "Double" Die Reverse).

3. The new mintmark introduced by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2006 is the mint's logo (see below).

4. German silver, also called nickel silver, is a copper alloy named for its silver-like appearance, but contains no silver.

5. The Saint John Coin Club held its first meeting in 1959.

Royal Canadian Mint logo which appears on Canadian coins as a mint mark since 2006

Below: Washington No Good token featrued in the September newsletter made of German silver

Contact Us

Editor - Kevin Day-Thorburn
- **harbouredtreasures@gmail.com**

Treasurer - Tom Craig
- **ycart@rogers.com**

President - James Young
Vice President - George Murray
Secretary - Steve Small