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Visiting a Junk Box to Learn About Errors

By Kevin Day-Thorburn, FRCNA

Don't dismiss that well-known dealer "junk box." Besides the odd treasure of value that may be lurking, there's a ton of knowledge waiting to be discovered. One of the most common medals found across the country may be the Shell gas station Coats of Arms/Floral Emblems series produced for Canada's centennial in 1967, but just because they are plentiful, doesn't mean they aren't worth examining.

To begin with, largely due to the disrespect they continue to receive, nice examples are increasingly difficult to find. But beyond searching for an inexpensive set, studying them to learn about the striking process is worth the effort. Since they began life as a somewhat low-quality, mass produced item, it stands to reason that quality control would not necessarily be up to par with our Royal Canadian Mint.

That brings us to today's lesson: die clashes. It wont take long to find some nice clashes on these medals. When a planchet fails to enter the striking chamber and the dies come together, this can result in elements of the dies being imprinted on each other. Then, when the undesired marks on the dies aren't properly buffed out, they can be struck onto subsequent pieces. This happens with coins (think of the "hanging" digit cents of young effigy Queen Elizabeth) and can happen with medals too. Below are a few examples.

Left shows the Manitoba coat of arms clash over their prairie crocus, while right shows all sorts of elements of Nova Scotia's mayflower in their coat of arms.

Left you can see the mountains and border of the Alberta coat of arms within their wild rose flower.

For fun, the Newfoundland coat of arms on the right is showing some pretty nice die deterioration.

These examples were all found in local dealers' junk boxes, and I'm certain they were glad to be rid of them, so don't ignore an opportunity to learn.

November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Day-Thorburn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed on a motion by Tom Craig, seconded by Bob H.

Tom delivered his treasure's report noting a few different year-end expenditures such as ONA dues and the CCN calendar to advertise our show. The report was passed on a motion by George Murray, seconded by Paul C.

Under old business, Kevin brought up the RCNA membership draw. Since there was a fairly small turnout at the meeting and the holiday meeting was next month, which would have a larger turnout, it was decided to have the draw for 2 RCNA memberships at the party.

Interest was expressed for the variety and error book for John Regitko. Kevin relayed that he had been in contact with the author and news on availability and pricing would be coming soon.

More of our wooden nickels had been sold with the money passed to Tom.

The Woodstock and Halifax shows were reviewed with both seeming to be a success.

Tom paid our show insurance through the ONA and gave Kevin the certificate.

Our holiday meeting/event will be at Vito's on Rothesay Ave December 10th at 6:30pm. It was passed on a motion by Bob H., seconded by Lou D. that members receive $10 toward the cost of their meal.

Our next meeting in January will feature a show and tell session. It's requested that each member bring something from their collection that they can give a brief talk on.

Kevin mentioned the upcoming Moncton show and auction.

Kevin gave a presentation on silver bullion coins of the world, featuring a few nations that surprised some as bullion producers.

Bob D. was the winner of the attendance prize.

George won the 50/50 draw.

Tom conducted another of his world coin identification quizzes which was won by John M.

The auction items were put off to the January meeting.

There were 9 members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by Kevin Day-Thorburn

NEXT MEETING

Chateau Saint John, 369 Rockland Road

• JANUARY 21, 2020 •

Saint John, NB 7 PM

Holiday Meeting Tuesday, December 10th

Ho, ho, ho, our annual Holiday meeting will take place at Vito's Restaurant on Rothesay Avenue at 6:30pm Tuesday, December 10th. Each member will receive $10 toward their meal. Bring a guest and enjoy the merriment!

And don't forget about our giveaway of two RCNA membership to a couple of lucky members. The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association is Canada's national organization promoting our hobby. Their 2020 convention will be in the Maritimes as dealers set up in Halifax in July. It was last in Halifax in 2015 and, of course, many will recall the party that took place when we hosted the 2010 convention.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 60th anniversary year a special one!

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