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President's Message

Now that the plans for a PNNA Convention in October are being finalized, maybe some progress will once again come for our organization. Already, Spokane is making plans for a 1973 Convention, so it appears that the wheels are again beginning to revolve.

It was with much regret that at the Board Meeting at Portland this month, we had to accept the resignation of Jerry Abney as our Secretary. She has served long and faithfully in this position and we are sorry she is leaving us for another area. Many thanks for a well done job and please kept in touch with us.

There seems to be a slight increase in interest in coins again, maybe partially due to the increased activity in the gold market. Regardless of the reason for this renewal, let's all get back on the bandwagon and get it rolling along to bigger and better things at our club meetings and shows. With just a little more effort from each of us, I'm sure we can look forward to an increased interest and enjoyment of our hobby in the future.

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Editorial Rambling

This issue we continue our listing of numismatic items of the Pacific Northwest. This time it is Seattle Worlds Fair-Century 21, 1962 items. We hope it is helpful in knowing what there is to collect and telling you what you have. This listing will take two issues. The official medals are listed in this issue and next time we will have the non-official and miscellaneous pieces. If you have any additions or corrections, please tell us.

1972 PNNA Convention

The 1972 PNNA Convention will be held October 7-8, 1972 at the Marschall Recreation Center in Vancouver, Washington. General Chairmen for the show are Ed Smith and Steve Bibler. The Bourse Chairman is Walt Kramer. Exhibit Chairman is Terry Burtram. For information on bourse tables or securing space for exhibits write:

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By the way--to plan ahead--The 1973 PNNA will be in Spokane at the Ridpath Hotel March 30-April 1. Make plans to attend both shows. Get those exhibits prepared. Dealers send in those deposits. And let's have another get-together. See you.

THE SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR -- CENTURY 21 EXPOSITION OF 1962

The Century 21 Exposition was to be America's first "Space Age" World's Fair. The Fair was held from April 21 to October 21, 1962 on the site of what is now the Seattle Center. This fair as have most others lost money but happily left a host of permanent buildings--among them the Space Needle and the Seattle Coliseum. The official medals of the Exposition were sold only by Northwest Historical Medals, Inc. of Walla Walla, Washington. Congress authorized the United States Mint to strike medals for the Fair. They were distributed by Northwest Historical Medals, Inc.

Medallions

1. Mint Medal $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Space Needle and Soliseum on obverse. Image of outer space on reverse.
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck for presentation in 14K gold
 - B. Silver--1000 pieces struck in 0.900 silver

Medal Sets

2. Mint Medal 33.5mm. Same design as medal #1
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck for presentation in 14K gold
 - B. Silver--10,015 pieces struck in .900 silver. 1840 medals sold in sets and 50 given in presentations. The rest presumably melted.
 - C. Bronze--140,000 pieces struck. 80,000 medals issued. The rest presumably melted.
3. Space Needle Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold
 - D. Gilt Bronze--number unknown
 - E. Silver-plated Bronze--number unknown
4. Monorail Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold
 - D. Gilt Bronze--number unknown
 - E. Silver-plated Bronze--number unknown
5. Million Dollar Exhibit Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold
 - D. Gilt Bronze--number unknown
 - E. Silver-plated Bronze--number unknown
6. World of Science Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold

7. World of Century 21 Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold

8. World of Commerce and Industry Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold

9. World of Entertainment Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold

10. World of Art Medal 39mm high relief
 - A. Solid Gold--4 pieces struck plain edge
 - B. Silver--1840 pieces sold .999 silver
 - C. Bronze--about 4000 sold

All the gold medals 1-A thru 10-A were for presentation only. None were offered for sale.

The silver medals 2-B thru 10-B were sold in sets at a price of \$112.50 including the holder. In addition to the 1840 sets that were sold there were an additional 50 specimens of medal 2-B that were used for presentation. The Bronze Medals 2-C thru 10-C were sold in sets at \$28.50 which included a holder. Mint Medal 2-C could be purchased separately. The edge legend on medals 3-C thru 10-C reads: The Metal Arts Co. Inc., Roch, N.Y. The edge legend on medals 3-B thru 10-B reads the same as the bronze medals except for the added legend: -.999 Silver. The gold medals have no edge inscription.

11. Space Needle Medal 34mm low relief Same design as #3 Brass
20,000 struck

12. Monorail Medal 34mm low relief Same design as medal #4 but
the lettering around the rim differs slightly Brass.
20,000 struck

13. Millions Dollar Exhibit Medal 34mm low relief Same design as medal
#5 Brass 20,000 struck

This concludes the medals issued by the official distributors. They did offer some of the elongated coins which will be listed in the next issue.

Medals #6 thru #10 were not sold in Gilt Bronze or Silver-plated Bronze. Some of these bronze medals were however plated by private individuals. Only medals 3, 4 and 5 were officially plated in gold and silver for sale by the official distributors. Some of these pieces incidentally had key ring attachment added.

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President's Message

It's still unbelievable to me that I went to Vancouver running for Secretary and returned home President. To the best of my ability, I will try and do what is best for PNNA. My hope is to make PNNA of even greater service to its' members and with your help--this is not impossible. With the wonderful help I have had so far from the Directors, this should be an easy job.

As some of you know, the PNNA sent out questionnaire to all the coin clubs in the Pacific Northwest, so we could begin producing a one page bulletin for addition to local coin club papers and help provide a clearing house for coin show dates. I see from the questionnaire that we are too late to prevent some double-scheduling already. We have had replies from 28 clubs and will be producing some 2,200 copies for distribution. If your club has not replied yet, it's still not too late. We would like to have you all receive the bulletin.

The PNNA Convention will be held April 6-8, 1973 at the Ridpath Hotel, in Spokane, Washington. Be sure to plan now to attend this convention be hosted by the Inland Empire Coin Club. Plans call for the 1974 Convention to be held in Seattle. If any clubs wish to sponsor a future convention, please contact me for details. Please feel free to write me if you have any complaints, comments, or suggestions. The only way we can improve PNNA is with your participation.

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PNNA Election Report

At the Vancouver, Washington convention held Oct. 7-8 the following were elected to serve the PNNA: Marge Farnam, President; Byron Johnson, Vice President; Irene Alexander, Secretary; Steve Bibler, Treasurer; Dudley McClure, Ass't Treasurer; and Board Members, Les Copan, Mary Lake, Mary Froreich, Glenn Rome, Norman Williams, Dick Hinchliff, Gene Kirschten, Dale Crawford, Nina Nystrom, and Dealer Representative, Clarence Heppner.

1973 PNNA Convention

For information on bourse, exhibits, or lodging the chairperson for the 1973 PNNA Convention is Irene Alexander, P O Box 271, Parkwater Station, Spokane, Wa. 99211.

Editorial Ramblings

This issue we begin an article on Sales Tax Tokens. Your Editor has been working with members of the American Tax Token Society to make this listing as complete as possible. Members of PNNA with additions or corrections should direct them to the President at the above address.

SALES TAX TOKENS OF WAHSINGTON STATE

The State of Washington in 1935 put a sales tax in effect. All retail sales were taxed at 2%. In 1941 the tax was increased to 3%. In order to collect this tax on small purchases, tokens were issued with a value in 1935 of 1/5 cent or two mills. The 1941 tokens had an issue value of 1/3 cent. After the war when tax rates went up again the tokens were discontinued. The last tokens issued had no stated value but were 1/3 cent.

The issuance of tax tokens actually amounted to an unconstitutional State coinage. There was a test case (Morrow vs Henneford) brought before the Washington State Supreme Court on the Federal Constitution issue. The Court ruled that only the Federal Government could bring charges against the State and not an individual and the case was dismissed.

When the tax law of 1935 went into effect, the aluminum tokens had not arrived from the makers. The State as an emergency action, issued cardboard tokens for temporary use. At the same time, they allowed any individual to issue private emergency tokens. Most were cardboard or heavy paper, but in Tenino, Wood Tokens were issued. There is also one emergency issue from 1941 when the tax was increased from 2% to 3%.

In this listing we will list in order, the regular issue, the patterns, the 1935 cardboard, the 1935 wood and the 1941 cardboard. The State issue cardboard we will consider a regular issue.

Regular Issue

1. 23mm aluminum center hole legend has date 1935 (comes with different size center holes)
2. 51 x 26mm blue cardboard - at bottom says series B
3. 51 x 26mm yellow cardboard - at bottom says Series C

The above three pieces were valued at 1/5 cent. The following were issued at 1/3 cent value.

4. 23mm dark green fiber - no center hole - legend had date 1941. There are die varieties. The tokens appear almost black but they are actually green. There are three easily recognized varieties. Look at the letter K in token.
 - a. K - top stroke long - bottom short
 - b. K - top and bottom stroke equal
 - c. K - top stroke short - botgom long
5. 23mm gray fiber - center hole - legend has date 1941
6. 23mm green translucent plastic - no center hole
7. 23mm green opaque plastic - no center hole

Hold tokens 6 and 7 up to a light. The light comes through number 6, but not number 7. There are many shades of green on these tokens. The green color is very fugitive.

8. 23mm gray plastic - no center hole - scarce
9. 23mm aluminum - center hole - no date or value

Patterns

10. Same as number 1 but gold - unique - presented to the head of the Tax Commission. Later came into collector's hands.
11. Same as number 1 but silver - either 4 or 5 struck and presented to the other members of the Tax Commission - at least one is in collector's hands.
12. Same as number 1 but copper - at least ten known
13. Same as number 12 but gilt - only one known - may of course be a modern plating of number 12 - not known if officially done
14. Same as number 1 but pink translucent plastic - only one known
15. Same as number 1 but clear plastic - only one known
16. Same as number 4 but red fiber - two known
17. Same as number 4 but light green fiber - only one known
18. Same as number 4 but gray fiber - only one known
19. Same as number 4 but black plastic - only one known
20. Same as number 4 but green plastic - only one known
21. Same as number 5 but painted red - only one known
22. Same as number 9 but copper - at least 50 known

The above patterns are all from regular issue token dies. The following are from dies not used for regular issues:

23. 21mm red plastic Washington / Sales Tax Token / 1 Reverse-same

The following three pieces we have no record of the inscription. They may be similar to number 23. We are not sure of the diameter either as they are measured thru a glass frame.

24. 20mm green plastic - only one known
25. 20mm orange plastic - only one known
26. 20mm blue transparent plastic - only one known

There are also cardboard patterns for a 1941 cardboard issue.

27. 50 x 25mm white paper - date 1941 Series D at bottom
28. 39 x 28mm white paper - date 1941 Series D at bottom

There is also an artist's drawing for a Series D issue in collectors hands.

It may be worth your while to look around for any of the above pattern tax tokens. So far, only numbers 12 and 22 are collectible. All the rest are just one or two known.

Next issue we will continue the tax token listings with a rundown on the private emergency issues of the State. Would members please look through their collections and report whether they have any specimens of three reported issuers which have never been seen. All are Seattle firms - Augustine and Kyer, Bartell Drug, and Washington Market.