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President's Message

by Tom Sheehan

I have just returned from two weeks of travel. My travels began on the 2nd of March when I flew to Ft Lauderdale and the ANA National Money Show. The show ended on March 5th and on the 6th my traveling companion, Ken Hill and I joined our wives and other collectors for a "Coin Cruise." We sailed out on the 6th for ten days in the Caribbean on the *Crown Princess*.

As it turned out most of the collectors were from PNNA territory. The Sheehans, Hills, Calkins and Daughertys all are members of the Seattle Coin Club and then we had Mike Lang from Anchorage and Bob and Mary Anne Lilly from Beaverton. Two other collectors from Pennsylvania and ANA President Bob Campbell and his wife Carol completed our group. With that kind of interest we should look into a cruise after an upcoming PNNA. Let me know what you think.

National Coin Week will be April 16-22. During this time we all should be doing our best to promote the hobby. I am working with a Senior group to put out a display in their center and will try to get a personal display in my local library. A good display with a card mentioning where and when your local club meets is a sure way to add members. Imagine the impact if we all had displays or just put \$5.00 of wheat cents into circulation. Remember that the PNNA pays cash to the member club with the most impact. Cash awards go to the top three clubs.

Our PNNA convention will be April 21-22 at the Doubletree Inn/Lloyd Center in Portland. If you have not yet reserved a bourse table contact Rob Retz at (503)287-6627. We will again have space for displays and I encourage all of you to prepare a one case exhibit. Don't be shy about showing off your collection. I look forward to seeing new collector exhibits and will have one myself. (See page 2 for exhibit information.)

See you in Portland!

DUES ARE PAST DUE

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. If your address label is highlighted, you have not yet paid for 2000 and this will be the last issue of *The Nor'wester* that you will receive. Individual dues are \$10; family groups and clubs are \$15. Individual life membership costs \$200, and clubs can now purchase a ten-year membership for \$100 (but not a life membership).

Elections by Larry Rowe, Election Chairman

It's PNNA election time again. Every two years new elections are held to determine the leadership for the next term. Each of you should mark your ballot (enclosed with this newsletter), put it in the return envelope provided, and mail it to the Election Chairman by April 18th to be tallied in time for the convention, which will be held April 21st and 22nd. New officers and directors will be installed during the convention. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the leadership of your PNNA. If you wish to write in the name of someone not on the ballot, you may do so. (The candidate must be a PNNA member in good standing to be elected.) The ballot consists of people who were nominated by the nominating committee. ... *Your vote counts!*

PNNA Officers (Term ending April 2000)

President Tom Sheehan

1st Vice-Pres. Bill McKivior

2nd Vice-Pres. Larry Gaye

Secy./Treas. Joseph E. Boling

Past President J. Eric Holcomb

Directors Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Marge Farnam, Robert Hall, Paul Longcrier, Scott Loos, Alex Panchecho, Larry Rowe, Robert Steinegger, and Bruce Wonder.

Dealer-Director Bruce Wonder

Bob Everett Memorial Award

By Joe Boling

The committee for this award needs nominations immediately. Nominees need not be members of local or other clubs, but must have demonstrated a commitment to numismatics in the Pacific NW. Send nominations to Joe Boling, Tom Sheehan, Bill McKivor, or Ken Hill.

National Coin Week 2000

Discovering America through the nation's coins is the central theme for the 77th observance of the ANA's National Coin Week, April 16-22, 2000. "The continuation of the commemorative quarter program by the United States Mint and the new Sacagawea dollar coin offer golden opportunities to discover America's tales behind the coins," says ANA Education Director Gail Baker. "National Coin Week presents a special time to introduce numismatics to the public, showing everyone how they can hold history in their hands."

In the second year of its 50 State Quarters Program, the Mint will issue 25-cent pieces with reverse designs commemorating five states. The 10-year program will recognize each of the 50 states with a special design on the reverse of the quarter. The Mint estimates that by the end of this year, 160 million Americans will be actively collecting the state quarters from pocket change.

Also debuting in early 2000 and expected to stimulate collector interest is the gold-colored dollar featuring Sacagawea, the Native American who helped the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1803.

"This year's National Coin Week theme again demonstrates how the study of coins can help unlock an understanding of history, sociology, art, archaeology, political science, economics, language, and so much more," Baker says. "The fun of collecting can begin with the change in your pocket."

Among the activities collectors can do during National Coin Week are: Set up an exhibit of United States quarter dollar or dollar coins, old and new in a library, bank or school. Present a talk on the legends and lore behind each state's quarter design. Work with local banks to encourage the distribution of the state commemorative quarters, dollar coins and unusual coins to bank customers.

PNNA NCW Program Continued

The PNNA board has voted to continue the award program for club efforts to publicize National Coin Week. The NCW theme for 2000 is "Discover America," and is intended to emphasize the history that can be learned from pocket change (such as the 50-states quarters).

The awards are \$100-\$75-\$50 for the top three club efforts. The annual theme does not have to be part of your effort; if you have an already-established program for promoting coin collecting in your community that does not refer directly to the annual NCW theme, it is still acceptable for consideration. Send a report of your club's efforts to Larry Rowe at PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666 not later than 31 May.

Remember that the ANA also gives awards for NCW promotion excellence. If your club belongs to the ANA, submit a report to the Education Department to be considered for this award.

Exhibits at the 2000 PNNA Convention

Exhibits must be in place by noon on Saturday 22 April to be eligible for awards, which will be announced at 4:00 p.m. We would prefer to have your exhibits in place on Friday, so that visitors to the convention can view and learn from them. If you want to use PNNA cases, you must send an application to Larry Rowe by 10 April so that those cases can be available. Use the form enclosed to apply for exhibit space and exhibit cases (send to Larry Rowe, PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666; phone 360-573-9827; email medalman@paclink.com). Remember that the PNNA best of show winner receives \$200 in assistance to take the winning exhibit to the ANA anniversary convention in the same year.

The complete exhibit application is four pages long, just like ANA's. Pages 2-4 are only needed if you intend to have someone else place or remove your exhibit or if you are a multiple winner of first place awards at previous PNNA conventions. If you think you need the last three pages (not included here to save postage), ask for a complete copy of the rules from the secretary at the address in the letterhead. There are several references to specific parts of the rules in the application; if you have a copy of the ANA rules, you can determine what those references are without having the PNNA rules in hand.

Any club that wants a program on exhibit-building should contact the PNNA secretary at the address/phone in the letterhead.

Obituary

Tom McNeelan, owner of Renton Coin Shop, died in January 2000. He was a past member of the PNNA.

Illnesses

Jerry Hoffman is recovering from aneurysm surgery. Freda Peterson is recovering from a fall that broke a rib that punctured a lung.

Next PNNA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the PNNA board will be at the annual convention on Saturday 22 April 2000, immediately following the annual general meeting (a breakfast meeting). Look for time and room in the convention program.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 15 January 2000, Kent, WA

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill McKivor at 5:15 pm. Present were secretary/treasurer Joe Boling, past president Eric Holcomb, and directors Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Scott Loos, Larry Rowe, and Bruce Wonder. Boling distributed the 1999 yearend financial report.

Del Cushing presented proposed designs for a generic PNNA wooden nickel to be distributed at sites such as the Puyallup Fair. He was requested to obtain prices for quantities of 5,000 and 10,000. [10,000 is \$650.]

Boling explained that the Olympia Coin Club had sent in \$100 for a club life membership under the old dues structure. However, there is no club life membership category listed in the bylaws. Moved (Cushing) and seconded (Holcomb) to offer the OCC a ten-year club membership for their \$100, the payment to be returned if that was not acceptable to the club. Passed. [The club accepted the offer and is paid up until 2010. This approach works as a variation on setting dues rates, which are not specified in the bylaws. *Editor's note: Other clubs are also eligible for this rate.*]

Boling passed forms for getting shows listed in Krause Publications newspapers to Larry Rowe for delivery to the April PNNA convention committee members in Portland.

Eric Holcomb announced a 15 March deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of *The Nor'wester*.

ANA is asking for nominees for awards to be made at the 2000 convention in Philadelphia. Larry Rowe suggested that Joe Boling should be nominated for the Glenn Smedley award. The sense of the board was that he should proceed with this nomination.

Bill McKivor mentioned that he has received publicity for a new show in Tacoma in April; can we obtain exhibit space? Boling is to check with the promoter (we would like an arrangement such as we had with Teresa Darling). [Not yet accomplished; the promoter has again promised table space for club promotion, but not for actual numismatic exhibits.]

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm. Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling

Canada's Beavers and Half Beavers

by Thomas LaMarre © ANA (Used by permission)

Long before Canada had the one-dollar coin which they call the "loonie" — it almost had "half beavers" and "beavers." No, we're not talking about our animal friends. "Half Beavers" and "Beavers" were the suggested names for Canada's five- and ten-dollar gold pieces.

By making its own gold coins, Canada hoped to stop the flow of Canadian gold into the United States. National pride was also at stake ... for the first time, Canadian banks would be able to use Canadian coins as reserves, instead of U.S. gold. Plans called for the coins to be made at a new mint in Canada's capital city, Ottawa. It opened in 1908, and soon began turning out British-style one-pound gold coins, or "sovereigns."

In the United States, five- and ten-dollar gold pieces were known as "half eagles" and "eagles," leading one Montreal resident to suggest that their Canadian counterparts be called the "half beavers" and "beavers."

One side of the coin would picture, what else — a beaver. The other side would have the Canadian coat-of-arms. Editorial writers called the proposal a "happy one." But it wasn't to be ... the gold pieces made their debut with a portrait of King George instead of a beaver. The coins were nameless, and despite years of planning, they were unpopular — especially the ten-dollar coin. Cashiers complained that it was almost identical to Canada's large copper cent. War-time restrictions on gold brought production of the Canadian gold coins to an end. It wasn't until about 20 years later that the beaver finally got its due — on a Canadian nickel that's still being made today.

PNNA Speakers List

(Speakers will travel up to 50 miles unless otherwise indicated.)

- Joe Boling — Japanese numismatics; Seattle national banknotes; Exhibiting and judging.
- Larry Gaye — Byzantine coins; Coins of the Bible.
- Eric Holcomb — Apollo mission space medals; George Washington material; numismatic parody of the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle (script available for coin club use).
- Paul Longcrier — U.S. 20th Century coinage; Early British milled Queen Anne coins; Colonial numismatics.
- Alex Pancheco — Tokens, Medals, World's Fair exonomia; Russian and Siberian copper coinage; U.S. Barber Coins. *(30 miles)*
- Tom Sheehan (206-546-5599) — Panic scrip of 1907; Numismatic Literature; Numismatic collecting in general and the ANA.
- Bruce Wonder — World Coins, 1500-1918; World Tokens and Medals; Numismatic Reference Books.

The above listed people can be contacted directly or through the PNNA Secretary. Some speakers are also willing to talk to non-numismatic groups, e.g., senior citizens, fraternal clubs, and school groups.

Selected Numismatic Sites on the Web

ANA — <http://www.money.org>
 Coin Link — <http://www.coinlink.com>
 Coin Universe — <http://www.coin-universe.com>
 Coin World — <http://www.coinworld.com>
 eBay — <http://www.ebay.com> (auctions)
 Krause — <http://www.krause.com> and
<http://www.collectit.net> (auctions, etc.)
 PNNA — http://www.money.org/club_pnna_index.html
 U.S. Mint — <http://www.usmint.gov>

PNNA member sites:

Steve Estes — <http://www.SteveEstes.com>
 Rick Snow — <http://www.indiancent.com>
 Others? — Please let us know!

State Quarters for the Year 2000

The Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia quarters are scheduled for release in the year 2000. See the U.S. Mint's web site for the designs and other information.

Classified Ads

Note: one column inch (six line) ads are now eligible for a reduced rate of \$4.00 per issue. Sorry, no oversized type allowed for these low-cost ads. (But bold, italics, and all caps are allowed.)

Tom Sheehan will pay cash for numismatic libraries. He is also interested in buying old numismatic literature as well as medals of a commemorative or historic nature. Tom is also interested in taking those old auction catalogues off of your hands. Bring them to a PNNA meeting, or call Tom at (425) 672-1334 for an appointment. (e-mail twsheeh@attglobal.net)

WANTED - FROM 1990 SEATTLE ANA SHOW - WORLD "PASSPORT" ALBUM SOLD AT SHOW FOR COINS GIVEN OUT BY FOREIGN MINTS. WILLING TO PAY \$20.00 WITH OR WITHOUT THE COINS. REPLY TO: RAY LOCKWOOD 765-664-6520 or sunray@comteck.com

Deadline for submission of material for 3rd Quarter 2000 Nor'wester: June 15, 2000.

Send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail EHolc48@aol.com), and payment to the PNNA secretary/treasurer. Call Eric Holcomb at 253-850-2996 for more info.

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 \$7.50 (1/8-page)
 \$10.00 (1/6-page)
 \$15.00 (1/4-page)
 \$25.00 (1/2-page)
 \$45.00 (full page)
 Full page color — price on request

phone 719/632-2646 **American Numismatic Association News** www.money.org

ANA Offers Services to ANS Members — The ANA is prepared to offer some services to its sister organization, the American Numismatic Society (ANS). “The ANA is here to help the ANS, which is currently reorganizing its staff as it plans to move its headquarters in New York City,” ANA Executive Director Edward C. Rochette says. “Our offer is intended as a temporary measure during ANS’s transition to allow its members access to the wide variety of numismatic services currently enjoyed by the ANA’s more than 29,000 members.”

Among the services being offered are access to the ANA library and research services, use of attribution services by ANA Authentication Bureau experts, availability of the ANA’s expeditious photography services, and participation in the ANA’s expanded Summer Seminar program. In addition, the ANA is prepared to help the ANS maintain its web site and assist in maintaining the organization’s museum cabinet data base.

Arthur Houghton, immediate past president of the ANS, says, “We at the ANS welcome the statement of support from our sister organization - the American Numismatic Association. I thank the ANA for its generous offer.”

ANA And IAPN to Issue Bulletin to Battle Coin Counterfeiting — In a joint effort to further reduce counterfeiting of collector coins - both ancient and modern - the ANA and the International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN) plan to issue the Counterfeit Coin Bulletin. Each installment will include a minimum of eight reports on counterfeit and altered coins, plus an informative feature about authentication. The ANA will provide information on United States coins and the IAPN will coordinate material on world and ancient coins. To be published three times a year, the bulletins will be produced by the ANA Publications Department.

“For many years, both the ANA and IAPN have worked independently to eliminate coin counterfeiting through their respective publications and educational programs,” says ANA Executive Director Edward C. Rochette. “In this collaborative effort, experts from both organizations will work together to produce a series of bulletins to help all numismatists – collectors, scholars, researchers and dealers – learn about dangerous fakes, avoid costly mistakes, and ensure the integrity of their personal collections, museum cabinets and dealer inventories.”

A one-year subscription to the ANA/IAPN Counterfeit Coin Bulletin is \$60 for ANA members residing in the United States and \$75 for members residing outside the U.S. (Non-member subscription fees are \$100 U.S. and \$115 non-U.S.) The tentative publishing schedule calls for the first issue to appear in March 2000, with the second issue in June and the third in October.

ANA Library Holds Mail Auction — Duplicate books and auction catalogs are being auctioned by the ANA Library to raise funds to improve member services in the world’s largest, numismatic circulating library.

“With this first-ever mail-bid auction, we hope to generate more funds for projects like book preservation, acquisition and restoration; archive development; and the Library Imagining Project available on the ANA’s web site (www.money.org) and on CD-ROM,” says Librarian Nawana Britenriker. “Every year, many ANA Summer Seminar attendees eagerly look forward to the Library’s annual book and auction catalog sale. However, after each sale numerous items remain unsold. Because many Association members are unable to attend the summer sale, we decided to offer those items to the membership through this mail-bid sale.”

Among the items offered are auction catalogs from Sotheby’s, Stacks, and Bowers and Merena. A list of catalogs, books, periodicals and pamphlets is available from the Library by mail and is posted on the ANA’s web site. Catalog information also is available from the ANA’s Fax-on-Request service at 800/910-7224, code number 201544.

From March 1 through the end of National Coin Week (April 16-22), the sale will be open to all ANA members. For more information or to submit an auction bid, contact the ANA Library Mail-Bid Sale, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail at library@money.org; or visit the ANA Web site at www.money.org.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a show contact Del Cushing; P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, WA 98138-2984; Phone 206-244-1596. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA or ANA sponsored or co-sponsored.

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MAR 25-26 (?) MID-VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, United Workers Hall, 610 13th Street S.E., Albany, Ore.

MAR 26 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SPRING SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

APR 1 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

APR 7-9 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW, Tacoma Dome, I-5 Exit 133, Tacoma, Wa.

APR 8-9 VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st Ave. & Cambie St., Vancouver, B.C.

APR 9 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

APR 16-22 ANA National Coin Week

APR 21-22 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 51st CONVENTION, DoubleTree Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore. PNNA board and general membership meetings on Saturday morning.

MAY 6 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

MAY 6-7 SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB SHOW, Masonic Lodge, 2777 Centennial Blvd. Eugene, Ore.

MAY 7 NORTHWEST TOKENS & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 13 ISSAQUAH/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, Wa.

MAY 13-14 SALEM COIN & STAMP SHOW, Ramada Inn, 200 Commercial St. S.E., Salem, Ore.

MAY 27-28 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

JUNE 10 KIRKLAND/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

JUNE 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

JULY 9 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SUMMER SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

JULY 15-16 NORTH WEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONVENTION, Marshall Recreation Center, Vancouver, Wa.

JULY 22 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

AUGUST 5-7 PHILADELPHIA "PRE" SHOW 2000, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST 9-13 ANA World's Fair of Money[®], Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

AUG 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

AUGUST 26-27 WASHINGTON STATE 21ST ANNUAL COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

SEPT 8-24 PUYALLUP FAIR

SEPT 9 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

SEPT 9-10 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW, North Shore Recreation Center, No. Vancouver, B.C.

SEPT 17 NORTHWEST TOKENS & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

SEPT 24 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES FALL SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

SEPT 30 – OCT 1 OREGON STATE 7TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn at Portland Airport, Portland, Ore.

OCT 8 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

OCT 14 KIRKLAND/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

NOV 4-5 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 11 ISSAQUAH/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, Wa.

NOV 25-26 HOLIDAY COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.
