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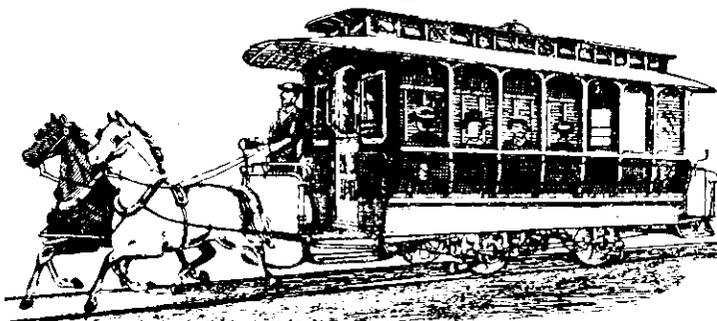
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RICHARD K. ATKINS

"Thou crumblest man away," wrote the author of the 90th Psalm, "summoning men back to the dust, Thou to whom a thousand years are like the flight of yesterday, like an hour passing in the night." Time passes, and we grow older, and in the process we meet people who add something precious to our lives. Dick Atkins, AVA #L-166, of Clinton, Conn., was such a person. He was a big man, not only in his body, but especially in his spirit. He was a gentleman of the old school, and had about him an impeccable dignity. And yet he was lots of fun to be with, for he was a fervent, methodical collector of transportation tokens. His friendship was a blessing to those of us who knew him. His devotion to tokens and their stories was a blessing to our common hobby. He died January 19, in Florida, at age 65.

Together with this issue we are sending you a pre-addressed dues envelope, in which you may send your \$5 AVA dues for 1974 to the Treasurer, R. K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219. Since this issue is going out so late, we shall move the grace period back to March 15. If you pay by March 15, \$5 will be sufficient. But after that, it will be \$5.50. Remember to include your AVA number, and if you live outside the USA, be sure to make payment in U. S. funds.

Those who have been receiving THE FARE BOX by airmail are advised that they will have to send another deposit if they wish to continue receiving it thus. Any member who wishes to receive his copy by airmail may have it for \$1 extra in the U. S. or Canada, or \$8.40 extra overseas. We always use commemorative stamps for airmail.

The retail price of the Atwood Catalogue will shortly have to be increased to \$12.50 per copy, inasmuch as printing costs since 1970 when we printed them have skyrocketed. It will cost us about twice as much per copy in 1975 to reprint as it cost to print the originals in 1970. However, we hope to be able to maintain the AVA member price at \$7.50, which is a real bargain, made possible because the Catalogue Committee exists to serve the members, and not vice-versa.

This issue goes to press at 11 pm, Wednesday, February 13.



= IT'S THE TOKENS---and a lot more =

If I were a gifted writer--or perhaps an eloquent speaker--this column would be a snap. However, realizing my limitations, I am gonna do my best to let you members know how lucky we are to have someone like John Coffee on our side. Imagine, devoting 25 years as Editor of our Fare Box--and not getting paid for it!

There are many gripes because the issues come late. How many stop to realize how much work goes into each and every issue? Believe me, guys and gals, this must be a true Labor of Love on John's part. And he is doing a tremendous job. Congratulations to you, John. We hope you will continue as our Editor for many years to come.

Regarding the long talked about--and little done about--book on "The Best of The Fare Box, there are many reasons why this volume hasn't materialized. The main one being the high cost to have it printed (I can't agree with this entirely!). Another important reason offered was how should one decide on which articles should be included--there are so many! In any event, Joel Reznick and I are kicking it around. Perhaps we can come up with something more tangible. During this interim I believe I have a reasonable solution--and this will require lots of help. Goes something like this: if someone will volunteer to make up an up-to-date combined listing of the Indexes--of all the years that had indexes--this would facilitate finding any article more readily. For example I recently obtained a Tex 945 token. I vaguely remembered reading an article about the Baker operation in Weatherford, Texas. About 90 minutes later I finally found it--much of the time was spent in rereading many other fine articles on other tokens.

I would appreciate further comments on this idea. If *anyone* would like to undertake this project please write and let me know. Don't be bashful. Get involved!

A further comment on my last column pertaining to membership cards. It *should* have read "a membership card will be issued to each *new* member..." etc.

The response for the tour tokens (and emergency tokens) was great. I still have some of both available. But please include a stamped addressed envelope; it helps considerably. The regular tour tokens are \$2 apiece. For each additional token please place an additional 8¢ stamp (10¢ stamp after the new rates go into effect). As long as the supply of Emergency tokens holds up, they are available for a stamped addressed envelope.

'Til later, the very best of everything to each and everyone of you.

- Syd Joseph

= SOME OLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF NORWAY =
By Jørgen Sømud

In the book *Myntgravør Ivar Throndsens Medaljer, Jetonger og Merker* by R. Støren and Hans Holst, Oslo 1937, the following tokens, unlisted by Smith, are described:

Christiansund 180 (in University of Oslo collection)
Sv Ov Sd (like 180 B but silver)(a pattern; issued 1891)

Porsgrunn (first token is University of Oslo collection)
P,B (TWO OARS)(in monogram)
o WM Sq Sd (same as obverse)(16mm)(issued 1894)
(a bridge token of the Porsgrunn Ferry Co. for foot passengers)
P,B, (TWO OARS AND A HORSESHOE)(in monogram)
o ?? Ov Sd (same as obverse)(issued 1894)
(a bridge token of the same company, but for horses)

Arendal 60 (all issued 1910)(all in University of Oslo collection)
FAERGEBAAD SKILSØ ARENDAL (FERRYBOAT)
o B 20 Sd (same as obverse)
o Sv 20 Sd " (pattern)
o B Hx Sd " (21x24mm)
o Sv Hx Sd " (pattern)

= RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD COLLECTOR =

By Harold H. Young

Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the A.V.A. has led me to reflect that there are very few collectors around now who were active 40 to 45 years ago. I started collecting in the early 1930's after reading about the hobby in a numismatic magazine. My interest grew out of an older and broader fascination with trolley operations, especially in New England. I lived in Providence, R.I., in the years I was most active. I virtually suspended collecting in 1933 and didn't pick it up again until 30 years later after I retired. Of course in those years the parade passed me by, but I have the satisfaction of owning a lot of tokens at a cost of 5¢ to 10¢ each which are now bringing prices of a few or several dollars.

I put an ad in a numismatic magazine (the name escapes me) offering to swap tokens from Connecticut Company, United Electric Railways (Providence) and local bus lines in New Britain, Conn. I found the first two offerings were of no interest, but the New Britain tokens, of which there were three, had not been generally discovered and these put me in business right away. My source of supply was a cooperative brother who lived in New Britain and he also went to Waterbury, Conn., and dug out tokens for me there.

Collectors were few in those days, and you soon got to know most of them. Each hunted for tokens in his respective area and used the mail for swapping. The hobby was an excellent one for depression days as most tokens cost in the range from 5¢ to 8¢. Many trolley lines were still operating and in the case of those which had folded, supplies of tokens were still around.

Looking through the most recent AVA roster, I could find only one name, in addition to Roland Atwood, with whom I recalled trading in the early 1930's. This was W.W. Underwood, but his address didn't sound right. So I wrote him and he confirmed he had, indeed, been a correspondent of mine from a different address. He also confirmed deaths of old mutual friends such as Cooper (Chicago), Baake (Baltimore), and Dr. Emrick (Harrisburg).

An early collector by name of Kenworthy had put out a reference list of tokens. Later another collector by name of Dunn picked up the project, and the standard reference work was known as the Kenworthy-Dunn list. This was not at all complete, so there was always an incentive to hunt for tokens not previously listed.

In the most recent FARE BOX I noted an auction sale of Mass 505 B for \$16. I well recall the day I "discovered" this token. I took off from Providence on a Saturday morning and had a successful session with officials of the Union Street Railway in New Bedford, Mass. They provided supplies of the numerous tokens they had used, and presented me with one of the two known copies of Mass 998 I. Then I drove to Milford to buy tokens from Johnson Bus Lines. The only listed token had the signature of Johnson, Pres. (505 A). When I found some tokens with the signature of Calhoun, Treas. I knew I had a new token for my fellow collectors. The price of these tokens was somewhere around 5¢. I forget exactly why. So at \$16 the token in my collection represents quite a paper profit!

The same auction list showed \$8.65 for Mass 45 B (Athol). That recalled a trip I took during my 1932 vacation which I gave over in part to hunting tokens. Orange, Mass., was my second stop. The A & O Transportation Area was a municipally-owned enterprise operating the western end of the defunct Northern Massachusetts St. Ry. The man on duty at the car barn had nothing better to do than to spin yarns for me so I learned about the operating of the line before buying a supply of tokens for 5¢ or so apiece. That trip took me as far west as Amsterdam, N.Y., where I loaded up on tokens of Vollmer Bus Lines.

My most profitable stop was at the office of the Connecticut Co. in New Haven. Obviously no collector had shown up there before. Yes, they had a hoard of "foreign" tokens. They could exchange with companies still operating but a lot of trolley systems in the Northeast had folded up by that time and their tokens were dead weight. They agreed to draw up an inventory and mail it to me for a proposition. I finally bought the whole supply for around 6¢ each. While there was a heavy concentration in tokens from New England, like Nashua St. Ry., Burlington Traction, etc., there were also tokens from much further afield. The tokens were by no means confined to the

16mm variety. Some of them must have been taken into the fare boxes by blind operators! Years later I sold just one token for more than the whole lot cost me in 1932!

Perhaps we could find a telephone booth somewhere in which to hold a reunion of the pioneer collectors of "the good old days."

= THE 1974 A.V.A. CONVENTION AUCTION =

Greetings, fellow vecturists: Having been appointed Chairman of the 1974 A.V.A. auction committee I shall undertake to fulfill the following rules & restrictions to the best of my ability, in order that we have a successful auction.

All tokens submitted for auction must be housed in 2x2 windows, each clearly visible and plainly marked, according to either Atwood, Feisel, or Smith's, latest catalogue listings. If a reserve bid is requested it must appear on the window holding the token for sale. Each token must catalogue 25¢ or more, and be of such condition as to be pleasing to the eye, or marked otherwise if rare or scarce.

All other exonomia not having Atwood, Feisel, or Smith listings will be rejected and returned to sender at his expense.

Firm mail bids will be honored, and a complete list of tokens submitted and approved for sale will appear in the June issue of THE FARE BOX.

All tokens submitted must be in my hands no later than May 15, 1974. Insurance and return receipt when mailing tokens to me is advised, together with a typed or clearly written list of each token submitted.

Once in my hands and listed on a master sheet, tokens subject for sale will be kept in a bank safety deposit box until convention time, when they will be displayed and sold at the 1974 AVA auction.

Trusting and hoping this auction will be a pleasing success, I remain

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= A.V.A. CONVENTION TOUR TOKENS =

Here is a complete listing, with vital statistics, of the various struck for our conventions. A complete set of them is getting harder to assemble all the time.

- 1962 - Seattle (Wash 780 U). 200 struck by Pacific Stamp Works. Present availability uncertain. A Seattle coin dealer is said to have some for sale.
- 1963 - Denver (Colo 260 P,Q). 300 of each struck. None still available.
- 1964 - Harrisburg (Pa 445 C). 200 struck by Meyer & Wenthe. This is the rarest of all the tour tokens, and now sells for \$10 or more in auctions.
- 1965 - New York (NY 630 AR). 300 (?) struck. None available today.
- 1966 - Disneyland (Cal 25 A & 105 A). 400 of each struck. No more available.
- 1967 - Minneapolis (Minn 540 AG). 400 struck by Meyer & Wenthe. A few are still available from Tex Barnett.
- 1968 - Oakland (Cal 760 J). 1,000 struck. Now available at a discount from Williges.
- 1969 - Philadelphia (Pa 750 AU). 500 struck. Don't believe any still available.
- 1970 - Dallas (Tex 255 Q). 500 (?) struck. Present availability unknown.
- 1971 - Seattle (Wash 780 W). 500 struck by Meyer & Wenthe. Still available from John Coffee for \$2 +SAE.
- 1972 - Chicago (ILL 855 A). 497 struck by Franklin Mint. Still available from Joel Reznick, I believe for \$3.50.
- 1973 - Denver (Colo 420 A). 500 struck by Meyer & Wenthe. Still available from Syd Joseph for \$2.00 +SAE. This was not actually used on the tour, as the firm that made them was late in delivering them.

Sterling silver examples of each token from 1965 to 1971 were struck--only one token in each case--for the Fare Box Literary Award. Three of the 1972 token were gold-plated, and 12 of the 1973 token were struck in sterling silver. There was no silver token made in 1970, however.

= SWEDISH TOKEN CATALOGUES =
By Kenneth E. Smith

Mr. F.J. Bingen's article in the November 1973 issue refers to certain apparent conflicts of listing between catalogues he mentions, and listings in my Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens. It seems appropriate for me to take this opportunity to explain how all this came about.

In 1950 I moved to Southern California and lived only a short distance from Roland C. Atwood. In his trailer one weekend we discussed the feasibility of a foreign check list, and as Roland was then busy with the U.S. and Canada listings, it was decided that I would take the 40 pages of foreign TT listings which Roland had, and compare his listings with the tokens, books, and articles I had picked up when I had purchased foreign collections. I would then type rough drafts for a preliminary check list. We would then review these, with Roland making the final decisions, and then the pages would be retyped and sent to John Coffee for publication in The Fare Box as Atwood's Foreign Check List. Between 1946 and 1955 I bought every foreign TT collection I could find overseas, and I always insisted in the purchase that I also get any books and notes that went with the collections.

In earlier days in Sweden there had been several collectors of Swedish transportation tokens; by 1946, however, the collecting activity was down to three elderly collectors. In the period 1948-1953 I bought all three of these collections, along with their books and notes. These included Stiernstedt's 1872 catalogue (Stj) and all first twelve volumes of *Numeriska Meddelander* (including NMIV and NMXII) well marked up with notes. When it came time to do Sweden, I had on hand all the above books and two of the three collections. Based on them I typed up a rough draft of Sweden, including all tokens listed in Stj, NMIV and NMXII, plus the short list given me by Atwood, and what was in the two collections I had purchased, with comments on questionable tokens. Roland and I sat down with this list and the books (I can read Swedish) and, realizing that we would make some mistakes, tried the best we could to get a good list. Realizing that collectors in the future might find errors in our listing, we nevertheless forged ahead. Typical of decisions we made were as follows:

1. As this was only to be a looseleaf version of the checklist, those TT items in Stj, NMIV, and NMXII, whose existence had been questioned were left out, and those TT's whose existence was not questioned, but which were not in collections we had seen, were included with the understanding that if the tokens did not appear by the time a bound catalogue was published, they would be dropped. Or they would be dropped in any interim looseleaf checklist if their existence was questioned. This is why some items in Stj, NMIV, and NMXII appear in Atwood's foreign checklist, but not in my lists. They will be included now if someone can find them and send rubbings or photographs.

2. Passes. Decisions were made that no passes would be listed unless rubbings or photographs could be provided of them. Thus the three NMXII passes which Mr. Bingen mentions were omitted. If they can be found I shall of course list them. The pass which Yosef Sa'ar has, I had never heard of until now. As soon as he sends me rubbings I shall of course list it. At present no passes are listed in my book unless I own them or have rubbings or photos, or they are known in museums. I receive some 30 requests per year that I remove from 1 to 100 passes, mainly in the first 46 pages of my book, as these people say that the passes don't exist. But as a matter of fact, I own every listed pass in the 1967 catalogue in the first 46 pages. Again often the existence of tokens listed in sections 2 and 3 is questioned. But, again, fortunately in almost all cases these are in my collection. Just recently in England a lengthy article appeared which proved, to the satisfaction of its writer, that only the second die variety of the Rathmines, Ireland, token (see page 151) existed. But the author forgot to check Herdman's 1932 catalogue, where both varieties were listed, and he forgot to contact me. I own all three tokens listed, including Die 1. Die 1 shows a head of Queen Victoria taken from a painting made of her about 1835, while Die 2 shows a head of the Queen taken from a painting made about 1850. Two very different tokens.

3. Atvidaberg. I concurred then with Atwood that the tokens Mr. Bingen calls 110 E thru K would not be listed until some collector could show their existence.

I believe it would be best to maintain this policy. Find the tokens, and I'll gladly list them.

4. We looked at the Avesta descriptions and realized that if someone sent in rubbings of some of the items and asked if they were some of the Stj 52,53,55,56,57, etc., that we would not know because of the sparseness of the Stj descriptions which are not accompanied by photos. Therefore the 2 known available tokens, 120 A & B, were listed. The others were only to be listed if photos became available and their genuineness guaranteed. This rule still applies to unlisted Avesta items. Find them and prove they are the items mentioned in Stj, send photos, and I'll list them.

5. Some of the Stj, NMIV, and NMXII writeups in the catalogues as to usage were disputed by the three elderly Swedish collectors, and by others, and it appeared to them that Andrarum, Dormsjo, and Eckersholm all barely fall within the present definition of TT's. The old time cataloguers also made mistakes in listings and explanations of usage. So all their listings cannot always be accepted as the last word. Present cataloguers make mistakes which will be corrected in future catalogues as more knowledge becomes available. The solution of the problems concerning Avesta, Andrarums, Dormsjo, Eckersholm, and like material will be out of my hands. When these are removed, as I suggested, from the World Catalogue and put into a catalogue of Road Tokens and Gate Tokens of the World (to be edited by someone else), where space will permit each item to be fully described as to probably usage, then the problem will be handled properly. The World Catalogue does not have room for detailed descriptions of usage if it is to remain a reasonably-sized book.

6. Railroad tokens. The railroad items are to be listed in a book, *Catalogue of Railroad Tokens, Metal Passes, and Commemoratives of the World*. Meanwhile, we temporarily commingled them in Atwood and my foreign lists without explanations. These tokens, such as Gefle 220 AL/AM, Upsala 870 F, Costa Rica Railway, Honduras Railroad, etc., will be removed from future printed World Catalogues and transferred to the Railroad Catalogue, where space will permit explanations of their usage after each item. I have over 250 different types of unlisted metal railroad passes in my collection that will be listed in this book, along with my commemorative collection. By type of pass, I mean where two, three, or more passes are alike, with only engraved user's name and number different. Then this is only one type of pass.

7. Wessmans. I had Atwood list them temporarily under Wessmans 960 A/B. Then later I acquired the pair in an envelope marked in Swedish "from Abo Finland," so I moved them to that town. Apparently the writing on the envelope simply means that the tokens had been purchased in Abo. So I shall now move them to Grangarde.

8. I have extensive collections of the old Hernosands, Motalas, Goteborgs, Stockholms, Soderhamns, Upsalas, Vaxholms; and the items whose existence Mr. Bingen questions are probably in my collection. I shall have to check my safe deposit boxes. If they aren't in my collection, I have rubbings or photos of them.

9. In Stockholm, Mr. Bingen suggest that the elevator/inclined plane tokens be moved to Bridge Tokens. The elevator/inclined plane tokens are for rides, though, while the bridge tokens are for walk-over bridges, and that is not the same thing. So I believe I should leave them where they are, for now. I have all the Stockholm elevator/inclined plane tokens and bridge tokens listed in the 1967 edition in my collection, so any items which Mr. Bingen has which are different from the listings would be new listings, and I look forward to receipt of rubbings of the new tokens, so that I can list them correctly.

10. Upsala. The four items listed by Mr. Bingen at the top of page 147. I had inquired of Upsala, and they responded with no information. I have held up these listings until someone can prove that they are valid tokens.

11. Soderhamn 800 A thru AY are crudely done tokens, and I acquired about 200 of these in the collections I bought. I attempted to reconcile with the NMIV catalogue, without success. Finally I listed what I own, and when someone can show the existence of the unlisted items, I'll add these. As for the other Soderhamn items which Mr. Bingen would like to see listed, I shall of course do so immediately upon receipt of rubbings or photos to prove that they exist.

12. Helsingbord 300 K & L with Ch, I had heard about. I wrote the company. They could not supply any information on them, so I shall leave them out until I get proof of how they were used.

13. Kongaly listings and tokens were acquired from a prominent old Stockholm dealer, but subject to change if someone else can find more information on the location. The envelopes were old, probably 70 to 100 years back.

14. The number of circular cardboard tokens outside the U.S.A. is very large, and they simply cannot be accommodated in the World Catalogue. If anybody wants to do a book on cardboard world transportation tokens and tickets, he is welcome to go ahead. I believe such an effort would require several thousand pages.

15. Sporrang of Stockholm, in its over 100 years of existence, has probably issued over 100 different advertising tokens. I have several of them myself. None of them was apparently ever used as a transportation token. And this is why they won't be listed in the World Catalogue.

16. At the time of issuing the catalogue I had problems in getting the typists to type correctly these listings, due to their unfamiliarity with the languages and token catalogue formats. When the time came to proofread the typing, I had to delegate some proofreading of the typing to another party who let some typo errors pass, as I was deeply involved with a serious family illness for almost a year. After 7 years this family member still has not fully recovered from this illness. However, I believe that collectors of Swedish tokens over her can resolve at least 95% of these errors for themselves. For instance they know that octagonal tokens would have only (xxmm) whereas oval or oblong tokens would have (xx by xxmm), so when the mistake involved a mislisting of an Oc for an Ov or Ob, the collectors could figure out the mistake without too much difficulty. The other transposition errors also, likewise, could easily be resolved if the collectors wrote me to verify, as most of them did.

17. There are at least two groups in Sweden working on issuing a Swedish version, updated, of my Swedish section of the World Catalogue, with prices at least 5 times my prices on the 19th Century tokens. Both groups are stymied by the fact that they cannot find the old tokens in Sweden to photograph and buy and sell. They can only find a few 19th Century items. A member of one of these groups, a Swedish dealer, asked me at a coin convention last summer where these 19th Century tokens are. He was astonished to find that I have an almost complete collection of the 19th Century Swedish tokens as listed in my 1967 catalogue. In most fields the cataloguers do *not* have extensive collections of what they list. But in the A.V.A., all our cataloguers have extensive collections of what they list.

18. All items which Mr. Bingen has sent me rubbings or photos of, before December 1, 1973, have been listed in the supplements to my World Catalogue. Some items he wrote articles about for The Fare Box, but has not yet sent rubbings or photos of, and these are pending for future supplements. Mr. Hazevoet never listed those unlisted Swedish tokens to me, which Mr. Bingen acquired from him. Indeed, until I read the November, 1973, issue of The Fare Box, I had not heard of them! Of course, when Mr. Bingen sends me rubbings or photographs of these unlisted Hazevoet items, I shall list them with credit to him. But as in all cases, I cannot list tokens until I learn about them, with rubbings or photos if at all possible.

= ANOTHER DELAWARE VALLEY MEETING =
By Leonard H. Paul

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association met at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington, Pa., on Sunday, January 18. Joe treated the gang with coffee. The usual token swaps and sales and bragging took place, interspersed with some tales, seemingly wild, but believable, about token searches and successes. Present were Pernicano, Hiorth, DiMichael, and Len Paul. Later Dave Jordan stopped in for about half an hour and then scooted off to another engagement.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, at the same stand, 1260 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington Industrial Park, Pa. You're all welcome.

= REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR 1974 A.V.A. DUES =

= THE COUNTERFEIT INDIAN PASS =
By Barry Uman

Within the past two years I have discovered the existence of 3 counterfeit Indian passes. These passes were used by the Iroquois Indians of the Caughnawaga Reserve to travel over the Mercier Bridge from Montreal Island (LaSalle) to the south shore (Caughnawaga). They were used from 1934 to 1942 and are listed in Atwood as Quebec 999 A.

The counterfeits were found in the collections of two well-known collectors of medals and tokens in the Montreal area, while the third was located in Canada's national collection of money in Ottawa! There seems no doubt that there may be other copies in existence that have not yet been found. These may have been sold as originals to the unsuspecting collector. In order to identify the original from the reproduction, I will list some major characteristics and differences:

1. Colour: It appears that the copy is made of brass also, but it lacks the tarnish and age of the original. Comparatively, the original is brownish yellow while the copy is bright yellow.

2. Lettering: The easiest method to determine the copy is to examine the lettering. It is blurred, uneven, and distorted especially on "Pont, Mercier, Caughnawaga, Free Pass and Indian."

3. Symbols: The two stars are uneven while the small triangle below "Indian" is filled on the copy. The bridge appears bumpy and its cross members are crooked. The small diagonal lines separating the bridge from the inscription are separated on the original while together on the copy. "A.D." does not touch the diagonal lines on the original.

4. Surface: On the copy the surface is pitted and not smooth. It appears on this original pass that the inscription "Member of the Band & Free Pass" has been clearly restruck or re-engraved while on the copy, it is blurred.

It is not known if these reproductions were made for or by the Indians of Caughnawaga to be used for free passage across the Mercier Bridge. Likewise these can be modern day counterfeits.

A few years ago these passes were available at Caughnawaga but they were quickly grabbed by collectors. Since then the selling price has risen from \$15 to \$25 while they may be worth much more.

I hope this short article will attract more information about these passes, and I would appreciate hearing from any interested collector.

= ORE VACKETTA PUBLISHES FINE WORK ON ILLINOIS TRADE TOKENS =

Added to the growing list of states for which catalogues of merchant trade tokens have been prepared is Illinois, with this new work done by Ore H. Vacketta. This new catalogue was received from the printer on January, and ranks with the work of Steve Album for California, as the best work to date on state trade tokens. The book sells for \$12.50 from the author, Ore H. Vacketta - P.O. Box 3 - Westville, IL 61883.

The book, like the Atwood Catalogue, is bound in genuine buckram. It has 368 pages and over five thousand listings. There are photographs of over 300 of the more interesting tokens, and there is a full index, along with several articles on Illinois tokens by various authors. Each token is given a number and a rarity rating, and the latter, by means of a scale in the book, may be converted into cash values.

We hope this latest addition will inspire other state token cataloguers to more vigorous efforts. Like Washington State? How about the state's Centenary in 1989, Byron?

Of course trade tokens are somewhat afield from transportation tokens. But anything that adds to the general knowledge about tokens is good for transportation tokens, and we take justifiable pride when a scholarly addition to token knowledge is the work of one of our own A.V.A. members.

SOUTH AMERICA

To acquire tokens and information I follow various foreign coin auctions, going through about 30 auction catalogues a year. About once every two years it pays off, because some auctioneer gets in an unusual lot. Henry Christensen's catalogues finally paid off, in that his March 30, 1973, auction contained a large collection formed years ago in Montevideo, Uruguay, and also a South American medal and commemorative collection which contained transportation commemoratives. Some time ago I was reading a book published in Brussels, Belgium (in French), and reference was made to a Montevideo La Union token with picture, which turned out to be Chile 480 B. In my extensive list of probable tokens I had picked up a Montevideo hard rubber red Paso del Molino Cerro listing. I confirmed the following Montevideo listings with my friend from Bueno Aires, and he verified (this took time) that I am correct, and he added that 460 G H I J K are horsecar tokens of the late 1860's and early 1870's.

URAGUAY

Montevideo 460

	TRAM-VIA DEL ESTE	
E o WM 22 Sd	Passage 10 Cents (vars.)	1.00
	a. not counterstamped	
	b. counterstamped with a sun-face	
	TRAMVIA AL PASO DEL MOLINO Y CERRO (STREETCAR)	
G o V 25 Sd	(stamped numbers)(red)	5.00
H o V 25 Sd	" (black)	5.00
	TRAM VIA DE LA UNION 10	
I o C 23 Sd	(streetcar)(8 stars)(black)(ex Chile 480 A)	2.50
J o C 23 Sd	" " (brown)(ex Chile 480 C)	2.50
	TRAM VIA DE LA UNION 20	
K o C 23 Sd	(streetcar)(8 stars)(orange)(ex Chile 480 B)	2.50

In the auction the following tokens were sold, with prices as indicated:

Uruguay 460 D \$5.25, 460 B \$5.00, 460 Ea \$7.50, Eb \$5.25 (to me), 580 B \$12, 460 K \$13, 460 I \$10, 460 G \$12.50 (to me), 460 H \$12.50 (to me); Argentina 160 B \$17.50 (to me), 160 D \$10; Guatemala 360 B \$5; Mexico 600 A \$9, 640 A \$1.50.

I got the four that I needed for my collection at 25c above the second highest bid, and considerably below my top bids. So I was fortunate. Paraguay 80 A and Uruguay 460 I J K all have the same reverse, which is the same as our Pennsylvania 750 N in Atwood, see picture on page 484. I recently swapped my duplicate Paraguay 80 A and Uruguay 460 I to Don Mazeau, so I have no duplicates of these left, for the moment. I shall cover the prices realized by the transportation commemoratives in a future article.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

Joe Pernicano reports an interesting metal badge which was apparently used as a pass:

M.G. R.R. / 54 / PASS / 29th ST. BRIDGE & SUBWAY
WM 33 Sd (blank)pin-back for badge)[incuse black lettering]

Where it was used, when, or exactly how, is a mystery.

= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Ralph Freiberg

ILLINOIS

Greenup 375 (Reported by Billy Page)
 CITY HACK LINE / GOOD FOR / ONE RIDE / GREENUP, ILL.
 B o B Oc Sd (blank) (25mm) [used circa 1910] \$5.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Winston-Salem 980 (Reported by Ore Vacketta)
 WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTH. W S T A
 J B 23 Sd Good For One Fare W S T A (* 10/1/73) .25
 [Winston-Salem Transit Authority took over the city bus system here
 on December 1, 1972.]

OHIO

Mansfield 505 [relisting of token; see page 18 of 1973 Atwood Supplement]
 M.B.L. ONE RIDE
 I o A 31 Sd (same as obverse) [Mansfield Bus Line] .35
 [These tokens became obsolete, and were later sold to Metropolitan Bus
 Lines of Evansville, Ind., where they were used for special fares.]

PRESENTATION PIECES (page 639 of Atwood)

Z Sv Oc Sd [same as Colo 420 A but struck in sterling silver; 12 were struck.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We begin this month's listing with another token for Greenup, Ill. This token was reported a couple months back. In cases like this I always like to notify the party in question that no one else knows about the token, so he should spend some time trying to find out if any others can be located. Once the token is listed here it is open game for anyone to see if he can locate one. At present I only know that the token is supposed to have been used about 1910.

Also a new token for Winston-Salem. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Vacketta, we got a supply of these for the New Issues Service. This is a city where the system has been taken over by a public transit authority. When we did the 1970 Atwood Catalogue there were only a few transit authorities. But in the past four years there have been a large number of takeovers by such public authorities. Now and then I'll make a list of these authorities. But in many cases it's difficult to learn if the new authority is using tokens or not. The fare in Winston-Salem is 25¢ plus 5¢ for a transfer. But if one buys tokens at 25¢ each and uses a token, the transfer is free.

Also this month I'm relisting a token that was listed over 3 years ago, for a special reason. This token was advertised in the December 1970 issue of The Fare Box for 50¢ +SAE. I have no idea how many answered this ad. Anyhow since then the token became obsolete in Mansfield, and the tokens were sold to the new Metropolitan Bus Lines in Evansville, which was a convenient arrangement since the initials on the token still fit the new user. The Evansville line decided to use them for special rides. Bill Garrison was in Evansville and picked up a supply for us. The tokens are being used in Evansville by the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and are sold to them at a reduced rate. The catalogue value for Evansville would be only 15¢, whereas for use in Mansfield it would be 35¢. Mr. Garrison got 150 of these for our N.I.S., and since they had not been mailed out previously, we decided to send them out now at the reduced rate. If you already have the token and don't want it, then just send it back. But some collectors will want one for each place where it was used.

One difficulty I encounter is trying to distinguish between brass and bronze. For there are light bronzes and dark bronzes, and there is a kind of gray area where no one can be sure. Cal 240 A was recently reordered and the new ones came through in a lighter shade, almost brass. But when I showed the token to local experts, they were divided in opinion. However the new tokens also have a different die, so we can

add (Vars.) to the description of this token. It was Lazear Israel who brought this new die work to my attention.

A couple months back we listed a token from Providence, RI, where a firm bought tokens and sold them to employees at half price; the tokens being colored red. A notice also appeared where Kansas City has sold tokens to the Commerce Bank of Kansas City, and the bank sells them at a reduced rate. Frank Greene was able to learn that they are using some of the old 16mm tokens which are marked obsolete in Atwood. Kansas City Area Transportation Authority took over on February 1, 1969, and the 16mm tokens being used are those of the previous company.

Along the same line, the First National Bank of Nashville has been doing this also, but they are using tickets. Same is true of Denver National Bank, but again they're using tickets instead of tokens. This is something we can all watch out for, as we never know when a special new token will be used for such a purpose.

Now and then I come across an item which may be doubtful as to its use, and will list it here. Such a token was reported by Ore Vacketta, as follows:

YOUNG'S BUS CHECK FARCO, N.D.

A 29 Sd Great Northern and Milwaukee Depot.
Not Responsible for Grips and Telescopes

This is an odd one, and kind of "cute." So I'm just not sure about it.

We still are hopeful that we'll get the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel token for New Issues members, and should know by next month. We also have a letter out to Utica, where a new 23mm token is in use, but no reply yet. I'm also waiting for a reply from Eugene, Ore., where we know that 2 new tokens are in use. Also in the past year we know that tokens have been ordered for SEPTA of Philadelphia, and Metro of Washington, D.C., but don't know if these last two are in use yet. So there are plenty of new issues pending.

= JANUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

The last half of 1973 was a terrific year for new issues. We had expected to begin 1974 the same way, but instead it's a slower beginning, although there are several tokens pending, if I ever hear from the companies.

Two tokens going out to you this month: one is Ohio 505 I, already listed, now being used at Evansville where it's only a 15¢ token. I assume most of you need this one, but if not feel free to return it. See Freiberg's notes above, on this one. All NIS members will get this one. I want to thank Bill Garrison for getting these for us; he has helped us in many ways in the past and continues to do so.

Next you will receive NC 980 J, and again our thanks to Mr. Vacketta for getting our supply of this one.

This month we welcome a few new members from the waiting list to associate status: Bill Garrison, Everett Mastrich, Capt. H.L. Nott. And from Associate to Regular membership, R. Misdorn. Nice to have you with us, Gentlemen.

Thanks to everyone for all those nice Christmas cards.

Neil Sowards writes that at a recent coin show in Muncie, Ind., he was offered five thousand (5,000) of ILL 795 D and F! The man who offered them said he had purchased them from an estate in Springfield. He said several hundred of them had got out, but he had all the rest of them. He said he was "feeding them out" through auctions and getting \$8 to \$12 apiece for them. Obviously these things are now common as dirt, and AVA members should avoid paying high prices for them. A revised catalogue value of 50¢ for both D and F would be appropriate, and even that would be kind of high. One advantage of reading THE FARE BOX is that it keeps you informed of finds of huge quantities of tokens, such as this.

= ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

Miscellaneous Wooden Nickels

PENNSYLVANIA 1000

- GOOD FOR 5¢ TOWARD CAB FARE / CHESTER / 4-2525 / BELL TAXI
- F o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian) c Jack Harper \$0.15
- GOOD FOR 5¢ TOWARD CAB FARE / WASHBURN / 8-1100 / BELL TAXI
- G o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian) c Jack Harper .15

The above two items were listed in the October 1964 Catalogue Supplement, and through an oversight were not included in the 1970 Atwood. They are strictly advertising pieces, As long as they were used one at a time for 5¢ toward cab fare there was no objection, but then someone took 20 of them to pay \$1 cab fare, and the cab company got all excited and discontinued their use. We list tokens like this if we know they were actually used and they were obtained from the source which used them.

Miscellaneous Wooden Nickels for Flying Services

CALIFORNIA 1000

- WORTH \$5.00 ON PURCHASE OF / VALLEY / PILOTS / FLYING SERVICE /
- VAN NUYS AIRPORT / STATE 6-9170 / FIRST ONE HOUR FLIGHT LESSON
- N o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian)

The above were distributed by a now-defunct flying service. About 5,000 were made and distributed about 1960-62. The owner was located, and strange enough he said none were ever redeemed. One of our AVA members says he might possibly be able to locate some of them, and what should he pay for them? They have no value unless one could take a flying lesson. So this type of wooden nickel I won't put a price on.

MICHIGAN 1000

- GOOD FOR A FREE RIDE / IN A NEW / CHAMPION / TRI-TRAVELER /
- AT DETROIT / CITY AIRPORT / 11 201 CONNERS / LA 15217 /
- SKYLARK FLYING SERVICE
- D o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (stock reverse) [a. Indian; b. buffalo]
- SKYLARK / FLYING SERVICE / DETROIT CITY AIRPORT / THIS & \$5.00
- WILL GET YOU A DEMO FLIGHT / IN 150 / 521-5200
- E o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian)

The above two items were used about 1958-59. They were given to those interested in flying, but who wouldn't take the time to come to the airport without an incentive. The flying service acknowledges they used them, and Mr. Pernicano obtained a couple of D from the place in question. But later on large quantities of D & E were sold by wooden nickel manufacturers for a few cents each in big lots of wooden nickels.

NORTH CAROLINA 1000

- GOOD FOR A FREE RIDE / IN A NEW / CHAMPION AIRPLANE / AT CARPENTER
- AIRPORT / NC 160, CHARLOTTE, / JA 3-6691 / SMITH-REGAL FLYING SERVICE
- A o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel United States of America (buffalo)

Mr. Rusnack got one of the above in a bunch of wooden nickels he bought, and other collectors may also have picked up some of them. Hector Turgeon wrote to Smith-Regal and got a reply that no more of the items are in existence. They said they distributed about 2,000 of them in a 60-day period in 1958. Hector got one of these.

On tokens such as the above, for flying services, I just would not know how to price them. For now, the numbers assigned to them will be considered a part of the Atwood Catalogue. But as to the future, when another edition of the Atwood Catalogue is published, I don't know for certain if they will still be listed. That decision will be up to the catalogue committee which publishes that edition, and I do know that John Coffee looks upon wooden nickels with a jaundiced eye.

DISPOSING OF MY #2 TT COLLECTION. There are no depotets, no census but among the over 2700 pieces are hundreds of those 25¢..35¢..50¢ TTs that don't show their rarity until you try to find for the collection. About 40 duplicates although some appear to be but are the vars mentioned (and unmentioned) in catalog. Ninety-five percent are in 2x2 cards, identified, but by 1963 (2nd edition) Atwood Catalogue. Also (separate sale) an excellent collection of TT punched and unpunched errors, counterfeits, queer plates and periphery tokens. Should have a Xeroxed listing available by the time you receive this copy of THE FARE BOX, or soon thereafter. Will consider first a complete collection offer; second, by states; third, by individual token. Will also consider trades for CWT or PT collections or individual CWTs or PTs that I need. One dollar, redeemable with purchase, plus a large self-addressed envelope bearing 16¢ or 22¢ postage for list. (paid)

Edward M. Vickers - P.O. Box 8905, Dixie Village Sta. - Orlando, FL 32806

TRADE Tex 255 O for any 75¢ catalog TT I need or any one of these: Ala 120 I; Tex 65 F. Trade Ark 435 F or G for Ark 435 I or Tex 760 B. Have other good traders.

Hank Reidling - 8647 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238

WANT Colo 300 F, 620 B, and any that catalog at \$3.50 or more. Have for trade only Nebr 540 B,D,O.

Sidney J. White - 4760 So. Jason Street - Englewood, CO 80110

HAVE NO CAL 450 M to trade even cat. for any Calif. token. All others welcome.

Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

BUY THESE TOKENS AT THESE PRICES: all Calif. - 220 A \$30, 320 F G \$3 each, 395 I \$1, 450 A \$30, 625 A \$26.50, 715 E \$26.50, F \$28, G \$30, 715 N \$1, 895 H K P \$1.50 each.

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FOR SALE: 100 trans. tokens for \$13.50 postpaid. There are 82 15¢, 2 20¢, 9 25¢, 2 35¢, 2 50¢ tokens plus 2 Virginia parking tokens. Send 25¢ for list of tokens if you like, before you buy. = B.R. Rogers - 3651 Sewells Point Road - Norfolk, VA 23513

FOR TRADE for TT's of equal cat. value: Cal 450 D, Col 260 N; Md 60 I; NM 430 C; Ohio 175 X; Pa 15 F, 320 A, 495 H, 725 D.

Philip Mandel - 131 S. Harvey Ave. - Oak Park, IL 60302

PERSONAL WOODEN NICKEL for sale at 25¢ +SAE or trade for other personals or for dog license tags. = Buck Witt - 7950 S. Mark Road - Canby, OR 97013

AVA 1968 Oakland Convention token, Cal 760 J, for sale at \$1.85 postpaid, or 2 for \$3.35; 3 for \$4.85; 4 for \$6. Last chance! The price is \$2 on my new list.

Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

TRADE FOR CAL. & NEV. TRADE TOKENS, transp., parking, car wash, military: Alas 50 C D, 190 A B, 400 C, 450 O; Ariz 640 E, 1000 A D G; Ark 435 M; Cal 300 M, 450 M, 575 Ab, 640 A, 715 Y, 795 B, 845 A B C D E F, 895 I O S. FOR SALE, plus postage: Cal 1000 J K O 25¢ each; Minn 600 B \$1.50; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; Wis 360 L M N O 50¢ each; Ontario 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Quebec 190 C 25¢.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

WANTED: all wooden nickel type transportation tokens including many listed in 1972-3. Also need Colo 300 E, 340 C, 440 A C D, 620 B, 640 A. Have several merchant tokens from many states to trade. = Lee Nott - 1120 Delmar #3F - Papillion, NE 68046

EXCHANGE, BUY, SELL, TT's, emergency coins, porcelain coins and porcelain medals from the whole world.

Günter Fritz - Hermeskeilerstr. 15 b - 5 Cologne 41, West Germany

WANT TO BUY: European and other TT's. Please send your price list to:

Armin Kligge - Thomees Kamp 17 - 586 Iserlohn, West Germany

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Alfred Schubert - 1015 Union Ave. - Ashtabula, OH 44004

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FOR TRADE: my 2 diff. merchant tokens for your 2 diff. merchant tokens.
 Harold L. Lesser - 32 Oneida Ave. - Selden, NY 11784

PARKING TOKENS WANTED: Mass 3115 C, 3275 Da, 3435 Aa B, 3970 A(A), B(C), C. I have over 400 dupe. parking tokens; will buy or trade for ones I need.
 Marvin E. Simon - 10 Gallup St. - Westerly, RI 02891

FOR AUCTION OR TRADE: all cat. 25¢: CA 715 V, IN 390 D; IL 495 G; KY 480 L; MI 75 I; NY 505 A; NC 980 H; ND 60 B, 960 A; OH 435 B, 860 H I; PA 605 G; SD 680 A. On trades list your FL items at cat.
 A. Corson - Box 38-261 - Miami, FL 33]38

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 Richard G. Winch - Grant Drive - Northford, CT 06472

TRADES WANTED. I can offer the "skipped" unlisted MD 60 AV (Baltimore Harbor Tunnel 22mm brass) limited issue "trial" token that the nis has tried for many months to obtain, plus the off-metal striking of Pa 425 C, in brass. For difficult to get recently listed TT's, e.g. NY 235 C; RI 700 H. Would consider certain car wash and parking tokens I need. = H.V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

MAIL BID: Minn 245 A, 620 C; Ariz 640 E; Fla 380 D; SD 680 A B; NY 63] S; Ky 250 B C, 480 E, 630 A, 510 AK, 10 J K, 270 B; Pa 495 G H, 150 B, 25 A; Ct 550 A, 235 B; Wis 170 B D; Ohio 745 D, 435 A, 165 U Z, 230 M; Cal 25 A, 760 I. Will consider offers of trade in U.S. coins. = S.L. Buckley - 23 18th Street - Newport, KY 41071

TWO UNLISTED TT's: Grand Rapids, like Mich 370 A but with 10mm hole in center (not a mutilation but probably children's fare). Erlanger, Ky., unlisted: obv: RYLE'S AUTO BUS LINE ERLANGER KY. rev: GOOD FOR ONE WAY, brass horseshoe shaped. Best cash offer. = Neil Sowards - 548 Home Ave. - Fort Wayne, IN 46807

MAIL BID: Del 900 A; Fla 230 A (census), 230 B; ILL 220 F; Ia 150 A; Mich 470 A, 680 H, 845 B (all details very sharp); Mo 440 G, 997 B; Neb 440 F G; NH 30 A; NY 695 A (few pin points on star); Ohio 175 Z; Pa 15 F, 165 A, 470 A, 495 H, 645 A, 750 Z, 997 J O; Tex 445 J; Wis 510 D.
 Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

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- * T.R. Masuda - 12 Summit Drive - North Bay, Ontario P1A 2V5 (Canada)
- * Greg Prgomet - 2113 Walnut Street - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17103

Edward L. Dence writes that we made a mistake in reporting the Price Realized for Pa 750 L in his auction, last month. We said the token realized only \$5.25. Of course this price would have ridiculous for a Plank Road token. The actual price realized for that token was \$75.00.

Streetcars are running again in El Paso, Texas. On November 14, 1973, 3 trolleys were put back in service (4 during rush hour), but only on the U.S. side of the border. After a week of free service, a fare of 5¢ was instituted. The line, now operated by the City of El Paso, hopes to resume operation into Juarez, Mexico, again. But merchants in Juarez, Mexico, claim business has picked up since the trolleys were taken off, and they oppose bringing them back. Nevertheless the Governor of the Mexican State of Chihuahua supports a resumption of service into Mexico. In any case, at 5¢, this must be the cheapest fare in the United States. Incidentally, new tokens have been issued for the line, and we expect to have a supply for N.I.S. presently.

THE FARE BOX

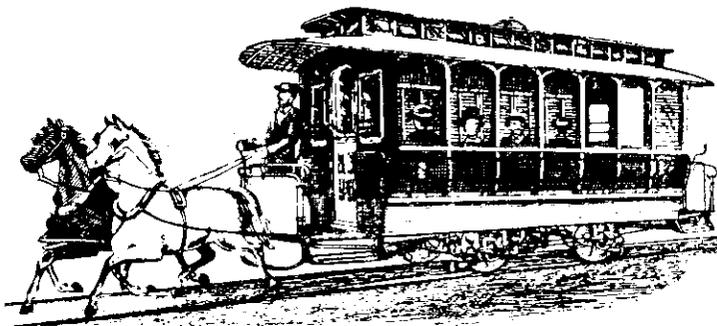
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March 14, at 11 pm. Together with this issue we are sending you a copy of the Index to Volume 27, last year's issues of THE FARE BOX. This should be placed with the December 1973 issue. This is why, although we still have several good articles to publish, we've held this issue down to 14 pages—to avoid going over 2 ounces.

This issue includes several interesting items. The article by Dee D. Drell on cleaning tokens was a trifle too long for one page. His concluding short paragraph was a caution that members, if they're just beginning to try the cleaning methods he suggests, proceed with prudence. Experiment first, he advises, with a common token.

We are also, at long last, including another supplement to the Personal Token List. If you have issued a token which has never been listed, then please send one to the Editor for listing. The set I am building here is the AVA Reference Collection, and surely you will want one of your personals to gain immortality by becoming part of this collection. A complete listing of all personals ever issued will be a part of the 1975 Supplement to Atwood's Catalogue, which will be a finely bound elaborate volume with lots of pictures and history.

A note from Harold Young apropos his fine article of reminiscence in the last issue: he regrets having referred to Dr. Emrick of Harrisburg as deceased. Dr. Emrick is alive and living in a nursing home.

This is the final issue of THE FARE BOX that you will receive if you have not paid your 1974 AVA dues. But it's never too late. If you haven't paid yet, by all means send your \$5.50 to the Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, Colorado 80219. We want you with us in '74!

I have received a number of inquiries about the absence of supplements to the new Parking Token Catalogue. The last supplement was in the September 1973 issue. I have written Mr. Feisel asking for another, explaining how much we all miss not only the listings, but also his excellent and informative comments on the listings. Duane has lots of irons in the fire, including being in charge of a big exonomia show in California right about now. But I have no doubt he will be sending along a supplement soon. If not I promise to lecture him next July when I get out to California.

I feel very ambitious about publishing the March issue in about two weeks, so please send in ads and articles quickly for the next issue.



= IT'S THE TOKENS---AND A LOT MORE =

I appreciate the many comments sent in by several members regarding membership cards. Many have indicated that the cards are not that important. Harold Young submitted a suggestion that could solve the problem:

"For those members who feel they must have an annual membership card, they could send their request to our secretary, Don Mazeau, and include a stamped addressed envelope."

Perhaps I should explain my stand on this proposal. Just last Saturday, February 23, I received a letter from our Editor, John Coffee. Included was his request for an advance on money to be spent for the next six issues of The Fare Box. Including the postal increase John estimates that he will need over \$1,500. From that we may assume that the yearly cost will be right at \$3,100. Simple arithmetic tells me that if our membership (approximately 650) all send in their annual dues we shall have \$3,250. Deduct the \$3,100 and we have a grand sum of \$150. And then there is the secretary's expense, and the expense incurred by Bob and Anna Butler in getting out the Annual Membership Roster. All of this labor is done without pay. In fact many times your officers use their own money to pay for some petty AVA debts.

Sure, there are alternatives. One that comes readily to mind would be an increase in the annual dues. This might have an adverse effect; it may cause some members to drop out.

Getting back to tokens. It isn't known at this time how many of the members are aware of the "super" check list that Ralph Hinde has for sale. It really is great. I've been using mine and find it quite handy, especially when checking out some list of available tokens. The best part is that it is very reasonable. To those interested parties I suggest heartily that you get in touch with Ralph Hinde.

Earlier I mentioned Mr. Young. Although his AVA number doesn't reflect it his article in the January Fare Box was really great. In reading his story my one regret is that I didn't know about tokens back in the Good Old Days. Fortunately for us several of these Old Timers are still around, and are more than willing to share their knowledge and experience with us. I do recommend when writing these nice guys that you ask for information. It would be a nice gesture to include a stamped envelope.

Now is the time to start making your plans for the upcoming Convention in Minneapolis, and I hope that I shall see you there--with or without a gas shortage. It is ironic that we experienced that situation at our last Convention, and yet we had a good turnout, and apparently everyone that showed up for it had a good time.

'Til later, the very best of everything to each of you.

- Syd Joseph

= NEW FINDS =

Not too much is being reported to the Editor of new finds of rare tokens, and it is evident that things have slowed down a bit. Clarence Heppner wrote recently that he picked up a Wash 80 A, one of the rare Bremerton Marine Drive tokens, and says he'd like to swap it for a Wis 360 B horsecar which he needs. He also picked up a couple of other interesting items. One is made of silver, 26mm (if the photo is the right size), pierced with small hole at top. It's engraved like a love token with an elaborate monogram 'S & T RY on obverse (or is it 'T & S RY'?). On reverse: "FIRST FARE JAN 29 1891". I've seen a couple other of these "first fare" engraved pieces, and they are all very desirable to people interested in streetcar history. As for the origin of this one, who knows? Tacoma & Steilacoom Railway maybe? The other piece:

FIRST PREVUE RUN CENTURY 21 SEATTLE MARCH 5, 1962 ALWEG MONORAIL
(MONORAIL PICTURE)

Bz 36 Sd Alweg The First Rapid Transit Monorail in America

Apparently it was a presentation piece for the Privileged Few who rode the first run in Seattle. Incidentally this monorail is still going strong. Fare only 25¢.

The original movement for establishment of a street railway in Grand Rapids was made May 19, 1864, when several men secured an ordinance from the Common Council giving them the right to construct a street railway from the Detroit & Milwaukee Ry. station down old Canal and up Monroe and Fulton Street as far as Jefferson Avenue. This charter was repealed October 11, 1864, and a new one passed granting similar privileges to a group of entirely different men. The cars started running May 10, 1865, and the Monroe Avenue line was the only railway until the summer of 1873, when the Division Avenue line to the old fair grounds on Hall Street at Jefferson Avenue was constructed, and cars began running there early in September of that year. This line was built by William Winegar. In 1875 a line to Reed's Lake was put into operation. In the next ten years additional lines were built, all of which were consolidated into a single corporation in August, 1885.

The City Directory of 1876, when Grand Rapids had a population of about 25,000, lists several street railways in existence: Division Avenue Street Railway Company, Grand Rapids & Reed's Lake Street Railway Company; Street Railway Company of Grand Rapids.

The Grand Rapids & Reed's Lake Street Railway was part horsecar, being horsecar as far as Eastern. Then from Eastern to Reed's Lake a steam dummy engine replaced the horses to pull the car. Except for this dummy, all streetcars in Grand Rapids were pulled by horses. In winter the snow was often so deep that the regular cars would be pulled out of use, and carryalls would be used on sleighs on the lines. If it was very cold, straw or rushes were deposited in the bottom of the cars or sleighs for the sake of warmth. There were no stoves in the cars.

In 1885 an ordinance was passed granting a franchise for construction of a cable railway, and the first cable car line operated on Lyon Street, up Lyon Hill in 1888. In the next few years cable car lines expanded considerably on many streets. But just as the cable car lines began operating, electric streetcars were being put into service in various cities, and the operators of the cable railway system were concerned about the new type of streetcar. So they sent for an expert on the subject of electric streetcars for advice. This expert, however, claimed to be a very important and busy man. He came to Grand Rapids, spent one day, and gave out the advice that electric cars were of very limited future because they could never be operated in winter time because snow on the track would cause a short circuit and thus it would be possible for electric cars to operate only part of the year in Grand Rapids.

This expert charged \$1,000 for his advice. That his "advice" was worthless became evident within a year or so when all the horsecar lines were electrified, and combined with the cable railway system. The new company was called Consolidated Street Railway Company of Grand Rapids, and it was largely owned by Chicago interests.

In 1900, the Grand Rapids Railway Company was formed, and in 1922 that firm was granted a 30-year franchise by the City at a special election. In 1925, gasoline buses were first used as feeders from the northern suburban sections of the city.

In 1934, Grand Rapids Railway Company, like so many other transit firms during the depression, went into receivership. In 1938 the company emerged reorganized as the Grand Rapids Motor Coach Company. During the period of receivership the company had been unable to pay property taxes, and the City accepted real property and street right-of-ways in lieu thereof.

In August, 1935, the company abandoned streetcars and went to all-bus operation.

Transit history in Grand Rapids indicates many "Firsts" in the field: first city of its size in the United States to adopt buses 100% [which may or may not be something to brag about]; birthplace of the "noiseless rail coach"; first city in this population bracket to standardize on Diesel buses, in 1939; among first cities to adopt 51-passenger Diesel buses.

In 1952 the 30-year franchise of this firm terminated, and the company asked for a fare increase to pay rising wage costs. The City decided that so long as costs exceeded 92% of gross revenues, the company could charge whatever the market would bear. But if costs dropped below 92%, then the City could demand a fare decrease.

Grand Rapids Motor Coach Company operated as a locally-owned firm until 1954, when it was sold to City Coach Lines, Inc., a national transit firm. This firm also

owns transit systems in Muskegon, Flint, Jacksonville, Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Greenville.

In April, 1960, City Coach Lines acquired the Division Avenue Bus Line, a suburban commuter system, and in January, 1963, it acquired the Grandville-Wyoming Line, another suburban commuter system. Thus this firm laid the foundation for a unified transit system for the entire Grand Rapids metropolitan area. The Grandville-Wyoming line has since, however, been discontinued for lack of patronage.

Unfortunately, however, suburban growth, commercial decentralization, and improved public parking facilities, combined to work ill effects on mass transit thru the 1950's. For instance in 1955 the City Coach carried ten million passenger. In 1967 it carried fewer than four million. Consequently City Coach finally petitioned the City of Grand Rapids to buy out the transit system in Grand Rapids, but keep on the present employees, as an operating unit to run the system for a negotiated fee. The company insisted that revenues no longer made it possible to operate a profitable transit system in Grand Rapids.

After lengthy negotiations the City of Grand Rapids and City Coach Lines, Inc., worked out an arrangement similar to what is known as "The Jackson Plan." The company leased its rolling stock to the City, and the City, in turn, retained the company to operate the system. It was further provided that either party could terminate the arrangement if it should prove unsatisfactory. Finally, the City established a Transit Commission to supervise all transit in the area.

And in December, 1967, the commission, now called the Grand Rapids Transit Authority, authorized a study by the American Academy of Transportation to establish a new concept in mass transit for the Metropolitan Grand Rapids Area.

= MOUNT TIBIDABO - BARCELONA (SPAIN) =

For several years my collection has contained one fibre and three different colored plastic tokens of Mount Tibidabo, near Barcelona, Spain. These tokens were said to have been used on the inclined plane railway to the top of this mountain. Their description is as follows:

- o Fm 26 Sd "TIBIDABO" ATRACCIONES
(same as obverse)
- Pb 26 Sd "TIBIDABO" ATRACCIONES BARCELONA
(mountain with buildings and inclined plane railway)
- Pg 26 Sd "
- Pr 26 Sd "

The word "Atracciones" (= attractions) on these tokens would make their attribution as transportation tokens suspect. But one never knows. The tokens remained in my collection in the "unidentified" section.

But thanks to the help of Yosef Sa'ar I came into contact with a fellow countryman, Mr. Vreedenberg, an expert on transport in Spain, and here is his story of Tibidabo and of my tokens.

Mount Tibidabo is situated 12 km. to the northwest of Barcelona. From its height of 532 meters one can have a fine view of the whole city of Barcelona with its 1,600,000 inhabitants. An inclined plane railway operates to the top of Tibidabo, where there is a large pleasure fairground and a large hall with all sorts of entertainment, and this railway is pictured on the plastic tokens. The railway and the fairgrounds are operated by "Tibidabo" Ltd. The tokens themselves are not, however, used on the railway. They are only used in the hall in its gaming machines, and other small attractions, such as a small model railways, a model merry-go-round, which can only be put into action by way of one of these tokens, which must be bought at the entrance to the hall in packets of ten. The fibre tokens are obsolete; only the plastic ones are still in use.

Having lost the illusion that I had some attractive Spanish TT's I thought it well to relate this story to our readers--that even though tokens may picture an inclined railway they are not necessarily transportation tokens.

- F.J. Bingen

= TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN =

By Dee D. Drell

As one who came to token collecting from straight coin collecting I have been ever conscious of the physical appearance of my various collections. Since part of my collecting interest lies in old Chinese copper and brass coins, I have often been faced with the problem of having a coin so thickly encrusted with dirt and patina that it must be cleaned to be even identifiable. I have also come across coins and tokens which were cleaned or shined by someone else and which I would prefer toned. I have naturally experimented with various coin cleaning methods, and would like herein to share some of my experiences and results with the AVA.

First I suppose it goes without saying that the information below applies to metal tokens only. Great care should be exercised in even deciding whether a token should be cleaned at all. I have found that most people prefer not to have a display of shiny tokens unless the tokens are in their spanking new natural state. So let's say you obtain a white metal token which appears simply dirty and you want to clean, but not polish it. The first thing to try, of course, is simple soap and water. A fine toothbrush is helpful in removing dirt from crevices and won't scratch the surface. Another useful product (especially for white metal) is the commercial nickel cleaner, available in most coin shops. How many times have you found white metal tokens with a characteristic brown or reddish-brown patina? The nickel cleaner product is useful to aid in the removal of this brown patina. Several treatments may be necessary, as this patina is especially stubborn. One side effect of this process is a dulling of the underlying white metal finish. You may also notice some pitting of the white metal underneath; this is caused by the caustic patina and not by the cleaner. In one instance (on a \$3.50 catalogue value token), I obtained success by placing the patinated token in a solution of commercial chemical coffeepot cleaner, and by alternating that with nickel cleaner treatments. A small amount of common household cleaner rubbed with the balls of the fingers over the token after cleaning will help to brighten slightly the dull surface.

Commercial nickel cleaners are also especially useful in cleaning the dirt from crevices in aluminum tokens, again using a toothbrush to aid. It will also bring brass and bronze tokens back to natural sheen if they are but slightly tarnished or fingerprinted. In no case should it be used on circulated brass or bronze tokens unless complete removal of the natural tone is desired. These commercial nickel cleaners are chemically strong and will have residual tarnishing effects on the cleaned token unless it is carefully and thoroughly rinsed off after cleaning, with ivory soap and lots of water--so let that water run over the cleaned token for a few extra seconds.

This type of nickel cleaner may also be helpful in removing heavy encrustation from zinc tokens. But watch out! It will also eat the zinc itself if left on too long. Do not use this type cleaner on steel tokens.

Now for the other side of the proverbial coin--the toning of cleaned tokens. Start off with two items: a commercial nickel date restorer and a mixture of sulphur and petroleum jelly. A strange mixture perhaps, but it works. To mix it up take a bit of pure sulphur and stir it into a small amount of petroleum jelly. You need not make the mixture overly strong; a little sulphur goes a long way. Now take that shined brass or bronze token and try the sulphur mixture. Put a very small amount of mixture on your fingertips and rub it all over the token. The token should immediately begin to turn dark, perhaps an unpleasing too dark. Once dark, though, use an old soft rag to wipe the excess mixture from the token. Some of the tone will come off onto the rag, and the effect is usually desirable. Next (if the toning is still too dark) try (you guessed it) some soap & water. I have found that on those tokens which were really polished, especially brass ones, something more than the sulphur treatment is needed. So I take the token which has been sulphur treated and place upon it a few drops of the commercial nickel date restorer. Rubbing the token thus between the fingers seems to blend the sulphur, etc., and to produce a better and more natural finish. Be sure to wash the toned token carefully with the old standard soap & water to remove the excess chemical and the gloppy petroleum jelly which remains. See what a nice effect?

= THE LAUNCESTON CORPORATION TOKEN OF LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA =

By Les Hawthorne

Recently I picked up, in Hobart, Tasmania, the item listed in Smith's Catalogue on page 60 as Launceston 420, under Tasmania. As I am always curious to acquire information on such tokens that I find, I wrote to the City Clerk of the City of Launceston for information and received the following reply:

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of 10th February I advise that the aluminum token bearing the words 'Launceston Corporation' of which you sent a rubbing was used by the Launceston Corporation as an employee's tram pass. When an employee was required to use a tram on Council business he was issued with a sufficient number of tokens to allow him to make the journey and return. The tokens were handed to the conductor who would issue a ticket in exchange. These tokens were in use for a large number of years and to the best of our knowledge, were replaced by thin paste board tickets approximately twenty-five years ago. The Council operated the public transport system from 1911 until the 30th June, 1955, when it was taken over by the Metropolitan Transport Trust. Trams were used from the inception of the service until 1952, and after that trolley buses and buses. The system under the Metropolitan Transport Trust control now consists of diesel and petrol buses.

From the explanation given as to the use of this token, it could be considered that it was used more as a token than a pass as it is listed in the Catalogue.

The numbers on these tokens would have been for control, and when these tokens were issued to the employees their names would have been entered down along with the numbers.

As the token is the first one I have seen or acquired in all the years I have been living and coming down here to Australia, I would say they were very rare. I have gone through the stock of a lot of coin dealers in Tasmania as well as the mainland, and a good many antique shops, etc., but without turning one up until the one I have now, which showed up in an antique shop in Hobart.

Incidentally I have an employees pass of the Metropolitan Transport Trust mentioned in the letter above. The token is brass with loop, 23x28mm, "EMPLOYEES PASS MTT (IN MONOGRAM) (RED ENAMELED)" on obverse; reverse: (incuse number and manufacturer's name). Metropolitan Transport Trust operates in all the principal cities and towns on the island of Tasmania.

= THE TREASURER'S REPORT =

The AVA Treasurer's Report, presented by Mr. Frisbee at the Denver Convention, indicates cash on hand July 1, 1972, as \$2751.55. Added to this was the following income: 405 renewals of membership @ \$5, \$2025. 67 renewals @ 5.50, 368.50. 1 renewal @ 5.75. 43 new members @ \$6, \$258. 20 new half-year members @ \$3.50, 70.00. 1 renewal for 1971, \$4. Sales of decals, \$54.40. Bank interest, \$81.12. Postage sent in, 50¢. Repayment of 1973 convention loan, \$50. Total income \$2917.27, for a grand total of \$5668.82 (when added to cash on hand July 1, 1972).

Expenses: For Fare Box to John Coffee, \$2784.51. For President expense to Rit-terband, 77.70. For Secretary expense to Mazeau, 77.55. Bond for treasurer, \$40. Decal printing, \$100. Roster covers \$28. Printing membership cards & envelopes, 49.12. ANA dues \$12. California Club bulletin & stamps, 44.20. Trophy for Coffee 18.40. 2 medals for curator (silver anniversary) 13.90. Loan for Denver convention \$100. Total expense \$3345.41

Accumulated interest from the Life Membership Fund \$1453.40. Total capital in LM fund, \$3320.00.

The Tribute Fund, as of July 28, 1973, contained \$166.58.

= THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1972 CATALOGUE OF VECTURIST PERSONAL TOKENS =
By J.M. Coffee

This is a supplement to the booklet entitled PERSONAL TOKENS OF VECTURISTS, published in March, 1972, by the North Eastern Vecturist Association. The first Supplement to this booklet was published in the January 1972 issue of The Fare Box. The Second Supplement was published in the December 1972 issue. Copies of the booklet are available from the Editor for \$1 postpaid by First Class Mail. The AVA listing of personal tokens includes only metal and plastic tokens. Wood items cannot be listed at this time, although we hope to publish a separate listing of such items at a later date. If you have issued a personal token, all you have to do is send one of them to the Editor to have it listed.

- MAX M. SCHWARTZ 2920 POINT EAST DR. MIAMI, FLA. 33160
ANA L80 - AVA L3 - TAMS 105
- 3 E A 38 Sd George Washington Exonumia Transportation Tokens
Mardi Gras Doubloons Buy Sell or Trade
- MICHAEL SUPER A.V.A. NO. 17
- 17 B B 32 Sd Collector of Parking & Car-Wash Tokens
- JOHN G. "NICK" NICOLOSI AVA L-116
3002 GALINDO ST. OAKLAND, CALIF. 94601
- 116 E Pr 38 Sd Good For 1 New Issue in 1973
- THE BARNETTS 5425 PORTLAND AVE. MPLS., MINN. 55417
- 119 A Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- ROBERT A. RIEDER A.V.A. #184 AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN.
"THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU"
- 184 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- I COLLECT WISCONSIN MEDALS AND TOKENS
- DOROTHEA CASE BROKAW, WIS. 55417
- 240 A Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- RALPH A. HINDE AVA L2887 NEVA #1
225-30 106th AVE. JAMAICA, N.Y. 11429
- 287 C Pb 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- MAURICE M. GOULD BOX 1500 TUSTIN, CA. 92680
- SOC. OF PHILATELISTS & NUMISMATISTS PRESIDENT 1973
- 335 E A 32 Sd Numismatist 1918-1973 55th Anniversary
- Israel Coin Club of L.A. President 1973
- HARRY SAILOR WARREN, MN 56762 COLLECTOR OF MINN. AND N.D.
TRADE TOKENS
- 375 D A 32 Sd (A.V.A. seal) (anodized red)
- JOSEPH ODA A.V.A. 393 HONOLULU, HAWAII
COLLECTOR OF KALA PA'A HO'AIILOA
- 393 B A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- R.B. CARTER AVA NO. 461 PRESIDENT CATC 1972-74
- 461 A Pb 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- BYRON JOHNSON SEATTLE ANS ANA AVA OIN TAMS SPMC
- 464 A B 32 Sd Celebrating 25 Years of Collecting 1946-1971
- STEPHEN ALBUM P.O. BOX 4039 BERKELEY, CAL. 94704
- 472 C B 28 Sd Good For 50¢ on Your Next Token Order
- I'M FOR RAY BYRNE FOR THE
- 536 B Pr 38 Pc A.N.A. Board of Governors "Progressive Leadership"
- AL ZAIKA AVA - ANA - TAMS P.O. BOX 65 BELLMAWR, N.J.
CONGRATULATIONS A.V.A.
- 601 C A Sq Sd American Vecturist Association 25 Silver Anniversary
- Denver Colo. August, 1973 1948-1973 (AVA seal) [32mm]
- JERRY (SALES TAX TOKENUT) BATES 1941-1971 ONE MILL
- 675 A A 32 Sd Sales Tax Penny 1921 1¢ Box 777 St. Charles, Mo. [300 made]
- 675 B B 32 Sd " "

JERRY (TOKENUT) BATES ONE MILL 1973 1975
 * 675 C B 32 Sd Sales Tax Penny 1921 1% Box 777 St. Charles, Mo. [100 made]
 * 675 D A 32 Sd " " [1000 made]

ELONGATED COLLECTOR C. OLSON 1001-8, AVE, N.E.
 CALGARY, ALTA, CAN. cmr (crest)
 * 757 A Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Canadian cent]

EUGENE SCHAEZEL, JR. 995 S. CLARKSON ST. DENVER, COLO. 80209
 AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBER NO. 631
 * * 631 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 (Note: above token is out of correct listing order)
 MERRY CHRISTMAS MY 20th "JACK, THE MAILMAN" RTE #103 08902
 (PICTURE OF SMILING MAILMAN HOLDING LARGE ENVELOPE WITH "N.J."
 FOR ADDRESS) (BORDER OF STARS)

* 940 C Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on U.S. cent]
 H.J. TURGEON 143 HARRISON AVE. WARWICK, R.I. 02888
 BUYING: TOKENS & MEDALS

* 991 C Pw 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 COLLECTOR OF TRANSIT & ROLLED COINS AVA 1011 1972
 ALFRED SCHUBERT 1015 UNION AVE., ASHTABULA, OHIO. 44004
 (HORSECAR with "Ashtabula St. R.R." on side)

* 1011 A Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on U.S. cent]
 BOB KLOIDA 2821 PARKRIDGE AVE. MARINETTE, WIS. 54143
 AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION A.V.A. NO. 1047

* 1047 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 MERRY CHRISTMAS BOB CONEY SIOUX CITY, IOWA 1973

* 1089 H Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 RICH MARZIAN 1318 E. BRECKENRIDGE LOUISVILLE, KY. 40204

1096 A Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 MERRY CHRISTMAS E.R. MASTRICH STAMFORD, CONN. 06902

1127 B Pg 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 E.R. WISE I COLLECT TT, PT, NOTGELD & ANCIENTS 1973
 PITTSBURGH, PA.

1153 A B 32 Sd (AVA seal) [error for "F.R. Wise"; only 11 struck]
 1153 B A 32 Sd " " "

F.R. WISE I COLLECT TT, PT, NOTGELD & ANCIENTS 1973
 PITTSBURGH, PA.

1153 C B 32 Sd (AVA seal)
 1153 D A 32 Sd "

AL HENDRICKSON RT. 3 BOX 15 WARREN, MINN.
 TOKEN COLLECTOR AVA 1213
 * 1213 B Pb 32 Sd Good For 10¢ in Trade

WILLIGES BOX 445 WHEATLAND, CAL. 95692

1219 C B 28 Sd Tokens - Medals - Coins Buy - Sell - Trade
 Good For 25¢ in Trade -1973-

MARVIN E. SIMON A.V.A. 1257 10 GALLUP ST. WESTERLY, R.I. 02891

1257 A Pb 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 RICHARD P. PARKER 6148 EDSALL ROAD ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22304

1325 A Pg 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
 PAUL A. CUNNINGHAM DEALER AND COLLECTOR TECUMSEH, MICH. 49286

1331 A Pb 38 Sd ANA 73578 AVA 1331 TAMS 2546 METCA 381 CCRT 344
 PMCM 1427 MSNS 3005
 SUSAN SCHAFER AND PAUL A. CUNNINGHAM

1331 B Pb 38 Sd "with this ring..." June 9, 1973
 WITT'S PAINTING SERVICE BRUSH OR SPRAY PHONE 266-2801
 CANBY, OREGON

1379 A A 32 Sd We Use Miller Bros. Paint Varnish and Stains
 BUCK AND LILLIE MAE HEROD WITT MARRIED ALBANY, TEXAS
 DECEMBER 9, 1933 40th ANNIVERSARY 1933 1973 CANBY, OREGON

1379 B WM 33 Sd (blank)

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

MARYLAND

Baltimore 60 (Reported by Richard Parker)
BALTIMORE HARBOR TUNNEL M.T.A.
* AV B 22 Sd (same as obverse) [* 8/73] \$0.60

MINNESOTA

Moorhead 560 (Reported by W.G. Garrison)
HOLIDAY/SCHOOL/TRANSPORTATION/MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA
* A A 22 Sd HTC [* 9/72] .15
[Holiday began service in Moorhead in November, 1969, after Northern
Transit of Fargo stopped service.]

NEW YORK

Oswego 695 (Reported by Tom Williamson)
* D Bz 23 R [like NY 875 R but electroplated blue] [* 1/7/74] .25
[After 20 years of having no bus service, Centro of Syracuse began
bus service in Oswego on August 28, 1972.]

Syracuse 875 (Reported by Tom Williamson)
STUDENT / CENTRO (LOGO) / CNY CENTRO INC.
* X B 20 Bar Good For One Fare / Centro (logo) / Student .35
[Centro, a public benefit subsidiary corporation of Central New York
Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA), took over service here
on January 17, 1972.]

RHODE ISLAND

Providence 700 (Reported by Captain Dee D. Drell)
I A 23 St-sc [Like 700 F, but anodized red] [* 9/73] .35

TEXAS

El Paso 320 (Reported by Harry Strough)
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
* G A 26 Sd (same as obverse) [* 11/73] .15
[The City of El Paso took over operation of the streetcar line to Juarez
on November 14, 1973, and this token is used only on the streetcar line.
Tokens are given to purchasers of a minimum amount in El Paso stores.]

CANADA - ONTARIO

Hamilton 400 (Reported by Alan T.C. Weighell)
SKYWAY TOKEN / ONTARIO / CLASS 1 VEHICLE
H o B 17 Sd (same as obverse) *** .25
[400 D,E,F, became obsolete in August, 1967. 400 C and H became obsolete
on December 28, 1973, when tolls on the Burlington Bay and Garden City
Skyways were discontinued. A total of 1,000,184 of 400 H were ordered.
Only the odd 184 were placed into circulation; the one million tokens
are stored in company vaults.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we list the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel token, which we had hoped to list
some time back and so assigned 60 AV to it. We wanted to keep the MTA tokens togeth-
er, so avoid any possible reassignment of numbers in the next Atwood Catalogue. We
had some difficulty obtaining a supply of these tokens for our New Issues Service,
and we owe a special gratitude to Richard Parker for sticking with it, and getting us
enough tokens. It's always easy for some member just to say "I can't get them," and
often this is the answer we get. So when a member goes out of his way to help us get

tokens, we don't forget him. The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, which has been open for several years, started using tokens on August 1, 1973. Tokens are sold in rolls of 40, and purchasers are given a sticker which an electric scanner reads. Without a token the toll through the tunnel is 60¢.

When Holiday took over in Moorhead, MN, in November, 1969, they used ND 260 I. But students started using these 23mm tokens in vending machines, so Holiday turned to an aluminum token, which was first put into use in September 1972. The first order was for 50,000 tokens, and at least 50,000 more have been ordered since then. For some reason the company was reluctant to part with any of their tokens. After many phone calls--at least 27 calls, as a matter of fact, mostly long-distance--and various letters mailed, Mr. Garrison finally wore them down and they consented to sell us some of these tokens--but not enough for every member of the N.I.S. So only "regular" NIS members will receive this one. We always try to get 175 tokens, but in this case got only 100. But it's only thanks to Mr. Garrison's persistence that we were able to get any of them at all!

Next a couple student tokens for New York State. It's unusual, but in Syracuse there had never been a student rate: anyone over 10 years of age had to pay full fare. However, in getting DOT (Dept. of Transportation) grants, they set up a student fare program. Any student living over two miles from school is given ten tokens a week, or 40 tokens for a four-week period. As tokens are given to at least 1,800 students, this means over 75,000 tokens over a four-week period. All money and tokens coming out of fare boxes are handled by Brinks, as there is an Exact Fare Plan in Syracuse. Brinks does all the accounting, and sells the tokens to the School Board. The arrangement is that the School Board pays the 35¢ adult fare, less 10%, for the tokens, and keeps track of the account. Here's another case of not enough tokens in the first order, so we had to wait till they reordered before we could get a supply. This is another case of cooperation by a local AVA member, in this case Tom Williamson who served as AVA Treasurer years ago. Centro of Syracuse also operates the bus system in Oswego, where they have a 25¢ adult fare. So they needed student tokens there and simply took some NY 875 R and electroplated them for school use in Oswego.

Tom Williamson also says there's a chance that Centro may come out with a new adult token in the future. Centro is part of a three-county transit arrangement: Onondago, Oswego, and Cayuga. They also operate the bus system in Auburn, having taken over from Auburn Transit. I don't know if there are school fares in Auburn or not. Centro also has made application for a DOT grant to take over Syracuse & Eastern Transit of Syracuse.

In the November FB we listed a red anodized token for Providence, RI. We never had a chance to examine more than one token, so didn't know that they had also taken some of the old United Transit tokens and also anodized them! We shall not be able to get a supply of these red Providence tokens, but if the contract is extended and a bigger order is made, they promised to notify us and maybe we'll be able to get a supply. Just now these things are next to impossible to get.

There have been several mentions of the streetcar line in El Paso over the past year, as it has been abandoned and then resuscitated. The City of El Paso finally solved the problem by taking over the streetcar line itself, and it put aluminum tokens into use on them--although you'd never know they were transportation tokens from the simple inscription on them. The way it works: You buy \$2 worth of goods in a store and you get two tokens in exchange for a slip which you previously obtained on the streetcar. When we inquired at El Paso we learned that we could only buy them in quantities of 250, so in this case we have more than we need. Any non-member of NIS may purchase one from Nicolosi for only 15¢ +SAE with 10¢ stamp on it. The reason for the free tokens is to encourage Mexicans to come over to El Paso and spend their pesos. Hence the American merchants think the idea is just great, but the Mexican merchants don't like the idea one bit.

Next we go from south of the border to north of the border. It seems that they ordered a million tokens from Sherritt-Gordon Mint of Saskatchewan, just before a decision was made to do away with tolls on the skyways. They received the million, plus an overrun of 184 tokens. To simplify bookkeeping they put the million into their vaults, and put the extra 184 tokens into circulation...and this was done before any collectors knew what was happening. So far I know of only one token in the hands of

collectors. Tolls were 25¢ at the time they were discontinued, so we're listing the token with a 25¢ price, but since they are rare for collectors now, we add ***, which means "presently rare but large quantity known to exist." If tolls had been extended beyond December 28, 1973, there's no doubt our NIS could've got a supply of these.

A few notes of information sent in by members: Mr. Garrison reports that Terre Haute, IN 890 F is no longer in use, and that OH 830 F is now being used for mailmen. The outfit that owned the company in Springfield, OH, also was connected with other cities, so they had tokens used in various cities.

A token I never knew anything about is Ohio 10 A. Manchester is a little town about ten miles south of Akron; the token was used on a bus running between Akron and Manchester. Bill Carr, an AVA member, says he was born there and remembers using the bus. The line started in September, 1920, and has changed hands since. Later the line was taken over by Metro Transit Authority of Akron, and it has since been discontinued. The trouble is that many maps don't show the little town of Manchester on them, so until now I never knew what Manchester meant.

Sometimes in making up the listings I may skip a number. So I goofed up on Calif 1000 O. I intended to skip a letter there, but went and skipped two, so people who wondered what happened to 1000 O, it is really the one listed as 1000 P in November 1973 Fare Box.

Mr. Tomberlin reports a souvenir piece which definitely is not a fare token, but is kind of interesting:

SOUVENIR OF TABLE MOUNTAIN S.A. AERIAL CABLE WAY (AERIAL TRAMCAR)

A 34 Sd Opened Oct. 5th 1929 Cable 4000 ft. long Lion's Head 2182 ft.
Devil's Peak, 3278 ft. Maclears Beacon, 3550 ft. Robben Island,
7 miles Bassen Island, 42 miles Saldanha Bay, 65 miles
Visability 100 miles Ascent, 7 mins

Every once in a while someone sends in a listing of a foreign transportation token, as for instance I recently received a report of a copper 34mm token inscribed NEW TOWN TOLL GATE R. JOSEPHS (TOLL GATE) [on obverse] / Van Dieman's Land 1855 (woman with scale) [on reverse]. This is listed on page 253 of Smith's Foreign Catalogue. Van Dieman's Lane is the old name for Tasmania, Australia. If you don't own a copy of Smith's Catalogue, you ought to get one.

= FEBRUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

We were sitting around for the past month twiddling our thumbs wondering if and when any "pending tokens" would arrive. Well, all of a sudden five of them have "un-pended." So we have 5 to send you this month. After lots of phone calls, three of our members connected for us, and we say thanks a million to them for their perseverance and diligence.

Tom Williamson of Syracuse obtained NY 695 D and 875 X for us. Mr. Parker of Virginia got the long promised Md 60 AV for us, and Bill Garrison got us Minn 560 A, and this last one really took a lot of work. And finally we have obtained a supply of the new El Paso trolley token, Tex 320 G. All NIS members will receive the foregoing except Minn 560 A, of which we got just enough for our Regular members. But even our Associate members will receive the other four. And we got enough El Paso tokens to supply non-members of NIS for only 15¢ plus an envelope with 10¢ stamp.

I anticipate more tokens for March, but you won't get them if your balance is not in the black. Remember, send another deposit if you are getting low.

This month I welcome more members to the ranks of Regular in NIS: Ed Smith of Santa Rosa, and John Trembley of Marina. And from Waiting List to Associate: Maurice Steiblin. Welcome!

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR SALE: Poor's Manual of Railroads 1892, \$20.00. *The Hill on Mad River*, the story of Scovill Mfg. Co., maker of many rare tokens, \$8.00. Will trade my personal token for any TT cat. 25¢ +SAE. = Marie A. Johnson - Route 2 - Clinton, MI 49236

NEW MEMBER NEEDS: IL 785 A; NV 100 A B C; NJ 20 D E F G H; NY 230 A B C D I J, 410 A, 445 A B; TX 60 A, 120 A, 225 A, 270 A B, 275 A D, 370 A, 465 A, 530 A, 555 A, 560 A, 950 A B. = Lowell R. Locke - 2747 Briargrove #357 - Houston, TX 77027

WILL TRADE 1 Colorado merchant token book for any 4 diff. Colo. transp. tokens from the following list: 40 A,B, 300 E, 340 C, 440 A, 620 B, 640 A, 860 D E.
Lee Nott - 1120 Delmar #3F - Papillion, NE 68046

TT's FOR SALE: at \$10: Nova Scotia 200 A. at \$3: NY 629 L, 630 U, 800 A. at 2.50 each, Pa 15 F, 495 J. at 1.50 each: Pa 495 I, 605 I, PR 640 B. Will take in trade Indian head cents allowing 20¢ each, and \$2.50 each for large cents. Old issues of THE FARE BOX for sale at 25¢ each.
Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

HAVE OHIO 10 A, 860 Q, and many other TT's for trade. Send me your trade list.
W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy - Morton Grove, IL 60053

FOR TRADE: my 2 diff. merchant tokens for your 2 diff. TT's cat. 25¢ each.
Harold L. Lesser - 32 Oneida Avenue - Selden, NY 11784

WANT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT UNLISTED PARKING TOKENS.
Clarence C. Hiorth - 308 E. Hinckley Ave. - Ridley Park, PA 19078

AUCTION SALE: Ohio 165 M N; Tenn 600 B; Tex 340 P, 360 B, 965 D F; Va 620 G; Wash 250 F, 710 B. Also still a couple of Mich 370 B available @ \$4.50. 1972 Chicago Tour token, .925 silver @ \$3.50 +SAE (next time seen in Fare Box will go to \$5).
Joel J. Reznick - 1818 Apache Lane - Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES + POSTAGE: Cal 1000 O 25¢; Colo 420 A \$2.15; Minn 600 B \$1.50; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; Tex 320 G 15¢; Wis L M N O 50¢ each; Ontario 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Quebec 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢. Ontario 700 E 40¢. Items for trade--check my ad in January FB. Most still available in trade.
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

WOOD FOR WOOD: Need CA 1000 N; MI 1000 E; NC 1000 A; Md 550 A; FL 880 J. Can offer in trade CA 775 K; OR 1000 A; FL 880 (unlisted); 960 (unlisted); Winter Haven FL (unlisted). PARKING TOKENS FOR SALE: CA 3080 D; MSPT 3064 C, \$1 each. MSPT 3061 A, 3064 D, 3068 A, 75¢ each, +SAE.
H.V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

AUCTION (ALL CANADA): Alberta 140 B C D, 800 B; BC 450 A B D E, 600 A B, 900 A. Manitoba 200 A; Nova Scotia 850 E; Ontario 125 A, 325 C, 400 A, 750 A, 850 A B; Quebec 345 A D, 360 B C E F, 620 Q R S W Y AB AC AD.
C.G. Jefferson - 621 7th Street - Sultan, WA 98294

WILL PAY TEN TIMES CATALOG FOR THE FOLLOWING N.J. TOKENS: 20 D, 115 B, 200 A, 220 A, 310 A, 460 A, 555 B F, 975 C, 997 A C D. Also need any other New Jersey tokens for my collection.
Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

FELLOW COLLECTORS, PLEASE SEND ME YOUR DUPLICATE TEXAS 5 Ab, 320 D, 760 D or 985 C, and receive by return mail \$4 each and my letter of appreciation.
Charles Berger - 222 Terlingua - Portland, TX 78374

METAL "PRT CARFARE CARRIER" for trade - 3 chambers hold dimes or 16mm tokens such as Pa 750 AA. Inscription on back reads "Shop between 9 and 3 and secure a seat, sufficient seats at all times must await the completion of city built subways." Need many TT's such as Del 900 A B F; NJ 30 A, 200 A; Pa 10 A C D, plus others from N.C., Va. Best offer in tokens takes this. Also some common TT's to trade at catalogue.
Stanley Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010

IOWA WANTED: 30 A, 100 A, 110 G, 160 A, 300 E, 310 D Ea Eb H I J K L M, 380 M, 390 B D, 600 A D, 740 A E F G, 850 L M N P Qa, 910 A. Will buy or try to trade.
Robert Lubetkin - 3660 Grand Ave. - Des Moines, IA 50312

UNITED KINGDOM TT's. Special offers of 70 different TT's from cities in the County of Yorkshire \$10.00 (or 30 for \$5.00) Postpaid ship mail. 3 weeks. Send cash or IMO.
Donald Capper - 14 Acresfield Ave., Audenshaw - Manchester M34/5SY, England

100 DIFFERENT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS FOR ONLY \$13.60 prepaid. These are not all 15¢ items. Will catalogue up to \$1.00.
Bill Williges - P.O. Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

TRADE TEN DIFF. TTs or 7 PTs for 10 diff. TTs or 7 diff. PTs +SAE. Trade PTs, TTs or military tokens for sales tax, private or state items I need, or AVA personals. Joe Studebaker Jr. - P.O. Box 804 - West Columbia, SC 29169

WHILE THEY LAST: AK 400 C 25¢; CO 30 A 25¢; VA 20 K 15¢, 580 K 15¢. +SAE. One each to customer please. Your dupe list of TTs wanted.

Gene A. Skoglund - 1323 So. Cape Way - Lakewood, CO 80226

FOR SALE: the following tokens are available for 75¢ each and a stamp: Fla 60 A, 460 B, 930 D E; Ind 330 J L; Mass 305 C; ND 960 A; SD 680 A.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

HORSECAR MAIL BID: Calif 575 Aa Ab; Iowa 390 A, 590 A B; Kans 640 D; Me 480 A; Minn 510 A, 540 Cb D, 760 C; Pa 750 F G; Tenn 375 A B; Wis 360 A B, 510 C. Only realistic bids will be accepted.

Arlene Raskin - 3196 Bedford Ave. - Brooklyn, NY 11210

TRADE: 3 different postcards of streetcars for 1 railroad station postcard - or 1 Md 60 AQ or 1 Md 60 AR for 2 railroad station postcards.

Ralph Winant - 500 W. Summit Avenue - Wilmington, DE 19804

WANT TO BUY: Mich 605 A=P.

Theresa M. Thomson - 717 E. 71 Ter. - Kansas City, MO 64131

FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR TRADE FOR U.S. TT's: Chile 920 B (sl clipped); Brazil 700 B; Turkey 400 D RA. Also "Tucson Arizona - Wolfville Western Days 1922 1 Dollar - Bz" listed in Hibler-Kaplan at \$30. Also several types uniform buttons from Community Traction Co. (Toledo, OH) and Toledo R & L Co.

Dee D. Drell - 169B Arrowhead Rd. - Ft. Benning, GA 31905

WANTED: will pay ten times catalogue price for: Del 300 C D F H; Ida 100 F; Ariz 640 F, 1000 F; Ore 700 J; Pa 65 I J; MAIL BID: NY 631 L M N S, 785 C; NC 880 B.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

FOR TRADE, OR WILL SELL TO HIGHEST BID IF NO TRADE: ILL 495 E and Iowa 930 C.

Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle - Mason, OH 45040

STILL NEED THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION TOKENS: 1962 (Wash 780 U); 1966 (Cal 25 A and 105 A); 1970 (Tex 225 Q). I also need some of the old Bell Register tokens. Any around? = W.L. Carr Sr. - 2648 Felton Ave. - Akron, OH 44314

TRADE: Cal 705 A; Ind 650 B; Ind 997 B; Ka n820 A; Ky 85 C. If no trade then to highest bidder. Sale at 50¢ each +SAE: Pa 950 G H I J.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

WANTED: Del 900 A; Ind 290 C; Iowa 300 I; Me 35 B; Mass 45 A, 305 B, 970 B; Wis 330 B.

William Crawford - 101 Western Ave. #37 - Cambridge, MA 02139

TRADE FOR ARKANSAS TRANSP. OR TRADE TOKENS: Ohio 410 B; Cuban pacification 1906-1909 medal in box; and Pedley-Ryan & Co Denver one ounce silver 90% so-called dollar.

Walter Hinkle - 526 N. 36th - Fort Smith, AR 72901

WANTED: the names & locations of taxicab services which have used wooden nickels.

E.L. Tomberlin - P.O. Box 2295 - San Leandro, CA 94577

TRADE: City of El Paso Texas (reverse & obverse) new streetcar token Tex 320 G (it will be sent to N.I.S. members by Nicolosi) for any not common 15¢ token +SAE. This token is used by the city for city-owned streetcars, which no longer go to Juarez. You can get token free with \$2 purchase from a downtown merchant if you have a ticket from a streetcar operator.

Gerald B. Perkins - 5710 Joe Herrera - El Paso, TX 79924

FOR TRADE ONLY: on a one for one basis. My PT Calif 3025 A,B, TT Wash 10 B for your Ida 440 I; ND 60 C; NM 760 C; Ore 240 A C; Tex 255 A, 320 D; Utah 650 B C D; Wash 780 G I; Wyo 120 D. Several trades available.

Edrick J. Miller - 3257 Idaho Lane - Costa Mesa, CA 92626

SEND ANY 50¢ cat. TT or PT +SAE and receive 3 diff. identified trade tokens of Oregon

Frank Kelley - P.O. Box 2515 - Harbor, OR 97415

"DOWNTOWN BOULDER [colorado] ON THE MOVE" parking token, trade for TT. Limit 2. Also Col 60 A C for trade. - R.A. Spencer - 4430 Gladiola - Golden, CO 80401

FOR SALE: 300 DIFFERENT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS ALL IDENTIFIED IN 2x2 envelopes, post-paid & insured. \$45.00. = J.L. Trembley - P.O. Box 37 - Marina, CA 93933

WANTED: MOST CONVENTION TOKENS. Does anyone have any for sale? Also need a Johnson type D fare box. Write stating condition and price of box.

George Van Trump, Jr. - P.O. Box 656, Edgemont Branch - Golden, CO 80401

FOR SALE: 2300 Pc. collection of U.S. Transp. Tokens (no census). Tokens run from 15¢ to \$2.50 value by Atwood, approx. \$530.00. Tokens are listed alphabetically by city & state in 2x2 coin folders in clear view vinyl pages and contained in 7 large extra heavy business binders. Will sell for double Cat. or make offer. Can furnish more info. to serious buyer. Will include 53 Pcs. of Canadian, Porto Rico & European tokens gratis. = Frank P. Smolen - 138 Carroll Avenue - Painesville, OH 44077
SOAP TOKENS STILL WANTED. Will trade what I have in TT's, merchant tokens, advertising tokens or store cards.

J.W. Baum - 3113 N. Arkansas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67204

PER ED VICKERS' AD OF LAST MONTH, the entire lot of tokens has been shipped to me for distribution. Tokens will be recatalogued according to 1970 Atwood. Anyone interested in these tokens contact me.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 3rd edition 1970; 731 pages profusely illustrated. The official standard of the hobby. Available either buckram-bound or loose-leaf (punched for 3-ring binder; pages only). Price \$10 retail (soon to be increased). Special price to AVA members, \$7.50 postpaid.

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American Vecturist Association - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, MA 02104

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE APRIL 13 =

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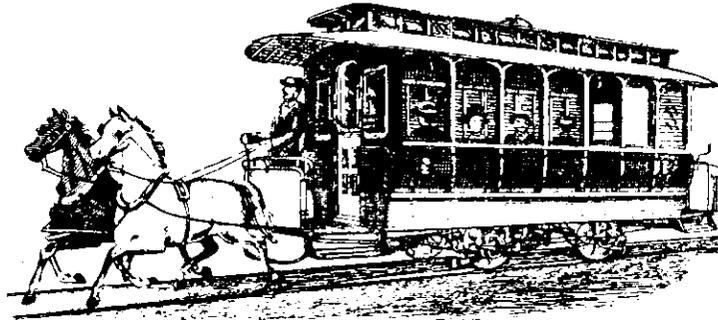
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Our 321st Issue

MILLARD WASCZCAK and FERDINAND R. WISE

The Editor regrets to report the death of two Pennsylvania members recently. Millard Wasczak Sr., AVA #1040, of Scranton, died March 7. An active and loyal member, he had a name that one was not likely to forget, and it will be sad, each month hereafter, not to see that name among the Fare Boxes that I mail. Ferdinand R. Wise, AVA #1153, of Pittsburgh, died February 1. Ferdy Wise was a joiner. Past president of the Pittsburgh Lions Club, a Mason, a Shriner, and an active and delightful friend of all who knew him. He was the retired Superintendent of Air Mail at the Pittsburgh postoffice. He was 63.

April 11, at 9 pm. Sometimes when I publish an issue of THE FARE BOX I try to recall how it was 25 years ago. The March 1949 issue, I remember, turned out to be something of a disaster. Meade Peebles and I were co-Editors then, and he got out the March issue entirely by himself, and then lost about 20% of the addresses. Finally, his mother threw out all extra copies of the issue! The result is that that issue is probably the rarest issue of THE FARE BOX of all 321 that have so far been printed.

Steve Album reports that the long-awaited Volume 2 of his magnificent work on California Trade Tokens will be ready in a few weeks. Volume 1 of this work was a masterpiece, characteristic of the precision and brilliance that Steve brings to anything he does. An authentic genius, Steve is possibly the world's leading authority on Islamic coins, as well as California tokens. There's an ad at a reduce rate for this book in this issue. I urge you to consider buying a copy. I don't collect those things myself, but Steve's work is so well done I wouldn't miss a chance to own anything he writes!

Which reminds me that the new Car Wash Token Catalogue is finally ready for the printer, and as soon as I know what they will cost to print I shall make an announcement to take advance orders. This will be an excellent catalogue and one which has long been needed.

The AVA is gaining more and more overseas members, and articles in THE FARE BOX indicate our international flavor these days. If you write an overseas member, use the 18¢ airletter sheet available at the postoffice. Otherwise the rate is 26¢ per half ounce airmail.



= THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS =

Greetings to all AVA members and their families. The Minnesota AVA members look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis on August 9-10-11. The Sheraton-Ritz Hotel is across the street from the Public Library and close to the shopping center. Please make your train or plane reservations early. If you would like some information please write us!

Floyd O. Barnett
5425 Portland Avenue
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Quincy A. Laflin
1476 Iglehart Avenue
St. Paul, MI 55104

So far 47 lots have been received the the Annual Convention Auction. We can use many more. If you would like to submit tokens for auction, please send them directly to Mr. Laflin, address above.

= AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. KENNETH E. SMITH =

I have read your article "Swedish Token Catalogues" in The Fare Box of January 1974, page 5. It is good that you only list a token when you have seen it in the original or by photo or rubbing. But as a Scandinavian numismatist I can tell you that Stiernstedt is a very good authority. Therefore, Mr. Smith, please list all tokens mentioned in Stiernstedt (possibly with reference to Stiernstedt).

Incidentally I don't know if you have done it already, but I suggest you ask Kungliga Myntkabinettet in Stockholm which tokens they have in their collections. Best wishes from

- Jørgen Sjømod

= ANOTHER WORLD TRAVELLER =

Roland C. Atwood has probably seen more geography than any other A.V.A. member, but recently I received letters from two other members who have seen much of the world. The first is from Les Hawthorne, now homeward bound from Australia:

"Dear John: I am on the first leg of my journey back to California, and the first stop is Hong Kong. Next, Singapore, and then the Island of Mauritius [in the Indian Ocean], Durban and Capetown in South Africa. From there to Teneriffe in the Canary Islands, and then on to Lisbon, Portugal and final stop at Southampton. In England for 3 weeks and then over to New York on the "Queen Elizabeth II" and back to the West Coast by train. I am hoping to pick up a lot of interesting and unlisted tokens along the way. As it is, I am really loaded with what I have already accumulated down in Australia.

And a letter from Yosef Sa'ar (Joe Kotler) from Elat, Israel:

"Have you seen the primitive small horsecar token from Greece that Smith lists on page 150? I have an example and have obtained a correct translation: "KARLOVASSI TRAMWAY / O.K. CHATZIDAKI / ZHSIMOS." Karlovassi is a port city on the Island of Samos in the Aegean Sea. Officially until 1912 the island was Turkish, but under the direct rule of a Greek prince. The language of the local inhabitants was Greek. The word Zhsimos is in tiny letters under the picture of the horsecar and is undoubtedly the name of the diesinker. O.K. Chatzidaki seems to be the operator of the tramway."

= NOTIFY THE FARE BOX IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS =

= TOLL ROAD TOKENS =
By J.M. Coffee

The availability of inexpensive transportation has been the measure of the progress of civilized man. Until the 19th Century, only the well-to-do could afford to move about. Nearly everybody else was stuck where he was born, and rarely in his entire lifetime did the average person go more than a few miles from his birthplace. Ignorance, avarice, and indifference conspired to put obstacles in the way of man's movement.

There were few roads in the old days, and except for those built to carry the mails (such, for instance, as the Boston Post Road), they were built by private enterprise, for profit. Accordingly one had to pay for the right to travel over these private highways.

And some of them used tokens. The toll road token is a quaint artifact of early times, and also an unpleasant harbinger that we are coming full circle.

In a strict sense, toll road tokens are different from other transportation tokens in that they do not give you a ride on anything. Like bridge tokens, they are admission tokens for the use of a facility which does not move--but the use of which makes it possible for the passenger to move over it. Furthermore toll road tokens are the only category of transportation tokens where we do not differentiate between the zone check and the token which of itself is good for passage...this because we usually don't know which are which.

Obviously many of our toll road tokens are simply identification checks, metallic versions of those cards you get when you travel over the Pennsylvania Turnpike or the Massachusetts Turnpike, or many others. I believe nearly all the Lancaster County, Pa., toll road tokens are such identification checks. You entered the turnpike at one of the gates and received one of these tokens to indicate where you entered, so that when you exited from the turnpike the amount of toll you owed could be calculated. The token was not, of itself, worth any payment toward the toll that was owed. Nevertheless we have no sure way of knowing so we have simply ignored the distinction, for these most ancient of U.S. transportation tokens are fascinating and desirable. Some of them, indeed, are so old that George Washington might have used them!

Aside from the large number of toll road tokens from Lancaster County, there are not many of them. Only a few dozen and you would own them all. Let's run over them briefly.

The Seventeen-Mile Drive tokens (CA 220 A, 715 A B) may have been passes which one simply showed and retained. This beautiful privately-owned highway through one of the loveliest residential areas in the world may still be driven over, and today the toll is something like \$3. The tokens would date from the early 1920's or before. I am certain the aluminum ones are the earlier.

The Delaware Turnpike is presently using DE 300 A to G and they are difficult to obtain, though several have come into the hands of collectors, no doubt deviously. These are not used by the public, but by various employees and officials whose work makes it necessary for them to use the highway.

The Illinois Toll Road uses 3 different types of tokens for officials, and being sensible people, the authorities will sell these tokens to collectors for a good fee. They have (or had) unattended ramps to exit from that toll road. The motorist was supposed to throw in a quarter or so, although there was nothing to stop him from sailing right past without putting a thing in. In that case a bell would ring, but unless a police car was nearby to hear it--and it never was nearby--you got away with it. These tokens were (and are) for employees to throw into the hopper so the bell would not ring to their embarrassment and as a bad example to non-official motorists who might otherwise follow suit in spite of their innate honesty.

IND 820 A is assumed to be correctly attributed because Don Mazeau couldn't find anything else on his maps that fit the initials so well. In any case the words "Round Trip" imply that this token was, of itself, good for toll payment on this short private roadway. You paid the round trip and were given the token for the return trip.

From Kansas we have no toll road tokens listed, but Feisel's Parking Token Catalogue lists two tokens (KS 3495 ZA ZB) which were used, until December 1959, in toll gates at restaurants along the turnpike, so you could drive out, eat at the restaurant,

and return home without paying extra toll. I have always believed these tokens are as legitimate toll road tokens as any of the other official modern toll road tokens, but I was overruled by the Catalogue Committee. In due time, however, I have no doubt my ideas will prevail and these tokens will be listed in Atwood.

From Kentucky we have some of my favorites. Carlisle, KY 100 A thru E are beautiful old tokens, obviously of value for paying toll. They are very old, although not as old as 1847, the date on the tokens, as that is simply when the firm was incorporated. Far as I know, each of these 5 tokens is unique. I own two of them and have been offered \$100 apiece for them, which gives some idea of what some people think them worth. Again here the attribution is only educated guesswork. I wish someone would write up the story of this turnpike for us. As to KY 465 A, I know nothing about it except that it has a value on it and that makes it especially desirable, and as the value is stamped into the token, probably other values will turn up eventually.

The modern Maryland State Highways tokens are, like those of Delaware and Illinois, only for use of employees and officials. But whereas the others are available to some extent, the officials of the Maryland highway are positively paranoid about collectors and any that have come into the hands of collectors (and a few have) have done so by devious ways better left undescribed here.

The Missouri toll road token (MO 665 A) is a beautiful old token, but I know very little about the road or how the token was used. Whether the token was itself good for value is uncertain.

The two New Hampshire toll road tokens (NH 720 A B) are still in use and are sold at toll booths in rolls to anyone who wants to buy them. These would have to be the commonest of all toll road tokens.

We have a toll road token for New Mexico (NM 430 B) which was good for value, and is a delightful old one. Ralph Freiberg and I drove part of this road back in 1969. It is now a public highway, but the further we got into the wilderness the less we liked it. Finally the road narrowed to one lane, hanging on the edge of a cliff, and we decided we had done enough for the hobby and turned around at the first wide place we came to. The Romero family are still prominent out there and some discreet inquiries might turn up more tokens.

Of course the most desirable of all toll road tokens are those two big glorious vulcanites from Moriah, NY (NY 595 A B) each of which is unique...and beautiful. One is owned by Feisel, the other by Nicolosi. And both are good for value.

From Ohio we have OH 165 I and J which are good for value and very nice ancient tokens. Three of the aluminum are known, and only one of the brass (which I got from the Atwood collection). But I have no idea when they were used. Then we have the three oldies from Wapakoneta which are nice because they have the words "toll house" on them. But whether they were identification checks or good for value is uncertain. I suspect they are very old, possibly pre-Civil War.

Pennsylvania is rich bridge and toll road country--apparently you could hardly turn around without being socked with a toll in that state, and they maintain the tradition with the ageing Pennsylvania Turnpike. My favorite toll road tokens from that state are not the Lancaster County ones, but the three celluloid Foxburgh tokens, which are real beauties (Pa 385 A B C). Then from Philadelphia we have 750 D E, nice because they have "Plank Road" spelled right out. But whether identification checks or actually good for value is uncertain. But we know they had to be used prior to 1873, and this gives them the added value of venerability.

From Virginia we have the 5 New Mechanicsville Turnpike tokens, all beautiful old ones good for value. David Schenkman has four of them (including 2 duplicates of one), Dan DiMichael has one, and Hal Ford has one. I think that covers the waterfront on these beauties. Then we have modern tokens for the Virginia Beach Expressway and the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, all in use and good for value except 580 O which state "NR" on it for "non-revenue." This last is very hard to get but I think some are available.

From West Virginia we have all those Wheeling things which could well be toll road tokens, but no one has ever come up with any explanation of what they were. I don't even know why they are attributed to Wheeling, and would love to hear the story.

From Wisconsin we have a Civil War token for a plank road. But Civil War tokens were not usually good for payment of toll or fare unless they state that they were. So this very rare little token is only tangentially a transportation token.

There are a few interesting toll road tokens among the Unidentified. Nos. 22 and 23 have been suggested for "Virginia and Ohio Turnpike" since they were struck in Cincinnati, but that is only guesswork. My favorite among the Unidentified is #74, which I own: a beautiful old brass token with "1 HORSE WEST" on it. Wish someone would attribute it for me. All we know is that it was made in Dayton, Ohio.

This about sums up the toll road tokens of the United States, although I may have forgotten a couple. There are a few foreign toll road tokens, the most exciting of which are the "King's Private Roads" tokens of England which, I am certain, were really passes, or identification checks. But they are nevertheless ancient and beautiful and great conversation pieces. Considering their rarity they sell for very reasonable prices--usually around \$25 apiece.

If one were asked to sum up the essence of toll road tokens, he would have to use the word "rare." Even some of the modern ones now in use are very rare, in the sense that it's worth your life to try and get one--such as the Maryland ones. As a group, they are generally ugly to look at, the most beautiful being the Moriah, NY, ones. But, like steam locomotives and suspension bridges their beauty is in their utility, and in the eye of the educated beholder who knows what they represent. They are congealed moments of the history of our country when it was expensive to move about.

The irony of all this is that we are coming full circle. Toll roads will proliferate, and toll road tokens will come more and more into use--except in the eleven Western States where there has never been a toll road that was publicly owned, and never will be. It is coming to cost more and more to move about--not only in the payment of exorbitant tolls, and transportation fares, but also in the cost of the fuel that moves us about. So the closing years of the 20th Century will find us, by necessity, a more sedate people and a less mobile one. We shall be forced to curb our restlessness, and in the process I fear we shall also lose something of our genius.

= SWEDISH TOKENS: ADDENDUM =

Following publication of Mr. F.J. Bingen's excellent article on Swedish tokens in the November issue, I asked him to point out any corrections or additions, which he has kindly done, as follows:

Page 139. On the round workers pass (NMXII, p. 73, no. 19) the first word is FÖR (and not Für - this would be German)

Page 141. In the first alinea under Göteborg there has been something wrong. I repeat this alinea. NMXII lists on page 36, under no. 15, the same token as Smith's 240 AC - the 12 öre overstamped with 15 - of Göteborgs Angslups A.B. Instead of Smith's listing, however, the reverse is not blank but bears the old Sporrong seal no. 701. The same listing occurs in Atwood's old Foreign Check List (300 W). Further, NMXII gives on p. 36, nr. 18, a brass 10 öre token of the same company (Sm. 240 AD) with the same obverse and reverse. Of the Göteborgs Nya Angslups A B, which was founded Mar.8, 1872, is listed in NMXII, p. 36, nr. 28, a brass octagonal 12 öre token (25mm) overstamped with the value 15 (in the same way as was done with Smith 240 AC of the old Göteborgs Angslups A.B.), which token is not listed by Smith.

Page 145. On line 11 it should read: 820 E B, obverse E etc.

The proof Mr. Sömod has given on page 163 of The Fare Box 1973 is in my opinion fully satisfactory, to believe the tinned iron tokens of Københavns Sporvej are genuine. It is a pity this story was not published earlier. Anyhow it now has been printed and the doubt that always has existed in regard to these tokens has been taken away.

- F.J. Bingen

= REMEMBER: MINNEAPOLIS A.V.A. CONVENTION - AUGUST 9,10,11 =

= THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BUS PASSES =
By Les Hawthorne

There is a certain area of the North Sydney Council District (New South Wales) where there are a number of privately owned and state operated schools. This area is serviced by the Artarmon Bus Service, which has a state government contract to pick up students in the morning at a nearby suburban railway station and deliver them to their various schools. Then in the afternoon the buses pick up these students at their schools and transport them back to the railway station.

The Artarmon Bus Service issues metal free travel passes to these students at the beginning of each year. These passes bear the date of the current year and are different each year as to the obverse color.

The bus service also picks up regular passengers as well, and they pay cash fares. The students are the only ones who get free transportation.

For the year 1974 the Artarmon Bus Service has changed the manufacturer of the passes, as well as the metal alloy, because they had some trouble with previous passes breaking up while stamping on the date and numerals (they being of faulty alloy).

I was very fortunate in obtaining several of these passes, which are described as follows:

- ARTARMON BUS SERVICE. FREE TRAVEL PASS NOT TRANSFERABLE
(PHONE NUMBER) [obverse colored blue]
- A o WM Ob Pc (blank) (gold-plated) (29x35mm) [* 1970]
- ARTARMON BUS SERVICE. FREE TRAVEL PASS NOT TRANSFERABLE
(PHONE NUMBER\$(DATE) 71 (NUMERALS) [obverse colored green]
- B o WM Ob Pc (blank) (gold-plated) (29x35mm) [date 71 & numerals are incuse on Obv]
- C o WM Ob Pc [as B but with "72" instead of 71]
- D o WM Ob Pc [as B but with "73" instead of 71, and obverse is colored orange, and die is different]
- E o WM Ob Pc [as B but with "74" instead of 71; size is 30x37mm; maker's name is added to reverse; reverse surface is stippled; and die is different]

= REPORT FROM THE FEISEL TOKEN JAMBOREE =
By Harold V. Ford

I spent Friday and Saturday, down in San Jose at Feisel's Exonomia Jamboree. Picked up three good ones to help renew my interest in TT's: Cal 775 A, which seems to be a different die from the one I already have, assuming the one pictured in Atwood is my original specimen. This second specimen is the one that was in that Southern California token auction a few months back. I know of one bid for \$81.00 submitted for it at that auction, but understand there were several bids even higher than that. Also picked up Mo 920 G, the specimen that was listed in The Fare Box and which has had several owners of late. Also picked up Ontario 700 A.

I turned down a SD 725 A at \$50.00, but understand Roger Bolz took it. It had obviously been buried in the ground for many years and the condition of the token left something to be desired.

Clarence Heppner, George Gould, and a Seattle dealer drove down together. Other AVA members from out of the immediate area were there, including R.B. Carter, Crusen, Willahan, Lipshie, Williges, Bolz, Heitman, Redies, Coney, Joe Levine, and one from South Dakota and one from Colorado whose names slip my memory at the moment. Gould, incidentally, says he has a Wash 80 A.

There were only two decent TT's in the auction: ILL 580 A and Mo 700 A. I do remember the Missouri piece went for \$27.50, but cannot recall the Illinois price, though I know it was a reasonable price, neither too high nor too low.

Unfortunately, Feisel's tokens for this 1974 Jamboree did not arrive in time, so he was forced to use the tokens he used last year at the 1973 Show!

= SHIP'S MONEY =
By F.J. Bingen

Collectors of world transportation tokens probably know that right after World War II, two sets of ship's money tokens were issued in the Netherlands. The reason was that, immediately following the war, there were restrictive currency regulations which strictly limited the amount of money travellers could take with them out of the country. This restriction was especially annoying to travellers on board ship. Accordingly several European steamship companies issued their own "money," or tokens. The Steamship Company Netherland (Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland - S.M.N.) and the Holland America Line (Nederlandsche Amerikaansche Stoomvaart Maatschappij Holland Amerika Lijn) at first used paper money of their own issue. Upon coming on board, passengers were required to change their own money for the ship money, and during the voyage they could only use the ship money for any payments required of them. The S M N was the first company that introduced its own coins, as the paper currency did not last very long, and soon became very dirty. Only the paper currency of 10 and 25 guilders remained in use. Between 1947 and 1959 there were struck on the Rijks Munt (the State Mint) in Utrecht the following numbers of ship money coins:

50,000	2.50 F.	aluminum	Smith 909 I
75,000	1.00 F.	"	Smith 909 H
50,000	.50 F.	"	Smith 909 G
44,000	.25 F.	bronze	Smith 909 F
190,000	.10 F.	"	Smith 909 E
170,000	.05 F.	"	Smith 909 D

Inasmuch as the original 25 cents in bronze was of about the same size as the U.S. 25¢ coin, there was put into use after some years--that is to say in December, 1953,--an entirely different coin, the square aluminum piece of which until 1959 were struck 100,000 pieces (Smith 909 K). Also in December, 1953, the Mint in Utrecht started with the striking of a 5 guilder piece in the same size as the 2½ guilder, and to differentiate it from this coin it was made of bronze with an aluminum center of 27mm (Smith 909 J). Until 1959, 20,000 of these coins were struck.

The Holland America Line soon following the example of the S M N, but only for the lower denominations. In 1948 the Mint in Utrecht struck:

10,000	25¢	bronze
12,000	10¢	bronze
10,000	5¢	bronze

But the denomination of these coins is in U.S. dollars and cents! For the higher values the H A L remained using paper currency. Soon after 1959 the reason for the use of these special coins was eliminated. Foreign money could be used more freely, and in the early sixties there was no longer any need for the use of ship money coins. However, on the ships of the S M N the coins remained, just for the convenience of passengers, for some years. But this ended about 1965, and now some denominations are very difficult to find.

One would think this was the end of ship's money altogether. But a recent visit to the Mint at Utrecht brought to light an entirely new set of this money, issued by Philips van Ommeren N.V. (Ltd.), one of the bigger ship owners in Rotterdam. Struck by the Mint are the following pieces:

V O (in monogram)				
WM 26 Sd	Phs. Van Ommeren N.V.	Rotterdam	.	250
WM 23 Sd	"	"	"	100
Bz 20 Sd	"	"	"	25
Bz 18 Sd	"	"	"	10

The number of these struck was: (250) 4,130 in 1964, 1,026 in 1968 (total 5,156). (100) 8,122 in 1964, 2,032 in 1968 (total 10,154). (25) 10,426 in 1964, 4,066 in 1968 (total 14,492). (25) 10,494 in 1964, 7,960 in 1968 (total 18,454).

These tokens are valid only on the ships of V O. The crew gets a certain amount of these coins every week, and payments in the canteen can only be made with these coins. No other currency is accepted. The company states that, in this way, there is no need for them to bring on board any current Netherlands coins. Besides this, the Captain can, if anyone should use too much spirits, correct this in a certain way by giving him less ship's money! I have tried to secure some sets of these nice pieces for my fellow collectors, but I mostly regret that the company, though willing to give me any information needed, did not wish to dispose of more than the two sets they sent me. Moreover they told me that is of no use to write them directly, as they will not answer any requests for their tokens.

Yet another token, which could be ship's money, came into my possession recently:

(FLAG WITH J. & A.V.D.S.)

B 22 Sd 1 Lire

I must confess this token puzzles me completely. The flag with the initials J. & A. V.D.S. is the flag of a very big old Netherlands ship company for inland navigation, called J. and A. Van der Schuyt, a company of which it is, however, absolutely certain that they never had any lines out of the boundaries of the Netherlands. The finding of a token of this firm with the Italian denomination of 1 Lire puts me therefore in a puzzle, for which I do not have a solution. The company in question does not exist anymore. The three biggest companies for inland navigation have been united in the S.B.S. (Van der Schuyt - Van den Boom and Stanfries) and I have written to this firm. In their very kind reply they did not give me an answer to my question. Still there is one link between Van der Schuyt and Italy! In a book written by Dr. J.M. Fuchs and published in 1955, which covers the history of inland navigation in the Netherlands in the last 100 years, the writer tells us that in 1909 there were built for Van der Schuyt two big new steamships. These new ships seemed to have been of a striking beauty. They were put into use in 1910 and soon after their maiden trip a Netherlands broker made a bid for the two ships on behalf of an Italian steamship company. This bid was so high that Van der Schuyt, being apparently a good businessman, accepted at once. The proceeds of this transaction were sufficient for the building of four ships as big and as beautiful as the two ships they had sold to Italy! Could there be any connection between this deal and my Netherlands/Italian token? Was the token used on the voyage of these two ships from the Netherlands to Italy? Or did the new owner of the ships, whose name is not known, like the flag of Van der Schuyt so much that he put it on his own tokens? The only thing that seems certain in this strange case is that we have here a piece of ship's money that, according to the Italian denomination, is probably of unidentified Italian origin.

Speaking of ship's money, I shall take this opportunity to comment on the story about the 25 pfennig token of the Norddeutscher Lloyd of Bremen, on page 42 of The Fare Box of April 1973. It is a nice story, but I'd like to know who it was that "identified" this token. To begin with I draw the attention of our readers to the listing of a similar 10 Pfennig token in The Fare Box, 1968, page 94. This 10 Pfennig token is in my collection, and I reported it to Mr. Smith in a letter of January 23, 1960. The listing, however, is not correct, and not in accordance with my report. On the reverse the wording is not "Nur Für Diese Reise Gültig", but rather "Z22 Nur Für Diese Reise Gültig". So apart from the size, denomination, and number (R6 and Z22) the tokens are fully alike. May I say that I believe the explanation in the article is not correct. Even in those days a walking tour from a passenger ship would cost more than 10 or 25 Pfennig (the equivalent of 2½¢ or 6¢ U.S.). In my opinion these tokens are common ship's tokens which could be used to pay for expenses aboard the ships of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, when on their way to the U.S.A., in the same way one could get for the beer token 909 B of the same company a quarter of a litre of beer and for token 909 F half a litre of beer. It is probable --but for this there is no confirmation--these tokens were used right after World War I, for the same reason the Netherlands ship money was used in 1948. A letter of the still existing Norddeutscher Lloyd confirms only that the said tokens are ship's money, but I know that one cannot always depend on such latter-day communications. But one thing is certain: let us congratulate the person who acquired the piece, for they are extremely hard to get!

= THE "STRASSENBAHN" TOKENS OF OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY =
By F.J. Bingen

As our readers may know, the collecting of tokens in the part of the world where I am living is only attractive to a few numismatists. Certainly there are collections of Germany emergency money, of porcelain coins and medals. But the "common" trade tokens, the beer checks, and even the transportation tokens, are mostly looked at a bit suspiciously, and most coin collectors in Europe find it beneath their dignity to put these items in their collections.

It may be said, however, that in the last few years some progress has been made. But catalogues of tokens such as are published in the United States are hardly ever found--with the exception of the works of the late Mr. Walter Funck and recently a few others.

It was therefore a great surprise to receive the *Münstersche Numismatische Zeitung* of February, 1973 (issued by Mr. Holger Dombrowski) with an article, written by Mr. Heinz Thormann, "Die Osnabrücker Marken des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts" (The 19th and 20th Century tokens of Osnabrück). Mr. Thormann got the chance to inspect a collection which had been put together almost entirely right after World War I, consisting of about 70 tokens of Osnabrück. So he took this opportunity to describe this collection. Nearly all of the described tokens are illustrated. Rightly Mr. Thormann urges his readers to pay more attention to tokens, in order to prevent a lot of them from getting lost forever, and to avoid letting many more end up in the "Unidentified" category.

From this article I learned that two tokens in my collection with the obverse St. O. and on the reverse A or M -- of which I had hoped St. O. would stand for Strassenbahn O(snabrück) or some other town in Germany, beginning with the letter O -- are indeed of Osnabrück, "St" being however "Stahlwerk" (steelworks) and not Strassenbahn!

But, on the other hand, Mr. Thormann astonishes us vecturists with the description of not less than 23 transportation tokens (Funck lists 14 pieces, and Smith only 12). It is by his mermission that we are now able to present these listings to the readers of THE FARE BOX. For this kindness our sincere thanks. In the following listing, which as far as possible follows the sequence used by Mr. Thormann, reference is made to the catalogues of Funck and Smith.

EIGENTUM D. STRASSENBAHN OSNABRÜCK UMSTEIGEMARKE (CITY ARMS)

A o K	Sq Sd	Gültig Nur Bei Directem Umsteigen (small letters)(19mm) (issued between 1906/1912)(F. 97.2; Sm. --; T. 33)
B o B	Sq Sd	(same inscription as A)(19mm) (issued 20 February 1906) (a. reverse large letters)(F. --; Sm. --; T. 34) (b. reverse small letters)(F. --; Sm. --; T. 35)
C o B	Oc Sd	(same inscription as A)(20mm) (issued 20 February 1906)(F. --; Sm. 760 L; T. 36)
D o Z	Sq Sd	(same inscription as A)(19mm) a. nickel-coated; issued 1 April 1912 (F. --; Sm. --; T. 37) b. brass-coated; issued 1 April 1912 (F. 97.4b; Sm. --; T. 39) c. uncoated; issued 1914 (F. 97.4a; Sm. --; T. 41)
E o Z	Oc Sd	(same inscription as A)(20mm) a. nickel-coated; issued 1 April 1912 (F. --; Sm. --; T. 38) b. brass-coated (F. 97.6b; Sm. --; T. --) c. not coated (issued 1914)(F. 97.6a; Sm. 760 K; T. 44)
F o Z	Hx Sd	(same inscription as A)(20mm) a. nickel coated (issued 1914)(F. --; Sm. --; T. 42) b. brass coated (F. 97.5b; Sm. --; T. --) c. not coated (issued 1914)(F. 97.5a; Sm. 760 J; T. 43)
G o A	Sq Sd	(same inscription as A)(19mm)(issued 1914)(F. --; Sm. --; T. 40)
H o Z	Tr Sd	" " " " (30x22mm)(issued 1924)(F 97.7; Sm 760H; T 47)

UMSTEIGEMARKE d.St.B.O.

- I o Z 24 Sd Gültig Nur Bei Directem Umsteigen (issued 1920)(F 97.8; Sm 760 E; T 45)
- J o Z Sq Sd " " " " " (issued 1924)(F --; Sm 760 F; T 45)
- O. St.B.
- K o Z Tr Sd (city arms)(23x18mm)(F 97.3; Sm 760 D(?); T 46)(* 11 April 1922)
(The measurement of Sm 760 D is given as 23x22mm, which I assume to be an error)
- STRASSENBAHN DER STADT OSNABRÜCK (24x19mm)
- L o Z Ov Sd Dienst- Marke (* 1 April 1906)(F 97.10; Sm 760 B; T 49)
- M o B Ov Sd " " (* 1912 ?)(F 97.9; Sm 760 A; T --)
- N o A Ov Sd " " (* 1924)(F 97.11; Sm 760 C; T 50)
- O o B Ov Sd Fahr- Marke (* between 1 April 1912 and 1914)(F --; Sm --; T 53)
- EIGENTUM DER STRASSENBAHN OSNABRÜCK (24x19mm)
- P o B Ov Sd Fahr- Marke
 - a. straight letters on reverse (* 1 April 1912)
(F 97.1; Sm 760 G; T 51)
 - b. letters of Roman type on reverse (* between 1 April 1912 & 1914)
(F 97.1; Sm 760 G; T 52)
- (GAS METER TOKEN WITH 3 RIDGES; WITHOUT LETTERING)
- Q o B 2l Sd (no lettering)(value 1.50 Mark)(* 11 April 1922)(F --; Sm --; T 54)
- R o B 2l Tr-sc " " (value 2.50 Mark)(* 2 May 1922)(F --; Sm --; T 55)

= THE SHELBURNE PROPERTIES TOKEN - NJ 20 I =
By J.V. Pernicano

I had reason to visit Atlantic City recently, and while there took some time to research the Shelburne Properties token. Mr. Catalano, V.P., the man in charge of building and maintenance, was kind enough to inform me of the details of the token's use. For years the hotels and motels of Atlantic City would offer their guests, many of whom arrived by bus, transportation to civic, cultural and sightseeing attractions in and around the city. The cab in question would usually, at trip's end, visit the cashier and collect his fare. About five or six years ago the hotel ordered 200 of the tokens, gave them to the guest, and at the convenience of the cab driver the token in due course would be turned over to the hotel cashier for reimbursement.

The tokens, incidentally, were put into use only during the summer months: June, July, August.

At present there are no tokens left. Mr. Catalano said that many of them were lost, and some not even turned in to the cab driver. At this point Mr. Catalano is undecided about ordering more tokens because there has been some abuse regarding their use. Only time will tell whether we shall have additional supplies of NJ 20 I, or a new listing for the same service.

= PRICES REALIZED AT ROICE RIDER'S LATEST MAIL AUCTION =

DE 900 A.....\$7.00	MI 680 H.....\$4.50	NH 30 A.....\$9.50	PA 495 H.....\$6.50
FL 230 A.....48.50	MI 845 B.....48.50	NY 695 A.....12.40	PA 645 A.....5.40
FL 230 B.....41.50	MO 440 G.....12.05	OH 175 Z..... 3.75	PA 650 Z.....6.00
IL 220 F..... 8.25	MO 997 B..... 2.26	PA 15 F..... 2.50	PA 997 J.....2.08
IA 150 A..... 8.55	NE 440 F..... 5.15	PA 165 A..... 9.50	PA 997 O.....1.50
MI 470 A..... 5.00	NE 440 G..... 7.10	PA 470 A..... 8.25	TX 445 J.....14.75
			WI 510 D.....5.00

Larry Bosler has come up with a beautiful unpunched solid error of Pa 750 AT. Far as I know this is the only unpunched solid of any of the Philadelphia commemoratives. Larry says he got it from one of Ed Dence's auctions, but then I am the one AVA member who never reads the ads.

UNITED KINGDOM

Three years have passed since England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, changed over to the decimal coinage system. At that time some parties felt that there would be a flood of old British tokens from the vaults as they cleaned them out. Don Capper and I knew that we had checked the companies closely and that with the exception of Leeds, Sheffield, and Derby, very little remained, if any, in the other vaults. As the vaults were cleaned out in the past 3 years and replaced with new tokens, no new surprises or quantities of any items were found outside of Derby, which we knew had something. When Sheffield cleaned out their vaults we were hoping to get some quantities of SHEFFIELD TRAMWAYS tokens (page 112 of my Catalogue), but to no avail. When Sheffield got their new tokens they took the sacks of pre-decimal tokens and burned them without letting us pick out tokens for collectors, destroying all their tokens from 685 AA to DM,HA,ZA, and ZB. This makes some Sheffield Tramways tokens in the census token category, and only small supplies of the others in collectors' hands.

Many companies are still using their plastic "d" tokens as new "p" tokens, thereby increasing their face value by 2.4 times previous "d" value, and these tokens are getting in bad condition as they are used. We have been fortunate in having the services of Don Capper who inspects the sacks over there and gets the best condition tokens possible for us and the new issues service. We knew that Derby had some tokens they had not melted and finally they released them to us. Derby has a copy of the World Catalogue, and uses its prices when dealing with us. Up to 1971 Derby 240 K was in use and not available to collectors, and is now listed with correct inscription. All four below-listed tokens were supplied us in sufficient (just barely) quantities for members of the foreign new issues service and will be distributed by Nicolosi.

Derby 240

	DERBY CORPORATION OMNIBUS	2d (star)	EMPLOYEE (star)	2d (numbers)	
K o B	Ov Tr-sc	(blank)(apparently used	1947-71)(33x24mm)		.75
U o B	Ov Ch	"	"	1940-47)	.75
V o B	Ov Sq-sc	"	"	xxxx-1940)	.75
	DERBY CORPORATION OMNIBUSES	2d-	PREPAID		
W o B	Ov Sd	(blank)(30x23mm)			.15

Leeds is interesting because around the turn of the century they acquired the plastic token stocks of another company and had them remoulded to Leeds tokens. At various times other tokens were remoulded to Leeds Tramways tokens, including the white 1/2d Sheffield tokens when Sheffield discontinued their 1/2d tokens. Leeds decided with the new decimal system to discontinue plastic tokens. They apparently used plastic tokens from about 1896 to 1971 for company and government employees. Fortunately I was able to buy the complete stock of Leeds 1d white TRAMWAYS tokens they had left, which was only a few thousand. They were out of Leeds Tramways 1/2 and 2d tokens. Kirk and I are now in the process of inspecting these white tokens with magnifying glasses for signs of other tokens underneath, and also destroying over 80% of the not over stamped white tokens as they are in too poor a shape for collectors. This will be a subject of a future report on Leeds.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

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= MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

COLORADO

Arapahoe East 30 (Reported by William Garrison)

* B A 18 Sd [like 30 A, but blue label instead of white label] (* 1974) \$0.25

CONNECTICUT

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)

RIDGEFIELD TAXI TEL: 438-0800 RIDGEFIELD CONN. [white letters]

* A Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (* 3/15/74) .15

OREGON

Eugene 240 (Lane County)

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT EUGENE, ORG. (LOGO)

* D B 16 Sd Good For One Fare (* 9/73) [senior citizen token] .15

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT EUGENE, OREGON. (LOGO)

* E B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (* 8/73) .25

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT EUGENE, OREGON (LOGO)

* F B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (* 1973) .25

* G B 23 Sd Good For One Fare 1974 (* 1974) .25

[Lane Transit took over from Emerald Transit on November 23, 1970, and used paper tickets until 1973, when metal tokens were put into use.]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington 500 (Reported by Richard Parker)

METRO 1973

* AL WM 23 M-sc Metrobus 1973 Serving Our Nation's Capital (* 2/11/74) .40

[Four million of these tokens were made, in 1973, by Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago. So there could be die varieties.]

UNIDENTIFIED

A.B.C. CAB CO. TORREY 7-4142

143 A 36 Sd Good For 25¢ in Trade

CORRECTED LISTING: Change listings for Unidentified #11 and 12 to the following:

HILL & HORNER TRANS. CO., INC. ¢

11 B 26 Sd Hill & Horner Trans. Co., Inc. (counterstamped 40)

a. (counterstamped 40 on both obverse & reverse)

b. (counterstamped 40 on obverse only)

12 B 26 Sd (like #11, but counterstamped 50, on both obverse & reverse)

[Note that "¢" is only on one side of the token on #11 and #12]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month the New Issues Service had hoped to send out the four tokens of Eugene and one for Washington, D.C. But at this moment in writing up the listings and our notes they had not been received. We'd like to send out at least 5 tokens this month; so if we've not received the other 2 Eugene tokens we will send out the two we're listing under Colorado and Connecticut.

On the Colorado ski token, apparently in spite of the amount of these that had been fixed up for use in 1972, they must have been misplaced, so needing more they made up some more. This year they used blue labels instead of white ones as in 1972. See my notes in the February 1972 Fare Box.

On the Connecticut taxi token, it is used by Ridgefield Taxi of 50 Branchville Road in Ridgefield. On this type of token, although I'd class them as advertising pieces, you could almost call them timetables. One could carry the token in his pocket and when looking for a cab phone the number on the token. One day soon I shall make up a listing of all taxi tokens, and try to separate those which are legitimate

transportation tokens from those that are really just advertising pieces.

Now on the Eugene tokens: On my way to a basketball game in January, 1973, I stopped off at Eugene and asked about tokens. One thing I always do if I have the time is ride the city bus in any city I visit. I questioned the driver in Eugene, and he said they expected to use tokens. So of course I visited the office, and was told they already had new tokens on hand, and I talked my way into getting a 16mm and a 23mm. I had these two tokens for at least 8 months before they were put into use. This is one reason I have been toying with the idea of a *** listing to show tokens are in a vault, or in the possession of a company, but not yet put into use. Of course they promised to tell me when these tokens were placed in use. Meanwhile, a couple months back Frank Kelley wrote the company and got a couple, and noted the difference between 240 E and F. Now knowing the tokens were in use, we wrote to get a supply for N.I.S. We got 240 D and G, but still needed E and F. A couple weeks ago I went through Eugene again, but noted the tokens for sale were all in little envelopes of 5, and most of the tokens were those with 1974 on them. So I asked the cashier if they could pick out some of the E and F for our N.I.S. Mr. Nicolosi has now received word that the tokens are on the way. But at this writing he still has not received them...and rather than hold up the listings another month we shall go ahead and list them all this time, even though the N.I.S. may have to wait till next month before sending them out. The 16mm token is for seniors. Obviously the didn't realize how many of the regular, 23mm, ones they'd require, so had to reorder. The various orders so far have totalled some 80,000 tokens! The office manager told me he had no idea what was happening to the tokens but people apparently are hoarding them, and he has to keep reordering. Apparently the die broke on 240 E, and when a new die was made the left the period off after OREGON. Then the latest batch had the year 1974 put on them, which gave us yet another variety.

Washington, D.C., had 4,000,000 tokens made in 1973. Previously they used what they called Tok-tiks which were sold in books of ten for \$4, but decided to replace these with metal tokens. The order for tokens was placed May 1973, and they waited till they had enough before putting them into use. It cost them \$137,800 for the four million tokens, or a bit over 3¢ apiece. With such a big order they must have used more than one die, so will wait for reports of die varieties on these. Tokens are used by Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority, which took over in January, 1973. It took over most of the suburban bus lines in the area as well as the old D.C. Transit. See also page 33 of March 1973 Fare Box. The new tokens are sold only in envelopes of ten tokens each, for \$4.00.

The original listing of Unidentified #11 appeared in the August, 1947, Fare Box! This was before Coffee & Freiberg took over. Till now I never knew what the token looked like, but Mort Dawson found one with 40 only on one side, and then it dawned on me that the tokens were made up to be counterstamped with whatever amount would be required--sometimes on one side only and sometimes on both sides, apparently. We have no idea where this token was used--and it has been 27 years since it was first reported and still no one has found a home for it. So, now, I think the way I have relisted the tokens makes more sense.

= MARCH NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

Five tokens coming your way this month. Had hoped to send you the 4 Eugene, OR, together, but got a call from Lane Transit last night, and they said they will be delayed a bit in sending the final two. After all it does take them a lot of trouble to pick out the two varieties that we want, as apparently they're all mixed up together. So this month you get 2 Eugenes, plus CO 30 B; CT 1000 A; DC 500 AL. Thanks to Toby Frisbee for getting CO 30 B for us, and also thanks to Richard Parker for untiring efforts in helping us get the DC 500 AL. The other 2 Eugenes you will get next month. Anyone who doesn't want the CT 1000 token, feel free to return, as many others will be glad to get it. All NIS members, both regular & associate, will get this month's 5 tokens...if your account can afford them.

WANTED: Dairy, bakery, ice, flour, coal-oil & kerosene tokens. Please send descriptions & prices to: = Harold Lesser - 32 Oneida Ave. - Selden, NY 11784

TT's FOR SALE AT 20¢ each: (please send postage) AK 50 B; AZ 80 A; AR 480 P; CA 300 F 445 B, 450 I J, 745 Q, 760 D F, 775 J; CO 140 D, 340 E; CT 37 J, 290 N, 305 M N P; FL 330 S, 880 C; HI 240 C D. Still taking Indian cents in trade at 20¢ each and lge. cents at \$2.50 each. 2x2 kraft envelopes for sale at 60¢ per 100 postpaid. Will also swap Indian head cents.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling So. - Minneapolis, Mi 55416

THANKS FOR THE GOOD RETURNS OF MY AD IN THE FEBR. FB. More needed. What have you?

Clarence C. Hiorth - 308 E. Hinckley Ave. - Ridley Park, PA 19078

FOR SALE: old New Bedford, Mass., trolley car pictures. Union Street Railway Co., 1920-1952, 4 pictures for \$2.25 with your postage (all diff.), and April special on TT's: 25 for \$5.25 all diff. Read good buy. Plus free bonus with all orders.

W.P. Kane - 2074 Acushnet Ave. - New Bedford, MA 02745

BULK TRADERS: I have received a large shipment of several TTs and PTs which I can offer in quantities of 100 and 1000 each. If you are interested in bulk trades write me. All letters will be answered.

Sam Ruggeri - P.O. Box 561 - North Bellmore, NY 11710

NEW MEMBER NEEDS: Nev 100 A B C; Ne 40 A B, 80 A, 480 A B C, 550 A, 710 A B, 740 A, 930 A; Wyo 100 A B C D E F G H I J, 120 A B C D E F G H I J K, 150 A B, 450 A, 660 A, 750 A, 810 A; RI 520 A B C D E F G H I J, 620 A B C, 700 A B C D F.

Lowell R. Locke - 2747 Briargrove #357 - Houston, TX 77027

1913 S and 1915 S Lincoln cents in V.G. and 1924-D in Fine, to trade for TTs. Either trends vs catalog or market value. I also have a supply of Mich 375 A.

Al Kremer - 2601 Simpson St. - Evanston, IL 60201

FOR SALE: Ark 975 A - RI 520 A - Wash 780 K - Wash 920 D. I need \$1 each and a 10¢ stamp. = Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

NEW FIND: American Baking Co., McAlester, Okla., 5¢ - 10¢ - \$1.00 - \$10.-- \$20. alun. set for \$20.00 = 10¢ value only \$2 each.

Del Ford - P.O. Box 15263 - Del City, OK 73115

MAIL BID: Ga 630 A B; Kans 450 B C, 550 A; Minn 760 A C; Pa 25 C D; Tenn 250 A, 375 C, 430 A B Gb. Plus postage & insurance.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

I'VE GONE TO THE DOGS. Need help. Am hoping to expand my dog tax collection by 300%. Therefore I am offering from 2 to 5 garden type tokens (or better) for tags I don't have. Also swapping tag for tag or make me a deal. Note new temp. address:

E.C. Lanham, c/o Dyer - 2070 W. 18th St. - Cleveland, OH 44113

FOR BEST CASH OFFER: census token Knoxville, Tenn 430 F. Also Dayton, Ohio 230 H vulcanite; Toledo 860 B and Milwaukee Wis 510 D.

Neil Sowards - 548 Home Ave. - Ft. Wayne, IN 46307

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES PLUS POSTAGE: Cal 1000 O 25¢; Conn 1000 A 25¢; Colo 30 B 35¢; Md 60 AV 75¢; Minn 600 B \$1.50; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢, 695 D 40¢, 875 X 50¢; NC 980 J 45¢; Tex 320 G 15¢; Ont 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢; Wis 360 L M N O 50¢ eac. FOR TRADE for Cal. & Nev. trade tokens: Cal 1000 G H; Col 140 J, 600 A, Fla 60 A, 930 D; Ga 690 A; Ky 45 C, 370 G; Neb 305 A B C D;

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: CA 105 A; CO P and Q (set only); FLA 860 A; NJ 250 A; Pa 750 N Z AJ W; NY 631 S. = Ed Dence - 8627 Crispin Drive - Philadelphia, PA 19136

FOR SALE: Buenos Aires subway token, Argentina 160 I, 30¢ each +SAE. WANTED: NY 630 AR; Pa 445 C; Wash 780 U.

Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, NJ 08030

ROICE CAN USE your surplus tokens. I have many U.S. premium coins to trade on a fair basis - or will buy.

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

PARKING TOKENS: PTMS 3001A and MSPT 3057 A. Will trade for hard rubber merchants' tokens, railroad wood cord tokens, sutler tokens, or ??? Also have many better transportation tokens for trade.

David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

WANTED: NY 10 F H J K L M, 25 F G, 235 B, 875 A B C D E J N P.

Mel Beaton - 30 Hecla Street - Boston, MA 02122

TOKENS AND MERCHANT TOKENS. Have none for trading yet but want those from Indiana. What else can you use? = Richard Salzer - RR #3, Box 791 - Knox, IN 46534

TRADE: Ala 560 B; Ill 150 Aa; Ohio 165 Q; Tenn 430 A. If no trade then to highest bidder. SALE AT \$1 each +SAE: Pa 555 A, 675 C.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

WOULD LIKE TO TRADE FOR Tex 3255 M Q R S, 3340 C F G, 3445 A B, 3565 A, 3810 A B D, 3950 A, 3985 C any parking from Oregon or Utah. Will give double catalog of TTs or PTs for these of my choice. = Joe Studebaker Jr. - POB 804 - W. Columbia, SC 29169

MISSOURI MERCHANT TOKENS wanted. Also saloon tokens and G/f advertising mirrors.

Littlefield - 4841 Harnover - St. Louis, MO 63123

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: tokens or medallions featuring balloons, dirigibles, or blimps especially souvenirs sold at Gordon Bennett Balloon Races of the early 1900's. Have contacts with collector in France.

Gary Ascher - 506 North L Street - Sparta, WI 54656

FOR TRADE ONLY: scarce Illinois sales tax tokens for TT's that I can use from western north and south western states. Write for want & trade lists.

Edrick J. Miller - 3257 Idaho Lane - Costa Mesa, CA 92626

CA 775 K. San Jose (CA). Trader Lew Amusement Park. One 25¢ Ride. Wooden Nickel. 65¢ each, 2/95¢, 3/\$1.25, 4/\$1.55, prepaid.

Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

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W.A. Jolly - P.O. Box 1136 - Scottsbluff, NE 69361

I AM TRYING TO BUILD A COLLECTION OF PERSONAL TOKENS, AND NEED THE FOLLOWING: 3 A B C D, 14 C, 42 B C, 68 A B, 80 A, 116 B C, 157 A, 277 A, 312 A, 314 A B C D, 335 A B C 341 A, 367 A, 375 A B, 386 A B, 399 A B, 402 A B C D E F H I J K, 412 A, 431 A B C E H I J K L M N O P Q R, 441 A B C D E F G, 449 B, 462 B C D E F G, 472 A, 498 A, 514 A

Bob Kloida - 2821 Parkridge Ave. - Marinette, WI 54143

FOR TRADE OR WILL SELL TO HIGHEST BID: a brass oval token 32x42mm with a hole in top: INDPLS RAILWAYS INC. / OPERATOR / 916 / BANK CHECK [on obverse]; reverse blank.

Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle - Mason, OH 45040

FOR TRADE: Col 260 P Q, 860 C; Ill 155 A B, 385 A; Ind 650 B C; Minn 540 AE, 730 B C D; NM 430 A C D; Pa 320 A, 405 A, 515 B, 750 O; Wash 300 Ab, and real estate token NJ 555 B. Need Ark., La., Miss., Okla., & Texas.

T.H. Robinson - Box 8405 - Pine Bluff, AR 71601

WANTED: NJ 95 A, 220 A, 555 E F; Pa 10 A D, 15 L M, 175 A B, 360 A B C; Va 580 F, 620 P Q; any Vermont. Have some common tokens to trade. Let me know what you have and what you need. = Stanley Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010

DATE NAILS: wanted to buy or trade. Have many dupes. Send nails typical of those in your area especially if you want to sell or trade for TT's. Otherwise send description of your nails. = Geo. Van Trump - Box 656, Edgemont Br. - Golden, CO 80401

HAVE 10 SETS LEFT: Fla 130 B C D, trade all 3 for 1 25¢ Calif. TT - SAE 1st come 1st deal. = Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

WANT TO BUY TEXAS 145 B C H I J K. Have some trade stock but nothing very rare.

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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE MAY 8 =

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Age 64; Retired. Collects U.S., Parking. (Koenig)
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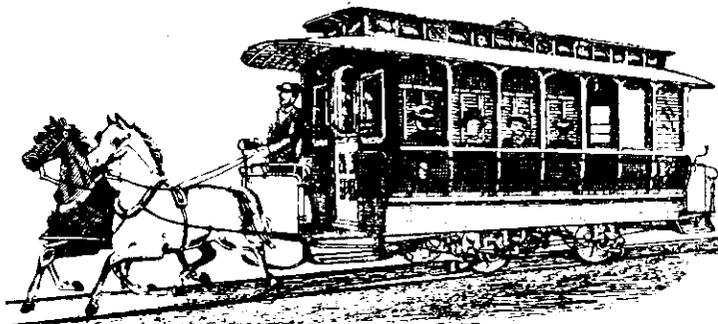
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Our 322nd Issue

May 9, at 7 pm. We still must publish 3 more issues before the Editor leaves for the West Coast at the end of June. This means an issue every 2 weeks. So the issues will be mailed out on Sundays. The May issue on May 26. The June issue on June 9. The July issue on June 23. Please send as much as you can in the way of ads and articles for these issues, because I have precious little to put into them!

THE FARE BOX now possesses an electronic stencil maker, with which we can put photographs right onto stencils and include them in issues. We have begun with this issue, to show you what the machine can do: we have simply put a couple of old depot letterheads onto a stencil and they make up a page in this issue. In future issues we'll try actual photographs of tokens. They will not be as good as the original photos, but will nevertheless be fairly nice, and this means quite an expansion of the kind of material we can publish. The machine itself was very expensive, and was paid for from income produced by the sale of our books.

The late Max Babinger was an AVA member of long standing, and we were pleased to learn that the trustees of the Morris County Central Railroad Museum voted to honor Max by naming one of their railroad cars after him. A highly appropriate and touching memorial to a wonderful man whose whole life was involved in railroading and transportation.

The 1974 AVA Convention at Minneapolis will be held at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, 315 Nicollet Avenue. Parking for hotel guests will be free. Thanks to brisk sale of Seattle 1971 AVA tour tokens, there will be plenty of money to pay for refreshments. The conclaves at Minneapolis are always among our best. We hope to see you there. The Editor already has his Amtrak reservations for the convention, and you all better make yours soon if you're going via the High Iron. Incidentally the Editor still has some of the Seattle tour tokens for sale at \$2 +SAE.

In Ralph Freiberg's Catalogue Notes in this issue he mentions a couple of tokens with the letters GIB on them. Since typing that page I have learned where the tokens are used. They're current right now. We hope we aren't too late to get a supply of each for the New Issues Service.

Again let me stress that I really need things to put in the next 3 issues! We especially want your ads which, remember, are free: up to 3 lines if the copy is mostly numbers, or up to 6 lines otherwise. Let us hear from you.



= IT'S THE TOKENS---AND A LOT MORE =

Getting started on any job is really the hardest part: that is my feeling on writing this column. Because I don't feel that I am reaching the members. Instead of requesting opinions, this time I'll comment on an article which appeared in the February issue of THE FARE BOX, by Dee D. Drell. The article was called "To Clean or Not to Clean." I must confess I really enjoyed it. Capt. Drell did a really fine job of describing his technique of cleaning tokens.

Many of my AVA friends know that I do quite a bit of coin/medal/token photography. After many disappointing experiments with 'cruddy' tokens I began cleaning them, and the photos from these cleaned tokens were a big improvement.

I won't go into a long discussion as to what methods I use in cleaning tokens. The point that I would like to make is this: in writing to the many collectors, the subject of cleaning tokens usually comes up. And through these letters I learned that many collectors do clean some (?) of their tokens. And each collector feels that his secret formula is the best.

About two years ago I received a token as a gift from a fellow collector. He apologized for the condition of the token, indicating that he found it in Central Park with the aid of a metal detector. Yes, it had a heavy layer of crust on it. The legend was discernible, and because it was a new token for my collection, I proceeded to clean it and then photographed it. Beautiful results! I then sent a copy of the photo, and an article about my secret formula, to the TAMS Journal. By gosh, they published it, under the heading "Try It--You May Like it."

Let's face it fellas and gals. In most cases you can't hard the tokens. If anything, by removing much of the crud you enhance the tokens, and also your collection. Again I repeat, try it, you may like it, too!

In bringing this to a close let me remind or encourage you all to TRY to make plans to attend the AVA Convention in Minneapolis this coming August. Hope to see many of you there. 'Til later, the very best of everything to each and all of you!

- Syd Joseph

= CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET =
By R.B. Carter

The second meeting of 1974 was held at the home of our Secretary, Elaine Willahan. Seventeen members and four guests heard Paul Thompson give a very interesting talk on different types of railroad keys. He also demonstrated how the keys and locks work. Attending were Kirk Smith, Crusen, Thompson, Atwood, Ticknor, C. Smith, F.G. Smith, Miller, Ritterband, Kubach, K. Smith, Carter, Willahan, Alpert, Lipshie, Manning, Barnes, and guests P. Miller, E. Smith, J. Stotts, and V. Barnes.

Two of our active members (both in attendance) celebrated their birthdays this month: Roland C. Atwood, age 78, and F. Gordon Smith, age 30. Congratulation to you both!

Our May meeting will be held at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum in Perris. All members and their families are welcome to attend this fun, out-of-town meeting.

= THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION =

The 1974 Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held August 9-11 in Minneapolis this year. Members planning to attend and travel by train are advised to make Amtrak reservations immediately. Some trains in late July are already sold out!

Thanks to a heavy sale of 1971 Seattle Tour Tokens, there will be enough money to provide good refreshments during Friday and Saturday swap sessions, in sufficient quantity for our hungriest members. Dan DiMichael, take note.

= REDUCED RATE FARE TOKENS WITH Sq-sc OR Dd-sc =
By J.M. Coffee

One of the most fascinating things about transportation tokens is the great variety of cut-outs that we find in so many of them. Other types of tokens occasionally have cut-outs, but with nothing like the frequency or variety that we find in transportation tokens. At the bottom of Page 35 of the Atwood Catalogue there is a list of many of the types of cut-outs, but this does not by any means exhaust the list. For in addition to that list we have every letter of the alphabet except "Q," as well as various numerals and other such things.

The first cut-outs in transportation tokens were simply holes drilled into them, either to make it convenient for a conductor to carry them on a string or wire, or to indicate a reduced rate of fare, such as school or children's fare. The latter was by far the chief reason for the cut-out. Later on, following World War I, when transportation tokens suddenly came into very wide use with the introduction of registering fare boxes, cut-outs were put into tokens to make it easy to tell the company's own tokens from those of another company. Thus, for instance, Baltimore tokens had a "U" in them, whereas Washington D.C. tokens had a "W" in them. Then beginning in 1924, smaller operations which were exclusively bus systems frequently ordered tokens with a standard picture of a bus on them, chiefly to differentiate their tokens from the large-city streetcar tokens which usually continued to have letters hanging in the center.

Prior to World War I, however, most--though certainly not all--adult tokens used by streetcar systems were solid, without cut-outs, for adult tokens. If they also used reduced rate fare tokens, such as for employees, children, school, or transfer, these reduced fare tokens usually had some sort of cut-out. The cut-out usually took the form of a square or diamond cut-out (the diamond, remember, is only a kind of stretched out square), or simply a center hole.

I thought this was the general case throughout the country until last month, when I happened fortunately to acquire a nice example of Ky 370 B, and it set me to thinking: I began to check for other tokens of a similar style, and I discovered that almost all of them are from the South! That is, reduced rate fare tokens with Sq-sc or Dd-sc are all from the South except for Pa 65 B thru G, which are of comparatively recent vintage. Ny 285 A may be a reduced rate token, but I am not sure. There are a few others, with much smaller squares and diamonds cut-out, but the large squares and diamonds cut-out seem to make a tight little group of rare pre-1914 tokens, all by themselves, and all from the South!

This group of southern school or child tokens consists of the following: Fla 530 A; Ga 750 C D F; Ky 370 B, 510 N AE AG AH AI AJ AK AL, 680 Ba Bb; Miss 720 A B; Tenn 375 D, 430 C.

They are all fairly scarce, and some of them extremely rare. I have all of them in my collection except Tenn 430 C, which is owned only by Hal Ford and Duane Feisel. The other census tokens in the group are Ga 750 C (7 known), 750 D (2 known: Coffee & Freiberg), 750 F (unique: Coffee); Ky 370 B (2 known: Coffee & Ford); 680 B (4 known); Miss 720 A (7 known); 720 B (7 known).

The Fla 530 A, of which about 15 are known, carries the manufacturer's name on it: Murdock of Cincinnati, and we know it was used between 1914 and 1922. Quite possibly all of these types of tokens were struck in Cincinnati by Murdock, a firm which is still going, having been taken over by Osborne Coinage Company

The Louisville, Ky, tokens are fascinating for their great variety. There seem to be endless die varieties of Ky 510 N AG AH AJ. I have at least 6 different dies on Ky 510 AH and again on AJ. Back in the early 1950's the Louisville Railway had sacks of these things and was happy to sell them to collectors for a nickel apiece, and I bought about 100 of them, and included in the mix were some of N,AE,AG,AH,AI,AJ. And what a mess of die varieties I found! Then suddenly they stopped selling them, and upped their price to \$2 apiece. They must have had thousands of them, but I have no idea whatever became of the rest. Possibly still there, or maybe dumped into the Ohio River. As a matter of fact, the Louisville Railway suddenly realized there was money to be made in their old tokens, for suddenly in the early 1950's, they began sending out lists of their old tokens for sale to collectors at \$2 apiece. This was

exorbitant to most of us. For sale at \$2 each were Ky 510 C D H I J K N O Q T U V X Z AE AG AH AI AJ. The few of us who knew about this "token sale" bought what we could afford. Then Max Schwartz dropped by at the office on his way to the Evansville Convention and bought what he thought was everything they had, though I think they held back some of their stuff.

But back to the school tokens. The Ky 510 AK and AL, the 24mm tokens, were not old ones. They were made in the early 1940's, in imitation of earlier 21mm tokens.

All in all, these school or child tokens are a fascinating little group of tokens from the South, and it shows what one can discover by flipping through the pages of Atwood's Catalogue. There are probably other regional groups of tokens--that is, tokens of a region which have certain similarities. The tokens from the little towns of Oregon all have a kind of off-beat appearance. These similarities by region no doubt indicate the success of travelling salesmen for a certain token manufacturer. I've always believed one could find certain similarities in types of depotel tokens by following a given railroad line through the Middle West...and also predict towns which had depotel tokens even though none is known from them. But that is another task for a later dissertation.

= THE 1974 CENSUS OF RARE TOKENS =

I had asked Hal Ford, as usual, to prepare a Census of Rare Tokens for us this year. This is the list of tokens of which fewer than ten are known to exist in collections. However, he writes that there have been very few changes in the census for this year, so there is no use in publishing the whole thing over.

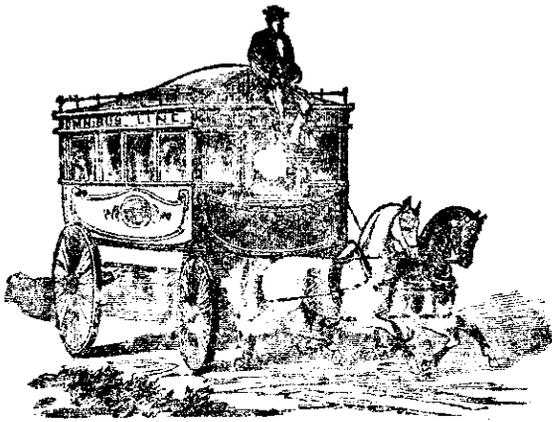
There are three deletions. Tokens formerly in the "census" class which have been dropped because there are now more than ten of each known, are Mont 740 A; NY 630 AL; Pa 655 A. He also notes that ILL 150 Y is showing up with increasing frequency, and he believes it may now be out of the census category. One token that should be added is Pa 526 JC, and of course tokens listed at \$5 or \$7.50 in Catalogue Supplements since last year should be added to the Census List. Finally, one correction to last year's list: Mich 5 A should be changed to B. B is the census token.

Harold adds that he does know that several collectors, for reasons of their own, have rare census tokens which they don't want anyone to know about, and which they do not report for the census or the New Finds Column, which is one of our chief sources of information for the Census.

Speaking of rare tokens, collectors should always be careful when bidding on auctions of tokens, because frequently a formerly rare token has become fairly common. For instance, ILL 785 A, listed at \$5 in Atwood, has shown up in large quantity. So always consult the latest census list before rushing in to pay high prices. And make a general survey of the ads each month to see which tokens are being offered with frequency. Obviously if three or four ads are offering the same "rare" token at auction it probably isn't so rare anymore. And one thing that always astounds me: I see auctions of tokens which, in other ads, are offered for straight cash sale. The token on auction will bring 2 or 3 times as much as the straight for-sale price. Thus sometimes I'll see an auction of the AVA Seattle tour token, Wash 780 W, when this token is available from the Editor for \$2 +SAE, yet on auction it may bring \$4 or \$5! It pays to look the ads over carefully: they are the public market place of transportation tokens.

= PRICES REALIZED AT JOEL REZNICK'S FEBRUARY AUCTION =

OH 165 M.....\$15.10	TX 965 D.....\$14.50
OH 165 N..... 15.10	TX 965 F..... 40.44
TN 600 B..... 29.25	VA 620 G..... 11.00
TX 340 P..... 30.33	WA 250 F..... 21.25
TX 360 B..... 29.70	WA 710 B..... 43.75



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Weatherford, Texas, *Aug* 18*95*

PRINTED LETTERHEADS OF EARLY TRANSFER LINES

Some of the old hotel-to-depot transfer lines, which issued our depot tokens, had very elaborate printed letterheads. Below are reproduced two different types of such letterheads used by C. C. Baker of Weatherford, Texas, who issued our tokens Tex 965 A thru K.

— ESTABLISHED 1879. —

C. C. Baker's Transfer Line
 "SEMPER IDEM."

THE FINEST EQUIPPED LINE IN TEXAS.

All Orders Left on Slate at Carson-Lewis House Receive Prompt Attention.

ELEGANT CARRIAGES
 FOR
 Parties, Balls, Weddings,
 FUNERALS, ETC.
 ALWAYS PROMPT AND CAREFUL.
 Round Trip to Hotels for Pas-
 sengers or Baggage,
 25 CENTS.

DAY ORDERS RECEIVED
 AT
 TRANSFER OFFICE,
 30 OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,
 PHONE G, 3 RINGS.
 After 10 P. M. at Residence,
 PHONE N, 1 RING.

Weatherford, Texas, 189

= FURTHER CORRECTIONS TO THE ATWOOD CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

This includes corrections to the Coffee 1973 Supplement, and to Supplements which appeared in issues of THE FARE BOX. See also Page 133 of the October 1973 issue of THE FARE BOX.

- CA 970 A - In note under listing, correct spelling is Atkinson, not "Atchinson"
- NY 810 A - add (Bus type #1)
- WI 930 A - make it Dd-sc (not simply Dd). See photo on page 607.
- Unidentified #6 - Name is in script.

The Coffee 1973 Supplement states that it includes all listing through the May 1973 Fare Box. But by error it does omit late additions of the May 1973 Fare Box, Wisc 360 L M N O, and Ohio 850 Q from the February 1972 issue. Further corrections to the Coffee Supplement follow:

- Page 1 - CA 300 N - date should be (* 9/21/70) and not 9/20
- Page 3 - CA 998 F - should read like Cal 703 A on Obv & Rev; not like 700.
CA 1000 B - add size (22mm)
CA 1000 C - left off by error: C A 32 Sd
- Page 4 - CA 1000 L - size is 38mm, not 32mm.
CO 40 C - add size (28mm)
- Page 6 - ID 740 A - on Obv., change "results" to RIGS
- Page 8 - IN 890 F - should be Bar, not Sd.
- Page 19 - OH 998 I - should be 998 I, not 998 L.
- Page 21 - PA 1000 D - add "N" to make it N7613W
- Page 22 - RI 700 G - change price to .20 and not .35
- Page 25 - WA 5 F - should be 5 F and not 5 E; change "jerry" to JETTY
- Page 26 - WI 530 A - town is MONROE, and lot Ludlow.
WI 825 A - on obv. change "J.B. Todd" to T.B. TODD
- Page 29 - Timetable Z - Obv. should have four periods:
CHICAGO . NEW YORK . CHICAGO . NEW YORK .
Rev. change 1.45 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.
Timetable AA - Rev. add word FREE to make it CONVEY GUESTS FREE TO AND FROM THE HOUSE.
- Page 30. Fantasies - Florence is state of Colorado; not California.
- Page 32 - 999 A - Obv., add TWO to make it PASS TWO 2
999 C - size is (39x23mm) (Sc)
- Page 36 - Group with inscription incuse refers to Calif 450 K, not 410 K.

Some of the above have been previously noted, but are repeated again here to have everything in one place. The following are corrections to Supplements in THE FARE BOX:

- Nov. 1973 - Calif 1000 P should have been listed as 1000 O.
- Mar. 1974 - Ore 240 D E F G should have LTD added to reverse inscription.

TOKENS RELISTED SINCE 1970 ATWOOD CATALOGUE CAME OUT:

Mont 260 A	relisted as	PA 765 D	October 1971 Fare Box
SD 950 A	"	NE 820 B	October 1970 "
Unid #10	"	LA 670 I	March 1972 "
Unid #78	"	WI 825 A	April 1972 "
Unid #80	"	Ont 400 G	January 1971 "
Unid #95	"	WA 920 E	December 1972 "
Unid #106	"	MA 145 B	October 1971 "
Unid #107	"	MA 115 AF	October 1971 "
Unid #108	"	MA 115 AE	October 1971 "
Unid #110	"	CA 970 B	January 1971 "
Unid #128	"	OH 230 AB	August 1973 "
Unid #130	"	IA 930 K	June 1973 "

= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =
By Kenneth E. Smith

ENGLAND (Reported by Donald Capper)
Manchester 500

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TOKEN

CGo A 25 Ch Token 3 \$.30

(After the British Transport Ministry took over Manchester operations they went through name changes every few months. We finally acquired sufficient number of CG for the New Issues Service. With this, you will have received all 3 sets of 2 values through Hick's New Issues Service.)

Matlock 510

MATLOCK U.D.C. CONCESSIONARY FARE TOKEN NOT TRANSFERABLE

AFo C 28 Sd Token Value 2½p Valid 1st Oct. 1973 to 31st March 1974
(red)(Vars.) .30

(In making these tokens several are stamped from the plastic sheet at the same time. As these were similar to the previous 510 AE tokens except for dates, the previous dies were apparently used with the letters 1st April to 30 September 1973 removed and 1st Oct. 1973 to 31 March 1974 substituted. As we only acquired enough for one apiece of 510 AF for the New Issues foreign token collectors, some of you will be getting tokens with no sign of the previous date, and others will get tokens with signs of the previous date underneath (lucky you!). So check with a good magnifying glass to see if yours has the previous date showing under the new date.)

MEXICO

Mexico City

TORRE LATINO AMERICANA (TALL TOWER)

YA B 21 Sd Mirador Mexico D.F.

YB A 21 Sd " " "

(These tokens have caused a lot of problems. It seems if you ask a dealer for telephone tokens many of them will try to sell you this item as a Mexico City telephone token, which it is not. If you ask for transportation tokens they try to sell you this as an elevator ride token, which it is not. This building pictured is the tallest in Mexico City, and at the top of the building is an outside platform with telescopes and a souvenir stand. At the stand you can buy these tokens to operate the telescopes.)

It is amazing what some dealers will try to sell the unsuspecting collectors if they can get away with it, at some conventions. A handy suggestion I have made to some collectors who have been burned buying foreign transportation tokens at conventions, is to make copies of my pages 258 thru 268 and keep them in your pocket. And if in doubt about the token check the foreign words against the English equivalents. I remember not too long ago at one convention out here, a fast-talking young dealer was trying to convince me that the small lot of foreign TT's I was looking at were rarities. They turned out to be all common transportation tokens. While inspecting them I heard a chuckle (slight laughing) from behind, and upon turning around found our then-AVA President Bob Ritterband being amused at the situation of the dealer trying to snow the cataloguer.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Miscellaneous 1000

MIKE'S D MOON CAB CO. TEL: 638-4978 OAKLAND CALIF.

* P Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white letters)(* 4/2/74) \$.15

IOWA

Oelwein 700 (Reported by Robert Lubetkin)

C. BIRD / PHONE 122 / OELWEIN, IOWA

A o A Oc Sd Good For / 25¢ / Hotel to Depot (28mm) 7.50

KENTUCKY

Henderson 370 (Reported by Ken Bassett to John Coffee)

(OBVERSE SAME AS 370 B)

H o B 23 Ch Transfer Check 7.50

[Henderson City Railway was succeeded by Henderson Traction Company on April 13, 1907.]

MAINE

Miscellaneous 1000

WHITE'S TAXI TEL: 989-7010 BREWER MAINE

* A Pw 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(black letters) .15

NEW YORK

Utica 905 (Reported by Max Schwartz)

UTICA TRANSIT

I B 23 U Good For One City Fare .35

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we begin with another taxi token for California. Mike's D Moon Cab has changed his phone number, so please mark those with the older phone number obsolete. It seems that more and more taxi companies are interested in this type of token, so we may expect more of them in the future. Some collectors may not like this kind of token. Instead of making a fuss, if you're in that category, simply drop a note to Nicolosi and ask him not to send them to you. The N.I.S. can never know unless you tell Nick. Sometimes believing tokens of this type will not be popular, Nick hasn't bothered to get them, only to get howls from collectors who wanted them.

There was a little mix up on getting the other two Eugene, Ore., tokens. They were listed in last month's Fare Box, but two of them will be included with this month's mailing because they arrived too late for last month. I did make a mistake in the listing last month! There is an LTD on reverse of each of the four tokens, which stands for Lane Transit District. So add that to the Supplement of last month.

We have another depotel token this month. Don't know a thing about it, but we are working on it.

When he reported the depotel, Robert Lubetkin also mentioned that Iowa 300 I and J are obsolete now, as the company is in the process of being taken over by a public transit authority. The 300 I is one of the few tokens that picture a trolley bus, although trolley buses haven't been used there since January 24, 1964, when they were discontinued in Des Moines. Streetcars were abandoned March 6, 1951. Des Moines Railway itself was incorporated in 1929...and history buffs may want to add these data after the Des Moines listings on Page 205 of Atwood.

The Henderson, Ky., token was found by Ken Bassett in a St. Louis flea market along with a 370 B (both of which have been swapped to John Coffee). It has the same obverse die work as the 370 B. Prior to World War I, it was not the practice to have letters cut into tokens. When they had cut-outs, the cut-out was nearly always a square, diamond, or round hole.

The cab company that issued the taxi token for Maine is owned and operated by Clifton White - Route 1, Box 129 - Brewer, ME 04412. The town of Brewer is just across the Penobscot River from Bangor, Me.

The Utica token is one we've been trying to get for a long time. So far no reply to any of our letters, and at this time I don't know if we'll ever hear from them, so decided to go ahead and list it anyway. If the company would just answer a letter we could make a definite statement that we either would or would not be able to supply them. But so far nothing but silence. The reason we know of its existence is that some of them have shown up in fare boxes of other New York State transit firms. So we can only assume it is still being used. In 1969 when the last listed token came out in Utica we had no difficulty at all in getting a supply. So I figure the present token was issued in the past year or so.

A letter from James Eshleman mentions that the City of Macon took over the Bibb Transit in Macon last year. This is one of the cities that never was mentioned anywhere as being taken over, so I am grateful when collectors send such information to me. I previously learned that the Ga 580 D token became obsolete on June 13, 1968, and 580 F on September 2, 1969. However this information arrived too late to be included in the 1970 Atwood, and that's why they aren't marked obsolete in the Book. At present 580 G and H are also obsolete. The 580 H was used only a couple years, so it became obsolete about 1959 or 1960. Mr. Eshleman still needs the 580 H, so it is probably considerably scarcer than the 15¢ value in the Catalogue would indicate.

Two interesting tokens of unknown origin have been reported to me this month, from two different parties, in Canada. The tokens probably are in current use, and before assigning Unidentified numbers I'll just list them here to see if anyone has any idea about them:

	ONE FARE	G I B
WM 20 Sd	Void After One Year	(propeller)
WM 18 Sd	"	(but no propeller on reverse)

As they are "void after one year" we better find out where they're being used fast, or they might be dumped. As to "GIB" it could be "Grand Island Bus" or something starting with G, International Bridge. Any ideas please let us know right away! On the 20mm one, someone from Detroit tried to use it in the Toronto Subway turnstile. He claimed he had forgotten where he got it.

= APRIL NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

We have a small report this month. As promised last month you will receive two of the Eugene, OR, tokens, 240 E F, with and without the period. We also have two more of the 1000 series taxi tokens to send you this month, with a possibility of a third if I receive it in time...these are another California one, and one from Brewer, Maine. The one we're waiting for it from Dean's Blue Cab of Frankfort, Indiana. If I don't get it in time, will hold it over till May.

We still have several tokens pending, some for quite a long while now. On several of these my letters to the company have gone unanswered for ages. But we keep trying.

Not having heard from Corinne Black or Franklin Snyder in some time, I am concerned about them. Can some member who lives near either of them please let me know?

The March foreign tokens have been mailed to those on the foreign token list. These tokens have seen quite a few years' use, so please don't be surprised that they are not bright uncirculated tokens.

The New Issues Service is limited to 100 active members, with an additional group of 70 Associate Members. NIS members make an advance deposit and are sent new issues of transportation tokens at a nominal mark-up over cost. If you are interested in this service you may write Mr. Nicolosi and ask to be put on the Waiting List. When the time comes for you to move onto the Associate list he will notify you and ask for a deposit at that time. Send no money now. As it is a one-man operation, it must be limited to the present numbers, though others may buy tokens from his ads.

FOR SALE: NY 629 L \$2.75, 945 A \$2.50; Pa 15 F \$2.75, 455 A \$4, 495 I \$2. Will gladly trade for N.Y. and New England tokens I need.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

HELP ME FILL some gaps in my collection. Need the following: DC 500 Q AA AB AD; Pa 590 A D, 695 C, 765 AC, 850 B, 930 A, 950 J; Tex 255 Q, 320 D E, 445 A C K; Va 500 I, 580 L, 629 Q. Have a few very common ones for trade but will buy if we can't work out something. = Stanley Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010

FOR SALE: NH 720 A B 20¢ each; NY 780 E G, RI 700 E at 25¢ each; Mont 320 Aa, Pa 525 I, WVa 830 D at 40¢ each; RI 520 J at \$1.50. Obsolete wooden nickel "Well Drilling Portsmouth, R.I." at 25¢. Plus postage please. I have the envelopes.

H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888

WANTED: YOUR DUPLICATE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. If you have from 300 to 3,000 of the same token, I can use them and I will give you a swap that will be very beneficial to you. Just send me the attribution or a sample and the number you have and I will make you an attractive offer.

Max M. Schwartz - 2920 Point East Dr. N-501 - Miami, FL 33160

FIVE DIFFERENT CANADIAN BRIDGE TOKENS for \$1.50. Quebec 100 B, 120 A Ba Bb, 200 Aa B, 925 B, 860 C D H, 870 A B at 25¢ each.

J. Douglas Ferguson - Box 38 - Rock Island, Quebec JOB2K0

"MUSIC" TOKENS WANTED. Any token with music, tune, or related wording. Please send rubbings and prices; I have some tokens for possible swaps.

Robert Lubetkin - 3660 Grand Ave. - Des Moines, IA 50312

FOR SALE: scarce bronze Wash 780 L for \$3 and a 10¢ stamp. Tokens will be mailed about June 3 when my vacation is over.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

FOR SALE: Cal 760 B, \$25. Minn 540 Cb, \$9. NY 630 La \$12.50. Pa 15 D, \$17.50. Pa 405 A, \$21. Pa 745 B, \$40. Wisc 5 A, \$12.50. BEST CASH OR TRADE OFFER: Unid #125 (bad condition but only known specimen); unlisted parking token identical to ILL 3150 B except name of station is CLARK-STATE SERVICE STATION.

David E. Schenkman - Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BID: Cal 760 J K; Ia 150 B, 640 Sc; Minn 620 B; NY 300 A; Pa 15 F; SD 840 F; Tex 50 A, 55 C; Wash 780 W; Wis 430 F; DC 500 AI.

E.M. Rice - 212 Westhaven Drive - Austin, TX 78746

DOG LICENSE TAGS WANTED. Any year, any state. Write and state price, or ship insured for fair offer. If I don't buy I will pay all shipping costs. No vaccine tags please. = Buck Witt - 7950 S. Mark Rd. - Canby, OR 97013

WANTED: Dairy, bakery, ice, flour, coal oil, and kerosene tokens. Please send descriptions & prices to = Harold Lesser - 32 Oneida Ave. - Selden, NY 11784

WILL PAY UP TO 8 TIMES CAT. FOR THE FOLLOWING WASHINGTON TT's: 5 A, 10 C, 80 A B C D, 100 A, 230 A B, 250 A B C D E, 300 Aa D E, 340 A B C, 590 A B, 600 B C, 690 A C, 710 A B, 755 A, 780 A, 840 A G I J M N T, 880 A G H I K N, 920 E, 960 C E, 970 B, 990 B. Also have many tokens for trade.

Bill Coleman - P.O. Box 88724 - Tukwila, WA 98188

MAIL BID SALE: 700 lots of transportation, parking, and members' personal tokens. Closing date is June 15, 1974. Send postage for list.

Sam Ruggeri - P.O. Box 561 - No. Bellmore, NY 11710

VACKETTA'S BOOK ON ILLINOIS TRADE TOKENS still available at \$12.50 pp. Hard cover, 368 pages with stories, illustrations. A collectors item itself.

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AUCTION SALE: Cal 715 Cb, 715 E; Del 900 A; Ga 630 A B; Tenn 250 A, 375 D, 430 A; Tex 890 A (min. bid \$35 on Tex 890 A).

Joel J. Reznick - 120 So. LaSalle Street - Chicago, IL 60603

FOR SALE (PLUS POSTAGE): Cal 1000 O P 25¢ each; Conn 1000 A 25¢; Me 1000 A 25¢; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; NC 980 J 45¢; NJ 115 I 75¢; Ore 240 E F 40¢ each; Tex 320 G 15¢; Wis 360 L M N O 50¢ each; Ontario 700 E 40¢; 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢. ITEMS FOR TRADE as in last month's Fare Box.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

AUCTION: NH 640 H K; Wash 5 A; WVa 200 A B D F, 290 H, 640 A, 830 F; WANTED: pay ten times Cat. for Ida 440 F, 100 F; Del 300 C D F H.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

I HAVE A SMALL VARIETY of merchants, parking, commemorative, and miscellaneous tokens for trade for TT's. Please send SAE for list.

Greg Prgomet - 2113 Walnut St. - Harrisburg, PA 17103

TRADE PT's, TT's, or other tokens for these AVA personals: 632 A, 638 A, 675 C, 690 A, 696 A, 713 A, 743 A, 764 A, 785 B, 795 A, 828 A B C D, 1039 B, 1011 A, 1153 A B, 3 A B C D, 42 A C, 68 B. Thanks.

Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - West Columbia, SC 29169

CAN ANYBODY TELL ME THE DATE & LOCATION WHERE M.M. Nagey operated his Palace Steam Riding Gallery? Token shows a carrousel with wording "C.W. PARKER ABILENE, KAN" on top of a tent. = Lee Nott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: tokens from Sparta or LaCrosse, Wisc. Also military or tokens good for "items"

Gary Ascher - 506 North L - Sparta, WI 54656

MAIL BID: Ala 750 I K L M N; Ariz 1000 B E G, Cal 630 D, 745 H, 815 C, 910 B; Colo 620 A; Fla 610 A; NH 100 A; Ohio 125 A, 435 B, 440 C, 660 F; Minn 230 M; NY 630 I, 830 B, 995 B. = Frank Smolen - 138 Carroll Ave. - Painesville, OH 44077

FOREIGN MAIL BID: Austria 840 A; Czech 600 A; China 720 F; Costa Rica 760 E; Denmark 10 BI; England 48 BA BB BC BD BE BF BH BH; bid singles or set, 685 HA coin die both sides; France 520 B, 660 BB (56); Germany 100 D, 160 A, 230 B, 390 P, 480 A, 680 A, 835 A; Hungary 100 B; Israel 400 B; Sweden 820 KC.

Don McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, MI 48060

WANTED: RAILROAD & TROLLEY cap and employee badges. Also police and fire badges. Have R.R. and trolley badges for sale or trade.

John R. Smith - 323 Park Avenue West - Mansfield, OH 44906

SUITCASE DEALER'S STOCK: over 3000 TT's and PT's that I plan to put on mail bid auction in lots of around 200-300 per month. Send me SAE if interested in first list.

Bill Davis - P.O. Box 202 - Littleton, CO 80120

I AM TRYING TO BUILD A COLLECTION OF PERSONAL TOKENS and need the following. Can anyone help? 577 A, 638 A B, 675 C, 762 A, 764 A, 785 A, 828 A B C, 940 A, 1011 A, 1036 A B C, 1039 B C D, 1061 A B C D, 1104 A, 1153 A B D, 1219 A, 1251 A, 1254 A, 1269 A, 1379 A. = Bob Kloida - 2821 Parkridge Ave. - Marinette, WI 54143

FOR TRADE ONLY: on a one-for-one basis: My Cal 705 A (pitted); Ga 765 A; IL 763 A; Ia 150 B; La 810 F; Minn 510 A; NY 630 La AR, 780 B; Pa 445 C; Tenn 375 D, 430 A, for your Alas 450 G; Haw 330 A; SD 780 A B; Tex 5 B, 135 B, 145 C, 340 P, 590 B, 710 C, 760 B; Wyo 480 A. Write before sending tokens.

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Harold V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

TRADE: Ind 997 D; Md 60 AP; Minn 620 B; NC 160 A. If no trade then to highest bidder. SALE at \$1 each +SAE: Pa 265 A; Tenn 75 F.

J.V. Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

PA. CELLULOIDS FOR SALE OR TRADE: Pa 495 G for \$2.50 or Pa 495 H for \$6. Will trade the set for 2 silver dollars or a Hutchinson soda bottle from your state.

Bernard Yagodich 316 Chandler Ave. - Johnstown, PA 15906

SALE ONLY: AZ 640 Ba Bb C 3 pcs 50¢/1000 A \$2/B \$2/C \$2/ 3640 A 75¢/ Ab 50¢/ D 50¢/ E \$1/ Iowa 730 A \$1/ Kan 820 H \$1.50/ Ohio 175 AA \$1/165 X blank \$1/ 440 E \$1/ 450 C \$1; DC 500 AE \$1; Ind old #995 A \$5/ many Mexico card TTs of 1914 50¢ to \$1 each/ 1 lot 212 slides in b/w & color/cost over \$100 sell for \$50 will send upon approval/ England 310 pcs \$50./Ireland 21 pcs \$4/Scot 60 pcs \$12/Wales 9 \$2/18 countries 182 pcs \$75, details on request. = Schmal - Box 5239 - Phoenix, AZ 85010

Johnson Ty;e D registering fare box, takes 10¢ 5¢ 1¢ & Mass 115 L tokens; in restored condition, \$45 + shipping. Also available IL 150 Z 35¢; MA 825 A 40¢, 115 L 50¢; HI 240 C 30¢, 240 D 30¢; OH 860 H 50¢, I 50¢, C 30¢; NH 720 A 25¢; CA 450 J 30¢; WV 590 B 60¢; NJ 115 G 30¢. Will trade these tokens for New England tokens. (617-628-1868)

Kevin T. Farrell - 28 Woods Avenue - Somerville, MA 02144

STILL HAVE A FEW Wyo 100 Aa for trade for Washington, Alaska, or Saloon tokens I can use or will accept best cash offer. Other TT trade offers considered if they cat.

\$1.50 or more each. = Forrest Dunham - 201 No. 107th - Seattle, WA 98133

NEW MEMBER WANTS TO BUY, trade, TT's. Please send lists & prices.

Jeff Robbins - 1539 S. Bedford St. - Los Angeles, CA 90035

CONVENTION TOKENS - still need the following - 1962 (WA 780 U); 1964 (PA 445 C); 1965 (NY 630 AR); 1966 (CA 105 A). Does anyone have any of these for sale?

George Van Trump, Jr. - P.O. Box 656, Edgemont Br. - Golden, CO 80401

WILL PAY THESE PRICES FOR UTAH 650 B, \$5; 650 C \$3; 650 D \$4.50; Ariz 640 F \$10; 1000 F \$7.50. = R.B. Carter - 2232 No. Kays Ave. - So. San Gabriel, CA 91770

TRADE THE FOLLOWING FOR RARE TRADE TOKENS I CAN USE OF MOST ALL STATES: Ala 750 B; Col 620 A, 460 C, 540 D; Conn 345 B; Ga 630 B; Ill 220 F, 763 A, 130 E, 455 B; Iowa 150 B (thin); Kan 820 I; Mass 505 A; Md 60 J; Mich 470 A; Minn 730 C; Neb 540 P; ND 320 D, 260 B, 320 B; Ohio 15 B, 230 M; SD 840 F; Utah 125 A; Wis 410 F. (paid \$2.60)

Bill Clapper - P.O. Box 687 - Florissant, MO 63033

I WISH TO THANK all of those that either traded or sent their calling cards to me. I have some left for a stamped addressed envelope. We still have a few of Minn 540 AG at \$1 +SAE. = Tex Barnett - 5425 Portland Ave. - Minneapolis, MN 55417

WANTED: ODD DENOMINATION TOKENS (such as 3/10¢, III¢, 1 bit, 18¢, XXV¢ half dollar, \$1.25 etc.) either merchant or TT. Also want Nevada and western mining camp and ghost town tokens. = Hal Dunn - Box 114 - Carson City, NV 89701

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS 3rd edition 1970, 731 pp buckram bound (also available loose-leaf, same price--pages only) price \$10 retail, special price of \$7.50 to AVA members, postpaid.

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American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, MA 02104

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JUNE 5 =

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

1475 BUD CARMICHAEL - 1331 HANCHETT AVENUE - SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95126

Age 65; Retired. Collects U.S., Canada. (Cunningham)

1476 WILLIAM THOMAS SCHWICKRATH - 2326 LORING PLACE NORTH - BRONX, NEW YORK 10468

Age 25; Retail Food Mgr. Collects U.S. (Joseph)

1477 TIMMINS COIN CLUB - c/o D.J. SMITH - BOX 1746 - SOUTH PORCUPINE, ONTARIO

Age 9. (Weighell)

/PON IHO

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Richard F. Miller - 1501 South 57th Court - Cicero, Illinois 60650

James B. Wright - RR #2, Box 146 - Lenexa, Kansas 66218

* Richard Schubert - Box 970, Lewis University - Lockport, Illinois 60441

* Barry Uman - 2400 Benny Crescent, Apt. 404 - Montreal, Quebec H4B 2P7

Edward M. Vickers - 2 Prince Lane - Westbury, New York 11590

Gordon R. Yowell - Route 1, Box 141 - Walla Walla, Washington 99362

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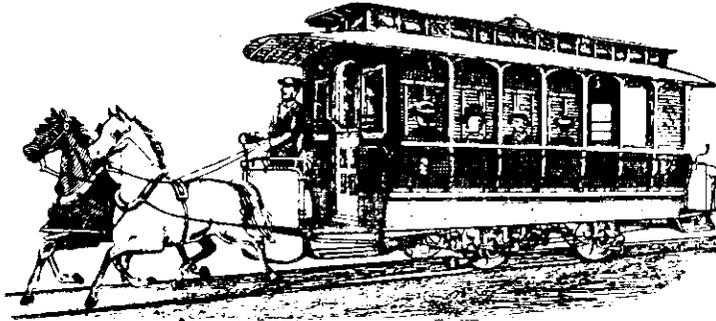
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May 22, at 10 pm. Together with this issue we are sending you a reservation card for the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis, convention headquarters for the AVA in August. If you plan to attend our annual convention August 9-11, please mail this card in very soon. Incidentally, those coming to Minneapolis via Amtrack are advised to make reservations immediately. Some trains in August are already sold out. Everybody is taking the train this summer.

Next issue (June) will be mailed out June 9, so rush your ads & articles to me. Incidentally, speaking of free ads, I should have mentioned more often that your ad must be different each insertion, and must be submitted each month. Don't send several at one time, and don't ask me to run an ad more than one time. We don't have the facilities to handle such ads. I clear out the ad tray each issue.

This month we include our first attempt to reproduce actual photographs of tokens on mimeograph stencils made with our electronic stencil-maker. I believe the result is gratifying. The photos reproduced quite well, thanks especially to the excellent photography, which is the work of our president, Syd Joseph. The machine's chief difficulty is in reproducing the solid black background in the photos. Hereafter I shall render this problem nugatory by cutting the pictures to shape and eliminating the background.

The AVA has been a member of the American Numismatic Association for 25 years. We hold ANA #17300. At the Miami Beach Convention of the ANA a silver certificate will be presented to the AVA for this accomplishment. We have asked our Founder and First President, Max M. Schwartz (AVA #L-3), to accept the award on behalf of this Society, which would not exist had it not been for his vision. Mr. Schwartz, who now lives in Florida, is one of America's most prominent and popular numismatists. We honor ourselves by having him represent us on this occasion.

Your Editor heads west via Amtrack on June 30, stopping off in Washington, Chicago, Denver, and California, before arriving in Tacoma. On Sunday, July 7, the annual ingathering of the faithful will be held at Duane Feisel's home in Los Altos, CA. Token collectors are always given a blanket invitation to be there, and I hope to see lots of you all there. Things get going about Noon. Write Duane for directions, at P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022.



= THE WINONA RAILROAD COMPANY IN THE EARLY 1940'S =
By Virginia King

Some time ago there was an account of the history of Winona Railroad Co. in The Fare Box. It dealt with the facts, dates, and demise of the line. I should now like to give you a little human interest tale of this good old way of travel.

In the early war years (World War II) I lived in the sleepy farming town of Warsaw, Indiana, located not too far from Winona Lake.

Gas was rationed, and the rich as well as the poor rode this line. The Ind 950 A tokens sold for the big sum of 6 for 25¢. If you wanted to ride on past the City Limits out to Winona Lake you put a token and 2¢ into the fare box. The motorman didn't need a metal detector to tell if the correct fare was deposited. He could catch any kid or adult who tried to use 3¢ instead of the proper fare. It seemed as if he had eyes in the side of his head. He would either name or describe the culprit in a loud voice, and would stop the bus until the error was rectified.

The 6:30 a.m. bus was the most fun. I never missed it if I could help it. We would wait for the South-bound New York Central RR train to get in, because a nurse would go home to Milford at night, and catch the bus after she got off the train. We'd all visit while we were waiting. We learned about how the other half lived, and of course many plans were formed among us about how better to help the war effort. And believe it or not we were never late for work. We always made it by 7 a.m.

It is with nostalgia that I remember how we always allowed the senior citizens to sit by the heaters in the winter. Also, sometimes if you wanted to go to Winona during icy weather you would have to ride back and forth two or three times around the Warsaw circuit until the hill leading to Winona was sanded.

There was entertainment on the line occasionally. The driver and some old fellow, long since gone, would pretend to have an argument. Heated words would be exchanged...and when we came to the place where the old man wanted off anyway, the motorman would stop the bus and pretend to put him off. Of course we regulars were onto this, but the summer residents were indignant and would give the driver fits for being mean to a poor old man.

An attorney was the last owner of the line. He claims to have the remainder of the tokens in a sack in one of his storage sheds. I asked to buy some of them, and he said they were very valuable. His price would be \$2.00 each when he found them. It is with regret that I think of these tokens sitting in this shed undistributed, but I fear that they may as well stay there at that price!

This does seem such an undignified end to an era that brought us a good way of life for several years. I do wish each member of the A.V.A. could have one of these tokens. Each one probably would have a story of its own.

= NEW FINDS =

Not too much being reported in the way of finds of rare tokens, but I suspect there is some action out there, and on my travels this summer I shall sleuth around and bring back an extensive report.

Bob Kloida writes that at a coin show in Green Bay, WI, he picked up a Wis 500 A for 75¢. That doesn't happen very often. Not for 75¢.

Also, Thomas Brown reports finding a stranger, as follows:

1902 / BEAVER T P / 23

B Oc Pc (blank) (obverse letters incuse) [26mm]

This would appear to be a turnpike token for a "Beaver Turnpike." Does anyone recognize such a turnpike? Could be Pennsylvania. They have lots of things named for the beaver in that state. In any case, Mr. Brown can't lose whatever the token is. He says he got it at a coin show in a junk box for a dime. Now why doesn't that ever happen to me?

= THE FLOATING BRIDGES OF ENGLAND, OR, WHEN IS A BRIDGE NOT A BRIDGE? =

By Les Hawthorne

Answer: when it carries an anchor and a dinghy and has a funnel because it is a ferry. There are a number of "floating bridges" in England that are not really bridges at all, but actually are cable ferries.

These cable ferries were designed by a James Meadows Rendel in the early 1820's. He had already established two such ferries, one at Dartmouth, the other at Saltash, and was preparing to put a third into service across the Hamoaze River at Torpoint.

These cable ferries operated on the principle of stretching two slack cables (link chain cables in the early days) across the river, or channel, the ends being fastened on both sides of the river. The ferry pulled itself across the river by means of a system of wheels and drums on both sides of the ferry, through which the cables ran. The slack of the cables was dropped back behind the ferry onto the bottom of the channel out of the way of other ships using the channel. The early ferries were powered by steam engines, and in the case of the Itchen Ferry it now uses diesel engines which were adopted in 1966.

The Itchen Ferry (or bridge as listed in the foreign catalogue under Southampton 705 RA-RF) went into service in 1836 using ferries patterned after Rendel's invention. This ferry service over the years has used alternatively foot-passenger ferries, straight vehicular, or combination both foot-passenger and vehicular ferries. At present it uses two of the latter ferries side by side, and a third one standing by if one or the other being used should have a breakdown. Foot passengers ride free, and only vehicles must pay a toll.

The present ferry service was purchased by the Southampton Corporation in 1934 from the Public Company which had operated it since its inauguration in 1836. The 1d tokens were used on the Southampton side of the Itchen River, and the 1d was used on the Woolston side. There is a probability that other tokens may have been used here on the earlier ferries, and also on a much earlier one which was called the Crosshouse Ferry which preceded the Itchen Ferry. The Southampton Corporation is planning a bridge across the river near the site of the present ferry, and that will mean the end of this service, and it will be the first of three cable ferries in the southern part of England to be replaced by a bridge. I have an unlisted token used on this ferry, which is described thus:

ITCHEN BRIDGE 1d (INCUSE LETTERS)

o Z Sq Sd (blank)(32mm)(rounded corners)

The present ferry service uses paper tickets.

The Cowes Bridge, as listed under Cowes 220 RA-RE, and the Cowes Ferry listed under Cowes 220 A-F were both one and the same cable ferry system, which operated across the Medina River on the Isle of Wight.

There is only one cable ferry in service here and it is a combination foot-passenger and vehicular ferry which went into service a few years after the Itchen Ferry. There never has been a bridge across the river at this site or elsewhere. The present ferry charges tolls for both foot-passengers and vehicles, using paper tickets.

The Gosport Floating Bridge, listed under Gosport RA-RI and the Portsmouth Floating Bridge, listed under Portsmouth RA-RG also were not separate bridges, but were both one and the same cable ferry which operated across the mouth of Portsmouth Harbour. This cable ferry service went into operation in 1838 and was discontinued when it was destroyed along with most of the docks and harbour installations during the heavy bombing in World War II. It was never continued when the harbour docks were rebuilt. There are now two ferry services (neither is a cable ferry) operating across the harbor, both owned by the Portsmouth Harbour and Ferry Co. Ltd. These ferries use paper tickets and carry foot passengers only, allowing bicycles and motor cycles aboard also.

The Gosport tokens RA-RI were used or issued on the Gosport side of the harbour and the Portsmouth tokens RA-RG were used on the Portsmouth side. There has never been a bridge as such across the mouth of Portsmouth Harbour. Portsmouth is on Portsea Island, separated by a narrow channel from the mainland, and this channel is

bridged. I have ridden on all three of these ferries, as well as a number of others in this area, and all use paper or cardboard tickets.

There are quite a number of similar cable ferries across the rivers down in Australia, where they are called "punts." There have also been some of these cable ferries in the U.S.A.

Inasmuch as the tokens used on these so-called bridges were not used on bridges at all, but actually on ferries, it would seem appropriate that they should be removed from the "bridge" classification and put into the general token category, if Mr. Smith so desires.

= ADVANCE ORDERS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR CAR WASH TOKEN CATALOGUE =

A handsome new book, *Car Wash Tokens*, by Harold Ford and John Coffee, is now at the printer, and the books have been promised no later than August 15. This will be a complete catalogue listing all known car wash tokens of the world, with prices and full index of obverse inscriptions, and ten plates of photographs of tokens and car wash equipment. It will be a cloth-bound book of 120 pages. The system of listing is similar to that used in the Atwood Catalogue of Transportation Tokens, and supplements will be included from time to time in issues of THE FARE BOX as they have in the past--when there is space for them without detriment to articles on transportation tokens, which always of course have first priority.

Members may order this book in advance of publication for \$3.50 postpaid, which barely covers the costs of printing, photographing, and mailing. This price will be valid only until August 15. After that the AVA member price will be \$4.50, and the retail price (to non-AVA members) will be \$7.50. We are only printing 500 copies. To place your advance order, send your check directly to the Editor, John Coffee - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, MA 02104. Order as many copies as you wish at the advance price; frankly we need the working capital.

Advance orders will be filled directly from my summer home in Tacoma, Washington. The printer will ship enough books directly to Tacoma to fill advance orders. The remainder of the books will be held by the printer until my return to Boston, and then sent to Boston.

The purpose of the special advance price is to give us some working capital, but especially to give AVA members something extra for their membership and their loyalty.

= PRICES REALIZED AT CECIL JEFFERSON'S FEBRUARY AUCTION OF CANADIAN TOKENS =

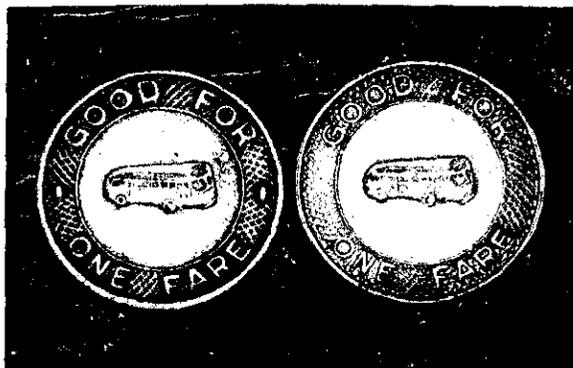
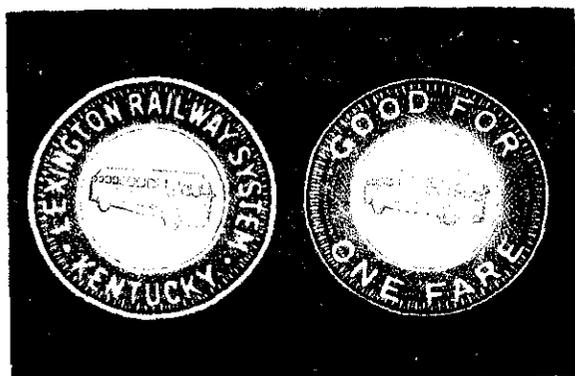
AB 140 B.....\$2.25	BC 600 A.....18.00	ON 750 A.....15.25	PQ 360 F..... .75
C..... .80	B.....16.00	850 A.....20.00	620 Q..... .35
D..... 3.25	900 A..... 6.75	B.....15.25	R..... 2.10
800 B.....10.50	MB 200 A..... 4.15	PQ 345 A..... 6.25	S..... 1.30
BC 450 A..... 2.50	NS 850 E..... 3.50	D..... 4.50	W.....no bid
B..... 3.00	ON 125 A..... 3.25	360 B..... 1.05	Y..... 1.30
D..... 2.00	325 C..... 7.10	C..... 1.30	AB..... 1.30
E..... 3.25	400 A..... 9.10	E..... 1.10	AC..... 2.25
			AD..... 1.30

= PRICES REALIZED AT ED DENCE'S MARCH AUCTION =

CA 105 A.....\$4.25	NJ 250 A.....\$1.05	PA 750 Z.....\$3.00
CO 260 P & Q(pair)...6.00	PA 750 N.....32.50	PA 750 AJ.....2.15

No bids received for FL 360 A; PA 750 W; or NY 631 S.

INFORMATION THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS



The pair of photos on the left, above, are enlarged pictures of the obverse and reverse of KY 480 S. The pictures on the right are of the reverse of KY 480 Ra and Rb respectively. Note the different style of bus on Ky 480 S from that on R. The bus shown on R is unique, and has a center door, and is therefore a Type #2 bus. There has been much confusion in differentiating between 480 R and S.



The pair of photos on the left above are enlarged pictures of DC 500 AF. Note that there are two distinct die varieties. The left token we shall call DC 500 AFa and the other 500 AFb. The photos on the right are enlarged pictures of MO 700 A, which is not pictured in Atwood. On page 328 of Atwood there is an actual photograph of the engine used on this line, so the picture on the token apparently is only an artist's whim.



The pictures on the left above are enlarged photos of KS 40 D, which is not pictured in Atwood, and which in my article on bridge tokens some issues back I said I wished there were a picture available. The token on the right above is TX 55 C, discovered since the Atwood was published and hence never before published anywhere. The reverse of this token is blank.

= MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Ralph Freiberg

INDIANA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

DEAN'S BLUE CAB TEL: 569-3324 FRANKFORT IND.

* A Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (* 5/18/74) \$0.15

MARYLAND

Salisbury 840 (Reported by N.I.S.)

SALISBURY TRANSIT CO. SALISBURY, MO.

* D A 23 Sd One Student Fare [error: should be MD, not "MO"] .30

SALISBURY TRANSIT CO. SALISBURY, MD.

* E B 26 Sd One Adult Fare .30

TEXAS

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

KELLY CAB CO., INC. TEL: 526-5161 KILLEEN TEXAS

* J Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (* 5/18/74) .15

VIRGINIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

FORK UNION TAXI TEL: 842-3471 FORK UNION VA.

* A Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (* 5/18/74) .15

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We are listing 3 taxi tokens this month. The home addresses of these 3 taxi companies are as follows: Dean's Blue Cab - 401 N. Main St. - Frankfort, IN 46041. Mr. James Dean, owner. Kelly Cab Co., Inc. - 104 E. Avenue C - Killeen, TX 76541. Mr. Bill Stewart, Mgr. Fork Union Taxi - P.O. Box 66 - Fork Union, VA 23055. Mr. F. S. Townsend, owner.

Also this month we're listing 2 tokens for the company in Salisbury, Md. It seems we listed two tokens for this city in the March 1973 Fare Box. As the company had only 500 of each of those two tokens made, they didn't want to part with a quantity for our N.I.S. For some time, therefore, I had been toying with the idea of having someone make some more tokens, with the permission of the company, and supply them to him. This is what we did for Salisbury, and we now hope we'll be able to get some of the older ones for our N.I.S., as well as now having two more tokens of a different type to distribute. It cost us \$118.95 for 900 each of the new tokens for Salisbury. We sent then 700 of each to be put into use, and retained 200 of each for the N.I.S. So the 400 tokens we kept, at 30¢ apiece, will come to \$120, and this will pay for the whole striking, and also shake loose some of the older tokens for us. Now it should be emphasized that we only did this after securing permission from Salisbury Transit. We definitely would not make tokens for a company unless they first of all asked for them.

But then, of course, a snag developed! The aluminum token came through with an error on it: they put MO (abbreviation for Missouri) on the token instead of MD for Maryland. Nevertheless they accepted them and are using them. Perhaps later in the year we'll have a corrected token, which will also be listed in due time.

A couple years back there was an error made on some tokens that were struck for the San Rafael-Richmond Bus (in California). At the time the error was noted and the tokens returned to the token manufacturer (Meyer & Wenthe, who also made the new Salisbury tokens). Then we discovered that within a couple weeks the returned error tokens were sold as scrap by the token manufacturer, and ended up in the hands of coin dealers. These tokens never reached the bus company. However Duane Feisel was able to get a quantity so that he could sell the errors for 25¢ +SAB. Since there are a lot of these around we may list them, with an appropriate comment on their actual status, of course.

Along this same line, there were a lot of tokens like Pa 425 C showing up, but made of brass instead of white metal. These have been appearing in flea markets and at various coin shows. We had one collector in Pennsylvania call up the former owner of the line to ask about them, and he replied over the phone that he had never used such brass tokens or had them made. So it appears that--as we have suspected all along--someone got ahold of the old dies and made these brass tokens solely for the purpose of dumping them on collectors. They are being sold anywhere from 25¢ on up, mostly up. There is, of course, no way I can stop anyone from buying these, and if you only pay 25¢ you can't get stung very much. But I do think you are really being taken if you pay something like \$2 or thereabouts. They are, quite frankly, nothing but frauds. And if we give them any kind of recognition in our Atwood Catalogue all we are doing is encouraging the characters who strike these things. If we acknowledge their existence at all, it will be in the Fantasy list. I am mentioning them here because I keep getting letters from unsuspecting collectors who were taken in and bought them.

A letter from Joe Studebaker informs us that the Baltimore Tunnel token did not work out, and they have discontinued using them as of the middle of April, and people with tokens have only until May 15, 1974, to use them up. I also have learned that Tulsa, OK, is using tokens, but they are only tokens issued for various other companies. They haven't issued a new tokens for themselves yet.

We have quite a few new issues pending, and we are seeking supplies for the New Issues Service. We have two new issues from Little Rock, AR, which have just arrived at the N.I.S. We have a new one for the Los Angeles Airport but so far no answer from them. We have a couple for the Grosse Ile Bridge--these are the G I B tokens mentioned last month. And a few others. It's a good time to be collecting tokens. Always something new coming along.

= MAY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

The two tokens from Eugene, OR, (OR 240 E F) have been received and mailed out to all NIS members, along with two other Miscellaneous 1000 tokens, so by the time you read this you ought to have received these tokens, provided there's enough in your NIS account to pay for them.

This month you also will receive the 3 Miscellaneous tokens listed this issue. As time goes on we'll be sending more of these from various cities across the country. Also along with these three, this month you will be receiving MD 840 D E, thanks to Duane Feisel for providing them for us. All members, both regular & associate, will receive these five tokens.

Later on I shall have the Minneapolis Convention Tour token to send out. If you are planning on attending the convention and getting your token in Minneapolis, and so don't want one thru N.I.S., please write and tell me, so I won't send you one. If I do not hear from you, you will receive the convention tour token.

More tokens pending. Please keep your account in the black so you won't miss out on them.

= PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE A.V.A. MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION =

Members planning to attend the A.V.A. Annual Convention in Minneapolis, to be held August 9-11, may register at the door for a fee of \$12.50. Or they may send in their registration in advance and save a dollar: only \$11.50 in advance. Send your registration to Floyd O. Barnett - 5425 Portland Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55417. When you come, please bring your AVA tag with you--the one you got at Chicago. Some one will be on hand at the hotel Thursday night for early birds.

Incidentally, all senior citizens may ride our MTC buses free from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, and all day Saturday & Sunday, by simply showing a Medicare card.

AUCTION from the Edw. Moore Vickers' Collection and a few others.

AL 40A	DE 900A	KS 450D	MS 460D	NY 630AR	PA 520Ac	WA 340B
B	FL 300A	KY 510 O	620A	695A	495G	755A
560A	B	BC	720D	780A	515B	840H
C	Db	LA 30A	900C	C	725D	WV 200D
750F	380C	790A	Da	800A	750 O	F
AK 300C	E	ME 480A	E	945A	Z	290H
F	H	B	MO 140A	NC 450E	AD	WI 790A
450B	440A	MD 60Ia	MT 660Ba	770B	AE	1000A
D	GA 630A	K	D	OH 10M	AT	DC 500I
E	765A	AN	NJ 115A	15B	RI 700A	M
F	ID 380B	300A	B	175W	SD 260B	Time Tables
G	440H	MA 305A	555B	X	TX 555A	F, G, X
500B	IL 70D	MI 470A	605A	475D36	(poor)	
640D	150Aa	845I	NM 430D	790A	710B	Canada
E	220Fa	1000A	NY 25G	860B	VT 150A	BC 700A
AR 435B	460B	MN 620A	75A	OR 20B	WA 5A	B
CA435B	763A	B	235B	C	10C	850B
535Cb	785A	C	385A	700B	80C	C
575Fa	IN 930C	760I	425A	PA 15F	250A	NS 200A
775C	IA 300D	790A	575A	310A2	D	400A
D	590A	MS 320B	630B	320Aa	E	Ont 450A
CT 235B	930C	E	P	Ab	F	Amuse 100A

Any bids less than 4 times catalog will be rejected. Some tokens may be sold by prior sale. I also reserve the right to withdraw any tokens. There will be no 'steals' but plenty of real good buys.

Some UNPUNCHED ERRORS (solids) with a \$3.50 minimum bid acceptable.

CA 450Ea	CA 935D	IN 860E	MS 720Ba	NY 440A	NC 660B	PA 765Z
Eb	CO 260Ab	MA 550C	MO 440N	630U	OR 700G	TX 320B
575Q	540D	GB	NJ 115C	AH	H	WA 780Q
760F	IL 150Z	F	E	AO	PA 10Cb	840I
985C		MN 540Cb		NC 160A		

Two Blank Planchets WM 16 W, Bz 16 L (\$1.50 reserve bid)

POSTAGE and INSURANCE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDS.

Mr. Vickers has gone to great pains to assemble many sets of die varieties. In some instances he has as many as seven different dies. It would be a great loss to the hobby to have to sell them as just a type, ignoring the die varieties. Write me if you are interested in knowing more about these varieties. Bids as a group will be considered.

Still available, the complete list of tokens offered at auction of the Vickers' collection. Price \$1.00. This \$1. will be refunded with any sales over \$20.00. (\$1. is the actual cost of preparing this list.)

Phone bids will be accepted... my number is 1-203-237-2180. Or mail in bids to me at PAUL TARGONSKY 23 Harrison St. MERIDEN, CONN. 06450

(Editor's Note: the above stencil was typed by Mr. Targonsky) (paid advertisement)

MFG SAMPLE Group 7-E limited supply, price only \$1 each.

Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond - Chicago, IL 60659

MAIL BID: Passenger ticket - Union Ferry Co. Brooklyn, in good condition.

John K. Curtis - Box 263 - Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5S9

TRADE: Neb 540 O; NY 695 A; Ohio 1000 A; Pa 965 C, for Missouri merchant & saloon tokens of any state. = Littlefield - 4841 Hannover - St. Louis, MO 63123

NEED 2 PKGS COMMON TOKENS - will pay \$10 per hundred. Write first. Need for trading material. = Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

FOR SALE: 20¢ each +SAE: IL 285 E, 755 E, 890 E; IN 260 D, 350 C, 660 C; KS 820 G, 970 C F G H; KY 510 AM AN; LA 670 A; MA 135 A; MI 75 D E F G H J, 680 Q; ME 190 B; MO 910 D; NJ 15 B, 115 F G, 555 C D. Many more; send for my complete list. 1973 Mardi Gras souvenir medal \$1.00. Big 1-3/8x3-3/8 red & white POISON labels free. How many? Just request them. = C.G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

FOR SALE: one old embossed insulator; one pre-statehood Alaska magazine; two "not so common 15¢ cat. TT's; one antique bronze medal. \$2.00 postpaid. Or will trade any or all for trade tokens. You may suggest a deal. Have many trades or cash offers.

Virginia E. King - R6, Rd 650 W - Columbia City, IN 46725

I NEED THE FOLLOWING FOR MY COLLECTION: NJ 3220 B, 3440 A, 3700 A, 3885 D, 3895 A. Will pay 6 times cat. I also need NJ 3115 A. Please write with asking price on this one, or for my offer.

Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

WANTED: RAILROAD & TROLLEY cap & employee badges, also lapel insignia. Also police & fire badges. Have railroad & trolley badges for sale or trade.

John R. Smith - 323 Park Ave. West - Mansfield, OH 44906

WANTED: most Calif. TT's. Let me know what you have. In particular need Cal 450 D E G L, 575 A F G L, 760 E H J.

Jeff Robbins - 1539 S. Bedford St. - Los Angeles, CA 90035

WILL TRADE ARK 435 A B, 405 A; Ida 520 A; La 470 A; Minn 490 A, 540 B, for Texas saloon or merchant tokens.

Harry L. Strough - 106 West Rocky Creek - Houston, TX 77022

PARKING TOKENS WANTED: will pay 5 times cat. for the following: MN 3275 A, 3720 Aa; MS 3460 Aa Ab B; TX 3050 A.

Marvin E. Simon - 10 Gallup St. - Westerly, RI 02891

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Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - West Columbia, SC 29169

TRADE on a one-for-one basis: Cal 450 B J, 575 I J K N O P Q, 715 K P Q, 745 P Q, 760 E H, 775 J, for any common TT's from Maine, Maryland, or Mass. or Michigan (all diff. please) = Bud Carmichael - 1331 Hanchett Ave. - San Jose, CA 95126

AUCTION: Conn 345 A; Fla 860 A; Md 940 A; Mass 505 A; NH 100 A, 520 A, 640 E I K. WANTED: and will pay as follows: Fla 880 J, \$1. Fla 310 A \$16. NY 25 A \$6, 385 A \$8, 629 E \$4.50; Pa 65 I \$1.50, 65 J \$1.50, 425 A \$7, 525 D \$7.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

TRANSP. TOKENS! 100 different. Cat. up to \$1.00. Only \$13.60 prepaid. We buy tokens & medals. - Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

JUST ACQUIRED TWELVE SIOUX FALLS, SD 840 F. They are for trade for older & rarer trade tokens. Would prefer the following categories, but will consider a token from your state: dray, livery or transfer tokens; circus, brewery or drug tokens. No modern or common tokens considered.

Wm. H. Clapper - P.O. Box 1573 - Sioux Falls, SD 57101

FOR SALE: substantial portions of collection of bus & coach medals from the world over. All scales & materials. Property of AVA member #1188, Jim Lucey, being sold to raise cash for son's medical bills. For details & answers to questions write directly to seller's authorized agent, Dr. Edward Force - Apt. 3 - 141 Oak St. - New Britain, CT 06052. Enclose SAE bearing 1st class or airmail postage for promptest reply (long env. suggested). Prices more than fair & reasonable. Something for every taste & need. Must sell all!

NOW AVAILABLE: NEW EDITION of my personal token. Will trade for one of yours or send SAE. = Don Thrall - 610 Arlington Ave. - Berkeley, CA 94707

FOR TRADE: GA 630 A B; MA 550 P; MI 510 A; MO 880 A; NC 680 B; OH 15 A B; PA 725 A, 750 AE, 965 C; RI 700 A; SD 260 A. Need trans. & merchants from Ark., La., Miss., Okla., Texas. = T.H. Robinson - Box 8405 - Pine Bluff, AR 71601

WANTED: NH 640 B C D; Vt 60 B; Mass 630 F, 550 K L M P, 997 A C; Conn 305 A B C, 320 A; Me 40 B, 480 A B, 550 C, 710 B, 740 A, 930 A.

Mel Beaton - 30 Hecla St. - Boston, MA 02122

FOR SALE AT STATED PRICES + POSTAGE: Cal 1000 H O P 25¢ each; Conn 1000 A 25¢; Ind 1000 A 25¢; Me 1000 A 25¢; Md 840 D E 45¢ each; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; Ore 240 G 40¢; Tex 320 G 15¢, 1000 J 25¢; Va 1000 A 25¢; Wis 360 L M N O 50¢ each; Ont 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢; Ontario 700 E 40¢. Some trade items still available from last 2 issues of The Fare Box.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

DORGE'S 10th MAIL AUCTION FEATURES A FINE GROUP OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS (55 LOTS). including many cataloguing \$2.50 and up. If you have not bid recently in our mail auctions your name has been dropped from our list. Serious bidders can receive free copies for our June 26 sale. Our subscription price is \$2.00 and with PR \$4.00 per year. Write to; DORGE' - P.O. BOX 5745 - BALTIMORE, MD 21208

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Fla 860 A; Ohio 165 Q, 440 B C; Pa 320 A, 595 B; ILL 1000 A B C, singular or set. Con. & Cov. Ferry Co. Cinn. Ohio (not listed in Cat.)

Edw. L. Dence - 3627 Crispin Drive - Philadelphia, PA 19136

FOR SALE: Pa 750 AC AD AE AT, \$99 postpaid & insured. Personal token 978 C free for SAE. = C.J. Wilcox - 190 O'Farrell St. - San Francisco, CA 94102

TRADE: my Pa 263 A for any TT you send me, or any 10 Lincoln cents 1958 or earlier.

John F. Kobetitsch - c/o WWUP-TV - Goetzville, MI 49736

FOR TRADE: Alas 190 A B; Cal 760 J K; Ill 430 A B C (incl. vars. of B), 475 B C D, 785 A (trade for any \$1 or higher TT I need or will sell for \$2); Kans 980 A B C D E; Ohio 10 A, 860 Q; Okla 280 A B C D; Pa 525 (all); and many more. Send me your trade lists. = W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

FOR ONE DOLLAR you will get the list of tokens in the Vickers collection that is now being put up for auction. This dollar will be credited to you should you purchase over \$20 worth. Send \$1 to:

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

TRADE: AZ 640 E; CA 450 G, 760 I; KS 150 Ca, for Texas transp. or trade tokens. If not interested in a trade I will pay cash.

Charles Berger - 222 Terlingua - Portland, TX 78374

FOR SALE: at 20¢ each: NH 720 A B. at 25¢ each: NY 780 E G; RI 700 E. At 40¢ each Pa 525 I; WVa 830 D; At 50¢ each: Mont 320 Aa. At \$1.50 RI 520 J. Obsolete wooden nickels, 'well drilling' Portsmouth, R.I. 25¢ each. Please include postage. I have the envelopes. = H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888

Nanaimo, B.C., Canada, centennial coins available for \$2.25 each, which includes exchange rate & postage. Please advise me of any B.C. tokens you have for sale or trade.

Roy H. Carpenter - 101 McKinnon Place - Nanaimo, BC V9T 1L8

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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JUNE 12 =

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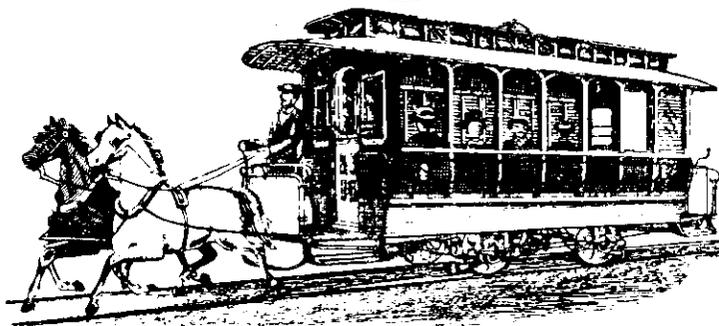
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Our 324th Issue

June 5. The July issue will be out in two weeks. It will be mailed on June 23, so have all ads and articles here no later than June 19 to insure getting in. Ads in the Aug. issue are somewhat restricted, so this will be your last chance to advertise anything you wish.

Inside this issue is the complete Auction for the AVA Convention, which will be held in Minneapolis August 9-11. There is one important point about this auction: a number of the lots have Minimum Bids on them, but these are not indicated on the auction sheet. Those at the convention will learn what they are as the Auction is called. But mail bidders are well advised to send to Mr. Laflin for a list of minimum bids. He asks for 25¢ + a stamped addressed envelope for the minimum bid listing. There was enough space only for lots, and not for minimum bids, he says, and this is why this exercise is necessary. Quincy is in complete charge of the auction, and his address is at the top of the auction list inside here.

Incidentally, the auction list was typed by Anna Butler with her usual perfection, and then her typed copy was put onto a stencil in our electronic stencil-making machine, thereby saving your Editor much labor. Both auction stencils, and the four stencils of Steve Album's article were made on the stencil-maker. If you send me an article neatly typed, single-spaced with good dark typewriter ribbon, I can save myself the trouble of retyping it now. This will help considerably in getting issues out more regularly hereafter. The machine still has some quirks I must learn: e. g. the bottom line will not reproduce unless I am very careful when affixing the blank stencil in the machine—witness the bottom line on page 74, which did not reproduce. Also blemishes on the original paper reproduce perfectly, witness the glob over "Page 74" which was simply a flaw on the paper Steve used. Like everything else, we learn with practice.

The 1974 AVA Roster has arrived, the work, as usual, of Bob & Anna Butler. A magnificent piece of work, and we congratulate and thank them. I was also pleased to learn that there are 34 more members in the 1974 Roster than in the 1973.

Also recently arrived: Volume 2 of Steve Album's California Trade Token book, this one for Southern California & San Francisco. A real masterpiece, worthy of a PhD dissertation, as are all Steve's accomplishments. The book is hardbound, 416 pages, and sells for \$12.50 from Steve Album - Box 4039, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Squeezed for time & space this month, surprisingly enough. See you in two weeks.



BELGIUM (Reported by F.J. Bingen)

Brussels 80 (amusement park tokens)

AUTO-SKOOTER BOSSUWE SYLVESTRE BON POUR 1 AUTO 1 OU 2 PERSONNES

WPo B Hx Sd Auto-Skooter Bossuwe Sylvestre Goed Voor 1 Auto
1 of 2 Personen (31mm)

.25

CIRCUIT DE MONTLHERY J. VAN GOORLAEKEN BON PUR 1 AUTO
1 OU 2 PERSONNES

WQo B Ov Sd Omloop Van Monthery J. Van Goorlaeken Goed Voor 1 Auto
1 of 2 Personen (29x24mm)

GERMANY (Reported by F.J. Bingen)

Zittau 890

ZAHL-MARKE S.S.Z.

B o B 23 Sd 10

1.00

SWITZERLAND (Reported by Yosef Sa'ar)

Geneva 360 (ferry tokens, used about 1900)

BAC A HELICE / GENEVE / 25 / FRAPPE A L'USINE DE DEGROSSISSAGE

FAo A 25 Sd Trub & Co. / Constructeurs (ferryboat)

3.00

BAC A HELICE / GENEVE / 10 / FRAPPE A L'USINE DE DEGROSSISSAGE

FBo A 21 Sd Trub & Co. / Constructeurs (ferryboat)

3.00

NORWAY

On page 2 of the January 1974 Fare Box, Mr. Somod lists some tokens in the collection of the University of Oslo, and the Storen and Holst book which he says I did not list. However, please check the February 1972 Supplement, wherein I listed items reported by Mr. Bingen from the Storen and Holst book. I listed these without benefit of rubbings or photos, and now I note that there are differences between Mr. Bingen and Mr. Somod. The Arendal hexagon items were listed to me by Mr. Bingen as 21mm tokens, and I listed them as 60 F and ZB. But Mr. Somod lists these as 21x24mm tokens, and at the University of Oslo. The question now is Are these the same items, and if so who made the mistake in describing them? I'd like to get photos or rubbings of these, and need someone to do this for us.

Also there is listed an oval bridge token from Porsbrunn, but neither Mr. Bingen nor Mr. Somod supplies the dimensions for it, and this also is in the University of Oslo collection. Would like to have a rubbing of this one so I can get the dimensions, and also would like to verify if it is white metal. It seems to be a certainty that if it is possible for a mistake to occur, it will occur, in listing tokens. Nearly every time I list a token without having seen a photo or rubbing, something goes wrong, and someone always turns up who has a token which is just a little bit different from the listing, and the question is, Is this the same token or a different one?

Unfortunately age does not make a catalogue completely correct. Often when we come across tokens we discover that descriptions of them in old Swedish catalogues were not correct.

I mention all of this because I merely want to stress the importance of my having photos or rubbings when I list tokens.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. And please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH

328 AVENUE F

REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

= REMEMBER: A.V.A. CONVENTION - MINNEAPOLIS - AUGUST 9,10,11 =

= THE 1974 AVA CONVENTION AUCTION =

The following is the combination mail and floor auction for our Convention for 1974. Any reasonable bid will be accepted. Please bid by lot number, and not by token description. Mail bids must be postmarked not later than July 13, 1974, so get your bids to me before that date.

Mail all bids to:

QUINCY A. LAFLIN

1476 Iglehart Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55104

1	AK	50	C	46	Austria	840	A	90	CA	50	B	135	MO	350	C
2	AR	435	M	47	NE	305	A,B,C,D	91		100	A	136		440	A
3	CO	140	I	48	AK	190	A	92		105	A	137		440	H
4		140	J	49		190	B	93		205	A	138	MT	480	A
5		600	A	50	IL	430	B	94		205	C	139	NE	700	Z
6	DC	500	AI	51	KS	30	C	95		525	B	140	NH	500	A
7		500	AJ	52		820	H	96		535	B	141		520	A
8	GA	690	A	53	OK	640	G	97		535	C	142		700	A
9	IN	930	G	54	PA	920	B	98		625	A	143	NJ	30	A
10	KY	45	C	55	SD	680	B	99		650	A	144	NM	40	Cb
11	MA	115	AG	56	VA	20	L	100		745	E	145		430	C
12		145	A	57	WA	840	E	101		745	H	146		430	D
13		145	C	58	WV	640	A	102		775	C	147	NY	410	B
14		145	D	59	PR	640	D	103	CO	260	D	148		630	U
15	MN	600	B	60	Alberta	140	B	104		260	Q	149		695	A
16	NV	100	A	61		140	C	105		540	C	150		735	A
17		160	B	62	Quebec	60	A	106		540	D	151		780	D
18	NJ	115	I	63	Ontario	900	D	107		620	A	152		830	B
19		997	G	64	IN	290	D	108	FL	300	D	153		875	A
20	NY	235	B	65		460	O	109		380	E	154		945	D
21		790	E	66		460	P	110		380	H	155		998	M
22		785	C	67		980	E	111		380	P	156	NC	630	A
23		785	D	68	IA	640	E	112		540	B	157	OH	10	B
24		410	C	69	MD	60	Z	113	GA	765	A	158		10	E
25	OH	165	AF	70	MA	550	A	114	HI	240	E	159	PA	515	B
26	PA	70	A	71	MI	65	G	115		330	B	160		605	D
27		125	B	72		75	I	116		540	B	161		725	D
28	VT	150	F	73	MN	680	A	117	IN	180	A	162		750	O
29		150	G	74	NM	40	Cb	118		450	A	163		750	W
30	Br. Col.	450	B	75	OH	475	D53	119		960	B	164		750	AT
31	Phil. Is.	700	I	76		475	D55	120	KS	40	Cb	165	SD	260	A
32		700	H	77	VA	20	K	121		40	D	166		680	A
33	NC	3630	A(H)	78	WY	100	E,G,I	122		40	E	167		760	A
34	WI	3510	N			998	A	123		40	F	168	VT	150	B
35	Ont.	700	E	79	OR	100	B	124		490	A	169		150	C
36		700	F	80	CT	998	H	125		640	D	170		150	D
37		865	A	81	IL	150	O	126	LA	30	B	171		150	E
38	China	720	D	82		150	Q	127	MD	60	T	172	VA	620	A
39	Denmark	5	J	83	MA	998?	Like B	128		60	U	173		620	B
40		160	C	84		998	J	129		60	V	174		620	J
41	Germany	40	B	85	MO	140	A	130	MI	885	A	175		820	A
42		480	A	86	AK	300	C	131		885	B	176	WA	780	U
43	Iran	750	J	87		300	F	132	MS	460	A	177		880	A
44	Israel	400	A	88		500	B	133		620	A	178	DC	500	A
45		400	B	89		800	A	134	MO	140	C	179		500	O

180 CA 705 A
 181 KS 820 A
 182 KY 510 C
 183 MD 60 I
 184 60 J
 185 60 K
 186 60 L
 187 60 M
 188 60 Q
 189 60 AN
 190 60 AP
 191 MN 540 D
 192 MO 997 A
 193 997 E
 194 NY 410 A
 195 PA 998 B
 196 CA 25 A
 197 450 D
 198 535 D
 199 640 A
 200 760 J
 201 CO 260 P
 202 600 A
 203 FL 380 F
 204 380 P
 205 610 A
 206 GA 50 B
 207 ID 640 A
 208 IL 495 C
 209 755 C
 210 IN 90 A
 211 IA 150 B
 212 300 D
 213 KS 40 D
 214 450 D
 215 KY 10 D
 216 10 K
 217 510 AK
 218 510 BV
 219 LA 30 B
 220 ME 40 A
 221 MA 505 A
 222 660 A
 223 MI 460 A
 224 775 A
 225 775 B
 226 935 B
 227 MO 440 H
 228 440 I
 229 950 B
 230 MT 480 A
 231 NE 420 A

232 700 L
 233 700 Y
 234 700 Z
 235 NH 100 A
 236 NY 10 H
 237 235 B
 238 630 U
 239 631 I
 240 1000 A
 241 NC 130 A
 242 380 C
 243 630 A
 244 690 E
 245 ND 320 B
 246 OR 100 A
 247 700 C
 248 700 F
 249 760 A
 250 PA 150 A,B
 251 195 C
 252 320 A
 253 340 E
 254 725 B?
 255 950 C
 256 TN 75 H
 257 415 D
 258 TX 145 A
 259 255 P
 260 360 D
 261 VT 150 F
 262 VA 620 K
 263 WA 600 C
 264 720 A
 265 WV 200 A
 266 590 A
 267 590 B
 268 WI 170 B
 269 DC 500 G
 270 IL 130 D
 271 495 G
 272 IA 730 A
 273 KY 45 C
 274 MO 430 C
 275 440 J
 276 NY 25 C
 277 70 A
 278 230 I
 279 410 B
 280 410 C
 281 440 B
 282 715 A
 283 780 J

284 ND 60 B
 285 OH 435 B
 286 750 A
 287 PA 375 A
 288 870 A
 289 920 B
 290 WV 590 B
 291 CA 760 K
 292 CT 305 R
 293 NM 430 A
 294 RI 520 J
 295 WV 640 A
 296 CA 3450 AD
 297 3450 AE
 298 MO 3910 L
 299 NY 3435 B
 300 TX 3255 C
 301 3955 A
 302 AK 300 C
 303 300 D
 304 300 E
 305 300 F
 306 300 G
 307 300 H
 308 450 D
 309 450 E
 310 450 H
 311 450 I
 312 450 J
 313 450 K
 314 450 L
 315 450 M
 316 500 B
 317 800 A
 318 900 B
 319 HI 210 B
 320 210 C
 321 240 A
 322 240 B
 323 240 E
 324 330 B
 325 540 B
 326 540 E
 327 ND 320 B
 328 WA 300 C
 329 300 D
 330 780 I
 331 780 K
 332 780 L
 333 780 T
 334 840 D
 335 840 E

336 WA 840 S
 337 840 T
 338 880 H
 339 880 I
 340 970 A
 341 990 B
 342 MN 30 B
 343 540 AA
 344 540 AA
 345 540 Z
 346 730 C
 347 730 D
 348 730 E
 349 730 E
 350 760 H
 351 760 I
 352 760 G
 353 760 G
 354 790 A
 355 900 A
 356 540 Cb
 357 600 A
 358 985 A
 359 590 A
 360 590 A
 361 NM 900 A

= GASOLINE TOKENS =
Stephen Album

Although service stations have been issuing tokens of one sort or another for more than half a century, it has only been in the past few years that they have used tokens intended to be inserted into a machine which dispenses gasoline. This is because the token-accepting and metering devices are technologically quite sophisticated, and have only recently attained a high level of reliability and accuracy coupled with a relatively small cost and easy maintenance. The devices in use today are activated either by the insertion of coins or of special tokens, which come in both non-local (e.g., Gas-o-Mat) and local types. The following listing includes only the last type, and is restricted to California. I do not know of any similar series in use outside California, although the company behind this issue, Powerine Oil Co., of Santa Fe Springs CA, is contemplating expansion into neighboring states. Powerine, and its affiliates, as well as local companies who let the equipment from them, have been in the process of expanding to about 400 retail outlets, the only major service station expansion program that seems not to have been affected as yet by the ongoing fuel shortages. I do not know how many installations are now in operation or under construction, but it is surely many more than the 30-odd represented by known tokens listed below. A number of installations, such as the one on Highland in San Bernardino (token known, but not yet listed), have shut down.

When a new installation opens, they are given a supply of tokens from shut-down stations, or excess from operating stations. Thus before Oakland got their own tokens made, they used a batch consisting of various proportions of 8240 A, 8140 A, and 8975 A. Both Sacramento installations were still using mixtures from the Los Angeles area when I last checked. At one time, a stock token was used, made of bronze, but these have been discontinued, as machines set to accept the bronze were also activated by Australian and English pennies. After some months, stations receive their own 'personalized' tokens, which are good (legally) only at the designated location. But just as is the case with all other machine tokens, each location soon gets a sprinkling of tokens from all over, which they generally just go ahead and use along with their own.

All of the tokens listed below are 32 mm. in diameter, and nearly all are struck in white metal. All have a face value of one dollar. They are inserted into the machine by the customer, who purchases them from a single attendant who is in this manner able to service eight to twelve pumps all by himself. Each attendant is issued so many bags of one thousand tokens each, and is accountable for them. Extra bags are stored in an underground safe, usually set in the floor of the office, where cash receipts are also placed until taken to the bank. Sometimes an attendant runs out of tokens, and if no one is around with the key to the safe (or rather, to one locked compartment of the safe), the station must close down until someone with a key can be found, but I am told that this situation rarely happens.

The customer must guess how many dollars worth his tank will take, and purchases the necessary number of tokens from the attendant. If he puts too many into the machine, the excess are returned for future use, and if his tank takes less than the last dollar's worth, the difference is refunded automatically in change. It is a very fast and efficient system, and can replace two or three attendants in a busy station.

There are other tokens issued by California service stations, some of which are redeemable in gasoline, but as these are not intended to be inserted into a gasoline pump, but rather, are handed to the attendant in part payment of a purchase, they are omitted from the list below. The cities have been given an '8000' number to distinguish them from other kinds of tokens collected by vecturists. Of all gasoline tokens, these are the most pertinent to the vecturist, as they can only be used for gasoline, and not for other purchases, as is the case with most other service station tokens.

There are three standard reverses found on these tokens, which are described below:

- GAS-1 Gas / \$1.00 / Token / Right Reserved To Discontinue
- GAS-2 Your Key To Savings / \$1.00 / Merchandise / Credit / Right Reserved To Discontinue
- GAS-3 Your Key To Savings / \$1.00 / Gasoline / Credit / Right Reserved To Discontinue

Die varieties have been observed on GAS-3 and possibly also on GAS-2, but no attempt has been made to note them in the listings. Also, many of the obverses have a signature, in order to deter counterfeiting, and in some cases, my readings of the signature are very tentative.

Anaheim 8025

COIN-OP / ECONO MAT / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / BROOKHURST & BROADWAY, ANAHEIM

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Baldwin Park 8052

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / BALDWIN PARK AVE. & FRANCISQUITO. BALDWIN PARK

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Bellflower 8065

FOR USE ONLY AT / BUY-RITE / GASOLINE / ALONDRA & CLARK, BELLFLOWER

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Buena Park 8105

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / ORANGETHORPE & KNOTT BUENA PARK. CALIF.

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Chula Vista 8140

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / 55 N. 4TH CHULA VISTA

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Costa Mesa 8193

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / 17TH ST. & SANTA ANA, COSTA MESA

A o WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

FOR USE ONLY AT / PAN NOVA / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / 17TH ST & SANTA ANA, COSTA MESA

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

East Los Angeles 8240

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / THIRD AND FORD, EAST LOS ANGELES

A o WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / THIRD & FORD

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

El Monte 8255

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / 3533 PECK ROAD, EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Fresno 8300

Garden Grove 8310

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / HARBOR & GARDEN GROVE BLVD. GARDEN GROVE, CAL.

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Hacienda Heights 8339

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / HACIENDA & SHADYBEND, HACIENDA HEIGHTS

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Hayward 8350

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / 525 W. "A" ST. HAYWARD, CAL.

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Hemet 8360

FOR USE ONLY AT / GAS HOUSE / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / FLORIDA & WESTERN HEMET, CALIF.

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Hollywood 8376

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / HOLLYWOOD & GOWER, HOLLYWOOD

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Inglewood 8395

COIN-OP / ECONO MAT / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / MANCHESTER & ISIS, INGLEWOOD

A o WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / ISIS & MANCHESTER, INGLEWOOD, CAL.

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Lancaster 8413

FOR USE ONLY AT / GREEN PASTURES / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / PAUL S HOFFLER / AVE. K & 17TH ST. WEST, LANCASTER

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

FOR USE ONLY AT / PETRO LOCK / GASOLINE / WYANT ELLERY (?) / 45315 N. TREVOR AVE., LANCASTER, CA.

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

Lawndale 8420

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / HAWTHORNE & 154TH ST., LAWDALE

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Long Beach 8445

COIN-OP / ECONO MAT / GASOLINE / W.J. ALDAKER / WOODRUFF & LOS COYOTES, LONG BEACH

A WM 32 Sd (rev GAS-1)

Los Angeles 8450

FOR USE ONLY AT / PAN NOVA / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / THIS LOCATION

A o BZ 32 Sd (GAS-3)

(probably a stock token, but known only to have been used at the Olympic & Stoner, Los Angeles, location)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / OLYMPIC & STONER, LOS ANGELES

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / VERMONT & CLINTON

C WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN POWER / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / MACARTHUR
& HIGH, OAKLAND, CAL.

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-1)

Riverside 8705

FOR USE ONLY AT / PAN NOVA / R / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES /
BROCKTON & CENTRAL, RIVERSIDE

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

San Bernardino 8730

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / 2ND & F STREETS,
SAN BERNARDINO

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

San Diego 8745

COIN-OP / GASOLINE / ASSOCIATES / ALLYSON ROTHSCHIED / 6395
BALBOA AVE., SAN DIEGO

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

FOR USE ONLY AT / PAN NOVA / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES /
EL CAJON & ALTADENA, SAN DIEGO

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

San Jose 8775

FOR USE ONLY AT / PARKVIEW / GEM / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / GLENN
A. KAYS / SKYWAY & NO. FIRST, SAN JOSE

A o BZ 32 Sd (GAS-3)

FOR USE ONLY AT / PARKVIEW / GEM / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / GLENN
A. KAYS / ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY & CHERRY, SAN JOSE

B BZ 32 Sd (GAS-3)

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / 3690 STEVENS
CREEK ROAD, SAN JOSE

C WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Stockton 8895

FOR USE ONLY AT / SHELL / J.R. TATE / 72 / AIRPORT AND CHARTER,
STOCKTON, CALIF.

A WM 32 Sd Save With Shell / \$1.00 / Credit / For / Gasoline / No Cash
Value / We Reserve The Right To Discontinue

Sunnyvale 8900

FOR USE ONLY AT / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES / MATHILDA & EL
CAMINO REAL, SUNNYVALE

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

Whittier 8975

FOR USE ONLY AT / PAN NOVA / COIN-OP / GASOLINE / TOM JONES /
WASHINGTON & NORWALK, WHITTIER

A WM 32 Sd (GAS-2)

FOR USE ONLY AT / AUTOMATED / COACHMAN / COIN-OP / GASOLINE /
R. SCLINE / WHITTIER BLVD. & CALIFORNIA, WHITTIER

B WM 32 Sd (GAS-3)

The above list is probably quite incomplete, and numerous newer issues have certainly appeared, including some from other states. If you have any information on unlisted pieces, or know that certain listed pieces are presently obsolete, please contact Stephen Album, P.O. Box 4039, Berkeley CA 94704. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

= THE QUESTION - 1974 =
By Gerald Johnson

As vecturists in the mid-1970's and admittedly a part of the nostalgia generation, A.V.A. members are frequently asked, "Will the energy and ecology crisis save city public transportation?" In answer some of today's statistics do point to a resurgence in public ridership but within the same data are figures that show a decline in this resurgence since the oil embargo was lifted. Ecologists were hurt by the oil shortage and some projected auto air pollution plans were actually brought under fire by the gasoline-shortaged man on the street. Whether the resurgence is temporary or long-term is debatable, but to the veteran vecturist who has seen the passing of the streetcar and interurban, the public transit situation looks grim indeed. One thing is certain, the energy crunch did slow the demise of public transit (if only a little) by creating public awareness. To gather an overview of the decline of the city bus line phase of mass transit in Wisconsin, a canvass of newspaper clippings of the state concerning transit since 1950 was assembled. Nearly all city bussing information dates from 1950 when postwar transportation seemed to have leveled off to what now seems to be considered "the norm." In 1951, records of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation listed 270 million persons riding city buses and then, despite increases in population within the state during the next decade, a decline to 66 million riders by the year 1972! Beyond this date an estimated three million riders per year will no longer rattle the fare boxes in Wisconsin.

Back in 1951 the State of Wisconsin had thirty bus lines, all privately owned and self-sufficient, while today, 23 years later, though given a breathy of life by the energy crisis, only 21 lines remain and of these just ten are privately owned. According to John Hartz, Chief of Urban Transit Assistance in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the decline in bus ridership is the result of "America's love affair with the automobile." Hartz noted that government policies of the 1950's and 1960's generally favored the development of highways and the use of automobiles rather than public facilities. The bus companies, Hartz stated, "got caught in a vicious circle" of rising costs and declining revenue. The State Department predicts that by 1976 only five of the state bus lines will remain under private ownership.

There is a strong concern for public transit, but no one seems to know exactly how and where to attack the sagging ridership problem. At the national level Congress has set forth monies but no real comprehensive all-inclusive blanket plan to solve mass transit woes. Passage of the 1973 Federal Aid Highway Act provided funds and since that time nearly all of Wisconsin's bus lines have applied for federal grants. However the infusion of monies has solved nothing and the transit lines are dying.

State governments are equally upset with the decline in public transit. Budget battles have erupted when public transit advocates meet headlong with anti-subsidy groups, and the cries of special interest are very much the same as those faced by the railroad barons of the 1880's.

But the real battle is at the grass roots levels where the people involved, knowing the wants of each community, thrash in the financial throes of need vs. monetary virtue. To view the community battles to preserve public transit systems, let's examine the state of health of Wisconsin's 21 active bus lines:

ASHLAND - This community-owned bus line was clobbered with a 40% reduction in fares in the first quarter of 1974 and has shown no increases in ridership due to the energy crisis.

APPLETON - City-subsidized and in trouble, this line showed heavy losses in 1973 financially, but has had an 18% increase in riders in the first quarter of 1974.

BELOIT - The Beloit bus line has been owned by the City since 1972 and showed a modest 8% increase in fares in the first quarter of 1974.

EAU CLAIRE - City-owned and operated after a \$78,000 subsidy failed to save the company in 1973. This line experienced only a 2% rider increase during the energy crisis.

FOND DU LAC - City-owned when the FONDY AREA BUS CO-OP (1967-73) folded last year, this transit authority has poured in large capital improvements and seems to have stemmed the downward tide. Four new 31-passenger buses have been purchased with

federal funds.

GREEN BAY - In a city beset with redevelopment woes, the Green Bay Bus Line is one of only four operating in the state without public assistance. The first quarter rider increase of 25% in 1974 looks great.

JANESVILLE - In 1952 Janesville became Wisconsin's first community-owned bus line. Perhaps the 20-plus years of city operation and expertise are paying off. Riders are up a whopping 27% in the first quarter of the year.

KENOSHA - Another city-owned and operated line that is showing a large increase in fares during the energy crisis. Rides are up a handsome 21% in the first quarter of 1974.

LA CROSSE - Huge subsidies have kept the LaCrosse Transit Company afloat, \$50,000 in 1972 and another \$50,000 in 1973. For the size of the city involved, this represents a sizable percentage of the total city budget. In real trouble, the Chamber of Commerce token (1000 B) is one of several "innovative and imaginative" stimulants tried in past years.

MADISON - City-owned under the name of MADISON METRO and using low fares (25¢) and new equipment, this bus line is losing money at the rate of 3¢ per bus mile. Bad news and an indication the end may be near.

MANITOWOC - City-owned and unhappily so, the city wants OUT though a 13% increase in riders in 1974 has brightened the picture somewhat. The city would like to recontract with the previous owners but price is the problem.

MARINETTE - This bus line folded on June 1, 1973, but is still under orders to run school buses. (You can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em type arrangement.)

MILWAUKEE - One of the last giants in the nation that have been able to keep their corporate heads above water, the Suburban Transport Company stays in the black with a 50¢ adult fare and freeway flyer service though only showing a 2% increase in ridership in the first quarter of 1974.

OSHKOSH - Heavily subsidized and barely holding on, the Oshkosh line found only a 2% increase in riders due to the energy crisis.

RACINE - The Racine (Flash Bus Co.) line has been cutting runs, using downtown mini buses and struggling, but is benefitting from the energy crisis (17% increase in 1974). Still an independent line without public assistance but will be city-owned soon.

RICE LAKE - This little line is subsidized but showed a 15% increase in riders in 1974.

SHEBOYGAN - Another of the larger sprawling lines, subsidized but failing. Had fewer fares in 1973 than 1972 and though a modest increase in 1974 has helped, big financial problems exist.

STEVENS POINT - This community-owned bus line showed an amazing 150% increase in riders in the first quarter of 1974. No reason is given for the increase but it may stem from the ecology-oriented students of this little college city.

SUPERIOR-DULUTH - City-owned and showing little increase (2%) due to the energy crisis, this franchise lost fares from the 1972 level and is in real trouble.

WAUSAU - City-owned since 1972, the line has shortened some of its outlying runs and has only a 1% increase to show for the energy squeeze.

WAUKESHA - A loner line, still operating without public assistance. Figures show a decline in fares in 1974 and a possibility of the end in sight.

WATERTOWN - Not much information on the Watertown line but fares here have also decreased in 1974; a very bad omen.

So even though the first quarter of 1974 showed an increase of 800,000 riders in Wisconsin city transit systems, the overall condition of the state's public transit is indeed grave. In this whole glum picture gleams one bright light. In early February of 1973 the City of Merrill, Wis., became the first city in the nation to put into use a battery-operated pollution-free electric bus, providing FREE service to the elderly and handicapped of the community. A 15-passenger bus runs regular routes through the sprawling northwoods city of 8,000 persons from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. Needless to say, federal money provides the free service.

What, then, is the final solution to the mass transit problem? The one-dollar gallon of gasoline is just around the corner and today's pollution abatement laden

autos are notorious gas hogs. Should real meaningful driving restrictions be enforced only our present mass transit in its crude, cumbersome, polluting form would stand between the public and bogdown. In its emaciated state, public transit could in no way shoulder the burden of a hundredfold increase in usage and ridership.

There must be an answer, a better way, but when and how can the effective movement of massed people be achieved is as nebulous as it was in 1952 when the Janesville line was purchased by the city. Federal monies, with state involvement and local implementation have appeared to solve nothing though lessons have been learned. Perhaps science can break through and provide an answer. Reaching back into the past simply has not worked; perhaps Mr. Hartz is right, love affairs are sometimes painful!

= IT'S THE TOKENS---AND A LOT MORE =
By Syd Joseph

To the many members with whom I correspond on a regular basis I am known as a rambler. However, at this time I seem to be at a loss for words, only because anything I'd say would appear that I am bragging--bragging about the fact that we are enjoying photos of tokens in The Fare Box, after a long delay. It really isn't so--Sure I am elated with this innovation. It took several years to make it a reality. The whys and wherefores are immaterial at this time. I would like to stress one point, which I consider to be very important: that being the best way to criticize is to create something better! I'm not suggesting that the use of photos in The Fare Box is something new, it's just that the expense of having half-tones made up was a prime factor in restricting their inclusion in many issues. With this new equipment recently purchased, John Coffee assures me that this new format will be a regular feature.

The stencil-making machine was very expensive, but one of its chief values is that it can much reduce the workload on our Editor, who has done so remarkable a job for the past 25 years without being paid. The money to buy it didn't come out of our dues, it came from profits realized from the sale of our books, all of which were put together by our Editor himself.

In addition to making it possible to have photographs frequently in The Fare Box the machine also makes it possible for our Editor to avoid typing up a lot of stencils. Articles mailed in which are in neat order may simply be fed into the machine and put automatically on a stencil without John's having to type them...as was done with six stencils in this issue. Who knows--maybe this feature will make it possible for us to receive issues of The Fare Box on a regular schedule!

With that I'll sign off, wishing you all the very best of everything.

= BATS MAY MEETING =

The May meeting of the Bay Area Token Society was held on Sunday, May 19, at the home of Jerry Schimmel, in San Francisco. Attending were Ford, Feisel, Nicolosi, Freiberg, Album, Mr. & Mrs. Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Ezidro, and the host, Jerry Schimmel. Along with the usual beer and coffee, exotic snacks were served, consisting of feta cheese and pita bread, and sliced jicama root. The attendance was smaller than usual but not bad in light of the fact that notices were never sent out, there being some confusion about the date. Nonetheless we all had an enjoyable time. We especially welcomed back the Ezidros, who have not been active in tokens for some time, but are just now getting back with the swing.

= DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE: JUNE 19 =

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

ARKANSAS

Little Rock 480 (Reported by Duane Feisel & New Issues Service)
CENTRAL ARKANSAS TRANSIT (BUS)

★ S	W1 16 B1	Good For One Adult Fare (bus) (2 slots) (* 9/73)	\$0.30
★ T	B 23 B1	" Student Fare (bus) (2 slots) (* 9/73)	.20

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 450 (Reported by Harold Ford [N], and William Garrison [O])
(OBVERSE SAME AS 450 L)

★ N o B	22 Sd	Good For 25¢ in Trade	.25
★ O o B	23 Sd	" One Fare in Trade	.30

MARYLAND

Salisbury 840 (Reported by Duane Feisel)
(OBVERSE SAME AS 840 E)

★ F	A 23 Sd	One Student Fare	.30
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= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we waited till the last minute, to see what the mailman would bring to make up a Supplement for us. As usual when something like this happens, nothing shows up in time. So please bear with us during the summer months.

First this month, we have a couple tokens for Little Rock. We learned of the 16mm token, so wrote Little Rock to see if we could get some for the New Issues Service. It took a follow-up letter and five weeks to get an answer from them, finally. Then a check was sent, and lo and behold, tokens came back in 5 days! They didn't even wait to have the check clear. Central Arkansas Transit is a city-owned operation so we might call it an Authority. Little Rock was one of the first cities to make an application to buy buses, fulfilling the requirements by December 1968. In 1968 the then-operating company put out a school token with the older name on it, Twin City Transit. Incidentally, add (Vars.) after Ark 480 R, as there are possibly 3 or more varieties of this token. On July 1, 1969, they went to Exact Fare of 30¢, the company still being Twin City Transit. I don't know exactly when the City took over this system, but in 1972 I know that Central Arkansas Transit joined the American Transit Association. Probably 1972 is the date of the take-over. Anyway they put out two new tokens in September, 1973, and just by accident we learned they had a new token. Then by writing we also learned there was another token, or two new ones!

As for the Los Angeles token, Bill Garrison learned about the 450 O token on a trip thru Los Angeles while he was at the airport. The token was already obsolete when he learned about it! They changed the wording on the reverse of the token as the fare had been increased from 25¢ to 30¢, so they needed a token that didn't mention 25¢. Then I discovered a token like L but smaller in size, which I am listing as N this month. Incidentally there are at least 3 die varieties of L. Fortunately when we wrote them they told us they could give us a supply of the 450 O for the NIS. But I don't know if we'll be able to get any of the N, which is an older token. With our new stencil-making machine, I hope we shall be able eventually to publish photographs of die varieties so everyone will know what we're talking about.

At the last minute the corrected token for Salisbury, Md., arrived.

We still have more tokens pending, including those for the Grosse Ile Bridge, which we may or may not be able to get. Speaking of which, it appears we have these tokens listed from the wrong place! Back before I was New Issues Editor, Roland C. Atwood listed these tokens from Trenton because the late Ray Cooper said that's where they were from. There is a bridge which runs from Grosse Ile to Trenton, but that is a free bridge and never used tokens. The bridge that issued the tokens stretches from Grosse Ile to Riverview. We'll try to print a map of the area soon to explain the bridge situation around there.

Every once in a while someone reports more die varieties to me. Just learned from Steve Alpert that there are die varieties of Cal 835 G. Matter of fact there could be several die varieties of this token--another one we'd like to run photos of.

I've recently learned that the Cass Bank & Trust Co. of the downtown area of St. Louis will buy bus tokens and give them out to their customers. Just which tokens they will be giving out I don't know, whether the old ones or a new issue. Someone from that area will do us all a favor by finding out.

In my notes last month I added a few things, and got Mr. Coffee mixed up when he typed them up. The error tokens for the San Rafael Bus Line were not made by Meyer & Wenthe, as was stated, but rather by Wendell's. It was Wendell's that sold the error tokens to a scrap dealer after they were returned...and said scrap dealer sold them on the open market. Meyer & Wenthe does not do this. Duane Feisel has these error tokens for sale at a nominal price to anyone who wants them.

Joe Pernicano reports an interesting item. I don't know what it is, but possibly it's an amusement ride token. Anyone have any suggestions?

LINCOLN TRAIN

Bz 32 Sd (blank)

Joe also listed another token, which is probably an admission token for Seabrook Greyhound Park, which is in New England:

SEABROOK GREYHOUND PARK

Bz 25 Sd (same as obverse)

If we get some more tokens to report, they will appear in the July issue, which will be mailed just two weeks after this one.

= JUNE NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

We continue to have good fortune, and tokens are coming in daily and keeping me very busy. We're trying to get all caught up before John Coffee leaves Boston for his annual visit to the West Coast. This month you will receive: Ark 480 S T; Cal 450 O; Md 840 F (the corrected token--last month we sent you the error).

I already have 3 of the above on hand and am waiting for Cal 450 O to arrive; if it doesn't get here within a week it'll be held over till next month. Incidentally note the unique reverse on 450 O. I believe it's the first token with "one Fare in Trade" on it.

More tokens pending; keep your balance in the black if you want them!

Between July 1973 and June 1974 we sent out a total of 57 tokens, of which 44 were U.S., 2 were Canadian, and 11 were foreign. This compares with 81 last year (but all the 24 extras were foreign).

Before closing I want to congratulate Bob & Anna Butler for another magnificent piece of work in the 1974 AVA membership roster. And this month we welcome Jack Smith from Associate Membership to Regular Membership in the New Issues Service.

= STREETCARS GONE FOREVER IN EL PASO =

We have just learned that on May 4, 1974, the City of El Paso abandoned operation of the streetcar line which once operated into Juarez, Mexico, and lately operated on a loop in El Paso. The service has been replaced by a Mexican bus company which will operate on a monthly permit basis. Whether the trolleys will ever return is doubtful. Meanwhile, we do not know what the present status of the aluminum tokens recently issued will be.

OBSOLETE LARGE 27mm COPPER TELEPHONE TOKEN from Israel. Picture of phone dial and Hebrew date 5713 (1953 C.E.) on the token. Not easily found. Postpaid, registered airmail, price \$5.50. = Yosef Sa'ar Ta Doar 22115 - 61 220 Tel-Aviv, ISRAEL
FOR SALE: Ark 720 C 75¢; Col 300 F \$1; HI 540 F \$1, 540 C \$1; ILL 510 A 75¢; Ind 90 A \$3; Ky 510 O \$5; Md 300 A \$3; Mo 370 K 60¢, 430 C \$1, 440 A \$7, 440 G \$10, H \$1.25, I \$1.25, 997 G \$1; NM 430 A \$2; NY 905 D \$3, F \$3; ND 260 Bb \$3; Ohio 165 N \$7; Pa 870 A 50¢; Tex 135 D \$1, E \$1.

Lee Schumacher - 10609 Eastern - Kansas City, MO 64134

SEND ANY 25¢ TT from Ore., Wash., Calif. +SAE and I will send one 25¢ TT, 3 15¢ TT, one PT, one MT. = Frank Kelley - P.O. Box 2515 - Harbor, OR 97415

WANTED TO BUY OR SWAP: NY 10 F H L, 25 B F, 105 C, 410 A, 528 B, 830 D E G, 875 B I N O. = Mel Beaton - 30 Hecla St. - Boston, MA 02122

WANTED: new member saving all states, very few trades at this time. Just a few. TTs that I need: most all convention tokens; Ariz 80 C E F, 640 A C D E, Nev 100 A B C; Cal 575 Aa Ab B D E F G H Q R. Please send list & price.

Gordon Fitzgerald - 15530 LeMarsh St. - Mission Hills, CA 91340

WILL PAY INDICATED AMOUNT TIMES ATWOOD price for one each of following Mississippi tokens in good shape: 12x for 460 I La; 720 Ea Eb Fb; 10x for 460 Da Db; 8x for 320 E; 6x for 320 C, 620 A. = Geo. Chatham - 813 W. Gresham - Indianola, MS 38751

WANTED: animal license tags. Will trade my personal wooden nickel on a one-for-one basis.

Harry Baker - P.O. Box 5239 - Phoenix, AZ 85010

WILL TRADE UNC. U.S. \$10 gold piece for Wisc 510 B or Nebr 540 J.

Clarence Heppner - 203 Jones Bldg. - Seattle, WA 98101

FOR SALE: Ind 660 C 30¢; KY 510 BD BG BI BJ, 60¢ each; Pa 495 J \$1.25, 495 L 70¢, all plus postage. I have the envelopes.

H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888

HAVE MERCHANT TOKENS 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ on the Stag Domino Parlor, Little Rock, Ark. Will trade one for one on Indiana merchant tokens or will trade one for 4 transp. tokens from anywhere, but Indiana preferred.

Richard Salzer - R 3, Box 791 - Knox, IN 46534

FOR SALE: substantial portions of collection of bus & coach models from the world over. All scales & materials. Property of AVA member #1188, Jim Lucey, being sold to raise cash for son's medical bills. For details & answers to questions write directly to seller's authorized agent, Dr. Edward Force - Apt. 3, 141 Oak St. - New Britain, CT 06052. Enclose SAE bearing 1st class or airmail postage for promptest reply (long env. suggested). Prices more than fair & reasonable. Something for every taste & need. Must sell all!

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 860 H - this scarce little token will be sold to highest bidder with a closing date of June 30, 1974. Very Fine condition. Minimum bid \$5.

H.D. Conner - 1604 Blue Bonnet Drive - Fort Worth, TX 76111

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Ala 220 C, 570 D; Alas 300 G, 450 H; Ark 285 B, 720 B; Col 460 C; Conn 345 A; NY 631 I; Wis 700 D.

Frank Smolen - 138 Carroll Ave. - Painesville, OH 44077

AM INTERESTED IN BUYING ONE TOKEN any letter of following PA 55 73 115 130 146 255 260 280 350 355 385 395 310 315. ALSO WANTED TO BUY: Jersey Shore and Antos Fort RR (trolley) ticket. = Don Dietzel - Avis, PA 17721

TRADE: Neb 980 C; Ohio 520 C; Okla 640 A; NC 450 E. If no trade then to highest bidder. FOR SALE: Pa 675 D \$1, 235 A 50¢; Tenn 540 A 50¢ +SAE. I have a number of PT to trade or sell at 3x cat. Send your trade lists.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

BRANFORD EL. RR Short Beach, CT, 50¢ 20-year commemorative 1965 token good for one ride. Rides were 75¢ now \$1. Two tokens for \$1 +SAE. Please make check out to Branford Electric Railroad Assn. I can fill about 50 orders. = W.G. Fyler, Founder BERA - P.O. Drawer #7 - Babson Park, FL 33027. Will include a ticket or 2 as bonus.

WILL PAY 8 TIMES CAT. PRICE FOR: TEX 145 B C I J K. Have some trade material.

John H. Ribbe - 1803 Leona Drive - College Station, TX 77840

TICKET COLLECTORS: have 3 old Atlanta & West Point RR tickets dated 1917 & 1919 and one receipt for fare from Brooklyn Heights RR Co. (N.Y.). Have many trade tokens from various states; let me know which ones you collect. FOR SALE: La 80 A 20¢, B 40¢ +SAE; or will trade above for TTs.

Dee D. Drell - 169B Arrowhead Road - Ft. Benning, GA 31905

FOR SALE: Unlisted parking token, Harvey YMCA (obverse) - Harvey YMCA Free (reverse) See ILL 3385 H. Also Z. Frank, Chicago, 3150 BX, \$1 each. Buckingham Fountain, Chicago, B 32mm octagonal "I Bring Good Luck" on reverse, only \$1. Ky 250 D free with every order. = Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

AVA 1968 Oakland Convention token, Cal 760 J, \$2.50 each; 2 for \$4.50; 3 for \$6; pre-paid! = Bill Williges - P.O. Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

NOW HAVE 2,406 Canine dog lic. tags, U.S. & foreign. Can use any and all tags, esp. ones from Ala., Alas., Del., D.C., Ga., Miss., N.C., S.C., or Vt. Also any from foreign countries. = F.G. Smith - 6 Bahia Lane, Mission View West - Oceanside, CA 92054

RAILROAD, TROLLEY, POLICE & FIRE cap & breast badges wanted. Have railroad & trolley badges for sale or trade. Also collar insignia wanted.

John R. Smith - 323 Park Ave. West - Mansfield, OH 44906

AUCTION: Cuba 480 C; England 475 PK; France 760 RA; Germany 305 A; Jamaica 420 A; Scotland 420 P. = Edward Dence - 8627 Crispin Drive - Philadelphia, PA 19136

PURCHASED LARGE COLLECTION of transportation & parking tokens. Send your want-list. I need saloon and merchant tokens.

Littlefield - 4841 Hannover St. - St. Louis, MO 63123

I would like to buy any cardboard or wooden transp. token actually used for payment of charges for a ride; not interested in advertising pieces. I would also like to trade several transp. tokens for each Colorado or Iowa merchant token I can use.

Lee Nott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS No. 1 in the NHL - to celebrate this event I have a 16mm metal token carrier for trade - desire similar carrier in 23mm size. Also need for a display 23mm common token with Bus Type #1 and diamond pattern. Will pay 20¢ + 10¢ postage if you send one. = Stan Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010

FLORIDA TOKENS FOR SALE: 380 T (obsolete) - 460 A - 880 G I - 910 H - 930 B C D E - all at 75¢ each and one 10¢ stamp.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

FOR SALE: Ind 960 A \$3, 960 B \$3.50; Ia 510 A \$4, 930 C \$3; Mass 998 B \$2. Will also trade for New York and New England tokens I need.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Avenue, Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

WANTED: Ala 220 A C D E F G J K, 240 B, 570 A B, 610 A, 820 A, 998 A B C; Ariz 80 E; Ark 105 A, 285 C, 360 C F G H, 450 A C, 480 A B D E F G H I J K L M N O, 885 G.

J.H. Roy - 10201 Christophe Colomb - Montreal, PQ H2C/2T8

SEND ME one 50¢ cat. TT, or one identified trade check, and I'll send you a choice of the following vintage items: 5 brass slot machine tokens, 5 picture postcards, 1 glass embossed insulator, one shoe button hook, two dog tags, 3 D.A.V. license plates or one book of scrip from McNamara Store, Princeton, Ind.

Virginia King - R 6, Rd 650 W - Columbia City, IN 46725

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Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022

AUCTION: Wash 80 K, 300 C D F, 600 C, 720 A, 745 A, 780 G I K L T, 840 D E H N, 860 B, 880 A F G I J, 960 A B, 970 A B. FOR SALE: 10 diff. Sambos \$1.50 + postage; 160 diff. wooden 5¢ - \$10 + postage.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

FOR SALE AT STATED PRICES + POSTAGE: Ark 480 S 35¢, T 45¢; Cal 450 O 45¢, 575 N 25¢, 1000 M P 25¢ each; Conn 1000 A 25¢; Ind 1000 A 25¢; Me 1000 A 25¢; Md 840 D E F 45¢ each; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; Ore 240 G 40¢; Pa 940 B 15¢; Tex 320 G 15¢, 1000 J 25¢; Va 1000 A 25¢; Wis 360 L M N O 50¢ each; Ont 700 E 40¢; 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢; several of the items for trade still available.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR SALE: Mich 375 A 25¢, 375 B & D at 50¢ each; Ind 260 A B C D at 50¢ for the set; MAIL BID: Ind 500 A, 960 A; Kans 980 A; Ky 510 BK. Still have some of my personal 1096 A, will trade for yours, or send SAE and get one.

Rich Marzian - 1318 E. Breckinridge - Louisville, KY 40204

WANTED: Wright #542 - H.N. Kendall, or variety of same merchant. Will pay \$5 each.

Tom Wall - Box 1242 - Independence, MO 64051

HAVE SOME OLD Pa. & S.C. trade tokens to trade for TTs or PTs I need. Have new 50¢ parking token Columbia, SC, to trade for PT or TT of equal value. SAE assures answer. Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - West Columbia, SC 29169

PAY 3x CAT. FOR THESE: AL 570 F, 820 A; CA 205 H; CT 240 Ab; FL 370 A, 1000 A; IL 70 K, 250 J, 455 J, -720 I; IN 520 F, 890 F; KY 680 L; LA 80 B, 100 A; MD 940 D; MI 60 G. John L. Trembley - P.O. Box 37 - Marina, CA 93933

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Paul Cunningham - Box 1 - Tecumseh, MI 49286

FOR AUCTION: PA 750 N; 725 A. Me 40 A.

John H. Wilcox - Letter Carrier Rte. #283 - North Brunswick, NJ 08902

I HAVE JUST OBTAINED A SMALL SUPPLY (15 only) of the second issue of the Belmont Park tokens, with the letter M in place of the Dashing Dan figure on the first issue. Face value of these tokens is \$1.25 and I am offering them at \$1.50 +SAE.

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I WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS for the fine cooperation and help in assisting me with the coming A.V.A. Auction. Mr. & Mrs. Barnett, Mr. & Mrs. Butler, Donald A. Hillstrom and his able Secretay Jan, my friend John Coffee for his advice and promise to be Auctioneer, and last but not least my faithful wife Inis for putting up with me. God bless all and may the auction be a success, and may I see many of your faces here this summer at the Convention in Minneapolis. = Quincy A. Laflin, Chm. Auction Comm.

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JULY 1 =

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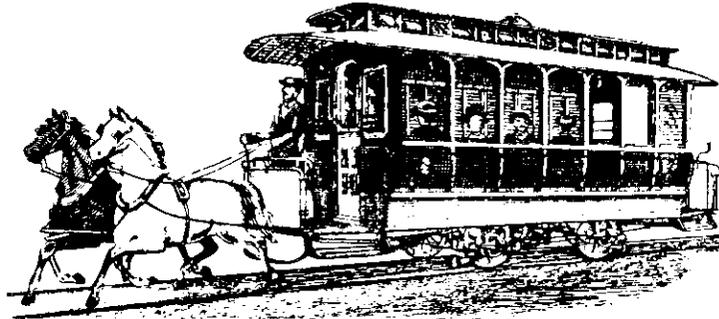
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June 19. The August issue will be mailed from Tacoma about August 3, and it will be a small issue of no more than 8 pages. Consequently ads for that issue must be limited to offers of transportation or parking tokens for sale (no "wanted" ads). No ads of non transportation tokens. Auctions must contain only tokens listed at \$1 or more. After the August issue comes the long pause, for the September issue won't be out until the last week of September, but it will be a very large issue with a full report of the Minneapolis Convention and summer activities in the hobby.

The Editor will be leaving Boston on June 28 via Amtrak, and after visits with several collectors along the way I shall arrive in San Francisco on July 5. Then I'll arrive in Tacoma July 18. So mail won't be answered during the period while I am on the road, so to speak.

We expect a very large turnout for the Annual Convention of the AVA at Minneapolis. The Convention meets August 9, 10, 11, at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel. Advance registration fee of \$11.50 covers everything. Send it in to Floyd Barnett - 5425 Portland Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55417. At the door registration will be \$12.50. Mr. Barnett would appreciate it if you would at least let him know if you are coming, even if you don't plan to register till you get there. This is just common courtesy. Conventions are the high point of the year for our hobby, and I suspect things will be jumping this time, more than usual. And remember the deadline for mail bids for the Convention Auction—July 13, which is pretty early. See the auction list in the June Fare Box.

We are beginning the summer with one of the largest issues of THE FARE BOX in history, not bad considering it's only two weeks since the previous issue, which was 16 pages. We have 3 pages of photos inside. I regret I didn't have time to cut them to shape, so there's still that background problem, but the pictures still came out pretty well. Also the entire parking token supplement was reproduced by the stencil-maker. That thing is what makes these larger issues possible. The hobby seems to have come alive very suddenly the past month, and I haven't seen things so active in several years. Have a good summer. See you in August.



= A TRANSPORT TOKEN OF ZEFAT, ISRAEL =
By A. Kindler

The following notice appeared in *Alon*, Internal Quarterly of the Israel Numismatic Society, Vol. 5, No. 3 (April, 1974) and was translated from the Hebrew by Yosef Sa'ar. The author is Director of the Kadman Numismatic Museum, Museum Ha'aretz, Tel-Aviv.

Obverse: A counterstamped circle of 9mm diameter, bearing the design of a running deer. Curved along the upper edge of the circle in Hebrew the word KENA'AN. Curved along the lower edge of the circle in Hebrew, the word ZEFAT.

Reverse: Same as obverse. Metal brass. Diameter 20mm.

This token, held in a private collection, was issued in the 1930's by Mrs. Sara Levi, owner of a bus service from Zefat to Mount Kena'an.

Translator's note: Zefat and Kena'an are the official transliteration of the survey of Israel. More familiar English spellings would be "Safed" and "Mount Canaan." A photograph of the token is in my possession.

= NEW FINDS =

Things are beginning to jump in this hobby, with lots of rare tokens being swapped back and forth, and bought and sold, and also discovered. Larry Freeman opens the month with his good fortune. Let him tell it:

"I was asked to conduct an auction at a local coin club I stopped to visit some time ago... While running the auction I noticed a transportation token in a miscellaneous lot so I stopped the show to check, and low and behold I am now the owner of Ohio 175 K, and at the low price of \$15. It came out of the estate of a deceased school teacher who died at 85 a few years ago." Larry's token is only the second one known of this black celluloid beauty. He also reports finding a silk transfer, "only the second that I have seen in 20 years of collecting." He also found a couple of interesting mirror advertising cards. One is from our familiar Graham & Morton Line (see Timetable listings in Atwood). It is 70x45mm in red, white & blue with a flag on which is: "ALL STEAMERS EQUIPPED WITH UNITED WIRELESS TELEGRAPH G & M LINE" and around the flag: "ST. JOSEPH, BENTON HARBOR AND HOLLAND GRAND RAPIDS SHORT LINE GRAHAM & MORTON TRANS. CO. CHICAGO DOCK, FOOT OF WABASH AVENUE, TEL. CENTRAL 2162" The other mirror card has a picture of an old ship and "AMERICAN LINE PHILADELPHIA LIVERPOOL - QUEENSTOWN" This one is round, 45mm.

Joe Kotler -- that is, Yosef Sa'ar as he now is known -- reports finding two additional denominations of the beautiful Greek horsecar token, which is listed in Smith's Catalogue under Athens. However, Joe says the correct translation of the Greek inscription on the tokens is "TRAMWAY OF KARLOVASI" and Karlovasi is on the Island of Samos which, at the time the tokens were used, was part of the old Ottoman Empire! We live and learn. Joe promises a story on this line in the Fall for us.

Finally a report from Bud Nelson of a strange brass shield-shaped item. In incuse letters it is inscribed "VESTIBULE N.R.O. Murdoc Cin O" Not likely a fare token, but still very interesting. Any ideas, anyone? Oh yes, the token is 25x22mm.

= PRICES REALIZED AT E.M. RICE APRIL AUCTION =

CA 760 J.....\$2.80	MN 620 B.....\$2.75	TX 55 C.....\$10.10
CA 760 K..... 3.15	NY 300 A.....14.30	WA 780 W.....no bid
IA 150 B..... 6.75	PA 15 F.....no bid	WI 430 F..... 3.05
IA 640 Sc..... 9.10	SD 840 F..... 4.25	DC 500 AI..... 2.00
	TX 50 A.....22.00	

= OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED TOKENS WITH ERRORS =
By J.M. Coffee

Man is imperfect, and that is one reason we have religion: to remind us of our imperfection as a common species. We see examples of this in every walk of life, from the leaders of government to the men who cut the dies used for transportation tokens. A rapid survey of our Atwood Catalogue turns up lots and lots of tokens with obvious errors--usually errors in spelling--which were nevertheless accepted and used by the companies that ordered them. This was either because the firms needed the tokens and put them into use pending arrival of corrected tokens, or because the man in the company didn't know any better himself. Looking at just a few of them:

The word "ferriage" caused lots of problems, and often it came through as "fer-
rage," as on ILL 768 B,C. It was corrected on 768 A, we discover, though, as probably the A was the last one made.

My favorite is OH 590 A, with "Lake Hiawather Park" on it...a rarity which ap-
parently was never corrected.

Then there's TX 985 C with "Witchita Falls" which was quickly corrected with D,
but put into use pending arrival of the D's. Similar errors in spelling the names of
towns are IN 90 B, "Beach Grove" which was quickly corrected with 90 C. And NC 710 B
with "Roxoboro" for "Roxboro," and IA 150 A "Ceder River Bridge" which the following
year was corrected to "Cedar River Bridge". And NY 75 A with "Fiskill" for "Fishkill"
which was corrected on later issues.

Names of companies got the treatment, too. SC 880 A with "Vaughn" when it should
have been "Vaughan". This was corrected, but they left off the city & state when
they corrected it! And PA 750 K with "Chesnut" for "Chestnut," and PA 750 L came
through with "Southwick" instead of "Southwark," and I know the Southwick was used,
as they are mostly beat up, the ones we've seen.

Then we have OK 610 A, which came through with "Liners" on it. Quickly corrected
to "Lines," the "Liners" token nevertheless was used, and back in the early 1950's one
could write to Norman City Lines and buy all he wanted for a dime apiece.

Then we have the quaint spellings: "buss" for "bus" apparently was quite common
for we find it on dozens of depotels, as well as a few others. Of course "bus" is
from the last syllable of "omnibus" and there's no excuse for it. People used to
stick the letter E on the end of everything in sight. Witness KY 510 A with "depos-
ite". Sometimes it was just a matter of getting the firm name wrong, as PA 985 C
with "Bus Co." instead of "Autobus Co." Whether the former was ever really used is
uncertain, but they claim it was.

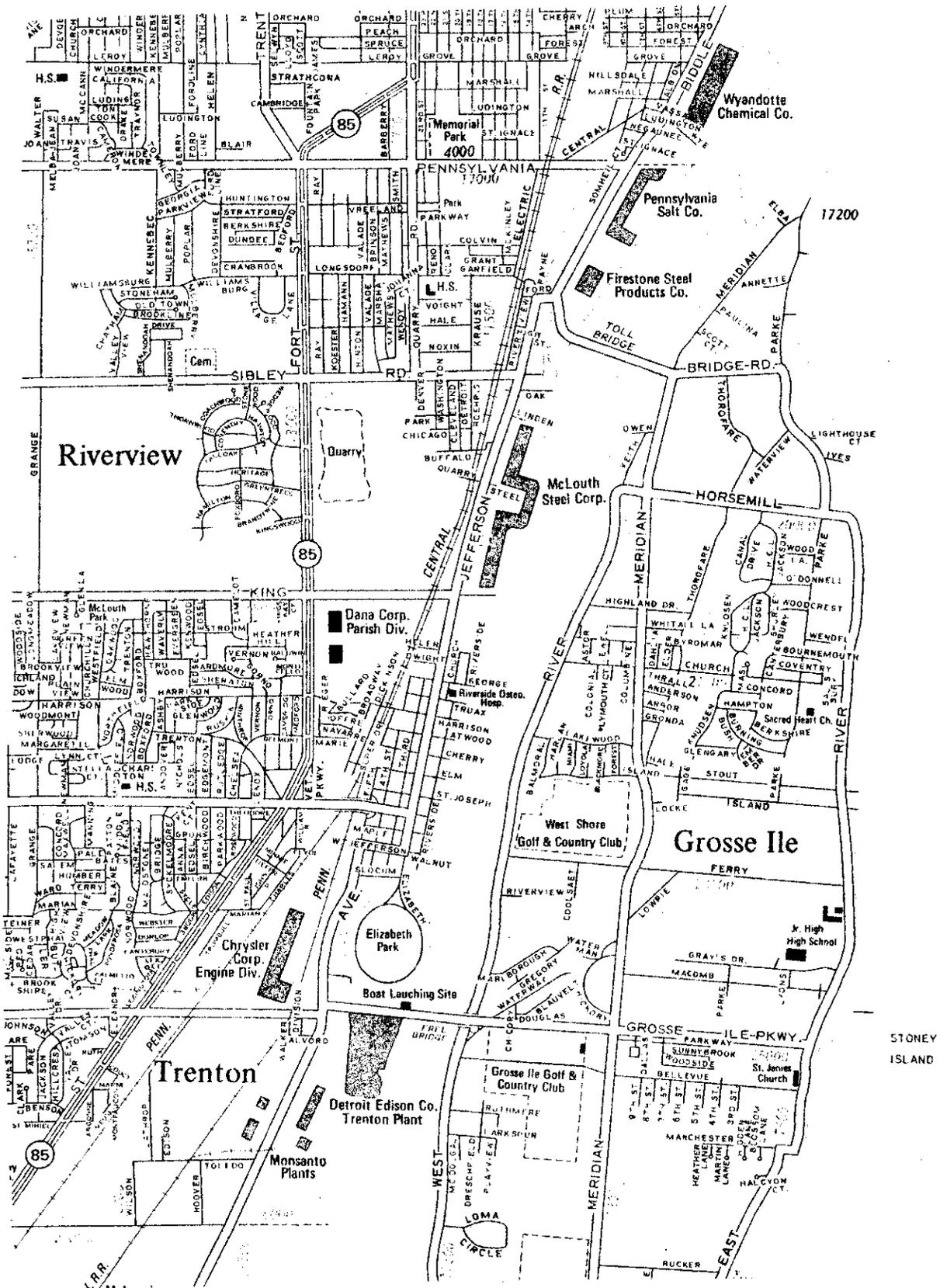
But even cataloguers make mistakes. For years we listed the inscription for
FL 700 A thru D as having "Minature Railway" on it. The token was correct; we were
wrong. Or Md 60 G. For years we had this listed as "Accomodation Line", but the
token was correct: it had "Accommodation Line" on it. But this is excusable. That
word "accommodation" is one of the 100 most misspelled words in the English language.
Try it on your friends, and just remember, it has two C's and two M's.

= PRICES REALIZED AT JOEL REZNICK'S APRIL AUCTION =

CA 715 Cb.....\$36.56	GA 630 A.....\$7.00	TN 375 D.....\$6.75
CA 715 E..... 33.50	GA 630 B..... 3.50	TN 430 A..... 6.75
DE 900 A..... 10.50	TN 250 A..... 8.75	TX 890 A.....37.10

= PRICES REALIZED AT ED DENCE'S MAY AUCTION =

FL 860 A.....\$2.75	OH 440 C.....\$4.50	IL 1000 A.....\$3.75
OH 165 Q..... 7.05	PA 320 A..... 5.05	IL 1000 B..... 3.50
OH 440 B..... 6.65	PA 595 B..... 1.90	IL 1000 C..... 3.75
Cin. & Cov. Ferry Co. Cinn Ohio token realized \$6.50.		



Above is a portion of a map showing the southern suburbs of Detroit, to indicate the location of the token-using Grosse Ile Bridge. The body of water is the Detroit River, and there are 2 bridges leading to Grosse Ile. The northern bridge is the one that used the tokens. The southern bridge has always been free.

= THE GROSSE ILE BRIDGE OF MICHIGAN =

On the opposite page is a portion of a road map published by AAA of "Southern Suburbs of Detroit." The map was printed in 4 colors, and we reproduced it on our electronic stencil-maker. As there was printing on the reverse side which tended to show through I had to adjust the machine to eliminate this, and in the process we lost the actual coastline between Grosse Ile and the mainland. However, you can tell where the waterway is because the west coastline of the island runs right along "West River, and the east coastline of the mainland runs right along a line from the Wyandotte Chemical Co., Pennsylvania Salt Co., McLouth Steel Corp., down to Detroit Edison Co. Trenton Plant. You can see plainly where the two bridges are: the toll bridge at the north, which used our tokens Mich 935 A to E plus the two new varieties not yet listed. Note this bridge runs from the northern end of Grosse Ile to Riverview. The southern bridge, which never used tokens, and is a free bridge, goes from the southern part of Grosse Ile over to Trenton.

The question now arises: Why were the tokens listed from Trenton, inasmuch as the bridge that used them has nothing to do with Trenton? To find out the answer, Ralph Freiberg asked Roland Atwood last month. Roland replied that he listed them from Trenton because the late Ray B. Cooper (a prominent collector who died in the late 1940's, and whose collection was purchased by Ken Smith) said they were from Trenton. And this is how so many mistakes get into our Catalogue, and it can take decades to clear them up!

These tokens will, in the future, be listed from Grosse Ile, Michigan, 395.

The tokens themselves are interesting. Mich 935 A to E were used until 1954, although the earlier ones were used long before that. Originally the tokens were stamped with numerals on one side only--the numerals denoting the number of passengers in the car. The unstamped token was for a car & driver. A token with a "1" on it would indicate car & driver & one other passenger. The "2" for two other passengers, and so on. In the later years of operation they also stamped the tokens on the reverse so the toll taker wouldn't have to turn them over during rush hours. The highest number officially used was the "5" to indicate car & driver & five other passengers. But then along came some collector--possibly the late Felix Church of Detroit--who persuaded them, as a favor to him, to stamp tokens with numerals 6 thru 10, plus one with a "0" on it. The latter is ridiculous--"car without driver?" But we listed the zero token in Atwood, not knowing until now that no such animal was ever used. (See Mich 935 Aa-0)

The reason for all this heightened interest in this bridge is that we have discovered two tokens in use there, which sell at 30 for \$5. We're doing our best to get supplies of them for the New Issues Service.

= BRASS RESTRIKES OF PENNSYLVANIA TOKENS =

The late Ferdinand Wise did some investigating for us, with respect to a plethora of Pa 425 C which have been showing up struck in brass all over the place in the past couple of years. In a letter to Ralph Freiberg dated June 1, 1973, Mr. Wise wrote:

"As for the fakes, I have reason to believe that J.H. Matthews Co. of Pittsburgh made the original striking of Pa 425 C and that an employee obtained the dies which were being thrown out, and caused some restriking of that and several other local tokens in brass. I have seen several of the Ridge Line of McKeesport struck in brass, but with an ad for some product on the reverse."

Mr. Wise added, in his letter, that the total number of Pa 655 A (Conti & Rue Bus Line of Mongahela, Pa.) that he had handled was 248. "No more," he said, "will appear beyond this number." There being so many of them, a lower price in our Catalogue than the \$2.00 originally stated, would be indicated. Mr. Wise was the discoverer of the Pa 655 A, and he let them go quite reasonably. Collectors should beware of paying high prices for this token.

= SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE FLOATING BRIDGES OF ENGLAND =

By Kenneth E. Smith

That was a fine informative article to AVA members by Les Hawthorne on the floating bridges of England in the May, 1974, Fare Box. Some English words have different meanings, depending on which English-speaking country one is in. In Australia, they do not know what you are talking about if you ask for "transportation passes," as they call them "Season Tickets." In the U.S., bridges refer to fixed structures across rivers, whereas in England bridges have a broader meaning, and the structure can be fixed or moveable across rivers. At the time I prepared the 1967 World Catalogue I didn't have information on the bridge tokens of England, but I did have a suspicion that some of them might be ferry tokens. Since then I have acquired the following information from various sources which will add to that in Mr. Hawthorne's article.

1. The Itchen Bridge tokens were issued by a company called "The Southampton and Itchen Floating Bridge and Roads Company." These tokens were obsolete before World War I. the circular $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d tokens were sold at the Southampton Toll House for the ferry ride from Southampton to Woolston. The square $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d tokens were sold at the Woolston Toll House for the ferry ride from Woolston to Southampton. These will be listed in future catalogues as ferry tokens.

2. The Cowes Ferry & Bridge tokens were issued for a cable ferry owned jointly by two towns, and I acquired considerable information on this operation and these tokens. In a future article I shall give details on this operation and include token quantities and dates they were used. These also are to be transferred to ferry token listings.

3. Gosport RA-RI and Portsmouth RA-RG were used by the same company which was called "The Portsmouth and Gosport Floating Bridge Company," a cable ferry. Gosport RA-RI were issued at the Gosport Toll House for the ride from Gosport to Portsmouth. Portsmouth RA-RG were issued at the Portsmouth Toll House for the ride from Portsmouth to Gosport. I gather that some of the items were passes (which ones, I was not told) which were usable both ways. The last metal tokens were apparently used about 1912, and paper tickets were then used until this service discontinued due to bombing during World War II. These will be listed as ferry tokens in future catalogues.

4. I have not received any additional information on the Bursledon Bridge, Scotswood Bridge, or Sunderland 740 RA and RB. I suspect that Sunderland 740 E and RA, RB, were issued by the same company, and these might also be ferry tokens.

5. Wylam Bridge is a fixed bridge from Wylam Village to the railroad station, and the principal users of these passes were railroad employees.

= THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION =

Welcome, AVA members! Thanks for the registrations that have come in already. Will you please indicate your choice of either the fish dinner or the beef dinner, for our banquet, on your registration? Remember the A.V.A. tags that Joel Reznick had at Chicago and Denver, and please bring them along to Minneapolis. He will have tags here for members who don't have them. The address of our headquarters hotel is Sheraton-Ritz Hotel - 315 Nicollet Mall. The \$11.50 registration fee will cover the tour, the tour token, the dinner, a place to meet your friends and talk and swap, and everything else connected with our convention.

Special Notice to Mail and Floor Bidders for the Convention Auction: When you send in your mail bid, please mark "A.V.A." clearly on the outside of the envelope, so I can distinguish bids from personal letters. Bids will be recorded as I receive them daily. Be sure the bids are clear and legible as to Lot Number and Price. Any ties will be let to the earliest postmark. All who attend the convention who wish to bid at the auction will receive a copy of the Auction List at the door (no need to bring your June Fare Box with you).

- Quincy Laflin and Tex Barnett

= SUPPLEMENT #2 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Philip Mandel, Ben Odesser)
HYDE PARK RECREATION 5225 LAKE PARK AVE.
CJ o A 32 Sd Two Hour Parking \$3.50
PETE-MONT PARKING (GATE)
CK Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. L) [6/73--] .50

Cicero 3165 (Reported by Mandel)
MID AMERICA FEDERAL SAVINGS (GATE)
B Bz 25 Sd Pacoa Token (gate) (rev. M) .25

KENTUCKY

Louisville 3510 (Reported by Mandel)
AMERICAN RED CROSS
E WM 25 Sd (blank) [4/71-] .15

MICHIGAN

Manistee 3590 (Reported by DHF)
CITY OF MANISTEE COHO CAPITAL
A WM 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters [9/24/73] .25

MISSISSIPPI

Meridian 3620 (Reported by Louis H. Crawford, Jr.)
F.G. RILEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
A B 22 Sd (same as obverse) [8/3/73-] .25

MISSOURI

Kansas City 3440 (Reported by Buck Witt)
PARKING COMPANY OF AMERICA KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI
B B 28 Sd Good For One Day Free Parking 2.00

Overland 3690 (Reported by Robert Kubach)
CITY OF OVERLAND, MO.
A B 23 Sd Parking Token .15

NEW YORK

Hempstead 3360 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)
VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD SHOP HEMPSTEAD
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.
D B 20 Sd Compliments Hempstead Chamber Of Commerce .15

OHIO

Cincinnati 3165 (Reported by H. C. Schmal)
AMER. AUTO HOTEL 5TH & JOHN WEST OF
FOUNTAIN 4 1/2 BLOCKS
N o A 20 Sd Good For 5¢ On One Gas Or Storage
Ticket Cin., O. 3.50

PENNSYLVANIA

Zelienople 3997 (Reported by Charles McKee)
COMPLIMENTS OF ZELIENOPLE-HARMONY
MERCHANTS DIVISION
B B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters .15

TEXAS

Houston 3445 (Reported by Harry Strough)
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FOUNDED 1927
(CREST)

C WM 25 Sd (blank) [11/72-] \$0.25

WASHINGTON

Tacoma 3880 (Reported by a non-AVA member)
LINCOLN MALL TACOMA, WASH.

B B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25

LINCOLN CENTER COURTESY PARKING TACOMA,
WASHINGTON

C B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

NY 3035 A: add (rev. I)

PA 3085 A: add (rev. H)

PA 3930 C: add variety description

(O: Upright of B in BANK points up to ...)

a. left slant of A

b. center of A

MSPT 3070 B: add variety description

(R: Upright of T in TOKEN points down
to ...)

a. R

b. right side of O

c. left side of O

Parcoa reverse variety M - refer to p. xiii of catalogue

M Long Lined top of A--bottom of T R--O

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

It is difficult for me to believe that so many months have gone by since a parking token supplement last appeared in *THE FARE BOX*. Checking back, I see the last one was included in the September 1973 issue. For this long delay, I offer my sincere apologies. A number of collectors have written or mentioned in telephone calls that this report has been missed, and I know that many of you look for it each month.

From now on, I will try harder to provide a more regularly appearing report on new parking token discoveries. In setting my schedule, I have more than enough possible activities to fill every hour of every day, so it is really a matter of setting priorities. I consider things I would like to do, things I should do and things I have to do. The preparation of this report falls into the "things I should do" category, so other activities can pre-empt the time I might otherwise spend on parking tokens.

Thanks to all of you for your patience and for continuing to supply me with your reports of new discoveries. I now have a number of leads to follow, so the months ahead should see much new information on parking tokens.

It has been some time since I last mentioned the new edition of the parking token catalogue here, but it is available at a special price to AVA members--please check the classified ad

section for order information. The new edition is essential for anyone who is involved in any way with parking tokens.

This might not be the most appropriate place for the pitch I am going to make, but since John Coffee will henceforth reproduce the typed copy I supply to him, I know it will not be edited out of my report. Many of you collect a variety of tokens and are members of the Token and Medal Society. This year, for the first time, all members--not just the handful attending the annual TAMS meeting held in conjunction with the ANA convention--will be able to cast votes for their officers. I have attended several of these meetings, and have seen 35 people elect the officers and directors for a 2000 member organization! When I was a member of the board of directors in 1969-71, I advocated a mail ballot, but this idea, and many others, was cast aside. The fact that democratic elections are now possible is a real step forward, and I hope the membership will cast their ballots. I am on that ballot as a candidate for President, and am opposing a person who has "come up through the ranks," serving as an officer in the ladder which would ordinarily mean becoming the President eventually. I hope to beat the system, but it means that I need the support of many TAMS members. I have strong convictions that TAMS can and should do a lot more for the membership in general, and not so much for the few who attend the annual meetings. Those of you who have known me for the 16 years that I have collected tokens are aware of the number of things I have done personally for the benefit of collectors in general. I have some specific ideas of ways to improve and to change TAMS. As a start, the leadership should involve collectors as a first requirement, and not attendance at the ANA convention. So, if you are a TAMS member, I solicit your vote. If you are not a TAMS member, perhaps you have some friends who are and to whom you would be willing to recommend they vote for me. To conclude this section, please note that AVA members, and true token collectors, are candidates for members of the board of governors as follows: Stephen Album, Forrest Dunham, Hal Dunn, Maurice Gould, Charles Littlefield, H. Lee Nott, Ben Odesser, David Schenkman and Max M. Schwartz. I know they merit your support as well.

And now on to the subject at hand. Leading off the report is a nice old token from Chicago. I don't have any specific information on it, but from the rubbing I would say the token is from the 1930's or 40's. It may remain a rare piece and command a higher catalogue value at a later date. The second Chicago token is used for exit from a gate-controlled lot which serves a medical building. Apparently the tokens are provided to patients for exit from the lot. A quantity of the tokens has been ordered for distribution to PTNIS members.

The bank in Cicero sent me a few tokens for the \$1 I sent, but no information accompanied the tokens. You might send 25¢ and a SAE to the bank at 4800 West Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60650.

In Louisville, tokens are supplied to persons using a special lot serving the Louisville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross located at 510 E. Chestnut St. Tokens are supplied to persons coming to donate blood, taking first aid training, performing volunteer service, attending community meetings, etc.

The tokens keep disappearing, so the Red Cross does not want to sell me some for PTNIS. However, you might try writing.

The Manistee, Michigan, tokens can be obtained by sending 25¢ and a SAE to the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 159, Manistee, MI 49660. For those of you not fishermen, you might not know that "Coho" refers to the silver salmon which was very successfully transplanted in Lake Michigan. Salmon, or coho, fishing has become very big sport in that area! The tokens are used in meters located on municipal parking lots and on off-Main Street parking meters. Since the Chamber did not want to sell me a quantity of the tokens, you will have to write to obtain it.

Lou Crawford obtained a supply of the new Mississippi PT for members of PTNIS--thanks for your help, Lou! He also reports that the hospital is located adjacent to a large motel, and that the gate-controlled lot is meant to provide parking for visitors to the hospital and to the nurses who work there.

The Kansas City token is used as a promotional piece and is worth \$2.00 in parking. However, by buying 100 of them I am able to get a bargain price of \$1.00 each; PTNIS members will receive this.

The City of Overland disclaims any knowledge of a parking token, so someone will have to do some further work on this. Perhaps I did not reach the right party, or perhaps this is an older token. Lacking specific information, I have given the piece only nominal value, but it could turn out to be a rare item. If anyone is able to furnish information on this, please pass it along to me.

The Hempstead piece is another in the small series from that source. Since PTNIS has never supplied the Hempstead pieces in the past and since many of you have written directly to them, I did not attempt to purchase a supply. The several pieces I did get for myself cost 15¢ each, and were purchased from: Inc. Village of Hempstead, 99 Nichols Ct., Hempstead, NY 11551. I was able to purchase the other tokens from them as well--A @5¢, B @25¢, C @25¢; if you do write, describe what you want.

The new Cincinnati listing appears to be a quite old token, and very likely will remain rare. If anyone turns up info on this business, please let me know so it can be passed along to other collectors here.

The new Zelenople token should arrive soon for distribution among members of PTNIS. I did not get any detailed information on how the token is used, but I can assume that it is in more general use than the A listing.

It is going to be very difficult to obtain specimens of the new token from Houston. Guests and guest lecturers at the University are admitted to controlled parking lots normally reserved for faculty members who are admitted by card.

The two Tacoma tokens are in use at the same location. John Coffee provided an address to which I wrote and got a few

tokens, but absolutely no information. While John is living in the Pacific Northwest this summer, he promises to visit the place to obtain more information and to purchase a supply of the tokens for PTNIS.

That wraps up things for this time, but you can look forward to another lengthy report after the summer hiatus in the publishing schedule. PTNIS members have not received a shipment for some time now, mainly because the number of tokens to be sent out did not merit all the work entailed in making a shipment. However, receipt of all the tokens currently on order for PTNIS will mean a nice group to assemble, so you can look forward to that within the next month longest.

Since this issue will be sent out before John Coffee leaves for the West Coast, it may be a good time to mention again the meeting of token collectors to be held at our home in Los Altos on July 7, a Sunday. Coffee will be there along with a number of collectors (and their families) from all over California and neighboring states. The day is informal--all collectors are invited to attend. Call me (415-941-2690) or write for information. The meeting will start at about 11 AM, and it usually runs until late afternoon. A buffet luncheon will be served, and for those inclined to physical activity, the swimming pool will provide some diversion from the usual activity in tokens.

= FEISEL TO HOLD TOKEN COLLECTORS' JAMBOREE IN PITTSBURGH =

In 1973 and 1974, former AVA President Duane H. Feisel held "Jamborees" for token collectors in California. Both were highly successful, and catered exclusively to "exonomia" collectors and dealers. These two conclaves have now prompted Duane to sponsor such an event on the East Coast where, of course, there are many times more collectors of tokens, albeit they have few opportunities to come together under one roof. Too often token collectors are poor relations, supernumeraries as it were, to coin collectors.

The East Coast Jamboree will be held October 4-6, 1974, at Hotel Webster Hall, 4415 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. There will be 26 bourse dealers, and displays of exonomic material, as well as door prizes, a banquet, and an auction which will be conducted by AVA member Joe Levine of Alexandria, VA. Any club wishing to have a meeting during the Jamboree will be given free meeting space.

Registration fee will be \$12 until September 6; \$15 after that, and this includes a banquet ticket; 3 tokens good for \$1 each at bourse tables, and other items.

The Editor has only one comment: as I understand it collectors are admitted beginning at 10 a. m. on Friday to these jamborees. But of course the bourse dealers do lots of trading back and forth on Thursday. So the red hot collectors might consider paying the \$120 bourse table fee and getting there the day before! A couple good buys would recompense for the \$120...and anyone can be a "bourse dealer" who was \$120 in lawful money. For applications, either for registration or for a bourse table, write to Duane Feisel - P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022.

Incidentally, Duane—who is a "collectors' collector"—is running for president of the Token & Medal Society, and a lot of us AVA members are also TAMS members.

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

San Luis Obispo 785 (Reported by Stephen Album)

SAN LUIS / OBISPO CITY / BUS TOKEN [INCUSE LETTERS]

D A 26 Sd (blank) (obv. & rev. anodized blue) (* 4/1/74) \$0.25

AMUSEMENT RIDE MANUFACTURERS' TOKENS

Group 103

1974 / ONE RIDE / TICKET / GIANT / PILLOW (GIANT PILLOW)

C Bz Ov Sd (blank) [elongated coin] .75

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Bill Clapper to John Coffee)

J.A. HAYS / LIVERY / & / TRANSFER

144 B 29 Sd 12½ [Sc-clover-leaf]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

The report this month is small because it has been only two weeks since our previous report. First let me say that we did receive the Los Angeles Airport tokens. It took over five weeks and four letters to get a supply of them! The token was listed last month before we got them, and that was a mistake. Hereafter tokens pending for the N.I.S. will be listed after we get them, or after we have determined that we cannot get them at all. Accordingly the June and July New Issues Service tokens will be mailed in a single sending, because of the delay in getting the L.A. Airport tokens.

Steve Album was on one of his tours looking for California tokens when he came across the San Luis Obispo token. This bus line began operations April 1, 1974. They had 10,000 of these tokens made, and the tokens sell at 25¢ apiece. The chief users have been students of California Polytechnic State University, who are able to buy the tokens at a reduced price by showing their student I.D. cards. Now that the school year is over, the tokens have been withdrawn from use and probably won't see use again until next Fall. So here's a city bus operation that sprang up without much notice, and if Steve had not passed through there it might have been a long time before we learned of these tokens. One thing for which we should be thankful is that wherever Steve Album goes in California, he will ask lots of questions and look for tokens. Steve will be back in another week and with him he will bring the tokens for John Nicolosi to send out to N.I.S. members.

Some folks don't like these "pillow ride" tokens, and some do. Of course it is just an amusement operation--the thing is a big air-inflated bag, or pillow, and kids can go in and jump up and down on it--and you can make quite a leap, without getting hurt. As to its being a "ride," well... Anyway it is as much a ride as those mechanical horses they have in front of supermarkets that the kids get onto and the thing jiggles up and down but doesn't go anywhere. So we put these tokens in a special category for those who want to collect them. The New Issues Service did not handle the first of these pillow ride tokens, which was reported in the June, 1973, Fare Box, but we did mention on page 70 of that issue where collectors could write if they wanted a token. Note the cost has gone up to 75¢ this year. If anyone wants to write for the token he may do so, using the address in the June 1973 issue. The N.I.S. will not handle these things. Don't forget to send a SAE with your 75¢.

The Unidentified token was said to be from Kearney, Neb., but Mr. Coffee wrote the public library there, and they searched old city directories from 1891 to 1920, and found no listing for a J.A. Hays in the livery business. Any ideas?

Perhaps some of you noted the ad in the last issue for the new Belmont Park Race Track token. This year the season runs from May 13 to June 22. When the token was originally reported to Mr. Coffee he was told the rate of fare was \$1.75. However, this year it is \$1.25, and since hardly anything ever goes down in price we wonder if the \$1.75 figure might have been in error. I don't know if Mr. Ruggeri can get more

of them, but I have also been informed by Capt. Dee Drell that he got the token by sending \$1.25 +SAE to Terminal Passenger Agent, The Long Island Railroad, Pennsylvania Station, New York, NY 10001.

I was also informed by Capt. Drell of another reverse variety for NC 830 A. So it should be marked (Rev. A,B,D). When we were doing the 3rd edition of Atwood someone said there might be a "B" variety, but we had no proof, so left it out. Also the token is now obsolete. This suggests the comment that, of course, any token marked obsolete or current in the Atwood Catalogue reflects the status of that token in the middle of 1969, when the Catalogue was mostly done. The status of some of these tokens obviously has changed in the ensuing 5 years. So if you can supply updated information for us, please do so. I.e., if a token is now obsolete tell us, and see if you can give the exact date they stopped using the token. Contrariwise if a formerly obsolete token is back in use, please tell us, and give the date they started using them again.

I have also just learned that there is a Reverse B variety of Ala 560 Y. The story is that Mobile City Lines may not still be in operation, and someone got a bunch of their tokens and found a B variety. Perhaps someday soon we'll have an ad offering them for sale in The Fare Box.

One token we were not able to supply through the New Issues Service is NY 905 I of Utica. But sometimes a company will sell one or two, but not a larger quantity. John Coffee sent them 50¢ and got two tokens--so the catalogue price apparently ought to be only 25¢. Address: Utica Transit Commission - 319 Broad St. - Utica, NY, and remember to send the SAE.

So far no word on the new Grosse Ile Bridge tokens of Michigan.

Another token with a distinct die variety is Pa 263 A. Mr. John Augustyn sent one to Mr. Nicolosi. When we listed the token originally in 1970, the reported token had the usual Franklin Mint mintmark, but it was hardly noticeable. Now the later die variety has a much more distinct mintmark. The general appearance of the words is also different. I do not know if it will be possible to get more of the new die or not.

The token mentioned on Page 27 of the February 1974 Fare Box is from South Africa, according to word from Yosef Sa'ar. It will, of course, be up to Ken Smith as to how or whether to list this token.

As many of you will be taking vacation trips this summer, ask around about new tokens. Sometimes grants are made by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation for special fare rates such as senior citizen rates. Unless someone asks around, we won't learn about any new tokens until it is possibly too late to get a supply for collectors.

= JULY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

First of all I must apologize for the delay in sending you the June new issues. I mentioned then that I was waiting for the Los Angeles Airport tokens, and as it turned out I had to send off a couple more letters to get the tokens. Now they are here, and they will be sent out soon as I get the San Luis Obispo tokens. Mr. California Token Man Himself, Steve Album, phoned me from San Luis Obispo to tell me he had a supply of these for us, so it won't hurt to wait another day or two and combine the two months' sendings. Many thanks, Steve, for getting these for us.

We still have several more new issues pending, but I don't know when they will get here. The AVA Convention tour tokens will be mailed out after the Minneapolis Convention. Again I want to emphasize: you will automatically get one of these if you are an N.I.S. member, unless you tell me otherwise. So if you plan to be at the convention and do not want me to send you one (since you'll get one at the Convention) be sure to write and tell me.

This month we welcome Associate Member Ed Ebert to Regular Membership in N.I.S.

Membership in the New Issues Service is available to A.V.A. members, but there is a waiting list. If you wish to join, write and ask to be put on the waiting list. In due time you will be elevated to a higher status. Meanwhile most of the new issues may be purchased directly thru my ads which appear each month in The Fare Box.

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

By Kenneth E. Smith

GERMANY

Recently a new German member, Herr Günter Fritz, joined us and sent me a list of tokens in his collection, with excellent rubbings, which were not in my 1967 Catalogue. Some of his tokens had been reported in monthly supplements since then, but many are new discoveries. Below are some of the new discoveries, and more will follow in future supplements.

<u>Bernburg 105</u>		(East Germany)	
		BERNBURGER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
D o Z	19 Sd	Bernburger Strassenbahn 10 (vars.)(nickel-plated)	\$1.00
<u>Bromberg 170</u>		(now known as BYDGOSZCZ, Poland)	
		BROMBERGER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
D o Z	19 Sd	Schülermarke (ex 170 YC)	1.00
E o S	24 Sd	Bromberger Strassenbahn (winged wheel)(ex 170 YD)	1.00
F o Z	Oc Sd	" " 10 (19mm)(nickel-plated)(ex 170 YA)	1.00
<u>Freiberg 336</u>			
		FREIBERGER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
C o A	Oc Sd	Freiburger Strassenbahn 10 (21mm)	1.00
D o B	19 Pc	" " 5	1.00
E o B	19 Pc	" " (edge notched)	1.00
<u>Garmisch-Partenkirchen 338</u>			
		GRASECK-SEILBAHN 1 FAHRT	
C o B	21 Sd	Belstler-Betriebe- Ga-Pa	1.50
<u>Greifswald 360</u>		(East Germany)	
		GREIFSWALD = ELDENAER DAMF = BOOTFAHRTVEREIN	
B o WM	22 Sd	(Paddle Steamer)	3.50
<u>Halle 385</u>		(East Germany)	
		HALLESCHER STRASSENBAHN UMSTEIGE = MARKE	
I o K	24 Pc	Gültig Nur Bei Sofortiger Benutzung	1.50
<u>Köln 464</u>			
		CÖLN-MUHLHEIMER -LOKAL-DAMPFSCHIFFFAHRT COLONIA	
A o B	24 Sd	Chr. Musmacher & Comp. (paddle steamer)	3.50
<u>Liegnitz 485</u>		(now known as LEGNICA, Poland)	
		ELECTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN LIEGNITZ 2	
D o C	21 Sd	(blank)(light pink)	1.00
		ELECTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN LIEGNITZ 3	
E o C	21 Sd	(blank)(light green)	1.00
<u>Lübeck 495</u>			
		ALLGEMEINE LOKAL UND STRASSENBAHN-GESELLSCHAFT (STREETCAR)	
F o B	Oc Sd	Marke Gültig Für Erwachsene (21mm)	1.00
		LÜBECKER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)	
G o B	17 Sd	Kinder-Marke	1.00
<u>Mannheim 525</u>			
		TRAMBAHN MANNHEIM & LUDWIGSHAFEN A/RH (ARMS OF MANNHEIM AND LUDWIGSHAFEN)	
A o B	Ob Sd	12 Pf. (22x19mm)(rounded corners)	4.00

	BEAMTEN MARKE STADTRAT PLAUEN STRASSENBAHN PLAUEN	
J o Z 25 Ch	(same as obverse)(nickel-plated)	\$1.00
K o Z Hx Ch	" " " " (20mm)	1.00
<u>Zwickau 895</u>		
	ZWICKAUER ELEKTRIZITÄT ^W SWERK & STRASSENBAHN AKTIEN-GES. (STREETCAR)	
E o B 23 Sd	Umsteige-Controllmarke 5 Pfennige Eigentum der Gesellschaft	1.00
F o Z 23 Sd	Umsteigekontollmarke 5 Pfennige (nickel-plated)	1.00
<u>Bous 130</u> (a bridge token)		
	BRÜCKE BOUS - WADGASSEN 3	
RAo B 20 Sd	Wert Marke 3 Pfg. Joh. Busert Lisdorf	1.00
	(Bous and Lisdorf are on the right side, and Wadgassen is on the left side, of the River Saar.)	

The following tokens, reported by Herr Fritz, were identified by Fred Lowenstein as old railroad station platform tokens.

<u>Dresden 9290</u>		
	LEIPZIGER BAHNHOF DRESDEN (OLD LOCOMOTIVE)	
A o B 21 Sd	10 (incuse)	1.00
<u>Rostock 9790</u>		
	BAHNSTEIG MARKE ROSTOCK HBF.	
A o A 29 Sd	(arms of Rostock)	1.00

<u>UNIDENTIFIED GERMAN 992</u>		
	B (OLD LOCOMOTIVE)(and over it an incuse G)	
B 22 Sd	Fünfzig Pfennig 50	
	OMNIBUS (in straight line)(with 3 stars above and 3 stars below)	
B 21 Sd	10	
B 22 Sd	15	

The following item could be either a ferry token or ship money. Perhaps someone can identify it for us.

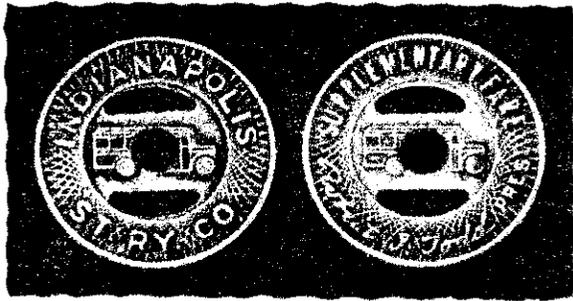
	DAMPFSCHIFF CUXHAVEN F. MÜLLER	
B 27 Sd	Gut Für 1 Mark	

FRANCE

<u>Nantes 600</u> (Reported by Günter Fritz)		
	TRAMWAYS DE NANTE SERVICE DE L'OCTROI	
I o Z 34 Sd	(blank)(Sc)	1.00

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

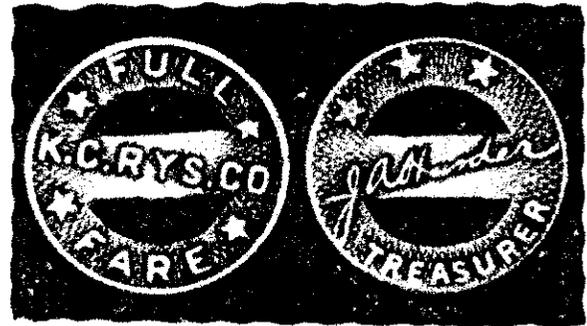
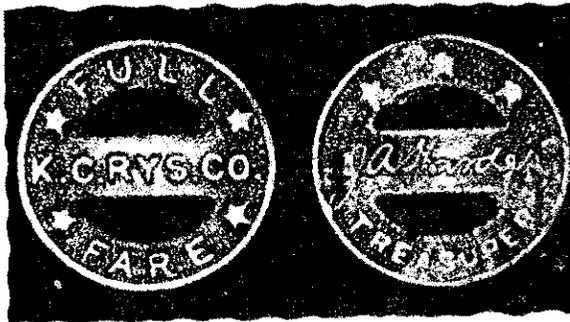
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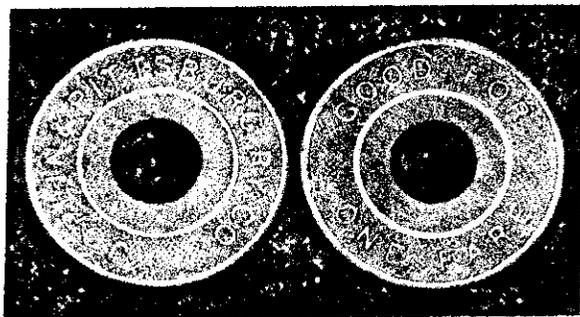
Ind 460 G with hole in the bar, like I, K, L, but unlisted in Atwood.



Ind 960 A



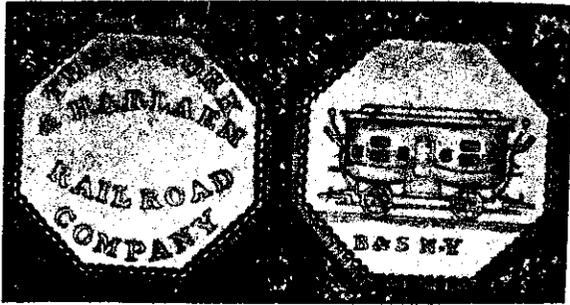
Two varieties of Mo 440 E



Kans 820 A



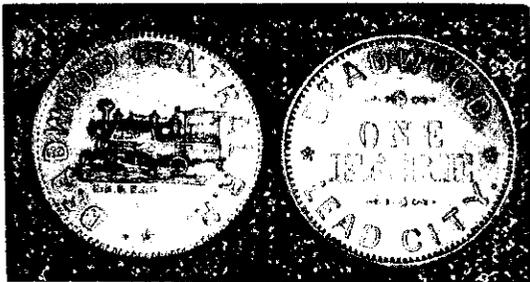
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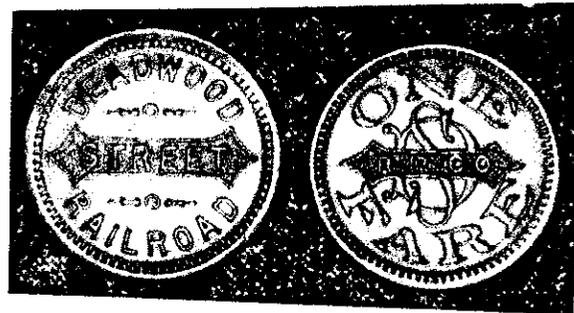
A perfect uncirculated example of NY 630 Dc, issued in the 1830's.



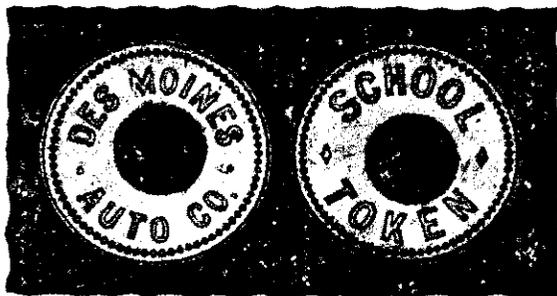
The brass Pa 725 D, one of at least 10 different known die varieties!



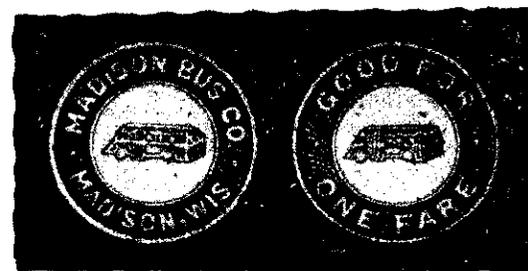
The beautiful SD 260 A, a small hoard of which showed up a few years ago.



SD 260 B - typical of the fancy scroll work they used to put on tokens.



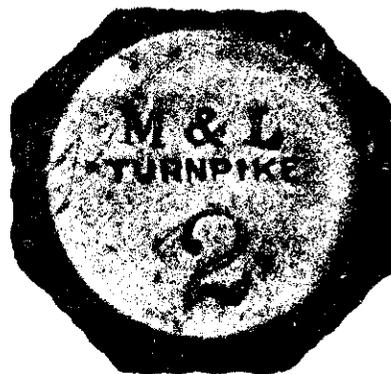
Wash 230 B, issued in 1913.



Unpunched solid of Wis 410 H



Wis 790 A - note small "S" mintmark beneath streetcar.



Unidentified Turnpike token.



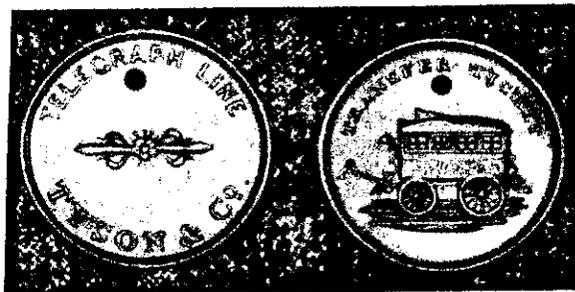
Unlisted Maverick



Unidentified #9 which probably is not a fare token.



Restaurant token which often is confused for a fare token



NY 630 Lb - note double dots under "O" of "Co." 3rd period is farther to right.



Ill 430 D, in use.

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MAIL BID: AK 300 E G, 450 H; AR 720 B; GA 580 A; HI 240 A; KS 30 C, 40 D, 600 C; NJ 555 B, 885 A; OH 10 B M, 175 AA, 995 C; OK 280 A, 590 B, 640 G; WI 40 B, 220 A, 430 B E, 440 E, 700 D; DC 500 D O AE. All plus insurance & postage.

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Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

HAVE JUST RETIRED from U.S. Army. Buying transport tokens and coins.

Harvard L. Robbins - 7910 148th St. S.W. - Tacoma, WA 98439

WANTED: transp. tokens from British Isles. Send lists & prices wanted. All correspondence answered. = W.D. Shupe - 1071 Cassingham Rd. - Columbus, OH 43209

IF YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF TAMS, please use your mail vote this year. I would appreciate your vote for a position on the Board of Governors.

Lee Nott - 631 Osage Dr. - Papillion, NE 68046

IOWA WANTED: 30 A, 100 A, 160 A, 310 D Eb H I K L M, 380 M, 390 B, 600 A D, 740 A C E F G, 850 L M P Qa, 910 A. Will buy or trade.

Robert Lubetkin - 3660 Grand Ave. - Des Moines, IA 50312

FOR TRADE: Mich 1000 A (3); Holland, Mich., parking token; Tex 320 G; I, still have 40 to trade; this token has been discontinued. Same trade as Feb. Fare Box. Please include postage. = G.B. Perkins - 5710 Joe Jerrera - El Paso, TX 79924

MY NEW PERSONAL TOKEN for yours. If none send SAE.

Mark Symons - 120 South LaSalle St., Rm 910 - Chicago, IL 60603

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TRADE TOKENS OF ILLINOIS - book, hardcover, 368 pages with stories, illustrations. Still available at \$12.50 postpaid. Will also trade for Illinois TT's & trade tokens needed. = Ore H. Vacketta - Box 3 - Westville, IL 61883

FOR SALE AT STATED PRICES + POSTAGE: AR 480 S 35¢, T 45¢; CA 450 O 45¢, 575 N 25¢, 1000 P 25¢; IN 1000 A 25¢; ME 1000 A 25¢; MD 840 D E F 45¢ each; NE 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; NY 10 N 50¢; PA 940 B 15¢; TX 1000 J 25¢; VA 1000 A 25¢; WI 360 L M N O 50¢ each, 825 C 50¢, D 65¢; Ont 700 E 50¢, 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢. Trade only: as a set, Hull, Que 345 J thru Q incl. England 170 BK, Austria 840 A; Germany 100 D; Breslau 160 B and A; Chemnitz 210 D.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

WANTED: Wyo 100 K, 120 A D, 150 A, 480 A, 660 A, 810 A, 998 A B. Will buy or trade.

Rolland E. Schneider - 444 S. Illinois St. - Casper, WY 82601

USE YOUR TAMS BALLOT and vote for Duane H. Feisel for President. Your support will be appreciated! Let's put the leadership of TAMS into the hands of token & medal collectors. Check for the names of other AVA members running for the Board of Governors
Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022

WANTED: tokens & medals that mention LONG ISLAND N.Y. or any town thereon.

Michael R. Pender - 148 Poplar Street - Garden City, NY 11530

FOR SALE OR TRADE: currency-like fare ticket, "The South Carolina Railroad Company, Good For The Fare of Two Passengers Twenty-Five Miles, Charleston, July 1, 1873." Details and photocopy for SAE. = John Ribbe - 1803 Leona - College Station, TX 77840

TRADE PA. OR S.C. TRADE TOKENS of the 1920's for parking or transp. tokens that I need Wish to trade for SC 110 A, 310 A, 450 E, 490 B C, 500 A, 650 A, 880 B, 3840 B.
Joe Studebaker Jr. - P.O. Box 804 - W. Columbia, SC 29169

HAVE MANY FARE, PARKING, CAR WASH, REAL ESTATE, ETC., WOODEN NICKELS in new Cat. #28 1974 just issued. Catalog is \$1 which is refundable upon first \$5 order from it. Cat. #27, 1973, shows many more but, alas, many are sold out. It too is \$1. These woods are, or will be, listed by Coffee (R.E.), Ford (C.W.), etc.
H.C. Schmal - P.O. Box 5034 - Phoenix, AZ 85010

AUCTION (listed wrong in May ad) - AL 560 B; Nova Scotia 450 A; Ont 400 A; DC 500 L, and unpunched error CA 985 D. = Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

AUCTION: FARE BOX ISSUES FROM AUG. 1965 TO DATE; Fla 860 A; Haw 240 E, 330 A; KY 510 AK; Md 60 J; Ohio 175 AA; Timetable R; lot of 137 common TT; lot of 18 foreign TT.
Steve Bezark - Box 541 - Beverly Shores, IN 46301

FOR SALE: 852 DIFF. PT's for \$398.00. Or a second lot of 635 diff. PT's for \$309. Tokens are all different--a good size starter set. If interested write; I'll send a list. = Robert Knobloch - 876 Payne Ave. - St. Paul, MN 55101

MY NEW PERSONAL TOKEN: - brass, Good For 50¢ in Trade. Send double stamped envelope for yours (a big heavy token). = Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

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David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

FOR SALE: Pa 605 G \$1; Tex 710 B \$4; Ont 125 A \$3 (only 1); 125 A solid unpunched \$3.50. NEXT NEVA MEETING JULY 13 at Penn Station YMCA in New York City. All welcome!
Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Avenue, Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

TRADE TOKENS FOR SALE - 3 for \$1 - mix or match. East Chicago, Ind. Candiano Super Market, round, Alu. 26mm. 10¢ in trade. Greenfield, Ohio, Bob's Smoke Shop, round alum. 28mm, 25¢ in trade. Gleason, Wis. (not on map), old time tavern, round alum. 26mm, 15¢ in drinks. = Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

FOR SALE: Johnnie Walker Scotch, Philadelphia Eagles, 1972 Football Schedule Token - 25¢ +SAE. Or will trade for any other sports schedule token.
Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, NJ 08030

PERSONAL TOKEN ISSUED to finance my model trolley line: "Mansfield, Richland & Rowland Railway Co." good for one fare. Price 25¢ each +SAE.
John R. Smith - 323 Park Ave. West - Mansfield, OH 44906

COMPLETE SET OF THE FARE BOX for sale. Also complete set of TAMS JOURNAL. Also nearly complete set of first 118 issues of RAILWAY AND LOCOMOTIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNALS (these date back to early 1920's). Also most of the rare issues of the Central Electric Rail Fans Association Journals. Sensible offers given consideration.
E.M. Vickers - P.O. Box M - Pawling, NY 12564

TROLLEY CAR POSTCARD COLLECTION - over 1,000 different - from the early 1900-10-20 days, for sale. In flip-over full-view albums. Albums alone worth \$20 each. Also a similar collection of streetcar photographs. These range into modern era and nearly complete of all cars in such cities as Cleveland, Youngstown, Toledo, and the interurbans are there, too. These also are in albums. Not glued, but see-thru flip overs. Your realistic offer will gain my attention. (paid)
E.M. Vickers - P.O. Box M - Pawling, NY 12564

FOR SALE: Polaroid CU-5 Close-Up camera. Like new. Same-type as used in Catalogue pictures. Better than rubbings when sending off for those rare tokens (as proven in my world's Number One Parking Token Collection). Includes camera body; 3-inch (75mm) 1:1 lens; also 2:1 lens - ratio multiplier; viewfinder and frames; electronic flash; AC power park. All in custom-fitted travel case designed by Samsonite. Cost over \$600 but I will give close attention to your reasonable offer. Am advertising this in trade journals but prefer to see it remain with a token collector..
E.M. Vickers - P.O. Box M - Pawling, NY 12564

FOR SALE: In collecting parking tokens I sent my personal historical questionnaire with each request. Many answered--some did not. Those received I now offer for sale. They are one of a kind--never Xeroxed. If you are interested I will listen to your offer. = E.M. Vickers - P.O. Box M - Pawling, NY 12564

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John M. Coffee, Jr. - 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, WA 98406

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JULY 20 =

Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to A.V.A. members. Simply write your ad, together with name & address, on separate sheet of paper, or a postcard, and send it to the Editor. NOTE: the August issue cannot include "wanted" ads of any kind; and all auctions in the August issue (only) are limited to tokens listed at \$1 or more.

Note the use of abbreviations: +SAE = "plus stamped addressed envelope."
PT's = "parking tokens"
TT's = "transportation tokens"

= CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET =
By R.B. Carter

The third meeting of this year was held at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris, CA. Seven members and their families met adjacent to the bookstore for some general conversation prior to viewing the various displays as well as riding the two streetcars in operation.

Attending were the Ken Smith family, the Jim Manning family, Ed Miller, Art Lee, John & Virginia Barnes, and the Carters.

On July 21 we shall meet once again in Oceanside, CA, hosted by the F. Gordon Smith's. This will be our second out-of-town meeting, and we hope to attract a large group including those living in the more southerly regions of the state. All interested collectors are always welcome.

= A.V.A. DECALS STILL AVAILABLE =

About a year ago we had some 3-inch decals of the A.V.A. trolley car seal made up in dark blue. These may be put on your car, your catalogue, etc. They are for sale at 20¢ each or 5 for \$1 from our Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219. All proceeds, of course, help pay the expenses of running this organization.

= FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1972 CATALOGUE OF VECTURIST PERSONAL TOKENS =
By J.M. Coffee

The previous Supplement appeared in the February, 1974, issue of The Fare Box. Please remember that we list only metal or plastic tokens. Also, the token must include the name of a member in order to be listed. It cannot qualify if it only has the name of your store or business. It must also have your own name as a member.

- 103 B A 32 Sd DON. T. THRALL 610 ARLINGTON AVENUE BERKELEY, CALIF. 94704
Collector of Bank, Transportation & Telephone Tokens
- 327 A Pr 30 Sd GEO. W. DIEHL FORT LOUDON PA. 17224
A Collector of Transportation Tokens (Sc)
- 327 B Pg 30 Sd "
- 571 C Pg 38 Sd ROBERT W. KUBACH A.V.A. NO. 571 LOS ANGELES CALIF.
Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- 768 A Bz Ov Sd ELIOTT & SHIRLEY GOLDBERG 25 YEARS MAY 28 1949 TO 1974
(WEDDING BELLS) sak
(blank) (rolled out on Lincoln cent) [20x38mm]
- 978 C B 32 Sd C.J. WILCOX BOX 6762, S.F. CAL. 94101
(A.V.A. seal)
- 1111 C B Oc Sd HAL DUNN CARSON CITY NEVADA 1973
P.O. Box 114, Carson City, Nev. Token & Trade Mirror
Collector California & Nevada (28mm)
- 1219 C B 38 Sd WILLIGES BOX 445 WHEATLAND, CA. 95692 1974
MEDALS TOKENS GOOD FOR 50¢ IN TRADE
California-Nevada Token Society Organized 1971
(map of California and Nevada)
- 1239 A Pe 38 Sd A.V.A. NO. 1239 MARK A. SYMONS 526-A BARRY AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL. 60657
Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- 1348 A Pb 38 Sd 1973 BUD NELSON A.V.A. 1348 BOX 4371 ROCKFORD, IL. 61110
Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)
- 1375 A Pr 32 Sd ELMER SABOL WARREN, MINN. TOKEN COLLECTOR
Good For 25¢ in Trade

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

- 1481 TRAVIS L. ROBERTS - BOX 1168 - BELLAIRE, TEXAS 77401
Age 35; Contractor. Collects U.S. (*Strough*)
- 1482 IRVING SPERLING - 17 LENOX AVENUE - MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10552
Age 50; Real Estate Broker. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (*Coffee*)
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Age 51; Union Official. Collects U.S. (*Goldberg*)

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(*Mr. Cupler paid his dues on time; his name was left off the mailing list by error.*)

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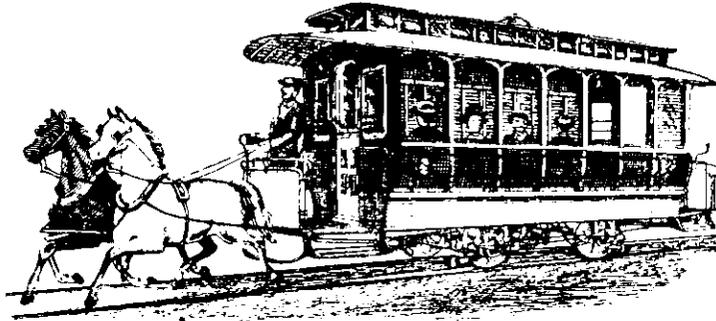


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LEE E. RUGGLES

The Editor regrets to report the death, on May 28, 1974, of Lee Ruggles, A.V.A. #612, of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Lee had been a member for ten years, and often he wrote me about how rewarding he found our common hobby. We shall miss him.

July 27. This issue is mailed from Tacoma, and until the end of August I shall be at 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, WA 98406. So please address mail accordingly. Mail addressed to Boston will be forwarded to Tacoma till August 25.

Our Midsummer Fare Box is always a small one whose chief purpose is to encourage you all to attend our annual convention. This year's conclave will be held August 9-11 at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis, located at 315 Nicollet Mall. If you plan to be there, it will help all around if you will send \$11.50 advance registration to Floyd Barnett (5425 Portland Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55417). Indicate whether you want fish or beef for the banquet. The convention this year will be a lot of fun, and we expect a big turnout. I'll be arriving via Amtrak, so pray for me.

The Editor's trip across the country via Amtrak was great, insofar as seeing lots of collectors was concerned, but frightful insofar as the trains were concerned. I started out via the "Owl" overnight train from Boston to Washington D.C. The ancient equipment on this thing rattled its way into the Nation's Capital about 30 minutes late, which is very good for Amtrak. I was met at the Union Station by David Schenkman, and we drove into Virginia looking for tokens, visiting antique shops and enjoying the gorgeous scenery of the Shenandoah Valley. That night David showed me a number of unlisted tokens he has picked up, and I made rubbings and took down the data for listings which appear in this month's Catalogue Supplement. Sunday he and I drove up to Pennsylvania and visited a couple of huge antique flea markets in Lancaster County looking for tokens. There are about 500 dealers at each one, and it's amazing what you find. I found a beautiful old timetable token issued at the Buffalo Exposition in 1901, picturing a train, for 25¢. But David ruined my day when he found a magnificent Shell CardMirror good for a ride on a merry-go-round! Right under my nose. After haggling with the dealer and getting the price down by \$3, we went



over to Coatesville and visit with former AVA President Dan DiMichael, whom we found sitting in the middle of his living room sorting out tokens. David worked out a trade with Dan for a Mechanicsville Turnpike token, and I sold him a rare old vulcanite, and examined some of Dan's rarities.

Monday was ruined because of food poisoning contracted by David and myself at an unmentionable restaurant at Pikesville, Md. But Tuesday we drove up to Baltimore and spent much of the afternoon (and had lunch) with George Fuld, from whom I obtained a couple of nice old unlisted real estate tokens. From there I was driven back to Union Station and departed for Chicago on the Washington section of Amtrak's flagship the "Broadway Limited." This was a nice train, and the scenery was glorious as we raced along the Susquehanna River. But at Harrisburg we hooked onto the New York section of the train, and ended up with 18 cars, jam-packed with people. The dining car was so crowded I couldn't get dinner till 9:30 pm.

Arriving in Chicago almost on time on a scorching hot day I was paged at the station by Joel Reznick, and headed for his office where he and Ben Odesser and Mark Symons (who works at the next desk over) and I talked tokens. Ben had a bunch of unlisted tokens and I got a few from him, and others are listed in this issue. It was a delightful afternoon until I boarded Amtrak's "San Francisco Zephyr." This train is a combination of the old CB&Q's "Denver Zephyr" and the "City of San Francisco," once the fastest transcontinental train in the country: "39 hours from Chicago to the Coast," they used to say. Now it seems like 39 days. It was the worst train ride I've even endured. It was 97 in the shade outside, and only one car in a train of some 20 cars was air-conditioned. And mine wasn't that one car. The train was a rolling horror show. Jam-packed with suffering humanity. The lights didn't work; the air-conditioning didn't work; the window so filthy you couldn't see out of it. No dome cars, though the consist calls for them ("they all leak, so they're being patched up," I was told.) The dining car was perpetually jammed. Even at 6:30 A.M. there was a long line to have breakfast. This thing rattled its way across the plains to Denver, and there my spirits were much lifted by being met on the platform by AVA president Syd Joseph, AVA treasurer Toby Frisbee, and members Charles Carter and Gene Skoglund. Then on across the Rockies into Nevada, where a car developed some kind of trouble and had to be taken off the train, put on a siding in the desert, and its poor passengers shoved into the rest of the train.

Ralph Freiberg boarded our train at Reno, Nevada, and we rode over the Donner Pass sitting in a compartment I had arranged with a porter to let us use. The diner was too jammed to use, the club car ran out of food, but Ralph and I were too busy discussing tokens to worry much about such things. Our train finally crawled into Oakland an hour late. Ralph rushed over to the train bus for San Francisco (AC Transit, which operates over the Bridge to S.F. being on strike), and Harold Ford met the train and took me home with him. At last, for the first time since I left Boston, I was not suffering from the heat.

I spent two weeks with Hal and Louise Ford, and during that time we drove all over the area looking for tokens. I rode every inch of BART, the new subway rapid transit system, which is without question the finest such system in America. Trains are fast (up to 70 mph), quiet, smooth, cool, and very clean. On Sunday, July 7, we went to the annual get-together at Duane Feisel's, which is always one of the nicest days of the year for me. Good food, good friends, and lots of token talk. There was a good crowd present, and I picked up some good tokens from Duane including a beautiful old unlisted real estate token of St. Paul, MN. A number of new personal tokens were being distributed there, and I learned of an unlisted transportation token from Vacaville, CA. Later in the week Harold and I drove up to Vacaville and spent several hours searching about for the token (used only briefly in 1969). No luck while there, but in today's mail one of the tokens arrived. So our search was not in vain.

During the same week Harold, Ralph Freiberg, and I, visited wineries in Napa Valley, sampling their offerings. One winery, Sterling Vineyards, is to be reached only via Aerial Tramway (fare \$2, no tokens). Later in the day we visited Steve Album at his parents' beautiful home high atop a mountain at Angwin.

Also visited the trolley museum at Rio Vista Junction, CA, on July 14, and rode two old streetcars around the loop there. The tokens Cal 703 A and B are no longer sold, although they are still good for rides (fare \$1 for adults), and are on sale as souvenirs in the bookstore. It's one of the nicest trolley museums in the country, and this was the first time I had ever ridden a Birney car.

On July 16 I boarded Amtrak's "Coast Starlight" for Tacoma. The air-conditioning in my car was not working, but fortunately the weather was chilly through the beautiful Siskiyou Mountains and we didn't need it. The window was filthy so I could not much enjoy the scenery in any case, although it is some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. The train was jam-packed with people, and the electric razor outlet didn't work. It pulled into Tacoma right on schedule, and I had a brief respite from America's public rail system.

In Tacoma I discovered that Wash 880 N is back in use. But they only have about 300 of them left, and they flatly refuse to sell any to collectors. The only way to get the token is to board the bus, pay \$1.10 for a round-trip to Lakewood, and then you get one token for the return trip. It means spending a couple hours on a bus to get one token after paying \$1.10 for it. It just is not worth the trouble, unless you're panting to get one.

Then a visit to Clarence Heppner's stamp shop in Seattle where I had a nice chat with Clarence and Byron Johnson and new applicant Bary Bender. There I learned of an old unlisted ferry token from the northeast corner of Washington State, and three strange recent bridge tokens which may be patterns, and which I am in the process of checking out.

All in all a profitable and interesting trip, in spite of the frightful condition of Amtrak. Now on to Minneapolis via the "Empire Builder," and return to Tacoma via the "North Coast Hiawatha." See you at the Convention.

= A.V.A. CONVENTION AUCTION NOTICE =

Concerning mail bids and floor bids: successful mail bidders please send money orders or certified bank checks upon notice that your bid was successful. Those sending personal checks will have to wait for clearing before their tokens will be shipped. Floor bidders who are successful will have to present cash, bank check certified, or travelers cheques, upon receipt of the tokens. Please, no personal checks. Thanks very much!

- Quincy A. Laflin, Auction Chm.

= AUGUST NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

We continue to have tokens to send out, and we're working on still more of them. This month you will receive the following 5 tokens: Ark 1000 A; Cal 885 A; (our especial thanks to Ralph Freiberg for making a special trip to get these for us); Okla 860 S (thanks as usual to Bill Garrison who again was of great help on this); Va 1000 B, and Wisc 220 L (thanks to Glen Williams who obtained them for us). As so often, success in having tokens to send out thru N.I.S. depends on the help of our members.

The AVA Convention tokens will be sent out following the Convention, possibly early in September. So please keep your account balance high enough to pay for all of these tokens. This month we welcome Thomas Brown from the waiting list to associate membership status.

- John G. Nicolosi

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

ARKANSAS

Patterns 998 (Reported by Ben Odesser)
CITY TRANSIT CO. INC. JONESBORO, ARK. (BUS, type 2)
A Bz 23 Bar Good For One Fare (bus)

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)
MOUNTAIN HOME CAB CO. TEL: 425-2525 MOUNTAIN HOME ARK.
A Pg 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white inscription) \$0.15

CALIFORNIA

South Lake Tahoe 885 (Reported by New Issues Service)
CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE BUS TOKEN 1965 (MAP OF LAKE TAHOE)
A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .35

FLORIDA

Miami Beach 540 (Reported by John Coffee)
THE MIAMI BEACH RAILWAY CO. (BUS, type 2)
D o WM 21 Bar Good For One Half Fare (bus) 1.00

MAINE

Patterns 998 (Reported by Ben Odesser)
LEWISTON AUBURN TRANSIT CO. (BUS, type 2)
A B 23 Bar Good For One Fare L-A

MICHIGAN

Jackson 525 (Reported by John Coffee)
JACKSON TRANSPORTATION CO. 1/2
N o Bz 21 B1 Good For Children 5 to 12 Yrs. 1/2 (2 slots) 1.00

MISSOURI

Windsor 990 (Reported by Harold V. Ford)
J.F. RIDENOUR & SON / BUS / & / BAGGAGE / ONE PRICE /
PHONE / 85 / WINDSOR, MO.
A o A Oc Sd Good For One Ride / From / Hotel / to / Depot (27mm) 7.50

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa 860 (Reported by Bill Garrison)
M.T.T.A. TULSA, OKLA. (BUS, type 3)
R B 16 B1 Good For One Fare (bus)(2 slots) .25

PENNSYLVANIA

Nanticoke 680 (Reported by David E. Schenkman)
SUSQUEHANNA COAL CO NANTICOKE BRIDGE VALUE 2 CENTS
B o Ck 31 Sd Footmans Pass Good For One Trip (painted red) 7.50

TENNESSEE

Patterns 998 (Reported by Ben Odesser)
MEMPHIS STREET RAILWAY CO.
F WM 16 M Good For One City Fare

VIRGINIA

Norton 600 (Reported by David E. Schenkman)
 BRISTOL-NORTON BUS LINE 5c 6 FOR 25
 O o B Oc Sd Norton to Esserville-Wise-Glamorgan 5c (21mm) \$7.50
 BRISTOL-NORTON BUS LINE 15c
 P o B Oc Sd Norton to Wise 15c R.T. (22mm) 7.50

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)
 BRIDGEWATER CAB TEL: 828-2304 BRIDGEWATER VA.
 B Pg 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white inscription) .15

WEST VIRGINIA

Zone Checks 997 (Reported by David E. Schenkman)
 STAR BUS COMPANY, INC. ZONE

A o B	24	1-sc	(same as obverse)(* 1926)	1.00
B o B	24	2-sc	" "	1.00
C o K	24	3-sc	" "	1.00
D o K	24	4-sc	" "	1.00
E o B	24	5-sc	" (WM-plated)	1.00
F o B	24	6-sc	" "	1.00

(Star Bus Company operated out of Morgantown.)

WISCONSIN

Fond du Lac 220 (Reported by Glen Williams)
 F D L AREA TRANSIT
 L Pr Sq Sd Adult Fare (23mm)(white inscription) .35

UNIDENTIFIED

145 Bz 16 Bar R. FASQUELLE AUTOBUSES (ARROW THROUGH CIRCLE)
 Pasaje Escolar (bus, type 2)

= NOTES BY JOHN COFFEE =

Ralph asked me to write the Catalogue Notes this month, and inasmuch as I don't have access to his historical data, the notes will be briefer than usual. Perhaps later on Ralph will fill in the blanks. We do have an unusually large report this month because I picked up a lot of listings on my trip across the country. The best way to get information is to visit collectors and make rubbings.

Ben Odesser picked up a batch of old tokens in Chicago, and they probably came out of Meyer & Wenthe, because he also got a number of M&W manufacturers' samples, some of which will be listed later on. Included were a number of strange items which we presume to be patterns. The first of these is the Ark 998 A, which is like 450 C, except that it's bronze and 23mm. As far as we know, no such token was ever used in Jonesboro, so we assume it is a pattern.

The Ark 1000 A and Va 1000 B are plastic taxi tokens now in use. They will be supplied to members of the New Issues Service.

The Cal 885 A was first reported in two articles in the same issue of COIN WORLD, and a number of AVA members sent copies of the articles to Ralph. So Ralph made a special trip up to Tahoe and secured enough tokens for the New Issues Service. The date on the token refers to the founding of the city. South Lake Tahoe lies right across the boundary between California and Nevada, and it would've been nice to have another Nevada token. But the company office definitely is on the California side. Incidentally the picture, or map, of Lake Tahoe on the token shows the state line running down thru the lake, but it is very faint--on some tokens much fainter than on others.

The Miami Beach Railway operated streetcars on contract for the City of Miami, beginning in 1922. On November 14, 1940, streetcars were abandoned, and Miami Beach Railway operated the bus system in Miami Beach and over the causeway to Miami. The token shows a type #2 bus, so it presumably was used sometime between 1937 and 1952. However, our history is not as complete as we could wish, and this token may never have been placed into use.

The Maine pattern is exactly like Me 480 C, but made of brass.

On page 284 of the Atwood Catalogue, there is a note under Mich 525 G, stating that Jackson Transportation Company operated between 1929 and 1936. We now have a token for this firm, which fills in the gap between Michigan Electric Ry. and Jackson City Lines.

The Missouri depotel is owned by a non-member, but Harold has a rubbing of it, and so at long last I was able to get the listing.

The Tulsa situation is quite complicated, and Ralph plans a complete relisting of the city for the next Supplement Book (to be published in 1975 I hope). The new token for the Metropolitan Tulsa Transportation Authority went into use in 1973 and will be distributed to members of the N.I.S. We list it now as 860 R, but in Ralph's relisting it will be 860 S.

The big celluloid from the Nanticoke Bridge is one of those gorgeous old tokens that make your mouth water just to look at them. The token presumably was issued by the Susquehanna Coal Co. to its employees to use the bridge. The coloring, or painting, on the token is a reddish blue which might be called a purple, but I think it is really a faded red. David's token is quite worn, but all wording is clear.

The Memphis pattern shows a lot of wear, but we figure it's a pattern as none of them ever showed up before and we've worked a lot with the Memphis tokens and believe we have them down correctly. As a matter of fact the Treasurer of this company was an AVA member about a decade ago, and assisted us in the listings from Memphis, but he never said anything about this little odd-ball.

David Schenkman found two more of the Bristol-Norton tokens to make a complete set of three (see page 25 of the red Supplement for the other one). This line operated in the extreme western point of Virginia in the coal country, and the tokens are very rare, there being only one each of O and P known, and two of N. By the way, the correct size for N is 22mm, not 23mm as given in the red Supplement.

The West Virginia Zone Checks are interesting. Only a couple of them have turned up, but we know they all exist. The order was placed July 26, 1926, for a total of 1,000 tokens altogether, with various numbers cut-out for the different zones. As we know exactly what they were, I've listed all six, even though they haven't all been found yet by collectors.

The Fond du Lac token is new and will be distributed to N.I.S. members.

The Unidentified token was found by Ben Odesser, and it could be from any Latin American country, but I think it looks like Puerto Rico. The Type #2 bus would indicate a use prior to 1952, but it may still be in use. We need help with this one.

I am sitting on several more unlisted tokens, but need more information. It's a good time to be collecting tokens because they keep coming.

I also picked up some strange items on my trip. Ben Odesser got several and here are two of them:

	JFB SOCIAL CLUB	
WM 16 Sd	Admit One Child	JFB
	HOLIDAY LAKES	
WM 15 Sd	(blank)	

FOR SALE: CT 235 B \$5.50; IL 785 A \$1.50; IA 300 D \$5.50, 930 C \$7.50; MO 140 A \$10.50; NY 945 A \$5.50; PA 15 A \$2.50; TX 710 B \$8.50; NS 200 A \$17.50.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

AUCTION: Fla 380 V; Mich 530 E; Tex 65 D; P.R. 560 B and C. All census tokens!
Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

Pa. celluloids for sale: Pa 495 G \$2.50; Pa 495 H \$6.00.

Bernard Yagodich - 316 Chandler Ave. - Johnstown, PA 15906

WILL TRADE Nebr 540 B for Nebr 540 J (horsecar with wheel).

Clarence E. Heppner - 203 Jones Bldg. - Seattle, WA 98101

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES + POSTAGE: Ark 1000 A 25¢; Cal 575 N 25¢, 885 A 50¢, 1000 P 25¢; Ind 1000 A 25¢; Me 1000 A 25¢; Tex 1000 J 25¢; Va 1000 A B 25¢ each; Wis 220 L 50¢; Ont 865 A 50¢, B 15¢; Que 190 C 25¢; Ont 700 E 50¢; Denmark 5 T 35¢. Trade items in last Fare Box still available.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

TRADE Pa 725 H (some wear); Tenn 375 C; Va 620 B; BC 700 A. If no trade then to highest bidder. = Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

AUCTION: CO 260 L, 340 A; CT 210 A; NY 505 A, 615 F, 785 C, 945 D E; NC 980 H I OH 15 A, 175 W Xa Z AA, 435 A B C D (separately, and again as a set), 515 C, 990 A; PA 775 B; TN 415 D; VA 20 O; WV 290 B; WI 510 D; DC 500 D.

Edwin Lanham c/o Dyer - 2070 W. 18th St. - Cleveland, OH 44113

OHIO 505 I (M.B.L.) for sale at \$1 each. Also set of tickets & transfers for Mansfield Bus Lines. \$5 for set.

John R. Smith - 323 Park Ave. W. - Mansfield, OH 44906

CAL 760 J, AVA 1968 Oakland Convention tour token, \$2.50 each. 2 for \$4.50; 3 for \$6. Prepaid. This recently sold at mail auction for \$2.80.

Bill Williges - P.O. Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

AM CLOSING OUT MY COLLECTION of other states' TT's. Will trade the following for Ark., Okla. & Texas TT's I need, or good military. AL 560 D; AZ 640 A; IL 795 C; IN 280 A; MA 970 A; IL 290 A; MN 290 A; MS 900 F; OH 240 A; PA 150 D E; TN 600 B; VA 500 A, 580 C. = H.C. Reidling - 8847 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238
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Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - W. Columbia, SC 29169

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Louis Crawford - P.O. Box E - Long Beach, MS 39560

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AUCTION: over 75 \$1 & up TT's. Send large stamped envelope for list.

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The new A.V.A. publication Car Wash Tokens by Harold Ford & John Coffee, has arrived ahead of schedule here in Tacoma. All advance orders will have been shipped out by the time you receive this issue, but remember parcel post takes a long time to get delivered. This is a very nice little book of 120 pages including 10 photographic plates and a full index. All known car wash tokens of the world are listed & priced. Prices of printing books have really skyrocketed, and that's why we have to set a \$7.50 retail price for this book. However A.V.A. members may buy the book for \$4.50 postpaid. Order directly from my Tacoma address.

We only printed 500 copies, and 225 have already been sold to advance orders.

The printer made a mistake, and used the same set-up we ordered for the title page, on the front cover! So the front cover has the full address of the A.V.A. Kind of a "busy" front cover as a result, but nevertheless a fine-looking catalogue and a nice addition to your library. I'll have a copy with me at the Minneapolis Convention for those who want to see it before ordering.

= NEW FINDS =

There have been a lot of good tokens uncovered lately, and I'll have a more complete report in the September issue which, by the way, probably won't be out until about September 25. So have patience. The long summer pause is upon us.

I did learn that Bill Coleman picked up the 3rd known Wash 150 A, and Dorothea Case writes that she got a Wis 980 E at a flea market for only 15¢. Larry Nielson picked up an unlisted depotel from Lohrville, Ia. We knew it existed, as a non-member also owns the same token and we held up listing it till we got the correct metal from him. Will report lots more in the next issue.

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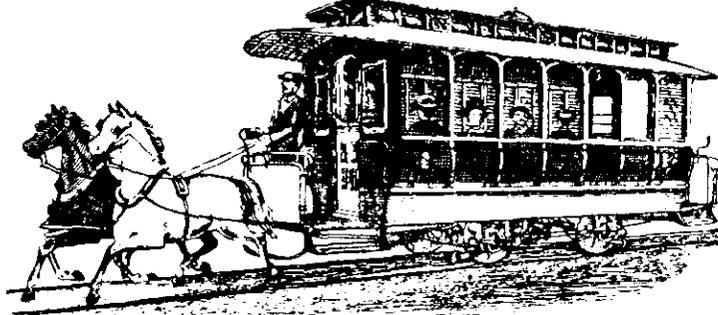
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Our 327th Issue

October 2, at 9 p. m. It has been a long and interesting summer, and now we begin a new token-collecting year. Inside this issue you will find a report on the Minneapolis Convention and the Prices Realized from the Convention Auction. Quincy Laflin sent me the sheet with the prices penned in. I was not inclined to retype the whole thing, so I simply put Quincy's list in the stencil-making machine and reproduced it for this issue. The minutes of the Convention and the Parking Token Supplement were also reproduced, just as received, by our stencil-maker, thereby saving your Editor much labor.

The Minneapolis Convention was one of the nicest in our memory, and the Midwest Club took care of the attending members with much attention, affection, and concern. Your Editor arrived via Amtrak's "Empire Builder" from Tacoma, and it was one of the nicest rides on a train I have had since Amtrak took over. The train arrived right on time, i.e. at 6:30 a. m. Minneapolis is a beautiful city—one of the most beautiful, and cleanest, cities in America. Our Convention Hotel was a brand-new hotel situated on Nicollet Avenue, which has been converted into a long pedestrian mall, with only buses permitted along it—fortunately, because on Friday night Harold Ford and I were caught in a wild driving downpour 6 blocks from the hotel. But we were rescued by the little dime shuttle bus which took us right to the hotel.

Unfortunately your Editor was getting progressively sicker as Friday wore on. Finally I had to retire early, and on all day Saturday I was absolutely miserable. I dragged myself down long enough to preside (at Syd Joseph's request) at the business meetings. But the rest of Saturday I spent in bed, missing the auction and the banquet! I did go on the 4-hour bus tour on Sunday morning, and especially enjoyed riding old #1300, but still I was miserable.

Most people had gone home by Monday but I was in town until that night, and wandered all over Minneapolis, finally riding a bus out to Fort Snelling and making friends with the driver. There is a new sky-scraper in Minneapolis which I ascended via elevator for the view, and discovered that they use tokens! The token is worth \$1.25 and it is as follows:

IDS CENTER OBSERVATORY (BUILDING) 5100

WM 25 Sd

IDS Center

However it's really an admission check to the observatory and not for a ride on the elevator, because you can ride up and right back down again without paying anything. So we won't list it.

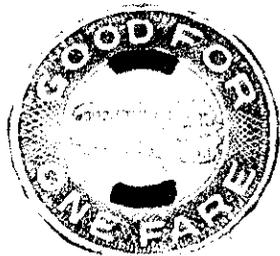


I returned to Tacoma via the "North Coast Hiawatha," along the old Northern Pacific right-of-way. It was a fine train and the scenery, especially over Homestake Pass and along the Clark Fork River, in Montana, is as fine as any in North America. Unfortunately Amtrak's computer went haywire and oversold the coaches. But the sleeping cars were fine and we had our own reserved dome car. So Amtrak treated me well on the trip to the Convention. But the worst was yet to come.

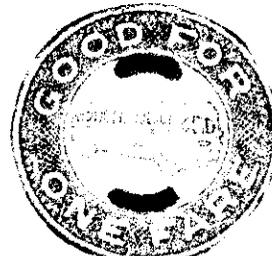
I headed back to Boston September 1 via the "Empire Builder" again. But there was a wreck just beyond the Stampede Pass. We just sat there on the mountain. Finally they decided to back up to Seattle. They they decided to go ahead, and switch over to the ancient, crumbling Milwaukee Road track at Easton, WA, which we did, crawling along at 25 mph all the way to Spokane. They haven't had passenger service along the Milwaukee in Washington State in many years, so people living along the way came out to watch in amazement as the great passenger train slowly rumbled along beneath the decaying trolley wire. Finally we crawled into Chicago 4 hours late and I missed my connection for New York. But Amtrak put me up (paying all expenses including 3 meals and taxi fare both ways) at the Palmer House in Chicago, and got me a compartment on the "Broadway Limited" next day.

Unfortunately, next day, the "Broadway" got a hot box in the dining car, which had to be taken off the train and put on a siding. Then we sat in Fort Wayne while they sent out and got 350 box lunches, which were distributed free to everyone on the train. This train finally got to New York 4 hours late, and I took the Turbotrain to Boston and at long last was free of Amtrak for another year. Next year it's the Canadian Pacific for me!

In his Catalogue Notes in this issue, and in an article following them, Ralph Freiberg notes that there are two distinct die varieties of the reverses of the 16mm bus tokens with Type B3 bus on a 2-slot ball, and that Ala 570 F comes in both ways. Syd Joseph has made photos of the two types of reverses, which are reproduced here below.



TYPE A REVERSE



TYPE B REVERSE

I learned of a few New Finds this past summer. First of all, Marie Johnson has come up with another Pa 680 B. The first known was just listed in the August issue, and now there's another one--that big beautiful Nanticoke Bridge token. But Marie's is in beautiful condition.

Les Hawthorne found an interesting item: a black vulcanite token, pierced with a hole, inscribed simply "FIRE" on obverse, and the number "113" in white on reverse. We have no idea what it is, or was.

David Schenkman reports the home of a strange token we reported some years back. This token is brass, 28mm, pierced, inscribed THE PEOPLES RAILWAY on obverse, and A N & S RY. (SWASTIKA) on reverse. David says the initials are for the Atlantic, Northern & Southern Ry. of Atlantic, Iowa. But it probably is not a fare token as it is pierced for a loop.

Finally your Editor recently acquired from a friend another Neodesha, KS, depotel, my 7th from that town, this being the Kans 680 I.

= THE 1974 CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION =
= Minutes of the meeting =

The twenty-third annual convention of the American Vecturist Association was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by President Syd Joseph in the "Georgian" Room of the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August tenth. Bob Butler was asked to act as secretary in the absence of Don Mazeau.

The convention was attended by fifty-one members of the Association. These were: Archer, Floyd and Martha Barnett, Bidwell, Bolz, Brady, Anna and Bob Butler, Carr, Carter, Case, Clymer, Coffee, Coney, Cunningham, Dunn, Feisel, Ford, Frisbee, Grinolds, Hatfield, Hillstrom, Irwin, Johnson, Joseph, Kelley, Kloida, Klugman, Knobloch, Kocian, Kubach, Kurts, Laflin, Lubetkin, Max, McKee, Nott, Plencner, Reznick, Rider, Rieder, Sailor, Schmalgemeier, Skoglund, Smith, Svobodny, Sweet, Thompson, Wold, Zaika and Zervas. This represented fifteen states as follows: California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin.

There were twenty-six visitors as follows: Mmes. Archer, Clymer and daughter, Johnson, Kloida, Kocian, Kubach, Laflin, Leiber, Lubetkin, Max, Nott and two daughters, Plencner, Sailor, Smith, Sweet, Thompson; Messrs. Lieber, Rady, Woods; Mr. and Mrs. Laflin Jr. and son, Mrs. Clymer's sister, and the speaker, Mr. George Isaacs and wife.

A short welcome speech was made by Cy Svobodny, president of the Twin Cities' club. An opening talk was given by Syd Joseph, president of AVA, concluding with a request for a moment of silent prayer for those who had become deceased since the convention held a year ago. This was followed by an invocation by John Coffee, who was then asked to act as master-of-ceremonies during the morning and afternoon sessions of the convention.

The minutes of the 1973 convention were unanimously accepted as printed in the Fare Box. The Treasurer's report was given by Toby Frisbee, treasurer of AVA, who concludee his report with the cash on hand balance of \$6,040.66. This is a loss of \$377.99 over the 1972-73 period, which is due mainly to increased postage plus other increased expenses. The report was accepted by all present.

A report of the Fare Box and associated expenses was given by John Coffee. He has a balance on hand of \$7,215.38 plus interest. This will be reduced by approximately \$1,200 for the printing of a car wash catalog. Syd Joseph gave a back-up speech on Coffee's work and achievements, and the report was accepted as given.

A suggestion was made by Duane Feisel that these reports should be published in the Fare Box. This suggestion was accepted.

Two committees were appointed: (1) an Audit Committee to consist of Messrs. McKee, Sailor and Rider, and (2) a Resolutions Committee to consist of Messrs. Ford, Dunn and Reznick. These committees to report during the second portion of the meeting.

A letter was read from the ANA giving an award to AVA for its twenty-five year subscription to ANA. Mr. Max Schwartz will accept the award in our behalf.

A report was read from Ken Smith in which he gave some suggestions to re-arrange all the AVA catalogs. There were also several other suggestions in the report. Some additional views were given by Duane Fiesel, along with his favoring Mr. Smith's report. The suggestions included such matters as (1) a publications committee of seven members be formed, (2) dues be increased to ten dollars which would include all members receiving all publications put out as part of their dues. This item was considered by members present as 'unwanted publications being forced on those not desiring them', such as a non-collector of car wash tokens, or parking tokens, being forced to receive these publications only to throw them away or lay and collect dust as they occupied space. Several talks, both pro and con, were given to these suggestions. A proposal was made to write an article in the Fare Box and ask the opinion of all members, and Mr. Coffee elaborated on the subject with both pros and cons. A motion was asked for to keep the Atwood catalog as it is and commending the idea of additional back-up catalogs. The motion was received and

seconded and then turned over to the resolutions committee.

A letter was read from Joseph Kotler suggesting that a master list be made of Fare Box articles. Much discussion was held on the issuance of membership cards. This was all turned over to the resolutions committee.

Letters were read in regard to the making of sterling silver tie-tacs, charms, etc. The question was whether the same die could be used as the one used to make the lapel pins and if there would be enough demand for them.

A talk was given by Royce Rider in praise of the AVA functions and to the accomplishments of John Coffee. Mr. Rider is seventy-nine and a half years young, and this is the first convention that he has attended.

Duane Fiesel gave a talk on the report that the manufacturer was going to dispose of, or sell, old transportation dies, and the AVA purchased these dies to prevent their falling into wrong hands for mis-use. The question was what to do with these dies, and the decision was to let the executive board make the choice.

Mention was made that the 1975 convention will be in Los Angeles, and an invitation has been received from New York City for 1976. No further invitations have been received.

A proposal was asked for to increase the dues from the \$5.00 early payment to a straight \$5.50 to apply whether the payment was early or late. A motion was made, but an amendment was inserted for the amount to be \$6.00. The amendment met approval and the motion passed.

To answer questions of why names are omitted from the roster, the fabricators stated that a roster is a list of members in good standing (or those who are paid-up members) and that these are the names provided by the AVA for compiling the roster. To insure the name being in the roster, dues should be paid early or before the deadline. A proposal to computerize the roster was defeated.

A proposal was asked for to add \$1.00 initiation fee to dues for re-instatement. After some discussion, a motion was made to add \$1.00 after a one year lapse in membership. This was amended and passed that the \$1.00 initiation fee be charged regardless of how late the payment is made.

A proposal was made for a national convention chairman to broaden the areas of visitation and to provide a chance to see other forms of transportation than those repeated seen in the usual convention places. It was decided that this was for the executive board and that they should be contacted and encouraged.

Mention was made that if token mail is insured and is lost, the sender should not show the catalog to the post office, because they will only pay the amount shown in the catalog. It is better to register the mail.

There being no new, or further, business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at noon until 1:00 PM.

When the meeting resumed at 1:20 PM we heard reports from the committees as follows: the auditing committee stated that the treasurer's and Fare Box reports were correct, but did not agree with each other. It was recommended they get together and remedy the difference.

The resolutions committee (1) resolved that the Minneapolis Club, especially the Barnetts, be thanked for their preparation and planning of the convention, and that the Butlers be thanked for their work on the roster, and that Mr. Hillstrom and his secretary be thanked for help in preparing data for the auction, (2) resolved for commendations and thanks be given to John Coffee for his twenty-five years of service and wished him another twenty-five years, (3) a letter be written to Ken Smith giving thanks for his suggestions but state that we prefer Atwood's catalog in its current form and agree in depth with studies on other materials. This convention confirms its faith in the Atwood catalog as now arranged, edited and published by John Coffee, and (4) supports in principle the publication of other books that study transportation tokens in greater depth if they are approved by the catalog committee.

A plaque was presented to Tex Barnett for his participation in the Beaver convention.

With no further business to be transacted, the convention was adjourned at 1:35 PM with the token auction getting under way soon after.

Respectfully submitted Bob Butler, Acting secretary.

= PRICES REALIZED AT THE A. V. A. CONVENTION AUCTION =

FELLOW AVA MEMBERS.... BELOW ARE THE PRICES REALIZED BOTH FLOOR & MAIL BID. SOME ITEMS WERE NOT SOLD DUE TO HIGH MINIMUM BID REQUESTS. ALL ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING. MY FINAL REPORT WILL APPEAR LATER. THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR THE FINE COOPERATION & I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AND MANY YEARS OF HAPPY COLLECTING. I ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THOSE THAT ASSISTED ME DURING THE FLOOR AUCTION AS I WAS UNDER THE WEATHER AT THE TIME AND COULD NEVER HAVE HANDLED IT ALONE. MY SON ALSO HAS SPENT MANY HOURS HELPING ME OUT WHICH I GREATLY APPRECIATE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

QUINCY A. LAFLIN

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1	AK	50	C 2.15	46	Austria	840	A 2.25	90	CA	50	B 15.25	135	MO	350	C	19.00
2	AR	435	M 2.80	47	NE	300	A,B,C,D	91	100	A 11.50	136		440	A	5.55	
3	CO	140	I 2.00	48	AK	190	A 6.10	92	105	A 6.50	137		440	H	1.80	
4		140	J 1.30	49		190	B 3.00	93	205	A 1.60	138	MT	480	A	7.5	
5		600	A 3.25	50	IL	430	B 2.60	94	205	C 18.75	139	NE	700	Z	4.00	
6	DC	500	AJ -	51	KS	30	C 1.00	95	525	B 3.25	140	NH	500	A	3.05	
7		500	AJ -	52		820	H 1.75	96	535	B 17.35	141		520	A	4.00	
8	GA	690	A 1.50	53	OK	640	G 2.25	97	535	C 5.25	142		700	A	3.10	
9	IN	930	G 1.20	54	PA	920	B 3.5	98	625	A 22.50	143	NJ	30	A	2.13	
10	KY	45	C 2.30	55	SD	680	B 5.0	99	650	A 8.50	144	NM	40	Cb	1.25	
11	MA	115	AG -	56	VA	20	L 8.5	100	745	E 2.25	145		430	C	2.00	
12		145	A 2.00	57	WA	840	E -	101	745	H 2.50	146		430	D	10.00	
13		145	C -	58	WV	640	A -	102	775	C 7.10	147	NY	410	B	7.5	
14		145	D -	59	PR	640	D -	103	CO	260	D 1.50	148		630	U	2.50
15	MN	600	B 1.50	60	Alberta	140	B 1.05	104	260	Q 10.00	149		695	A	12.10	
16	NV	100	A 1.55	61		140	C 1.05	105	540	C 4.50	150		735	A	3.65	
17		100	B 1.55	62	Quebec	60	A 6.7	106	540	D 2.00	151		780	D	3.05	
18	NJ	115	I -	63	Ontario	900	D 5.5	107	620	A 3.05	152		830	B	3.05	
19		997	G 3.25	64	IN	290	D 2.5	108	FL	300	D 11.10	153		875	A	2.75
20	NY	235	B 3.25	65		460	Q 12.50	109	380	E 5.10	154		945	D	1.40	
21		790	E -	66		460	P 5.75	110	380	H 4.17	155		998	M	-	
22		785	C 2.10	67		980	E 3.75	111	380	P 1.55	156	NC	630	A	1.50	
23		785	D 2.00	68	IA	640	E 7.00	112	540	B 3.75	157	OH	10	B	2.15	
24		410	C -	69	MD	60	Z 6.50	113	GA	765	A 12.25	158		10	E	3.25
25	OH	165	AF -	70	MA	550	A -	114	HI	240	E 2.25	159	PA	515	B	3.10
26	PA	70	A -	71	MI	65	G 15.00	115	330	B 7.10	160		605	D	2.50	
27		125	B 2.95	72		75	I -	116	540	B 7.10	161		725	D	7.10	
28	VT	150	F 3.00	73	MN	680	A 12.50	117	IN	180	A 7.25	162		750	O	15.10
29		150	G 3.00	74	NM	40	Cb 1.50	118	450	A 10.00	163		750	W	7.5	
30	Br. Col.	450	B -	75	OH	475	D 53.75	119	960	B 4.55	164		750	AT	13.95	
31	Phil. Is.	700	I -	76		475	D 55.75	120	KS	40	Cb 10.25	165	SD	260	A	14.25
32		700	H 4.10	77	VA	20	K -	121	40	D 4.10	166		680	A	2.5	
33	NC	3630	A(H) -	78	WY	100	E,G,I	122	40	E 5.55	167		760	A	12.00	
34	WI	3510	N -	(50)		998	A 6.50	123	40	F 3.75	168	VT	150	B	3.75	
35	Ont.	700	E -	79	OR	100	B 2.60	124	490	A 1.63	169		150	C	10.10	
36		700	F -	80	CT	508	H -	125	640	D 33.00	170		150	D	10.10	
37		865	A 1.50	81	IL	150	O -	126	LA	30	B 1.75	171		150	E	10.10
38	China	720	D 1.75	82		150	Q -	127	MD	60	T 2.75	172	VA	620	A	9.25
39	Denmark	5	J 1.80	83	MA	998?	Like B -	128	60	U 1.50	173		620	B	8.25	
40		160	C -	84		998	J -	129	60	V 1.50	174		620	J	2.00	
41	Germany	40	B 3.30	85	MO	140	A 12.00	130	MI	885	A 2.10	175		820	A	7.5
42		480	A 9.5	86	AK	300	C 5.75	131	885	B 2.20	176	WA	780	U	17.50	
43	Iran	750	J 1.00	87		300	F 17.10	132	MS	460	A 4.50	177		880	A	1.75
44	Israel	400	A 1.00	88		500	B 11.10	133	620	A 12.25	178	DC	500	A	4.75	
45		400	B 1.00	89		800	A 5.60	134	MO	140	C 6.00	179		500	O	3.50

Bid

Results

180	CA	705	A 10.50
181	KS	820	A 7.50
182	KY	510	C 12.80
183	MD	60	I 3.10
184		60	J 3.05
185		60	K 3.67
186		60	L 6.55
187		60	M 5.50
188		60	Q 3.15
189		60	AN 3.10
190		60	AP 4.94
191	MN	540	D 10.00
192	MO	997	A 10.30
193		997	E 10.30
194	NY	410	A 5.25
195	PA	998	B 13.00
196	CA	25	A 3.50
197		450	D 3.25
198		535	D 14.55
199		640	A 2.00
200		760	J 4.25
201	CO	260	P 10.06
202		600	A —
203	FL	380	F 11.25
204		380	P —
205		610	A 1.60
206	GA	50	B 2.75
207	ID	640	A —
208	IL	495	C 1.80
209		* 755	C 5.50
210	IN	90	A —
211	IA	150	B 8.80
212		300	D 3.50
213	KS	40	D —
214		450	D —
215	KY	10	D 14.75
216		10	K —
217		510	AK —
218		510	BV —
219	LA	30	B —
220	ME	40	A 5.80
221	MA	505	A —
222		660	A 5.00
223	MI	460	A —
224		775	A —
225		775	B —
226		935	B —
227	MO	440	H —
228		440	I —
229		950	B —
230	MT	480	A —
231	NE	420	A —

232		700	L 3.55
233		700	Y 4.00
234		700	Z 4.00
235	NH	100	A 3.00
236	NY	10	H 3.00
237		235	B 3.08
238		630	U 4.00
239		631	I 1.25
240		1000	A 5.25
241	NC	130	A 4.20
242		380	C 3.25
243		630	A 2.00
244		690	E 3.25
245	ND	320	B 2.10
246	OR	100	A —
247		700	C —
248		700	F —
249		760	A 4.60
250	PA	150	A, B 12.10
251		195	C —
252		320	A —
253		340	E —
254		725	B 12.10
255		950	C 4.00
256	TN	75	H —
257		415	D —
258	TX	145	A 3.75
259		255	P —
260		360	D —
261	VT	150	F —
262	VA	620	K —
263	WA	600	C —
264		720	A —
265	WV	200	A —
266		590	A —
267		590	B —
268	WI	170	B 5.50
269	DC	500	G —
270	IL	130	D 3.55
271		495	G .25
272	IA	730	A .50
273	KY	45	C 2.50
274	MO	430	C .50
275		440	J .50
276	NY	25	C .65
277		70	A .65
278		230	I .35
279		410	B .25
280		410	C .80
281		440	B 8.00
282		715	A 1.00
283		780	J .57

60	B .55	336
435	B .25	337
750	A 6.75	338
375	A .25	339
870	A 1.60	340
920	B .35	341
590	B .35	342
760	K —	343
305	R .50	344
430	A 14.00	345
520	J 4.10	346
640	A .35	347
3450	AD —	348
3450	AF —	349
3910	L 2.75	350
3435	B .40	351
3255	C 1.75	352
3955	A .70	353
300	C 4.75	354
300	D 3.25	355
300	E 1.75	356
300	F 18.10	357
300	G 1.25	358
300	H .75	359
450	D 9.25	360
450	E 7.25	361
450	H .50	362
450	I 2.25	363
450	J 1.60	364
450	K 1.75	365
450	L 4.25	366
450	M 6.75	367
500	B 10.00	
800	A 5.10	
900	B 1.80	
210	B 6.50	
210	C 8.25	
240	A 3.05	
240	B 1.50	
240	E 3.50	
330	B 7.10	
540	B 7.10	
540	E 27.00	
320	B 2.25	
300	C 3.55	
300	D .90	
780	I 3.25	
780	K 2.10	
780	L .60	
780	T .60	
840	D .50	
840	E .40	

WA	840	S 2.25
	840	T 1.50
	880	H 1.30
	880	I .90
	970	A .50
	990	B 3.80
MN	30	B 5.00
	540	AA 3.50
	540	AA 1.65
	540	Z 6.00
	730	C 12.10
	730	D 6.10
	730	E 1.75
	730	E 1.75
	760	H 5.00
	760	I 6.25
	760	G 5.00
	760	G —
	790	A 9.10
	900	A 15.75
	540	Cb 10.00
	600	A 3.50
	985	A 3.50
	590	A —
	590	A —
NM	900	A 16.00
		7.5.50 T 100 B-L —
		Mich 370 B 1.25
		I 11. 150 I —
		Mich 370 C 5.00
		Tex 65 D —
		MSy 23(c) —

= 1974 A.V.A. CONVENTION FOOTNOTES
By Bob & Anna Butler

The business and auction day of the 1974 Convention was brought to a close by a favorable and appetizing banquet of prime ribs with all the trimmings. This was followed by a very interesting and informative talk given by Mr. George Isaacs, the president of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, Inc. The talk was illustrated with a large number of slides very well arranged and expertly intermingled with the dialogue.

Mr. Isaacs began his talk with a short history of the former Twin City Lines, giving the eastern and western boundaries of the system, and the northern and southern limits as well. The slides of this portion of his talk pictured the old streetcars in various locations of the system and some of the operations were enumerated in the talk. A smooth shift in the subject matter told of the change-over to buses and the disposal of the old streetcars and related equipment.

From the Twin City Lines operation of streetcars and buses, Mr. Isaacs shifted to the origin and operation of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, telling and displaying by slides, the acquisition of land, equipment, buildings, etc. This includes such things as one of the original railway depots in the area, a Northern Pacific railway coach, a handcar, two streetcars, a locomotive--just to mention a few of the items obtained so far, with more to follow, it is hoped.

The first streetcar is a former Minneapolis streetcar known as old 1300. This car has been completely renovated and rebuilt by members of the museum when they were not working at their regular jobs. A portion of an old streetcar right-of-way has been rebuilt with new ties, rails and overhead line, and old 1300 hauls many thousands of passengers during the summer operating schedule. This trolley car will soon be accompanied by another similar car that was also built in the Twin City shops, but operated in the city of Duluth, MN. It then served as a summer cabin for a while before being found and acquired by the museum. This car is now in the state of rebuilding and restoring for future operation along with old 1300.

Fare for a ride on old 1300 is paid by use of the 16mm tokens that were given at the convention as part of the convention package. Two tokens are used for adults and one for children.

Mr. Isaacs is to be commended on his very excellent rendition of his informative talk on the former streetcar system of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and of the present transportation museum. It appeared that he very easily held the interest of all present, and several were heard to give very favorable comments on his talk.

The convention was brought to a close on Sunday with a tour of Minneapolis and St. Paul in one of the city buses, and then a grand finale with a ride on old 1300, bringing great pleasure to the conventioners as they rode the streetcar and took pictures of it. Thus ended a delightful convention.

= DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURIST GATHERING =
By Joe Pernicano

The Delaware Valley AVA group met on September 8 at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington, Pa. Present were Augumblick, Bergey, DiMichael, Hiorth, Pernicano, and Zaika. Needless to say a number of tokens changed hands, and as usual Dan DiMichael showed off a few more of his choice census TT's. Dave Jordan phoned in to inform us he would be working all day and that in the recent past weeks he was fortunate enough to run down and obtain four census tokens. We hope to be able to look these over at one of our future meetings. The DVAVA expects to join with NEVA for the November meeting, and details will be ironed out following NEVA's firming up their plans.

On April 3, 1974, there was a fire in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, which badly damaged the building known as "Sharon's Quarters For Children." This building was erected in 1890 and survived the 1906 earthquake. It is pictured on the 3 rare old merry-go-round tokens, Calif 760 A,B,C.

= ROLAND C. ATWOOD RECEIVES UNIQUE HONOR =
By Robert M. Ritterband

Our organization's Member #1, Roland C. Atwood, was honored with the presentation of a specially created A.V.A. plaque, during the July meeting of the California Association of Token Collectors. It was a move jointly conceived many months earlier by Robert Ritterband, A.V.A. Immediate Past President, and John Coffee, Editor of The Fare Box.

Several times these two men had discussed finding a suitable way for physically recognizing the tremendous influence Mr. Atwood has had on our hobby. When last year's 25th Anniversary silver medals became a reality, serial #4 was quietly held aside in Roland's name. The medal was then imbedded into a blue 6x9" engraved plastic mounting, permanently held in an eggshell vinyl portfolio. The gold lettering on the plaque tells its own story:

American Vecturist Association - Special Award to - Roland C. Atwood - Member Number One - Honorary Life Member - In Grateful Recognition of his Contributions to this Hobby as Cataloguer, Author, Friend and Builder of the World's Greatest Collection of Transportation Tokens - On the Occasion of our 25th Anniversary - 1973.

From the dating it will be seen that the original intent was to present this memento to Mr. Atwood during the Silver Anniversary Convention at Denver. His absence from that conclave, plus other intervening circumstances, meant a delay until the local meeting mentioned above. The actual bestowal of the plaque, to an extremely surprised recipient, was made at the home of another past president, F. Gordon Smith, who assisted in its presentation.

= THE SO-CALLED HACIENDA BRIDGE TOKENS OF MEXICO =
By Yosef Sa'ar

Recently I completed making a complete card index of all articles and listings of foreign tokens since 1967, the publication date of Kenneth E. Smith's World Transportation Token Catalogue. The catalogue supplement for November, 1968, greatly aroused my interest and I went out to investigate the subject further. Listed in that issue were eleven unidentified early Mexican tokens bearing the word *puente* (= bridge) in the legend. The listings were taken from *Hacienda Tokens of Mexico* by O.P. Eklund and Sydney P. Noe. The Fare Box listing surmised that, "These may be bridge tokens, or tokens issued by haciendas located near the bridges from which they took their names..."

Researching the subject further, I found the article "Store Cards or Tokens of Mexico" by A.F. Pradeau on pages 563-576 of the *Centennial Publication of the American Numismatic Society*. Mr. Pradeau is one of Mexico's leading numismatic experts. On page 569 he states, "Incidentally, to the author's knowledge there were no toll bridges in Mexico and the word *puente* must be considered a cognomen, a rather common one in all Spanish-speaking countries." With this note I think we can safely remove these tokens from all consideration as transportation tokens.

= LES HAWTHORNE RECEIVES THE FARE BOX LITERARY AWARD =

The Fare Box Literary Award for 1974, for the best research article published in The Fare Box from August 1973 thru July 1974 by a member not previously recognized by the award, goes to Les Hawthorne of Australia and California. His article in the May 1974 issue, "The Floating Bridges of England," opened our eyes on the subject by demonstrating that "floating bridges" in England are really ferryboats. The award consists of unique sterling silver examples of the two Minneapolis tour tokens, housed in an appropriately engraved Capitol Plastics holder.

= BUS TOKENS OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS AIRLINES =
By F.J. Bingen

Passengers who leave the airplane at Schiphol Airport, our biggest airfield in Holland, will find that there are regular bus lines going to Amsterdam, the Hague, and Rotterdam. The K.L.M. (the Royal Netherlands Airlines--the world's oldest airline--of which we, inhabitants of a country a bit smaller than the States, are just a bit proud) has established for this bus service a special company, "The K.L.M. Autobusbedrijf" (K.L.M. Autobus Company). The difficulty with many of the bus passengers is that they often have no Netherlands, but only foreign, currency. The bus drivers therefore were confronted with all sorts of money. It was for this reason that the management of the K.L.M.-A.B.B. decided to introduce special tokens for the ride from Amsterdam Terminal to Schiphol Airport. These tokens were made in 1967 at the Royal Mint in Utrecht, and they were reported by Mr. Hazevoet in The Fare Box of October, 1967 (page 146):

Amsterdam 50
AMSTERDAM TERMINAL K L M SCHIPHOL AIRPORT (BUS)
A B 30 Sd (same as obverse)

These tokens were sold for fl. 2,50 at the cashier either at the airport or at the terminal in Amsterdam. In the latter there was also a slot machine from which a token could be bought.

As the use of these tokens seem to work out satisfactorily, the K.L.M.-A.B.B. ordered at the Mint in 1968 two additional tokens:

A 32 Sd DEN HAAG TERMINAL K L M AIRPORT SCHIPHOL
(same as obverse)(Den Haag = The Hague)
A 38 Sd ROTTERDAM TERMINAL K L M AIRPORT SCHIPHOL
(same as obverse)

Before these aluminum tokens could be put into use it was decided to close the terminals at the Hague and at Rotterdam, and from that time the K.L.M. buses start and arrive at the regular bus stations in those cities. There of course is no cashier of the K.L.M. to sell tokens, and for that reason they never were put into use.

One of our members discovered these tokens during a visit to the Royal Mint and for some time we tried to get a sufficient quantity for the members of the New Issues Service who collect world transportation tokens.

A few weeks ago I communicated with the manager of the K.L.M.-A.B.B. at Schiphol and it was through his kind intervention that the company decided to offer these tokens to the members of the N.I.S. *free of charge*. Thanks to this kindness members of N.I.S. who are on the foreign token list will receive three very attractive Netherlands bus tokens, the first transportation tokens struck in my country since the Hilversum and Maastricht issues of 1922.

For those who are not on the list of world token collectors of N.I.S. it may be possible to obtain additional sets of these tokens. But, understandably, the K.L.M.-A.B.B. does not want to be troubled with individual requests, and to their regret will be unable to reply to such requests. However, if we receive orders for at least 25 more tokens we shall be able to furnish them to collectors at a cost of \$2.80 per set postpaid. So if you would like one of these sets (or more than one), please send your order, together with \$2.80 per set, to John Nicolosi, and he will forward the orders to me and I shall obtain the tokens. But remember we must wait until we have orders for 25 sets before we can fill orders, so it may take a little while. But the set of tokens is really beautiful, and I believe well worth the nominal price. Remember if you are already in the N.I.S., and on the foreign list, you will receive the set free (with a small postage charge). But if you are not, you may still obtain a set for \$2.80 by ordering from John Nicolosi (address on masthead of The Fare Box).

= SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Vacaville 940 (Reported at the Feisel meeting in July)
VACAVILLE FIESTA CELEBRATION GOOD FOR ONE RIDE
A o Pr 42 Sd (blank) [obverse letters are white] (* 1969) [amusement token] \$0.50

KANSAS

Wichita 970 (Reported by J.W. Baum)
WICHITA MTA
L WM 23 S Good For One Fare (* 5/13/74) [senior citizen token] .30

MICHIGAN

Lansing 560 (Reported by Roice Rider)
CITY OF LANSING
R o Pa Oc Sd (blank) [obverse letters are white] (* 5/73) (23mm) [senior citizen token] .35

Patterns 998 (Reported by Joel Reznick)
M Bz 16 G [same as 370 D, but bronze]

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis 540 (Reported by Minneapolis AVA Convention Committee)
A.V.A. CONVENTION AUG. 9-11 MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL
GOOD FOR ONE TOUR
AJ o B 32 Sd (A.V.A. seal with trolley car) [error; "1974" omitted] .25
A.V.A. CONVENTION 1974 AUG. 9-11 MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL
GOOD FOR ONE TOUR
AK o B 32 Sd (A.V.A. seal with trolley car) 1.00

NEVADA [note: out of alphabetical order]

Ely 250 (Reported by Hal Dunn to John Coffee)
RED STAR / AUTO STAGE / LINE / S.L. / Stamp / Co.
A o A 31 Sd Good For / One Trip / Between / Ruth & Ely 7.50

MISSOURI

St. Louis 910 (Reported by Lee Hope)
L.H.S.C. [Lutheran High School Central]
V o A 25 Pc (blank) (used about 1960 to 1966) .75
L.H.S.N. [Lutheran High School North]
W o Pr 23 Sd (blank) [white inscription on obv.] (used about 1967-71) .50

NORTH DAKOTA

Patterns 998 (Reported by Harry Sailor to John Coffee)
A K 16 G [same as 320 C, but copper]

PENNSYLVANIA

West Leisenring 975 (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)
(OBSERVE SAME AS 975 B)
E o A 18 Sd Good For 10 in Trade 7.50

WASHINGTON

Tacoma 880 (Reported by Clarence Heppner and John Coffee)
LAKE DRIVE TRANSIT, INC. (BUS)
O B 16 B1 Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots) 1.00

Patterns 998 (Reported by Clarence Heppner to John Coffee)
PORT WASHINGTON / NARROWS / BRIDGE PROJECT

L Bz 21 Bar (same as obverse)
M WM 21 Bar "
N A 21 Bar "

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

First this month we have the Vacaville, CA, token, which was shown at the meeting at Duane Feisel's home on July 7. John Coffee and Hal Ford drove to Vacaville to check it out, and learned that the tokens were used in 1969 as part of the annual "Vacaville Fiesta." There was a carnival in town, as part of the festival, and an airplane flew over the city and dropped hundreds, or even thousands, of these thin red plastic tokens, which were good for rides at the carnival. John and Harold spent hours in town, in a vain attempt to find any of the tokens, although nearly everyone remembered them. But they are so ugly no one saved them. However, they left their names & addresses with the Chamber of Commerce, and about a month later the Chamber found a small quantity--something less than 100--and sent two each to John and Harold. It is probable that they might send out one if you send them a stamped addressed envelope and a quarter or so. They refused to part with any more of them when asked recently, but a couple of collectors have got them by writing and asking only for one. At least the first few letters might get them; after a while the Chamber obviously will stop sending them. So the early bird might get the token in this case.

Another senior citizen token, this time for Wichita, KS. In order to buy the tokens one must show a senior citizen ID card, so it would have been difficult for anyone to buy them unless he was over 65. We wrote directly to the transit authority and offered to buy them at the full regular fare rate, and in this we were successful. So the New Issues Service will send you this one. These tokens went on sale in April but we'll use May 13 as the first day of use, because it was. Mr. Baum mentions that the regular fare is 30¢, and also that they are using 970 K as a student token now for those attending Metro High School in downtown Wichita.

Roice Rider reports another senior token for Lansing, MI. He says the 560 Q did not work out too well in the fare boxes as the tokens were breaking and clogging the whole system, so the Q's were replaced with the new one which we are now listing. The R went into use in May, 1973, and went out of use in July, 1973. The company has been destroying them as they come in (they're still valid for fare), but Mr. Rider has been trying to get a few as they come in at the company. The N.I.S. won't be able to handle this one, but Roice will have a few duplicates.

Joel Reznick reports a pattern from Grand Rapids, MI. We never did get a true rundown on the use of the 16mm tokens of Grand Rapids. When relisting the city we overlooked putting the white metal first and the bronze-plated WM to follow. The date (* 1919) possibly should have been placed after 370 D, and not after 370 C. It is possible the tokens were plated for a 3-for-25¢ fare increase on 12/28/31, which fare remained in effect till April, 1951, which is mentioned in the Catalogue as the date when newly brass-plated tokens went into use. Perhaps they were thinking of getting bronze tokens for the fare hike in 1931, but for some reason settled on copper-plating instead. A future relisting of the city should list 370 D first with (* 1919) after it, and then 370 C with (* 12/28/31) after it.

We've learned from bitter experience (namely, last year at Denver) to order our AVA Convention tour tokens well in advance, and this time we did, and well we did! The tokens came through without "1974" on them even though this was put in the order. So, as there was still time, we told them to make up a corrected order, and we were able to buy the error tokens for a nominal price. So we ended up with two tour tokens for the Minneapolis Convention. This was not deliberate; we do not like more than one tour token per convention. But this time it was, in effect, beyond our control. And the price is quite low: only 25¢ for the error and \$1 for the corrected token. It's low because they used the same reverse die as they did for the 1967 convention. So you can get two nice tokens for only \$1.25 total. Members of N.I.S. will receive theirs in due course; others may order the tokens directly from Tex Barnett. There were 500 of each struck, plus one of each in sterling silver for The Fare Box Literary Award.

Hal Dunn found the old Nevada bus token, and his is rather beat-up, but what a find! Token probably used in the 1920's from Ely (in eastern Nevada) to Ruth, where a copper mine is located. One more of the tokens was also found, and the second one is in even worse condition. But now not many AVA members will be able to claim that they at least have Nevada complete.

We listed the Nevada token out of alphabetical order, so now we go back to Missouri. Lee Hope did considerable research on these tokens, and was unable to obtain enough for the New Issues Service, and was advised that he should hold them for swapping with other collectors. The aluminum token was used at Lutheran High School Central from about 1960 until they closed the school in 1966. In 1966 the students were transferred to Lutheran High School North, and this school used the red plastic token from 1967 to 1971, when the buses were taken over by Bi-State Transit of St. Louis and tokens replaced by school passes. At the time of use, the red plastic tokens sold at 30¢ to students. There was also a Lutheran High School South, and someone mentioned that this school had used both aluminum and black plastic tokens, but so far none have been found.

Harry Sailor showed the North Dakota pattern to John Coffee at the Minneapolis Convention. I figure the 320 A and this 998 A were made in the early 1920's before they switched to bronze.

John Nicolosi found the West Leisenring, PA, token at a local flea market. As he describes it, "A dealer saw a badge I was wearing and wanted it very badly. He showed me a box of tokens (just passed it under my nose, and I really didn't see what was in it). He said he would swap these tokens for my badge sight unseen. I did, and in the box there was this unlisted census token! Also in the box: 35 other transp. tokens, 100 foreign coins (of which ten were silver), and a lot of sales tax tokens and some maverick trade tokens. Not a bad swap."

In the Atwood we've listed Wash 880 N as obsolete. But with an increase in fare they put them back into use, as the return portion of a round trip fare of \$1.10. To get a token you have to ride the bus, paying \$1.10 round trip fare, and then get off at the end of the line and repeat the process again to get home. Then they also ordered a 16mm token for the return portion of a \$1.80 round trip, and that's the one we've listed this month. So we list them for face value, but the only way to get them is to pay round trip fare. The company absolutely refuses to part with any of them to collectors. They only ordered 500 of the 23mm, and have far fewer than that left, and probably don't have too many of the 16mm ones either. John Coffee was able to get a couple of the tokens by buying them off a bus driver and paying him full round trip fare. It is just possible a collector might get a token by sending the full round trip fare and asking for one token. Address: 8th & Pacific - Tacoma, WA 98402. But you might lose your money, too.

John Coffee wrote the Washington State Highway Commission, which operates the Port Washington Narrows Bridge at Bremerton. They replied that they had never used the three tokens listed this month as patterns. "The only tokens we have used are the aluminum ones with a picture of a bridge on them," they wrote. "They were produced for us by the Tacoma Rubber Stamp Co. in Tacoma. Any other tokens may have been a sample and not actually used. We have no record of them." So we must assume these are patterns. The Highway Commission added, "The aluminum tokens were used by the traveling public for years in their daily business. All tolls were removed from the bridges on October 24, 1972. The aluminum tokens are available for collectors at 10¢ each plus postage upon written request and payment to this office." So any member who wants a Wash 80 J may get all he wants at 10¢ each plus postage by writing the Washington State Highway Commission - Highway Administration Bldg. - Olympia, WA 98504. Make the letter for the attention of Mr. F.A. Slemmer, Business Mgr., Toll Facilities.

In the July issue we had some photos of tokens, including 2 vars. of Mo 440 E on page 100. If you would take and mark the token pictured on the right as Mo 440 E with the open "a" in Harder, and the photo on the left as Mo 440 F with the closed "a" in Harder, it would make it much easier to understand which tokens are Mo 440 E & F. Also page 102 it mentions ILL 430 D. Change this to 430 C.

Now for some further notes on tokens listed last month. First on the South Lake Tahoe token. This line started in April, 1974, but they had to wait a month before tokens were received. They also use punch cards. Use (* 5/74) for date of issue.

As for the Tulsa, OK, token: in the summer of 1973 they decided to reduce fares to 25¢ and decided to use tokens by merchants to those making purchases. As they were not able to get tokens right away they borrowed some from other cities till they got their own tokens, and I mentioned on page 65 of the May 1974 Fare Box that they were using tokens of other companies. However, late on Bill Garrison had gone to Tulsa and noted they now had their own tokens as they had ordered 20,000. So it just goes

to show that not always are tokens received on the day they are supposed to be, and sometimes they have to use interim tokens.

Capt. Dee Drell reported that Baton Rouge, LA, is still using La 80 A as a school tokens, and also that there is a reverse minor variety. It is not one too easily seen, but there is a variety. So delete the obsolete mark, and add (Vars.)

Speaking of varieties there is also a variety on Ala 570 F. Tokens have been sent to Syd Joseph and I hope that in a future issue of The Fare Box we can have pictures of the 2 types. It seems for the past 20 years since we've been using the 16mm tokens with Bus Type 3 and "Good For One Fare" no one ever reported a variety on this type of token. Now it means we'll have to go back and do a lot of checking on all tokens of this type. As for Ala 570 F, I wonder if it might be a school token. Incidentally, I doubt if National City Lines operated any bus systems anywhere by the end of 1974. Either they've all been disposed of, or the operations have been taken over by the cities themselves.

= REVERSE VARIETIES ON 16mm TOKENS WITH BUS TYPE 3 =
By Ralph Freiberg

It has been discovered that there are two minor reverse varieties on the 16mm tokens which picture bus type #3 with "Good For One Fare" and have a two-slot ball in the center. I hope that in a future issue we can show the difference with photos.

The first variety, which we shall call Type A, is probably the older of the two. I figure Mont 100 A was one of the first tokens of this type as it appeared in the February 1953 issue of The Fare Box. On the other hand most of the recently issued tokens of this type have been what I call Type B.

A way to tell the two types apart is to draw a line across the top of the bus, and if the line would run into the middle of the R in FOR you have the A type.

But if the line would come below the R in FOR you have the B type. I am sorry the photo on page 127 of the Atwood didn't come out better, as this would show the Type A reverse. However, if anyone wants to check his tokens, here is a list of the tokens of this style, and which reverse types are known to exist so far:

AL 570 F	type A,B	KY 680 L	type B	NE 998 B	type ?	PA 455 G	type A
AR 360 H	" A	LA 80 B	" B	NY 631 T	" B	TN 75 L	" B
FL 530 H	" A,B	LA 1000 A	" A	NC 40 B	" A	TN 250 A	" A
FL 1000 A	" A	MN 575 A	" A	NC 360 A	" A	TN 600 P	" B
GA 630 C	" B	MT 100 A	" A	OK 860 R	" B	VT 180 C	" B
IL 720 I	" B	NE 120 C	" B	OR 760 C	" A	WA 840 Q	" B
IN 160 D	" B	NE 120 D	" B			WA 880 O	" B
KY 480 U	" B						

= SEPTEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE =
By John G. Nicolosi

Hectic times of late! Lots of tokens have been sent out. This month I had to send out two batches: the April foreigners (to those on my foreign list), and then the Minn 540 AJ & AK convention tokens plus Kans 970 L. Thanks to Ken Smith as usual for the foreigners. All members, both regular & associate, will receive the 3 U.S. tokens, and by now you should have received them. Thanks to J. Baum for helping us get the Wichita tokens. And thanks to Duane Feisel for the convention tokens.

This is the time of year when new school tokens appear, so be on the watch for new ones in your city.

This month I welcome a new member to Associate status, A.J. Rohssler. And from Associate status to Regular status, our president Syd Joseph! Welcome aboard.

There are quite a few more U.S. tokens pending, and several on the way to me. So again, as so often in the past, I must ask that you keep your balance up if you want to get these tokens and remain as a member of the New Issues Service.

= SUPPLEMENT #3 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

Arizona

PHOENIX 3640 (Reported by Harold Schmal)
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL PHOENIX, ARIZONA
G B 25 Sd Courtesy Parking \$0.25

California

MISSION VIEJO 3505 (Reported by Steve Album)
SADDLEBACK COLLEGE (GATE)
A o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. I) .25

Colorado

BOULDER 3060 (Reported by DHF)
D(OWN) TOWN BOULDER "ON THE MOVE"
A B 22 Sd Downtown Businessmen's Association
[9/72-] .15

Illinois

DANVILLE 3190 (Reported by Ore H. Vacketta)
CITY OF DANVILLE, ILLINOIS SHOP DOWNTOWN
B B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [6/3/74-] .15

HARVEY 3385 (Reported by Ben Odesser)
HARVEY Y.M.C.A. (GATE)
I o Bz 25 Sd Harvey Y.M.C.A. Free (gate) .25
[NEVER PLACED IN USE]

Iowa

DES MOINES 3300 (Ex-unidentified 3004; location by Robert
J. Vestal)
FIRST FEDERAL STATE BANK PARKING TOKEN
G B 23 Sd (same as obverse) [3/70-] .25

SIOUX CITY 3850 (Reported by Bob Coney)
FARMERS PARKING GROUND SIOUX CITY GOOD
FOR ALL DAYS PARKING 25¢
D o A 23 Sd We Watch Your Car And Save You Money 7.50

Louisiana

BATON ROUGE 3080 (Reported by Dee Drell)
CAPITAL BLDG. & LOAN ASS'N.
I B 25 Sd (same as obverse) .25

Maine

LEWISTON 3480 (Reported by a non-member)
CITY OF LEWISTON MAINE
A B 22 Sd Park & Shop Token [6/72-] .15

Minnesota

ST. PAUL 3760 (Reported by Gordon Wold)
UHI [UNITED HOSPITALS, INC.]
D B 23 Sd (UHI logo) .25

North Carolina

MONROE 3610 (Reported by Wold)
 BELK PARKING MONROE, N.C.
 A WM 25 Sd (blank) \$0.25

Ohio

DAYTON 3230 (Reported by Bill Nelson)
 WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
 A B 22 Sd Good Only In W.S.U. Parking Meters
 [8/72-] .15

Oklahoma

ENID 3330 (Reported by Hank Reidling)
 B & B PARKING CO. ENID, OKLA. (GATE)
 F Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. E) .25

Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA 3750 (Reported by Bay Area Token Society)
 LANKENAU HOSPITAL L
 R Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. F, J) .25

South Carolina

COLUMBIA 3310 (Reported by Harry English)
 HANDY PARK COLUMBIA, S.C.
 B B 23 Sd (blank) .25
 HANDY PARK COMPANY
 C B 23 Sd Columbia, S.C. .25

Washington

PORT ANGELES 3670 (Reported by a non-member)
 OLYMPIC STATE BANK PARKING
 C o B 25 Sd FP [?-1973] .25

Unattributed

(Reported by Odesser)
 ST. CATHARINE HOSPITAL (GATE)
 3026 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. G)

Additions & Corrections

IL 3150 CH: CUSTOMERS, not CUSTOMER
 IL 3285 B: add (rev. A)
 NE 3480 D: token listed as C in TFB 8/73 should be D
 SC 3695 A: correct city code for Myrtle Beach instead as
 listed in TEB 8/73

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

This report is being prepared just prior to my leaving for the AVA Convention in Minneapolis. Hopefully, the report will appear in the September issue as I still have quite a number of new listings for subsequent issues.

After the Minneapolis convention I plan to spend a day in Pittsburgh ironing out some details for the JAMBOREE EAST 1974 coming up there on October 4 to 6. That will be a show devoted to tokens, medals and exonomia, with a number of dealers specializing in that type of material and a variety of displays. From Pittsburgh, I then proceed to Miami for the ANA Convention and

the TAMS meeting before heading back home. So, in addition to the usual press of correspondence I have, things will be aggravated a bit by the accumulation bound to occur while I am away.

Although I obtained no information on the hospital token from Phoenix, I did receive four tokens for the \$1 sent. So, it may be worth a try; the address is 350 W. Thomas Rd., zip 85013.

No definite information is available for the California listing, but I suppose there was a special lot for visitors to the college. Another possibility, however, is that the college charges students for parking, and tokens could be purchased in quantity to obtain a reduced rate.

For the Boulder token, OWN appears only once on the obverse, but those letters are certainly meant to go with the D and T also there. A supply of the tokens, given out by merchants to customers for use in street meters, has been obtained for PTNIS. The parking value is 10¢.

The Danville tokens, obtained in sufficient supply for PTNIS subscribers, are given out by merchants--two tokens with a minimum purchase of \$5; the parking value is 5¢.

The new listing for Harvey, similar to IL 3385 H listed in the catalogue, is another which was never placed in use. Just why these tokens exist and why they were never placed in use should make an interesting story. Through the aid of Ben Odesser, a supply of the token is available for PTNIS.

Another maverick has found a home, this time in Des Moines. The bank provides the token to customers to permit exit from the gate-controlled lot. The token will be sent to PTNIS members.

The third token is the series from Sioux City has now been located. These tokens, apparently used in the late 1930's, are still very rare. However, the appearance of three different ones suggests to me that there should be a supply around somewhere.

No information on the Louisiana token.

The merchants in Lewiston, Maine, buy tokens from the local chamber of commerce and then distribute them to customers. Although the C of C was not willing to sell a supply to me for PTNIS, they did send me a couple for my 25¢. The parking value is 10¢, so you might send a dime plus a SAE to Lewiston-Auburn Chamber of Commerce, 40 Pine St., Lewiston, ME 04240.

The new St. Paul listing is used at the same hospital which formerly used the A and B tokens. Now it takes two tokens to exit from either the parking ramp or the surface lots.

My inquiry to Belk was returned with no comment. Is there anyone able to do anything on this one for us?

The Wright State University campus has over 200 parking meters. I am not certain exactly how the tokens are used, but I would have to guess that they are given out to visitors to the campus, while students have to pump in nickels. Only 2000 tokens were made, so WSU does not want to let go of any of them.

My inquiry to B & B in Enid, Oklahoma, was returned with no comment. At least I got my \$1 back!

After years of used counterstamped stock tokens, Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia now has their own custom token! Use is the same as with the catalogue listings--PA 3750 F and varieties. The Hospital does not want to sell a quantity for PTNIS, but the standard 25¢ and SAE to Lancaster & City Line Aves., Philadelphia, PA 19151, could produce results for you.

Handy Park penciled a note on the envelope in which the tokens were sent to me that they used only one type. However, two of each of the new listings were included in the envelope. The only address I can offer is Jefferson Square, in Columbia, zip 29201.

Olympic State Bank changed its name to Peoples National Bank circa 1973, and then stopped using the tokens reported now. When I visited the bank a few years ago, they were using a stock FP token, but even then they might have had the custom imprinted pieces. I was not able to obtain a supply for PTNIS.

The new maverick token presents a challenge! I went through the large zip code directory looking for a listing in the large cities where there are multi-zip codes and where hospitals are listed. The only one I could find is in Omaha, Nebraska, but the hospital there says they have never used parking tokens. So, St. Catharine Hospital must be in a smaller community. Who will locate this one for us?

PTNIS subscribers will be rewarded for their patience with a large shipment of tokens which will be dispatched shortly after I return from the east. I have started to assemble the shipment, and a few more pieces should be added as I expect additional batches to arrive soon. From now on, I hope to make more frequent shipments instead of one really large one!

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THE CITY OF BREGENZ

I may draw to the attention of our readers that BREGENZ, of which town a railroad restaurant token was listed on Page 165 of The Fare Box 1973 (not reported by me) is not a German, but an Austrian, town. Bregenz is the capital of the Austrian province of Vorarlberg and it is situated at the eastern point of the Bodensee (the Lake of Konstanz). This token, therefore, should be transferred from Germany to Austria. A belated rectification!

- F.J. Bingen

WANTED: common 15¢ tt's in quantities of 5 or more of one kind from following states: AL,AZ,FL,DE, ID, LA, ME, MA, MS, MT, NE, NM, OR, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WI, VT, WY. Will trade tokens from other states, U.S. coins, or will buy. Write stating in 1st letter what you have.

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

TWIN CITY LINES amusement park folders for "Big Island Park" on Lake Minnetonka and "Wildwood Park" on White Bear Lake. These are reprints of the original dating back to 1900-1930. Reprinted by Minnesota Transportation Museum. Cost each \$1 + 20¢ stamped self-addressed envelope. Streetcar #1300 postcards (color) 25¢ +SAE #10.

Cy Svobodny - 1852 Worcester - St. Paul MN 55116

AVA SEAL TIE TACS OR CHARMS - if there's enough interest we'll have some made and sold to members at cost + postage & insurance. Size 5/8" silver approx. total cost \$2.50 subject to slight change either way. Send me a postcard with your name & address and let me know which one interests you or if both, and how many you'd buy. Then watch future issues of The Fare Box for info & progress.

Stan Heist - 123 Buckingham Dr. - Rosemont, PA 19010

FOR SALE, PARKING TOKENS: send SAE for list. VA 3660 Bb for sale 25¢ +SAE.

Harold E. Mayland - 152 Parkview Dr. - Union, NJ 07083

WANTED: poolroom & billiard parlor tokens. Will swap other states trade tokens + TTs or will buy. Will also appreciate any rubbings or pool room tokens in your collection. Will refund your postage on the latter.

Dee D. Drell - 169B Arrowhead Road - Ft. Benning, GA 31905

YOUR BEST BUY IN TRANSP. TOKENS: catalog up to \$1 each. 100 diff. only \$13.60 pp.

Bill Williges - P.O. Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

AUCTION (postage & ins. + bid): Kans 540 E; Ky 510 O; Miss 350 A; Ohio 440 D E; Ore 160 D E H J; Tex 145 E.

John Wilcox - Letter Carrier Rte. 283 - No. Brunswick, NJ 08902

FOR SALE - Twins Bar R.I. 1 per member only 20mm alum round 5¢ trade, 25¢ each. Bouchard tavern 1-¢ round 26mm 50¢ each, 1930-40 brass, New Bedford, MA. Seld Square Tavern 1930 or 40, brass large token \$1 each round. The Charles W. Morgan solid copper plate ship. 3-1/2x4" square with your postage \$1.25 each.

Wilbur P. Kane - 2074 Acushnet Ave. - New Bedford, MA 02745

OHIO 505 I (M.B.L.) for sale at \$1 each. Also set of tickets & transfers for the Mansfield (Ohio) Bus Lines, \$5 for set.

John R. Smith - 323 Park Ave. West - Mansfield, OH 44906

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES + POSTAGE (I supply the envelopes): AR 1000 A 25¢; CA 575 N 25¢, 885 A 50¢, 1000 P 25¢; IN 1000 A 25¢; KS 970 L 45¢; ME 1000 A 25¢; OR 240 G 40¢; TX 320 G 25¢, J 25¢; VA 1000 A B 25¢ ea; WI 220 L 50¢, 360 L M O 50¢ ea; Ont 865 A 50¢; Que 190 C as is, 25¢; Md 840 D E F 45¢ ea. Anyone interested in German transp. I have some for trade. Also a few English for sale.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

AUCTION: TT's \$1 to \$10 - send large stamped envelope for list. Also consider bids on my 1000 PT collection; some varieties not reverses all different.

Doug Redies - Box 4461 - Cedar Rapids, IA 52407

My list #2 of parking tokens, trade tokens, commemorative tokens, and misc. tokens is available. Please send 10¢ stamp with your name & address. (I have the envelopes).

Greg Prgomet - P.O. Box 87 - Greensburg, PA 15601

FOR SALE: Conn 345 A for \$4 each. See page 113 for a picture of this unusual looking token. = Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

TRADE: Nev 100 A B C (set), also Kans 980 A B C D E (set). If no trade then to high bidder. = William Friese - 9334 Cromwell Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15237

I will send Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines transfers, paper zone checks and time tables for a large SAE. CA 835 G & J are 25¢ each +SAE.

P.R. Pearson - 11937 Darlington Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90049

FIXED PRICE LIST available of the Vickers Tokens or my own price list (or both) for a business size self-addressed stamped envelope. A complete set of THE FARE BOX thru 1973 for \$100.00 plus mailing costs.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

AUCTION: AK 190 A B; CA 25 A, 575 Ab, 760 J; MD 60 K, AN; MA 115 K; MN 540 AE, 730 B D; NE 305 A B C D (set); NY 235 B, 695 A; OH 165 M N; OK 640 A; PA 15 F; RI 520 J; Ont 325 C, 400 A. = H.C. Reidling - 8845 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238

DATE NAILS: wanted to buy or trade. Have many dupes. Send nails typical of those in your area especially if you want to sell them or trade them for TT's. Include copy of your TT want-list. Otherwise send description of your nails.

George Van Trump - Box 656, Edgemont Branch - Golden, CO 80401

BEAUTIFUL OHIO: for sale, 35 B \$25, 35 D 50¢, 440 A \$3.50, 440 C \$1.50, 440 D \$25, 440 E \$2.50; more than one of 440 A C L. 220 Aa,b \$25 each (one only); Ont 750 A \$25 Indian bridge token "International Bridge" token, "Roosevelt" bridge token including the commemorative Roosevelt plus a Lilly of the Mohawk token, all 4 for \$100.00.

Cash only; no trades. = Clara Migley - 210 S. Maple St. - Lancaster, OH 43130

NCW AVAILABLE TO TRADE for your personal token: my 1974 personal, 1348 B. Still have some 1973, 1348 A left.

Bud Nelson - Box 4371 - Rockford, IL 61110

TRADE ONLY: wanted large quantities of TT's in exchange for 1 WM sterling Silver mini-Pres. set. Quantity only, not quality. Value \$18.75. Best offer only answered.

Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

FOR TRADE: Minn 540 A. Have many common dupes - your trade list for mine.

Win Nowell - 8 Rollins St. - Groveland, MA 01834

WANTED: I will pay the following prices for N.J. tokens needed for my collection:

115 E \$1.75, 997 I J K L M and 605 A \$15; 3220 A, 3440 A, 3700 A, 3885 D \$3.50, 3985 A \$1, 3060 Aa, 3115 Db, 3390 Aa, 3445 Aa, 3530 Aa 75¢; car wash 410, 590, 715, 837 75¢. I also have a small number of tokens to trade.

Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

Parking, transp., OPA, sales tax, trade, wooden nicks, personals for trade. Will trade one for one for English coins, good or better. No pennies, halfpennies or farthings, unless before 1900. My choice of token or trade token at 3 times Cat. and Eng-list coins at Yeoman.

Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - W. Columbia, SC 29169

FOR SALE: Dies, 51 in all, covering CA 275 F, 700 A B, 703 A B, 805 A, 1000 O; Fla 710 A B; Ind 710 A; Kans 10 B, 360 A; Minn 540 AH, 865 A B; Mo 360 A B; Ore 270 A, 475 A B; Pa 75 A B; SD 970 A B; Wis 970 A B, 360 L N; Ont 865 A. \$200 postpaid & insured. Write first. = E.L. Tomberlin - P.O. Box 2295 - San Leandro, CA 94577

FOR TRADE: Cal 450 N; Col 860 C; Haw 240 E; ILL 495 G, 530 E; Ind 997 C D; Iowa 300 I, 930 C; Kan 980 A; Ky 480 L; Mass 115 L, 135 C.

Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle - Mason, OH 45040

TRADE: Mo 910 B; NM 900 A; Tenn 375 D; Wva 200 D. If no trade then to high bidder.

Sell Md 60 T @ \$1; Pa 605 E, 565 A @ 75¢ ea. SAE please.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

50¢ EACH WHILE THEY LAST: Conn 290 P; Ia 300 I; Kans 150 Ca; Ky 10 K; Mo 440 B,J; NY 630 AP AQ; Pa 340 E; P.R. 640 D.

Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

After seeing some of the prices paid and asked for tokens at the Convention, I am embarrassed still to be advertising some for sale at 20¢ each +SAE. Here they are:

Ind 260 D; Kan 970 C; Ky 510 AM; Mich 75 J M; Minn 190 B; Mo 910 D; NJ 15 B, 115 G, 555 D; NY 10 E, 230 E F G H; 445 C D E G, 760 C, 830 C, 995 A; NC 130 M, 240 G I, 360 A, 980 D; Ohio 830 D; Pa 605 K, 675 B, 695 A, 705 C, 765 AB, 850 A, 930 D.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

BAKER STREET FERRY, FORT BENTON, 25. Mont 320 A (2 Indians in Canoe). Eight pieces known, 2 in museums. Trade for choice western material or "good for" mirror cards, or make cash offer. = Hal Dunn - Box 114 - Carson City, NV 89701

STILL TRADING either, Wichita State University 1971 football schedule token, gold anodized aluminum, or, Sta-Krisp Potato Chip blue plastic advertising token, for any other advertising token. Prefer beer, whiskey or grocery items, but will honor all.

I'm still cataloguing soap tokens and would appreciate embossings, rubbings or full descriptions. = J.W. Baum - 3113 N. Arkansas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67204

FOR SALE: issues of The Fare Box for 1953 and 1955 complete to date (except Dec. 73 which I can't locate). Also 1944 Morganthau TT Catalogue; 1952 Atwood Check List; 1953 Atwood Catalogue 1st edition; 1963 Atwood Catalogue 2nd edition; 1970 Atwood Catalogue 3rd edition. Please make offer.

Albert Field - 20-25 29th Street - Astoria, NY 11105

FOR BEST TRADE in U.S. TT's or best cash offer, ILL 3150 CJ. One Trade.

Philip Mandel - 313 S. Harvey Ave. - Oak Park, IL 60302

WILL PURCHASE COLLECTIONS if priced right. Need collections of trans/ & parking tokens that have sufficient rarities I need to make it worthwhile. Immediate cash to seller if price is agreeable and I have a margin to resell duplicates.

H.V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

MAIL BID: Minn 540 A Ca Cb; Pa 400 D; Vt 60 A, 520 A; Mass 135 C, 505 A, 998 B; Pa 10 B, 25 C D, 985 D. All postage & insurance must be paid by bidder.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

BEST OFFER TAKES: Tex 65 D and Wis 980 G. Swap or sale. 1972 Chicago Convention AVA tour token still only \$3.50 +SAE. New expanded duplicate list; just ask for one.

Joel J. Reznick - 120 S. LaSalle - Chicago, IL 60603

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 3rd edition 1970, 731 pages, price \$10 retail; special to AVA members, \$7.50 postpaid. Available either buckram-bound or loose-leaf (page only punched for 3-ring binder). Supplement 1973 to the Atwood Catalogue, price \$1.50 pp.

CAR WASH TOKENS, 1974, 120 pages incl. 10 plates, by H.V. Ford & J.M. Coffee, cloth-bound, price \$4.50 to AVA members (\$7.50 to others). Printed only 500 copies, of which over 300 are now sold.

American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, MA 02104

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Age 32; Tool & Gage Designer. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
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Age 51; Locomotive Engineer. Collects U.S., Canada. (Rider)
- 1490 JOE BIDWELL - 4000 WASHINGTON STREET, N.E. - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55421
Age 57; Sales Engineer. Collects U.S. (Rider)
- 1491 PAUL THOMPSON - 1805 LYONS AVENUE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48910
Age 76; Retired. Collects U.S., Canada. (Rider)
- 1492J MICHAEL C. BRISTER - 23 DIAMOND CIRCLE - FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA 36360
Age 7; Schoolboy. Collects all types. (Robbins)
- 1493 L.S. NOVAK - 7304 RAYTOWN ROAD - RAYTOWN, MISSOURI 64133
Age 42; Certified Public Accountant. Collects U.S. (Cunningham)
- 1494 FREDERICK D. RABY - 11116 COBLESTONE LANE - GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN 48837
Age 30; Computer Programmer. Collects U.S. (Rider)
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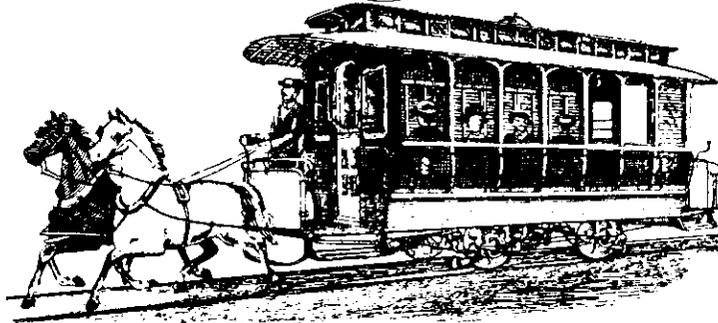
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October 30. I am having some difficulty with the ribbon settings on our IBM Executive typewriter; for the time being, therefore, I shall use the Selectric typewriter for the front page as well as for the rest of each issue.

Kenneth Smith wrote me that the description in the Convention Minutes published last month, referring to his catalogue proposals presented to the Minneapolis Convention, was not accurate. Accordingly I am printing the entire 3-page proposal in this issue exactly as he sent it to me. I put it on the stencil-maker just as received. Insofar as his proposal involved altering the Atwood Catalogue as I now publish it, it was voted down unanimously. But the general principle of having subsidiary catalogues *in addition* to the Atwood Catalogue was approved if the Atwood Catalogue Committee also approves.

I have just finished work on an 8-page *Supplement to the Catalogue of Real Estate Tokens* which will be of interest to those of you who purchased copies of my 64-page catalogue of such tokens. This Supplement will be sent free of charge to anyone who purchased a copy of the real estate token book. Just send me a long envelope, self-addressed, with a 10¢ stamp on it. Dozens of new metal real estate tokens are listed. The list is mimeographed on 8½x11" paper with 3-hole punch. No wooden nickels are listed, though I have about 80 of them. Will make a separate listing of wooden items later on. So just send me that SAE for your Supplement.

Incidentally I have just six more copies of the book on real estate tokens left. Most tokens are pictured; all are priced. These are for sale at \$2.50 each postpaid (including the Supplement) while they last. The book itself received the Mishler Award at the last TAMS meeting.

There is yet some balm in Gilead. The old YVT in Yakima, Wash., has put streetcars back into use. And what streetcars! They are using two ancient (vintage about 1910) Brill streetcars, completely refurbished. Schedules and fares are still uncertain, but the cars are running and booked up for months in advance with charters. These aren't those phony cars that run on rubber tires. The YVT had maintained its rails for freight use, so these trolleys will run on rails. Let's hope they put tokens into use promptly.

Speaking of streetcars, Boston and San Francisco will receive huge shipments of brand new trolleys next year. It is no longer considered fashionable to call them streetcars, though. The term now is "light rail vehicles." Whatever you call them, we are delighted to have them coming in America's two most exciting cities.



The National Railway Historical Society held its annual convention in San Francisco the last weekend in August, and AVA member Bob Rieder was there. He and Harold Ford joined a group of NRHS delegates on a ride on the Castro Point Railway in Richmond, Calif., on August 31. As Harold describes it: "Three hours we rode back and forth on their 1½ mile track so that the six bus loads of members could ride and take pictures. I took my specimens of Calif 700 A and B and showed them to the operators of the line. They stated that some token club wanted to create a rare token and had them made and sent them a quantity. I asked if they ever used them and they said no. They had never charged any fare. I was told that some member had the supply of the tokens they received at home in his desk, but they could not sell me additional specimens since no one was sure who had them." Well...

Harold also reports that AVA member Charles Nichols of Livermore stopped by for a visit and showed him what he thought was a SD 840 F. But Mr. Nichols' 840 F was quite different from the one we have listed! His token lacks the "ED" in front of the telephone number, and is of an entirely different die. His token also is quite worn, whereas every SD 840 F we have seen is practically brand new!

Several new finds have been reported. B.R. Rogers of Norfolk, VA, was at a coin show and learned that a non-member had found another Lamb's Ferry token, NC 1140 A. There's a token I have always wanted to own! The token exists in brass as well as copper, but we didn't list the former because it was based only on hearsay reports.

Del Ford called the other day to report finding Mo 200 F and Pa 745 D, which he since sold to former AVA president Dan DiMichael. He also sent along an interesting tool check, square brass 26mm pierced at top, inscribed with incuse letters: OKLA. RY. CO. TOOL ROOM (NUMBER). The reverse is blank. Some folks collect these.

Lloyd Wagaman sent along a really beautiful personal. It's a big mirror card, like those old mirror cards of the turn of the century, inscribed with his name & address and "collector of transportation tokens" and a picture of a horsecar, with a mirror on reverse. But they cost too much to give away. Anyone who wants one may purchase it for \$1.50 from the manufacturer: E.M. Creations - P.O. Box 2164 - Toluca Lake, CA 91602. That is, you can get Wagaman's mirror from them. Just tell them you want Lloyd Wagaman's horsecar mirror. This will be listed in the personal token list.

Len Paul called the other evening to remind us of the NEVA meeting that will be held in conjunction with the Delaware Valley token group on November 9 at the Americana Hotel in New York City (52nd & 7th Avenue - 9:30 a.m. on). He reported finding a nice Wis 510 A. Think he said he paid 15¢ for it.

Manuel Ezidro of Walnut Creek, CA, recently picked up one of those magnificent painted celluloids of California--Cal 575 C. These things are lusted after by the California collectors, whose avarice to own them has pushed the price to obscene levels for them--something like \$100 each and up. Mostly up.

By the grapevine we recently learned that Joe Pernicano had picked up PA 965 A for \$18 at some coin shop in Western Pennsylvania.

Raymond Olson of Livonia, Mich., recently described an interesting item to us:

C.C. BROWN THE TAILOR 25¢ 322 PEARL AVE. NEW ALBANY, IND.
 A 31 Sd C.C. Brown, The Tailor 75¢ and This Check is Good For One
 Street Car Fare 322 Pearl Ave. New Albany, Ind.

Speaking of rare old mirror cards, when David Schenkman and I were looking for tokens in Lancaster County, PA, flea markets last June, the one he grabbed right under my nose is a brass shellcard mirror, mirror on one side, and "A RIDE ON APPLLEGATE'S CAROUSAL" on the other! Ed Dence reports that the 1895-96 Philadelphia City Directory lists a James R. Applegate, Photographer and Carousal Operator at 256 N. 8th Street, and Franklin & Vine in Philadelphia. Another Applegate token is known, inscribed "APPLEGATE'S PALACE OF FLYING ANIMALS" brass 29mm. The other side is exactly like the two-donkey reverse of NY 630 B & C. The Schenkman mirror card has since been swapped to Duane Feisel.

If you have acquired a census token from a non-AVA source, or any interesting transportation-related item not previously known, please let the Editor know about it so we can share your good fortune with the membership and whet their appetites.

TRANSIT HISTORY OF GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN

The difficulty in creating a hometown public transit history is often in direct proportion to community population and, of course, the number and types of public transportation that existed throughout the years. In the case of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., the task is pleasantly sizeable, and with redevelopment projects now razing the last historic momentos of public transit accommodations, the time is also appropriate.

The original development of Central Wisconsin was severely hampered by the water barrier of Lake Michigan, with overland travel and settlement necessarily routed from the extreme south. This midpart of Wisconsin along the waterways was an impenetrable forestland, and it was not until the potential of forest products along these streams and rivers became evident that any movement to the area began in the 1820's. In 1836 several Indian treaties opened the Wisconsin River Valley to lumbering exploitation as far north as Big Bull Falls (Wausau) and within twenty years the river became dotted with saw mills, hub and spoke factories, veneer mills, and other wood-based product companies. By 1856 both sides of the Wisconsin River at the "Grand Rapids" had been built up with merchant business places and saloons to accommodate the lumber rafters who had to pause here at the rapids to dismantle their rafts and ease them through the boulder-strewn whitewaters. The unharnessed "grand rapids" of the Wisconsin at this time were indeed that, a lumberman's graveyard of giant boulders and rushing torrents. Since the river separating the two segments of this budding community disrupted commerce, communications, and travel, a number of ferryboat operations sprang up and did a brisk business hauling freight and passengers from the east and west sides of the river. The two communities were duly named "Centralia" on the west bank (nicknamed Frenchtown) and "Grand Rapids" on the east bank. Both towns had a population of about 1000 by the year 1865 when the Civil war had come to a close. The crude and cumbersome ferryboats crossing the Wisconsin River at the Grand Rapids were choking commerce in the twin lumbering boomtowns, so in 1865 the Wood County Bridge Company was formed, chartered to build a toll bridge connecting Centralia to Grand Rapids, Wisconsin. A huge wooden bridge was completed in 1867, an ungainly structure with heavy sawed beams that gave the appearance of a long row of X's slung low over the river. Tolls for the new bridge were as follows: for any vehicle drawn by two horses, mules, or other animals - 25¢, for each additional animal - 5¢, for any vehicle drawn by one horse or other animal - 15¢, for single horse with rider - 10¢, for horses, cattle, mules in droves exceeding ten - 3¢ each, under ten in droves - 5¢, for hogs or sheep in droves - 2½¢ each, foot passengers - 3¢. These tolls were approved in March of 1865, nearly two years before the bridge opened for business and may well have been adjusted later. Tokens were struck for the bridge, but little is known as to quantity, die sinker, or disposition. They are known to exist in 2½¢, 10¢, 15¢, and 25¢ denominations and many specimens are struck over Civil War tokens. The scarcity of these tokens, none of which are common, can be attributed somewhat to the decade of use, but more so to the small number probably struck (the combined population of the towns involved was only 2,100 in 1870) and the short life of the tollbridge company (six years) which ceased to operate in March of 1873 when the county purchased the span for \$10,000 and made it a free bridge. Although no 3¢ tokens have surfaced, tape-recorded oldtimer reminiscences repeatedly refer to using the "three-cent checks" to cross the bridge. The wooden toll bridge turned free bridge was destroyed in a catastrophic flood in 1888, and was replaced a year later with a new all steel free bridge. By the year 1900 the white pine that had hastened its demise now began to carry agricultural and pulp and paper products. The sawmill had evolved into the paper mill, creating a new, more stable type employment picture, and the lands cleared of timber now fell to the plow and hoe. Heavy immigration of German, Polish, and Norwegian farmers and craftsmen, both from the eastern United States and Europe, swelled the population of the twin cities to 5,000 by 1906.

By this time 24 trains per day were arriving and departing, and the twin cities had become one, Centralia becoming the west side of Grand Rapids through annexation. The combined cities' depots, most of which were located on the west side of the river, hummed with activity. The passenger depots of the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Wisconsin Central were all located within a quarter mile of the business section of the west side of Grand Rapids, while the Green Bay & Western Depot was located one-half mile north of the east side business district of the city on the other side of the river. To meet the many passenger trains and convey the passengers to the cities; two "top notch" hotels, a number of livery busses operated. These busses drew the better class clientele, people who wanted the best in hostelry. Actually, convenient railroad hotels were located near both the east-side and west-side depots, but the "Love House," "Centralia House," and "Wisconsin House" were not very fancy. Advertisements in business guides of 1918 describe the competing first-rate hotels: HOTEL DIXON, A.F. Jones, Propr., Leading Hotel of the city. Buss to all trains, rates \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. HOTEL WITTER, D.J. Gerow, Propr., Thoroughly renovated and refurnished. Bus meets all trains, rates \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day, American plan. Judging from these and other advertisements, bus service seemed to help apart the better hotels in this era in Wisconsin. The Dixon Hotel, which still stands today but will fall before the redevelopment wrecking ball in 1975, was in the heart of the west side business district, with large basement sample rooms and three floors of spacious rooms. Located only a half-mile from the farthest west side depot, and only a stone's throw from the Northwestern Depot, the Dixon commanded so much business that an addition was built on the original hotel. The Witter Hotel across the river in the east side downtown gathered much of the Green Bay & Western passenger trade and a substantial overflow from the Dixon. The Witter was about one-half mile from the Green Bay & Western Depot and one mile from the other depots. An old photo of the Centralia-Grand Rapids passenger depot shows no less than five liverymen lined up to meet an incoming train. Albert Waldvogel, who on his aluminum depot hotel token boasted of "First Class Livery and Bus Line" (Wis. 980-E) was not among those shown on this early photo. Waldvogel is not found in the livery stable gazeteer listings until 1913 to 1917 and his bus service was never included in the Omnibus listing of the Wisconsin Gazeteers issued by Polk & Company. Several Grand Rapids, Wisconsin postcards show the Waldvogel Omnibus at the Dixon Hotel, his beautifully matched team of horses and stage-coach were indeed "First Class." In 1919 Waldvogel mechanized his livery line, again keeping it first class. Old photos copied with the permission of his widow, show the "Witter-Dixon" autobus to be a fine ten-passenger vehicle with hard rubber wheels and ample baggage space on top. Waldvogel sold the financially troubled bus line and livery business in 1921 to one of his drivers, and soon thereafter the business floundered. Waldvogel then took employment as an outside maintenance man at Consolidated Papers, where he worked for 32 years until retiring in 1953 at the age of 76. Although not token-oriented, another facet of transit evolution took place in Grand Rapids from 1910 to 1930. The Grand Rapids Street Railway Company began operation in 1910 and ran an eight-mile inter-urban line to Nekoosa, Wisconsin via Port Edwards. The G.R.S.R. rolling stock consisted of two old second-hand "motor" cars and two trailer cars. Cash fares were used throughout the twenty years of the operation which was a financial success through most of its life span. The old streetcar barn near my ancestral home was razed in 1959, and a highway widening project in the late 1960's removed the last vestige of a creek bridge abutment. Now, not a single trace of this little inter-urban streetcar line remains.

Returning to our token tale, during the transition from the saw mill to the paper mill, in 1894 an incorporation of the many tiny water power consumers along the Wisconsin River was begun, the parent firm being "Consolidated Water Power & Paper Company." Among the water power acquisitions in 1911 was the pulp mill owned and operated by Severe Biron, four miles north of Grand Rapids. This area had blossomed along with Grand Rapids and in 1910 had officially incorporated as "Biron, Wisconsin." Expansions at this paper mill at Biron in 1912 and 1914 had caused employment to outstrip the company housing near the mill, meaning employees from nearby Grand Rapids would be needed to put the mill on a 24-hour employment basis. Company bus service began in 1915 with the purchase of a new "Kissel Bus" manufactured by the Kissel Motor Company of Hartford, Wisconsin. The Kissel Bus was housed in a long narrow garage near the Biron Mill Office and this building remains today, though modified several times to house supervisory personnel autos. The tokens used on the Kissel Bus by Consolidated (95A and B) were used only for seven years from 1915 to 1922 and are near census in rarity.

In 1924 the maintenance and garaging of the Consolidated bus was transferred to Wisconsin Rapids and in 1942 the Tri-City Bus Line assumed the Biron bus runs as a war-time energy conservation measure.

Bus service was finally discontinued in 1963 when ridership approached zero, the Biron route having been a company subsidized "milk run" since the Tri-City Bus Line takeover in 1942.

With the demise of the Grand Rapids Street Railway in 1931, motor bus service along the old inter-urban route was begun at once. The new Tri-City Line bus routes roughly followed the street car lines, but extended considerably the service in the growing east side of Grand Rapids, now renamed "Wisconsin Rapids."

The Tri-City Bus Line (Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Wisconsin Rapids) was owned and operated by John Schenk who used both cash and school ticket fares. Yellow five-cent school fare tickets were sold to the school system and distributed to students in the outer reaches of the city.

With World War II just ended, new rolling stock became available once more and the Tri-City Bus Line, now under the ownership of the Calvi family, had developed plans for a comprehensive bus service within Wisconsin Rapids, as well as a continuation of the inter-urban service to Nekoosa and Port Edwards. Intricate residential routes with frequent pickups were implemented, tokens were purchased, and all systems were "go" for the Tri-City Bus Line. It is interesting to note that the City of Wisconsin Rapids at this time was purchasing parking meters.

The bus service was excellent, the busses were clean and on time, the routes were well-conceived and orderly, and the line was making money. However, even this superb transit service was not destined to prevail against the personal automobile.

Returning servicemen were anxious for a return to "normalcy;" this meant a home, family, and, of course, automobile. Auto assembly lines roared around the clock and the automobile, at first in short supply, soon began to meet the great demand. Tri-city bus ridership was reduced, token fares were eliminated (allegedly because of use in parking meters), and city routes

shortened and finally dropped because of lack of business. The tri-city inter-urban route went next, meaning that for the first time since 1910 there was not public transit link between the "tri-cities." All that remained was the old Biron bus employee run and some charter service, primarily to the school district. The Tri-City Bus Line tokens used by the Calvi operation were not discovered until 1959 when a few of the 20MM pieces turned up in parking meter slugs. By this time the city dump had consumed the remainder. The railroads, meantime, were falling into sad repair as well. The once sparkling clean waiting rooms of The Milwaukee Road and Soo Line Passenger Depots with their exotic gum machines (a child's delight) now were dusty and paint peeled.

Public transit had become the personal automobile in Central Wisconsin; this was finalized in 1962 when Consolidated Papers, Inc., petitioned the closing of employee bus service between Wisconsin Rapids and Biron.

In 1973 downtown redevelopment began city-wide in Wisconsin Rapids and several railroad buildings and depots were razed. In 1974 the Soo Line and Milwaukee Road passenger Depots as well as the Centralia House and Wisconsin House were demolished. Along with them went the railroad saloons and numerous railway express and freight houses. The Witter Hotel and Green Bay & Western Depot were already long gone and the Tri-City Bus Depot was leveled in 1972. When the Dixon Hotel falls next spring, the last breath of transit nostalgia in Wisconsin Rapids will have been expended. Perhaps one ripple remains; the recent energy crises has caused the Consolidated paper mill union to ask for an investigation of bus service between - you guessed it - Biron and Wisconsin Rapids.

= THE LIFE OF A WIFE OF A TOKEN COLLECTOR =
By Louise (Mrs. Harold) Ford

The life of a wife of a collector
Could be frenzied and frantic
If hubby's treasures were awkward or gigantic.
Thank goodness that tokens are small.
They are no trouble at all!
Lined up in neat little trays
Or, sandwiched in pages of plastic displays.
To dust or rearrange, oh no!
That's the collector's domain.
Hundreds can fit in a space so small;
They are no trouble at all.

If some could talk, what tales could be told,
Many have travelled the tickety trolleys of old.
Others park in meter after meter,
Or listen to the swish of a car wash sweeper.
The tallest tale of all
Can be told by the token that is rare;
For to elude a collector
Is more than a collector can bear.
But when the errant one is found,
It is a moment supreme,
Of which no "outsider" could dream.
Whatever the story, it gets elaborate attention
From the proud owner at the annual convention.

= THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION =

Our thanks to all A.V.A. members who made the 1974 Convention as good as it was. Thanks to Duane Feisel for helping us with the tour token. To Mr. Coffee for mentioning it in THE FARE BOX. To Nick for taking tokens for taking tokens for the New Issues Service. To Syd Joseph for the ribbons; to Joel Reznick for the badges or buttons. To Quincy A. Laflin and son Quincy J., and to Donald Hillstrom and his secretary, for work on the auction. To Anna & Robert M. Butler for typing and the programs. To Cyril Svobodny for arranging the ride on old 1300 streetcar (which he personally operated for us), and for arrangements made for the speaker. To the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel for having us. To Mr. LeRoy W. Allan for driving the tour bus for us. And to Robert Kloida for the tasty trout!

On our 1974 programs we stated that after necessary bills were paid, money from registration and sale of the tour tokens would be given to the A.V.A. in memory of Kenneth W. Snyder, Harold Chesney, Lambert Baker, and Ben Barralough, our local members who have passed away since the 1967 A.V.A. Convention. We are sending \$110.00 to the A.V.A. Since March, 1968, we have sold the 1967 tour tokens at different times. We have collected \$100 from these sales. This amount will be sent to the A.V.A. working fund. We still have some 1974 tour tokens for sale, and money realized from their sale will go to the A.V.A. Anyone wishing a pair of the 1974 tour tokens may send us \$1.60 postpaid.

- Martha L. Barnett

= FINAL REPORT AND RESULTS OF THE 1974 A.V.A. AUCTION =
 By Quincy A. Laflin, Auction Chairman

It is my pleasure to announce that the auction conducted in the Twin Cities this summer has finally cleared, to the best of my knowledge. The mails were extremely slow and faulty, which caused me much frustration. One bidder passed away and the token he was successful on was returned and, of course, went to the next highest bid. Another bidder returned an item which had a hole drilled in it. As it was improperly described I'll keep it myself and have a tie clasp made of it and assume the loss myself rather than relist it and cause more delay.

My intentions were to charge 5% to submitters on unsold items with minimum bid listings, but ran into opposition so scrapped the idea, there being no set rule to follow.

I do wish to thanks both the submitters and bidders for their cooperation, and hope all are satisfied. I also wish to thank those that have aided me with the auction, in all sincerity! It was quite a battle for me, I must say--one which I'll never undertake again. It had its good points, though, and has shaken me into reality, with regard to prices realized and the modern trends of supply and demand of the tokens which are so desired by all of us.

Here are the final results: from floor sales at the convention, \$666.25. From mail bid sales, \$757.36. Total \$1,423.61. 5% to AVA treasure: \$71.19.

My expenses for display case rental, materials needed, postage, etc., amounted to \$20, which was paid by the Convention Chairman out of their proceeds. I wish to thank you all again and wish you the best in collecting and otherwise.

The Transit Authority of New York City has stockpiled 35,000,000 new tokens for an expected increase in fare. The present fare is 35¢. The new tokens are referred to as "about the size of a nickel." We believe they are 20mm. The cost of striking the new tokens came to one million dollars. The Transit Authority says the new tokens will only be used if the fare goes up at least a dime, that is to 45¢.

Harold Ford (6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611) promises to acknowledge new listings of car wash tokens within a week and usually on the same day received.

1974 REPORT ON THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AND
PASSES (except No. America) by Kenneth E. Smith

Per agreement with the A.V.A. this is my annual report on the foreign transportation token catalogue. I am sorry, I cannot be with you and enjoy the convention and meet old and new friends. Minneapolis is my home town, I was born there and started collecting transportation tokens when I was a part time streetcar conductor and University of Minnesota student until I graduated from the university. Sales of the foreign catalogue are steady but slow. If only every member of the A.V.A. who does not now own a copy would purchase one we could break even. The tremendous inflation of the past two years and probably continuing has affected printing prices tremendously. The foreign 1967 catalogue at \$5.00 for same size, etc. would now be over \$12.00 in the small volume it is produced. Even the Atwood catalogue with its much greater number of copies when issued in the next edition, even if the same size, would probably with continuing inflation be a \$20.00 book. A problem with future foreign catalogues has arisen that is financial, is that the second edition of my catalogue with pictures in 3 or 4 more years would be larger than Atwoods 1970 catalogue and would have to be sold for at least \$25 per copy and it would be a money loser. World distributors have informed me as to the small amount of sales, I would get of any foreign catalogue selling for over \$5, and this large drop in sales would make this book a financial disaster. The only feasible financial suggestion they have is to split the world catalogue and Atwoods into many catalogues. The following list of functional books was worked out with the book distributors as probably having the highest selling potential outside the A.V.A. membership (not in the listed order) (see next page)

Years ago before the A.V.A. was founded all tokens, passes, and commemoratives were listed in the Atwood pages passed among us few collectors. It was recognized then that as more tokens were discovered that this checklist would probably become a US and Canada book, a foreign book, a railroad token book, and a TT commemorative book. Then after a certain point as still more tokens were found that this would have to go to functional books such as eventually (1) US & Canada horsecar, streetcar, and bus, (2) Foreign horsecar, streetcar, and bus, (3) World ferry and ship items, (4) World bridge, toll road, and gate items, (5) Parking meters, (6) Land transportation commemoratives, and (7) Air transportation commemoratives. The A.V.A. has now been in existence 26 years and I believe that if it is to grow greatly in membership in the next 26 years, we have to expand our horizons and take in all phases of collecting transportation items and issue a catalogue a year. I can remember 20 years ago when the supply of U.S. transportation tokens was large compared to the few collectors and heavy pressures by some members to limit the A.V.A. activities to only U.S. and Canada (and no depotels as they were only for salesmen). Fortunately these members were defeated in their limited scope of the A.V.A. Our present attraction for collectors is limited because we have not expanded into the popular fields of transportation commemoratives, airplane items, automobile items, and space items and our catalogues do not contain articles just listings. Our books should contain in my opinion less listings per book and far more data and articles. I am sure that we can find parties not actively engaged with the present books who would do the bridge, automobile, airplane, and space books if the A.V.A. would publish the books or if the A.V.A. would guarantee a total sale to the membership. They would then publish the book via our publisher at their expense as this would insure them against a heavy publishing loss.

When catalogues become too large they tend to discourage new collectors, whereas if mine and Atwoods catalogues are broken into several books it makes them easier to sell and to collect. Therefore a specialized new collector can collect by that book only. The present size of Atwood's has discouraged some collectors from collecting TTs.

Most technical and professional organizations in their yearly dues charge a certain amount for basic dues which includes a 8 to 12 page monthly news letter and an amount for the quarterly or monthly professional publication of 100 to 200 pages (that is a must payment) plus additional optional amounts for other publications. In the A.V.A. we presently only charge a certain amount for basic dues which includes the Farebox and no additional amount for publications. I propose that the A.V.A. dues be changed to the present yearly amount for basic dues plus an additional required amount of \$5 to be deposited yearly in the book fund and as the functional books (see attached list) are issued they are mailed to the total A.V.A. membership and costs subtracted from each parties monies in the fund. As long as the A.V.A. is small in membership (500) it is necessary for the total support of the membership for the books. When the A.V.A. membership gets over 4000 we can then afford to let the books be optional.

Some of the books such as on horsecars, depotels, toll road, ferries, etc. will only have to be updated every 8 to 12 years with small bound supplements inbetween. The smaller Atwood and Smith streetcar, bus, horsecar books could be updated every 3 or 4 years.

The A.V.A. catalogue committee has informed me several times in the past that the Atwood catalogue is their only book, so be it. Once sales to every A.V.A. member is assured then financial backing is available to put out some of these books. Within two years after this Guarantee, I will arrange to deliver printed copies of the new FERRY, SHIP, AND CANAL TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AND PASSES OF THE WORLD book to the A.V.A. for distribution to the total A.V.A. membership. This will be followed by the Catalogue of Horsecar Streetcar, and Bus Tokens of the World except North America. These books to sell for \$5 or less per book unless printing costs warrant a higher cost by then. Any overall profits that I make (if any) in putting out these books and the present foreign catalogue will be donated to the A.V.A. I am not in the book publishing business and any profits (if any) go to the A.V.A. This list of 12 books I do not completely agree with, but I am putting it up for discussion. I realize that I am opening Pandora's box of whatscope of collecting the A.V.A. should sponsor, what course the A.V.A. should follow, etc. I doubt if few or any A.V.A. members will agree completely with what I proposed. I feel that what I proposed should be used as a guide in initial discussions pro & con as to working out a revised list of books and financing acceptable to the A.V.A. membership. I also realize that this may take a year or two of pro & con arguments in the Farebox and at meetings. In these heated pro & con arguments, I hope that the writers and speakers address their solutions to the financing and sale problems, and which books they think are needed and what the A.V.A. scope should be and avoid two areas. One of the aims of the A.V.A. is to be a friendly association of collectors. Area one to avoid is the imposing of what one collects or limiting of what one collects on other parties or disparaging remarks on what other parties collect. Area two to avoid if possible in the heat of pro & con discussions is personal bitter remarks against other members. If we avoid these two pitfalls, we probably can work out a solution acceptable to the majority of our membership. I hope to see many possible constructive means of increasing book sales and solutions to financing problems. As ever,

Kenneth Smith

(1) HOTEL TO DEPOT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

This book consists of all depot listings using town number and HA to HZ with pictures of almost all these depots and from the Farebox most of the ARTICLES issued on depots, edited for this book. (best could be done by Coffee)

(2) HORSECAR AND HORSE OMNIBUS TOKENS OF THE WORLD

This book consists of all horsecar and horse omnibus token listings with pictures of most and ARTICLES. There would be over 300 foreign listings of which I have over 85% with most of the remaining in museums.

(3) TOLL ROAD AND GATE TOKENS AND PASSES OF THE WORLD

This book consists of all toll road and gate tokens and passes and many ARTICLES on these items. Uses TA to UZ for gate tokens and VA to VZ for toll road tokens. These items then removed from future editions of Atwood and Smith books. (probably F.J.Bingen assisted by others)

(4) FERRY, SHIP, AND CANAL TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AND PASSES OF THE WORLD

This book consists of all ferry, ship, canal fare items and ARTICLES. Uses FA to FZ for fare tokens and GA to GZ for passes except for a few Australian and Swedish towns. These items would then be removed from future editions of Atwood and Smith books. This book also includes cabin checks, pier passes, and ferry commemoratives. As over 90% of the items will come from the foreign catalogue, this catalogue should be done by Ken Smith, Kirk Smith, and Bill Koonce

(5) BRIDGE TOKENS, PASSES, AND COMMEMORATIVES OF THE WORLD

This book consists of all bridge items and pictures. These items then removed from future editions of Atwood and Smith. Uses QA to RZ for bridge tokens. This book would consist of large numbers of listings of bridge medals and commemoratives of which there are many and ARTICLES from Farebox, etc. on bridge items.

(6) RAILROAD TOKENS, METAL PASSES, AND COMMEMORATIVES OF THE WORLD

This book consists of all railroad items including RR restaurant, dining car checks, employee canteen, cord wood checks, timetables, etc.

(7) ATWOODS CATALOGUE OF HORSECAR, STREETCAR, AND BUS TOKENS OF UNITED STATES AND CANADA. Lists all horsecar, horse omnibus, streetcar, bus, and amusement ride tokens and ARTICLES. With only pictures of streetcar, bus, and amusement ride tokens. After the horsecar and depots a note to see other catalogues for pictures and articles.

(8) CATALOGUE OF HORSECAR, STREETCAR, AND BUS TOKENS AND PASSES OF THE WORLD EXCEPT NORTH AMERICA (by Ken. Smith). Lists all horsecar, horse omnibus, streetcar, and bus tokens but with only pictures of streetcar and bus tokens. After each horsecar listing a note to see the horsecar catalogue for picture/article. This book also includes ARTICLES.

(9) PARKING METER CATALOGUE . Up to D. Feisel whether alone or part of this arrangement.

(10) AUTOMOBILE TOKENS, MEDALS, AND COMMEMORATIVES OF THE WORLD

Consists of tokens, medals, and commemoratives issued by automobile firms, etc. Includes items picturing automobiles and articles on these items.

(11) AIRPLANE TOKENS, MEDALS, AND COMMEMORATIVES OF THE WORLD

Consists of tokens, medals, and commemoratives issued by airlines, airplane makers, and like . Also items picturing airplanes and articles.

(12) SPACE TOKENS, MEDALS, AND COMMEMORATIVES OF THE WORLD

Consists of tokens, medals, and commemoratives issued concerning or picturing space travel and articles on these items.

Note: The last 3 books on Automobile, Airplane, and Space tokens will enable us to attract to the A.V.A. the younger generation of collectors.

= REPORT ON JAMBOREE EAST 1974 =
by Duane H. Feisel

Collectors residing in the eastern and mid-western sections of the country were afforded an opportunity to attend the type of show which has been so successful in the west when JAMBOREE EAST 1974 of the National Token, Medal and Exonumia Collectors was held on October 4-6 at the Hotel Webster Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Jamboree got underway on Thursday evening as the 21 or so bourse dealers arrived, set up shop, and started dealing with one another. Since the Thursday evening activities were restricted to "dealers only," several collectors attempting to get a head start had to be asked to wait until the next day.

Friday morning there was the usual opening time rush as collectors lined up at the door vieing for position. Once the bourse was opened, there seemed to be good activity until things shut down on Sunday. The bourse dealers seemed to be happy with the results, and this must have meant that the collectors who were there to buy material went away with many new additions for collections.

Although most of the dealers had something in transportation tokens, the largest group available was offered by Paul Cunningham. I had available many transportation tokens; others were offered by AVA member dealers Herm Aqua, Larry Elman of International Collectors Service, George Fuld, H. Joseph Levine of Presidential Coin & Antique (Joe also conducted an auction of varied exonumia material which included a few better transportation tokens), Gary Pipher, Dave Schenkman, Hank Spangenberg, and Al Zaika. Among the other dealers, a wide variety of exonumia material was also represented with Civil War tokens and coal scrip especially strong.

Quite a few AVA members managed to make the show including Frank Beam, Ray Byrne, Bill Woodside of Carnegie Museum, Charles Carter, Hal Dunn, Larry Freeman, Chuck Littlefield, Ben Odesser, Joe Pernicano, Greg Progomet, Gerald Riedel, Grant Schmalgemeier, Bob Slawsky, and Steve Tanenbaum. Don Edkins was scheduled to make it, but I understand that he suffered a mild heart attack just before the show which kept him away. John Mackie was kept away by the death of his father, and John Knabenschuh told me on the telephone that business kept him away. While in Pittsburgh, I called Corrine Black, AVA member #7; we had a long conversation, and she wanted to be at the show but since she no longer drives it was not convenient for her to be there.

A Friday evening banquet seemed to be enjoyed by all those attending--the program was very informal, there was no after-dinner speaker, and everyone received a door prize of some sort of exonumia item. Paul Cunningham took a number of pictures, and perhaps some of them can be used in a future issue of TFB.

Saturday afternoon brought meetings of the Civil War Token Society and of the National Scrip Collectors Association. Although I did not attend either meeting, they seemed to be lively and well-attended.

The auction of exonumia material conducted by Presidential Coin & Antique was held Saturday evening. There was a fair amount of floor activity on much of the diverse offerings. I was very impressed with the speed and efficiency with which the auction itself was handled by Joe Levine, his wife Gail and helper Dave Schenkman--they ran more lots in less time than I ever thought possible. One of the highlights of the auction was a presidential inaugural medal which sold for \$4600! All auction lots were available for inspection before the auction, and then everything was ready for delivery the day after the auction.

The bourse room was busy all day on Sunday right up to closing time despite the fact that by early afternoon some of the dealers were leaving to meet plane schedules and to make long drives home. "Good byes" were said to many old and new friends with promises to get together again some time.

Now I am working at JAMBOREE WEST 1975 which will take place on April 4-6 at the Le Baron Hotel, San Jose, California. The Le Baron was the site of the last show out here, and it offers good facilities and good food as well as a convenient location for those arriving by airplane or automobile. The bourse room has space for up to 32 dealers; a number of spaces have already been sold. Please write to me if you want registration information, a bourse table application or an exhibit application.

Eastern collectors can look forward to a return of the Jamboree in 1975 as I have selected the dates of October 17-19 for JAMBOREE EAST 1975; the location will be in the Pittsburgh area, and I am leaning strongly toward a motel right adjacent to the Pittsburgh airport.

If you need any information, or if you would like to see some sort of AVA member gathering at one or both of the upcoming shows, please write to me at P. O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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= BATS MEETING IN NOVEMBER =

The Bay Area Token Society is an informal association of collectors from the San Francisco area of California. Most of those attending the meetings are collectors of transportation tokens, but almost everyone has other token collecting interests as well. Any collector is welcome to attend any meeting. There are no dues, rules, formal meetings--just good fellowship and lots of tokens.

The next BATS meeting will be held on November 17 at the home of Hal and Louise Ford, 6641 Saroni Dr., Oakland, starting at noon and running up to 5 PM. If you want to attend, but do not know the way, you can telephone 339-0254 for help.

Meetings of the group are held each even numbered month on the third Sunday at a location in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay.

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= SUPPLEMENT #4 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

Illinois

DES PLAINES 3205 (Reported by Ben Odesser)
CITY OF DES PLAINES
A B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [4/73-] \$0.15
(R: Bottom of IN aligns)
a. (between PA -- between RS)
b. (between PA -- R) [flat top S]
c. (P -- S) [flat top S]

Iowa

DES MOINES 3300 (Reported by Robert Lubetkin)
DES MOINES MEDICAL CENTER DES MOINES IOWA
H WM 25 Sd (blank) (number applied by vibrating tool) .25*

Massachusetts

FRAMINGHAM 3275 (Reported by DHF)
AMSDEN BUILDING FRAMINGHAM, MASS.
E B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25

Michigan

EAST LANSING 3265 (Reported by Roice Rider)
OLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [1970-] .25
(R: Bottom of IN aligns)
a. (A -- R)
b. (P -- S)

SAGINAW 3845 (Reported by DHF)
SAGINAW GENERAL HOSPITAL SAGINAW, MICH.
A WM 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. K) [1971-] .25

Minnesota

PRINCETON 3665 (Reported by Gordon Wold)
A & W DRIVE IN PRINCETON MINN
A o B 23 Sd (blank) [circa 1973] .25

Missouri

ST. LOUIS 3910 (Reported by DHF)
ST. JOHN'S MERCY MEDICAL CENTER TOKEN
O o B 23 Sd Courtesy Parking [8/72-4/73] .25

Ohio

BARBERTON 3045 (Reported by Bill Carr)
BARBERTON CITIZENS HOSPITAL (GATE)
A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G) [ca 1968-] .25

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE 3917 (Reported by Bill Nelson)
CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OHIO
A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [1/74-] .15

Pennsylvania

GETTYSBURG 3405 (Reported by Bay Area Token Society)
GETTYSBURG NATIONAL BANK
A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters [1971-] .15

Pennsylvania (continued)

KENNETT SQUARE 3507 (Reported by Dan DiMichael)
 SHOP KENNETT SQUARE, PA. (THREE MUSHROOMS)
 A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters .15
 (R: Top of IN aligns)
 a. (above P -- above S)
 b. (just even with P -- just even with S)

NEW CASTLE 3695 (Reported by Charles V. McKee)
 DOWNTOWN PANCAKE HOUSE NEW CASTLE, PA.
 C o Pb 31 Sd Good For Free Parking In Our Lot (incuse
 white letters, O&R) 1.00
 [MAY ALSO EXIST IN RED PLASTIC]

OXFORD 3740 (Reported by DiMichael)
 OXFORD PARKING, INC.
 A WM 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters .15

WEST READING 3978 (Reported by BATS)
 THE READING HOSPITAL
 A WM 25 Sd Parking Token [9/71-] .25

WILKINSBURG 3987 (Reported by Ray Byrne)
 COLUMBIA HOSPITAL
 D WM 25 Sd (blank) [ca 1972-] .25

Virginia

LYNCHBURG 3500 (Reported by Kenneth T. Hall)
 LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL
 A B 25 Sd Lynchburg, Va. [9/73-] .25

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE 3510 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
 ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MILWAUKEE, WI.
 AU o B 22 Sd (same as obverse) [1/1/72-1/1/73] .25*

Manufacturers' Stock Parking Tokens

GROUP 3065 (Reported by Robert Kubach)
 PARKOMATIC (GATE)
 B B 25 Sd Courtesy Parking .25

GROUP 3069 (A relisted; B reported by Ore H. Vacketta)
 VEMCO PRODUCTS INC.
 A Bz 23 Sd Token .15
 B B 23 Sd Token .15

GROUP 3072 (Reported by DHF)
 COURTESY PARKING
 B B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .15
 GOOD FOR VISITOR PARKING ONLY
 C B 25 Sd (blank) .25

Additions and Corrections

CO 3060 A: add variety description to listing in TFB 9/74
 (R: I of BUSINESSMEN'S points up to)
 a. (D)
 b. (O)

Additions and Corrections (continued)

- IL 3155 D: add / after CHICAGO on obverse
- KS 3450 A: add NATIONAL after HUTCHISON on obverse; add variety
c. (just left of D)
- MN 3720 B: add variety description
(O: Upright of R in PARK points down to)
a. (center of &)
b. (right side of &)
- MN 3760 C: correct number for token listed MN 3760 D in TFB 9/74
- OK 3640 B: add variety description for token listed in TFB 8/73
(R: I of PARKING points down to)
a. (A)
b. (between AG)
- PA 3015 E: add quotation marks around "THE INN"
- PA 3463 B: add variety description
c. (E) (center of T)
- PA 3487 A: add variety description
(O&R:)
a. (plain)
b. (with stamped initials)
- PA 3545: reverse picture inscriptions--token on left is Ab, token
on right is Aa
- PA 3987 C: add , PA. after WILKINSBURG on obverse
- WI 3510: reverse picture inscriptions for two center photos on
p. 182; left center token is AAC, right center token
is AAb
- WI 3620 B: add variety description
(O&R: Bottom of RAULF aligns)
a. (above O -- .)(above O -- abive S)
b. (O -- S)(O -- S)
- MSPT 3068 A: add variety descriptions
(O: Rim is mm wide)
a. (2)
b. (2-1/2) [GRILLWORK BACKGROUND IS DIAGONAL]
c. (3)
- England MSPT 3051 C: add variety description
(O&R: Upright of center P points down to)
a. (T) (between ST)
b. (S) (between ST)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

Since my last report was held over a month before it was used, this report is larger than I had expected. Parking tokens are very active now as I have quite a few additional new listings on which I am waiting for information and which should be listed in the next report.

Heading the listings this time is a meter token from Des Plaines. This one has been around for a while, but only recently was I able to get any information from the City. It is perhaps just as well since the tokens received contained the three die varieties as listed. The batch did not contain enough of each of the three varieties to meet PTNIS requirements, but each member of PTNIS received at least two of the three varieties.

The new Des Moines token will likely be a rough one to obtain. My inquiry was returned without comment.

The Fitts Bros. token from Framingham has been succeeded by the newly listed piece. The Amsden Building, having commercial and office tenants, is located in the downtown area. Although I am not able to obtain the token for PTNIS, 25¢ and a SASE might produce results if sent to Bonnazzoli Corp., 885 Waverly St., Framingham, MA 01701.

The Olin Health Center tokens are provided to non-university employees of Michigan State University. The Health Center, associated with MSU, provides parking gate cards to employees. I am not able to obtain a supply of the tokens, but you might get lucky by writing and sending 25¢ plus the usual SASE.

A bit different than most of the Parcoa type tokens is the new listing for Saginaw, Michigan. Not only is it in WM, but only the reverse has the gate depicted. None for PTNIS members, but 25¢ + SASE to 1447 N. Harrison, zip 48002, could work.

Good friend and long-time-collector-of-parking-tokens Gordon Wold obtained a supply of the Princeton token for PTNIS--thanks for your help, Gordon. This item was sent out with the recent large batch. Because of trouble with breakage of the gate arm by visitors to the lot who did not have a token, the project lasted only a short while.

Emergency admissions to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis were provided a token for courtesy parking. A supply of this token has been obtained, and will be sent out with the next batch mailed to PTNIS members.

Courtesy parking is provided by the token used at Barberton Citizens Hospital. The Hospital would not sell me a supply, but I got the token by writing 155 Fifth St. N.E., Barberton, OH 44203; be sure to send 25¢ and a SAE if you want to try your luck.

Try sending 10¢ and the SAE to the City Auditor, City of Washington, 208 N. Fayette, St., Washington Court House, OH 43160, for that new listing. This token is used in the standard parking validation plan--the city sells tokens to the merchants, the merchants give them to customers with purchases of a minimum amount, the customer uses the token in a meter, and the city collects the token for resale to the merchants.

The Gettysburg token has been around for a while, and it seems as though quite a few collectors already have this piece. No supply was obtained for PTNIS, so if you need the token, you should be able to get it by writing.

Mushrooms are the chief agricultural product of the Kennett Square, Pa., area, so it is fitting that the mushroom be featured on tokens used in the standard parking validation plan. Dan DiMichael sent me a few pieces, but he apparently did not get enough for PTNIS. You might want to write Dan or the city.

A parking lot attendant was supposed to receive the tokens given to patrons of the pancake restaurant in New Castle, but it seems that most people kept the tokens as souvenirs. So the plan was dropped, and the tokens are quite scarce, at least as of the moment. It is rumored that a red plastic token was also used.

Dan DiMichael got a supply of the Oxford token, and that item was among the large batch of tokens sent out to PTNIS members recently. The token is used in the standard parking validation arrangement.

Although the token is inscribed Reading, the Hospital is actually located in West Reading, a location with its own post office. The token must be a courtesy parking item for volunteers, delivery trucks, etc. You might be able to get this one by writing the Hospital at 6th & Spruce Sts., West Reading, PA 19602; try 25¢ and a SAE.

The parking fee at Columbia Hospital, part of the Forbes Hospital System, is a function of time and can range from 25¢ to \$2.00. The token is given for exit from the gate-controlled lot. Apparently visitors can obtain the token free of charge. The Hospital would not sell PTNIS a supply, but the usual 25¢ and SAE might produce results if sent to Columbia Hospital, Penn Ave. & West St., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

My luck with hospitals was not too good this month, and the usual results continued with Lynchburg General Hospital, 1901 Tate Springs Rd, zip 23304; try writing. The token is given to outpatients for free parking in a special gate-controlled lot.

It's another hospital, and the results were similar. It took a couple of letters, but at least the \$1 I sent was returned finally even if I didn't even get a single token. Perhaps someone else will have better luck: 2320 N. Lake Dr., zip 53211. If you get a duplicate, please think of me!

The new Parkomatic token is in the Card-Key style. Since a new Vemco token appeared in a distinctively lighter shade than the piece as originally listed, I am relisting the A token as a "bronze" while the new piece is listed as "brass." In the past I have written about the problems in calling certain compositions either brass or bronze when it is halfway between--there is a continuous gradation of compositions, and colors, possible.

The new Group 3072 listings are at least used in Shreveport, La., and Clayton, Mo., respectively. From now on, any tokens with non-local type inscriptions will be included in this Group. The catalogue lists now lists a few pieces which might better be included in this group such as NJ 3545 A B, NY 3445 C, WI 3510 R S. Let me know if you have any comments on these thoughts.

Finally, the reported listings are concluded with a large number of additions and corrections. I might comment on the PA 3487 A token; the lot in which this token is used services an

office building with about 20 tenants. Tokens are stamped with certain initials for control purposes. In addition to the custom minted token, MSPT Group 3070 B tokens are also stamped and used.

From George Fuld I recently obtained a token which outwardly appears to be a parking token, but my attempts at determining the exact nature of the piece have met a dead end. The piece is:

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY S.W. 1 HR.

A 36 Sd (blank)

Another possible parking token was reported to me by Ben Odesser; it is

SANDY BEACH PARK

B 22 Sd (same as obverse)

There are Sandy Beaches in NY, near Buffalo, in CT, near West Goshen, and in MA, near Rutland. My own feeling is that this is probably a trade token for an amusement park. Perhaps someone will come up with something specific on the piece.

Harold Schmal, Phoenix, Arizona, has bought out remnants from several of the wooden nickel token manufacturers, and he has been offering those pieces at reasonable prices. Several of our old-time maverick wooden parking tokens have been given an attribution, but I have not been able to get a reply to my letters sent off to the businesses. My policy is not to list any wooden parking token unless there is a definite reply from the user. However, someone might be able to find out something with a location, so here goes: Dell's Fine Cleaning - Barre, VT (made in 1960)
Decatur Men & Boys Shoppe - Decatur, IL (made in 1968)

Mr. Schmal also received some tokens which were printed in colors different from the original, and listed, order. For example, the NJ 3530 A token has appeared with a red obverse and a purple reverse. For the other "reprinted" tokens (several different trade tokens, for example) the same color scheme is used. You might be alert for this sort of thing if it is offered to you as a new item.

PTNIS members should have received a large shipment of tokens recently; this is an assemblage of material from a period of many months. Another group of tokens for mailing is being accumulated, so be sure to have a plus balance if you want to receive them when they are ready to be shipped. For anyone interested, there are currently openings available in PTNIS--to become a member, all you have to do is send along a deposit of at least \$5. Tokens will be sent out periodically, and your account is charged "face value" plus 10¢ per token.

Finally, copies of the latest parking token catalogue are available from me at P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022. The cost to AVA members is \$8.00, postpaid (regular price \$10.00). Please specify if you want the hard cover or loose-leaf pages.

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Editor's Note: Gerald Johnson forgot to put his name on the excellent article that begins on Page 137. Most readers would've recognized his work anyway!

= THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY =

The following is the report submitted to and read to the AVA Convention in Minneapolis.

Dear President Joseph and Fellow Members:

I regret that I cannot join you this year. Please accept my best wishes for a successful convention. Since my report to the last convention our organization seems to have turned the corner and for the first time in several years I am pleased to report an increase in membership.

As of this date (August 5, 1974) we have 595 members, 5 applications pending, and 4 requests for reinstatement to membership. This total of 604 is a 5% increase for the year. I hope you all will continue in your efforts to bring new members to our group.

Our life membership total stands at 75, a decrease of two. If the convention should raise dues this year I hope you will again allow a grace period for applications for Life Membership as in the past. I would be pleased again to accept time payments from any interested members on the condition that the required fee is paid before December 31, 1974, if the convention should allow such a plan. I hope you will express my comments to the Executive Board if life membership fees are to be raised in the future.

As you are meeting in Minneapolis I am particularly pleased once again to express my deep thanks to Bob and Anna Butler for their unsurpassable work on the membership roster. I hope you all will join me in this expression of gratitude. I wish I could be there so that I could thank them personally!

- Donald N. Mazeau, Secretary AVA.

Editor's Note. Life Membership is traditionally kept at twenty times the annual dues rate. As the annual dues will be increased from \$5 to \$6 beginning with 1975, the Life Membership fee will be increased from \$100 to \$120. Members may become Life members for the \$100 fee if they apply, and pay, prior to December 31, 1974.

= A LETTER FROM MR. BINGEN =

The following message was on the back of a postcard waiting for the Editor's arrival in Tacoma last July. I apologize to our member in Holland for not finding an appropriate place to publish it before now. The message is in response to a previous article by Kenneth Smith.

Answering Mr. Smith's question about the hexagonal Arendal tokens (60 F,ZB), I can inform our readers that Mr. Sømød has given the measurements of this token as these are quoted in Støren and Holst's book. 21x24mm here means 21mm from side to side and 24 from point to point. I have given the measurement as is usual in our catalogues as 21mm from side to side. Even without the benefit of a rubbing or a photograph this time Sømød's, as well as Bingen's listings were right. Only Sømød is not used to our way of listing. That my listing was right is, of course, a mere accident. With all the other hundreds and hundreds of reports of unlisted tokens (reports without rubbings or photographs) there has--according to my big friend Smith's statement--apparently gone something wrong!

The measures of the oval Porsgrunn token are not given by Støren/Holst. That is why neither Sømød nor Bingen could furnish these. In spite of the friendly words of appreciation in regard to our reports we nevertheless will try to supply Smith with the asked dimensions.

- F.J. Bingen

= OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)
[OBVERSE SAME AS 1000 P]

Q	Pg 38 Sd	Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (* 4/74)	\$0.15
R	Pe 38 Sd	" " "	.15
S	Pb 38 Sd	" " "	.15
T	Pw 38 Sd	" (black ltrs) "	.15
U	Pb 38 Sd	" " "	.15
V	Pr 38 Sd	" " "	.15

IOWA

Sioux City 850 (Reported by Pat Morgan and Bob Coney)
STAR HACK & LIVERY CO. SIOUX CITY, IOWA.

Y o A	31 Ch	(blank)	5.00
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[This line is listed in Sioux City city directories from 1892 to 1904.]

MAINE

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)
GREYCLIFF C.A. WILLIAMS, PROP. PIERCE POND, MAINE

B	B 29 Sd	Good For One Way Passage 1974 Across the Lake	.25
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[Really an advertising piece]

MICHIGAN

Grosse Ile 395 [change Trenton (935) listing to Grosse Ile.]
A,B,C,D,E [see former listings 935 A,B,C,D,E]
ONE FARE G I B

F	WM 20 Sd	Void After One Year (* 1973) (Vars.)	.25
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Patterns ~~1000~~ 998

N	WM 22 Sd	Void After One Year (propeller)	
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MINNESOTA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Bill Clapper to John Coffee)
STONDALL LAND AND INVESTMENT CO. LANDS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
ST. PAUL. MINN.

B o A	38 Sd	Good For Railroad Fare to Purchaser of Lane Bought of Stondall Land and Investment Co. St. Paul, Minn.	2.50
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NEW YORK

Poughkeepsie 760 (Reported by C.E. Benjamin)
DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS TOKEN (LOGO) [obverse vars.]

D	B 23 Sd	Seal of the City of Poughkeepsie 1799 1854 (beehive) (* 9/9/74)	.15
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RHODE ISLAND

Providence 700 (Reported by Hector Turgeon)
R.I.P.T.A. (ROADRUNNER)

J	A 23 Sd	(same as obverse) (* 8/74)	.35
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[The die of J is slightly altered from 700 G, deliberately, to make the picture of the bird not stand up in such high relief, thereby making it easier to stack the tokens.]

VERMONT

Burlington 180 (Reported by Hector Turgeon)
CHITTENDEN C.T.A. (BUS, TYPE 3) [obverse vars.]

C	B 16 B1	Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots) (Rev. B) (* 7/1/73)	.35
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[Chittenden County Transit Authority began service July 1, 1973, succeeding Burlington Rapid Transit Company.]

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES

Group 6 (Reported by Joel Reznick)

V Bz 16 S Good For One Fare

Group 7 (Reported by Reznick, J.D. Ferguson, H. Ford)

H B 23 Bar Good For One Fare (bus) (diamonds) (Rev. A)

Group 19 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson)

AG Bz 21 O Good For One Fare

Group 23 (Reported by Reznick, Ferguson, Ford)

C B 20 Sd Testing Token

CORRECTION

Group 7 [add Rev. A to make it:]

F - Bz 23 Bar Good For One Fare (bus) (diamonds) (Rev. A,C)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

A few more of the Mike's D-Moon Cab tokens this month. The order for these tokens was not completely filled, so the New Issues Service only got 100 each of some, but we expect to be able to supply everyone eventually. If anyone doesn't like these things, don't hesitate to return them to Nick. The man who owns the cab line wanted to see tokens in lots of different colors, and that is the reason for so many listings.

The Iowa depot does not say right on it that it's good for a ride, but we presume that it is, and have several other such tokens that have been verified as good for transportation.

The Maine token is really an advertising piece, and not good for a ride across the lake, but it is possible they will be used for transportation eventually, at which time they would be given a regular listing. We are glad these have "1974" on them, as this is the kind of token, with some artificial ageing, that could end up being sold for a lot of money as a rare oldie to the unsuspecting. The restrikes of the Fort Benton, Mont., tokens still command hefty prices to people who haven't invested in an Atwood Catalogue.

We finally got some of the Grosse Ile tokens, and note that all Grosse Ile Bridge tokens should be relisted under Grosse Ile, and removed from Trenton. These new tokens went into use in the Fall of 1973, and are sold in rolls of 40 for \$7.50. They are not too cooperative with collectors. Mr. Keith had some trouble getting a supply for us. We were lucky to get enough for the New Issues Service. There also happen to be die varieties on these tokens. On November 15, 1974, the price of tokens will be increased to \$8 for a roll of 40. The reason for the reverse wording: the owner wanted to be on the safe side if he ever discontinued tokens. A 22mm token of this type is also known to exist, but the bridge operator says he never used the larger token so we must assume it is a pattern, and we so list it this issue. The pattern token has a propeller on its reverse which is not found on the regular 20mm token.

Even though Mr. C.E. Benjamin is not a member of N.I.S., he promptly obtained a supply of the new Poughkeepsie, NY, token for us. These tokens went into use Sept. 9, 1974, and are good for 15¢ on the fare. Merchants had been handing out various gimmicks to ease the cost of parking, and then decided to do something for the poor folks who have to ride the bus. The tokens may be obtained from various merchants who participate in the plan. Regular bus fare is 25¢ so you have to add 10¢ if you use a token on the bus. Senior citizen fare is only 15¢. Mr. Benjamin also sent along a map showing the routes of the four city bus routes. The buses are operated by the City, and the fare boxes are opened directly by the City, rather than the contract operator. The tokens are then redistributed to the merchants thru local banks. After the first week everything seemed to be running smoothly with the new plan. Osborne Coinage Co. of Cincinnati struck these tokens, 20,000 in all. There is also a die variety in the shape of the Logo. So much thanks to Mr. Benjamin for his help!

The Providence, RI 700 G tokens were hard to stack--the "roadrunner" pictured on them was in too high relief. So when they needed more tokens, they ordered fifty thousand more, with lower relief for the bird. The new token is solid, whereas the 700 G has the traditional star cut out of it. The colored tokens like 700 G were used only by employees of a couple large firms, being sold at a discount. But now anyone can buy these new tokens at the regular full fare.

Mr. Kane reported the new Vermont token to Hector Turgeon, and Mr. Turgeon inquired to see if he could get some for the N.I.S., and learned that they were willing to sell them to us, so they will be sent to N.I.S. members. Burlington Rapid Transit went out of business June 30, 1973, and Chittenden County Transit Authority took over and issued a new token on July 1, 1973, with a 35¢ fare, same as the previous firm. The tokens are sold in envelopes of ten. The original order was for 30,000 tokens, and there are die varieties on the obverse. Reverses all seem to be the same. From now on we'll mention whether it is reverse A or B on 16mm tokens with type #3 bus.

Most of the manufacturers' samples were found by Ben Odesser, and Joel Reznick was selling a lot of them for him at the Minneapolis Convention. These are Meyer & Wenthe tokens.

Now for notes on other things. First of all, we have seen a token which is probably in use right now somewhere, but we have no idea where. Probably Southern California or the Gulf Coast. Does anyone recognize the name? Token is as follows:

SOUTH COAST / SCAT / AREA TRANSIT
B 23 Bar One Way / Token / Special / SCAT / Fare

Providence, RI, has taken over the bus line in Newport, RI, so mark Newport tokens all obsolete. They took over in May 1974, and stopped accepting tokens of the Newport firm on June 30. Since then Providence tokens are being used in Newport: plain aluminum for seniors and school, red anodized for other plans for regular fare.

Belmont Park Race Track tokens: in 1973 they sold for \$1.75, and in 1974 they sold for \$1.25 by a special deal arranged between the race track and the racing association.

A clipping from J.H. Roy indicates that transit authorities are also taking over a lot of lines in Canada. South Shore Transit Commission took over Chambly Transport in June 1974. Instead of 3/\$1 tokens they now have straight 35¢ cash fare. One reason for this: the company had thousands of its tokens stolen last year! So mark Quebec 200 A & B obsolete.

One problem that plagues us: people send in rubbings but do not also give an exact description of the token including all punctuation. And punctuation often is what does not show up clearly on a rubbing. It is extremely important to list token inscriptions precisely, including periods & commas. So please take extra care to indicate these: don't assume there is a comma between a city name and a state; make certain of it. This way we avoid assuming there are die varieties of a token when there really are not.

= IMITATION BEAR VALLEY TOKENS SHOWING UP =

The Bear Valley, CA 70 A, token is very rare, probably census, as collectors did not learn about them until they stopped using them. Because lots of collectors wrote up there to get them, someone in the area has had new ones made up, probably about 300 of them. These reproductions have the same obverse as Calif 70 A, but on the reverse they have two dots and a plain border. The originals have no dots, and a beaded border. As we understand it, the reproductions are being sold for 50¢ from a gas station in Bear Valley, and that is certainly all they are worth.

So collectors should be very careful about these things, and don't pay a lot of money for the reproduction. The originals remain very rare, and remember that the originals are the only ones that were actually used for transportation.

ORIGINAL: beaded border; no dots. IMITATION: plain border; two dots.

BRAZIL

Niteroi 500 (Reported by G. Fritz)
 SERVE TROLLEY-BUS NITEROI
 B o P 31 Sd Vale Uma Passagem (mixed light and dark pink) \$1.00

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Opava 540 (Reported by G. Fritz)
 STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU (STREETCAR)
 F o Z Oc Sd Gültig Für 12 Heller (20mm) 1.00
 STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU
 G o K 20 Sd Mestská Poulická Draha Opava 1.00

ITALY

Trieste 820 (Reported by G. Fritz)
 ACEGAT 20 (all incuse)
 A o S 20 Sd (blank) .50
 ACEGAT 30 (all incuse)
 B o S 23 Sd (blank) .50
 (ACEGAT = Azienda Comunale Elettricità Gas Acqua Tramvie)

GERMANY (all reported by G. Frutz)

Ammendorf (Halle) 48
 FELIX KROKERT & CO.. HALLE A/S. GUT FÜR EINE FAHRT
 AMMENDORF-HALLE.
 A o S 30 Sd (blank)(iron with reddish color; ivory-colored letters) 1.00

Gotha 355
 THÜRINGER ELEKTRICITÄTS-LIEFERUNGS-GESELLSCH. A.G.
 WECHSEL-MARKE STRASSENBAHN GOTHA
 F o A 24 Sd Kraftwerk Breitung (scene) 1.00

Hamburg 390
 H D A G (LARGE F)
 BUo B 29 Sd Faehrmarke (large F) 2.00
 OBERSCHULBEHORDE FAHRMARKE
 BVo B 19 Sd (arms of Hamburg) 2.00

Hildesheim 410
 STÄDT STRASSENBAHN HILDESHEIM (STREETCAR)
 K o A Oc Ch (same as obverse)(24mm) 1.00

Stralsund 850
 ELECTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN STRALSUND (STREETCAR)
 A o A Oc Sd Gültig nur an Werktagen (19mm) 1.00

(This is the correct listing of 850 A. In the Catalogue I left off the dimensions for the following reason: the only 850 A available at the time was a 19mm circular token with edges filed down apparently. Previous German catalogues did not refer to any circular token, but did define an aluminum octagonal token Stralsund vertagen, without details as to obverse, reverse, or dimensions.)

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Iowa 150 A; Cal 575 Aa; Okla 640 A. Nice copies.

Del Ford - P.O. Box 15263 - Del City, OK 73115

WANTED: the following Philadelphia tokens: Pa 750 AC AD AE AT, as a set, or Pa 750 AC and AD individually. = S.L. James - 509 Brookview Lane - Havertown, PA 19083

OFFERS INVITED for entire British TT collection, consisting of 950 different (incl. several census) and hundreds of spares. Full details on request.

Denis McAllister - 289 Scarborough Road - Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE62RY, England

AUCTION: Calif 435 B, 575 Ab, 715 V; DC 500 Z; KY 10 K, (2) 10 P; Mich (3) 75 I; Minn 540 Cb; NY 25 C, 230 I, 505 A, 629 L, (2) 630 U, 780 A B; RI 520 L; SD 680 A. Also 71 diff. personal tokens. Will accept U.S. silver coins in VG or better at 200% over face value. = Arlene Raskin - 3196 Bedford Ave. - Brooklyn, NY 11210

CAR WASH TOKEN SALE: Can supply up to 100 diff. specimens (metal & wooden issues, some yet unlisted) at 50¢ each. My gasoline bill runs over 50¢ per gal. chasing after Calif. issues - some I trade for issues from other states to enlarge my stock. "Good For's" up to 1.00 will be included plus a good selection of states. I pay postage and ins. or 30 or more different.

Harold V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

TRADE HAWAII 240 E - if not trade will sell for \$3 each. Sold for \$3.50 each at Minneapolis Convention auction. Only have 3 of them to trade or sell.

William E. Friese - 9334 Cromwell Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15237

ONE TIME OFFER: original A.V.A. lapel pins - collectors item (limited number available) \$1.50 plus token of your choice.

William E. Eisenberg - 3728 Mayfair St. - Pittsburgh, PA 15204

THE BEST BUY IN TT's for beginners and old-timers alike. 100 different, includes some 15-centers, just \$12.50. 50 different, all catalogue more than 15¢, just \$10. Please include 50¢ postage on each package.

Bill Davis - P.O. Box 202 - Littleton, CO 80120

PERSONAL TOKENS made to your order in plastic. Choice of 4 colors. Use my private die of oldtime streetcar at no extra charge. 200 tokens for \$18 including delivery anywhere in U.S.A. Order NOW before price increase. (After Dec. 15 cost must go to \$21.) Speedy three-week service. Send large SAE for sample & full details.

Robert Ritterband - 6575 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048

TROLLEY NEWS issues from 1912 & 1913, the United Railways & Electric Co., Baltimore. 4-page 3½x6½" leaflet with quips, ads and info. 4 diff. for \$3.50 or single copy for \$1 (10 sets avail.) Also Md 60 T for \$1.50 +SAE.

Ben Egerton - 7 Montrose Avenue - Baltimore, MD 21212

OFFERING SD 390 C, McGoldrick Bros. Ferry, \$75.00. Kans 900 C, Sedan Hoss Cafe, holed, \$35.00. Mont 740 A, \$10. P.R. 560 B, \$30. Pa 750 X, \$1.

Leo W. Spillane - Box 16 - Stoughton, MA 02072

AUCTION: Presentation Piece "N" (page 639 Atwood) sterling silver. FOR SALE: Cal 575 Ab, \$2.50. Calif 760 I \$1. Fla 530 H @ 50 each. Mich 225 Db 50¢, 935 Bd \$1.25; Neb 540 P \$1. All plus postage & insurance.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

AVA TIE TACS OR CHARMS (or lapel pins?) See my ad on page 132 of Sept. Fare Box for details. Thanks to those who responded so far. Need more interest if we are to proceed with this idea. Let me hear from more members so I can get working on the order. I'd like to surprise my wife with an AVA charm for Christmas.

Stan Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010

13¢ Kennedy airletter sheet, Scott UC39 unused. Worth 50¢ each per Harris. Will trade 1 or multiples for Indiana TT's or merchant tokens I need. Also have a few Indiana merchant tokens to trade for same.

Richard L. Salzer - RR #3, Box 791 - Knox, IN 46534

SCARCE Mass 45 A for sale. I have 3 available and would need \$10 for each token from this long abandoned trolley line.

Morton H. Davson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

MAIL AUCTION: #1, collection of 250 diff. English TT's; #2, 45 English TT's (40 diff.) #3, 40 Scottish TT's (32 diff.); #4, 4 diff. Welsh TT's.

John K. Curtis - Box 263 - Willowdale, Ontario M2N/5S9

WANTED: hat badges &/or stock certificates of trolley companies. Will buy or swap for tokens. = Ray D. Appelgate - Box 78 - Taconic, CT 06079

NOT ON OUR MAILING LIST? We will have mail bid sales featuring tokens, medals, pin-backs, mirror cards and unusual collector items of all types. To receive our next catalog, write: Tom Wall - Box 1242 - Independence, MO 64051

AUCTION (postage & ins. + bid): Cal 575 AB, 715 V; Conn 290 G; Ky 480 S; La 30 B; Miss 360 A; Nev 100 A B; Pa 15 E; SD 630 B.

John H. Wilcox - Letter Carrier Rte. #233 - No. Brunswick, NJ 08902

LARGE LOT OF TT's-PT's - personals - for trade for those I need. Send large SAE. Need Georgia trade tokens so I can swap for HK-11.

Joe Studebaker - P.O. Box 804 - W. Columbia, SC 29169

WANTED: CA 70 A; FL 830 J; NJ 20 I; PA 630 C; TX 320 F; NY 905 I; UT 750 P Q R.

Will buy or will trade: NE 540 P, 700 AB; PA 495 J; WA 780 H, 1000 A, and AVA 10th anniversary token. Ore 700 H K; Sheridan, Ore. trade token, and Silverton, OR PT.

Frank W. Guernsey - 12546 N.E. Knott - Portland, OR 97230

KANS 450 A. I will trade for (1) any 1 of Col: 20 A B, 280 A, 300 A, 440 B, 510 A, or (2) any 5 diff. of Colo 40 A B, 300 E, 340 C, 460 B, 620 B, 860 D E, or (3) will consider trades for better Colo. merchant tokens, "good for" mirrors from any state, or (4) may sell depending upon price offered.

Lee Hott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046

AUCTION: postage will be added - Md 60 T; NJ 885 A; NY 630 AB, 695 A, 945 A; Ohio 435 D; Wash 840 E. = Herbert Weiss - Box 363 - Cranford, NJ 07016

AUCTION: Fla 380 P; Ky 510 AK; Mo 950 B; Mich 375 A B; Neb 420 A; Pa 320 A, 340 E; Vt 150 F; Va 620 K.

Frank Smolen - 138 Carroll Ave. - Painesville, OH 44077

WANTED: car wash token Cal 400 A and 655 A. Buy or trade.

Hal Dunn - Box 114 - Carson City, NV 89701

AUCTION: 10 brass buttons inscribed "Carhartt's O'alls & Gloves" picturing a street car imposed on a hart; Idaho State Penitentiary Commissary tokens - set #1: 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, \$1 red fibre; set #2: Idaho State Penitentiary, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, green plastic. Advertising mirrors (1) oval white inscribed C.D. Kenney Co. (2) rectangular red & white inscribed "Knights Macabees"

Jack Backora - Box 53 - Flushing, OH 43077

FOR SALE: CA 450 J; HI 240 C D, 30¢ each; IL 150 Z 55¢; IA 115 L 35¢, 135 C 75¢, 270 A B 50¢ each, 355 A 35¢, 550 I 40¢, 825 A 35¢; NH 640 L 40¢, 720 A 30¢; NJ 115 G 35¢; OK 860 D H 40¢ ea; PA 263 A 30¢, 840 E F G H 40¢ ea; WV 590 B 40¢; Italy telephone token \$1; also tickets, transfers, photos, trolley farebox, etc. Send SAE with token order and also for list of trolley items to: (phone 617-628-1868)

K.T. Farrell - 23 Woods Ave. - Somerville, MA 02144

WANTED TO BUY: Cal 745 D; Conn 300 B; Fla 300 A B C D, 380 E, 910 A; Ia 300 H; Kans 40 E; Ky 480 B; Mass 115 M N Y Z AA AB, 740 A; Neb 700 Y Z; NJ 250 A; NY 235 A; Pa 975 A; WVa 290 H. = E.L. Tomberlin - P.O. Box 2295 - San Leandro, CA 94577

TRADE: Ala 40 A; Md 60 AD; Pa 453 A; Va 20 C. If no trade then to highest bidder.

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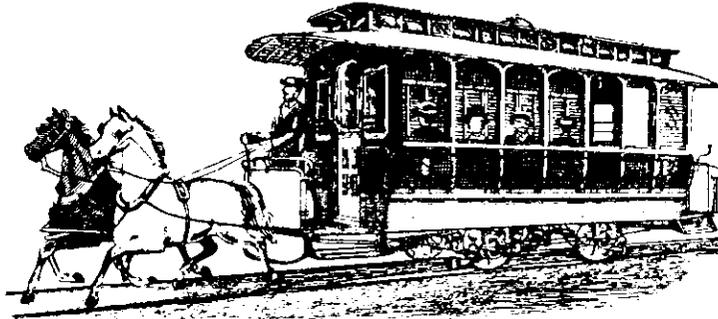


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Our 329th Issue

December 4. Together with this issue we are mailing you a special dues envelope already addressed to our Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219. Please mail your dues (remember to put a stamp on the envelope!) in this envelope to Mr. Frisbee as soon as possible. In past years we've waited until we were well into the new year before providing you with these envelopes. This year you are getting them in plenty of time.

Note that dues have been raised from \$5 to \$6.00. This was the unanimous vote of the Convention at Minneapolis last August. It was not done with any pleasure, but the facts of life made it inevitable. The expenses of publishing THE FARE BOX were more than we were taking in. It was that simple. In other words, it costs us more than \$5 to send you 12 issues! Postage was raised by 25% last year, from 8¢ to 10¢, and that is our largest item of expense. Our Constitution itself requires that The Fare Box be mailed by first class mail. This is a luxury, but it provides the fastest delivery possible. In olden times when we used 3rd class, sometimes half a mailing would simply get lost. And it costs too much to produce these issues, and takes too much blood, sweat, and tears, to let these things get lost in the mails! We believe we give ourselves the most value for our dues of any numismatic organization in the country, and our ad pages are the liveliest, most frequent, and least expensive (because they're free to you) market place of exonomia in the world. So please send in that \$6 as soon as possible.

Half-year dues, for those who join for the second half of the year, will hereafter be \$3.00, of course, plus the usual \$1 initiation fee.

The Editor has agreed to handle the disposition of the collection of the late Richard K. Atkins for his widow, Jessie Atkins. Accordingly I am running a series of auctions beginning in this issue, listing only the better tokens (catalogued at 50¢ and up, plus a handful listed under 50¢ which are obviously worth considerably more). Tokens listed under 50¢, and the few census tokens he owned, will be sold by private negotiation. If you wish, send me your want-list. Prices on the common

tokens will be modest, but still will generally be more than Atwood prices. Mrs. Atkins gave me the go-ahead to dispose of the collection as I saw fit, and of course my intention is to realize as much for her as possible, but also to deal with collectors fairly and sell the tokens at what I believe they are really worth.

Ken Smith sent along some beautiful enlarged photos of rare old Norway tokens. I couldn't get these back in time for this issue. They will be in the December issue, four pages of them--plus a few photos of some rare U.S. tokens for good measure.



= NEW FINDS =

The past month has seen quite a bit of activity in the hobby. First of all, Lou Crawford of Long Beach, Miss., reports that he picked up Miss 720 B at a flea market for 25¢. He now has the State of Mississippi complete except for 620 B. In his letter, incidentally, he inquired why we dropped the token listed as Tenn 120 A in the 1958 Atwood Catalogue. We took it out when Hal Ford and I purchased the Atwood collection and discovered that the token in question was really just a Mich 65 A with "BAY" scratched off.

Greg Prgomet of Greensburg, Pa., freshly inspired after attending Feisel's token jamboree in Pittsburgh, visited a Pittsburgh coin dealer and came away with a Pa 765 N for only \$5.

Neil Sowards of Fort Wayne writes of picking up several interesting pieces in Cincinnati, among them Ohio 165 J, and four of Unidentified #70 (which, he suggests, indicates Cincinnati as the probable home of that one). He also found a strange rectangular copper zone check, and the following:

WM 29 Sd EX L.R.R. CO. ONE TRIP UPPER GATE (INCUSE LETTERS)
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My Ohio 165 J was the only one known until now. So now it's only half as rare!

David Schenkman has picked up a different die variety of Va 535 B. The new 13c token has a circle of beads on reverse, whereas the other one has a smooth reverse. Also, the distance at the bottom of the obverse, from N to O is 5mm on the plain reverse token, but 8mm on the beaded reverse token that David just picked up. By the way, David now owns all tokens in this set except the 25c denomination, which is owned by Harold Ford.

Gerald Johnson took a metal detector down to the site of the old bus station where they used Wis 980 F and G. No luck on the latter, but says he unearthed two of the 980 E's.

An example of the odyssey of a rare token is a nice example of the NJ 390 D which Donald Stewart of Calgary, Alberta, obtained from a non-AVA source in Montana. Don sold it to your Editor, who then swapped it to Jack Wilcox in New Jersey for an Ohio 465 B. So that token finally ended up back in New Jersey where it started out.

Kevin Farrell of Somerville, MA, sends a strange rubbing:

B 35 Pc B. & N. ST. RY. CO. RD 374 CHELSEA DIV. (INCUSE LETTERS)
(blank)(Boston & Northern Street Railway)

A tool check or something? Maybe even a zone check?

Yosef Sa'ar writes from Tel-Aviv that "I recently acquired some better quality tokens from Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. An unlisted A Oc Sd (20mm) from Opava in the latter country reads STADISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU. (STREETCAR) on the obverse. The reverse is in a completely different lettering style than I've seen on any other European token, GÜLTIG FÜR II HELLER. How do you like that for a rare denomination?"

And in another, later, letter, he writes: "The Kadman Numismatic Museum has recently acquired a completely new type of the Zefat-Kena'an bus token, probably unique. I want to take a trip up to Zefat to see what information I can get on the token. Perhaps I already mentioned it, but a couple months ago I obtained a zinc example of the 1766 Schorndorf, Germany, gate token. This token was reported in The Fare Box by Bingen, but never in this metal."

Finally, Ralph Freiberg reports that one of the Bay Area collectors went up to Vacaville, CA, and talked the Chamber of Commerce there out of some forty of the Cal 940 A (listed Sept. 1974 Fare Box). We thought that one might be scarce, but now there will be plenty of them around, and our 50¢ price probably should be revised downward to 25¢. The C of C was glad to get rid of them because, they said, a lot of collectors wrote in for the token and didn't even include the SAE!

Speaking of writing in, did anyone have any success writing to Tacoma for the Lake Drive Transit tokens? I'd like to hear from you if you actually succeeded with that little company.

= VULCANITE AND CELLULOID TOKENS THAT PICTURE THE STREETCAR =

By J.M. Coffee

There's a certain something about vulcanite and celluloid tokens that makes them immediately attractive to collectors and non-collectors alike. When we show off our collections, these little colored tokens always catch more attention than any others. In addition to being colorful, and seemingly impervious to the ravages of time, they are also nearly all very rare. They are of a type that has not been made for seventy years in this country.

And of the vulcanites and celluloids, the most desirable of all are those which picture a streetcar right on the token. These are the delightful little beauties closest to the heart of a veteran collector. Trying to think of an appropriate topic to fill an odd page in this issue, I thought about these little tokens, and went thru the Catalogue to see how many of them there are. I was surprised by how few of them there are!

First of all, there are two types of cars pictured on vulcanite and celluloid tokens, and only two types. The earlier type is the small car such as that pictured on NY 445 B (see photo on page 372 of Atwood). This is really a horsecar, as these tokens were mostly--but not exclusively--used by horsecar lines. There are only 15 tokens picturing this type car: Ga 60 D E F G; IL 580 A B; IN 680 E, 930 A; MO 860 A; NY 445 A B; OH 830 A B; PA 750 N; TN 690 C.

Of these 15, eleven have the standard reverse with 8 stars around the picture of the car. It is worth adding, however, that there are three South American tokens with the same reverse: La Union, Chile 480 A and B, and Asuncion, Paraguay 80 A. So these tokens almost certainly were made in the United States.

The four remaining tokens that have the car without the stars are IL 580 A and B which have an ad noting that the company also sells electrical equipment; IN 930 A, which has the company name around the picture of the car, and the other side has an elaborate monogram of the company president's initials interwoven with the numeral 5. This Vincennes token is certainly the most beautiful round celluloid or vulcanite token listed in Atwood. Then, finally, Tenn 690 C has "Nashville Tenn." around the picture of the little car.

Probably these tokens were all made by the same manufacturer. I don't believe any collector owns all 15 of these, but I was pleased to note that I have 13 of them. They come in 5 different colors: 4 are red, 4 are carmine (i.e., a near-transparent light red), 2 are yellow (or "lemon"), 2 are blue, 2 are black, and just one comes in that brick-red-orange which we call "brown" in the Atwood Catalogue.

Then there are ten more -- all celluloids -- which picture the second type of car, this one being a trolley car with a trolley pole. It was this token which was used for the center part of the official seal of the A.V.A. These tokens are Ind 20 A, 460 A B C; Ohio 440 A B C D E; Va 660 B. Thanks to the fairly common set of five from Lancaster, Ohio, any collector who wishes can have a couple of these in his collection. They continued to use these celluloid tokens in Lancaster right up into the late 1930's! (Just as the tokens picturing the horsecar were used in Jackson, Tenn., into the late 1930's.) Except for the Lancaster tokens, this series are all extremely rare. There is only one known example of the Portsmouth, Va., token (owned by Hal Ford, ex-Atwood) and that one is badly cracked. The Indianapolis tokens were issued by Tom Johnson, who came to Indianapolis after serving with a company of the same name in Louisville. And from Indianapolis he went on to fame as Mayor of Cleveland. Again, no one has all of these ten tokens. I have 8 of them myself.

So this gives us a total of 25 vulcanites and celluloids--I don't believe I have left any out--which picture a streetcar, from 13 different cities in 9 states. Lancaster, Ohio, has the largest number (5), followed by Atlanta, Ga., with four, and then Indianapolis with three.

This has just been a little dissertation to fill an odd page, but I believe it does show that there are many different ways to think about transportation tokens, and to collect them, and to enjoy them.

= SEND IN YOUR 1975 A.V.A. DUES TODAY =

= BAY AREA TOKEN SOCIETY MEETING =

Hal and Louise Ford hosted the November 17, 1974, meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Token Society (BATS). The informal meeting was highlighted by good fellowship and exchange of valuable information on many phases of token collecting. Those attending were Clyde Spofford, Henry Kile, Larry Davenport, John Nicolosi, Ralph Freiberg (back in action again after several months of hospitals and recuperation--welcome back, Ralph!), Chuck Nichols and son, Hal Ford and family, and Duane Feisel.

The next meeting, open to all token collectors, is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 1975, at the home of Chuck Nichols, 764 Cardinal Drive, Livermore, California. His telephone number is 447-3645, in the event that directions are needed. BATS meetings get underway about Noon, and often run up to 5 pm.

= OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORTS =
By John G. Nicolosi

October was another very good month for new issues members--there being two separate sendings for the month, and by now you should have both. First you should have received six Cal 1000 items: 100 Q thru V inclusive. Unfortunately only the Regular members got these as somewhere along the line there was a mix-up in the order and only 100 were available for N.I.S. If more can be obtained they will also then be sent to associate members later on.

The second sending consisted of 5 tokens: ME 1000 B, thanks to Duane Feisel for that one; HI 395 F, thanks to Bernard Keith for his time & effort in obtaining those for us, as the company was not cooperative while, on the other hand the company from which we got VT 180 C was very cooperative--and so it goes. Next RI 700 J, through the help of friend Hector Turgeon, who helped us with both the Vermont & Rhode Island. Finally you got NY 760 D, and our thanks for this one to Mr. C. Benjamin, and thanks also to him for all the additional information he sent along.

For October we welcomed two members from Waiting List to Associate status, N.R. Mack, and Capt. D. Drell; and from Associate to Regular status, Doug Redies.

For November, first of all, let me say that the 3 Netherlands tokens, described by Mr. Bingen on Page 123 of the Sept. Fare Box, have now been mailed to all on my list for foreigners. These are strikingly beautiful tokens, and our especial thanks to Mr. Bingen for getting these for us for gratis, as it took him a lot of work. I am still accepting orders, from non-NIS members, for this set at \$2.80. Be sure to include a stamped addressed envelope so I can return your check in case we don't get enough orders. Deadline for ordering: December 31, 1974.

The brass token of this set was already listed as Netherlands 50 A, and Mr. Smith will shortly list the other two.

Coming your way for November: Mass 970 E, thanks to Mr. H. Riley for making these available to us; then Cal 1000 Y, for which our thanks to Duane Feisel. NY 875 Y also, and our sincere thanks to Tom Williamson who again, as in the past, went to great personal trouble to get these for us. Then the last two: Cal 1000 W and X.

Then, in all goes well, you can expect a second sending which will consist of six tokens: Ind 1000 B; Me 1000 C; Mass 1000 A; NH 1000 A; NJ 1000 A; Tenn 1000 A.

We've been quite busy, as you can see: two separate sendings in November, and three in October.

This month we welcome from Associate status to Regular, Ted Hartung, and from Waiting List to Associate, Mel Beaton and Robert Wolf.

= CHANGE OF ADDRESS =

Every month two or three copies of THE FARE BOX are returned because a member moved and left no forwarding address. At 30¢ a copy this is needlessly expensive. If you move, please inform the Editor at once. Latest additions to the list of lost members: C.J. Wilcox and Irving H. Gould.

THE GREEK HORSECAR TOKEN
by Yosef Sa'ar

The tokens that picture the horsecar have always been one of the most attractive areas of vecturist endeavor. In the second half of the last century, there was hardly an important city in the world that did not have a horsecar line at one time. However, it is doubtful that fifty different pictorial horsecar tokens exist. Because of its widespread use of tokens in fare collection, most of these originate in the United States. In 1964 John M. Coffee, Jr., compiled a listing of all U.S. and Canadian tokens that depict the horsecar. By 1970 Norman E. Sherman could rightfully boast of having the first complete collection of North American issues.

Overseas tokens have always been a specialty of mine, and I've always put an extra effort toward the older rarities. I think I would rather add ten old classics a year to my collection than 500 modern pieces. Vecturists have known a Greek horsecar token for quite a few years. It was listed in the Check Lists well before the 1967 K.E. Smith catalogue. About ten years ago I was fortunate enough to obtain an example, and I was impressed by two factors: 1) Its small size, 18 millimeters, and 2) its distinct, but primitive local manufacture. Shortly after acquisition I wrote several numismatic sources in Athens looking for further information. All replies were negative, and one even said the token wasn't from Athens but one of the Greek islands! At the time I thought my correspondent probably a great expert on ancient coins but not knowing a thing about modern Greek numismatics. After all, the token had always been listed from Athens, and how could any Greek city except Athens support a horsecar eighty years ago? Shortly afterwards Dr. Alan Feinberg was kind enough to make some 35 mm. color slides of tokens in my collection, and I included the Greek horsecar piece as one of my favorites. The slides have been shown at lectures in Israel and the United States, but no particular comments regarding the Greek token have been volunteered. When I showed the color print to my local Greek sandal-maker, he also said it was from one of the Greek islands. Again a stone wall. I said it just couldn't be.

Earlier this year there appeared a notice in the Journal of The Transport Ticket Society that a certain member was fluent in Greek and would be happy to help any members with ticket translations. Still anxious to get some information on my little rarity--I believe there is only one other horsecar known from Continental Europe--I sent off my color print to England. One of the difficulties of the early Check Lists and Smith catalogue was that they were produced with an English-language typewriter and could never faithfully reproduce the Greek inscription. Soon my reply came with a full clarification of the legend, a transliteration, and a translation. I'm indebted to Peter S. Hogg for his thorough help. The reverse of the token bears only the denomination 10, and the obverse reads as follows:

in Greek: ΤΡΟΧΙΟΔΡΟΜΟΣ ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΩΝ / Ο.Κ. ΧΑΤΖΙΔΑΚΗ. / ΖΗΣΙΜΟΣ
transliteration: ΤΡΟΧΙΟΔΡΟΜΟΣ ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΩΝ / Ο.Κ. ΧΑΤΖΙΔΑΚΗ / ΖΗΣΙΜΟΣ
translation: TRAMWAY OF KARLOVASI / O.K. CHATZIDAKI. / ZESIMOS

Everything was starting to clear up. Karlovasi is a port city on the northern shore of the Island of Samos, O.K. Chatzidaki would probably be the owner of the tramway, and Zesimos, which appears in tiny letters under the horsecar, is the diesinker. At about the same time I noticed a bibliographic reference to an article by George Ballis, "Unlisted Greek Tokens" in Numismatics International. The American Numismatic Society Library was able to furnish a copy of the article, and I was amazed to find that two other denominations were mentioned, 20 and 40, in addition to the 10 already in my collection. A photograph in the Ballis article shows the 20 piece with a size of 18 mm., but I don't know if we should rely on this.

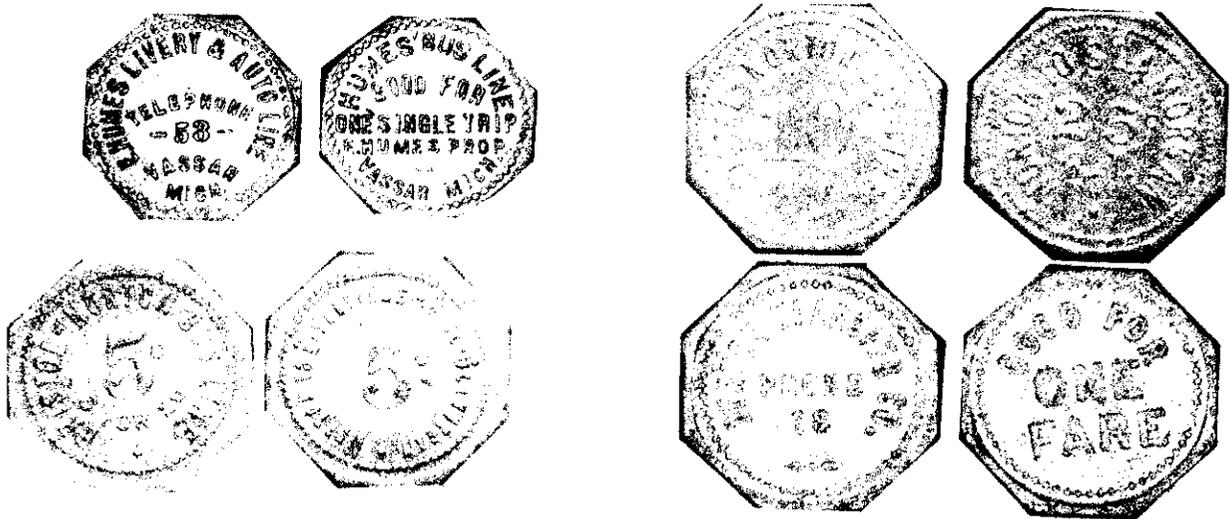
Another source brought to my attention was F.W. Hasluck, "The Levantine Coinage" in Numismatic Chronicle, 1921, page 72. Hasluck sites the Karlovasi Tramway tokens as the most beautiful of all the substitutes for coinage produced during the

last years of Ottoman Turkey. The Island of Samos is one of the Sporades group in the Aegean Sea, situated only one mile off the Turkish Anatolian mainland. Until 1912, when it was ceded to Greece, the island was part of Turkey. Nominal rule was exercised by a local Greek prince appointed by the Sultan in Constantinople. The local language was Greek, which is confirmed by the inscription on the token. Ever since the last part of the 19th century there had been a small change shortage in the crumbling Turkish Empire. It was partially solved by using counterstamped foreign coins, local official scrip, and a few tokens. For a description of some of the coinage substitutes see the Haslock article and recent studies by Costas Chr. Hadziotis in Spink's Numismatic Circular and The Numismatist. The Tramway of Karlovassi was built before the Island of Samos passed to Greece, so the denomination of the tokens would be in Turkish para.

Foster M. Palmer has been able to find the Karlovassi Tramway mentioned in two Greek encyclopaedias. In one written in the 1930's it mentions the tramway as having been built in 1905 and having both passenger and freight cars in operation. A reference to Karlovassi in an encyclopaedia from the 1950's mentions the horse-powered conveyance as being out of use. Mr. Palmer also points out that KARLOVASTION is actually in the plural. This can be explained by the fact that there are three cities of Karlovassi--the old port, Palaion Karlovassi, being somewhat to the west; Mesaion Karlovassi in the center; and Neon Karlovassi, the principal modern center inland from the north coast. Not more than four kilometers separate the three.

Both the British Museum in London and two private Greek sources have failed to answer my requests for photos or rubbings of the unlisted 20 and 40 para tokens. Therefore, the exact listing of these two additional horsecar tokens will have to be delayed. Whether you call them Greek by language or Turkish by **sovereignty**, these little horse-tramway tokens from the Island of Samos are probably the most obscure of any known today.

At this point it would be appropriate to have photographs of the Greek horsecar tokens described above. But not having them, your Editor is filling out the space left on the bottom of Mr. Sa'ar's article with photographs of some rare octagonal U.S. tokens that have not previously been photographed. In order below, then, are Mich 945 A (Vassar) owned by Syd Joseph (and photographed by him); Va 600 N and O (owned and photographed by David Schenkman), and the Benton Transfer token is still unattributed as to origin, and I believe it's the property also of Syd Joseph. I hope the photos come out all right, as we're stretching our machine's ability to the utmost to get these things reproduced well.



= GOLD RAILWAY PASSES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND =
By Les Hawthorne

Australia and New Zealand are probably two countries whose railways, over the years, have issued and used more solid gold railway passes than any other country. Perhaps the reason for this is that Australia, since the 1850's, has been a very big producer of gold. In the 1850's and 1860's, when the different state railways of Australia were in their infancy, silver passes were issued to their railway officials and to members of Parliament. Then in the 1870's solid gold passes came into existence and were issued to the same V.I.P.'s. New Zealand also followed suit and issued gold passes to their railway officials and members of Parliament.

These gold railway passes of Australia and New Zealand were recognized and reciprocally used on each other's railways and, in the case of New Zealand, on the steamers of her lakes which are a part of the railway system.

There have been many gold passes of various types used over the years by both countries but, as Australia has six states and one territory, the passes used by Australia have been more numerous in this respect.

I have been shown a number of gold passes by different railway officials. They are still being used. When I asked them if any were available to collectors, they replied that the ones they had were for future use and they had to have them on hand. However, they said, if I could contact a retired member of Parliament or retired railway official I might be able to purchase their passes, if they were willing to part with them.

I was fortunate in one instance whereby I was presented with a minor official's gold pass which was obsolete and which, he said, had been lying around long enough and would eventually get thrown out or lost. Other gold passes I picked up in antique shops and some from a coin dealer whom I have known for years. A lot of these early gold and silver railway passes have been bought up by gold and silver buyers and melted down, and so lost forever to collectors like ourselves. The ones I have are very rare and some are unique.

Passes, or periodical and seasonal tickets, whether they are of aluminum, brass, copper, or gold and silver, are just as bonafide and genuine transportation items as tokens and should not be neglected or scorned. They serve and are used for the same purpose as a token that says "good for one ride" on it. They are all a part and parcel of transportation token collecting, even if they do not have "good for one car wash" on them. Anyone who turns them down is missing out on a good thing and a lot of enjoyment in not adding them to his or her collection.

One of the passes I have was used by a member of the New Zealand Parliament, and when I showed it to the New Zealand railway officials in Wellington they told me that they could not give me any information on it. They said that their records had been destroyed by a disastrous fire at the turn of the century, and their present records only go back to 1901. However, they said, as the pass had a Victorian crown on it, it could have been used between 1874 and 1900. I picked this one up in an antique shop in Christchurch, N.Z., when the owner brought out a box of odds and ends from the back of the shop to let me look through. I have been told this one could be unique.

Another antique shop owner in Wellington, N.Z., informed me that he had recently sold a gold pass (different from mine) to a woman who wanted it to hang on her charm bracelet. (This is what gives us collectors gray hairs!) While in Wellington I visited a goldsmith who showed me several new gold railway passes he was making up for the members of the New Zealand House of Representatives. Needless to say I did not get one (though I tried hard enough). These passes are all solid gold, not plated, and they range from 14 carats to 22 carats pure gold.

As these passes have been shown to a few members of the A.V.A. at a local club meeting, there no doubt will be a follow-up article (by someone) wherein these passes will be discussed more knowledgeably and learnedly with further information than that which has been given here.

(Editor's Note: Les sent along photos of the passes in his collection; they are strikingly beautiful. Unfortunately the photos aren't good enough to reproduce, but perhaps later they can be rephotographed and shown in The Fare Box. They come in all sizes and shapes with very elaborate artwork on them.)

NORWAY

In the February 1972 Fare Box supplement, at the urging of Mr. Bingen and Mr. Hazevoet, I listed a page of old Norway tokens from the book *Myntgravør Ivan Throndsens Medaljer, Jetonger og Merker* by R. Støren and H. Holst. No pictures or rubbings were available, but I was assured that this was a very accurate catalogue, so I took a chance on the descriptions in the book. Then about a year ago I sold one of my catalogues to a new member in Oslo, Norway, Rolf Johnsen, and he has been dating and re-checking Norwegian tokens for us. About two weeks ago I received from Mr. Johnsen a thick envelope containing nice photographs of many of these old ferry tokens. I am sending these to Mr. Coffee and they will be published either in this issue or in the December one if not received back from the offset service in time. These photos are excellent and show the ferryboats that used the tokens, right on the tokens. On the basis of these photos it appears that the Støren and Holst book contains many minor errors. So I am listing the corrections below.

Alesund	30	(formerly spelled Aalesund)(revised listing)	
		HESØY FAERGEN AALESUND (STEAM FERRY)(STAR ON EACH SIDE)	
A o K	Ov Sd	(RV 707)(26x20mm)	\$2.50
		(A ferry to Hesøy. Mr. Johnsen also has heard of a brass token like 30 A with a blank reverse and is trying to locate it and photograph it.)	
Arendal	60	(new listing)	
		FAERGEBAAD SKILSØ-ARENDALE (MOTOR FERRY)	
G o WM	Hx Sd	(same as obverse)(21mm)	3.50
		FERGEBÅTEN SKILSØ ARENDAL (MOTOR FERRY)	
H o WM	Hx Sd	(blank)(21mm)	5.00
		(There is strong evidence that this token was manufactured in Germany.)	
Oslo	600	(formerly called Kristiana)(revised listings)	
		DAMPF FRAMNAES SKJELLEBAEK-BYGDO 5 ÖRE (DOT ON EACH SIDE)	
P o K	25 Sd	(blank)	3.50
		DAMPFAERGEN FRAMNAES SKJELLEBAEK-BYGDØ 5 ÖRE (DOT ON EACH SIDE)	
Q o K	Ov Sd	(blank)(34x23mm)(used about 1897)	4.00
		ASKER.RØKEN.&.HURUM (D/S IN CENTER)(David Andersen Kristiana around edge)	
R o B	32 Sd	(blank)	3.50
Porsgrunn	640	(used on toll bridge, the Porsgrunn Bro; issued 1894)	
		PB (in monogram over 2 crossed oars in circle and diamond)	
RAo WM	Sq Sd	(same as obverse)(21mm)(rounded corners)	2.50
		(for passage of one person)	
		PB (in monogram over 2 crossed oars in circle and diamond)	
		(with a horseshoe on each side)	
RBo WM	Ov Sd	(same as obverse)(26x21mm)(for passage of a carriage)	3.50
Skarpsno	720	(new listing)	
		SKARPSNO DAMPSKIBSELSKAB (STEAM FERRY)	
A o WM	Ov Sd	(blank)(23x18mm)	3.50
Unknown	998		
		AD (interwoved with top of) S (all inside a large) G (with a steam ferry pictured below)	
A o	Sd	5 Ore	

= SUPPLEMENT #5 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

Illinois

BLOOMINGTON 3070 (Reported by Robert Knobloch)
DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON PARK AND SHOP
A A 16 Ch (blank) (gold colored surface, black printed
letters) \$0.15

CHICAGO 3150 (Reported by David E. Schenkman)
CLARK-STATE SERVICE STATION GOOD FOR 10¢ IN
TRADE (OVER) (parantheses on token)
CL o A 25 Sd On Brakes Greasing Washing Parking Tires-Tubes
Repairs 5.00

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE 3510 (Reported by Louis Crawford, Jr.)
METHODIST / EVANGELICAL / HOSPITAL
F B 23 Sd Louisville, / Kentucky .25

Louisiana

BATON ROUGE 3080 (Reported by Crawford)
PROFESSIONAL CENTER
J B 25 Sd (same as obverse) .25

Michigan

TRAVERSE CITY 3930 (Reported by DHF)
CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT [CORRECT SPELLING CAPITAL]
E B 22 Sd Parking [5/73-] .25

Minnesota

BLOOMINGTON 3105 (Reported by Knobloch)
A & W BLOOMINGTON MINN.
B B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25

MINNEAPOLIS 3540 (Reported by Knobloch)
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY TREAS.
ZA o B 21 Sd (blank) [1938-1940] 3.50
[USED FOR TESTING OF PARKING METERS]

Washington

BREMERTON 3080 (Reported by G. W. Gallagher)
2 HRS. PARKING CITY GARAGE 4TH & WASHINGTON
BREMERTON, WA.
A We 38 Sd (stock Indian reverse) [11/1/74-] .15

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE 3510 (Reported by Knobloch)
MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PARKING 25¢
AV B 23 Sd Milwaukee Childrens Hospital Parking 25¢ .25
[OBSERVE AS WI 3510 ADA, REVERSE AS WI 3510 AT]

Manufacturers' Stock Parking Tokens

GROUP 3067 (Reported by Bill Garrison)

PARKING PRODUCTS INC. PPI

C B 25 Sd Courtesy Parking \$0.25
(O: I of PPI points to)
a. (slant of R -- between IN)
b. (between RO -- N)

Additions and Corrections

- AZ 3640 G: add variety descriptions (9/74)
(O: Bottom of HOSPITAL aligns)
a. (just above P -- just above A)
b. (above P -- above A)
- CA 3450 AC: add variety descriptions
(R: Upright of T in COURTESY points down to)
a. (right side of K)
b. (between KI)
- CA 3760 C: add to and revise variety descriptions
(R: Upright of Y in COURTESY points down to;
lines are mm apart)
a. (right edge of G; 1)
b. (right of G; 1)
c. (" " G; 2)
- IL 3150 C: add reverse varieties H, K
- IL 3150 F: add reverse variety H
- MI 3315 A: delete periods after A and C
- MI 3845 A: add reverse variety F
- MN 3105 A: reported 8/73, BLOOMINGTON, add city code, varieties
(R: G in BLOOMINGTON is; looks like)
a. (short, E) (thick letters)
b. (tall, 6) (thin letters)
- OH 3165 L: add reverse variety G
- PA 3463 B: add to and revise variety descriptions
(O: P in SHOP points down to)
(R: I in PARKING points down to)
a. (between TE) (center of T)
b. (" TE) (left side of T)
c. (E) (center of T)
- PA 3507 A: add variety description (10/74)
c. (between .P -- S)
- PA 3695 C: delete comma after NEW CASTLE (10/74)
- TX 3255 B: add reverse variety I
- TX 3255 D: add reverse variety G
- TX 3255 F: add reverse variety H
- TX 3255 L: add reverse variety L
- TX 3255 P: add reverse variety H
- TX 3340 I: add reverse variety L
- TX 3565 A: add reverse variety L
- Unatt 3025: reverse should have FREE between HOUR and PARKING (8/73)
- MSPT 3064 A: add variety description
(O&R: O's have sides)
a. (flat)
b. (rounded)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

As I prepare this report, it comes during what I am calling "Parking Token Week"--I am spending the entire week on parking tokens, recording and searching new reports, sending out second inquiries to places which did not answer my first inquiry, going over the many notes I have taken on new listings, sorting out the many variety descriptions which have been reported, and generally getting my tokens in order. I have sent out at least 50 letters of inquiry, so the months ahead should see many new reports, and also tokens for PTNIS subscribers. On top of that, I expect to have some interesting and important news for our Association for the next issue relating to transportation, parking and car wash tokens.

With respect to varieties, it is very difficult to work from rubbings. Often I find that my description based on a rubbing does not coincide with the token! Rubbings are good, but they are not an exact reproduction of the token. For that reason, unless there is a very distinctive variety, I will not list die varieties from rubbings any longer--there are just too many chances for errors and wrong descriptions which confuse the issue.

And now on to the listings for this month. No information was provided with the report of the Bloomington token, but it is obviously one of the Golden Circle type of tokens. These have been described before--when a coin is put into the parking meter, the meter dispenses a token which may be redeemed upon purchase from a participating merchant. Bob Knobloch sent me a supply of the tokens to be distributed among PTNIS subscribers.

The new listing for Chicago is very similar in style to the token listed in the catalogue as IL 3150 B. Perhaps there is a whole series of tokens of this style!

The Louisville token listing fits into the listed series, and differs from the line arrangement on the reverse.

Similarly, the new Baton Rouge listing is simply a new size token from a place which has been using tokens for a while. For some reason--perhaps a change in lot usage, or a change in fee if one was charged--a larger size token is now used.

The token for the Cherry Capital Airport, operated by the Northwestern Regional Airport Commission, is an exit token for the gate-controlled lot. The parking fee is collected by an attendant, and the token allows exit from the lot. A supply of this token has been ordered for PTNIS.

The new Bloomington piece appears to have been struck by a different manufacturer than that of the A token. Some of these tokens have very heavy die cracks.

According to information from a firm selling parking control equipment in the Minneapolis area, the City of Minneapolis had a token for meter testing which was used in late 1938 through very early 1940.

In Bremerton, the wooden tokens replace paper slips which have been in use for some time. Merchants purchase the tokens @15¢ from the city, and then the tokens are passed out to customers with a minimum purchase. The token is then worth 25¢ toward the parking fee. Since Mr. Gallagher is the city treasurer of Bremerton, there is no problem in obtaining a supply of the tokens for PTNIS. Mr. Gallagher advises that for anyone not in PTNIS, the token is available from him for 15¢ plus a SAE: G. W. Gallagher, 3518 Rocky Point Rd., Bremerton, WA 98310.

A muling of dies has resulted in a new listing for Milwaukee. Judging from the number of die varieties and different tokens, the Children's Hospital uses up a lot of tokens! This new listing is a combination of dies used for ADA and AT. Note that in one case the apostrophe is omitted from CHILDREN'S.

The new stock token listing was found in use in Ventura, Cal., at the Holiday Inn. I am sure it must be in use in other locations as well.

The list of additions and corrections for this time contains a number of Parcoa reverse variety additions. Most of these came from the efforts of Bob Knobloch, and illustrate the fact that if a place which has used parking tokens for some time is still in operation, there is a high probability that at least one new reverse variety exists. Most parking tokens of the Parcoa type are ordered in lots of 1,000, and such batches can disappear very quickly. In fact, I have been told by several different operators that out of every 100 tokens given out, only 80 return in use. Thus, it does not take too many cycles before the entire batch has disappeared!

Someone mentioned to me that there is a parking token for the Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club in Union, Washington. I have not had any specific information on the token, and my inquiry to the Club produced a big fat zero. I was told that the tokens have been used since 1967 for private roads control, and tokens are given only to members or their guests--none for collectors. If indeed the token is for road control rather than just parking, there may be an argument that it is a transportation, not parking, token. Who will be able to get one of these tokens for listing and to obtain more exact information on how the token is used?

My plans on PTNIS are to continue to accumulate tokens, and then to make a nice shipment after the Christmas holiday season. There are still a few openings available in PTNIS if you are interested. All you need to start is to make a deposit of \$5 to \$10, and then tokens will be sent out at intervals and charged to your account. If you want the most recent shipment, be sure to send \$10 as that shipment alone was \$6.00. Also, please make out your check or money order to me.

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= NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service
L.M. CURD & SON LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. 534-2181 OAKLAND CALIF.
W Pe 38 Sd Good For 50¢ on Next Limousine Trip (white ltrs)(* 8/2/74) \$0.25
MARIPOSA TAXI 966-2798 966-3932 MARIPOSA CALIF.
X Pg 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white ltrs)(* 9/9/74) .15
PACIFIC STEAMER 22350 HOMESTEAD RD. CUPERTINO CAL.
Y A 29 Sd Old London Coach & Travel Co. One Fare 1874 .35
[Error in date: it should have read "1974"]

INDIANA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)
DEAN'S BLUE CAB TEL: 659-3324 FRANKFORT IND.
B Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(black ltrs)(* 8/8/74) .15
Correction to 1000 A: add (white ltrs)[error in phone number]

MAINE

Miscellaneous (1000)(Reported by N.I.S.)
TWIN TOWN TAXI TEL: 897-3787 LIVERMORE FALLS ME.
C Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white ltrs)(* 8/9/74) .15

MASSACHUSETTS

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)
KEN'S 24 HOUR TAXI SERVICE TEL: 545-6050 SCITUATE MASS.
A Pr 38 Sd Good For 25¢ on a Taxi Ride (white ltrs)(* 8/9/74) .25
Worcester 970 (Reported by N.E.N.A.)
WORCESTER BUS COMPANY OCT. 26, 1974 (BUS & BUILDING)
E o We 38 Sd Good For N.E.N.A. Museum Trip October 26, 1974 \$3.00 One Fare .25

MICHIGAN

Zone Checks 997(Reported by Bernard Keith)
PLYMOUTH COACH CO. ZONE CHECK (COUNTERSTAMPED 1)
A o A 31 Sd Charter Bus Service Phone Ply-9162 Return to Driver 1.00
[Tokens also exist with the numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7, counterstamped.
We shall wait to see if the missing numbers show up, and then probably
assign each token an individual listing.]

MISSOURI

St. Louis 910
L.H.S.S. (Lutheran High School South)[incuse letters]
X o A 25 Sd (blank) 1.00
Correction to 910 V [Sept. 1974 Fare Box]: add (incuse letters)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)
AL'S TAXI & DELIVERY SERVICE TEL: 752-1461 BERLIN, N.H.
A Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab)(white ltrs) .15

NEW JERSEY

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)
NITE OWL TAXI TEL: 341-4181 TOMS RIVER N.J.
A Pe 38 Sd Good For 25¢ on a Taxi Ride (white ltrs)(* 8/9/74) .25

NEW YORK

Syracuse 875 (Reported by Duane Feisel & Tom Williamson)
 ADULT / CENTRO (LOGO) / CNY CENTRO INC.
 Y B 16 Bl Good For One Fare / Centro (logo) / Adult (* 10/74) (2 slots) \$0.35

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fort Meade 370 (Reported by Russ Moyer)
 [OBERSE SAME AS 370 A]
 B o Z 26 Sd Good For 5¢ in Trade 5.00

Sioux Falls 840 (Reported by Charles Nichols)
 YELLOW CAB CO. DIAL 4-4021 THE THINKING FELLOW, CALLS A YELLOW
 G o A 32 Sd Good For 50¢ in Trade 1.00

TENNESSEE

Knoxville 430
 SUBURBAN LINES KNOXVILLE 1948
 W o Bz 23 S Good For One Fare ****

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)
 ABC CAB CO. TEL: 379-3282 MT. PLEASANT TENN.
 A Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (* 8/8/74) .15

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Bill Clapper to John Coffee)

PUGH'S TAXI
 146 B 23 Sd Good For 25¢ in Trade

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

I had to get busy and list some of these tokens which were piling up. It seems there is always a bunch of tokens to list about the time John Coffee gets back to Boston, so I have to list these things before people start writing in asking why they aren't listed. Most of the taxi tokens are self-explanatory so I won't go into them very deeply.

First we have a couple of these plastic taxi tokens for California, as well as a token made for a restaurant down in Cupertino. The owner of the restaurant obtained one of those London double-decker buses and, in addition to using it for his own restaurant, charters the bus out to other groups, and on these charters he hands out the tokens. As the token has the name of the restaurant on the token it is mainly a publicity gimmick. Unfortunately the token came through with the wrong date. No matter how carefully you stress the wording, the manufacturer sometimes makes errors. No one paid much attention to the date, and the outfit is using the tokens as is, and that is the important thing.

We had listed a taxi token from Indiana in the May 1974 Fare Box with the wrong phone number. The owner wanted the tokens anyway, and then on a reorder he got the correct number. Note the ones with the wrong number have white letters; those with the correct number have black letters.

The New England Numismatic Association used a wooden nickel for a tour they had in connection with their 1974 meeting and after the show was over we were able to get a supply for the N.I.S. Of course the token is listed for a nominal value now that the tour is over, in keeping with a policy established with Mass 115 AC and AD, and anyway it would be obscene to list a wooden nickel for \$3. We hope these don't get broken in the mail; but we have a few more in case any do get broken.

We are listing a zone check for Michigan. Bernard Keith found these at a flea market. For the time being I'll give these only one listing, since tokens with 2 and 3 may show up and then we could list them all in the right order. A city directory in 1946 listed this firm at 789 West Ann Arbor Road, and we can assume these tokens were used right after the war.

On the Lutheran school tokens for St. Louis, Lee Hope has come up with a token

and Dave Jordan also found some tokens in this series. See my notes on 910 V and W in the September Fare Box.

At a recent token jamboree in Pittsburgh (the Feisel show) there was an exhibit of tokens by Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago, the big token manufacturer. In the display were two varieties for Syracuse. One of these was already listed, but the other one was new to us. Tom Williamson checked this new one out and found that the token was just put into use in the first week in October. He was able to get a supply for our New Issues Service. Centro now operates in Syracuse, Auburn, and Oswego, and tokens are sold in these 3 cities as a convenience. However, in buying packets of ten tokens you also get some free food coupons from Carrolls Food stores.

I never had any information on the Ft. Meade, SD, operation, and some have suggested that these are only trade checks, "bus" being short for "business." Anyway it seems the token also comes in zinc so I'm listing the zinc one this month. Duane Feisel thought these tokens were vintage early 1900's. But since the token comes in zinc, a use during World War II would be indicated. We would certainly like to have a story on just how these items were really used.

The South Dakota cab company token--this is just like SD 840 F, but lacks the two letters in the phone number. I know nothing about these items, but apparently there was a batch of tokens made prior to the use of telephone letter prefixes, and this is one of this earlier batch.

When a token manufacturer moved their place of business, a lot of their old samples and overruns apparently got into the hands of different collectors. One of these is the Knoxville token listed this month, which has been reported now, all of a sudden, by several different collectors. There is nothing to show that the token was ever actually used, but it could have been. About 1948, Knoxville Transit was going out of the streetcar business. They had the franchise for the city of Knoxville, and also for intercity lines under the name of Tennessee Coach Co. Possibly these new tokens were for the latter operation. The value of tokens like this, all of which came from a manufacturer, is uncertain so we just put **** until the situation settles down. Strange to say I was in Knoxville in the early 1950's, and if I had known of these tokens then I could have got the full story, as the folks at the bus company were very cooperative. But as I knew nothing about this token, I was unable to ask about it.

Another token that has been showing up, and which I cannot identify, is a 16mm white metal token with HOLIDAY LAKES on obverse and GOOD FOR ONE FARE on reverse. If anyone can tell us where Holiday Lakes is, we'd like to hear from you.

I did write to St. Louis about tokens which are being used by a local bank there. They replied that they did not have special tokens made, and were simply using some of the tokens they had on hand from the previous bus line. Bi-State Transit Service runs things there now, so apparently they inherited a lot of the older tokens.

We know that New York City has 35,000,000 new 20mm tokens for a fare hike on hand. The last two fare raises there went into effect on the first Sunday in January. We shall see if January 5 brings out the new tokens and a hefty 45¢ fare in NYC.

In the October Fare Box we listed a Poughkeepsie, NY, token. The dates on the token are for Poughkeepsie's incorporation first as a village, then as a city.

Another token recently issued is as follows:

TAYLORS BUS LINE T
B 23 B1 Good For One Fare T (3 slots)

Possibly from Maine. Anyone help us on this one? Probably in use right now.

Larry Bosler of Warminster, PA, writes that his collection of Philadelphia tokens was stolen by thieves who broke into his home. Taken were: Pa 750 AA AB AC AD AE AF AG AH AI AJ AK AL AM AN AO AP AQ AR AS AT (plus an unpunched AT) AU, 998 H; NJ 115 C D E F G (plus unpunched examples of C and E). Some of the tokens were in multiples. If anyone gets offered tokens like this, especially the unpunched Pa 750 AT, which is unique, please let us know immediately.

BEST OFFER in TT's or cash for my CWT Mo 910 B. Mail bids can be had for a 10¢ stamp if you aren't on my mailing list.

Don R. McKelvey - 2822 19th Ave. - Port Huron, MI 48060

CALIFORNIA TOKENS WANTED! I collect all CA tokens--trade, military, transp., parking, car wash, etc., and can offer many types of tokens in trade, or will buy. Let me know what you have. I especially need these TT's: 575 B C, 715 A B D H I, 745 A B C N, 775 A B, 895 H K, 990 A, 997 A B C D E F K, 998 A C D E F.

Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022

MAIL BID SALE: Ill 320 A,B,C; Mich 1000 B; NJ 250 A; Ohio 726 B (unc. beauty); SD 260 A, 760 A, 1000 A; Wis 170 B C D, 180 B E, 330 A, 410 B C E, 440 B G H, 510 A C D E K L, 700 B, 790 A B G, 980 A F G, 1000 A B.

Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase St. - Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

250 DIFFERENT TRANSP. TOKENS for \$45.00.

William Heard - 1626 Encinal Ave. - Alameda, CA 94501

MY NEW PERSONAL TOKEN FOR YOURS. If none send SAE (Canadian 8¢ stamp).

Roy Stewart = Box 4481 Stn "C" = London, Ontario N5W-5J5

HAVE: Brooklyn Union Ferry Co. -foot passenger- cardboard ticket to trade for a better transp. token. What am I offered?

Win Nowell - 8 Rollins St. - Groveland, MA 01834

AUCTION: Ala 750 K; Alas 450 I; AZ 1000 G; Ark 285 A, 885 C D; Cal 835 E F; Col 140 J; Haw 240 A B E; Ida 440 J; Ill 130 G; Ia 380 J, 480 A; Ky 480 L; Neb 540 Q; NM 40 C; Ohio 435 B, 860 H I; Pa 605 G; RI 700 F; Tex 65 E; Mo 910 H; Tex 985 C; WANTED: postcards picturing depots.

H.C. Reidling - 8847 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238

NEED: Cal 320 C F G I. Will buy, trade, etc. Also need most common CA TT's. Thanks.

Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

FOR SALE: 9 YEARS OF THE FARE BOX, 1965 thru 1973, price \$5 per year. TAMS JOURNAL 1965 thru 1973, price \$5 per year.

Marie.A. Johnson - Route 2 - Clinton, MI 49236

PARKING TOKENS WANTED (PAY TEN TIMES CAT.): Col 3140 A B, 3260 E; CT 3560 B; FL 3050 B D; GA 3060 A; IL 3025 C, 3042 B, 3150 I J L O S T U X AC AE AF AG AQ AS AW BH BQ BY BZ CA CB CE, 3155 D, 3250 J K, 3640 E, 3690 A, 3795 B, 3890 A. Will pay 10x Cat.

Have number of VA 3660 Bb for sale 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.

Harold E. Mayland - 152 Parkview Dr. - Union, NJ 07083

AUCTION: Ala 560 Mb; NY 905 C D F; NY 945 A C; Wash 840 D E, 880 F G H I J.

H.L. Robbins - Box 98 - Tillicum, WA 98492

WANTED: Mass 210 B, 550 M P, 630 F; VT 150 B C D E F G.

Mel Beaton - 30 Hecla Street - Boston, MA 02122

TT's FOR SALE: 20¢ each + postage: Tex 320 E; Va 500 D F; WVa 850 A; DC 500 K P; P.R. 640 M; Ont 400 C; Que 200 A. Will allow you 20¢ each for your Indian pennies in exchange for my TT's. = C.G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

TRADE: Tex 445 I; Va 530 A, 620 I; Wis 220 E. If no trade then to highest bidder.

Also have to trade bus drivers hat badges for other badges or TT's.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

FOR SALE (+ POSTAGE): Ark 1000 A 25¢; Cal 575 N 25¢, Q 30¢, 885 A 50¢, 1000 P 25¢; Ind 1000 A 25¢; Kans 970 L 45¢; Me 1000 A 25¢, B 40¢; NY 760 D 30¢; Pa 70 A 15¢, 940 B 15¢; RI 700 J 50¢; Tex 320 G 25¢, 1000 J 25¢; Vt 180 C 50¢; Va 1000 A B 25¢ each; Minneapolis convention tokens \$1.60 set pp. List of English for sale upon request; German TT's for trade. Also any of above items for trade for Calif. trade tokens.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR SALE: Colo 860 C 75¢; Ga 450 B 30¢; Ill 250 K L M N \$2.75 set; RI 520 H 70¢, 700 H I J red tokens 50¢ each; Vt 180 C 35¢, plus enough postage; I have the envelopes.

H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888

WANTED TO BUY: (OR TRADE): dog license tags. Over 2,000 traders (no vaccine please).

Also wanted, B.P.O.E. tokens. = Buck Witt - 7950 S. Mark Rd. - Canby, OR 97013

WANTED: Your duplicate transp. tokens. If you have from 300 to 3,000 of the same token I can use them and I will give you a swap that will be very beneficial to you.

Just send me the attribution and the number you have and I will make you an attractive offer. = Max M. Schwartz - 2920 Point East Drive, N-501 - Miami, FL 33160

FOR SALE: Pa 3510 Ab \$2, B 40¢, 840 F or G 40¢ ea. Take all four, \$2.75.

R. DeSantis - 108 N. Main Ave. - Scranton, PA 18504

CAN ANYONE HELP? I need the following personal tokens: 3 A B C D, 42 B C, 68 A B, 80 A, 116 B C, 157 A, 236 A, 277 A, 312 A, 314 A B C D, 335 B C, 367 A, 375 A B, 386 A B, 412 A, 431 A B I J K L M N O P Q R, 441 A B C D E F G, 449 B.

Bob Kloida - 2821 Parkridge Ave. - Marinette, WI 54143

WANTED: Ia 850 F or G, and Sioux City trade tokens. Will trade a damaged Ia 850 I, 850 H; Cal 745 N; WVa unlisted 890, 30 over 10 East + Iowa trade tokens.

Pat Morgan - Box 3282 - Sioux City, IA 51102

NEED THE FOLLOWING KANSAS 15¢ cat. TT's: 40 G, 250 A E, 290 A, 450 F, 550 B, 600 D E, 820 B C, 940 A B C D E F G, 980 C D E. Will trade either one Kans 970 L, cat. 30¢, or my choice of 3 diff. 15¢ TT's for each sent.

J.W. Baum - 3101 N. Arkansas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67204

FOR SALE: Ariz 840 G 40¢, E 40¢; Ark 360 E 40¢, 720 C 40¢; Cal 435 B 50¢; Ill 510 A 75¢; Ind 90 A \$3; Kans 940 N \$1.25; Ky 10 P 50¢, 480 Ra 40¢, Rb 40¢, S \$1.50, 510 O \$5; Md 300 A \$3; Mo 440 J 40¢, 910 H \$1; NM 430 A \$2; NY 905 D \$3, F \$3; Ohio 165 N \$5. 20¢ postage please.

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TRADE: ILL 385 A; Ala 560 M; Ind 3660 A; SC 3100 A, for AVA convention tokens of Cal., Minn., or Wash. at cat. value. NO Calif 760 J!

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I OFFER STOCK certificates from Baltimore Consolidated Ry. and United Ry. & Electric Co. dated late 1890's for \$3.50 each. They are in bound volumes of 500 each, and I will sell them as such. Also offered, Baltimore Transit Co. variety certificates at \$2 each. WANTED: Mich 885 C. Make offer.

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700 DIFFERENT TT's for \$180.00 postpaid. FOR SALE: Polaroid CU-5 Close-Up Camera. Includes camera body, 3-inch (75mm) 1:1 lens; also 2:1 lens - ratio multiplier; frames electronic flash; AC power pack. All in custom-fitted Samsonite travel case. Cost over \$600. But will sell for \$350. My Fall sales list is available.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

FOR TRADE: Ohio 3230 A; Ia 310 G H F J M, 300 I; Mo 430 C, 440 B; Neb 540 P; ND 320 B Ohio 860 M N O, 995 C; Pa 935 B, 950 Ja Jb; Tenn 415 D; Sambo wooden 5¢ from Puyallup Wash. = Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle - Mason, OH 45040

LIMITED NUMBER of obsolete rare Queensland (Australia) Govt. Railway passes for sale (see page 40, 1973 Fare Box for article on these passes). Price \$10 each.

Les Hawthorne - 3742½ Griffith View Dr. - Los Angeles, CA 90039

TIMETABLE TOKENS FOR SALE: The blue plastic token issued by the TWA Airlines listed as Timetable "Y" (see page 638 in Atwood). I have a limited number for sale at \$3.50 each. = Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

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George Hopchak - 5062 Glenhurst Rd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15207

MAIL AUCTION: AK 300 H; CA 575 Ab; CO 260 N; CO 600 A; CT 30 A; IN 90 A; IA 150 B; NE 305 D; NY 631 S; 715 A; 905 F; NC 380 C; ND 260 Ba; SD 680 B; TX 55 C; WA 860 B.

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W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

WANTED: Me 480 B, 550 A, 710 B, 740 A, 930 A; Mont 100 A, 320 A B, 480 C, 660 A, 690 A, 740 A, 998 A.

J.H. Roy - 10201 Christophe Colomb - Montreal, Quebec

FREE! My new personal token good for 25¢ in trade. Aluminum. Reverse from old merchant token, Album's Calif. Santa Cruz 75 AK, Hotel Furrer. Send SASE.

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FOR SALE: Quebec 745 H-P \$5; 800 A-J \$15; N.S. 100 G-M \$12; Alberta 140 A B \$4.

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WILL ACCEPT TT's or PT's or similar items listed below on one for one basis swap. I have ample quantities of all to enable you to off-load your duplicates for mine (numeral denotes diff. varieties each item) - Metal dog licenses (7); Metal Cat Licenses (6); Bike licenses (5); Taxi Licenses (3); Pinback buttons (9), Purple Heart pin on insignia. = G.W. Gallagher - 3518 Rocky Point - Bremerton, WA 98310

MY P.T. LIST FOR YOURS. Have about 1000 diff. to trade.

Gordon Wold - R #1, Box 189 - Princeton, MN 55371

SOUTH CAROLINA TOKENS WANTED: SC 110 A, 310 A, 450 E, 490 B C, 500 A C, 650 A. Parking, Masonic, trade, H&K and others also wanted.

Randy Chambers - P.O. Box 1026 - Gaffney, SC 29340

PERSONAL TOKEN COLLECTORS: Have a new variety of my personal #402 G, horsecar of 402 H, parking gate on elongated cents, each with a newly processed silver plated center, sell for \$1 each or trade either one for a round wooden nickel that was issued prior to 1945, must be attributable as to date, town, state, no reprints, also want key tags metal, reward, owners # type...or make an offer.

H.C. Schmal - Box 5239 - Phoenix, AZ 85010

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David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

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John K. Curtis - Box 263 - Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5S9

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= AUCTION OF TOKENS FROM THE COLLECTION OF RICHARD K. ATKINS =

This auction consists only of scarce and rare tokens, catalogued at 50¢ and up (with a couple listed under 50¢ which are flagrantly underpriced in Atwood). Tokens listed are all in nice condition, but purchasers may return any tokens for full refund if not fully satisfied with them. Proceeds will go to Mrs. Atkins. Here is a rare opportunity to buy yourself a Christmas present. Send all bids directly to the Editor. Bids must be received no later than January 6, 1975. Mail bids (bid by lot number) to:

JOHN M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. BOX 1204 - BOSTON, MA 02104

1 Ala 40 A	48 Calif 760 B	94 Ida 380 B	139 Ind 450 A	186 Ky 370 D
2 Ala 40 B	(holed)	95 Ida 440 A	140 Ind 460 F	187 Ky 370 E
3 Ala 560 A	49 Calif 775 C	96 Ida 440 G	141 Ind 460 H	188 Ky 480 A
4 Ala 560 B	50 Calif 775 D	97 Ida 440 H	142 Ind 460 N	(dark)
5 Ala 560 I	51 Calif 815 C	98 Ida 440 I	143 Ind 460 O	189 Ky 480 D-L
6 Ala 560 J	52 Calif 880 A	99 Ida 640 A	144 Ind 460 P	(set of 9)
7 Ala 560 Z	53 Calif 950 A	100 ILL 10 A	145 Ind 580 A	190 Ky 510 A
8 Ala 610 A	54 Calif 950 B	101 ILL 70 D	146 Ind 610 C	(very worn)
9 Ala 840 A	55 Colo 140 A	102 ILL 100 A	147 Ind 680 A	191 Ky 510 C
10 Alas 190 A	56 Colo 140 C	103 ILL 130 E	148 Ind 930 C	192 Ky 510 D
11 Alas 300 C	57 Colo 260 N	104 ILL 150 Aa	149 Ind 960 B	193 Ky 510 I
12 Alas 300 E	58 Colo 260 O	105 ILL 150 S	150 Ind 980 B	194 Ky 510 N
13 Alas 300 F	59 Colo 260 P	106 ILL 150 W	151 Iowa 30 A	195 Ky 510 O
14 Alas 450 D	60 Colo 260 Q	107 ILL 150 X	152 Iowa 30 D	196 Ky 510 AC
15 Alas 450 E	61 Colo 280 A	108 ILL 150 AE	153 Iowa 100 A	197 Ky 510 AG
16 Alas 450 I	62 Colo 540 C	109 ILL 150 AF	154 Iowa 150 A	198 Ky 510 AH
17 Alas 450 L	63 Colo 540 D	110 ILL 155 A	155 Iowa 230 B	199 Ky 510 AY
18 Alas 450 M	64 Colo 860 C	111 ILL 155 B	156 Iowa 300 D	200 Ky 510 BJ
19 Alas 500 B	65 Colo 860 D	112 ILL 195 A	157 Iowa 300 E	201 Ky 510 BK
20 Alas 800 A	66 Conn 320 A	badly worn	158 Iowa 300 G	202 Ky 510 BN
21 Ariz 640 A	67 Conn 345 A	113 ILL 200 A	159 Iowa 300 H	203 Ky 510 BO
22 Ariz 680 A	68 Conn 525 A	114 ILL 200 E	160 Iowa 390 B	204 Ky 510 BP
23 Ariz 720 A	69 Conn 550 A	115 ILL 320 A	161 Iowa 510 A	205 Ky 510 BQ
24 Ark 435 B	70 Dela 900 A	116 ILL 320 C	162 Iowa 640 H	206 Ky 510 BR
25 Ark 435 G	71 Fla 105 A	117 ILL 385 A	163 Iowa 740 A	207 Ky 510 BT
26 Calif 25 A	72 Fla 130 A	118 ILL 460 C	164 Iowa 740 B	208 La 30 B
27 Calif 50 B	73 Fla 440 A	119 ILL 475 A	165 Iowa 850 M	209 La 30 D
28 Calif 105 A	74 Fla 540 A	120 ILL 505 A	166 Iowa 930 C	210 La 520 A
29 Calif 395 A	75 Fla 540 B	121 ILL 505 B	167 Iowa 930 D	211 La 670 C
30 Calif 435 B	76 Fla 910 A	122 ILL 600 D	168 Kans 40 B	212 La 790 A
31 Calif 450 D	77 Fla 1000 A	123 ILL 600 F	169 Kans 40 Ca	213 La 810 F
32 Calif 535 A	78 Ga 60 H	124 ILL 720 A	170 Kans 40 D	214 Me 40 B
33 Calif 535 B	79 Ga 60 I	125 ILL 755 C	171 Kans 40 E	215 Me 480 A
34 Calif 535 C	80 Ga 580 A	126 ILL 760 L-P	172 Kans 40 F	216 Me 480 B
35 Calif 535 D	81 Ga 630 A	(set of 5)	173 Kans 450 B	217 Me 710 B
36 Calif 575 Aa	82 Ga 630 B	127 ILL 763 A	174 Kans 450 C	218 Me 740 A
37 Calif 575 Ab	83 Ga 750 E	128 ILL 795 A	175 Kans 550 A	219 Md 60 D
38 Calif 575 D	84 Ga 765 A	129 ILL 795 B	176 Kans 600 C	220 Md 60 I
39 Calif 575 F	85 Ga 880 A	130 ILL 795 D	177 Kans 640 D	221 Md 60 K
40 Calif 625 B	86 Haw 210 C	131 ILL 795 F	178 Kans 820 A	222 Md 60 L
41 Calif 630 A	87 Haw 240 A	132 ILL 900 A	179 Kans 980 A	223 Md 60 M
42 Calif 630 B	88 Haw 240 E	133 ILL 900 B	180 Kans 980 B	224 Md 60 O
43 Calif 745 D	89 Haw 330 A	134 Ind 90 A	181 Ky 45 Ab	225 Md 60 Q
44 Calif 745 E	90 Haw 330 B	135 Ind 90 B	182 Ky 45 C	226 Md 60 U
45 Calif 745 F	91 Haw 420 A	136 Ind 180 A	183 Ky 45 D	227 Md 60 V
46 Calif 745 G	92 Haw 540 B	137 Ind 280 A	184 Ky 85 C	228 Md 60 X
47 Calif 745 H	93 Ida 380 A	138 Ind 300 A	185 Ky 270 B	229 Md 60 Z

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= THE BIRD HACK LINE OF OELWEIN, IOWA =

Iowa 700 A was listed in the April 1974 Fare Box and I wrote to Oelwein to get some information on this outfit, if possible. There was no newspaper in town so I wrote the postmaster. He handed the letter to an oldtimer, and he answered me:

"Dear Mr. Coffee: The Postmaster sent me your letter at once. I have been looking--our historical society, senior citizens, etc. But I cannot find much. I think I have contacted all the oldtimers. Some Bird families in the area but no relatives. No one ever saw a token. I do remember the hack. He was at the RR depot, call out 'Hack, Bags and Baggage to all parts of the City!' His hack was old, seat at top of cab for the driver, rail around top for suitcases and bags, place for trunks on the back, room for 4 or 6 inside, seats facing. He had no competition we can find and only this one hack. Liked people, made friends. Enclosed one I did find. I know nothing about it. Will keep your letter in case I find something. PS The Model-T taxi put Bird out of business."

One of the last eye-witness accounts. There aren't many left anywhere who remember the old hotel hacks, and it's nice to find someone who can tell us what it was like. I've reproduced the above letter exactly as he wrote it.

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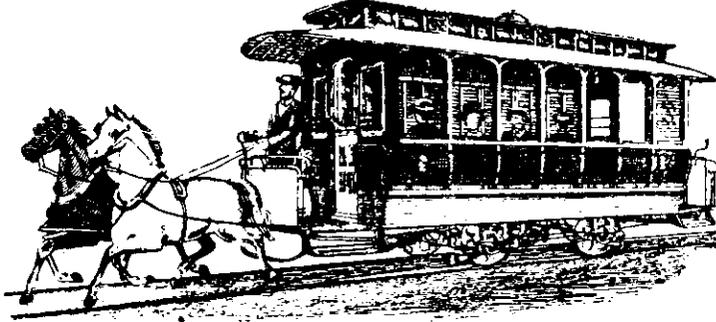
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DORIS WORTHEN

The Editor regrets to report the death of Mrs. Doris Worthen, AVA #1299, on December 28. Doris lived in Iowa Park, Texas, a suburb of Wichita Falls, and was a loyal member of our society since 1971. Her many friends and correspondents will join us in mourning her untimely death. She was only 47.

January 8. If you have not yet paid your 1975 A.V.A. dues of \$6 please do so. Use the dues envelope included with last month's issue. If you've lost it, just send the \$6 to our Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219.

We include four pages of photographs in this issue, mostly enlarged pictures of early Norwegian ferry tokens listed last month in the Foreign Supplement. There are also some pictures of U.S. tokens in the same size as the tokens. Note that the picture of La 470 A is correctly attributed. The picture on page 252 of Atwood is also captioned La 470 A, but is really 470 B. We are also pleased to be able, for the first time, to picture the magnificently beautiful Pa 765 A--a black vulcanite which we think is the loveliest transportation token in existence. The pictured tokens are the property of Dan DiMichael except for La 470 A and Pa 765 A, which belong to the Editor. The photo pages were prepared for us by Grant Schmalgemeier.

This issue also contains the Prices Realized for last month's auction from Dick Atkins' collection. Some bids arrived after January 6, and I was unable to honor them because they were late. So try to get bids in early for the 2nd auction which is in this (December) issue.

I received far more want-lists than I was able to go over, for the under-50¢ tokens in the Atkins collection, but have filled a lot of lists nonetheless. May I suggest that instead of complete want-lists, you send me a shorter list of under-50¢ tokens that you want, together with prices you offer for them? I'll just send the tokens to you if I have them and if your price is OK, which it probably will be. Very few steel or zinc tokens remain in the collection as they are virtually unrecognizable, although Bill Crawford has done some amazing salvage work with them.

Finally, sometimes our address plates have minor errors such as slight spelling errors (such as "Pittsburgh" for Pittsburg, Kans.) As these in no way hinder postal delivery we don't amend them because it is simply too costly to do so.



= PRICES REALIZED IN THE NOVEMBER AUCTION OF THE ATKINS COLLECTION =
 (List of tokens on Page 179 of Last month's Fare Box)

1	\$4.55	39	\$2.90	77	\$5.00	115	\$10.10	153	\$5.60	191	\$11.85
2	6.10	40	8.26	78	7.00	116	8.00	154	8.50	192	11.85
3	7.60	41	28.60	79	4.26	117	15.26	155	10.10	193	11.85
4	12.00	42	28.60	80	3.05	118	4.65	156	2.35	194	4.00
5	5.00	43	5.81	81	9.35	119	2.50	157	2.90	195	7.50
6	1.55	44	5.81	82	2.70	120	2.80	158	5.60	196	16.50
7	2.01	45	5.81	83	2.65	121	4.10	159	5.60	197	3.05
8	5.10	46	2.15	84	9.65	122	7.13	160	8.26	198	2.55
9	5.10	47	2.15	85	3.50	123	2.00	161	9.30	199	5.00
10	10.81	48	12.50	86	21.00	124	10.10	162	7.00	200	.50
11	4.45	49	15.26	87	1.15	125	1.80	163	5.30	201	3.50
12	2.85	50	18.71	88	1.01	126	2.51	164	3.50	202	2.85
13	21.07	51	3.45	89	21.07	127	14.85	165	6.00	203	2.85
14	6.95	52	6.20	90	5.10	128	11.00	166	3.25	204	2.85
15	7.00	53	8.50	91	17.07	129	14.85	167	5.81	205	2.55
16	5.81	54	8.50	92	8.75	130	10.81	168	2.55	206	24.60
17	5.10	55	8.35	93	15.60	131	16.50	169	2.65	207	3.50
18	5.25	56	3.20	94	11.05	132	7.00	170	4.55	208	2.35
19	11.60	57	no bid	95	7.13	133	15.00	171	4.55	209	1.85
20	4.85	58	3.00	96	5.81	134	1.65	172	3.00	210	3.60
21	20.05	59	6.50	97	8.26	135	3.65	173	2.60	211	2.50
22	20.05	60	6.50	98	15.30	136	5.80	174	2.60	212	16.00
23	39.50	61	28.60	99	4.10	137	22.00	175	18.50	213	6.60
24	18.50	62	3.76	100	1.10	138	1.50	176	2.45	214	5.81
25	16.50	63	1.55	101	2.50	139	9.10	177	34.60	215	15.26
26	3.25	64	4.50	102	18.50	140	6.00	178	5.00	216	37.77
27	7.00	65	5.81	103	5.81	141	10.00	179	3.05	217	4.10
28	4.55	66	20.55	104	5.55	142	5.81	180	no bid	218	4.80
29	7.00	67	2.65	105	8.26	143	15.26	181	5.10	219	40.05
30	no bid	68	6.27	106	22.85	144	3.60	182	1.85	220	5.05
31	2.65	69	2.65	107	7.00	145	11.85	183	1.85	221	6.05
32	14.55	70	10.81	108	2.85	146	5.81	184	1.85	222	5.80
33	8.26	71	3.85	109	2.85	147	16.50	185	34.60	223	8.55
34	8.26	72	22.85	110	4.85	148	5.25	186	2.55	224	29.91
35	17.50	73	4.55	111	18.50	149	3.60	187	2.26	225	3.50
36	10.00	74	4.00	112	15.00	150	11.85	188	46.25	226	3.50
37	1.16	75	5.81	113	2.20	151	4.50	189	10.10	227	1.20
38	3.10	76	16.50	114	15.50	152	5.81	190	14.50	228	9.00
										229	6.85

Well! I am overwhelmed. It would seem that transportation tokens are literally worth their weight in gold, and more. Prices in this auction have been about as high as at any time in history, although there were a few bargains, such as Lot #189 and some others. Collectors interested in following the true values of tokens might well put these prices next to the listings in their Atwood Catalogues. Furthermore, there was brisk bidding on most lots. We had about 55 different bidders, nearly all of whom were successful on at least a few lots. Lots that enjoyed the most active bidding were 51, 52, 53, 54, 61, 66, 89, 91, 94, 95, 96, 97, 102, 114, 127, 128, 132, 135, 137, 140, 142, 145, 147, 150, 153, 160, 162, 165, 214, 219, and these could be called the most "wanted" tokens in the auction. Lots 151 and 153 received far and away the largest number of bids. The auction in this month's issue contains, to my way of thinking, even higher grade tokens. The prices realized in the above auction may give pause to future bidders, so there may be some real bargains in this month's auction. Successful bidders in the above auction will be notified as soon as I get this (December) Fare Box out of the way. In several cases I had duplicate bids, in which case the token went, of course, to the earlier bid. And remember, successful bidders may return any token not satisfactory to them for full refund, no questions asked.

= UNLISTED PASSES AND TOKENS OF NEW ZEALAND =

By Les Hawthorne

While down in Australia last year I flew from Melbourne to Christchurch, on the South Island of New Zealand. From there I toured the island, stopping at all the towns and cities which had operated tramways in the past (none in service now).

From the top of the island I crossed over the Cook Straits by vehicular ferry to Wellington on the North Island. Then from Wellington up to New Plymouth via Wanganui and thence to Auckland. From Auckland I flew back down to Christchurch and then across the Tasman Sea again to Melbourne. Altogether I had a very enjoyable five weeks and picked up a number of very scarce and rare unlisted transportation items, which I shall describe here:

Christchurch, N.Z.

Z 24 Sd C.T.B. (EARLY TYPE TROLLEY TRAM)[Christchurch Tramway Board]
(blank)(gold-plated(used between 1905 and 1920's)

Invercargil, N.Z.

T 25 [a pass size 20x38mm]
A B 0b SI-sc (blank)[with slot at top for leather strap with slit to fasten to button--used by City Plant gas workers on horse trams 1881-1903]
CORPORATION OF INVERCARGIL, N.Z. 1871 (SHIELD WITH CITY ARMS AND MOTTO)
B S 25 Sd Tramway Pass (number on shield in circle)(looped)
[employees pass used 1903-52]
C S 25 Pc [as above but different number]
D S 25 Pc [again as above but still another different number]
E X 25 Sd [like A but made of gold; city official's pass]

There are two tokens I have seen described in a book with no size given, and I shall describe these below. These are believed to have been used on an old horse tram in the town of Nelson on South Island, N.Z. During the period of this tram it changed owners several times.

Nelson, N.Z.

TREGEA
A o Z ?? Ch (blank)[horse tram 1862-1901]
JOHN TREGEA TRAMWAYS CO.
B o Z ?? Ch (blank)[horse tram 1862-1901]

Wellington, N.Z.

W.C.C. [Wellington City Council] PASS NO 1 STREET CLEANSING DEPARTMENT
A o WM 32 Sd (blank)[This was the pass of the Superintendent of the street cleaning dept., used on the first electric trams in 1904; it has a loop and all lettering incused]
W.C.C. TRAMWAYS (CITY COAT OF ARMS & MOTTO)
B o Sv 26 Sd D EX. [Executive] Councillor [sterling silver hallmark, red, white & blue enamel on obv. with loop--city official's pass used 1904-64]

This next pass was issued by the Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand for use as a boarding pass by their employees at domestic ports. The U.S.S.Co. holds a special niche in my memories as it was on two of their old ships (S.S. Makura and S.S. Merama) that I first traveled between Australia and Canada as a child.

U.S.S. CO. DOMESTIC PASS (NUMBER)
B 31 Pc (blank)[lettering on obverse incuse--employee boarding pass used from 1920's to late 1940's]

The last token, of which I have a photograph and an article, appeared several years ago in a New Zealand paper. I spent a week in the town of New Plymouth where the token was used, in a fruitless search for a specimen. The token was used on a horsedrawn omnibus which had been brought down from Australia in 1893 by the owner, Mr. J.W. West, and put into operation between New Plymouth and its port, the town of Fitzroy. Mr. West also owned a local stable which went by the name of Tattersall's Stable. This omnibus was in use from 1893 to 1916 when electric trams went into service. As the size of the token is not given in the article I am using the size of the photo until one of the tokens is found:

New Plymouth, N.Z.

NEW PLYMOUTH & FITZROY BUS. FARES 4d.
A Oc Sd Tattersall's Stables J.W. West Proprietor (34mm ?)

Incidentally the tokens listed under New Zealand in the Smith Catalogue as Auckland 100 A B C were used on horsedrawn omnibuses in the 1870's to 1890's. Parnell & Newmarket were outer suburbs of Auckland at the time the tokens were used.

There are several other cities and towns in New Zealand that I did not visit where it is possible that I might have been rewarded in my search, but until my next trip down under...well, as they say here in California, "Hasta luego."

= A.C. HAZEVOET =

On Saturday, December 28 of this year passed away in his home in Middenmeer our former member and my good friend A.C. (Kees) Hazevoet, at the age of 63. Mr. Hazevoet joined the A.V.A. in April, 1960, and soon he developed into a prominent judge of Scandinavian transportation tokens. He spoke the Swedish language fluently and he undertook many journeys to Sweden and Denmark. In these years he got an excellent knowledge of Scandinavian transportation tokens and this resulted in several scholarly written articles in THE FARE BOX and in the reporting of many foreign, mostly Scandinavian, TT's. From his sudden break with the hobby at the end of 1971 it became clear to his friends that his health condition was declining. He then had already stopped working and in May, 1973, he moved to his new home in Middenmeer to the north of his former living place, Amsterdam. Less than two years later he there has now died. Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife, his daughter, and his two sons.

- F.J. Bingen

THE B. & N. ST. RY. TAGS

By William Crawford

I own the B. & N. St. Ry. tags mentioned in the New Finds department on page 162 of the November Fare Box. I have two of them, RD 293 and RD 321, and I picked them up one night about a year ago at a Harvard Square (Cambridge, Mass.) bar, where local trolley freaks hang out. Quite a few of these tags were thrown onto a table in front of us, and quickly scooped up. The B & N was the Boston & Northern Street Railway, which operated suburban lines north of Boston. B & N was formed in a merger about 1900. It was, in turn, merged into the Bay State Street Railway (Mass 115 G & H) in 1911. These lines were then merged into the Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry. (Mass 135 A B C) in 1919. Most of this is now part of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

The B & N tags described in last month's New Finds are almost certainly tool checks from the Chelsea car house. Nonetheless they are most handsome.

= HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1975 A.V.A. DUES YET? =

= THE 1975 A.V.A. CONVENTION AUCTION =
By Kenneth E. Smith

This is a call for material for the 1975 A.V.A. Convention Auction. The 1975 AVA Convention will be the weekend prior to the large annual convention of the American Numismatic Association in Los Angeles. The AVA Convention ends on a Sunday, and the following Tuesday--two days later--the ANA Convention starts at a hotel one block from our convention site. This should increase attendance at our AVA Convention. The last AVA Convention in Southern California established the large attendance so far achieved at one of our annual meetings, and this time we hope to break our own record.

We anticipate a large and active auction, with excellent prices realized, for the material. Sellers know from past experience that this is a good convention site for auction material. The size of our auction dictates that it be in two sessions. Part one will consist of the best 200 to 300 lots submitted, of tokens listed in Atwood, Smith, or Feisel's Catalogue. This Part One will consist of mail bids and actual floor bids on Saturday of our convention. Part Two will consist of lower-value tokens and other tokens not in heavy demand by collectors and these will be sold by mail bid only (bids must have been received by the Saturday before the convention). The mail-bid-only portion of the auction will consist of tokens listed in Atwood, Smith, or Feisel, and catalogued 25c and up and not current, and also other related transportation items such as transportation passes and commemoratives, tokens and medals picturing transportation, and like material. If the token or medal is not related to transportation it will not be acceptable for either auction. It wastes the time of the auctioneer to record a lot of bids made in good faith below hidden reserve bids, and also it wastes the time and hopes of the bidders who submit bids.

All material accepted for auction must have a reserve bid even if it is only catalogue price. All lots listed in the auction will also list this reserve minimum. Of course no bids can be accepted under the listed reserve. But the seller may establish any reserve they wish on their material

If material is not sold it will be returned with no fee charged except postage and insurance.

If the material is sold, 5% of the amount realized will be charged for the A.V.A. Treasury, and an additional 3% will be charged for non-profit expenses involved in running the auction. I.e., as submitter you get 92% of the price realized in the auction, which is a very high return by any standard.

Material to be auctioned must be sent by insured mail to me, and be in my hands by March 6, 1975, so that we can have time to sort it out, and at the March meeting of the Southern California Club make the final selection of which 200 to 300 lots will be in the floor auction. Then immediately after that the final auction list must be sent to John Coffee for inclusion in The Fare Box.

A great deal of the auction work will be done by Kirk Smith, who will be Asst. Auctioneer, as he will be between semesters at college. If any material in the mail auction doesn't receive a bid it will be available at the convention at the reserve, at the auction table from Kirk. Kirk will be manning the auction table and will also have on hand a nice assortment of inexpensive foreign transportation tokens which are being sent in for sale. As Kirk and I will be busy during the auction with book-keeping of the bids, I hope to get John Coffee and others to call the auction for us.

Please send your material directly to me, insured mail, as soon as possible.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

Yosef Sa'ar writes from Tel-Aviv that he recently picked up one of the old Frankfurt, Germany, gate tokens similar to those listed by Smith on Page 237 of his catalogue. Joe's piece is similar to 330 TN but is yellow brass with no periods after S K. He also sent a clipping announcing the destruction by fire of Hotel Bouwes in Zandvoort, Holland, on December 19 of this year. This hotel issued the two scarce parking tokens listed on Page 226 of Feisel's Catalogue.

E N G L A N D [all reported by Donald Capper]

Abingdon 3

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL (RUNNING HORSE)

AA C 32 Sd	Concessionary Fare 5 P (pale blue)	\$0.40
AB C 32 Sd	" (pale violet)	.40

Fleetwood 290

WYRE COUNCIL BUS TOKEN 2P

AD A 26 Sd	(same as obverse)	.20
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Thamesdown 780 [near Swindon]

BOROUGH OF THAMESDOWN

AA C 25 T-sc	Concessionary Fare 5 P (orange)(shades)	.40
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[The above items are being distributed through Nicolosi's New Issues Service, except that you may get either 3 AA or AB as we only could get so many tokens. Not many new British tokens were issued this year as the continuing inflation and raising of fare rates deterred many companies from issuing new tokens which would soon be obsolete. Most of the previous 1972,73,74 British tokens are obsolete and have already been withdrawn from service due to fare increases.]

St. Helens 645

ST. HELENS & DISTRICT TRAMWAYS 4d..

A o B 26 Sd	4d	3.00
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B o B 26 Sd	Cook & Co. "Exchange" Drapers 39 Church St.	3.00
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[645 A reported by G. Fritz; 645 B reported by Donald Capper. At the time these were used, 4d could get you a 15 to 20-mile ride, and as one of these tokens carries an advertisement, they may have been used from St. Helens to an amusement park or beach outside of town.]

N E T H E R L A N D S [all reported by F.J. Bingen]

Hague 280

DEN HAAG TERMINAL AIRPORT SCHIPOL (BUS WITH KLM ON SIDE)

ZAo A 32 Sd	(same as obverse)	not used
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Rotterdam 680

ROTTERDAM TERMINAL AIRPORT SCHIPOL (BUS WITH KLM ON SIDE)

ZBo A 38 Sd	(same as obverse)	not used
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V E N E Z U E L A

Barquisimeto 160 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson)

CA. AUTOBUSES DE. BARQUISIMETO . (BUS)

B o Bz 20 Bar	Bueno Por Un Pasaje (bus)	1.00
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C Z E C H O S L O V A K I A

Opava 540 (Reported by Yosef Sa'ar)

STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN TROPPAU (STREETCAR)

H o A Oc Sd	Gültig Für 11 Heller (20mm)	1.00
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Remember, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

EARLY TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF NORWAY



Norway 30 A



Norway 60 A



Norway 60 B



Norway 60 D



Norway 60 E



Norway 60 F



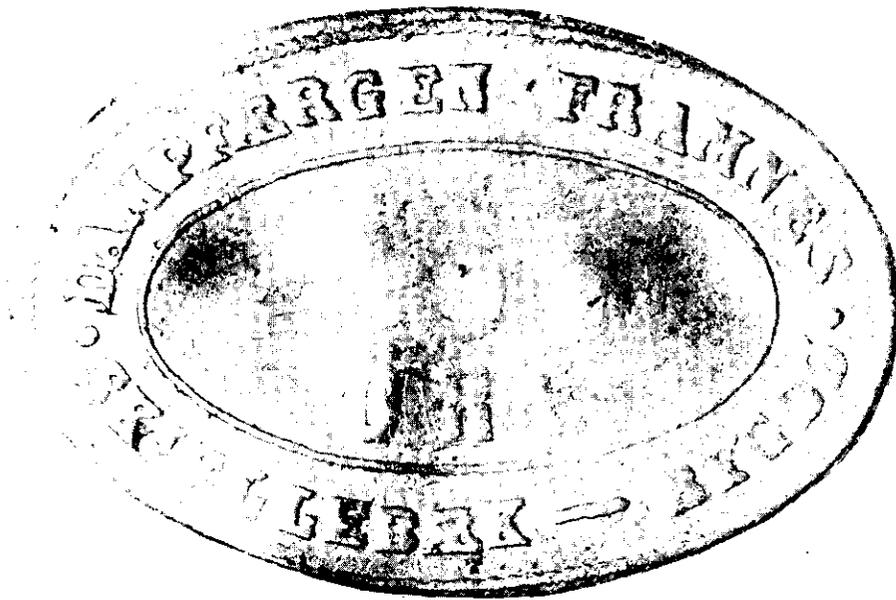
Norway 60 H



Norway 180 A



Norway 600 P



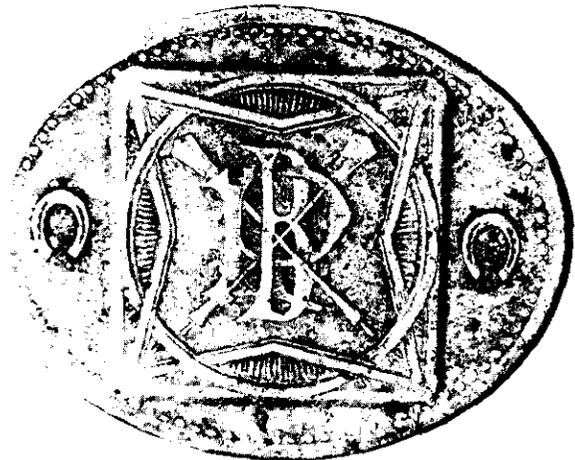
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Norway 640 RA



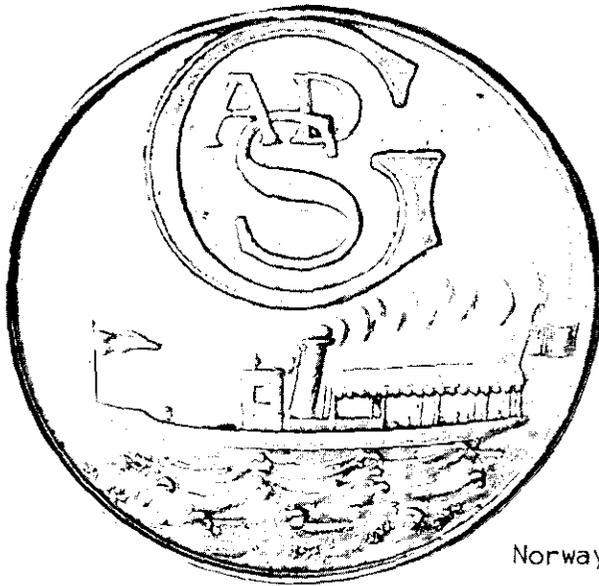
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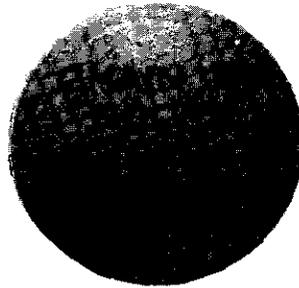
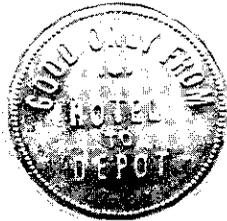
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Norway 720 A

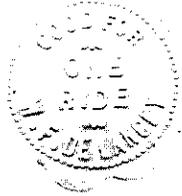


Norway 998 A



La 470 A

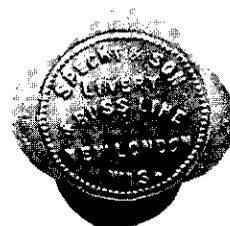
Mo 910 Q



Neb 370 A

Pa 605 A

Tex 120 A



Pa 765 A

Wis 560 B

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

*Quoted in
1974*

IOWA

Lohrville 555 (Reported by John Coffee and Harold V. Ford)
T.G. NESS / LOHRVILLE, / IOWA.

B o A Oc Sd Good For / Ride / One Way. (26mm) \$7.50

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)

LOU'S TAXI TEL: 772-4000 EXETER N.H.

B Pe 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) .15

NEW JERSEY

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

ROUTE 46 TAXI TEL: 796-2230 ELMWOOD PARK N.J.

B Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) .15

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia 750 (Reported by David E. Schenkman)

A RIDE ON APPLGATE'S CAROUSAL

(brass shell with mirror on reverse) [amusement token]

AWo B 37 Sd 7.50

TENNESSEE

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

DAY'S TAXI TEL: 354-2311 ROCKWOOD TENN.

B Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) .15

VERMONT

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

STAN'S TAXI TEL: 388-2758 MIDDLEBURY VT.

A o Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) .15

VIRGINIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by N.I.S.)

JIM'S TAXI TEL: 896-7892 BROADWAY, VA. 22815

C Pe 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) [error] .15

JIM'S TAXI TEL: 896-7982 BROADWAY, VA. 22815

D Pe 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) .15

[The phone number on C is an error; correct phone number is as on D.]

AMUSEMENT RIDE MANUFACTURERS' TOKENS

Group 101 (Reported by John Nicolosi)

GOOD ON KIDDIE RIDE ONLY

J Bz 20 Sd Village Inn Pizza Parlors Inc. [Phoenix, Ariz.] .15

K Bz 20 Sd Red Barn and Ponderosa Steak House [Detroit, Mich.] .15

[K comes both with and without "Good on Kiddie Ride Only" on obverse]

PRESENTATION PIECES (page 639 of Atwood Catalogue)

AA Sv 32 Sd (like Minn 540 AJ, struck in sterling silver; one piece struck)

AB Sv 32 Sd (like Minn 540 AK, struck in sterling silver; one piece struck)

[The above 2 pieces were presented to Les Hawthorne for the 1974 Fare Box
Literary Award.]

CORRECTIONS

Mo 910 X - add BUS to obverse, making it L.H.S.S. / BUS (INCUSE LETTERS)

Wis 560 B - remove "from" from reverse inscription (see photographs this issue)

Unid. #143 - change size from 36mm to 32mm

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Dr. Kappen sent a rubbing of the Lohrville token to Hal Ford, but neglected to say what metal it was, and as his token was in the vault and he couldn't remember, we did not list it pending discovery of the correct metal. Then last month John Coffee acquired the token (not Kappen's--another one) and noted that it is aluminum, so it is now listed.

More of those plastic taxi tokens this month. It should be reported that the New Issues Service is not making these things--the N.I.S. does not make tokens of any kind, of course. These are made on order by an individual in California who writes taxi companies all over the country and asks them if they would like to use tokens. He has worked out a convenient arrangement with the N.I.S. to supply us with a quantity of each token that is ordered from him. I wish we had such an arrangement with every token manufacturer! It would make life a lot easier for us. Of course any member of N.I.S. who doesn't want them may simply drop a note to Nicolosi and so state.

We are listing a magnificent old shell card mirror used around the turn of the century. This is the one David Schenkman picked up in a Pennsylvania flea market last June when he and John Coffee made the rounds, and David snatched it right under the surprised eyes of our Editor who, ordinarily, is a hard man to beat when it comes to sniffing out old tokens. The token has since been swapped to Duane Feisel. It is the only such shell card mirror ever used for a transportation ride, so far as we know, and it was good for a merry-go-round ride.

We also have a couple of amusement ride modern tokens to list. These particular items are good for rides on those little mechanical horses. The kid gets on and it jiggles up and down for a while after a token is inserted. Some of us do not want to collect these things, but we do want to list them for those who do, and the listing is a separate section in the back of Atwood. The N.I.S. won't be handling these because we couldn't get a supply of them. If anyone ever figures out how to get a quantity, please let us know.

The Presentation Pieces for 1974 are listed this month. Nearly every year John Coffee awards a unique silver striking of the AVA tour token as the Literary Award. As we had two tour tokens because the first batch came in with an error, we also had two silver tokens, so Les Hawthorne gets a bonus as his award.

We have a few more tokens--regular bus company issues--to send out soon, and we also anticipate several more early this year.

Recently Congress passed a huge bill to provide federal funds for public transit authorities, and this will mean big changes, improvement, and expansion, of city transit all over the country. One such public authority we didn't have pinned down, but which had issued a token was SCAT--South Coast Area Transit. Lazear Israel told us that this is in the Ventura-Oxnard area of Southern California. They expect to use the token for the elderly and/or handicapped, but so far have not put them into use. If and when they do, they have promised to supply us with a quantity for N.I.S.

We are waiting to see if the new 20mm New York City tokens go into use, and the same is true of 23mm tokens that Philadelphia has in their vaults. Here are two tokens sitting around waiting to be used--but, ironically, the new public transit funding bill makes it possible New York and Philadelphia will not have to raise fares, so these tokens may not be used for a long time, though some of the Philadelphia ones are getting out and being offered to collectors for exorbitant prices. Don't buy them. They have millions of them in the vaults, and eventually quantities will get out.

I have received inquiries about tokens listed in our Catalogue as copper. Most copper tokens were listed before I took over the listing of tokens. It seems that when fare boxes that registered tokens were first used, about 1916, companies did use the reddish tokens we call copper. Then a few years later, say 1923 to 1925, they switched to a harder metal because the "copper" tokens were too soft, and got nicked too much when cranked through the farious fare boxes. So after the early 1920's, transit companies switched to a material the token manufacturers called "red brass." This is what we call "bronze." Some call it "commercial bronze, and it is probably a mixture of copper and about 10% zinc. "Real bronze" is a combination of copper and tin, rather than copper and zinc. Yellow brass, or what we call "brass" in Atwood, is a mixture of copper and 30% zinc. So the determinant is how much zinc you put in

with the copper. The more zinc you put in, the yellower it gets. With the price of copper going up and up, tokens with a larger proportion of zinc will be cheaper, and that is why lately we are seeing more "brass" tokens and practically no "bronze" tokens. I.e., they are putting 30% zinc in the tokens, rather than only 10% as before. However, sometimes the manufacturers have used a metal with a percentage of zinc in the 20% range--i.e., right between our "bronze" and "brass," and this gives us a problem as to what to call them. But in our Catalogue the only tokens referred to as "copper" are those early ones made prior to the 1923 period. So if a token was made after the late 1920's, regardless of how red it looks, we call it bronze, even though it may look more like copper than bronze.

The whole problem of metals is complicated. What we call "white metal" is really a copper-nickel composition, with much more copper than nickel in it. A true "white metal" is something else again, but the whole subject is a cause of headaches, and we think we have done a fairly good job of handling it in Atwood.

= DECEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

The last six tokens of the year have been mailed to you earlier this month, and should be in your possession by now unless your account does not contain enough to cover them. This winds up a very good year for new issues, and we hope the coming year will be just as good for all of us, not only token wise, but also for health and prosperity.

The six tokens sent you were all in the Miscellaneous 1000 category: N.H. 1000 B; NJ 1000 B; Tenn 1000 B; Vt 1000 A, Va 1000 C and D. The C tokens came through with the phone number wrong, but they used them anyway. In a little town like that it does not make that much difference anyway, it seems.

So now our desks are cleared away for 1975 and we shall take a brief respite for the rest of the year and then forge ahead for another year, and hope that with your help we can continue to obtain lots more new issues.

Thanks to all of you who have helped us here in the New Issues Service, regardless how little it all helped. Best wishes for a great 1975.

= NOVEMBER NEVA MEETING =

The North Eastern Vecturist Association met during the Long Island Coin Club's 10th Anniversary Grand Central Coin Convention at the Americana Hotel in New York City. On Saturday, November 9, our group met in the Monte Carlo Room on the 4th floor of the hotel. Attending were Frank Brady, Bob Epstein, Ev Mastrich, Ed Wadhams, Charles Heaton, Susanna Lewis, Bill Schwickrath, Dan DiMichael, Len Paul, Jim Marquis, Foster Pollack, Dick Rossa, Jim Hughes, Ed Wolf, Alfred McDonald, Ralph Hinde, and Morris Bram (General Chairman of the Convention and a NEVA member), and Vincent Alones of L.I. Coin Club and Tom Haney of Paramount Coin. Needless to say everyone took advantage of the convention bourse. In our own group there was much buying, selling, swapping, and talking about transportation tokens.

We added two new members to NEVA, Ed Wolf and Alfred McDonald, and also got them to join A.V.A. as well!

The Virginia Beach Expressway (see Va 580 M,N,O) was renamed on December 14, and is now known as the Robert F. Baldwin Memorial Highway, after the late state senator who introduced the legislation that brought about construction of the 12.1-mile high speed highway linking Norfolk and Virginia Beach. The Va 580 O non-revenue token is no longer in use, according to B.R. Rogers, and they are quite difficult to obtain for collectors, although what the future holds is problematical.

LIMITED SUPPLY! These manufacturers' samples are quite scarce and seldom offered. Start with 8 different for only \$14 postpaid. Or write for list of available tokens. Help! Will buy or trade for your samples. Sample sample, only \$1.00 +SAE.

Rich Hartzog - P.O. Box 4143KI - Rockford, IL 61110

WANTED: all Sambo wooden nickels with city & state shown. Need your For Sale lists of any parking tokens U.S. & Canada. Also need convention tour token NY 630 AR.

William L. Carr - 2648 Pelton Ave. - Akron, OH 44314

TEX 890 A - will trade for IL 768 C and some common Ill. TT's or make me an offer in cash and/or tokens of Illinois: merchant, coal, rare provisional tax, PT's.

D. Frank Elam - Box 174 - Harvey, IL 60426

WILL TRADE MY LATEST PERSONAL token for yours, or a SAE.

Bob Coney - 2627 Myrtle St. - Sioux City, IA 51103

TRADE NCO club token Good For 5¢ in Trade WPAFB (Wright Patterson Air Force Base) (Ohio) or 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, stag parlor Pine Bluff, Ark. Also have a few Indiana merchant or TT's. = Richard Salzer - RR 3, Box 791 - Knox, IN 46534

FOR SALE: New Orleans Mardi Gras doubloons: 1966 Krewes of Venus, Freret, Thoth, Ibis, Hermes, Mich City, Elks and Pegasus, \$3.50 each. 1966 Rex doubloon \$4. 1969 Krewes of Venus and Endymion \$2.50 each. 1963 commemorative issue coin, Inauguration of George C. Wallace as Alabama Governor, \$12.50. Please include SAE.

Lowell R. Locke - 2747 Briargrove #357 - Houston, TX 77027

FOR SALE: Mass 270 A 25¢, 550 A 35¢, 550 I 25¢, 760 A 30¢, 760 G 25¢; NH 640 A 25¢, 720 A 20¢; RI 700 E 20¢, 700 F 25¢. All plus postage: 2 tokens for 1 10¢ stamp.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

TRADE 10 DIFF. PTs or TTs for 10 diff. PTs or TTs +SAE. Trade dog tags/rabies tags for PTs or TTs that I need.

Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

FOR EXCHANGE ONLY: Mich 560 P-Q-R and 3560 B for any car wash tokens except wood, or make offer in TTs or PMTs,

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

WANTED: CAL 50 A and C, will pay \$1 each. Also Cal 705 A, pay \$2. Also Pa 785 C and D. State price. = Frank Miller -1585 Whitlock Av. - Salt Lake City, UT 84119

FOR SALE: Tenn 400 45¢; RI 700 E 25¢; Mass 550 Q 50¢. Plus stamp please. ALSO FOR HIGHEST BID, Tenn 240 A. = H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888

CONVENTION TOKENS: still need the following - 1962 (Wash 780 U); 1964 (Pa 445 C); 1965 (NY 630 AR), 1966 (Cal 105 A). Does anyone have any of these for sale?

George Van Trump, Jr. - P.O. Box 656 - Golden, CO 80401

THESE PT I NEED and am sure I can come with PT or TT you need: AZ 3640 F; CO 3260 E; DE 3900 D; GA 3060 A; IA 3150 A; KS 3490 A; MS 3460 B; NE 3480 A; NM 3760 A; OK 3330 AB; OR 3240 A, 3700 AC; TN 3400 C; UT 3750 B; DC 3500 A C F G.

Gordon Wold - R #1, Box 189 - Princeton, MN 55371

TRADE TWO 25¢ TT my choice for Mass 550 F.

Frank Kelley - P.O. Box 2515 - Harbor, OR 97415

NEW PERSONAL TOKEN AVAILABLE. If you would like one please let me know and I will be pleased to send one to you. I would appreciate a 10¢ stamp.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

VACKETTA'S TRADE TOKENS OF ILLINOIS book still available at \$12.50 pp. Gold medal winner. Hard cover, 368 pages, 5000+ listings with illustrations. Will trade for needed TT's. = Ore H. Vacketta - Box 3 - Westville, IL 61883

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES PLUS POSTAGE: Ark 1000 A 25¢; Cal 885 A 50¢, 1000 P 25¢, W 35¢, X 25¢, Y 50¢; Ind 1000 B 25¢; Kans 970 L 45¢; Me 1000 A 25¢, B 40¢, C 25¢; Mass 970 E 35¢, 1000 A 35¢; Minn 600 B \$2, Minn. convention tokens \$1.60 set postpaid; NH 1000 A 25¢, B 25¢; NJ 1000 A 35¢, B 25¢; NY 760 D 35¢, 875 Y 50¢; Tex 320 G 25¢, 1000 J 25¢; Tenn 1000 A 25¢, B 25¢; Va 1000 A B C D 25¢ each; Vt 1000 A 25¢. List of English tokens sent on request.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR TRADE: Kans 450 A and NY 630 B. I want New York (#1 preference), Jersey and New England (secondary). Want list is available for SASE. My new personal 287 D in return for yours, or SASE. All welcome to NEVA meeting January 11.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

SEND ME 10 DIFF. TOKENS FROM YOUR STATE; I'LL SEND 10 DIFF. FROM CALIFORNIA.

Warren Scott - 1001 Sylmar #258 - Clovis, CA 93612

= SECOND AUCTION OF TOKENS FROM THE ATKINS COLLECTION =

This auction, consisting only of tokens catalogued at 50¢ and up (with a couple of rare exceptions), continues from the previous one on Page 179 of the November issue. Tokens all are in decent condition, but purchasers may return any tokens for full refund. Send all bids directly to the Editor, and please have them here no later than February 6, 1975. Please bid by lot number, rather than by Atwood number.

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1 Md 60 AG	43 Mich 635 B	84 Mo 370 M	130 NM 430 A	175 NY 800 A
2 Md 60 AN	44 Mich 680 A	85 Mo 420 A	131 NM 430 C	176 NY 890 A
3 Md 60 AO	45 Mich 775 A	86 Mo 420 B	132 NM 430 D	177 NY 905 D
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7 Mass 45 B	49 Mich 845 L	90 Mo 440 G	136 NM 810 C	181 NC 130 A
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12 Mass 115 M	53 Minn 180 B	95 Mo 830 A	141 NY 80 A	186 NC 450 E
13 Mass 115 O	54 Minn 230 C	96 Mo 860 D	142 NY 80 D	discolored
14 Mass 115 Q	55 Minn 230 D	97 Mo 880 A	143 NY 235 A	187 NC 680 B
15 Mass 115 Y	<i>really lousy condition-- looks like a streetcar ran over it--but a very rare one.</i>		144 NY 300 A	188 NC 680 C
16 Mass 115 Z	56 Minn 510 A	98 Mo 880 I	145 NY 360 A	189 NC 690 C
17 Mass 115 AA	57 Minn 540 W	99 Mo 910 B	146 NY 365 A	190 NC 690 D
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19 Mass 115 AC	59 Minn 540 AG	101 Mo 910 S	148 NY 410 A	192 NC 700 B
20 Mass 115 AD	60 Minn 620 B	102 Mont 660 B	149 NY 425 B	193 NC 700 D
21 Mass 260 A	61 Minn 620 C	103 Mont 660 D	150 NY 440 B	discolored
22 Mass 505 A	62 Minn 680 A	104 Neb 305 A-D	151 NY 575 A	194 NC 770 B
23 Mass 505 B	63 Minn 730 B	(set of 4)	152 NY 615 A	195 NC 880 A
24 Mass 550 C	64 Minn 730 C	105 Neb 420 A	153 NY 615 B	196 NC 880 B
25 Mass 550 D	65 Minn 730 D	106 Neb 420 H	154 NY 615 C	197 NC 950 B
26 Mass 550 P	66 Minn 760 A	107 Neb 540 N	155 NY 628 C	198 NC 980 B
27 Mass 970 A	67 Minn 760 C	108 Neb 540 O	<i>This is a VERY RARE token</i>	
28 Mass 970 B	68 Minn 760 H	109 Neb 700 A	156 NY 629 L	199 NC 980 C
29 Mass 970 C	69 Minn 760 I	(slightly bowed)	157 NY 630 B	200 ND 260 B
<i>discolored</i>				
30 Mass 997 C	70 Minn 790 A	110 Neb 700 AB	158 NY 630 Q	201 ND 320 A
31 Mich 50 A	71 Minn 900 A	111 Neb 800 A	159 NY 630 T	202 ND 320 B
32 Mich 65 B	72 Miss 320 D	112 Neb 820 A	160 NY 630 U	203 ND 320 D
33 Mich 80 A	73 Miss 620 A	113 Neb 980 A	161 NY 630 V	204 ND 440 A
34 Mich 225 A	74 Miss 660 A	114 Neb 980 C	162 NY 630 AR	205 ND 600 Da
35 Mich 225 L M	75 Miss 660 B	115 NH 30 A	163 NY 631 S	206 Ohio 10 A
<i>and N (set of 3)</i>				
36 Mich 265 A	76 Miss 660 C	116 NH 640 F	164 NY 695 A	207 Ohio 10 K
37 Mich 265 B	77 Miss 720 D	117 NJ 115 B	165 NY 715 A	208 Ohio 10 L
38 Mich 370 B	78 Miss 900 C	118 NJ 185 A	166 NY 735 B	209 Ohio 10 M
39 Mich 470 B	79 Miss 900 D	119 NJ 185 B	167 NY 735 C	210 Ohio 10 N
40 Mich 495 A	80 Mo 140 A	120 NJ 185 C	168 NY 735 D	211 Ohio 15 B
41 Mich 525 A	81 Mo 140 B	121 NJ 250 A	169 NY 735 E	212 Ohio 35 C
<i>(only fair)</i>				
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		125 NJ 555 B	173 NY 780 C	216 Ohio 165 P
		126 NJ 555 F	174 NY 780 D	217 Ohio 165 Q
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