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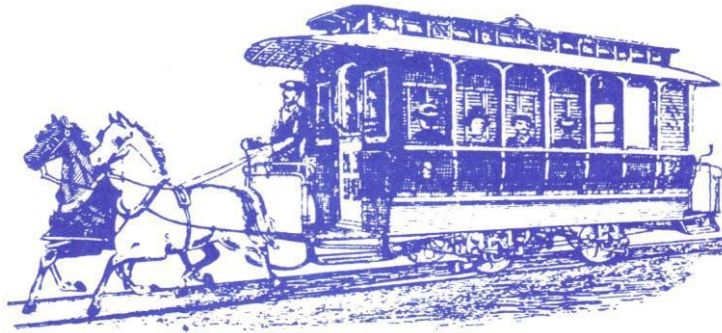
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Albert Craig

Albert Craig, AVA 1443, of Coal Valley, IL passed away January 5, 2005 at the age of 82. Albert was employed with ALCOA as an electrical engineer. He was survived by his wife Pat, 2 children, 5 grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

AVA CONVENTION 2025

Rich Mallicote, Convention Chairman, rmallicote@comcast.net, 678-642-6933

We have a good turnout for the 2025 Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. We have a few members who are attending their first AVA Convention and I look forward to meeting you. In addition, there are a couple who have not attended in many years. Remember that your room reservation includes breakfast for two each morning. The schedule for the convention is as follows:

Friday, August 15th at 2:00pm – Board Meeting

Saturday, August 16th at 8:30am – Check in and kickoff meeting

Saturday, August 16th at 9:00am – Auction

Saturday, August 16th at 1:00pm – Visit to Oklahoma Train Museum with tour and train ride

Sunday, August 17th at 9:00am – Bourse

Sunday, August 17th at time tbd – Banquet dinner

Monday, August 18th at 9:00am – Business Meeting



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Caring For Your Zinc Transportation Tokens

By Bob Schneider

If you collect transportation tokens, chances are you've come across many made of zinc. Zinc was commonly used for tokens because it's inexpensive and easy to work with—but it's also soft and chemically reactive, making proper care essential to preserve your collection.

Although I personally do not clean tokens, I know a lot of people do. Since they are not experts on cleaning tokens, they sometimes make mistakes that damage the tokens. The following is safe for zinc token cleaning and may help you enjoy certain tokens more.

How to Clean Zinc Tokens Safely

Zinc can corrode easily, especially when exposed to moisture, acids, or harsh cleaning. Here's a safe and gentle method to clean your zinc tokens without damaging them:

You'll need:

- * Distilled water
- * Mild dish soap (like Dawn)
- * A soft toothbrush or cotton swabs
- * A soft cloth or paper towel
- * (Optional) Baking soda for light corrosion

Steps:

1. Rinse: Gently rinse the token with lukewarm distilled water to remove loose dirt.
2. Soak: Soak the token in a mix of distilled water and a drop of mild soap for 10–15 minutes.
3. Brush: Lightly brush the surface with a soft toothbrush or cotton swab—no scrubbing!
4. Rinse again: Wash off any soap with fresh distilled water.
5. Dry completely: Pat dry with a soft cloth or paper towel and ensure it's 100% dry before storage.

Corrosion Removal

To remove light corrosion (like white powdery spots), mix a paste of baking soda and distilled water. Gently rub with a cotton swab, rinse, and dry as above.

* Avoid vinegar, lemon juice, or commercial metal polishes. These can damage zinc and reduce the value of your tokens.

* Be very careful with any kind of metal brush. If you are insistent on using an extremely soft metal brush, test a small area on the token. You want to make sure it does not leave any scratch marks.

Best Storage Practices for Zinc Tokens

Even clean tokens will corrode if not stored properly. Follow these storage tips to protect your collection:

- * Keep them dry

Zinc hates moisture. Use silica gel packets or other desiccants to absorb humidity, especially if you live in a damp climate.

- * Use safe holders

Store tokens in:

- PVC-free plastic flips
- Acid-free cardboard 2x2s
- Airtight coin capsules

- * Avoid old plastic pages or flips made with PVC, which can chemically damage zinc over time.

- * Limit air exposure

Store your tokens in airtight containers to reduce oxidation. Coin tubes or capsules work well.

- * Handle with care

Use cotton gloves, or hold tokens only by the edges to prevent finger oils from causing corrosion.

- * Store in a stable place

Avoid storing tokens in garages, basements, or attics. Ideal conditions:

- Temperature: 65–75°F (18–24°C)
- Humidity: 30–50%

- * Keep records

Use acid-free labels or inserts in flips to record details about each token. Consider keeping a digital spreadsheet or logbook to track your collection, too.

Final Thought

A little time spent cleaning and properly storing your zinc tokens can protect their beauty and value for years to come. Whether you're a casual collector or a serious numismatist, good care ensures your tokens tell their transportation stories well into the future.

Hopefully, this article will help you with zinc tokens. Comments are welcome.

Just call or email me. Bob Schneider 757-713-0786 / mykidsplay@gmail.com

AUGUST 2025 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

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NEW JERSEY

(reported by Curtis Judge)

NEWARK 555

CITY SERVICE /TRANSIT CO. /NEWARK /N.J. /

J.A. POLICASTRO /PRES.

H A 32 Sd Good In /2nd /Fare /Zone Only \$300.00

TRANSPORTATION RELATED

(reported by Andy Abadía)

TR CA 875 Santa Cruz

SANTA CRUZ TROLLEY EST 2011

A A 25 Sd Good For One Fare 1

CORRECTION TO A-C 8E

(reported by Rich Mallicote)

TX 965 E,F, and G – insert comma after weatherford on the obverse.

TN 710 – Oak Ridge is 2 words

PP H – copy of CC MA-2

PP AD – copy of CC MA-4

PP AO – copy of NV 900 A

Discussion

The Newark N.J. token is being offered for sale on eBay for \$575. City Service Transit was listed in the Mass Transportation Directory as serving Newark, Lyndhurst, and Rutherford. A newspaper article in the Atlantic City Press of January 3, 1940 stated that armed robbers held up the City Service Transit garage at 875 Summer Ave. in Newark escaping with several thousand dollars of receipts.

The Santa Cruz Trolley is a rubber tire trolley service which operates from downtown Santa Cruz to the beach. Service is provided only on weekends during the summer. The fare is \$1. Tokens are not used currently. It is unknown if tokens were used at some point in the past.

Question

Rich Mallicote has a token similar to MF 18B that is 20mm. MF 18B has been listed as 18mm in all prior catalogs. If you have MF 18B, please inform me what the size is. If the 18mm version exists, then the 20mm version is a new listing. If the 18mm version does not exist, then 20mm would be a correction of the listing. Make sure your token is WM and not steel.

EVENTS WHERE EXOMUNIA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE Bill Brenner

EXOMUNIA items are non-legal tender Numismatic items that are studied and collected. While there are events held exclusively for EXOMUNIA items they are often also found at events labeled Numismatic events. This list is meant to be inclusive of any upcoming event where significant selling, buying or trading of EXOMUNIA items takes place. The "Early Bird" hours, daily public bourse hours, educational forums and auction information is usually found on either the Website indicated or contact information on the list. Show dates are subject to change, so verify before attending.

NOTE: AVA members who take part in EXOMUNIA events not listed are encouraged to add those events to the list.

Submit to: Bill Brenner 570-698-8158 billbrenner300@gmail.com.

August 8-9, 2025

Houston's Summer Coin Show
West Oaks Fellowship Event Center
14440 Richmond Ave
Houston, Texas 77082
Ed Stephens 852-444-4808

August 9, 2025

Knoxville Coin and Currency Show
Rothchild Catering and Conference Center
8807 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37923
Contact: 865-660-8692

August 19-23, 2025

ANA World Fair of Money Show – American Numismatic Association
Oklahoma City Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 98030
Convention Department 719-482-9849

August 30, 2025

Kent Valley Coin Show
Kent Commons
525 4th Ave North
Kent, Washington
Scott Loos 425-463-6551

September 3-6, 2025

International Money Exposition

Music City Convention Center

Downtown Nashville

Ellsworth@imex.show 1-703-932-6331

September 5-6, 2025

2025 Sumter Annual Coin and Currency Show

Saint Mark Banquet and Convention Center

2320 Four Bridges Road

Sumter South Carolina 29153

Jeff Goodall 704-254-7705

September 6-7, 2025

66th Annual West Tennessee Collectors Club Coin Show

Madison County Auditorium

309 Northern Parkway

Jackson, Tennessee 38305

Larry Joseph 731-499-0892

September 12-14, 2025

Sioux Falls Coin and Currency Shop

Sioux Falls Convention Center

120 North West Ave

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 5710

Dar Makram 605-321-9195 (125 Tables)

September 19-20, 2025

Harrisburg Coin Show (Submitted by David Van de Streek)

Scottish Rite Complex

2701 N. Third St.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Dean Kent 717-991-5065 (75 Tables)

H.T. Co. (Hannibal Transportation Co.) Special Fare Token **Missouri # 370-D** By: Curtis Judge

Missouri Transit Co. was formed in 1925 by a group of 10 investors to provide bus service to the city of Hannibal, Missouri, and surrounding areas. Operations were based at 200 N. Third St. The first bus purchased by Missouri Transit at a cost of about \$5,000 was a 21-passenger Reo with streetcar type seats. In about 1927, Mr. P.W. Fletcher acquired the majority of the stock of Missouri Transit and combined it with the local street car company, Hannibal Traction Co. to form Hannibal Transportation company, (H.T.Co.) The company expanded routes to Columbia, Jefferson City, Fulton and Moberly continuing to operate until May 29, 1957 when it was acquired by Missouri Transit Lines, Inc and the name changed.

H.T.Co. issued a total of 10 different tokens for its operations. The 23mm white metal example shown below was the first in 1929 with 2000 pieces being struck. The token is listed in the Atwood Coffee transit catalog as MO 370-D and given a valuation of \$3.50. The example shown is currently, July 2025, being offered on the eBay auction site at a Buy It Now price of \$9.99. The "S" center cutout was used to signify the special fare status and make the token easily identifiable. The criteria for what constituted a "Special Fare" could not be determined.



The following 1950's photo shows the Third Street side of the building now occupied by the Hannibal Courier-Post, 200 N. Third Street.

When the building was constructed circa 1925, it was home base for the Hannibal Transportation Company, and the Fletcher Motor company. The large doors provided access to the auto and bus service facilities.



Photos below show Mr. P. W. Fletcher President of H.T. Co and one of the early streetcars from the acquired line Hannibal Traction Company.



UNITED STATES & FOREIGN PARKING TOKENS NEWS AND VIEWS Bill Brenner

This article's goal is to provide Parking Token Collectors a list of what tokens can be collected. It supports a collector utilizing both a typical book catalog and www.tokencatalog.com. Members are encouraged to submit new tokens with image (BMP or JPEG files) of obverse and reverse, vital information (composition, diameter, etc.) state and city where used, operator and any history of token. Contact: Bill Brenner 570-698-8158, billbrenner300@gmail.com, 502 Stock Farm Road, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

At this time last year, we added Canada to the United States Parking Tokens. This year we are starting to add the rest of the foreign countries. Parkingtoken.com will be the bench mark to determine if a token will appear in NEWS AND VIEWS as a new found token. If it is not posted in Parkingtoken.com, it will be posted here as a new token found. If it still remains un-posted we will post it intoTokenCatalog.com. Also, we will transfer tokens from the 5TH, 6TH and 7th editions of Parking Token Catalogs and 165 Supplements to TokenCatalog.com one country at a time. The countries added will be posted here. Foreign tokens can start to be submitted to be posted as new tokens starting with Italy, Mexico and Spain.

ADDED TO LOOSE LEAF (AKA LL-CAT) AND TOKENCATALOG.COM (AKA TC-COM) CATALOGS

PTMS--3038 (Reported by John M Moody)

TC-646320 **COIN / METER / TOKEN (2 stars)**

Ac B 22 Sd (eagle) (letters are 2.5mm tall. "COIN" is 10mm long.)

PTMS--3070 (Reported by John M Moody)

TC-675282 **TIME AND / PARKING CONTROLS (like 3070-Pa but coated in red paint)**

Pc Ni 25 Sd PHILA. / 215-446-5400 / 1-800-331-4265 / RWM

PTMS--3097 (Reported by John M Moody)

TC-683650 **GOOD FOR / PARKING / RWM / ONLY**

K Ni 25 Sd NO / CASH / VALUE

3525--SPAIN (Reported by John M Moody)

TC-684641 **MALAGA / AIRPORT / telephone image) / 952 10 57 59)**

B Ni 24 Sd EASY / (image of auto) / PARKING (white, blue and green enamel)

MODIFICATIONS TO LOOSE LEAF (AKA LL-CAT) AND TOKENCATALOG.COM (AKA TC-COM) CATALOGS

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3225-B TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3225-Ba (REV D), Ab (REV H)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3370-C TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3370-Ca (REV B), Cb (REV C)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3370-U TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3370-Ua (REV C), Ub (REV D)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3398-A TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3398-Aa (REV D), Ab (REV E)

MICHIGAN 3 MI 3530-B TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3530-Ba (REV B), Bb (REV C), Bc (REV D)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3530-C TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3530-Ca (REV D), Cb (REV E)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3585-A TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3585-Aa (REV E), Ab (REV G)

MICHIGAN 5 MI 3845-A TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3845-Aa (REV F), Ab (REV G), Ac (REV H), Ad (REV L), Ae (REV M)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3870-A TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3870-Aa (REV C), Ab (REV D)

MICHIGAN 4 MI 3885-A TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3885-Aa (REV A), Ab (REV C), Ac (REV G), Ad (REV H)

MICHIGAN 2 MI 3885-B TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3885-Ba (REV C), Bb (REV D)

MICHIGAN 5 MI 3930-E TOKENS CHANGED TO MI 3930-Ea (REV B), Eb (REV D), Ec (REV E), Ed (REV G), Ee (REV I)

NEW MEMBER

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The following is reprinted from ALASKAN TOKEN COLLECTOR, August 2025 Edition

ALASKA HOME RAILWAY

**Douglas Island News,
August 14, 1907.**

It appears that railroad building in Southern Alaska is not to be confined to Katalla nor the Kenai Peninsula. Valdez citizens have subscribed \$106,000 to the Alaska Home Railway Company, which proposes to build a narrow gauge, electric railroad from Valdez to the interior. A special cable from the Valdez Prospector states that this is an independent, anti-trust enterprise; Alaskans for Alaskans; equal rights for all, special privileges from none; no bonds; speedy



construction, to cost not over ten thousand dollars per mile and all stockholders to share in the profits. Stock at one dollar per share is offered by the single share or in blocks of ten thousand. Ex-Gov. J.G. Brady is down for \$5,000 worth, and all Alaskans are invited to step up and invest. It is announced that construction work has already begun.

Don't Miss the 2025 AVA Auction – Saturday, August 16!

Looking to grow your token collection or pick up some great traders? The AVA Auction is the perfect opportunity! Even if you can't attend the full Convention, you can still take part in the auction—and you might be surprised how many great items go unbid each year.

That means real chances to win tokens simply by bidding catalog! If you're within a few hundred miles of Oklahoma City, it could be well worth the trip. Join us for an exciting day of bidding, meet fellow collectors, and maybe head home with a handful—or an armful—of new transit tokens and exnumia.

Come for the fun, stay for the finds!

Philadelphia & Grays Ferry Pass. R.R. Co – Vulcanite Transit Token PA 750-M By Curtis Judge

The Philadelphia & Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway was chartered in the state of Pennsylvania on April 8, 1858. It was one of the numerous horse drawn trolley lines operating in the city of Philadelphia. Its route ran from the city to the suburbs of Fairmont and Grays Ferry, with the company operating 10.6 miles of track. The company acquired the Schuylkill River Passenger Railway on Dec. 29 1866. The line was leased to the Philadelphia Traction Company for 999 years on January 1, 1891.

During its existence, the line issued a single brown 23mm vulcanite (hard rubber) token. Mintage number is not known, but the piece is seldom seen. The token is listed as Pennsylvania 750-M in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog with a valuation of \$175.00. The token does not specify a fare value. The example shown below is currently being offered on eBay at a starting price of \$150.00 but surprisingly has not received any bids.



To fund operations, the company issued stock in the total amount of \$1,000,000.
Each share was valued at \$50.00.



FARE BOX ~ BUY ~ SELL ~ TRADE

August 2025

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All Ads must be received by the 21st of the prior Month

#35 For Sale: New Member Special: 150 different transportation tokens at catalog value minus a 20% discount. Postage would be added. John Hoffmann, 8334 Heron Circle, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

#35 For Sale: Duplicate Transportation Tokens - I have several thousand extra transportation tokens for sale. These tokens will be sold for catalogue value plus postage. I will mail or email a list to you upon request. Most are low value tokens. Rich Mallicote, 1039 Arbor Drive, Lakemont, GA 30552; Phone 678-642-6933; Email rmallicote@comcast.net

#70 Wanted: The Lucas VA-CAR Bus Lines token presently listed as NC 280-C. Will pay \$600 or try to work out a trade. David Schenkman, PO Box 2866, La Plata, MD 20646, Phone 301-274-3441, email dschenkman@verizon.net

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What's Involved?

The Classified Ad Coordinator is responsible for collecting all classified ad submissions from members each month, formatting them appropriately, and submitting them to the editor of *The Fare Box* by the set deadline. Familiarity with basic email communication and formatting tools (like Microsoft Word or similar) is helpful, but no advanced technical skills are required.

This is a great opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the American Vecturist Association and stay closely connected with fellow collectors and enthusiasts.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more details about the role, please contact the Editor. Bob Schneider mykidsplay@gmail.com 757-713-0786.