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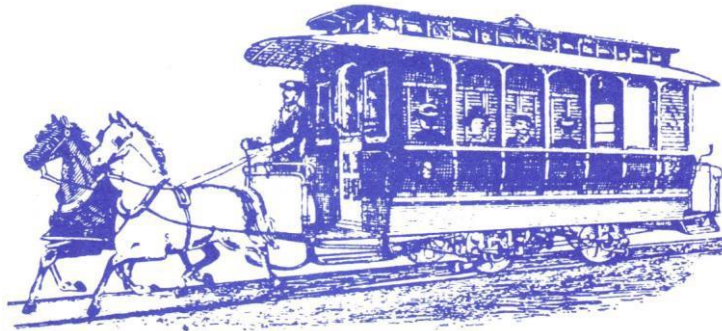
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Paul Murphy

Paul Murphy of Indianapolis IN AVA 2264 passed away June 4, 2025 at the age of 81. Paul worked for Kroger for 50 years before retiring in 2012. Paul's grandfather was a conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and inspired Paul's interest in trains. Paul also was active in Cub Scouts and coaching Little League baseball. Paul was survived by his wife Anna Marie, 2 sons, 4 grand-children, and one great grand-child.

Nathan Dunn

Nathan Dunn of Philadelphia PA AVA 2458 passed away in September 2024 at the age of 84. He was survived by his wife Barbara.

NEW MEMBERS

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AVA CONVENTION 2025 – Rich Mallicote, Convention Chairman

This year's AVA convention will be August 15-18 and will be held in Oklahoma City, OK. For any of you who are also members of the ANA, they are holding a coin show in Oklahoma City beginning on August 19th. You might consider spending a week in OKC and going to both conventions. Our convention hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn, Bricktown. The address is 328 East Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73104. It is located downtown in the middle of all of the activities and venues that OKC has to offer within walking distance. I was able to negotiate the room rate down to \$119 plus taxes. It is a newly renovated hotel. The rate includes a continental breakfast for two guests per room. Behind the property, there is access to the OKC Streetcar that will take you all over Bricktown and Downtown OKC. If you look up the hotel online, you will see that there is a garage parking charge of \$37 per day. I was able to negotiate that down to \$20 per day.

You can book your room one of two ways:

You can call (405) 270-2588 and ask for the American Vecturist Association room block.

You can go online and book the room through the following booking link:

[https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=OKCSAGI&groupCode=92A&arrivaldate=2025-08-15&departuredate=2025-08-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

[ctyhocn=OKCSAGI&groupCode=92A&arrivaldate=2025-08-15&departuredate=2025-08-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=OKCSAGI&groupCode=92A&arrivaldate=2025-08-15&departuredate=2025-08-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

The room block will be held only until July 19th. You must book your room before then to guarantee space. If you have not booked your room yet, DO IT TODAY.



Our transportation ride this year is on the Oklahoma Railway – Katy Line.

We will also have time to tour the museum before the ride. picture for this year's Convention token.

We have several attendees who will be coming to convention for the first time. We need our regulars at Convention welcome our first timers, so send in your registration today. Please send the \$95 per person convention registration immediately, so that I know you are planning to attend. This

includes the buffet dinner, token, meeting room costs, train ride, ribbon, etc. The cost is \$50 for first timers. My address is 1039 Arbor Drive, Lakemont, GA 30552.

Feel free to contact me with any questions: Rich Mallicote, rmallicote@comcast.net, 678-642-6933.

Token Tidbit: 1964 Marked a Milestone!

Did you know? The AVA made strides in 1964 with the release of its very first New Issue Supplement! This handy booklet compiled newly discovered transportation tokens that had surfaced since the last official catalog—a vital update for collectors hungry for the latest finds.

This 1964 supplement represented a major step in documenting and sharing the evolving landscape of token collecting. It wasn't just a list—it was a sign that the world of vecturists was growing, thriving, and more connected than ever.

Today, these supplements are part of our legacy, capturing the ongoing story of transportation history one token at a time!

JULY 2025 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

Joel Bernstein

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TRANSPORTATION RELATED

(reported by Randy Glucksman)

TR NY 510 New York City: Manhattan

BROOKLYN-BATTERY TUNNEL

HUGH L. CAREY TUNNEL

1950 2025 (ENTRANCE TO TUNNEL)

(Words in white Circle on Blue Background)

B B 58 Sd Celebrating 75 Years

(reported by Bill Brenner)

TR WI 900 Wisconsin: Wheatland

CRUZIN 309 TRANSPORTATION

F Pg Oc Sd Bus Token (38mm) (black printing)

G Py Oc Sd “

H Pb Oc Sd “

Change UU 318 to 322 to TR WI 900 A to E.

Discussion

The Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel is a twin tube tunnel connecting the Battery in Manhattan with the Red Hook area in Brooklyn. Construction began in October 1940 but because of World War Two, the tunnel did not open until May 25, 1950. In 2012, the tunnel was renamed in honor of former New York governor Hugh Carey. Numerous express bus services connecting Manhattan with Brooklyn and Staten Island use the tunnel.

Cruzin 309 Transportation is a taxi company serving the Lake Geneva area in Wisconsin. It is unknown at this time why they issued bus tokens. We are aware of 8 different colors. 5 of these were formerly listed as UU 318 to 322.

Seeking a New Volunteer for the Classified Ad Section

Robert Hewey to Step Down After Seven Years of Dedicated Service

After seven years of tireless volunteer work, Robert Hewey will be stepping down from his role as the Classified Ad Coordinator for *The Fare Box* this December. Since taking on this task, Robert has diligently gathered, organized, and submitted the classified ads that have become a vital part of our monthly newsletter. His commitment and consistency have helped members connect, trade, and share their love of transportation tokens and exonomia.

As we thank Robert for his remarkable service, we now look ahead and invite a new volunteer to carry on this important work.

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.

Interested in Helping?

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.

Let's keep the Classified Section thriving! Thank you again, Robert, for your outstanding dedication.

The New-Issue Challenge: Why the NIS Matters More Than Ever

Adapted from an article by Harold Ford, July 1955

For many collectors, tracking down newly issued transportation tokens can be both exciting and frustrating. Even months after a release, recent issues are often missing from want lists, simply because they've been too difficult to obtain—or already snapped up before most of us ever knew they existed. But why is it so difficult to keep up?

The Problem: A System That Doesn't Work

Transit companies aren't equipped to handle waves of collector requests. Opening and responding to letters about token issues isn't a priority for them—and understandably so. This leaves individual collectors scrambling, often writing multiple letters, spending unnecessary postage, and still coming up empty.

The Solution: The New Issue Service (NIS)

Here's a better idea—the New Issue Service. By creating a shared fund, made up of small contributions from interested members, we can ensure new tokens are secured as they are released—and distributed directly to subscribers.

It's simple:

- When a member spots a new issue, they report it to the NIS manager.
- If needed, the manager will ask them to acquire a batch (usually around 75 tokens).
- The manager then distributes new issues to all subscribers, in regular shipments, usually twice a year to save on postage
- This method keeps collecting smooth, coordinated, and fair. It saves time, cuts costs, and supports the hobby.
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The Cost: Modest and Shared

If 75 collectors each contributed just \$25, the NIS would have enough to purchase and distribute multiple new issues. As the fund is used, a simple renewal request would appear with each shipment.

Bulk buying helps us get the best rates—many transit systems offer discounted rolls. While the final price may be close to or slightly above catalog (to cover postage and admin), it's still a smart, cost-effective way to stay current.

The Benefit: Everyone Wins

- No more unanswered letters to transit companies.
- No more wondering what tokens you've missed.
- No more scrambling to overpay from secondary sources.
- You get the latest issues, reliably and on time.

What It Needs: Active Members & Support

This program needs involved members in the transportation token collecting community. Harold Ford, who originally proposed this idea in 1955, offered his full support. He encouraged others to step forward—and that encouragement still rings true today.

So we ask: Will you join the NIS? Will you help it grow? Will you help with support?

Let's Get Ahead—Together

The NIS is the solution our community has needed for decades. Let's finally make it a reality. With enough interest and commitment, we can ensure that every collector has access to new issues as they happen—not months later.

Join us, support the NIS, and help shape the future of organized transportation token collecting. Simply send a \$25.00 check, made to Bob Schneider. (Bank will not accept checks to NIS or New Issue Service.) Bob Schneider, 28570 N Horizon Way, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143 with a note stating you would like to join the NIS.

—Originally proposed by Harold Ford, July 1955. Adapted for today's collectors with gratitude for his vision and dedication.

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.

July 10-12, 2025

FUN Summer show- Florida United Numismatists Convention
Orange County Convention Center
9800 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
Katie Williams 1-407-404-1370

July 13, 2025

Salem Coin, Token, Medal and Currency Show
Salem, Oregon Scottish Rite Center
4090 Commercial St. S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97306
Monte Mensing 503-580-5211

July 16-19, 2025

Missouri Numismatic Society 65th Annual Coin Show
Saint Charles Convention Center
One Convention Center Plaza
Saint Charles, Missouri 63303
Rob Kravitz 314-809-8275 (150 Dealers)

July 24-26, 2025

Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition
Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
David Heinrich 513-673-5083 (125 Tables)

July 25-27, 2025

The Vegas Nation Show by KC Shows
Tuscany Suites and Casino
255 E. Flamingo
Las Vegas, Nevada
Dawn 888-330-5188 or 702-528-2091 (200 Dealers)

July 31-Aug 2, 2025

BRNA Annual Convention Center Show
Darton Convention Center
2211 Tony Ingel Parkway
Dalton, Georgia 37020
Ronda Leeper 676-232-6982

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 19-20, 2025

Harrisburg Coin Show (Submitted by David Van de Streek)
Scottish Rite Complex
2701 N. Third St.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Dean Kent 717-991-5065 (75 Tables)

Montebello Bus Lines – One Fare Token – California 520-A

BY: Curtis Judge

Montebello Bus Lines' (MBL) primary responsibility is to provide transportation services to residents of Montebello and neighboring cities. MBL is the third largest municipal bus system in Los Angeles County, behind Long Beach Transit and Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus. With a fleet of 66 buses, MBL has served more than 7 million passengers over the past decade throughout the communities of Alhambra, Bell Gardens, Boyle Heights, Commerce, Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, La Mirada, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, South Gate and Whittier.

Currently, 2025, fares are \$1.10 with day passes selling for \$3.00. Fares are payable in cash, EZ transport pass, phone app and Tokens. Tokens are sold at the main office in rolls of 10 for \$10.00 a small discount. MBL has issued 6 different tokens, the example shown below is listed in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog as Cal 520-A. It is brass, 23mm in diameter with a unique scrip cutout of "M". This token was issued in 1993. Catalog valuation is \$1.00, this example sold in a June 2025 eBay auction for \$3.75 receiving 5 bids.



MBL placed a fleet of New Flyer XN40 buses into service on 3-1-23. They have a very distinct livery with a series of large flowing stripes on the sides.



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.

If you have the Parking Token Catalog 7th Edition and are no-longer collecting Parking Tokens, perhaps you could help the AVA Library increase the number of reference books. Contact Gary Knell: 32446 2ND PL. S. Federal Way 98003-5778; Email: Librarian@vecturist.com.

Last month, TC-707683 ON 3210-B, was reported being made with Aluminum. That was not correct. The token was made with Brass. Thank eagle-eye Bob Nolan for keeping me honest.

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

3840-SOUTH CARILINA (Reported by John Moody)

TC-702613 MONTGOMERY / BUILDING / (propeller) / SPARTANBURG, S.C. (beaded rim)

Eb B 23 Sd PARKING / (propeller) / TOKEN

PTMS-3055 (Reported by John Moody)

TC-696898 CARD-KEY / SYSTEM

Hh B 25 Sd COURTESY / PARKING (O: Background is dots, diag.) (R: Background is fine, Gridwork V&H)

PTMS-3079 (Reported by John Moody)

TC-696135 STANLEY / PARKING / SYSTEMS

Ac B 23 Sd TOKEN (O: Upright of P in PARKING points up toward between upper and lower curves of S)

PTMS-3079 (Reported by John Moody)

TC-696206 STANLEY / PARKING / SYSTEMS

Ad B 23 Sd TOKEN (O: Upright of P in PARKING points up toward between upper and lower curves of S) (Both Obv. and Rev. are painted white)

PTMS-3079 (Reported by John Moody)

TC-696207 STANLEY / PARKING / SYSTEMS

Ae B 23 Sd TOKEN (O: Upright of P in PARKING points up toward between upper and lower curves of S) (Both Obv. and Rev. are painted red)

PTUN (MAVERICK) TOKENS THAT NEED A HOME

PTUN 003038 (Reported by Bob Nolan)

TC-709654 C.S.O.T.F.A. / RV / PARKING / (rv) / CLASS A / MOTOR HOME / C. HILTON

W 38 Sd ONE WOODEN DOLLAR / (1878 Morgan Dollars) / FACE \$1.00 VALUE
(black printing)

Convention Auction - Just a Reminder

Chris Donovan

You can still participate in the AVA Auction even though you won't be attending the Convention in Oklahoma City. Mail bids are still being accepted. There are many nice lots that still have no bids. In years past many tokens have gone for prices very close to catalog value. Take a moment to reexamine the listings. There might be something you want. Bidding closes on July 26th at 10:00PM (PDT).



By Ken Smith



WATTS CALIFORNIA (CA 970 A / CA 970 B)

CA 970 A / 16mm / BZ / 1948 / Value \$1.00
80,000 struck total in 4 orders beginning 3/30/48

CA 970 B / 16mm / B / 1969-1972
Amount struck unknown

Landier Transit was sold in 1950 to Atkinson Transportation Co. and was taken over by Blue & White Bus Lines in 1968. Blue & White had problems with their insurance, and ceased operations. No date found when operations stopped. All information taken from AC Fourth Edition Volume Two

Bellevue GAR Bridge - Car Fare Toll Token – Nebraska 130-C

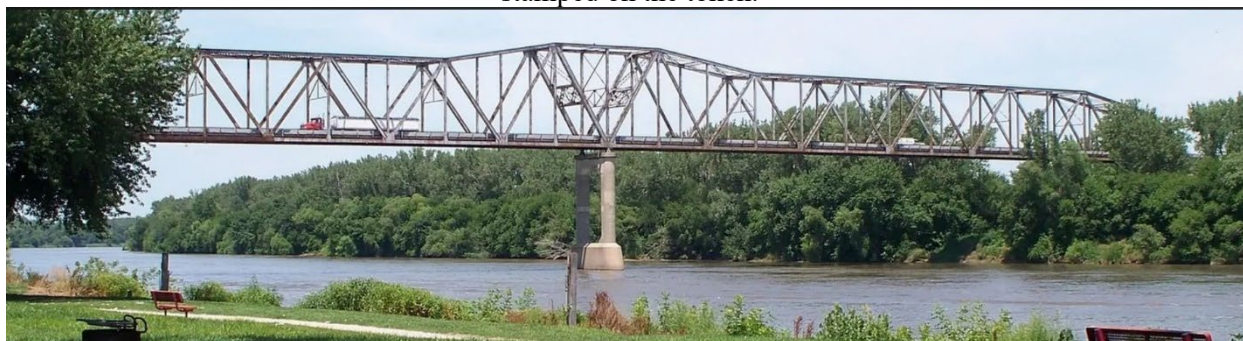
By: Curtis Judge

The structure was originally named the Bellevue Grand Army Of The Republic Bridge, it connects the city of Bellevue in Sarpy County Nebraska to Mills County Iowa at the Missouri River on Highway 3. The bridge was built in 1950 by the Bellevue Bridge Commission at a cost of \$2.8 million (equivalent to \$36.6 million in 2024). Current toll charges are \$1 for cars with increasing fees depending on the size of the vehicle. The bridge is considered obsolete being only 20 ft wide and 2 traffic lanes; however, there are plans to replace it in the coming decade. Various government entities have sparred over ownership, due to the expense of maintenance.

In the 1990's the Bridge Commission issued a series of three different fare tokens for standard automobiles. All tokens are 32mm (blue, gold and red) anodized aluminum with the logos being counter stamped on the token. The example shown below is listed in the Atwood-Coffee transit token as Nebraska, Bellevue 130-C and given a \$1.00 valuation. In a June, 2025 eBay auction the token sold for \$7.19 receiving 7 bids. The tokens were obsoleted in the early 2000's and replaced by a paper pass card system.



This panoramic image shows the bridge, note the structure similarities to the design that is counter stamped on the token.



The Nebraska 130-A token is blue and the 130-B token is gold anodized. All three use the same die work.



This photo shows the current toll fees as posted on the bridge.

TOLL CHARGES

\$1.00	CARS VANS PICKUPS	TOWING .50 PER AXLE
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\$2.00	DUALY PICKUPS CAMPERS TRUCKS	TOWING \$1.00 PER AXLE
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**BIKES AND MOTORCYCLES
.50**

ALL OTHER TRUCKS AND TOWING \$1.00 PER AXLE	
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1 2 3 4 5 = \$5.00

SPECIALTY VEHICLES CUSTOM PRICE

FARE BOX ~ BUY ~ SELL ~ TRADE

July 2025

Advertising Manager: Bob Hewey ~ 307 Seabury Drive ~ Bloomfield, CT 06002 ~ 860-643-5701 boltonbob@aol.com. Please submit ads, each containing no more than 60 words, no later than the 21st of the month prior to publication. Larger ads must be sent to The Fare Box Editor. Your ad must contain your name and address with zip code. Phone and/or email address are optional. I'm now accepting up to two ads per member per month and will rerun ads up to three times upon request. Only ads relating to items in the American Vecturist Association publications will be printed.

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: Seafare Water Taxi - Palm Beach, Florida FL 670-B Newly listed in December 2024 Fare Box with a catalog valuation of \$5.00. This is the blue token. \$4.00 postpaid to US location - cash or PayPal. Curtis Judge, 1648 Jacob Burner Drive, McGaheysville, VA 22840. chjtoken@aol.com

#35 For Sale: Allis Chalmers Co. - Street Railway Convention Medal (bell shape) Philadelphia 1905. Will send photo. Sell for \$25. Larry Dziubek, P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027 or LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

#35 For Sale: I have an uncirculated set of 45 different 1921 Nurnberg Germany 20 Pfennig transit tokens in lined presentation case plus autographed book by Arthur Hyman showing photos and explanations of each person, scene or building variety. Sell for \$150. Larry Dziubek, P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027 or LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

#60 Sell/Trade: Blue Ridge Lines badge award pin, 38mm bronze & blue enamel shield for NO accidents. Trade for PA transit token or cash offer. Larry Dziubek, P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027 or LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

#70 Wanted: Willing to pay at least 2x catalog value for any of the following tokens: CA 526-A, -C, -D & -E; CA 745-AG and MA 880-B. Chris Donovan, 3008 Mt. Baldy Drive, Roseville, CA 95747, Phone 916-434-0472, email gobearsdad@yahoo.com

#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