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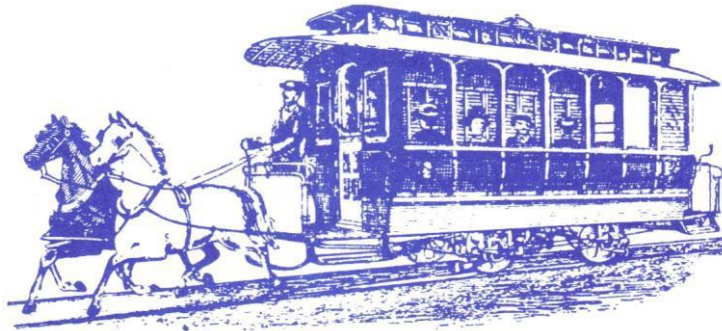
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AVA CONVENTION NEWS – Rich Mallicote, Convention Chairman

Many thanks to those who attended the 2025 Convention in Oklahoma City. The meetings, auction, bourse, and train ride all went smoothly. There was great comradery among attendees, as well as good food. Besides the banquet, kudos went out to The Old Spaghetti Factory (sitting in a trolley car), Pearl's Crab Town, and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar. The hotel location was also convenient to historical sites, museums, and a nice garden. We had one member who hadn't attended convention in many, many years. We had several people attending their first convention. We even had one attendee who camped out, rather than stay at a hotel. I believe a great time was had by all, with the exception of everyone having to exit the hotel at 1:30am on Saturday night due to a hotel fire alarm. Even that was exciting.

We are looking at having next year's convention in Pennsylvania, hoping to get a great turnout from those living in the northeast US. Look forward to more information by early next year. If you want one, but have not received your 2025 convention token (through NIS or attendance), just let me know and I can ship one to you for \$12 plus postage. They are silver plated and look quite nice.

2025 Convention

Editor's Note - Although I was unable to go to this Convention, the fun must have been great. I received many pictures. Some of them are spread in this edition of The Fare Box. **ENJOY!**



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John Hoffman – 50 Year - From Rich Mallicote

At the AVA Convention in Oklahoma City, we celebrated John Hoffmann being an AVA member for 50 years. Toward the end of the business meeting, John came up to the front and regaled us with stories of his AVA career. He was warmly applauded for his work with the AVA. He has been an inspiration for all of that time, getting new members involved with the organization and trading tokens with them. It was a perfect way to end the convention.



2025 Group Picture from Oklahoma Railway Museum

– Leonard Gresens sent this!



SEPTEMBER 2025 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

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KANSAS

(reported by John Kent)

PARSONS 800

B A 25 Sd MOORE'S HACK /& TRANSFER /LINE
Good For /1 /Ride \$300.00

PITTSBURG 820

K Ci Oc Sd PITTSBURG /ELECTRIC /RAILWAY CO
(same as obverse) (23mm) 850.00

PRATT 830

F A Oc Sd TABOR & CO. /AUTO /LIVERY /PHONE 245
Return Check /Hotels /To /Depots /Pratt, KS.
(26mm) 300.00

MICHIGAN

(reported by Bob Schneider)

St. JOSEPH 870

Z Sq Sd SILVER BEACH CAROUSEL 2025 St. JOSEPH, MI
Celebrating 15 Years! (Horse Head) 3.00
(white metal plated)

MISSOURI

(reported by John Kent)

MARYVILLE 580

B Sq Sd FORD & MCCLAIN (incuse) /GOOD FOR /ONE /SEAT /MARYVILLE
(incuse)
blank (23mm) 300.00

TRANSPORTATION RELATED

(reported by John Kent)

TR RR 800 St. Louis Southwestern

A 35 ch ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY LINES
COTTON BELT ROUTE
Victory V-E Day May 8 World V-J Day Sept 2 Peace

CORRECTION TO A-C 8E

(reported by Andy Abadía)

MD 60 AY - obverse should read M.T.A not M.T.A.

Discussion

KS 820 K is the same as KS 820 J but a different color. I am assigning it the same price as the KS 820 J.

A reference to Moore's Hack Line appeared in the June 4, 1912 edition of the Concordia Daily Kansan. "Having purchased Dennison's Cab Line and equipment and consolidated the same with our cab line, we are now prepared to give you the best of cab service."

MO 580 B is the second token we have listed from Maryville MO. Maryville is a town with a current population of about 10,000. It is 42 miles north of St. Joseph MO. It was once served by both the Burlington and Wabash Railroads. Both railroad lines through Maryville have been

abandoned. Maryville is the site of Northwest Missouri State University.

A reference to Ford & McClain appeared in the September 1894 Maryville Daily Democrat. Ford & McClain announced the purchase of the Maryville Omnibus and Baggage business.

Photographs of the 3 Kansas tokens and the Missouri token can be found on the tokencatalog website.

The St. Louis Southwestern Railway affectionately known as the Cotton Belt Route operated primarily from St. Louis and Memphis to Dallas. It was taken over by the Southern Pacific Railway in 1992. Passenger trains last ran in 1959. TR RR 800 was issued as an encased cent.

If one examines the obverse of MD 60 AY with a magnifying glass, one will discover that the period after A is not there. Because of the design, this is rather difficult to notice with the naked eye!

More Convention Pictures



Cheryl Harrison, her husband Phil and their daughter Christelle Sampson



Leonard Gresens and his wife Denise

Sanitary Disposal Inc. Omaha Nebraska Bridge Tokens # 700 AA,AB

By: Curtis Judge

Sanitary Disposal Inc. held the waste disposal contract for the City Of Omaha, Nebraska in the 1950-60's. They offered container, dumpster and individual home services. To dispose of the waste the trucks had to drive across the toll Mormon Pioneer Bridge that crossed the Missouri River. The company had an agreement with the Public Works Dept. to use tokens in lieu of cash for the toll payment. The tokens were collected and the company reimbursed the bridge authority for the number used.

Two tokens were issued a 21mm brass and a 32mm aluminum both sharing the same die work design. The reverse on each token is blank. The 21mm brass was used by pickup trucks and company cars. It is listed as Nebraska, Omaha #700 AA in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog with a valuation of \$2.00. The 32mm aluminum token is listed as 700-AB with a \$3.00 valuation. Minor die varieties are listed indicating multiple minting orders of which quantities are not known. The tokens are readily available to collectors and sell for \$2-5 depending on condition.

Nebraska Omaha 700-AA



Nebraska Omaha 700-AB



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: 9697 Long Point Ln NW, Silverdale, WA 98383-8314; Email: Librarian@vecturist.com.

Encased coin items are considered tokens in the EXONUMIA world. The Osborne Company was a major manufacturer known for their production of Encased Coins, Badges for First Responders and Transportation Personal. They also produced other types of tokens. During World War II they produced 5 billion red and blue fiber OPA Ration Tokens. The "B" in billion is not a typing error. They purchased the Roger Williams Mint and replaced the RWM mint mark with OC (see the 5th Edition Supplement #79 for details).

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

<u>3015-PENNSYLVANIA</u>	(Reported by Dicky Theberge) (PA 3015-B became Ba)
TC-709833	A.B.E. AIRPORT ALLENTOWN PA. (C/S A)
Bb Bz 25 Sd	EXIT / TOKEN
<u>3780-WASHINGTON</u>	(Reported by Dennis Poland) (WA 3780-H became Ha)
TC-710551	CONVENIENT PARKING / PARKING / DIAMOND / SERVICE / (diamond) / SINCE 1922 / 25C
Hb B 25 Sd	SEATTLE SEAFAIR / (hydroplane) / ANNUAL CELEBRATION (no beads on rim)
<u>3780-WASHINGTON</u>	(Report by Dicky Theberge)
TC-708704	CLINIC PARKING
Dc B 23 Sd	(blank) (C/S B) (beaded border)
<u>3180-WISCONSIN</u>	(Reported by William Rice)
TC-382759	GOOD FOR / 5C / IN PARKING METER / CITY OF EAD CLAIRE, WI (R in circle)
B B 22 Sd	COURTESY / PARKING METER / TOKEN
<u>3510-WISCONSIN</u>	(Reported by Bill Brenner)
TC-329120	MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL / PARKING / 25C / (dot ornament) (parking is curved)
AQa B 22 Sd	MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S / HOSPITAL/PARKING / 25C / (dot ornament) (parking is straight)
TC-252035	MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL / PARKING / 25C / (dot ornament) (parking is straight)
AQb B 22 Sd	MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S / HOSPITAL / PARKING / 25C / (dot ornament) (parking is straight)

History of Carousels - Bob Schneider



(Dentzel Carousel, Philadelphia):

*This beautiful old carousel lives at the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia.
Look at those fancy horses — they're like artwork you can ride!*



(Schenley Park Carousel, Pittsburgh):

This sunny carousel in Pittsburgh spins around in Schenley Park.

Why Carousels Exist (Hint: It Started with Knights!)

Believe it or not, carousels — those fun spinning rides with painted horses — started with *knights* trying to knock each other off horses. Yep, back in the 1100s, knights in places like Arabia and Spain trained for battle by riding in circles and tossing clay balls at each other.

The word “carousel” comes from the Italian and Spanish word for “little war.” That favorite ride started out as warrior practice!

Later in the 1600s, knights practiced by trying to poke a stick through a tiny ring while riding full speed in a circle. To help them train safely, someone built a wooden spinning machine with pretend horses. No real horses needed — and no scooping up horse poop. Win-win.

From Practice to Play

Pretty soon, people who weren't knights saw this spinning horse game and said, "That looks fun!" So, they built their own wooden carousels and let kids ride them for fun at fairs and town events.

At first, they were powered by people or donkeys walking in circles.

In the 1600s and 1700s, fancier carousels popped up in places like Paris and London. Instead of fighting practice, they became fun rides. The horses didn't move up and down yet, but the kids didn't care. They were too busy pretending to ride like royalty.

The Ride Gets Fancy - Steam, Speed, and Style

In the 1800s, inventors thought, "Why not use steam engines instead of donkeys?" (Smart thinking!) That's when carousels really took off — spinning faster, playing music, and getting bigger and fancier.

By the late 1800s, people added cranks and gears to make the horses go up and down — finally, they galloped like real ones! Artists hand-carved each horse and painted them with wild colors, sparkles, and even gold leaf. Some carousels even had lions, giraffes, pigs, and dragons!

These amazing rides showed up in parks, beach boardwalks, and carnivals. Everyone — from little kids to grumpy grandpas — lined up to take a spin.

From Heyday to Slowdown

But not everything stays fun forever. In the 1930s, during the Great Depression, people didn't have much money for fun rides. Many carousels were taken apart, and fewer were built. Instead of fancy wooden animals, newer ones were made of plastic or metal, which weren't as cool.

Still, some people loved carousels so much, they started fixing up old ones. They painted the horses, replaced the music machines, and made them beautiful again. Today, groups all over the world help save these spinning treasures.

Why Carousels Still Rock

They're for everyone – You don't have to be tall or brave. Just hop on and smile!

They're magical – Where else can you ride a flying horse while listening to circus music?

They're full of history – Every spin is like going back in time. (But with less armor and more cotton candy.)

Final Spin

The AVA has a lot of Carousel Tokens. There is a lot of history in carousels, just like any other rides that use tokens.

So, the next time you hop on a carousel, remember: you're riding something that started as knight training, became a donkey-powered ride, got upgraded with steam engines, and is now a piece of history that still brings smiles. Plus, it's the only time you can ride a lion, a horse, and a dragon in under two minutes!

Now that's what I call a *knight to remember*.

Some Pictures of 2025 AVA Convention – Ken Smith



Our newest Convention token (silver plated): a nice looking addition to any collection..



There was a nice visit to Oklahoma Railway Museum



Wives: Patty Mallicote
Kay Vick, Chris Smith
Julie Adamson



Dick Freeze at the bourse



Iris & Chris Donovan
aboard the OKC Streetcar

EVENTS WHERE EXOMUNIA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE Bill Brenner

EXOMUNIA items are non-legal tender Numismatic items. This list is meant to be inclusive of any upcoming event where EXONUMIA are available. 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.

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)

October 3-5, 2025

Annual NCNA Coin Show and Convention
The Cabarrus Arena and Events Center
4751 Highway 49
Concord, North Carolina 28205
Perry Siegel 704-488-4787

October 4, 2025

Baltimore Stamp & Coin Show (Submitted by David Van de Streek)
Maryland State Fair Ground, Mosner Miller Building
2200 York Road
Timonium, Maryland 21093
Andrew Graber 443-686-0146

October 3-5, 2025

PNNA – Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Coin Show (Submitted by Gary Knell)
Tukwila Community Center 12424 42nd Ave South
Tukwila, Washington
Scott Loos 425-463-6551 (100 Tables)

October 10-12, 2025

NWCC - Northwest Coin Club's Fall Money Show (Submitted by Luke Johnson)
Earle Brown Heritage Center 6156 Earle Brown Drive
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota
www.northwestcoinclub.com (100 Tables)

October 16-18, 2025

PAN Fall Show - Pennsylvania Association of Numismatics and
PATCO Swap & Meeting – Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization
Monroeville Convention Center
Monroeville, Pennsylvania
www.pancoins.org (350 Tables)

October 24-25, 2025 (submitted by Dennis Poland)

Iko-TAMS Token and Medal Show
Indiana Kentucky Ohio Token and Medal Society
American Legion Hall #707, 200 W. National Road
Englewood, Ohio
ikotokenshow@gmail.com

Beloit Transit System – One Fare Bus Token – Wisconsin 70-E

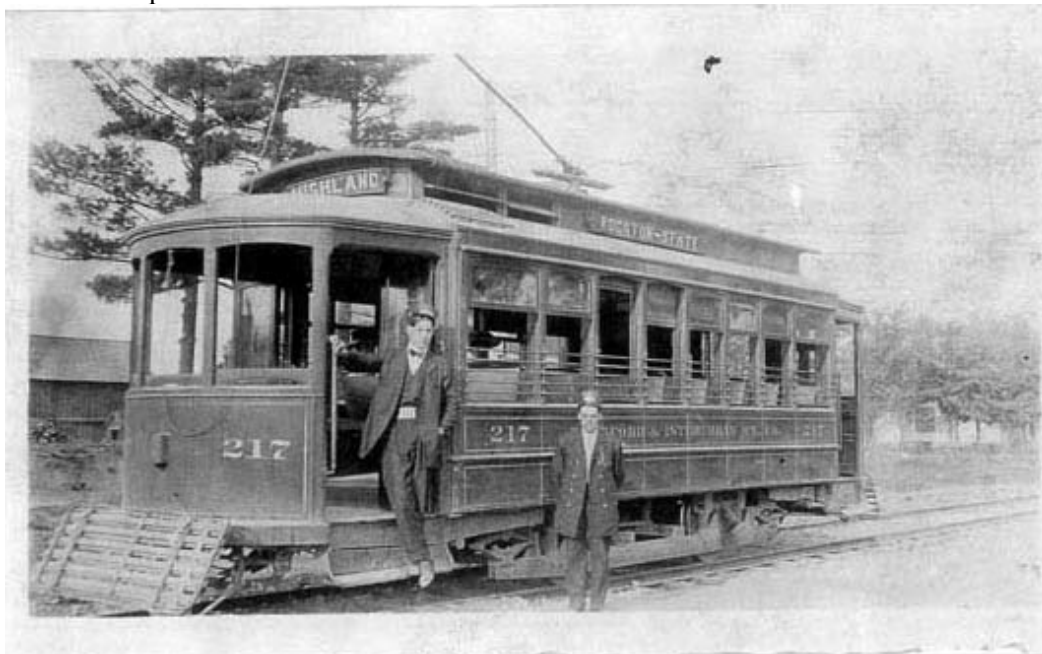
Curtis Judge

Beloit, Wisconsin has one of the oldest continuously operating transit systems in the country. Founded in 1907 as Beloit Traction Company, it ran two streetcar loops through the city. In the 1930's the street cars were abandoned for gas engine buses and services expanded. Pre WWII the line was sold and became the Beloit Bus Company. Competition from automobiles and greatly reduced ridership eventually forced the city to take control of the operation in 1970. Since the takeover, the system was modernized and expanded to a current, 2025, six local routes and one intercity route running from Janesville to Beloit. Paratransit on call service is also offered.

The company has issued five tokens over its history, the most modern is shown below. This 23mm brass example is listed as Wisconsin 70-E in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog. The token was struck in 1993 in a quantity of 10,000 pieces by the Roger Williams Mint and is still in current usage. Tokens, good for one fare cost \$1.50 or are sold in quantities of 10, 20, 50 pieces through vending machines at a discounted price. The catalog valuation of the token is \$1.00. Commonly available, there are multiple listings on the eBay auction site with “buy it now” prices ranging from \$4.00-\$10.00.



This photo shows one of the streetcars in use when the line started in 1907.



In 1930 the company abandoned street cars for the more efficient gas engine buses.



Shortly before WWII the company modernized the fleet. This 1942 image shows a red, white and blue striped bus that has an advertisement on its side selling war bonds.



This final image shows one of the currently in use buses operated by Beloit. Several of the buses are handicapped lift equipped.



FARE BOX ~ BUY ~ SELL ~ TRADE

September 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: 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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A Final Convention Image



Chris & Ken Smith