

THE FARE BOX

A Monthly Newsletter for



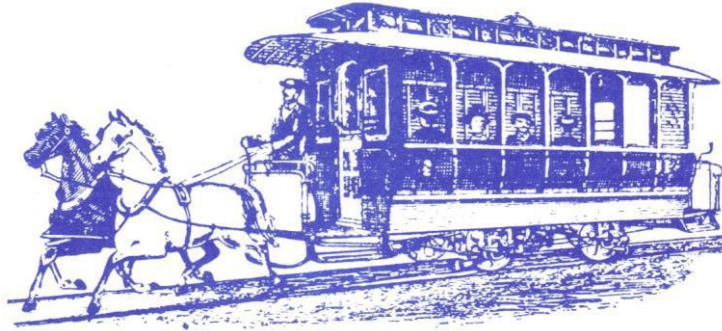
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NEW YEARS RESOLUTION IDEA !!!

Search through my AVA Convention memorabilia for items to donate to the AVA Archives.

The following items are needed:

Convention Programs: 1992 and 2024

Convention Ribbons: 1951-53 1957-61 1965 1967-68 1972 1978 1980 1984-86
1988-90 1993 1999-2000

Convention Photos: 1951 1954 1965-66 1971-72 1975-76 1979-80 1983 1993-94
2007 2011 2013-15 2017 2010 2022-24

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Larry Bosler L-293

In the December 2025 edition of the Fare Box it is written, “It would also be wonderful to hear from some of our long-time members. If you have been a member of the AVA for 40 years or longer, please consider writing an article about your experiences what sparked your interest in transit tokens, your favorite tokens...etc.”

Well, here goes.

Hi, I’m Larry Bosler, AVA No. L-293. I'm 85 now and for some unknown reason I started collecting transportation tokens (and transfers) about 82 years ago. Aided and encouraged by my parents, my collection of Philadelphia area tokens grew year by year. (This is because that’s where I lived) It included both regular revenue and commemorative tokens, and a very rare one, a PA 750 AJ without slots.

Then, in 1972 the unthinkable happened. While away from my home on vacation my house was burglarized and my entire collection was stolen. What really bugs me is that the jerks probably didn't even know what they had.

Over the years I have rebuilt the collection, except for the rare one which is forever lost. My collection is entirely Philadelphia pieces starting around 1890 and includes several of the PA750 AC, AD and AE commemorative issues.

Lastly, as a long time member I was among the first to recommend changing the name of the Atwood Catalogue to include the name of my long time friend and Fare Box editor John Coffee, renaming it the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue.

Well, that's my story and I'm sticking with it.

Courtesy of Ken Smith



What Kind of Metal Is It?

Recently Steve Porter sent an email requesting some past Fare Box articles on how to tell the difference from brass, bronze or copper. I asked our Board members to help.

Gary Knell found 2 articles

One was in April 1948 and the other was in June 1948 Fare Boxes. April 1948 is a member asking for help identifying these metals.

June 1948 explains how the catalog will identify these metals.

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Cheryl Harrison wrote the following:

A magnet will tell if it's ferrous, like steel or iron.

A density test may be helpful, mainly if you know the possible compositions of the token. The drawback is that alloys or plated metals may have a density close to a different elemental metal. If you don't know the possible compositions, this may not be as helpful.

Look up a density chart for common metals to compare your measurements. More math might be involved for alloys if you don't already know the alloy density.

Find the mass (weight) with a precision scale (postage scales are good).

Find the volume by submerging in water and measuring the difference of the water volume without and with the token. A volumetric flask is a great precision tool. But it may work with a measuring cup with precise measurement lines.

Density = Mass / Volume

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Ken Smith wrote:

Check weight, Zinc is heavier. You need a very good scale or micro balance.

Zinc is a duller Gray; White metals are shinier.

Neither will stick to a magnet which rules out Steel

Zinc scratches easily. If rubbed with steel wool, letters on token will be shiny.

AVA Fun Fact – Gary Knell

I found it interesting that from the first Fare Box through the August 1948 issue we were called "Vecturalists". Then, without any explanation I have since seen, the publication started referring to us as "Vecturists" beginning in the September 1948 issue. It may just be editorial license.

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.

January 8-11, 2026

FUN Winter Show – Florida United Numismatists Convention
Orange County Convention Center
9400 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, Florida
Katie Williams 1-407-404-1370 (600+ Tables)

January 16-17, 2026

Houston Money Show
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road
Conroe, Texas
Jack Domurat 832-610-5313 (125 Tables)

January 23-24, 2026

2025 Middle Georgia Coin & Currency Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Miller, Murphy, Howard Building
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Georgia 31069
Chip Davis 478-320-7850 (90 Tables)

January 31, 2026

Olympia Coin Club Show (Submitted by Gary Knell)
EXPO Hall, Thurston County Fairgrounds (NEW LOCATION)
3054 Carpenter, Lacey Washington
Kevin Charbonneau 253-224-7060

Janurary 30-31, 2026

Wasatch Winter Coin Show
SLCC Miller Conference Center
9750 South West
Sandy, Utah 84070
Bob Campell 801-467-8636

February 6-7, 2026

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

February 7, 2026

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 (Multiple Transportation Token Dealers)

February 13-14, 2026

56th Annual Redwood Empire Coin Show (Submitted by Michael Wehner)
Members of the Western States Token Society will have tables at the show.
E. L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds
1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA
Merle Avila 707-585-3711 Merle@avilaarchitects.com

February 13-15, 2026

Annual Greater America Coin Fair
St. Louis Airport Hilton Hotel
10330 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63134
Bill Pope 636-947-1120 (110 Tables)

February 19-21, 2026

Long Beach EXPO-Long Beach Convention Center-Hall C
100 South Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California 90802
www.longbeachexpo.com (400 + Dealers)

February 26-28, 2026

ANA National Money Show
Savannah Convention Center
1 International Drive, Savannah, Georgia
Nationalmoneyshow.com (Hundreds of dealers)

China General Omnibus Co. 5 Cent Token – China, Shanghai 720-BF

by C. Judge

Established in 1922 (though some sources cite 1924), the China General Omnibus Co. Ltd. was a British-owned company that was registered in Hong Kong, but exclusively served the Shanghai market. It was founded by J. A. Fredericks, with J. D. Shatler serving in the role of General Manager. Part of the Sasoon group, it ran bus routes in the International Settlement and beyond. The first routes were opened in 1924, to increase to about 20 lines in the 1930s. Those routes mostly followed main roads and are quite similar to today's bus line. The company operated into the 1940's.

The company was a prolific issuer of tokens with eleven different being cataloged. They were issued for general circulation as small change during a shortage of small denomination coins in Shanghai after the Japanese occupation. Examples are known in 1, 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 5 cent valuations. The example shown below is listed in Smiths 1990 catalog as Shanghai 720-BF. It was struck in white metal, is 20mm in diameter with a numeral 5 cutout. This variety is readily available to collectors with recent 2022-23 sale prices realized from \$15-35.00 depending on condition.



This 1924 photo shows one of the original buses used by CGOC.



This image is a stock certificates issued by CGOCo to raise money for line and route expansion.



As the company grew and ridership increased, they changed to double deck buses.
 This 1937 image shows one of the new style buses. CGOCo.
 Used the flat surfaces on the buses to sell advertisements and generate further revenue.



Rhode and Lovato Auction 2

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101	CT525C		157	FL380Z		213	FL960F		269	HI240B		325	IL70A	
102	CT525D		158	FL410A		214	FL960G		270	HI240E		326	IL70B	
103	CT550A		159	FL440B		215	FL998B		271	HI240F		327	IL70D	
104	CT550B		160	FL520E		216	FL998C		272	HI330A		328	IL70E	
105	CT550C		161	FL530A		217	FL1000B		273	HI330B		329	IL95A	
106	CT550D		162	FL530B		218	FL1000C		274	HI540B		330	IL95B	
107	CT550E		163	FL530G		219	FL1000D		275	HI540C		331	IL100A	
108	CT550F		164	FL530I		220	FL1000E		276	HI540D		332	IL110A	
109	CT560B		165	FL530J		221	FL1000F		277	HI540E		333	IL125A	
110	CT560C		166	FL530K		222	FL1000G		278	HI540F		334	IL130A	
111	CT560D		167	FL540A		223	FL1000H		279	ID100A		335	IL130B	
112	CT1000A		168	FL610A		224	FL1000J		280	ID100B		336	IL130C	
113	DE300A		169	FL610B		225	FL1000K		281	ID100C		337	IL130D	
114	DE300B		170	FL610C		226	FL1000L		282	ID100E		338	IL130E	
115	DE300C		171	FL610D		227	GA20B		283	ID100H		339	IL130G	
116	DE300D		172	FL610E		228	GA50B		284	ID100I		340	IL135C	
117	DE300E		173	FL610F		229	GA60O		285	ID100J		341	IL135F	
118	DE300F		174	FL620A		230	GA60P		286	ID100K		342	IL135I	
119	DE300G		175	FL622A		231	GA60Q		287	ID100L		343	IL135J	
120	DE300H		176	FL625A		232	GA60Z		288	ID100M		344	IL135L	
121	DE300I		177	FL630C		233	GA60AD		289	ID100N		345	IL150Aa	
122	DE300J		178	FL670A		234	GA60AG		290	ID100O		346	IL150Ab	
123	DE300K		179	FL671A		235	GA60AH		291	ID100R		347	IL150I	
124	DE700A		180	FL671B		236	GA60AI		292	ID200A		348	IL150S	
125	DE900K		181	FL671C		237	GA60AJ		293	ID200B		349	IL150X	
126	FL90B		182	FL671D		238	GA60AK		294	ID380B		350	IL150Z	
127	FL91A		183	FL671E		239	GA60AL		295	ID380C		351	IL150AB	
128	FL92E		184	FL710A		240	GA60AM		296	ID380D		352	IL150AC	
129	FL93B		185	FL715A		241	GA60AO		297	ID380E		353	IL150AG	
130	FL105A		186	FL840C		242	GA70A		298	ID380F		354	IL150AI	
131	FL105F		187	FL840I		243	GA240A		299	ID380G		355	IL150AL	
132	FL110A		188	FL850A		244	GA240B		300	ID380H		356	IL155B	
133	FL110B		189	FL860A		245	GA240C		301	ID380I		357	IL157A	
134	FL130A		190	FL860B		246	GA240D		302	ID380J		358	IL190C	
135	FL230B		191	FL880K		247	GA360A		303	ID380M		359	IL190D	
136	FL250A		192	FL880L		248	GA360B		304	ID440A		360	IL190E	
137	FL281A		193	FL880M		249	GA580A		305	ID440B		361	IL190H	
138	FL290A		194	FL881C		250	GA580K		306	ID440D		362	IL190J	
139	FL290B		195	FL881D		251	GA580O		307	ID440E		363	IL190K	
140	FL300D		196	FL885A		252	GA630A		308	ID440F		364	IL190L	
141	FL300J		197	FL900B		253	GA630B		309	ID440G		365	IL195B	
142	FL300K		198	FL900C		254	GA630D		310	ID440J		366	IL195Db	
143	FL300M		199	FL900D		255	GA690A		311	ID580A		367	IL195E	
144	FL315A		200	FL900E		256	GA750C		312	ID640A		368	IL195F	
145	FL380C		201	FL900F		257	GA750D		313	ID640B		369	IL200A	
146	FL380D		202	FL900G		258	GA750E		314	ID640C		370	IL200C	
147	FL380E		203	FL900H		259	GA750G		315	ID640D		371	IL200D	
148	FL380F		204	FL900I		260	GA760A		316	ID860A		372	IL205C	
149	FL380H		205	FL900M		261	GA765A		317	ID860B		373	IL210A	
150	FL380J		206	FL900N		262	GA780Na		318	ID860C		374	IL210B	
151	FL380K		207	FL900O		263	GA780Nb		319	IL10A		375	IL210C	
152	FL380M		208	FL910A		264	GA920A		320	IL10B		376	IL210D	
153	FL380O		209	FL910G		265	GA920C		321	IL20A		377	IL220C	
154	FL380P		210	FL910M		266	HI60A		322	IL20B		378	IL220F	
155	FL380R		211	FL960D		267	HI210B		323	IL25C		379	IL235A	
156	FL380X		212	FL960E		268	HI240A		324	IL25E		380	IL235B	

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383	IL250J		439	IL600C		495	IL999N-P		551	IN460P		607	IN960B	
384	IL250K		440	IL600D		496	IL999N-S		552	IN460Q		608	IN980B	
385	IL250L		441	IL605C		497	IL999O-E		553	IN460S		609	IN980D	
386	IL250M		442	IL610A		498	IL999O-F		554	IN460X		610	IN980E	
387	IL250N		443	IL660A		499	IL999O-L		555	IN460Y		611	IN1000A	
388	IL285B		444	IL670A		500	IL999P-E		556	IN460Z		612	IN1000B	
389	IL285C		445	IL685A		501	IL999P-F		557	IN460AA		613	IN1000D	
390	IL320A		446	IL720A		502	IL999P-G		558	IN460AD		614	IN1000E	
391	IL320B		447	IL720B		503	IL999P-M		559	IN500A		615	IN1000I	
392	IL320C		448	IL720D		504	IL999P-N		560	IN510A		616	IA30B	
393	IL320I		449	IL720E		505	IL999Q-B		561	IN510B		617	IA30D	
394	IL320J		450	IL720G		506	IL999Q-E		562	IN510C		618	IA30E	
395	IL365B		451	IL740A		507	IL999Q-G		563	IN510E		619	IA30I	
396	IL370B		452	IL755C		508	IL999R-A		564	IN510F		620	IA50A	
397	IL370C		453	IL755D		509	IL999R-L		565	IN510I		621	IA50B	
398	IL370D		454	IL760A		510	IL999R-N		566	IN520D		622	IA50D	
399	IL385A		455	IL760G		511	IL999T-A		567	IN520F		623	IA77B	
400	IL430A		456	IL760L		512	IL999T-O		568	IN520Ia		624	IA77C	
401	IL430B		457	IL768C		513	IL999T-P		569	IN530B		625	IA77H	
402	IL430C		458	IL785A		514	IL999U		570	IN530C		626	IA77I	
403	L430D		459	IL795B		515	IL1000A		571	IN530Db		627	IA100A	
404	IL430E		460	IL795D		516	IL1000B		572	IN570C		628	IA110A	
405	IL440A		461	IL795F		517	IL1000C		573	IN570D		629	IA110B	
406	IL440B		462	IL795H		518	IN20B		574	IN570E		630	IA110E	
407	IL455A		463	IL795O		519	IN90A		575	IN570M		631	IA110F	
408	IL455B		464	IL795Q		520	IN90B		576	IN570P		632	IA110I	
409	IL455E		465	IL795R		521	IN90C		577	IN570R		633	IA110K	
410	IL455F		466	IL795X		522	IN110A		578	IN570S		634	IA110L	
411	IL455H		467	IL820B		523	IN110B		579	IN570V		635	IA110M	
412	IL460B		468	IL840A		524	IN160D		580	IN610D		636	IA110O	
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415	IL460F		471	IL950A		527	IN200C		583	IN650D		639	IA150E	
416	IL460J		472	IL950B		528	IN260F		584	IN680B		640	IA150F	
417	IL460L		473	IL950C		529	IN260G		585	IN680D		641	IA160A	
418	IL460M		474	IL998A		530	IN275B		586	IN680E		642	IA180C	
419	IL470A		475	IL999A		531	IN280A		587	IN680F		643	IA230B	
420	IL470C		476	IL999B		532	IN280I		588	IN700F		644	IA230C	
421	IL470D		477	IL999H-D		533	IN280J		589	IN750A		645	IA230D	
422	IL475A		478	IL999H-P		534	IN290G		590	IN820C		646	IA230E	
423	IL475B		479	IL999I-D		535	IN300A		591	IN820D		647	IA230L	
424	IL495A		480	IL999J-P		536	IN315A		592	IN820E		648	IA230M	
425	IL495B		481	IL999K-G		537	IN330A		593	IN840A		649	IA235H	
426	IL495C		482	IL999K-P		538	IN330F		594	IN840B		650	IA235I	
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429	IL530A		485	IL999L-L		541	IN330L		597	IN890C		653	IA235N	
430	IL530B		486	IL999M-C		542	IN330N		598	IN930C		654	IA240A	
431	IL530C		487	IL999M-F		543	IN390C		599	IN930E		655	IA240B	
432	IL530D		488	IL999M-H		544	IN390I		600	IN930F		656	IA240C	
433	IL535A		489	IL999M-L		545	IN450A		601	IN930G		657	IA270Ab	
434	IL535A		490	IL999M-N		546	IN460E		602	IN950A		658	IA270F	
435	IL545A		491	IL999M-O		547	IN460F		603	IN950E		659	IA300D	
436	IL580C		492	IL999N-G		548	IN460G		604	IN950F		660	IA300E	

Benton Harbor & St. Joe R & L Co. – Ken Smith

Benton Harbor, Michigan
MI 75 A / 17mm / WM
MI 75 A? / 17mm / copper plated
Issued between 1906 & 1928 / Value .75

The copper plated token not listed in AC 8th Edition Catalogue

The Benton Harbor & St. Joe Railway & Light Company operated an Electric Railway from Benton Harbor to Watervliet with branches to Paw Paw and Dowagiac between 1906 and 1928. This line included both city lines in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, as well as interurban lines to South Bend and Paw Paw Lake. The line to South Bend, known as the Southern Michigan Ry., had a station at Lake Blvd. and Ship Street in St. Joe's. The main car barn was in Benton Harbor on 9th Street. They also had a yard at the Goodrich Docks on the northeast side of the river. In 1928 the property was sold to Twin City Motor Coach Co.

- All information taken from Michiganrailroads.com



JANUARY 2026 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

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ARIZONA

(reported by Bob Schneider)

COTTONWOOD 150

MERKIN VINYARDS POCKET PARK GELATERIA

(ICE CREAM CONE) (brown center)

A	Pb	39	Sd	Merkin Vineyards 1 Person Tram Token (Ice Cream Cone) (white printing)(brown center)	\$2.00
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INDIANA

(reported by Bob Schneider)

LOGANSPOORT 570

LOGANSPOORT INDIANA GOOD FOR ONE RIDE 2024

Z	Px	41	Sd	Dentzel Carousel (carousel horse) (white printing)	2.00
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LOGANSPOORT INDIANA GOOD FOR ONE RIDE 2021

AA	Pe	41	Sd	Dentzel Carousel (carousel horse) (gold printing)	2.00
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WASHINGTON

(reported by Gary Kne11)

SPOKANE 840

RIVERFRONT PARK LOOFF CARROUSEL

"PRINCE" (carousel horse with 1909 above)

Z	B	27	Sd	Spokane Parks Foundation	2.50
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CORRECTION TO NOVEMBER 2025 FARE BOX

(reported by Rich Mallicote)

OK 640 N - change value from \$11 to \$12.

Discussion

The 2024 Logansport Carousel token is being distributed through the N.I.S. Unfortunately, the N.I.S. did not obtain a supply of the 2021 tokens four years ago. The carousel only had one token left.

We now have listed the Logansport tokens for every year from 2010 through 2024. We also have listed 1997, 2001, and 2007. I suspect that the tokens existed for other years but we have not seen any yet.

Merkin Vineyards consists of a restaurant on a hilltop and the Pocket Park Gelateria, a gourmet gelato store at street level. The two are surrounded by a vineyard. Merkin Vineyard is owned by Maynard James Keenan, the lead singer for the rock band Tool.

In order to move restaurant guests up the hillside, an inclined elevator was built.

A detailed article describing this attraction can be found at:

<https://hillhiker.com/portfolio/commercial-inclined-tram-arizona/>.

If one buys gelato at the store, a free tram ride is offered. Otherwise, one must pay \$2.00 to ride the tram. One can also drive a car directly to the restaurant and avoid the tram!

WA 840 Z is similar to WA 840 Y. According to the Spokane Carousel website, tokens were distributed from a machine. Several different horses have been depicted and collectors may wish to purchase multiple tokens to obtain a complete set. Therefore, it may be assumed that other tokens exist which have not yet been reported.

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.

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

- 3640-ILLINOIS** (Reported by Bill Brenner) (IL 3640-A became IL 3640-Aa)
- TC-720738** **VILLAGE / OF / OAK PARK, ILL.** (F points down to the left side of R)
Ab B 22 Sd MUNICIPAL / PARKING
- 3775-KANSAS** (Reported by John Kent) (KS 3775-A became KS 3775-Aa)
- TC-718141** **OVERLAND PARK / A & W / *KANSAS***
Ab B 22 Sd 7515 W. 63RD / A V& W / HIGHWAY 50 (SMALL LETTERS 2MM TALL)
- 3770-MICHIGAN** (Reported by Crowblye43)
- TC-720463** **GOOD FOR 1 HOUR PARKING / 3RD ST. LOT. / PERRY’S / DRUGS / PHONE 726-2017**
A Wr 38 Sd REDEEMABLE BICENTENNIAL COIN / 1776 (Liberty Bell) 1976 / (Wreath)
- 3780-MICHIGAN** (Reported by John Kent)
- TC-718147** **METRO AIRPORT / QWIT / PARK / ON MERRIMAN / 1-888-844-PARK** (jet plane)
G Pr 38 Sd (blank)
- 3750-PENNSYLVANIA** (Reported by Bill Brenner)
- TC-720879** **COCCO PARKING 317 RACE ST. PHILA, PA**
He B 25 Sd (blank) (2 pierced holes in center of token)
- 3563-TEXAS** (Reported by John Kent)
- TC-718143** **DIAGNOSTIC / BUILDING / LUBBOCK, / TEXAS**
E WM 25 Sd Z (incuse)
- PTMS-3085** (Reported by John M Moody)
- TC-720618** **APE (star) R**
De B 23 Sd NO / CASH / VALUE {R: Dentillations are 0.5 mm long; top of VALUE is 13.5 mm long)
- PTRE-3999** (Reported by John Kent)
- TC-442519** **LOCAL SERVICE / H / HONEYWELL / EVERYWHERE**
W A 26 Sd HONEYWELL / CONTROLS / FOR ALL / TRANSIT / VEHICLES

NORTH AMERICAN TRANSIT PROJECT OPENINGS IN 2025

By Randy Glucksman

Date	Agency	City	Type	Line	Details	Notes
April 3	PATCO	Philadelphia	HR	PATCO	Franklin Square re-opens (Fifth time)	From 2024
May 10	Sound Transit	Seattle, Washington	LR	2 East Link LRT Phase II	Redmond Technology to Downtown Redmond	From 2024
					3.4 miles	
					2 stations	
June 6	Los Angeles County MTA	Los Angeles, California	LR	K and C Lines	Westchester/Veterans to Aviation/Century	Added
					LAX / Metro Transit Center Station Opens	
					1.2 miles	
June 7	Valley Metro Rail	Phoenix, Arizona	LR	South Central Extension	Downtown Phoenix Hub to Baseline/Central Ave	From 2024
					4.8 miles	
					8 stations	
September 19	Los Angeles County MTA	Los Angeles, California	LR	Line A	APU/Citrus College to Pomona North	-
					9.1 miles	
					4 stations	
October 16	Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation	Honolulu, Hawaii	APM	Skyline Rail Line Phase II	Halawa to Kahauiki	-
					5.2 miles	
					4 stations	
October 24	Kansas City Streetcar Authority	Kansas City, Missouri	LR	Main St. Extension (Purple)	Union Station to UKMC	-
					3.5 miles	
					8 stations	
November 17	Reseau Electrique Metropolitan	Montreal, Quebec	LR	RER - Light Rail (2nd Phase) Deux Montagnes Branch	Central Station to Deux Montagne	From 2024
					10.5 miles	
					14 stations	
December 6	Sound Transit	Seattle, Washington	LR	Federal Way Link Extension	Angle Lake to Kent/Des Moines	From 2024
					7.8 miles	
					3 stations	
December 7	Toronto Transportation Commission	Toronto, Ontario	LR	6 Finch West LRT	Humber College to Finch West 1	From 2023
					6.83 miles	
					18 stations	

Delayed to 2026
Orange County Streetcar
LACMTA D Lline
5 Eglinton Crosstown Phase I
West Lake Corridor (NICTD)

Legend	
APM	Automated People Mover
CR	Commuter Rail
HR	Heavy Rail
LR	Light Rail

2026 Library Update – Gary Knell

We received several donations over this last year. Bill Brenner and John Moody helped us update our holdings of Parking token references through their donations and efforts. Member Albert Miller donated Transportation references, and Parking, Car Wash and World Transportation books. I added from my collection an updated Civil War Storecard reference and Arizona Token book. Some of these are surplus to our needs but, as I advised the donors, down the road we may try and sell or trade these for references we would like to add to our library. We are accumulating multiple copies of out dated Atwood-Coffee Catalogs and I would like to pursue trading or selling these to finance more current publications. Maybe some of our membership has some ideas in this area; I would entertain any feedback to further the strengthening of our library.

The AVA website, Vecturist.com, will contain updated for updated library catalog listings for 2026. They are:

- 1 – Transportation
- 2- Transportation Related
- 3- State Tokens
- 4- U. S. Tokens
- 5- CWTS listings
- 6- TAMS Journals
- 7- Foreign Tokens
- 8- Unclassified listings.

From Ken Smith



A Ride on the Long Island Rail Road – by Gary Knell, Librarian



A year ago, in October, I was contacted by member Roger Urce. He was attempting to purchase the second die variety of NY-631 – S and wanted to borrow the Atwood-Coffee Catalog, 4th Edition, (1986) Volume 3 “Minor Die Varieties”. The token he was seeking was offered on E-bay and he was hoping to be able to see if it was different from the one he already owned. In responding to his request I checked the illustration for that token on page 547. The reference indicated a Sa and Sb variety but gave no detailed description of the differences. Unfortunately the line drawings displayed didn’t offer much detail. The key, along with the line illustrations, offered “Artic (sic) Area #” which according to the glossary on page 15 translated to “Not Identical Die (but close)” ! In this case the vague narrative and line drawings were not helpful due to the complexity in the design of the token.

I advised Roger that the book probably would not be helpful but did scan the information and sent it to him. In addition I forwarded page 377 of the 4th Edition, (1984) Volume 2 “History and Encyclopedia” which contained detailed information on the token. According to the information there were two issues; one on December, 1963 of 200,000 pieces and a second on July, 1964 of 100,000. The narrative goes on to state that immediately after the fair, 200,000 of the tokens were melted down. I also sent a scan of an article on page 34 from the November 11, 2019 CoinWorld publication entitled *Railroad token hails from New York fair*, by David T. Alexander. This article contained additional historic information about the token. There was a reference in the piece that the token was struck in copper-red and brass-yellow alloys; maybe that would be helpful in distinguishing the two varieties?

Roger was unable to tell from the photo with the E-bay listed token whether it was identical or different from the one he already possessed. He took a chance and successfully bid on the piece. While this was transpiring, I took a look at several of these tokens I had in my possession. After spending some time and expending some eye strain I came upon two die differences in the Unisphere design on the reverse side. The photos illustrated show these differences. I refer to these two dies as Sa and Sb. It may be that there are other subtle differences in the two varieties however, the two shown are very obvious upon close examination. I sent Roger a photo of both varieties I had and after his examination he was able to see the differences; the good news was that his E-bay purchase had secured him the second variety for his collection.



NY 631-Sa

Upper right line of longitude extends down thru the boot of Italy and crosses the Mediterranean Sea and intersects Africa. This line is missing from the other die (NY 631-Sb.)



NY 631-Sb

Uppermost line of latitude below "IR" in "FAIR" extends left from Greenland to the main land of Canada. This line is missing from the other die (NY 631-Sa.)

I later observed that 631-Sb was struck in both medal and coin die alignment. I only have one example of 631-Sa which is struck in coin alignment. It too was probably struck in medal alignment as well, but I cannot confirm. This likely is a coincidence and not a characteristic identifier of the two varieties.

Dues Increase for Some

Inflationary times have not bypassed the AVA. The yearly dues for those who receive The Fare Box by USPS (snail mail) has remained at \$25.00 since 2016. Printing and postage costs have risen and continue to climb. (The USPS has announced yet another postal increase for some time in February.) During the last few years the AVA has been absorbing the cost overruns. Unfortunately, this can not continue. There was an Executive Board Meeting held in November. The Board reluctantly decided to raise the snail mail rate to \$35.00 per year effective January 2026. This increased rate covers most (but not all) of the current costs. The Board felt that a \$10.00 jump in price, though shocking, was necessary. The AVA will continue to cover any shortfalls.

This increase does affect a small, yet important, segment of our members (those whose membership expires in December 2025). To find out what year your membership expires, look at your address label. The year follows your name (ie. John Smith (25). This dues increase does NOT affect: 1) Lifetime members, 2) Snail mail members who have paid for multiple years. (It will affect them later when their memberships expire in upcoming years.) 3) Those who receive The Fare Box electronically. 4) Those who have paid their snail mail dues for 2026 before January 1, 2026. Basically, if you haven't paid for 2026 yet, the new rate applies to you.

I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news.

Chris

2026 AVA CONVENTION AUCTION

Now that the holiday season has come to an end, it's time to start thinking about 2026. Though the annual August Convention seems a long way off, preparations for the Auction need to commence. Starting today, I will begin to accept items for that Auction.

There are 5 categories:

- 1) Transportation Tokens with a catalog value of \$5.00 or more.
- 2) Groups of Tokens whose combined catalog values match or exceed the \$5.00 minimum. This category is for harder to find tokens whose catalog value is less the \$5.00.
- 3) Miscellaneous Transportation Items (ie. tickets, metal token holders, conductor's punches, patches, badges, advertising and other memorabilia). The submitter will determine the minimum bid (starting at \$5.00). This category continues to generate a lot of interest & enthusiasm.
- 4) Car Wash Tokens
- 5) Parking Tokens

Member response in the 2025 Auction declined significantly. It seems there were a number of tokens that had been listed in previous Auctions and did not sell. They reappeared in the 2025 version and again did not sell. I want to avoid a situation of "Seen that one last year. Don't need it. Why waste time looking over the rest of the list if there are going to be repeats?". Therefore, I will NOT be accepting any items which did not sell in the 2025 Auction. EVERY LOT WILL BE NEW MATERIAL!

To avoid duplications, the earliest submission (by e-mail time stamp or postal date stamp) will be accepted. Please do NOT send your items until I contact you. I will continue to accept submissions up to 12 midnight (Pacific Time) on April 15. I need time to compile the listings so that they can be published in the May edition.

Should you have any questions or concerns, fell free to phone me at (916) 434-0472. (We get a lot of spam phone calls, so we screen incoming calls.) Please leave your message on the tape saying that you are with the AVA and a phone number that I can reach you. If you prefer, my e-mail address is gobearsdad@yahoo. My postal address is :

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3008 Mt. Baldy Dr.
Roseville, CA 95747

I will get back to you as soon as possible.

The success of this Auction depends upon your submissions. Please help. Thank you.

Chris

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January 2026

Advertising Manager: Royce Rose ~ 200 Dixon Ct ~ Burleson, TX 76028 ~ 817-475-7584 rar0825@gmail.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

#20 Car Wash Tokens: 50 different car wash tokens at catalog value minus a 20% discount. Postage would be extra. John Hoffmann, 8334 Heron Circle, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

#35 For Sale: Bulk Transportation Tokens - I have 550 - 600 different transportation tokens for sale in quantities of 10 or more. If you want 10 or more of the same kind, most of these will be half price. Some will have a larger discount and others will have a smaller discount but most will be 50% off. This includes some Convention tokens, most states, a few Transit Related and a lot more. I can email a list or if you send a SASE I will mail it to you. Bob Schneider, 28570 N Horizon Way, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143, Phone 757-713-0786, Email mykidsplay@gmail.com

#35 For Sale: Colorado Transportation Tokens - I have a several of the following Colorado transportation tokens. 830 C, D, E, F, H, I, J, K, M, and N. Sorry, no 830 G or 830 L. You can have all you want at \$2.00 each. Catalog value is \$3.00 - \$9.00 each. Bob Schneider, 28570 N Horizon Way, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143, Phone 757-713-0786, Email mykidsplay@gmail.com

#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

#35 For Sale: New Member Special - 100 different transportation tokens at catalog value minus a 30% discount. Postage would be extra. John Hoffmann, 8334 Heron Circle, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

#35 For Sale: Duplicate Transportation Tokens - I have several thousand duplicate transportation tokens for sale from my collection of 800 different tokens. I will negotiate a price for these tokens at or below catalogue value. Free shipping on orders over \$75. Dennis Wachholz, 27720 Woodland Dr., Chisago City, MN 55013, Phone 651-325-8182, Email lake3inn@hotmail.com

#70 Wanted: Canadian Transit Tokens - Specifically Western Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba). Will buy or trade. Steve Porter, Box 298 Balgonie, Saskatchewan, Canada, S0G 0E0, Email steve.porter1092@gmail.com