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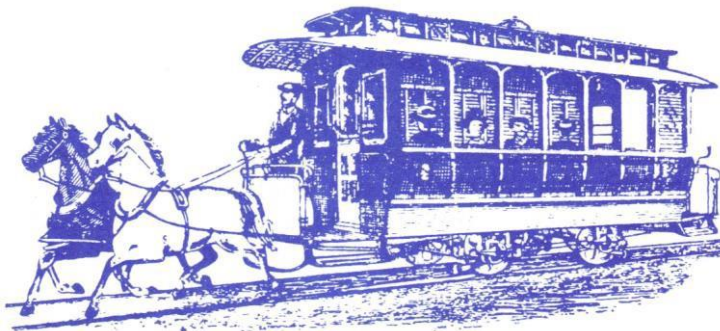
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CONVENTION 2026 – Rich Mallicote

Plan now and reserve your calendar for the days of August 22-24, 2026 for our convention this year. We will be visiting the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, Pennsylvania. Included with our trip to the museum to see their collection of 54 trolley cars will also be a 4-mile trolley ride and a behind-the-scenes visit to the restoration area. Washington, Pennsylvania is about a 30-minute drive down from Pittsburgh, so we hope that many of you in the northeastern US will want to attend.

In addition to our convention, the American Numismatic Association is planning their annual World's Fair of Money convention this year in Pittsburgh from August 25-29. So, you will be able to double up your token and coin convention attendance in one trip. Any of you that plan to also attend the ANA convention should consider staying in Washington. It is a reasonably short train ride into Pittsburgh and it saves parking downtown. Stay at the same hotel or move a little closer to the Light Rail Line near South Hills Village. You can park there and get the train. You can go back that way also. Avoid all the terrible traffic congestion and high Parking Costs and take the Public Transit. If you get off at the STEEL PLAZA it is a 2 or 3 block walk to the ANA Convention Center.

Our host hotel will be the Doubletree Hotel Washington Meadow Lands (by Hilton). The entire hotel was recently renovated. It is located near the Meadowlands Casino and there is an Outlet Mall very nearby. Hotel shuttles are available to go to either of these sites. The room rate is \$109 per night plus taxes, and includes breakfast for two. The same room rate is available for three days prior and three days post-convention. The block of rooms we have reserved is available until July 21st, but don't wait too long to book your room. You can call 724-222-6200 to book your room.

The convention registration cost will be \$85 per person. You can mail a check, made out to AVA, to Richard Mallicote, 1039 Arbor Drive, Lakemont, GA 30552 for your registration. First-time convention attendees will receive a \$45 special registration rate – hope to see you there.

Tentative schedule for convention will be:

Saturday, August 22 – auction (9:00 AM) & trolley museum visit (1:30 PM)

Sunday, August 23 – bourse (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) & buffet dinner (at the Doubletree)

Monday, August 24 – business meeting (9:00 AM); leave by noon

We will hold our pre-convention board meeting via zoom to save having to arrive at convention for an extra day – thus lessening the hotel expenses. Look for an advertisement in the Fare Box for the board meeting details.

We look forward to your attendance at this year's convention.



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Nomination of Officers – Chris Donovan

The window for submission of nominations closed on March 15. The results were ZERO! No one offered to put their name forward. For this organization to continue to function properly, there needs to be an influx of persons willing to do the work. We currently have a core of individuals who are keeping everything going strong. The current officers have agreed to “reup” for another 2 year term.

Let's face it we are all aging - some well and some not so well. What happens when serious medical issues suddenly arise? We need other members (old and or new) to be “learning the ropes”. That way if an emergency comes up they can help out. They don't have to assume all of the duties, but they can keep things going. They are our safety net.

Don't be shy. Get involved. Peruse the list of “volunteer jobs” on the sidebar to the left. What interests you: Catalog listings, pricings, Car Wash Tokens, Parking Tokens, new issues, auctions, writing articles, something that is not listed? Contact the persons who are now in charge. Some could use your help. All of them could tell you the facets of their particular responsibilities. Committees are formed during the course of the year. Consider serving on one. Please let us know. (If you don't tell us we don't know.) The sharing of knowledge is vital. This association has been serving the membership for over 75 years. We need your help to continue on. Thank you.

Vacation Trip by Ken Smith

My wife, Chris, and I were traveling from Phoenix, Arizona to Hot Springs, Arkansas to spend time with our son and granddaughter. As we were driving through Texas we decided to stop for lunch in Odessa. Chris did a search on her phone for coin shops in Odessa and found one called The Vault Fine Jewelry. She called the store and asked if they had any transportation tokens. The Vault is one of the few coin shops that carry a supply of tokens. She told them we were just pulling into Odessa and would be there in a few minutes.

When we got to the store we told them we had called about tokens and the woman at the counter called to the back. The owner came out with a large plastic tote and 2 small boxes and set them on the counter. There were all kinds of tokens. I told the owner that not many shops had tokens and eBay was way out of line with their prices. I said I was a member of the AVA and knew what the tokens were worth. While I was looking at the tokens Chris was enjoying a cup of coffee as a courtesy of the shop and they offered me a soft drink. We were surprised at how friendly they were. After going through the tokens and seeing high prices, I found 11 things I wanted. I wanted many more tokens, but I was uncertain about their pricing. I put the 11 pieces on the counter and asked how much it was. He said, "You're the expert, how much do you want to pay?" I said \$15.00 and he accepted my offer.

I got 2 Vallejo bus co. inc. steel 16mm tokens (V)

1 John F. Kennedy 20mm brass token

2 pressed pennies

1 30mm brass Hennings & Weige 50 cent in trade

1 Kansas 2 K 2 sales Tax token

3 Chuck E Cheese tokens

1 Northern Texas Track Co. Ft. Worth 1920 16mm WM (F)

If you are traveling by car and are somewhere you've never been before, just search for coin shops in the area. If you are near Odessa, Texas, be sure to stop at:

The Vault 1600 E. 8th St., Odessa, TX Phone 432-333-4653

APRIL 2026 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD- COFFEE CATALOGUE

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OREGON

(reported by Steve Sutherland)

Salem 800

SALEM'S RIVERFRONT CAROUSEL est. 2001

SALEM, OREGON (carousel building)

AA	B	25	Sd	Happy Holidays (carousel horse)	\$2.00
AB	B	25	Sd	Mr. Sprinkles (hearts)(carousel unicorn)	2.00
				Bubba 11-12-2003 - 03-08-2008 (sic)	
				Keeping the Dream Alive in His Memory	
				Bubba, we love you!	
AC	B	25	Sd	Ramses (carousel fish)	2.00
AD	B	25	Sd	Good Tidings (carousel horse)	2.00

PENNSYLVANIA

(reported by Arthur Smith)

Move Unidentified #85 to PA 770 D

Correction to A-C 8E

(reported by Yosef Sa'ar)

MO 725 A - change TRANSFERRED to TRANSFERED

Discussion

There are 4 new Salem Oregon Carousel tokens.

Salem OR 800 AB has an interesting story. Dr. Cole Johnson opened Johnson Family Orthodontics in 2011. In order to treat poor children who needed braces, Dr. Johnson sold stuffed unicorns with braces on their teeth to cover the costs for children unable to otherwise afford the expenses.

One of the first patients to take advantage of Dr. Johnson's generosity was Spencer "Bubba" Enderle who suffered from an incurable neurological condition. Sadly, Bubba passed away in 2018 at the age of 14. The token erroneously lists his year of death as 2008.

The Sullivan Taxi token, formerly listed as Unidentified 85 has been moved to PA 770 D under Pittston PA. Please see the article elsewhere in this issue.

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R-2307 Rick Bottles Jr. Fairmont, WV

R-3276 Rick Hazen Macomb, IL

Sullivan Taxi Company of Pittston Pennsylvania

By Joel Bernstein

I always find it exciting when a token in the unidentified tokens category can be moved to a regular state listing. Such is the case with unidentified number 85 Sullivan Taxi. This token was listed in the A-C catalog for \$150 but sold on eBay recently for only \$78.

Pittston Pennsylvania is located approximately half way between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. It is in the heart of what was one of the most important anthracite coal producing areas in the United States. At its peak in 1920, the population was in excess of 18,000. Currently due to the decline of the coal industry, the population has fallen to about 7,500.

Pittston was always well served by public transportation. Scranton Railway provided trolley service from Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Railway provided service from Wilkes-Barre. The Laurel Line, an interurban, operated between Scranton and Wilkes Barre via Pittston. The Inkerman Bus Line and its successors provided local service. Trains of the Lehigh Valley Railroad stopped in Pittston on the route between Jersey City and Buffalo. Even today, bus service is provided to Pittston from both Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Pittston was the site of several disasters. On June 28, 1896, an explosion at the Newton Coal Company's mine killed 58 miners including Pittston's acting mayor. On January 22, 1959, the Susquehanna River broke through the roof of a mine operated by the Knox Coal Company killing 12 workers. On November 27, 1942, an abandoned anthracite mine caved in causing a half mile square section of the town of Pittston to crack. 200 homes were severely damaged.



In the 1924 volume of Department Reports of Pennsylvania, item 9852-23 is an "application of Joseph Sullivan and Patrick Sullivan as Sullivan Taxi Company for approval of the right to operate autos or auto busses as a common carrier for the transportation of persons upon call or demand in the city of Pittston, Luzerne County, and vicinity."

Item TC-80538 of tokencatalog.com contains several additional items concerning Sullivan Taxi. An advertisement appeared in the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader on January 25, 1927:

On December 24, 1927, the Times Leader contained an article entitled:
Sullivan Taxis Are Widely Used

A synopsis of the article is that Michael Barber was providing prompt and efficient service. The taxis were kept in splendid condition and the drivers were trustworthy.

Sullivan Taxi Co.
MICHAEL BARBER, Prop.
Day and Night Service
PHONE 49 **WILLYS KNIGHT SEDAN SERVICE**
PITTSTON
Cars for Funerals, Weddings and all purposes
Prompt and Careful Service—
Heated Cars in Cold Weather.

I found one additional reference to Sullivan Taxi. It appeared in the October 7, 1935 minutes of the Pittston City Treasurer. A bill of \$20.50 from Sullivan Taxi was ordered to be paid.

Port Jackson & Manly S S Co. 1957 Quarterly Ferry Pass
Australia # 480-KH By: Curtis Judge

The Port Jackson & Manly Steam Ship Co. Ltd. was a large ferry company operating out of Manly, Australia. It was formed by the consolidation of 16 smaller companies over a period of many years starting in the late 1800's. In 1974 the Government of New South Wales took over the company and merged its operations with Sydney Harbor Ferries. In lieu of cash fares, discounted passes were issued to regular riders for 3 ,6 and 12 month durations. This pass was for the time period of January – March 1957.

This pass is listed as Australia 480-KH in Smith's 1981 World transit catalog. It is 27 X 27 mm struck in copper and holed for suspension on a key chain as were all the passes. Passes were issued with no denomination and only showed the dates of their validity. This one is given a R7 rarity with only 160 individually numbered pieces being produced by the Amor Company in Sidney. The "A" cutout signifies Adult usage. Smith's catalog gives the pass a 1981 valuation of \$8.00. Good condition attractive pieces such as this one will often bring several multiples of catalog value at auction.



This photo shows one of the PJMSS Co ferries in use at the time the pass was issued.



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.

April 10-11, 2026 {TENTATIVE}

Northern Utah Coin Show (Submitted by Cheryl Harrison.) Courtyard by Marriott-
Sponsored by Ogden Coin Club 247 24TH Street
Ogden, Utah
Bob Campell 801-467-8636

April 11, 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 dealers with transportation tokens)

April 11-12, 2026 NEW LOCATION

PNNA Annual Spring Coin Show (Submitted by Gary Knell)
Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Convention
Holiday Inn Columbia Riverfront
909 North Hayden Island Drive
Portland, Oregon
Scott Loos 425-463-6551 (85 Dealers)

April 11-12, 2026

Canada's Largest Numismatic
Event Edmonton Numismatic
Society Central Lions Centre
11113 113th Street NW,
Edmonton Alberta, T5G0E9

April 22-25, 2026

CSNS – Central States Numismatic Society (Submitted by Gary Knell)
Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center
1551 North Thoreau Drive
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173
Cindy Wibler convention@csns.org (250 Tables)

April 29-May 2, 2026

Denver Coin EXPO
National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt Street
Denver, Colorado 80216
Neal Hatgi 720-773-1175 (170+ Tables)

May 22-23, 2026

Augusta Coin Club's 2026 Spring Show
Columbia County Exhibition Center
212 Partnership Drive
Grovetown, Georgia 30813
Steven Nix 503-580-5211

May 24, 2026

Albany Coin Club's Annual Coin Show
Linn County Fair and Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Road
Albany, Oregon
Monte Mensing 503-580-5211

May 30-31, 2026 (Submitted by Luke Johnson)

Sioux Falls coins, Currencies & Sports Card Show
Sioux Falls Convention Center
1201 N. West Ave
Sioux Falls South Dakota 57104
Dar Makram (125 Tables)

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

3630-FLORIDA (Reported by Bob Nolan)
TC-7126906 **PARKING / (parking trams) / OPERATIONS**
 F Bz 39 Sd (3 symbols) / DISNEY TRANSPORT / (3 symbols) / C DISNEY (reeded edge)
 (antiqued bronze)

3150-ILLINOIS (Reported by John M Moody)
TC-712441 **BETHANY / (parking gate) / HOSPITAL (c / s incomplete)**
 Fd Bz 25 Sd PARCOA / (parking gate) / TOKEN (REV A (c / s G)

3360-TEXAS (Reported by Bob Nolan)
TC-727557 **GOOD FOR 1 HOUR PARKING / 3RD ST. LOT. / PERRY'S / DRUGS / PHONE 726-2017**
 I B 25 Sd SAINT PAUL COLLEGE

3750-PENNSYLVANIA (Reported by Dicky Theberge) (PA 3750-J became PA 3750-Ja)
TC-706772 **EINSTEIN MED / [c / s 3]**
 Jb Bz 20 Sd (blank)

3978-PENNSYLVANIA (Reported by Dicky Theberge) (PA 3978-A became PA 3978-Aa)
TC-711724 **THE / READING / HOSPITAL (c / s V)**
 WM B 22 Sd PARKING / TOKEN

3840-SOUTH CAROLINA (Reported by Dicky Theberge) (SC 3840-B (REV E] became SC 3840-Ba [REV E]
TC-706723 **MARY BLACK HOSPITAL (parking gate)**
 Bb Bz 25 Sd PARKING / (parking gate) / TOKEN (c / s Z)

3510-WISCONSIN (Reported by Dicky Theberge) (WI 3510-P became WI3510-Pa)
TC-711723 **FAMILY HOSPITAL / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN (c / s N))**
 Pb B 25 Sd FAMILY HOSPITAL / MILWAUKEE

PTUN-3169 (Reported by Dicky Theberge) (PTUN 3169 became PTUN 3169-Aa)
TC-711725 **CARPARK / HM / 1-877-YOU-PARK (968-7275}**
 Ab NpB 28 Sd CARPARK / HM / 1-877-YOU-PARK (968-7275}

Bergamo Italy Funicular Tramway Token – Smith Italy 80-AC - By:

Curtis Judge

Bergamo, Italy is a city full of historical charm and scenic beauty. One of the best ways to explore it is through its two iconic funiculars: the Funicolare di Bergamo Alta and the Funicolare di San Vigilio. These historic transportation systems not only connect different parts of the city but also offer breathtaking views of Bergamo and its surroundings. The trams have been operating for over 120 years. The trams are two car systems, counterbalanced and connected by cables with one car rising while the other descends. The cars hold 40 people and operate from 7AM to midnight most days.

Over the early years the city administration had issued three different fare tokens. They were valued at 20, 50 and 80 centimos based on fare requirements. Tokens are no longer used being replaced by machine issued paper fare tickets or phone payment apps. The token shown below is 24mm struck in aluminum in unknown quantity. It is listed in Smith's 1990 international transit catalog as Italy, Bergamo 80-AC and given a valuation of \$3.00. The tokens are difficult to locate with this example selling for \$212.50 in a February, 2026, eBay online auction receiving multiple bids.



This photo shows the two tram cars passing each other.



Rhode Island Company – Two Cent Zone Fare Token – RI 700-C

By: Curtis Judge

The trolley systems in and around Providence, Rhode Island were run by the *Rhode Island Company* which was formed in 1902. The *R. I. Company* was owned and operated by the *New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad*. In 1914, because of antitrust laws, the railroad was ordered to divest itself of all New England streetcar companies. The *Rhode Island Company* went into temporary receivership without the railroad financial backing and in January 1919 all Rhode Island Company lines were consolidated under the *United Electrical Railways Company*. To avoid future "public inconvenience" because of the streetcars' financial affairs, the legislature placed the corporation under the full and exclusive control of the Public Utilities Commission.

Fares on the R.I.Co. trolleys were 5 cents for inner city zones. Interurban fares were either 7 or 9 cents divided into two distance zones beyond the city zone. The company issued tokens valued at 2 cents or one zone fare for usage in the extended zones. The brass 19mm 2 cent zone tokens are listed in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog as R.I., Providence 700-C and given a valuation of \$12.00. Mintage number is not known. A January, 2026 eBay auction consisting of two pieces of 700-C with a starting bid of \$19.99 ended without receiving a bid.



This photo shows one of the trolleys used by the Rhode Island Co. This preserved car resides in the Shore Line Trolley Museum in Rhode Island.



FARE BOX ~ BUY ~ SELL ~ TRADE

April 2026

Advertising Manager: Royce Rose ~ 200 Dixon Court ~ 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

#35 For Sale: Australian Ferry Passes - I have a dozen different near uncirculated enameled Australian Ferry Pass token. Categories: Ex, Fx, Gx, and Hx. Will send list and sell individually or as a group. Larry Dziubek, P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027, Email LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

#35 For Sale: Transportation Tokens at catalog: AK50C, AZ440C, CA625B, CA705A, CA715AE, CA775C, CA775D, CA815C, CO280C, CO620B, CO690B, CT550B, DE900K, FL380E, FL380F, FL380J, FL380K, FL670A, FL850A, GA750D. Limited supplies. Bob Schneider, 28570 N Horizon Way, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143, Phone: (757) 713-0786, Email: mykidsplay@gmail.com

35 For Sale: Official Souvenir Commemorative Coin - Uncirculated 1974 - Conference on Urban Transportation Medal, Atwood - Transportation Related IL 100 E (page 629). Will sell for \$20.00. Larry Dziubek, P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027, Email LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

#65 Trade: Send 25 to 500 different transportation tokens and I will send the same amount of different transportation tokens to you. Please do not send duplicates. Bonus for you. The ones I send will have a catalog value of at least 25% more than the ones you send me. Bob Schneider 28570 N Horizon Way San Tan Valley, AZ 85143 (757) 713-0786 mykidsplay@gmail.com

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