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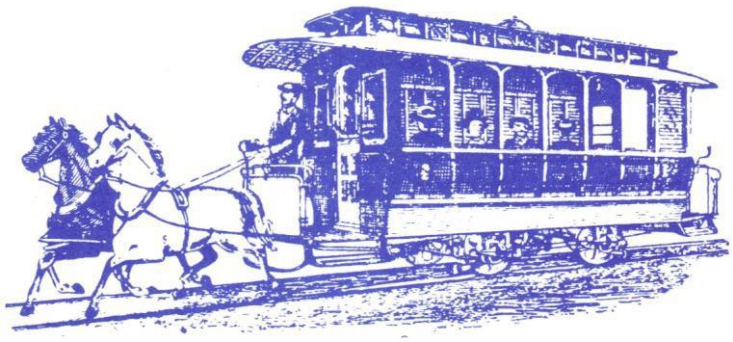
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AVA Convention 2026 – Rich Mallicote

Convention 2026 is happening later this month in Washington, PA. We have a good turnout of attendees, including several from Pennsylvania that have not been seen before or at least not for a long time. Please get in touch with me, if you have any questions about convention. I will be putting out a separate email in a few days to all attendees with some more information about convention. Rich Mallicote, 720 Hunters Run Road, Townsend, TN 37882; 678-642-6933; rmallicote@comcast.net.

Meet Our New NIS Manager – John Kent

The American Vecturist Association is pleased to welcome John Kent of Basehor, Kansas, as the new manager of the AVA New Issue Service (NIS).

John's interest in collecting began at the age of 10 with coins, and before long that hobby expanded into transportation tokens and other forms of exonumia. Today, he specializes in collecting all types of tokens and exonumia from Kansas and Colorado.

Following a distinguished 28-year career in the U.S. Army, John retired from military service and now works as a military contractor. He is an active member of the American Vecturist Association, the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), the National Token Collectors Association (NTCA), the International Order of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC), and the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

John and his wife, Jennifer, have three children. Although he is unable to attend this year's AVA Convention, he hopes to attend future conventions and looks forward to meeting many of you in person.

Please join us in welcoming John as our new NIS Manager. We appreciate his willingness to assume this important role and are confident that the New Issue Service will continue to be a valuable benefit for AVA members under his leadership.

You can contact John at tokent7@hotmail.com



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AVA Patches For Hats or Shirts – Ken Smith

AVA members coming to the August Convention 22-24. Attending members will be recognized by wearing a (AVA patch) on their shirts. By wearing a patch, new attendees can see who members are and get information on how and where the meeting takes place.

Anyone coming to the convention can buy the patch at a reduced price of $2.00. If not coming but want the patch, contact Ken Smith.
(keninwaukegan@aol.com)

Patches are 3 inches in size 100% embroidered with iron on backing. If you're an AVA member and want the AVA logo patch, contact Ken Smith at: keninwaukegan@aol.com



EDITOR'S NOTE: These patches are very well done, professional looking patches that would look great on most shirts, blouses and and hats.

By wearing a hat, shirt or blouse with this patch you could create some interest in the American Vecturist Association by others seeing the patch and then asking you asome questions about the club. It is a very inexpensive way to promote your club and help it grow

Rich Mallicote, Treasurer Has Moved

Patty and I are moving from North Georgia to East Tennessee. Please do not send any further mail to the Lakemont, GA address. Our new address is 720 Hunters Run Road, Townsend, Tennessee 37882-3692.

Birmingham Electric Co. 7 Cent Fare Tokens – Alabama 120-G & H

By: C. Judge

The Birmingham Electric Company (BECo), incorporated in 1921, generated public electricity and operated streetcars and motor coaches as Birmingham's public transit system from 1921 to 1951. Its headquarters offices were in the Birmingham Railway Light & Power building at 2100 1st Avenue North. A foundry and repair shop was located at the 4th Avenue Car Barn. America's entrance into WWII immediately increased ridership as sales of cars, rubber tires and gasoline were redirected to wartime production. In early 1942 ridership surpassed 6,000,000/month. In preparing for postwar decline in demand, the company gradually eliminated the trolleys for modern buses. The last streetcar ran in 1953.

BECo issued two different 7 cent fare tokens, the first in 1941 was bronze (shown below) with 300K pieces being struck. The second type was struck in 1946 from war time zinc with 200K pieces being produced. Both tokens use the same die work and were good for a 7 cent fare on the system. The bronze is cataloged as Alabama 120-G in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog and the zinc as 120-H. Both tokens carry a $0.35 catalog valuation and are readily available at less than $1.00.



This image shows two trollies that were removed from service prior to being scrapped.



AUGUST 2026 SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

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Correction to July 2026 Supplement

(reported by Joel Bernstein)
TR NY 950 C – change reverse to Wooden Nickel United States of America (buffalo)
(reported by Bob Schneider)
WI 420 L – obverse – change MARITIME METRO TRANSIT MT to MARITIME METRO TRANSIT MMT.
(reported by Joel Bernstein)
NY 675 E and F – the line separations on these 2 tokens is the same as that shown below for 657 G.
UU 111 – move to OK 640 P.
TR IL 400 A -change We to Wr, add NORMAL, ILL. To obverse
TR IL 400 B – change UNITED to UNTIED
TR NY 200 B move to CA – Grass Valley TR CA 270 A
TR NY 200 C move to CA – Grass Valley TR CA 270 B

MONTANA

Missoula 660 (reported by Forrest Stevens)
A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA RIDE TOKEN (carousel horse)
CA B 25 Sd Glimmer 2026 (carousel horse) $1.00
CB B 25 Sd 2026 (carousel horses) 1.00

NEW YORK

Olean 675 (reported by Joel Bernstein)
TORPEDO CABS/ 437 2nd AVE., OLEAN, N.Y./
PHONE/ 5555
G B 25 Sd Good For/One Taxi Fare/Zone /2 350.00

TENNESSEE

Kingsport 415 (reported by Dennis Poland)
KINGSPORT CAROUSEL 10 YEARS (carousel horse)
I B 28 Sd Good For One Carousel Ride 1.00

TRANSPORTATION RELATED TOKENS

(reported by Joel Bernstein)
California – Los Angeles TR CA 300
A.S. RAGSDALE 124 E. 25th Taxicabs Livery Los Angeles, Calif.
(auto with top down)
I A 34 Sd Taxicabs $3.00 Per Hour Auto Livery So. 2228
21292 Stand 352 So. Spring L.A. RUB STAMP CO.
California – Los Banos TR CA 320
THE HUB GOOD FOR ONE DRINK 626 "I" STREET LOS BANOS, CALIF.
CALL CITY TAXI 826-1375
A Pr 42 Sd (blank) (black printing)
B Py 42 Sd (blank) (black printing)

California – Redding TR CA 452
TAXI REDDING YELLOW CAB 222-1234
A We 38 Sd One Wooden Buck (money sack)

California – San Diego TR CA 500
SMITH TAXI CO.MAIN 2500 PHONE SAN DIEGO, CAL.
E A 30 Sd Smith Taxi Co. San Diego, Cal.
TAXI BLACK & WHITE CAB CO. F 3163
F A 32 Sd Brownie Bonded Messengers
666 2nd Ave – Phone Franklin 6106 (swastika)

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Indiana – Noblesville TR IN 700
THE 710 TAXI PR. 3-4620 (incuse)
A B Sc (blank) (28mm)

New York – Watervliet TR NY 950
GOOD FOR 25¢ TOWARD FARE in A-1 TAXI WATERVLIET PHONE 272-2170
WATERVLIET, NY
D We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel United States of America (buffalo)

Oregon – Bend TR OR 200
GOOD FOR 25¢ TOWARD FARE TOWN TAXI 382-6111 BEND, OREGON
A Pi 38 Sd (same as obverse) (blue lettering)

Oregon – Corvallis TR OR 300
CORVALLIS TAXI CO. (incuse serial number)
A B 31 Sd Telephone Number 46

Discussion

We have already listed Torpedo Cab tokens for zones 1 and 3. There was also one for zone 2.

According to tokencatalog.com, there were numerous references to Cleve's Taxi (appears on UU 111) in Oklahoma City newspapers. The owner was Grover Cleveland Harrell (1884-1942). Harrell apparently did not like his first name and used his abbreviated middle name instead. An article in the Oklahoma News dated December 8, 1921 stated that new meters were installed in Cleve's Taxis. Another article in the Oklahoma Advance dated September 14, 1922 that new uniforms arrived for the drivers. Cleve later operated under the Yellow Cab banner.

The Missoula Carousel issued 2 new tokens for 2026.We now have 73 tokens listed for that operation!

The Kingsport Carousel opened in 2015 and TN 415 I was issued to commemorate the 10th anniversary.

Whatever building was at 626 I Street in Los Banos CA is no longer there. Currently, there is a Bank of America branch at that location.

Prior to World War 2, the swastika (which appears on TR CA 500 F) was a common good luck symbol.

An advertisement appeared in the Grass Valley Union on April 30, 1958 for Valley Taxi with phone number 460. We are therefore moving TR NY 200 B and C from Buffalo NY.

TR NY 950 D is the same as TR NY 950 C except that the words ONLY ONE TO A CUSTOMER are not present.

REINSTATEMENT

R-3246	Mike Miller	Aliquippa, PA	US, CANADA & FOREIGN PARKING & CAR WASH & OTHER

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1. All bids must be received by September 15, 2026 2. Postage and insurance will be added to all orders. 3. Minimum bid is the 8th Atwood
4. In case of tie, first postmark or email date wins. 5. Please either copy this sheet or submit item # and token ID with bids
6. Bids over $5.00 will be reduced to 15% over highest bidder or 1.5 times catalogue, whichever is higher

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Lot #	Token	Bid
1	DE 900A	
2	DE 900B	
3	ME 40A	
4	ME 40B	
5	ME 460A	
6	ME 480A	
7	ME 480B	
8	ME 480E	
9	ME 550A	
10	ME 710A	
11	ME 710B	
12	ME 740A	
13	ME 930A	
14	ME 1000D	
15	ME 1000E	
16	MD 60B	
17	MD 60C	
18	MD 60D	
19	MD 60H	
20	MD 60I	
21	MD 60J	
22	MD 60K	
23	MD 60L	
24	MD 60M	
25	MD 60N	
26	MD 60O	
27	MD 60Q	
28	MD 60R	
29	MD 60S	
30	MD 60U	
31	MD 60V	
32	MD 60W	
33	MD 60X	
34	MD 60Y	
35	MD 60Z	
36	MD 60AA	
37	MD 60AE	
38	MD 60AF	
39	MD 60AG	
40	MD 60AL	
41	MD 60AN	
42	MD 60AO	
43	MD 60AP	
44	MD 300A	
45	MD 520B	
46	MD 550A	
47	MD 550B	
48	MD 600A	
49	MD 600B	
50	MD 840B	
51	MD 940A	
52	MD 940C	
53	MD940D	
54	MD 1000A	

Lot #	Token	Bid
55	MT 80B	
56	MT 80C	
57	MT140C	
58	MT 140G	
59	MT 380A	
60	MT 380B	
61	MT 480A	
62	MT 480B	
63	MT 480C	
64	MT 480D	
65	MT 480E	
66	MT 480L	
67	MT 480Q	
68	MT 480S	
69	MT 500A	
70	MT 660A	
71	MT 660B	
72	MT 660D	
73	MT 740A	
74	NH 30A	
75	NH 100A	
76	NH 500C	
77	NH 520A	
78	NH 520B	
79	NH 615C	
80	NH 615D	
81	NH 640E	
82	NH 640F	
83	NH 640G	
84	NH 640J	
85	NH 640K	
86	NH 700A	
87	ND 260Ba	
88	ND 260Bb	
89	ND 320B	
90	ND 320D	
91	ND 440A	
92	ND 440B	
93	ND 600F	
94	ND 900A	
95	ND 900C	
96	PA 15C	
97	PA 15D	
98	PA 15E	
99	PA 15M	
100	PA 15N	
101	PA 25B	
102	PA 25C	
103	PA 55A	
104	PA 65A	
105	PA 65E	
106	PA 65F	
107	PA 65G	
108	PA 65H	

Lot #	Token	Bid
109	PA 65J	
110	PA 65P	
111	PA 85A	
112	PA 110C	
113	PA 110E	
114	PA 110F	
115	PA 110G	
116	PA 135A	
117	PA 135B	
118	PA 145A	
119	PA 146A	
120	PA 146B	
121	PA 146C	
122	PA 150A	
123	PA 150B	
124	PA 165A	
125	PA 165C	
126	PA 165E	
127	PA 165H	
128	PA 175A	
129	PA 180D	
130	PA 180E	
131	PA 180G	
132	PA 180H	
133	PA 195A	
134	PA 195B	
135	PA 195C	
136	PA 195D	
137	PA 195E	
138	PA 195F	
139	PA 195Gb	
140	PA 195I	
141	PA 195J	
142	PA 195K	
143	PA 195L	
144	PA 280A	
145	PA 280B	
146	PA 295A	
147	PA 295B	
148	PA 295C	
149	PA 305D	
150	PA 310A-2	
151	PA 315A	
152	PA 320A	
153	PA 325A	
154	PA 325C	
155	PA 325D	
156	PA 340A	
157	PA 360A	
158	PA 400B	
159	PA 400C	
160	PA 400D	
161	PA 405A	
162	PA 415A	

Lot #	Token	Bid
163	PA 425A	
164	PA 425B	
165	PA 425C	
166	PA 425D	
167	PA 440A	
168	PA 440B	
169	PA 440C	
170	PA 440D	
171	PA 440E	
172	PA 445C	
173	PA 455A	
174	PA 458A	
175	PA 460A	
176	PA 460B	
177	PA 460C	
178	PA 460D	
179	PA 470A	
180	PA 480A	
181	PA 480B	
182	PA 490A	
183	PA 495A	
184	PA 495B	
185	PA 495C	
186	PA 495E	
187	PA 495F	
188	PA 495G	
189	PA 495H	
190	PA 495I	
191	PA 495J	
192	PA 495K	
193	PA 495L	
194	PA 495N	
195	PA 495R	
196	PA 495T	
197	PA 495AC	
198	PA 495AD	
199	PA 515B	
200	PA 515C	
201	PA 525M	
202	PA 525N	
203	PA 525O	
204	PA 525P	
205	PA 525Q	
206	PA 526IA	
207	PA 575A	
208	PA 575B	
209	PA 575C	
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1001	DE 300 A, B, C, D,E, F	$11.00		1052	PA 70A,B,C 85B 105A,B 110A,B,D	$5.00
1002	DE 300 G, H, I, J, K	$7.50		1053	PA 125B 155A,B 165F,G,I	$8.00
1003	DE 700A, 1000A, 1000B	$2.30		1054	PA 142A,B,C,D	$5.50
1004	DE 900 C, F, G, H, I, J	$2.40		1055	PA142E,F,G,H	$6.00
1005	ME 70A, 70B, 80A, 990A	$6.00		1056	PA 175B,C,D,E,F	$7.75
1006	ME 200 A, B, D, G, H	$8.50		1057	PA 180A,B,C	$4.00
1007	ME 470A, 480C, 655A, 655B, 655C	$4.85		1058	PA 180F,I,J 190A,B,C	$4.10
1008	ME 710C, 1000A, 1000B, 1000C	$2.70		1059	PA 195H,M 200A,B,C,D,E,F	$2.95
1009	MD 40 A,B,D,E,F,G	$4.25		1060	PA 235A,B 263A,B,C,D 265A	$3.90
1010	MD 60 T,AB,AC,AD	$10.00		1061	PA 293A,B,C	$5.10
1011	MD 60 AH,AI,AK,AM	$2.05		1062	PA 305B,C,E 340C,D,E	$6.35
1012	MD 60 AQ,AR,AS,AT,AV	$2.60		1063	PA 360B,C,D,E,F	$5.35
1013	MD 60 AW,AX,AY,AZ,BA	$3.25		1064	PA 375A 420A,B,C	$3.20
1014	MD 380 A,B,C,D, 550C	$1.90		1065	PA 445A,B,D,E	$4.50
1015	MD 560 A,B,C,D,E 580A	$3.50		1066	PA 445C,D,E,F,G,H	$5.35
1016	MD 620 A,E,F	$5.50		1067	PA 463A 465A 475A 485A	$4.25
1017	MD 670 A,B,C,D	$4.00		1068	PA 495M,O,P,R,S,U	$6.70
1018	MD 670 E,F,G,H	$4.00		1069	PA 495V,W,X,Y,Z,AA,AB,AF	$6.35
1019	MD 770A, 815A, 820 A,B,C	$5.45		1070	PA 525A,B,C,D,E	$4.30
1020	MD 840 A,D,E,F	$6.00		1071	PA 525F,G,H,I,J,K,L	$9.75
1021	MT 80 D,E,F	$7.50		1072	PA 545A,B 555A 565A,B,C,D,E	$3.60
1022	MT 80 H 100A	$4.50		1073	PA 570A,B 590A,B 605E,F	$3.70
1023	MT 140 A,B,D,E,F	$7.85		1074	PA 605G,H,J,K,L,M,N	$2.60
1024	MT 380 C,D, 480F,G,H,Ia,Ib	$8.15		1075	PA 615A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H	$4.30
1025	MT 480 J,K,M,N,O,P	$7.20		1076	PA 615I,J,K,L,M,N	$3.85
1026	MT 660 C,E,F,H,I,J,K	$4.85		1077	PA 660A 675B,C,D	$5.00
1027	MT 660 L,M,N,O,P,Q,R	$3.50		1078	PA 695Aa,Ab,B,C 705A,B,C,E	$2.95
1028	MT 660 S,T,U,V,W,X,Y	$3.50		1079	PA 723A 725I,J,K	$2.85
1029	MT 660 Z,AA,AB,AC,AD,AE,AF	$3.50		1080	PA 750W,X,Y,AA,AB	$4.85
1030	MT 660 AG,AH,AI,AJ,AK,AL,AM	$3.50		1081	PA 750AF,AG,AH,AI,AK,AL,AM	$4.40
1031	MT 660 AN,AO,AP,AQ,AR,AS,AT	$3.50		1082	PA 750AO,AP,AQ,AR,AS	$2.40
1032	MT 660 AU,AV,AW,AX,AY,AZ	$4.00		1083	PA 750AW,AX,AY,AZ	$2.75
1033	MT 660 BA,BB,BC,BD,BE,BF,BG	$4.00		1084	PA 750BB,BC,BD,BE	$7.00
1034	MT 660 BH,BI,BJ,BK,BL	$3.75		1085	PA 765X,Y,Z,AA,AB,AC,AG	$3.75
1035	MT 660 BO,BP,BQ,BR 960A	$2.50		1086	PA 765AK 775A,B 780A	$4.35
1036	NH 140A, 350A, 500A,B,D	$6.75		1087	PA 785B,C,D,E,F	$3.85
1037	NH 615A, 640A,B,C,D	$3.55		1088	PA 785G,H,I,J,K,L	$9.85
1038	NH 640 H,I,L,M	$4.00		1089	PA 805Aa,Ab,B,C 840E,F,G,H	$4.05
1039	NH 720 A,B,C,D 980A 1000A,B,C	$4.75		1090	PA 850Aa,Ab,B,C 865A,B,C	$5.15
1040	ND 60 B,C,D 260C,D,E	$4.30		1091	PA 870A,B,C	$6.00
1041	ND 260 F,G,H,I,J	$2.30		1092	PA 875B 920A,B	$3.50
1042	ND 260 L,M,N,O,P	$4.40		1093	PA 930A,B,C,D,E,F	$5.50
1043	ND 320 C,E,F,G,H,I,J,K	$3.45		1094	PA 935A,B 940B 945A,B,C	$4.40
1044	ND 600 G,H,I 900B 960A	$3.80		1095	PA 950G,H,I,Jb,K	$6.75
1045	PA 10 A,B,C,D,E,F	$3.70		1096	PA 980A 985D,E,F,G,H	$3.10
1046	PA 15 F,G,H,I,J,K,L	$7.90		1097	PA 985J,K 990A,B,D,E	$6.55
1047	PA 15 O,P,Q,R,S	$4.05		1098	PA 995A,B,C,D	$3.05
1048	PA 20 B,C,D 25 A,D,E	$6.35		1099	PA 998W,X 1000D,E,F,G,I	$7.70
1049	PA 57A 65B,C,D	$7.00		1100	VT150B,F,G,H,I,J,K,L	$8.10
1050	PA 65K,L,M	$7.00		1101	VT180B,C,D,E 700C	$1.75
1051	PA 65N,O,Q,R,S	$5.20		1102	VT 700E,F 810A 1000A	$3.45

MARTA – Ringling Brothers Circus – Commemorative Fare Token GA 60-AL By: Curtis Judge

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) is Atlanta Georgia's public transportation system, boasting 48 miles of rail track with 38 train stations, a network of bus routes, and the Atlanta Streetcar. Established in 1971 the system carries approximately 240K riders daily. Currently the system uses – Tap To Pay- phone Apps and reloadable "Breeze" fare cards for payment. At selected stations cash is accepted in fare card purchase machines. Sadly, tokens are no longer in use. Over the years MARTA has issued a number of different tokens, some commemorating specific companies or events in addition to regular fare tokens.

The Marta token shown below commemorates the 125th anniversary of the now defunct Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus. The bronze 23mm tokens were issued in 1995 in unknown quantity. The obverse of the token shows the MARTA logo and the reverse shows the Ringling Bros. Circus logo. Listed in the Atwood-Coffee transit catalog as Georgia, Atlanta 60-AL the tokens are given a $1.75 valuation. Several June 2026 eBay auctions show sale prices realized between $2.50-3.50.



Images show the MARTA heavy rail system trains and the buses currently in usage.





The Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike - Meretta Marks

The Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike Company, incorporated April 29,1884, operated a private toll road, the Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike (C&H Turnpike), in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which occupied a portion of the old and larger Downingtown–Ephrata–Harrisburg Turnpike system connecting with the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpikes at Downingtown. Now U.S. Route 322, the C&H Turnpike, according to state highway records, extended 8.417 miles from the eastern bank of Middle Creek in the village of Clay to the western bank of the Conestoga River in the village of Hinkletown.

The organizer-operators of the C&H Turnpike Company were Andrew Baker and Franklin W. Hull, both of Ephrata, PA, Jacob L. Steinmetz, then of Lancaster, PA but later of Ephrata, and Richard A. Malone and R.J. Malone, both of Lancaster.

Like many Pennsylvania turnpikes of the period, the road was improved with a broken stone or gravel surface and marked with stone mile markers placed at one-mile intervals, typically along the north side of the roadway. These markers helped travelers gauge distance for both navigation and toll calculation.

Extant Mile Markers

Five inscribed stone mile markers are known to survive *in situ* along the north side of the roadway between Middle Creek and Conestoga River. The inscription system is significant because it is not purely local, i.e., the C&H Turnpike was part of a regional through-route tied to major Pennsylvania corridors.

Each stone simultaneously measures:

- Distance in miles to Downingtown (T) → junction with the Lancaster **T**urnpike (now Route 30)
- Distance in miles to **P**hiladelphia (P) → the primary regional economic center

Reconstructed Mile Marker Sequence along C&H Turnpike

Mile Marker	Status	Location	Inscription
1	Missing*	Along WEST Main St. (Clay Twp.)	“33 TO T / 63 TO P”
2	Extant	1969 WEST Main St. (Clay Twp.)	“32 TO T / 62 TO P”
3	Extant	1739 WEST Main St. (Clay Twp.)	“31 TO T / 61 TO P”
4	Extant	1205 WEST Main St., Ephrata (Lincoln)	“30 TO T / 60 TO P”

5	Extant	425 WEST Main St, Ephrata	“29 TO T / 59 TO P”
6	Missing	Along EAST Main St., Ephrata**	“28 TO T / 58 TO P”
7	Extant	827 EAST Main St, Ephrata Twp.	“27 TO T / 57 TO P”
8	Missing*	Along Division Highway, Ephrata Twp.	“26 TO T / 56 TO P”

*= photo taken before went missing

**=described as located “a little beyond the Mountain Springs [Hotel]”. The 19th-century hotel served as a summer resort and spa for high society and visited by several Presidents.

Toll Gate Infrastructure

Three toll gates are historically documented along the C&H Turnpike:

Toll Gate	Location
No. 1	Southwest corner of East Main Street & current Bethany Road, Ephrata
No. 2	West Main Street, Ephrata (across from Historic Ephrata Cloister)
No. 3	Northwest corner at intersection of West Main Street & current Robert Road (Lincoln, now part of Ephrata borough)

These gates divided the turnpike into regulated segments and served as primary revenue collection points.

Toll Gatekeepers

The following men are historically documented as having charge of the three toll gates at various points in time:

Toll Gate No. 1 – John R. Royer, George G. Bowers, Samuel S. Engle, William Reese
Toll Gate No. 2 – Simon Minnich, B. F. Haller
Toll Gate No. 3 – Samuel S. Engle, Frank Stahl, Harvey Miller

Toll Tokens

It is interesting to note that, according to the June 2019 *The Numismatist*, the first known American transportation tokens of any type are those issued by the network of turnpike roads in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Physical Description

Turnpike tokens were small, durable objects (typically metal - brass or zinc) stamped on one side with the initials of the turnpike and a number corresponding to a specific toll gate,

e.g., C&H Turnpike 1, C&H Turnpike 2, and C&H Turnpike 3. The Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, Ephrata, PA, has a donated brass octagon token slightly larger than a quarter coin in its collection with "C&H Turnpike 1" incused in three lines with a blank reverse. Published descriptions of C&H Turnpike 2 and C&H Turnpike 3 tokens, but without available images, suggest they are of the same composition (brass) and similar size but have different shapes (2 is round, 3 is cloverleaf).

Functional Use

On turnpikes with several gates such as the C&H Turnpike, the traveler was given a token upon entry to be surrendered upon exiting, letting the gatekeeper know where he entered and how much to charge.

The mile marker system and toll structure were interdependent and a "RATE OF TOLL" broadside would explain the fees charged. For example, it would cost ten cents per five miles to drive a four-wheeled buggy with one horse; wagons and carts were charged by the width of their tires; to drive a score (twenty) of cattle would cost ten cents per five miles; and passenger automobiles were charged ten cents per five miles provided there were no more than seven passengers.

Modern-Day Token Collecting

The *Atwood–Coffee Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens* serves as a primary reference work for identifying and classifying historic transportation-related tokens. It is published by the American Vecturist Association. When searching for extant C&H Turnpike tokens, they will be listed under "Lancaster County Turnpikes 526".

End of the C&H Turnpike

The Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike effectively ended as a toll road in 1919 with its corporate dissolution following shortly thereafter. A movement, "Good Roads Association of Northern Lancaster County", gained momentum to free the area from its toll roads and 'nuisance' tolls. Eventually in the summer of 1919, the PA State Highway Department, led by Joseph W. Hunter, agreed to purchase the stretch of roadway belonging to the C&H Turnpike Company (excluding the toll houses) and gradually absorbed it into Pennsylvania's emerging public highway system, becoming part of what is now the Route 322 corridor. The toll houses were sold individually to three separate buyers and are no longer standing. The buyer of toll house No.1 also purchased the gatekeeper's adjoining dwelling; the house was eventually torn down in 1966 by a subsequent owner.

Conclusion

The Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike exemplifies a transportation system developed in Pennsylvania prior to the dominance of state-managed highways. The combined use of mile markers, toll gates, and numbered tokens reflects an approach to distance measurement, revenue collection, and traffic regulation. This summary reconstruction is meant to enhance understanding of the C&H Turnpike itself but also contribute to the broader study of regional transportation history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

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Yakima Washington Transit Tokens - Ken Smith

Yakima Valley Transportation Company was organized in June, 1907 and was owned by Union Pacific Railroad. Passenger service was discontinued May 15, 1935. Streetcars were abandoned February 1, 1947 but the line continued to operate electric freight service for some time after that. In 1945, YVT was operating 22 streetcars over 33.68 miles of track, and 7 buses over 16.3 miles of route. WA 990 D had a total of 75,000 struck between 11/5/46 and 11/20/54.



WA 900 E was the AVA 56th convention token and 275 were struck. The convention was held in Yakima, Washington on August 11, 2006. Trolley 1776 was ridden for the afternoon tour.



Counterfeiting Collectible Tokens and Numismatic Items

Why it matters to collectors, dealers, and hobby organizations

Counterfeiting collectible tokens, medals, coins, and other numismatic items is a serious issue in the hobby community. Federal law in the United States makes it illegal to manufacture, import, or sell imitation numismatic items unless they are properly marked. These laws were created to protect collectors from fraud and to preserve trust in the marketplace.

The primary federal law is the Hobby Protection Act, originally signed into law in 1973. The law requires imitation numismatic items to be "plainly and permanently" marked with the word "COPY." In 2014, Congress strengthened the law through the Collectible Coin Protection Act, expanding enforcement against sellers and distributors of counterfeit collectible items.

Under federal law, the following activities may violate the Hobby Protection Act or other federal counterfeiting statutes:

- Manufacturing counterfeit collectible tokens or coins without proper markings
- Importing counterfeit numismatic items into the United States
- Selling counterfeit items represented as genuine
- Knowingly distributing or advertising counterfeit items
- Possessing counterfeit dies, molds, or equipment intended for illegal production
- Using counterfeit items to defraud collectors or buyers

Federal counterfeiting laws can carry severe penalties. Depending on the offense, penalties may include large fines, confiscation of items and equipment, and prison sentences that can range from several years to as much as 20 years under broader federal counterfeiting statutes.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) oversees enforcement of the Hobby Protection Act. FTC regulations specify how the word "COPY" must appear on imitation numismatic items. The marking must be clear, permanent, and easy to see so collectors are not misled.

Collectors should also understand that even possessing counterfeit items can become a legal issue if there is evidence of intent to sell, distribute, or deceive others. While owning clearly marked replicas for educational or display purposes is generally legal, attempting to pass reproductions off as originals may result in criminal or civil penalties.

Counterfeiting laws involving coins date back hundreds of years. Early English and American governments considered coin counterfeiting a direct threat to commerce and public trust. Modern collectible protection laws evolved as the hobby grew in the mid-20th century and counterfeit collectible coins and tokens became more common in the marketplace.

Government and Legal Sources:

- Federal Trade Commission – Hobby Protection Act
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- U.S. Code – Federal Counterfeiting Laws (18 USC Chapter 25)
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For collectors and hobby organizations, education and vigilance remain the best defenses against counterfeit material entering the marketplace.

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Geneva, Seneca Falls & Auburn R.R. Co. – One fare Token
Geneva, N.Y. By : Curtis Judge

The Geneva and Auburn trolley line failed in 1912 and was sold at a foreclosure sale in 1913. A new company, The Geneva, Seneca Falls and Auburn Railroad was incorporated as a reorganization. The company owned 17.75 miles of track, 21 trolley cars, 4 trailers, and five work cars. October 1925 saw Geneva's local service canceled. The service between Geneva and Seneca Falls struggled on until December 28, closed, and the entire trolley line shut down. The Geneva Railway Bus Lines, Inc, a subsidiary, took over the service, the trolley operators were hired by this company as bus drivers.

The G.S.F.& A. only issued one token which was manufactured by Scoville in 1913. It is 21 mm in size, struck in brass with a center hole in unknown quantity. The obverse and reverse have consimilar die work. Listing as New York 300-A in Atwood's catalog, a valuation is given as $40.00. The token is seldom seen and will easily bring $40-50.00 at auction for an undamaged example.



This 1920 postcard image shows one of the company's trolleys in downtown Geneva.



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