

Rochester Numismatic Association

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Letter from the President

by Jason Childers

Hi folks!

Well, summer's here, and my term has begun. Our first meeting will be the picnic at Powder Mills Park in Perinton on Sunday, 21 July 2002, at 12 noon. I will have the first Board Meeting there at 11:30, and I invite all interested members to come and join your Board.

I also invite members to give me your input for ideas for meetings, and for improving our club. Feel free to give me a call at 585 224 9715; e-mail me at paploo@mindex.com; or to write me at 806 Grand Avenue, Rochester, NY 14609-6541.

I do thank everyone ahead of time for their support in the coming year. For those of you who haven't come to the meetings in a while, why not come and say hi! For those who are living out of state, I encourage you to write us and let us know how you are doing, and what you have been doing numismatically.

All in all, I invite all of you to join me in making this a very successful and enjoyable year.

Sincerely,

Jason

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday 21 July – Noon
RNA Annual Summer Picnic
Wadhams Lodge
Powder Mills Park, Perinton
(more details inside!)

Note: A board meeting will precede the picnic, beginning at 11:30 am at the lodge. All members are welcome!

July 31 – August 4
American Numismatic Association
"World's Fair of Money", New York City
(visit the ANA at
<http://www.money.org/conventiondept.html>
for more information!)

2002-2003 meeting schedule:
Tuesday 10 September – 8 PM
Tuesday 24 September – 8 PM
Tuesday 8 October – 8 PM
Tuesday 22 October – 8 PM
Tuesday 12 November – 8 PM
Tuesday 26 November – 8 PM
Tuesday 10 December – 8 PM
Tuesday 14 January – 8 PM
Tuesday 28 January – 8 PM
Tuesday 11 February – 8 PM
Tuesday 25 February – 8 PM
Tuesday 11 March – 8 PM
Tuesday 25 March – 8 PM
Tuesday 8 April – 8 PM
Tuesday 22 April – 8 PM
Tuesday 13 May – 8 PM
Tuesday 27 May – 7:30 PM
Tuesday 10 June – 8 PM
Tuesday 24 June – 8 PM

November 2-3
30th Annual RNA Coin Show
Eisenhart Auditorium
657 East Avenue

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the lower level of the Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue. Please enter through the Gannett School and take the elevator to the lower level and through the tunnel to our meeting room.

New officers elected, dues to stay \$15

The RNA held its annual meeting June 11, with members voting on a proposal to lower the dues to \$10 and on a contested slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

After a brief debate, members unanimously rejected a proposal to lower the club's annual dues to \$10.

Following the vote, Steve Lanzafame moved that dues be increased to \$20, a motion that was seconded by Jim Sanders.

Members present voted to place the proposal on the agenda for the 2003 annual meeting, at which time it will be voted upon.

A unanimous ballot was cast by Secretary Edie Coe for the uncontested officer positions for 2002-2003:

President – Jason Childers
Vice President – David Gottfried
Secretary – Edie Coe
Treasurer – Tom Krause
Curator – John Zabel
Librarian – John Tokoli

The elections officers, Gerry Muhl and James Kemp, counted the ballots submitted for the two open seats on the Board of Directors.

Bill Coe and Scott Fybush were elected to the board for three-year terms, joining Darlene Corio and John Nicastro (terms expiring June 2003) and Jim Sanders and Mark Holmes (terms expiring June 2004.)

July-August 2002

INSIDE: Picnic information and directions...Dave needs speakers...A new numismatic e-mail list...and much more!

Speakers! I need Speakers! (or, My Kingdom for a Speaker)

By David Gottfried

Well, here we are – the last installment of this year’s newsletter for the Rochester Numismatic Association. Hasn’t it been fun? I’d like to think so, especially since I wrote a whole lot. Now I feel like a real published author.

It helps when you’ve got nothing better to do. Actually, I should be studying my Introduction to Statistics, but it’s only Wednesday night, and I’ve got all day tomorrow to do that.

So, you might be asking yourself, what has any of this got to do with the hobby of coin collecting, or numismatics. Well, up to this point, it seems nothing at all. And that’s part of my problem. I don’t really have a whole lot of new numismatic material to provide to you, the reader!

Sure, I’ve got lots of stories and opinions to share. And while that might be good for a laugh, it’s not helping expand anyone’s knowledge of numismatics. Here’s my point: thank Jeebus (see the Simpson’s episode - Missionary: Impossible) we have intelligent, interesting members willing to share a bit about their particular interests in the hobby each meeting!

‘Ah, where’s Dave going with this?’ you might be asking yourself. Well, as the newly elected Vice-President of the club, I’m assigned the duty of lining up speakers for our

meetings next year. That’s where each of YOU come in (again, lucky for me.) If you’ll look at the front of this issue, you’ll see the calendar of meeting dates starting in September. Lucky for you, all of these dates are currently open!

So, do you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with the club? And, would you like a nice medal engraved in your honor for doing it? If you answer yes to these questions, please call me at (585) 263-3658 or e-mail me at davidg@rnychamber.com and I can add you to the schedule.

I look forward to hearing from you!

(Editor’s Note: Negotiations are currently underway to get Dave himself to deliver his inaugural RNA presentation this year. Rumors that the topic will be “Take Advantage Now of Low Pre-Ferry Prices” could not be confirmed at press time...stay tuned!)



Going to New York?

The ANA’s 111th Anniversary Convention takes place in New York July 31 – August 4, and we’re hoping to bring a big RNA contingent. RNA member #1, Charlie Ricard, will accept our club’s 90th anniversary award at the convention banquet, and we’re hoping the ANA board will officially name us the host for the 2012 National Money Show. If you’re going, contact RNA treasurer David Gottfried to coordinate with the club. For more information, see the ANA website at www.money.org.

Get your RJNA History in before the deadline!

To this date, no comprehensive history of the Rochester Junior Numismatic Association has been written. This project is an attempt to reconstruct that history by use of written documentation, oral tradition from past members and advisors, and artifacts created by the club.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. If you have any club documentation, send it or copies to the RNA. Documentation includes items such as official club minutes, RJNA mailings or newsletters, newspaper clippings about the club, awards or citations from the club, correspondence to or from the club, or any other historical item you think may help in writing the history.

2. Oral history items that you experienced firsthand. This is very important for this project. What do you remember about the club? Some ideas to include might be: where did the club meet in various years; what was the order of business; what was the typical age of members; what role did parents play at meetings; who were the advisors; who were officers?

Also include: interesting stories about the RJNA that you experienced first hand. This will constitute the main value of the history. Write your material as completely as possible.

We need as much information as you can provide. Be sure to include the things you thought were most worthwhile about your experience with the RJNA.

3. Finally, we would like to include an alumnus list of RJNA members and advisors, including any biographical information you can share. For example, what is known about Edward F. Meinhart and the impetus to form the club?

Please send your information for this history to: Gerry Muhl, 50 Rogers Parkway, Rochester NY 14617. Deadline for submissions will be Sunday, July 21 (which is also the date for this year’s picnic.)

Let’s make the Junior RNA proud by this history!

Gerry Muhl

Meeting Highlights

Secretary Edie Coe has been taking some of the most detailed minutes ever seen at an RNA meeting, and your editor is happy to be able to share some of them with you! Here are some of Edie's highlights from the June 11 meeting:

Steve Lanzafame led an extensive discussion on the need to interest people to join the Numismatic Association. It was suggested by members to set up displays in prominent locations to advertise the club.

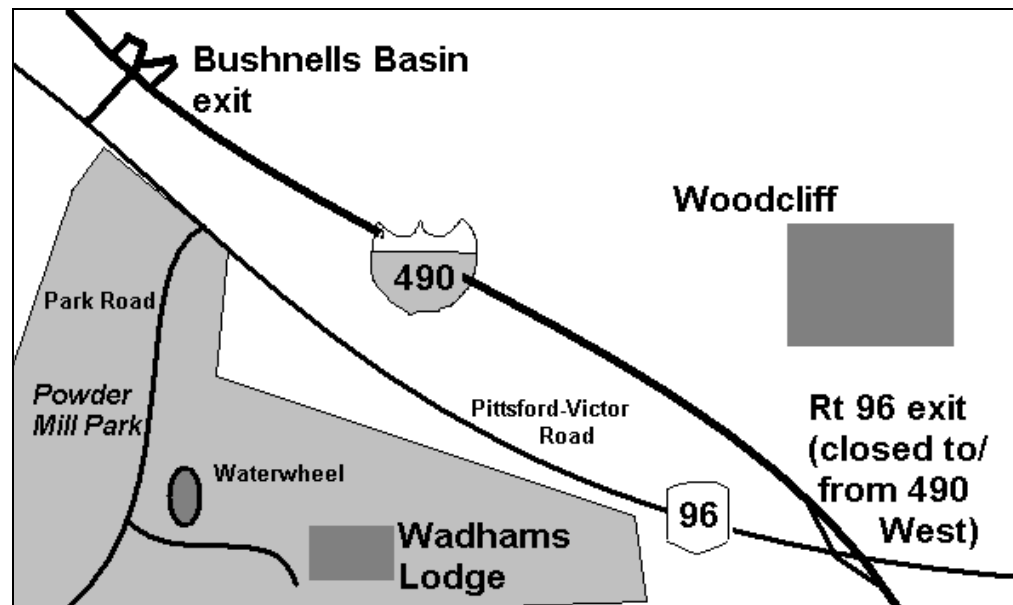
Dan White suggested we make an organized effort to advertise the club as an educational organization and get more members. He also thought we should try to get some of our coins in the ANA traveling exhibit program.

Scott Fybush said he would make a concerted effort to work on this for the club. He also indicated that we could feature some coins in the Newsletter every month and that we should consider exhibiting some of the club's coin collection in various places around town.

John Tokoli pointed out that individual events determine at what age any given person might be interested in pursuing coin collecting as a hobby and that we should not zone in on any given age range. Bill Coe suggested that members should take advantage of the coins in the club's collection to make up an exhibit for the annual coin show.

Bill Coe reported that John Cali volunteered to help get the post office to the coin show. John will form his own sub-committee to work toward that goal. We could work with the stamp club and possibly have a combined meeting or other joint venture of the two clubs. Rick Kase said such co-operation has also been discussed at meetings of the Rochester Philatelic Association.

It's RNA Picnic Time!



- **WHEN:** Sunday, July 21, 2002, 12 noon - ???
- **WHERE:** Wadhams Lodge, Powder Mills Park, Perinton
- **HOW TO GET THERE:** Take I-490 to the Bushnells Basin or Rt. 96 exits. (NOTE that the Rt. 96 exit is partially closed for construction; there is no exit from or entry to I-490 westbound at this exit. Use Bushnells Basin instead!) Turn into the park on Park Road (the entrance closest to Bushnells Basin), and follow the signs past the waterwheel to Wadhams Lodge.
- **WHAT'S COOKING?** Just like last year, delicious barbecue from Rochester's famous Dinosaur Bar-b-que!
- **THEN WHAT?** Bring a "white elephant" for our annual White Elephant Auction!
- **RSVP:** Jason Childers, 585-224-9715 or paploo@mindex.com
- **And don't forget – there will be an RNA Board of Directors meeting at Wadhams Lodge about 11:30 AM, preceding the picnic. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Treasurer's Report – June 11, 2002

CD:	\$11,818.74
Savings:	2031.86
Checking:	2801.07
Total:	\$16,651.67

This was David Gottfried's final report as treasurer. Audit Committee members Bill Coe and John Zabel report the books are in order, and will be transferred to incoming treasurer Tom Krause this summer. Don't forget – your 2002-2003 dues are payable to the RNA at the first September meeting. You can mail them (\$15, or \$17 if you wish to have your presidential medal mailed to you) to the RNA post office box (PO Box 10056, Rochester NY 14610) if you prefer.

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On the net...

Check into the “E-Sylum”

RNA member Nick Graver dropped us a line not long ago to let us know about an e-mail publication he’s been receiving on a regular basis.

It’s called “The E-Sylum,” and it’s loosely affiliated with the Numismatic Bibliomania Society (the folks who collect all those dusty numismatic books and auction catalogs and such.) Unlike the NBS’ paper newsletter (“The Asylum”), the E-Sylum covers other items of numismatic interest as well.

A recent issue contained articles and links such as...

- “Krause Publications Acquired”

- “Currency Motto Under Fire Again”
- “WWI German Medals Book Published”
- “1849 \$16 Moffat Ingot Follow-Up”
- “Numismatic Spelling Bee”
- “More Sherlockiana”

Subscriptions to the E-Sylum are free, and all you have to do is drop a line to publisher Wayne Homren at whomren@coinlibrary.com (tell him you read about it in the RNA Newsletter!)

The E-Sylum is published weekly, more or less, so it doesn’t take up much space in the e-mail box. It’s a fun read – and your editor thanks Nick for pointing us towards it.

(Got a link to tell the RNA about? Drop your editor a line at scott@fybush.com and we’ll print it in the next newsletter!)

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