

# JAKE'S LUCKY WRITERS - CONTEST

by Jacob Q. Hawkeye Hamilton #600

Happy New Year to All! We have some good news. On my last ever Jake's Lucky Number contest we finally had a winner! Now this poses a problem. Do we continue with the contest? Or cancel it all together? Well the President (aka Daddy) came up with a smart new idea. Why not start a new contest were we have guaranteed winners?

The new contest is going to guarantee a winner in every issue. To be eligible to win I am asking that all members submit an article for publication in every issue. Any new member, old member, first time article or second, or those that submit on a regular basis, virtually everyone is eligible to win!

Topics include why you got started with collecting, research, educational or general information. So anything goes! My dad will read out loud the Collector to me, and the article that is able to keep my attention the longest wins! Some issues may have more than one winner!

The more the articles you submit the better your chances. Our intention with this contest is to help increase our knowledge of collecting and share it with all members. With my "Jake's Lucky Numbers", the Club members would read the issue to find their number and win. Which left us



wondering how many people actually read the "Collector"? We went nearly a whole year before we had a winner. Well now we hope to increase the educational side of the "Collector" even more with these new "Award winning" submissions.

What is the prize? You are eligible to win your NEXT years (not this years') membership. Now some may think - like wow, just a renewal, is it worth the effort? There again the intention is to help members take a more active role by actually participating.

How can we lose, it seems to me that it is a win / win / win situation, more participation, more information and a better newsletter (not to say Uncle Jerome is not giving us a super newsletter). Now there is a very good possibility that the prize will randomly change to a mystery prize. The mystery prize will appear randomly through out the year. Only my Dad will decide when it will appear and be awarded. No one! Not even the Directors will know when it will be awarded! This way you won't want to miss out by not submitting anything. So think about it... why not get paid for writing. **Our first winner will be announced in the next issue!**

All the best and start writing, all submissions still go to the Editor for publication. Finally congratulations to Carmen Schramm for finding her member number in the last newslet-

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## ANOTHER MINOR VARIETY!

by Jerome Fourre #120

While looking through some new coupons at one of the many CTC stores that I visit, I happened upon a CTC S22-G \$2.00 coupon with a print imperfection. Check the scan below. It is not unusual to find something similar on a 10¢ or another denomination, but on a \$2.00 note, I must admit is pretty rare.

Even rarer for this type of print imperfection is the fact that it was on close to 700 coupons. This type of blotch usually disappears soon because the dirt on the printing plate falls off or sticks to a sheet.

In the range of 1000 that I had the luck to be going through around coupon #4043 it appeared to disappear around #4232 which means that there were 180 with this defect. While continuing to search through the rest it again appeared around #4475 and went almost to the end of the thousand at #4975. This would mean that there are

at least 680 in circulation and there could be more in the subsequent bundles.

If you wish to have a copy for your variety collection send me \$5.00 and I will send you your own UNC copy.

For those of you who prefer the thrill of the hunt. I did not remove them all from circulation, so it is possible that they could go through the system and end up at your store.



I know that this can happen because I marked a coupon while checking coupons in one store and it went through the system and came back 200 kilometers away and it did this in less than 6 months. The coupon was in a batch that was being returned to the Corporation for redemption by a store. When I saw it the next time it was in a batch that was received by a Gas Bar for distribution.