

# HOW I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CTCCC BY HAZARD!

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I am a stamp collector and I have enjoyed this hobby for over forty years. My wife collects Canadian and American money and she also has for several years. In September 2001, I had a few Canadian Tire notes in my possession and I asked my wife if she would be interested in having them for her collection. She categorically refused, so I, being a collector, hung on to them.

October of the same year was the first time I heard of a huge Collector's event taking place at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal. We went together, her looking for money and me stamps. We actually found more than we bargained for.

While visiting the various stands that catered to the money collectors we came upon a stand that was devoted entirely to Canadian Tire money. We were both unaware that Canadian Tire money was a collectable or that there was a Club dedicated to such a hobby. Ovide Bilodeau and Jerome Fourre took the time to explain the beautiful displays that they had and also how I could become a collector of Canadian Tire money. I bought my first Bilodeau Guide paid my dues and received the Club pin and "Voila" I was a new member of the CTCCC. When I got home I could barely wait to go through

my stash of Canadian Tire money. I quickly realized that I had quite an assortment of notes. My collection was off and running. My wife, however, was still not interested in collecting it or becoming a member at this time.

About one month after that I attended my first Club meeting. Of course my wife tagged along as usual and she was surprised to meet several other spouses at this meeting. She was finally hooked and joined the Club. Since then we started asking all of our friends and family to buy their hoards of CTC money to help us build up our CTC collection.

In the Fall of 2002, I was approached to accept a nomination as Club Director for the Quebec region. I accepted and I started as Director in January of 2003. It is now 2005 and I am in my second term as Director.

We are now both very interested in the hobby. We visit flea markets, bazaars and garage sales looking for all types of CTC paraphernalia. You wouldn't believe the stuff that is out there just waiting for a collector to scoop up. We really enjoy being members of the Club, it has given us a chance to meet other people that share our passion.

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## JUST HOW SCARCE IS THE S11-Ga???

by Lou Fontaine #109



It may be of interest to several collectors in knowing just how scarce the S11-Ga-yellow \$2.00 from the 1989 issue really is. I was fortunate in coming across one in January.

Only one note other than mine has ever been found in circulation and that was the one submitted for a club auction. From my research I know of and can only document five (5) S11-Ga replacements, Serial # and Grade as follows:

- T0022378 (Uncirculated)
- T0061606 (Very Good)
- T0145444 (Uncirculated)
- T0195444 (Uncirculated)
- T0596931 (Fine).

The 1st one T0022378 is unique as it is in the "Bob Hope nose 3" group with the variety on both sides of the replacement. The 2nd one T0145444 is also unique as the serial numbers on both sides of the replacement are known. The 3rd one T0061606 was in a club auction (Vol 12 No 3 July 2002 refers to result), the 4th one was sold by Jerome and the 5th and last, my discovery.

One curious item is the serial #'s T0145444 and T0195444. They happen to be exactly 50,000 apart, so all you detectives out there, what do you think? Does this mean that there could be one at T0095444 or T0245444, etc...

Jerome discovered most of the known S11-Ga replacements and sold them. No one has ever put one up for sale publicly through ads in the club bulletin.

To complete this research I ask that anyone in membership land who has one, to please forward the serial number and if possible a scan or photocopy of the note. Your name will be withheld if requested.

I will submit the results of this search in a future edition of the bulletin.

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