

# GDN NOTES

by Doug Dunster #625



While checking these notes I had, the serial numbers on my two doubles were the same for each prefix - K915832 and K915832 & W362636 and W362636. I am wondering if each prefix in the series had the same numbers eg: A329953

& A329953. If any one can answer this, I would like to hear from you. Phone 613-342-0484 or mail at Doug Dunster - 204 Cronkwoods Road, RR 4 Mallorytown, Ontario K0E 1R0

## OUR COUPONS WILL HAVE TO EVOLVE

by Doug Adams #639

A recent visit to my local Canadian Tire store started me to wonder. The new self-serve checkouts have arrived, and now I just scan my own purchases, swipe my debit card and collect my dispensed coupons and receipt.

Sounds very progressive and easy – just like Wal-Mart. But how do I redeem my CT coupons (like I rarely do anyway). Just had to go back and try it again. My purchase was \$5.50 and I redeemed an old beat up \$23 dollar coupon.

As soon as I touched the screen icon to cash in my coupon, the machine signaled the roving cashier and she came over to see me. I gave her my coupon and she had to manually enter the denomination of the coupon into the system. I thought that very counter productive and she agreed.

Seems the system will recognize 'real' money if someone is making a cash purchase, but is not very good at telling a five cent coupon from a dollar one. She said the company is very aware of the problem, and is considering altering the Canadian Tire money to adjust to the new technology.

That may just be a standard marketing answer – but it does make a lot of sense. The self serve checkouts are not going to go away. They will be more and more common as stores strive to cut labor costs.

If I were a betting man, I'm thinking the coupons will soon have to evolve – it has to happen.

## WHITE RAT AT GAS BAR...

by Louis Fontaine #109

While checking some CTC 9-B 10¢ gas bar coupons I came across a variety that I will call a "White Rat". It is located near the center post that supports the canopy of the gas bar.

The ranges I have seen this variety in are T1819322 and T1915968. It appears to occur every 100,000 coupons. It is possible that if you check either up or down from these numbers more may be found in the ranges of 201xxxx, 211xxxx,

171xxxx, 161xxxx, 151xxxx, 141xxxx, 131xxxx, 121xxxx, 111xxxx, 101xxxx, 091xxxx, 081xxxx, 071xxxx, 061xxxx, 051xxxx. Typically the last 4 digits will run from 5000-9999.

There is a possibility of 5000 coupons per group or 85,000 coupons in the entire 10¢ printing of 1,700,000 up to 2,200,000. In the serial number group above 6,800,000 I doubt any exist as these were printed at a later date. For you researchers let me know if you find some in these serial # groups to confirm.

