Thick Paper Variety in the CTC-10 Gas Bar Series.

by Lou Fontaine, member #109

What prompts me to write this article is the information that Jerome put in the last bulletin regarding John Emmett query on a thick paper variety. It stated his was a CTC 8-A 5ϕ value. Unfortunately the serial number was not given which would have been helpful looking in the appropriate range.

I found a CTC 10-A 5¢ coupon a number of years ago and kept it as a curiosity. Recently I found another one in the same denomination. The serial numbers are 6489496 and 6877366. They grade VF and AU and are crisp and clean. I think that another batch of paper with a thicker gauge was used to run a portion of the printing of the 5¢ coupons. From the above serial numbers there should be at least 1000 of these out there. (6489001-6489499) and 6877001-6877499) Many will be of such low grade that it may not be recognized as a thick paper variety. It is possible that someone may have one in another range as well. These are quite scarce as they are the only 2 that I have seen since 1991.

When a person goes through a quantity of coupons all of the same denomination it just does not feel right when suddenly you find a thicker paper variety. It feels like you grabbed 2 coupons but on close examination it is indeed a thicker paper. Anyone with a large hoard of gas bar coupons will have a good chance of finding one of these using the method above.

I have not had the good fortune of finding any thick paper varieties in any other series.

Any information that anyone has in the serial number ranges above or any other thick paper varieties in another series would be appreciated.

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The CTCCC Canadian Numismatic Association meeting

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This was our third CTCCC get-together in Ontario in less than a month! Certainly no excuse for our Southern Ontario members not to get their CTC coupon fix! The CNA is our annual national meeting with the Canadian Numismatic Association convention being held this year at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Kitchener, Ontario, on July 24, 1999.

An afternoon meeting starting at 2:00 pm, with an excellent turnout of about 35 people! In celebration, your president issued a CTCCC 'wooden coupon' wood and passed one out to all present.

We discussed a little more on our 10th Anniversary for next year, and the membership was still behind the idea for regional celebrations throughout our meetings in 2000, rather than one central party. It was also strongly recommended by the membership that we approach the Corporation for their support in issuing a coupon to mark our 10th Anniversary, or something similar, but definitely from CTC, not us. I will bring the members ideas and wishes to CTC management's attention and will report on our progress later.

As no real new items issued or discovered in the last month or so, we recessed for a 15 minute break to let the members check out the auction items. Then, Don Robb called the 90 lot auction, your president did the finances, while Toby was our 'runner'. Don Bradt must be commended for again putting together a well balanced mix of auction items, as most pieces again sold to the floor, or to our mail bidders. John Emmett of St. Catharine's made his trip worthwhile, as he was the big 'winner' purchasing over one third of the entire auction! Congratulations John!

Now about 4:00 pm and more trading and swapping among our members in the room to conclude another super meeting.

At this point, I would like to thank the Canadian Numismatic Association, their executive, and their host club, the Waterloo Coin Society for providing us with the room and the 2.5 hour time slot for our meeting. We all really appreciate your hospitality!

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