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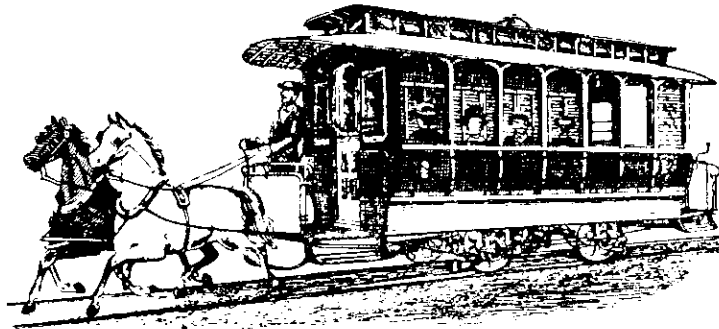
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July 31, at 7:30 p.m. Our midsummer issue is always a small caretaker issue. The next issue--the September issue--will be published from Boston about September 25. So there will be a long pause between now and then. That one will include a full report on the Chicago Convention and much other news of the hobby. However, mail sent to our Boston address prior to the end of August will simply be forwarded to Tacoma. So send everything out here until the end of the month of August.

The big event of the summer will be the Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association, scheduled for August 11,12,13, at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. It promises to be one of the best ever, and all seven members of the Executive Board will be present, for the first time at any convention in history. If you haven't registered yet, you may register at the door. See you there!

The Editor's trip across the country via Amtrak was a disappointment, insofar as the trains are concerned. Amtrak has degenerated since last year. The ride from Washington to Chicago, via the once grand "George Washington" was the worst train ride I have ever taken. There was no power in the cars, which were jam-packed with suffering people. No electricity; no air-conditioning; not even any water sometimes. The dining car sweltered at over 100° until the waiters refused to serve any food in the heat. The train limped into Chicago 2½ hours late. There's no excuse for this sort of abominable service, especially at the very high fares now charged. Fortunately the train from Chicago to Tacoma, the "Empire Builder," was fine--that is to say, it still bore some resemblance to the magnificent train it was when the Great Northern Railway operated it.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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= THE PONCE STAR LINE OF PUERTO RICO =

A few months ago Leo Spillane, Al Hoch's partner in Pilgrim Coin Galleries, obtained a few examples of PR 560 B and C. He received the tokens from a woman who had worked for the bus line, and she sent along the following story about the company.

"By the years 1928 to about 1938 Ponce Star Line covered the route from Ponce (the big city) to Playa (a small village near the sea shore). The buses of Ponce Star Line replaced the electric railway cars which had been operated by Ponce Electric Company for many years.

"Students living at Playa, if they had a good average and could afford to pay for books, fees, transportation, etc., after graduating from grammar school would attend Ponce High School to complete a four-year course. I was myself one of these students. To help pay my schooling I obtained a part-time job at Ponce Star Line working after schools and Saturdays and Sunday mornings for \$5 or \$6 a week and free fare on the buses. Later after graduation I was employed full-time for \$20 or \$22 weekly. Salaries in those days were very low.

"Ponce Star Line serviced some exclusive routes--that is, other vehicles were not permitted or allowed to transport passengers on their routes. Some years later, however, the Public Service Commission under pressure by chauffeur lawyers and politicians declared all routes were free.

"A few years later, Ponce Star Lines disappeared due to strong competition, working with high expenses and low passenger movement.

"The tokens had a 5-cent value (for adults), and the student tokens had a 3-cent value."

= THE MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION TOKEN AND TICKET CLUB =
By Anna Butler

Our May, 1972, meeting was held May 21 at the Downtown YMCA as usual. It was attended by Floyd & Martha Barnett, Bob & Anna Butler, Julius Kurtz, Quincy Laflin, Larry Linke, and Walter Sweet. We discussed the upcoming AVA Convention in Chicago and the possibility of all that are going leaving at the same time on Amtrak. There were not enough that wanted to go by way of Amtrak to get a reduced rate, however, so that idea was abandoned and each one going is to go however he wishes. We also discussed the whereabouts of a miniature railway in Minneapolis.

Unless something special comes along, our next meeting will not be until September, 1972. Happy summer tokening to you all.

During the summer, AVA members may still order Atwood's Catalogue, 3rd edition--the huge 731-page standard of the hobby--for the special member's price of \$7.50 postpaid (instead of \$10). Books will be shipped directly from Tacoma. Write the Editor at the Tacoma address.

= THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN =

A midsummer highlight in most American organizations is the annual membership get-together... or "the convention." Always featured are new and renewed friendships, educational events and displays, outings, and all-round good times. The A.V.A. is no exception to this happy pattern.

As every vecturist must know by now, in August we shall meet in Chicago for what promises to be an excellent event. The arrangements committee headed by Joel Reznick is doing a great job, so that anyone who must skip this program will truly be sorry. How are your plans coming for this meet? If you have been thinking, "well, maybe," now you should try your best to be on hand. There is still time to register, and the rest of us would hate to start without YOU. Just as a side note: for the first time in many years, every current officer of the A.V.A. is already registered to be at this convention. Please be there with us!

- Robert M. Ritterband

= FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF CATC =

A wonderful breezy afternoon in the park was the setting for the 15th anniversary celebration of the California Association of Token Collectors on Sunday, July 16. A total of 28 persons gathered for the 93rd consecutive meeting of this well-seasoned hobby club, which event took place in the Travel Town section of Griffith Park, Los Angeles.

Members present included: Atwood, Barnes, Carter, Crusen, Hawthorne, Kubach, Manning, McClung, Ritterband, Ken Smith, Thompson, Tichnor, Willahan. A number of wives and countless kids brought the turnout up to our customary high score. The men swapped tokens, the ladies swapped recipes, and the children wore themselves out clambering over the large display of ancient travel vehicles in this public facility. All together a grand picnic was enjoyed by all!

Further club sessions this year will be on Sunday, September 17 at the Edrick Miller home in Costa Mesa, and the annual election meeting on Sunday, November 19, at the Ritterband home in Los Angeles. Any out-of-town collectors visiting here then are urged to join us for one of these great trading parties.

= NEW FINDS =

Larry Freeman starts off the good luck stories this month with the find of Utah 800 A. He says the "old timer" from whom he obtained it in Utah wrote this about the token: "This token was used in Sunnyside, Utah, from 1942 to 1945, by the mining company who ran a small bus line there to take the people to the theatre, shopping center, etc. The tokens were used to prevent the bus driver from pocketing the fares. This company was then bought out by Kaiser Steel Co."

Joe Kotler--I can't get used to calling him by his new name-- writes from Israel that he picked up two rare Geneva, Switzerland, tokens: Switzerland 360 A and C. He says 360 A has a small "n" in "Americn" in its inscription, though this is omitted in Smith's catalogue. He also picked up two fibre gate tokens of Geneva!

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

COLORADO

Colorado Springs 140 (Reported by Syd Joseph)
OPERA SWINGS IN COLORADO SPRINGS
J A 23 Sd Good For One Round Trip Fare (* 2/3/72) \$0.25

CONNECTICUT

Hartford 210 (Reported by Richard Atkins and Mort Dawson)
THE CONN. CO. HARTFORD
B Bz 23 C Good For One School Fare (* 2/1/72) .30

NEW YORK

New York City (Queens) 631 (Reported by Lester Betts)
JAMAICA BUSES, INC.
U B 20 Sd One Fare (* 5/25/72)(for race track bus) .60

PENNSYLVANIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Thomas Brown)
FOR A PIPER PILOT (PIPER PLANE) N 7613 W
GOOD AT AUTHORIZED PIPER AIRCRAFT DEALERS
E A 32 Sd This Coin and \$5 For One Introductory
Flying Lesson (design)(anodized gold) .15

UNIDENTIFIED

(Reported by Herbert Bardes)
PARADISE
125 B 28 Sd 2nd. Class

CANADA - ONTARIO

Scarborough 865 (Reported by New Issues Service)
ONTARIO ELECTRIC RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Hamilton County Radial Railway One Fare .50
A B 23 Sd
B A 23 Sd " (both * 6/72) .15
(brass for adult fare; aluminum for child fare)

QUEBEC

Quebec 745 (Reported by Alan Weighell)
A F QUEBEC
P o WM 22 Sd (same as obverse)(AF = Autobus Fournier) .25
(Used from Quebec to St. Foy. Quebec 745 H to P were discontinued in 1971 and the lines were acquired by Quebec Transportation Co., which is now known as Commission de Transport de la Communaute Urbaine de Quebec.)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We were trying to obtain the Colorado Springs opera token for several months, but the opera house didn't want to part with enough tokens for our New Issues Service. The opera house had 500 of these tokens struck for use on bus service from the Antlers Plaza Parking Garage to Palmer Auditorium. The tokens were used only on February 3 and 4, and May 4 and 5. When patrons sent in for opera tickets they also included 25c for each token desired. Now that the opera season is over, Syd Joseph was able to talk them into parting with enough tokens for the New Issues Service.

*at 10:15 am
the bus stop
Colorado*

The new school token from Hartford is given by the Board of Education to "special situation students," which we understand to mean those whose parents are not in a position to pay the fare. Mr. Atkins was given one of the tokens by a friend, and at the same time Mort Dawson was trying to get information on the tokens for us. The tokens replaced a ticket that had been used for years. Our New Issues Service wrote the company trying to get a supply of the tokens, and it took a while to get an answer, mainly because the company was trying to get a fare raise, which ultimately went into effect June 9, 1972. Anyway the company finally said they'd supply us with the tokens. Such "special situation" tokens may be overlooked even by transit enthusiasts, as there is usually no mention of them in the fare tariff schedules.

Lester Betts, who reported the NY 631 U, works for Jamaica Buses, and he supplied a quantity of them for our N.I.S. The token is used for a turnstile operation at either Aqueduct or Belmont Race Track--whichever one is operating at the moment--for admission to the Express Bus Service which links the race tracks with the Jamaica subways. It went into use May 25, 1972.

Mr. Betts also reports that NY 235 B is back in use this year and costs \$1.75. We were told back in 1968 when this token was issued that it would only be good during that year and then would be destroyed. But now it's back in use. At least I presume it is the same token; I don't want to spend \$1.75 to find out.

Mr. Betts also mentions that the Jamaica Bus transfer token (NY 631 C) was discontinued in 1949, when Jamaica Buses was absorbed into the Green Line System. It was used on turnstile-equipped buses and was given to a passenger boarding the bus with a transfer so he could pass through the turnstile without paying a fare. NY 631 G & H were used by Green Buses, until about 1950. If anyone still needs 631 C or H, write Mr. Betts, who has a quantity of both.

When we listed the first Piper miscellaneous token from Pennsylvania it brought to light another, slightly different one, which is listed this month.

The Unidentified #125 is similar to #68 but for 2nd class instead of 1st class. Originally these were listed as Canadian Unidentified tokens. Possible, but that is only a guess.

Ontario 865 A B are for use on an electric railway museum which opened for operations June 25, 1972, over a half-mile track. Fare is 50c adults and 10c children.

Sometime back Quebec 745 P was reported to us, presumably as a fare token. The letters AF are arranged as they are on the buses operated by the firm which, we now know, uses the token. But at the time we had no proof it was a bus token; it says nothing about being such. We don't list tokens on hearsay evidence. However, Mr. Weighell made a trip to Quebec recently and learned where the tokens had been used. He obtained only about half as many as we need for the N.I.S. because he was uncertain if we wanted them. These will be sent out, and we are now trying to get 100 more of the tokens. The token is no longer in use.

Continuing the practice of listing some tokens of uncertain use which are reported to me, here is another one which may or may not be a transportation token. The word "transfer" is the only indication it might be a vecture. If anyone can furnish information on the use of this token, please do so...

WICHITA IMPLEMENT & TRANSFER CO. S. LAWRENCE
B 23 Sd Good For Cts 5 Cts in Trade

Back in 1956 I listed a token from Ironton, Ohio, reported by Mel Scott. Mr. Scott's collection has since come on the market and Mr. Coffee was able to inspect it on his trip west this summer. He examined the Ohio 410 A and noted that it is really 22mm, and there is an "&" rather than "and" as listed. But unfortunately the rubbing sent originally by Mr. Scott was so poor I couldn't make it out. This is one reason errors creep into our listings. It is also one reason why it's important for you to send good clear rubbings when you list a token to me.

The same thing happened with Ohio 515 A. Mel Scott reported it as white metal. But Mr. Coffee examined the token (and now owns it) and it definitely is aluminum, rather than white metal. Mr. Scott was a busy man, and apparently never took the time to check to see if we had listed his tokens correctly. So we had to wait until his collection came on the market before we corrected these mistakes. When we list a token you report, please check to make sure we have it correct. If not, notify us at once.

We also sometimes have trouble with the colors of vulcanite and celluloid tokens. Some collectors, especially those who have not been in the hobby long, get confused about the difference between red and carmine, or between red and brown. Sometimes just to be sure I'll ask you to bring a token to a convention, or have it double-checked by another collector. All we're trying to do is keep mistakes out of our catalogue.

= AUGUST NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

Here it is convention time again. Seems like I just left Seattle! Regret I can't make it this year, but perhaps next year in Denver. Tokens have been coming in at a pretty steady clip this year.

This month you will receive 6 tokens: Col 140 J, thanks very much to Syd Joseph who had to make two trips to Colorado Springs for us. Conn 210 B, thanks to a lead from Dick Atkins. NY 631 U, thanks to Lester Betts for making them available to us. Quebec 745 P (for those who collect Canada) thanks to Alan Weighell. Only have 90 of these so far, and they will go to the first 90 regular members of N.I.S. Will take care of the rest of you when I get more tokens. Ontario 865 A B. All NIS members, regular and associate, will receive all of these tokens except Que 745 P.

I also want to give credit to John Curtis for securing Quebec 190 C for us, which was sent out last month.

The April & May foreign tokens have been received and mailed out, and as usual thanks to Ken Smith for supplying these to us.

As we have more tokens anticipated next month, if your balance is low, or in the red, it is imperative that you send in another deposit, if you want to remain in the New Issues Service. You should keep at least \$4.00 in your account, as a matter of fact.

AVA OAKLAND CONVENTION TOKEN, Cal 760 J, discount priced at \$1.65 pp. Two for \$2.80. = Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

MAIL BID: 72 diff. Iowa TT's for sale plus a few others inc.. OH 726 A. Cat. values to \$3. Send stamp for free list. Glenn Wright - Box 93 - Iola, WI 54945

FOR TRADE: Cal 760 J K; Kan 980 all; Ky 370 F G; Ill 430 all, 785 A; ND 320 D G H I; Tenn 20 all; Neb 700 AB AC AD; Utah 750 C F G H J K L N O and 600 more. Send me your trade list; I'll send you mine. W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy - Morton Grove, IL 60053

MAIL BID SALE of TTs and PTs etc. 10c for list. Frank Beam - 209C Laurel Ave. - Pittsburgh, PA 15202

CENSUS TOKENS Ohio 165 L and Wis 420 A. Will consider trade offers for following items: trade tokens with city, state; coal scrip, U.S. coins, Civil War storecards, Masonic tokens, etc. Or will sell for cash. Separate offers on items please. Stanley L. Buckley - 23 18th Street - Newport, KY 41071

FOR SALE AT CAT. - Cal 275 F, 700 A B, 703 A B, 805 B; Fla 620 A B; Ind 710 A B; Kan 10 A B, 360 A; Minn 520 AH, 865 A B; Mo 360 A B; Ore 270 A B, 475 A B; Pa 95 A; RI 520 L; SD 600 A B; Wash 780 W; Wis 970 A B. = J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

N.M. 430 A - I have found a small supply of these tokens. They can no longer be considered census, but still scarce. Will trade for tokens I need cat. 50c to \$1.50 or any low-priced tokens I need, or sell for \$2.00 each. Lee Schumacher - 10609 Eastern - Kansas City, MO 64134

I AM SORRY this happened but I just received letters stating I owed for tickets sent to me. I did not know that tickets sold, so I had sent onto other members as gifts, this is OK. I am wondering if others may have outstanding bills that I owe or that have sent a trade and not received their trade in return. If so please notify me so I can rectify this mistake. Thanks. (paid) Joe E. Studebaker Jr. - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

FOR SALE: NY 630 ABa at \$1 each; NY 735 E at \$4.10 each; Pa 930 B C at \$1.10 each, +SAE for each token. George H. Wyatt - Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

MAIL AUCTION - part three - includes states of N.C., N.D., Ohio, Pa., R.I., S.C., S.D., Tenn., Tex., Utah, Va., Wash., W.Va., Wis., Wyo., D.C. Send for your free copy of auction list. Stamp appreciated. Auction will close October 31, 1972. H.D. Conner - 1604 Blue Bonnet Drive - Fort Worth, TX 76111

HAVE PA 400 C for NJ 555 A or both Pa 400 C & VA 720 A (also RI 520 J & L and Neb 700 AD) for any one of these NJ: 115 A, 185 A B C, 290 A, 605 A, 999 A, 3540 A, and zone checks needed. Also have set of 4 Cooper Hospital NJ 3115 A-D for ? Send any lists; also AVA personals wanted. My want-list for SAE. Donald Noe - 1 Second Street - No. Arlington, NJ 07032

WANTED: telephone tokens; send me your duplicate list, rubbings, and price and I'll do the same. Will trade TT's for them. See you in Chicago = Larry Freeman - 2427 Torrington Ave. - Parma, OH 44134

FOR SALE: old trolley car uniform buttons - the following at 75c ea: H & BT RR; AC & SRR/Shore/Fastline; Wash./Virginia/Historic Route/Railway/Co.; NEC Ry.; NC&St.L; and LVT Co., only a couple of each on hand. = Robt. E. Paige - 2028 Edgmont Ave. - Chester, PA 19013

FOR TRADE: Ind 290 D; Mich 3920 A plus 1941 Rochester Transit tickets and 1901 railway tickets from M.C.R.R. near Mason, Mich. Will trade. for any 25c TT or common TTs from AZ,AL,NV,DE,MT,WY,ID,ND,SD,MS,RI, ME. I have many trades to multiple trades are welcome. Paul Cunningham - Box 1 - Tecumseh, MI 49286

HOW ABOUT some old timers with thousands of spares to help us new collectors with tokens at Cat. not worrying about 5c profits. Let's help not hinder. = Sol Halpern - 1236 1/2 N. Orange Dr. - Hollywood, CA 90038

FOR TRADE: Cal 450 D, 575 F; DC 500 AI; Ind 997 A B C D; Minn 620 C; Ohio 35 B; Pa 630 C, 725 D; Tenn 20 A B C. Send your trade list.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

MY DUPE LISTS available now in exchange for yours. Prefer to trade rather than sell. (fare tokens only)

George Schroder - 4309 Caruth Blvd. - Dallas, TX 75225

WANTED: Mass 45 A B, 115 A B C D E F J K M N O P Q R S T U V X, 210 B 260 A B C, 305 A, 355 B, 345 A, 505 A B, 550 F G J K L M N O P, 630 C D F, 690 A, 760 D F, 970 A B C.

Richard Parker - 6148 Edsall Rd. #304 - Alexandria, VA 22304

PERSONAL TOKENS WANTED: I'm just starting my collection and I need almost all issues. I'll trade one transp. token for each personal token received.

Joan Leventhal - 208-15 14th Ave. - Bayside, NY 11360

FOR SALE: New Bedford, Mass. Whaling City 125th souvenir centennial wooden dollar 50c or 3 for \$1.15 +SAE. Wooden nickels from New Bedford coin club, for sale. Send your want-list to me. For sale N.B. F.O.E. club brass trade token 50c each.

W.P. Kane - 927 1/2 Brock Ave. - New Bedford, MA 02744

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has helped me collect all but 21 of Florida's 144 transp. tokens, incl. varieties & addenda. Put your price on these final needs: 130 A, 230 A, 300 A B C D, 310 A, 380 F G I Q V, 440 A, 530 A G, 700 A B C D, 860 B, 910 B C.

A. Corson - Box 38-261 - Miami, FL 33138

ALASKA & MISSOURI census tokens wanted. Also saloon & merchant tokens from all states.

C. Littlefield - 3547 Utah St. - St. Louis, MO 63118

HAVE A LOT OF VIETNAM MILITARY tokens for sale. 5c token 20c; 10c tokens 25c; Will ship for your inspection.

R. Baskette - P.O. Box 122 - Lakeland, FL 33802

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1338 BILLY PAGE - BOX 482 - CRANE, INDIANA 47522
Age 46; Engineering Tech. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
- 1339 RAY D. APPELGATE - BOX 78 - TACONIC, CONNECTICUT 06079
Age 62; Insurance. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)
- 1340 ALICE J. SCHNABEL - 4957 MATTOS DRIVE - FREMONT, CALIF. 94536
Age 38; Antique Dealer. Collects all types. (Ritterband)
- 1341 GEORGE J. MCGINLEY - BOX 9763 - PITTSBURGH, PA 15229
Age 44; Office Worker. Collects U.S., Pkg. (Mazeau)

REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP

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- 1036 Charles G. Mueller - 3039 So. Drake Ave. - Chicago, IL 60623

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