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Transportation Token Collectors

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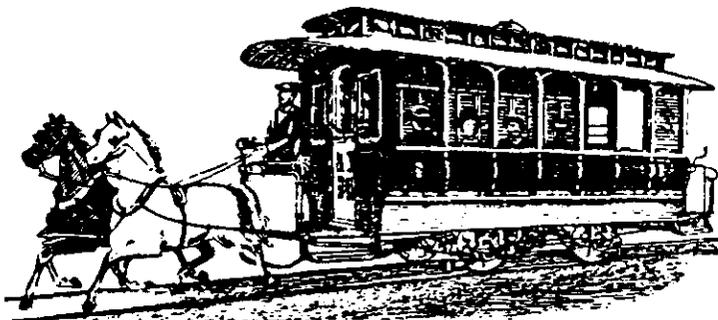
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DONALD C. DIETZEL

We have lost another member who had been with us for many years. Donald Dietzel, AVA #1319, of Avis, Pennsylvania, joined us in February 1972. He died April 15, and he was only 57.

May 12. I called our printer yesterday, and the three-year catalogue supplements that so many of you have ordered won't quite be ready in time to be mailed with this issue, more's the pity. But certainly for the next one. I printed only 300 of them, and some 250 have been ordered. So there are still a few if you'd like one: a 56-page booklet listing every transportation token exactly as they are listed in monthly Fare Box supplements from January 1996 thru and including January 1999. There are hundreds of tokens, and this time a token identifier is included. Only \$4 each postpaid, and it's costing us more than that to produce.

Inside this issue is a complete listing of all 1998 AVA members who have not renewed membership for 1999. Joel Reznick asked me to mail yet one more issue to all 1998 members. The idea is that seeing your name there--if you have not yet paid your 1999 dues--will serve as a reminder. Some on the list are oldtimers who, I know, don't want to be left out. Also it's possible that we goofed, and that some names on the list are people who have paid. If you're in that category, please write Joel Reznick right away and get it cleared up. If you haven't paid the \$20 dues, please send it to Joel. Address: P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116.

Irwin Reuben reports that former AVA member Leon Matusoff died April 12 at age 93. A long time coin dealer, "his warmth and sincerity," writes Irwin, "more so than the hope of finding tokens, kept drawing me back to visit him." An interesting sidelight: about a decade ago Leon hit the Ohio State Lottery and won half a million dollars! Irwin concludes his note on another subject: "On OH 230 AJ the emblem is not a house. It represents Dayton's historic old courthouse which still stands on Main Street and is now a museum."

Good news: an electric streetcar line, to run on rails with Birney cars, is being built to run from Tampa to Ybor in Florida. Let's hope they use tokens.

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Howard Catchpole reports finding a token like Unidentified 187,192,195, the Coulter & Bros. livery tokens. But Howard's token has "JUNE" on it. So now we have tokens for January, March, June, September, plus one with no date. I believe we'll find tokens for every month eventually. All of them, so far as I know, have been found in Pennsylvania.

Howard also found a token like MA 998 G except this one is made of zinc, and a ME 480 A horsecar token cut neatly in half! Now who would do a thing like that?

Mel Fox just called to let me know I had omitted five tokens from the "1998 Additions to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue" that I printed on the back of the index last month. Seems I left out: CA 830 A (January); GA 780 Na,Nb (January); CA 1000 BN (April); TN 120 H (June); BC 435 B (June).

Bill Sowell writes from Vancouver, WA, that he has found two distinct die varieties of WY 100 K. Don't know how to describe them except that one has larger letters than the other, on obverse. A scarce token in any event.

Last month we listed a new park/ride token for Charlotte, NC 160 F. I have learned that they struck a total of 24,800 of the bi-metal one, and just 2,000 of the solid brass presentation piece (which they sell for \$4.95--I bought one). I was also informed that they plan to issue a new token this coming December with a bust of Queen Charlotte on it.

Rich Hartzog (P.O. Box 4143 - Rockford, IL 61110) is conducting an auction set to close June 29 of the Dr. Brunk collection, a huge one of all sorts of exnumia, especially counterstamped coins, but also some transportation tokens including a 1737 KINGS PRIVATE ROADS token which, Rich estimates, should bring \$250 to \$350. Write him for a list.

Walt Hinkle sends along a carousel token that isn't listable (no wording about being good for a ride) but which is used for children to ride on "a Wal-Mart 18 wheeler cab toy truck." The tokens are used at Wal-Mart locations at Berryville, Fort Smith, Rogers, and Springdale, AR, and will be at other places as they open up. Very simple token: 25mm brass, "THE / NEIGHBORHOOD / MARKET" on obverse, and "WAL*MART" on reverse.

Louis Crawford reports a 23mm brass token: "ELK & BISON PRAIRIE / TVA's LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES / (ELK) // Elk & Bison Prairie / Tva's Land Between the Lakes / (bison) / Est. 1996" This is an admission token that gets you thru a parking gate and allows you do drive a 3½-mile road in that park area. We don't think it would qualify for listing as a TT. Still very interesting, and it has a face value of \$3.00. Louis also picked up a distinctly different die variety of OH 552 B. The old one has a line across LAKETRAN on obverse; the new one doesn't.

Bill Garrison sends along 4 thick plastic 38mm tokens in red, green, blue, and yellow, inscribed "MIAMI / (BUS) / TRANSIT" in gold on obverse, and "PREPAID / \$2.00" on the red; "PREPAID / TRIP" on the green & blue, and "PREPAID / \$1.00" on the yellow. He did not get enough for New Issues. Louis Crawford also, it seems, found yet a 5th variety of these.

Finally, Harvey Ferman (3352 Driver Way, Oceanside, CA 92056) write that he "would like to know from other AVA members what software they use to keep track of their tokens collections in their computers." You can write him directly.

TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTING IN THE 1960's
By John Coffee

The 1960's were the Golden Age of transportation token collecting. Membership in the AVA increased enormously, and the number of old tokens added to the catalogue was prodigious.

The decade began propitiously--for me and Hal Ford at any rate--when we persuaded Roland C. Atwood to sell us his magnificent U.S. collection. Roland was on one of his many travels, and he spent a few nights on the couch in my little one room apartment in Brookline. I drove him around helping him acquire what was then his new hobby interest: match covers. All this time I was trying to persuade him to sell his collection. When I got him a matchbook from the Harvard Faculty Club he was so delighted he said "OK. I'll sell you the collection." That was fine, except that now I had to find some money to buy it with. I borrowed most of it, and Hal Ford went in with me and bought 75% of it, inasmuch as all I could afford was a fourth of it. Later Hal drove down to Santa Monica and picked up the collection and then Hal and I divided it up in Hal's living room in Berkeley in July, 1961. We took turns. I remember I won toss for first choice: PA 750 J. I have never regretted that choice, inasmuch as one of them sold for \$5,000 a few years ago.

One reason there were so many new discoveries of old tokens is that several people began advertising in small local newspapers, extensively. Perhaps the most prolific of these was Marie Johnson, a delightful and very dignified lady who resided in Michigan. My first communication with her was when she offered me a MI 680 B for \$7.50, which was its then catalogue value. Needless to say the sale was made. She learned fast. And over the next several years she managed to unearth literally dozens of rare tokens. She began selling them to me at \$25 apiece, then \$50, which were stiff prices then, but fair ones. I added many of my best tokens from Marie who, I believe, enjoyed the chase more than the finding. So often she would call, breathlessly, to tell me she had found "an unlisted token from such and such, inscribed such and such, and it's yours for \$50." She was a sharp trader, but always a fair one to me, I met her in person on several occasions.

It was a golden time to collect transportation tokens. Plenty of nice old ones were still around, and opportunities for fun abounded. In 1964 I drove my huge 1960 Lincoln across the country, staying with Dan DiMichael and Bill & Corinne Black in Pennsylvania along the way, of course. At Mount Carmel, IL, I signaled for the Fifth Street Ferry to come over to Illinois from Indiana. I was afraid to put the Lincoln on the little ferry so I walked on and rode over and back across the Wabash River, the only passenger. The ferry man told me the owner lived "in that house up on the hill," so I went up and visited John Wellerman. No tokens were in use on the 5th Street Ferry, but he had several of IL 600 B and C that he let me have for 50¢ apiece. He also owned the Webb Ferry at Grayville, where the ugly IL 370 B was in use. I bought a few, and he then said he'd like a nicer looking token. I offered to share the cost of making them, and suggested he have a new one for the 5th Street as well. We split the cost, and I got enough of IL 370 C and 600 D for our New Issues Service as well. Later I phoned him and he said he needed more tokens for the Webb Ferry, and that is why we have IL 370 D. Both ferries have long since ceased to operate. On the way east the same summer I stopped in Muscatine, IA, and found a man who had worked on the Muscatine Bridge (which I drove across next morning). It was amazing how friendly midwesterners would invite a total stranger into their house without hesitation. On the occasion he let me have one IA 640 M in swap for a Kennedy half dollar, but later that year he sold me his complete collection of all major & minor varieties of all the Muscatine Bridge tokens, one of which (IA 640 Q) had been unknown to us. I recall I gave him \$20 each for them, a good stiff price at the time. East from there, I stopped at Galesburg, IL, and visited oldtime member Chuck Lipsky, who sold me IL 820 A and PA 73 A for \$25 apiece.

Conventions were good sources for tokens, then as now. Indeed, I obtained some great tokens at A.N.A. conventions. At the ANA Boston convention in 1960 Max Schwartz showed me PA 750 AT, previously unknown. I had to have one. So I took the train all the way to New York, changed to one for Philadelphia, and then a long trolley ride out to the company office. Their response to my letter a couple weeks earlier was a flat NO! But in person I knew my persuasive personality would triumph. The official who received my letter relented, showed me the bill for making the 500 tokens (about 75¢ apiece) and said he'd sell them to me for \$1 each, and to any collector who would write in. I bought five, and published the information in The Fare Box. His supply quickly disappeared of course. At a dollar each.

In 1966 I was one of three finalists for the post of Executive Director of the American Numismatic Assn. They paid my fare from Tacoma to Chicago and I had interview with the Board who--I thank my lucky stars now--turned me down flat. That fall I began my career as a history professor, and my life changed for the better. Meanwhile on the bourse floor at Chicago from a dealer I bought NJ 390 D and PA 750 Q for \$20 apiece. The 750 Q is still census-2 and one of the prizes of my collection. So in spite of the ANA turndown, that event was gloriously successful.

It was in the 1960's we decided to issue tour tokens for the AVA conventions, the first one for our 1962 Seattle convention. I suggested to Clarence Heppner, the convention chairman, that he use a token on the new monorail. But the powers that be turned that down. So we issued a token for a bus tour anyway. And we've had a total of 38 convention tour tokens so far, plus one extra for Bob Ritterband's big 1966 Disneyland Convention. For our 1968 convention at Oakland, we rode every inch of streetcar line in San Francisco, and Duane Feisel, the convention chairman, had 1,000 tokens made for that tour, thereby creating the commonest of all AVA convention tour tokens.

In 1969 I decided to drive my 1962 Lincoln Continental across the country. It was a delightful trip, but I picked up hardly any tokens. Did have a nice visit in Maryville, MO, seeking a MO 580 A which had just been reported. I stayed in a dreadful little hotel (\$2.50 a night) over the Trailways Bus depot. But I was there to scout the town. I visited the local newspaper office and the editor promised to publish an article about the token if I'd write it. I visited a fascinating old drugstore presided over by a 100-year-old pharmacist who was a fountain of information. "I remember that old Perry-Carter hack rattling right down this street," he told me. The drugstore itself was like a museum, with ancient vending machines, and a magnificent glass-fronted mahogany cigar case. "They gave me the case when I bought the cigars," he said, "back about 1912." He added, "never sold but one of those five-dollar ones, though, and that was to old man [I forget the name] who lit it up, and then went home and shot himself." I didn't get a 580 A on that trip, but not long after that I swapped one out of J.L. Hargett.

I picked up Ralph Freiberg in Oklahoma City and we drove to Durango, CO, and researched CO 280 A in the public library. Rode the Durango-Silverton train and spent three days in town. Never did find a token, but finally got the history of the token which, we learned, was used for less than a year, back in 1920, and that's why it's so rare.

Every summer I'd spend a couple of weeks staying with Hal Ford in the Bay Area, with gatherings at Ralph Freiberg's house of myself, John Nicolosi, Hal Ford, and often some others as well. Over cookies and ice cream and cokes we'd go over the year's cataloguing problems, and then take side trips: up Mt. Tamalpais, up to Fort Bragg to ride the Super Skunk from Willits to Fort Bragg with Duane Feisel. Over to the Mother Lode country, down to Carmel.

Summer of 1969 in Tacoma I began typing the copy of the huge Third Edition of Atwood's Catalogue which we published the following spring. We printed 3,500 copies, and that big book really gave our hobby an impetus as we entered the next decade. The sixties were an exciting time to be alive, and young, and a token collector.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE FARE BOX

By John Coffee

The April, 1949, issue of The Fare Box was published under a malignant star. When Meade Peebles and I took over as editors in January, 1949, we had the January and February issues mimeographed at a letter shop in Washington DC. It cost something like \$2.50 to run each one off, as I recall. But then R.L. Moore, the founder of The Fare Box, shipped us the antique mimeograph machine he had used to produce issues, and we used it a couple of times. Each sheet had to be individually hand-fed into it. The cylinder was open, so you poured in some gorp black ink and spread it around with a paint brush. Rarely was the product presentable, although Moore managed to do a nice job. Peebles and I never got the hang of it. The result was a certain lack of enthusiasm about publishing issues.

I was away at Yale in New Haven, and Peebles kept procrastinating about doing the April issue. When I came home for spring break, we put out both the April and May issues in one mailing. As I recall we had something short of 100 members at the time.

The April issue, as it turned out, had only four pages. Still they contained some interesting stuff. The front page led off with an announcement of a gathering of vecturists in Minneapolis on March 6, 1949, from 2 until 10:30 pm. "Six adults and three children were present, and a fine lunch was served by Mrs. Barnett." Future departments were promised, including "a list of uncooperative transit companies." We never did do that one. A full-page article by Edgar Levy of Colorado Springs on the silver railroad passes of Colorado was the main attraction of the issue. Edgar Levy also explained how he obtained VA 350 A (which he later sold to me): "It was while trading sales tax tokens with a collector in Kansas City, MO. He wrote that he had an old token lying around somewhere which had been sent to him by his brother, then in the Marine Corps. He sent it to me and I thought nothing of it in particular except that it was unlisted. After reporting it to Atwood, I wrote the City Clerk of Fredericksburg and asked about it and sent him money to purchase others. He replied that after diligent search of the records and inquiry of citizens he was unable to find out anything about it. That started me off, and I finally managed to get some information from the curator of the Masonic Museum there. But, he said it was a short-lived issue and nobody thought enough of them to want to save any and they disappeared."

Apropos of finding old tokens, I added in the next paragraph that I had myself, back in 1946, bought NM 40 A for 15¢ from a coin shop in Washington. In the issue I reported that Lehigh Valley Transit of Bethlehem, PA, would abandon all its trolley lines "on a gradual basis." My mordant reaction was then noted: "Thus another city obtains the questionable advantage of having no electric streetcars."

The fourth page of that little issue contained a list of 26 unpunched solid 16mm tokens, all in Roland Atwood's collection.

Mr. Moore had produced, on his mimeograph machine, a large number of mastheads for future issues. He drew "THE FARE BOX" in large letters, and under the title a picture--drawn by him--of the little trolley car that is now the center piece of the AVA official seal. In fact it was Moore's use of that trolley that inspired me to use it when I designed the AVA seal a few years later. Peebles and I used up Moore's mastheads, X'ing out his name & address and adding in our own and our new address for The Fare Box: P.O. Box 4835 - Washington 8, D.C.

The present masthead of The Fare Box began with the July, 1949, issue, although it was different from what we have now. We used Moore's lettered title, enlarged, but instead of the trolley we used a drawing of a horsecar taken from a stock certificate (which I had been sent by the last president of the firm) of the Covington & Oxford Street Railway of Covington, GA. The engraving was made into a printer's plate by someone at the Washington Post who was a friend of Peebles (who worked there). The stock certificate was dated 1888.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SO FAR NOT PAID THEIR 1999 AVA DUES

J-2774 Mark Mercer	J-2834 Brandon M. Vacketta	R-0149 Fred P. ZUBRYCKI	R-0233 SAMUEL D.Y. CHING	R-0318 ROBERT S. KNOBLOCH
R-0353 C. HOWARD JONES	R-0399 YOSEF SA'AR	R-0527 R.E. WALTER, JR.	R-0557 ROBERT H. VELDMAN	
R-0951 JAMES F. BSHLEMAN	R-0972 MICHAEL O'HARA	R-1008 PEDRO CHICLANA ROSARI	R-1101 ROBERT A. SPENCER	R-1164 LAWRENCE J. KASTNER
R-1189 Donald E. Noe	R-1316 HARVARD L. ROBBINS		R-1390 ROBERT B. SEGER	R-1396 SUSANNA E. LEWIS
R-1490 JOSEPH C. BIDWELL	R-1498 RICH HARTZOG	R-1499 RICHARD WILLIAMS	R-1547 William A. Williges	R-1590 LEO J. WARREN
R-1593 BERNARD KELLEY	R-1615 JAMES B. BOSKEY	R-1622 CHARLES M. ROGERS	R-1758 COLIN J. TINDALL	R-1787 ROBERT J. THOMAS
R-1791 CHARLES O. ROGERS	R-1838 LEONARD T. ANGLE	R-1920 S. STEVEN KELTER	R-1964 STEVE NISHITA	R-2037 MARIO G. MANFREDI
R-2086 DONALD DAVIDOFF	R-2128 JERRY W. ZUVERS	R-2236 ALAN V. WEINBERG	R-2363 JOSEPH SKIPKOSKI	R-2393 RICHARD D. McCutchan
R-2404 JAMES B. ULINE	R-2408 ANITA CELLA	R-2409 KIMBERLY JO BOGGS		R-2425 EPRAIN ARCHILLA DIEZ
R-2433 JAMES R. PRICE	R-2434 ROGER L. WINKELHAKE	R-2453 MARTHA CRUMPACKER	R-2459 JOHN A. WEHNER	R-2479 WILLIAM A. KIGHT
R-2485 DELANO R. BRISTER	R-2510 WARREN H. ADCOCK	R-2531 JIM McMILLAN	R-2542 ANDREW GRAHL	R-2548 Charles E. Rickard
R-2563 ANDERS STAM	R-2599 Frank C. Seckold	R-2612 JOEL SPIVAK	R-2627 DON P. HOLMGREN	R-2637 ANDERS TULLBERG
R-2651 JOHN R. ARMENTROUT	R-2658 ROBERT WILBERT	R-2663 GEORGE MALL	R-2670 ANDY HALE	R-2672 BRUCE P. DIDONATO
R-2673 GEORGE GOEBEL	R-2677 W. FRANCIS HALDERMAN	R-2683 ROBERT S. Ford	R-2687 Martin Winfree	R-2690 Robert L. Meyer
	R-2710 Larry D. Herndon	R-2715 Kevin J. Jacquot	R-2724 Edwin H Drenski	R-2735 Jennifer D. Chandler
R-2744 Louis Lockwood	R-2752 John T. Hudgins	R-2754 Gordon E. Bryan	R-2771 Robert P. Mills	R-2776 Earl B. Leeson
R-2780 Steven A. McCommas	R-2782 Ken Timby	R-2785 Oliver Brauer	R-2786 Kevin P. Plamondon	R-2791 Gerald F. Humphries
R-2794 Eric Fawcett	R-2797 Peter A. Betz	R-2800 Daniel J. Freidus	R-2804 Kenneth S. Fales	R-2805 L. Jeffrey Hawk
R-2807 Philip W. Allin	R-2813 Old Time Wood Nickel Comp	R-2822 Arthur P. Tuberman	R-2825 Joseph D. Scheele	R-2826 Henry C. Pablas
R-2830 John R. Calvert	R-2831 John C. Irber	R-2836 John J. Scisaldi	R-2837 Richard T. Lobrovich, Jr.	R-2842 Thomas E. Jacobs
R-2843 Thomas A. Banyas		R-2850 Harris M. Schechtman	R-2852 David S. Kenyon	R-2855 David E. Watters

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R-2856 Andrew A. Ott	R-2858 James A. Doncaster	R-2862 Samuel K. Payne	R-2866 Stuart A. Wiener
R-2872 Duane Smith	R-2873 James J. Reeves	R-2874 Steve Turner	R-2881 Ray W. Brown
R-2885 Frank J. Csongedi	R-2886 Raymond Markarian	R-2888 Anthony M. Scalise	R-2894 Larry H. Galyean
R-2898 Joseph Mastrion	R-2899 Brent C. Barnes	R-2900 Joseph F. Black Jr.	R-2901 Phillip G. Ryman
R-2907 John G. Mindermann	R-2870 Brian W. Howe	R-2884 Anthony G. Curington	R-2897 K. David Hirschey
R-2904 Wes Perkinson			

*People on this list appear NOT to have paid their 1999 AVA dues.
If this is correct, please do so immediately, because you WILL NOT
receive another Fare Box.*

If this is not correct, please contact Joel Reznick to clear the matter up.

NOTICE FROM THE ADVERTISING MANAGERS

Occasionally it is the desire of the Editor of The Fare Box to alter the date of each month's issue, to help him keep on a somewhat constant mailing schedule.

This often results in the managers of the advertising section being put in a bind, or a tight squeeze, to get their copy-ready section to the Editor by his desired date.

We, therefore, wish to make a change in the rule that says "Ads must reach the managers by the TENTH of month of issue." We should like to change this to read: "Ads should reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue. Ads that arrive after the 5th of the month will be help for the following issue.

This will greatly help both the Editor and the Advertising Managers get an issue out on the desired time. We thank all members for their understanding and cooperation in this matter.

But please remember that ads in The Fare Box are free to members. You may have up to 3 column inches in every category. Simply write your ad on a postcard or separate sheet, with your name & address, and send it to the advertising managers, whose address is in the masthead.

Free ads should be only about tokens catalogued by the AVA. Auctions should not contain tokens catalogued under \$1 in any catalogue. And please change your ad each time. Don't keep running the same thing over and over.

The Fare Box was the first token publication to institute free ads, and I recall that when I inaugurated the idea several people opposed it on the ground that the ads would crowd out everything else. Didn't happen, though.

THE 1999 A.V.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

will be held August 12-15 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the Sheraton Old Towne Hotel (800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104). Make your own reservations with the hotel. Their phone is 505-843-6300. I also have a toll-free number, 800-325-3535, but that's for the whole Sheraton chain and I'm not sure you can get the special AVA rate unless you call the hotel directly. You might try it. Registration is \$65 (till June 30; \$80 after that). Send registration fee directly to Joel Reznick - P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. (It covers everything.)

APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE
By Harold V. Ford

CALIFORNIA

		Napa 540 (Reported by Garrison & Nichols)			
		NAPA VALLEY TRANSIT/50 CENT FARE TOKEN/ NAPA VALLEY/TRANSIT (ON LOGO)/1-800-696-6443/ NO CASH VALUE/ RWM			
E	B	25	Sd	The Vine/50 Cent Fare Token/The V.I.N.E. (on logo)/ 1-800-696-6443/No Cash Value	\$0.50
		NAPA VALLEY TRANSIT/25 CENT FARE TOKEN/ NAPA VALLEY/TRANSIT (ON LOGO)/1-800-696-6443/ NO CASH VALUE/ RWM			
F	B	32	Sd	The Vine/25 Cent Fare Token/The V.I.N.E. (on logo)/ 1-800-696-6443/ RWM	.25
		OOPS!/WE GOOFED/(BUS ON DIAMOND)			
G	We	38	Sd	Good For/One Free Trip/V.I.N.E. (on logo)	.50
H	We	38	Sd	Good For/One Free Trip/NVT (logo)	.50
		Vacaville 940 (Reported by Joe Radomski & Bill Garrison)			
		CITY COACH/VACAVILLE/1998/(BUS)			
B	B	29	Sd	Experience The Bus/1/Free Ride/(707)449-6000/ HM	1.00
		VACAVILLE/CITY COACH/449-6000			
C	We	39	Sd	Good For/One/Free Ride	.75
		VACAVILLE/CITY COACH/FIELD TRIP/449-6000			
D	Wb	38	Sd	One Way/Student Field Trip/Pass/(bus)	.50

FLORIDA

		Milton 570 (Reported by Steve Ratliff)				
		GARCON POINT BRIDGE/SANTA ROSA BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY/(LOGO)/1999				
A	o	Wb	39	Sd	Garcon Point Bridge/Santa Rosa County Florida/ Good/For One/Toll/Opening Day/Only (* 5/8/99)	.25
B	o	Wr	39	Sd	"	.25
		SANTA ROSA COUNTY/FAIR				
C	Wb	38	Sd	Good For Free Ride/One	.50	

ILLINOIS

		Monmouth 585 (Reported by Charles Littlefield)				
		BLACKBURN & TURNBULL/5/MONMOUTH ILL				
A	o	A	25	Sd	Good For/One Ride/on/Carett	85.00

NEVADA

		Las Vegas 500 (Reported by Richard Czachur)			
		MENAGERIE CAROUSEL/MEADOWS MALL/LAS VEGAS, NEVADA/ NCM ©			
J	Bz	25	Sd	Meadows Mall/Good For One Spin!!!/(carousel horse) (reeded edge)	.50

NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

Bill Garrison has been working on obtaining the four Napa, CA, listings for over a year. Napa notified him of the existence of the two brass. Soon afterwards Chuck Nichols learned of the two wooden issues. After endless letters and phone calls, Napa would only sell him 540 C and D. Hence he has given up on obtaining a supply for the New Issues Service. I visited Napa in April, 1998, and struck out. John Coffee visited there in July 1998 and scored on a few wooden tokens only.

Vacaville, CA 940 B is considered a "general fare" token by the local authority although the inscription reads FREE RIDE. CA 940 C is given out as a promotional, to schools or those in need. Bill Garrison reports that City Coach can supply our New Issues Service with only two of the three: 940 B and D.

Steve Ratliff obtained a supply of FL 570 A and B for our New Issues Service at no cost. He promises an article on these tokens soon. FL 570 C was used at a county fair. Rides without the token were \$1.50 to \$3.00. Steve could not obtain a sufficient supply for the New Issues Service.

The Monmouth, IL, token was mentioned last month. We lack any background information about it.

The Las Vegas, NV, listing is used on a full-size carousel in the Meadows Mall. It has been in use for several years and is the only token that has been issued for it. Bill Garrison obtained a supply for the New Issues Service.

THAT "HOUSE ON THE ROCK" TOKEN

On page 12 of the Febr. Fare Box I mentioned a 25mm brass token proclaiming "The House on the Rock" and "the world's largest carousel." Several collectors wrote to report that this attraction is in Wisconsin between Dodgeville and Spring Green. According to Ed Bawden, "This is not a transportation token. The House on the Rock is the home-museum of a very eccentric fellow who collected many different types of objects, one of which was a huge carousel.

"The carousel operates, but the admittees to the museum can only watch. The token is used for various types of music boxes and other amusement devices. It comes in brass and bronze." He adds that it is a very interesting place and he recommends it to any of us if we get up that way.

On page 32 of this issue I mentioned some plastic tokens inscribed MIAMI TRANSIT with a bus pictured. Neglected to state that they are from Miami County, Ohio: Troy or Piqua. The mentioned 5th token found by Louis Crawford is a blue one with "PREPAID / TRIP / 257" on reverse. What that is about I have no idea.

On a lighter note, Bill Garrison mentions an article from the Spring 1999 issue of INVENTION & TECHNOLOGY magazine, which includes "six reasons why people collect." Why they collect anything, that is. (1) To satisfy personal aesthetics. (2) To meet a desire for control. (3) For a sense of completion. (4) For connections with a personal past. (5) for the thrill of the chase. (6) For profit. For myself I would admit to 3,4, and 5. Maybe 1 and 2. Definitely not 6.

Louis Crawford found three 44mm plastics in white, red, and green, all with blank reverse, and on obverse: MORR TRANS / (MAP OF MORRISON COUNTY) / TOLL FREE / 1-877-457-4318. These are from Minnesota and the bus line serves Upsala, Swanville, Flensburg, Sobieski, Elmdale, Bowlus and Royalton to Little Falls.

North Platte, NE, is planning to build a 15-storey tower shaped like a railroad spike. The tower, made of gold-enameled metal, will overlook the Union Pacific Railroad's Bailey Yard, which must be one of the largest in the world. It contains 300 miles of track, holds 10,000 freight cars, and is the size of 2,800 football fields. From this magnificent structure tourists who love trains--that's most of us in the AVA--will be able to enjoy watching the railway operations below. Who knows? Perhaps an elevator that charges a token to ride?

SUPPLEMENT #17 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

By Harold V. Ford

MICHIGAN

Traverse City 930 (reported by Gabsch)

UNIVERSAL CARWASH TRAVERSE CITY (ANTIQUÉ CAR)

B A 29 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value VB (crown)
(anodized blue)(plain edge)

2.00

CAR WASH CHAIN STOCK TOKENS

Group 380 (reported by Gabsch)

SUNOCO SUPER SUDS GAS-N-WASH

A Bz 29 Sd Carwash Token c (antique car) (reeded edge)

B Bz 29 Sd " " " " " " " " (WM-plated)

Group 390 (reported by O'Connor)

TRUCK TUB TRUCK WASHING (SUDSY TUB WITH TRUCK RIG INSIDE)

A o Pw 29 Sd 1-888-Truck-Tub (red printing)

TRUCK TUB TRUCK WASHING 888-878-2588 hm

B B 25 Sd Liberty hh (liberty head)

(big rig truck wash cost \$25, token is good for \$1 off next wash)(locations:
Bakersfield, Mira Loma, Tulare, CA & Kingman, AZ)

TOKEN MANUFACTURERS STOCK TOKENS

Group 20

CARWASH TOKEN (ANTIQUÉ CAR)

AL Bz 25 Sd Token (eagle with emblem on breast)(stars)

AM B 25 Sd rwm (eagle on emblem over wreath) (stars)

Group 40

CARWASH TOKEN rwm (ANTIQUÉ CAR)

J Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value rwm (mintmark on right side)

K WM 23 Sd No Cash Value rwm

Group 90

CARWASH TOKEN NON REFUNDABLE NO CASH VALUE HH

N B 25 Sd C (inside a circle of rope)

Group 130

AUTOMATIC CAR WASH TOKEN (ANTIQUÉ CAR)

C B 29 Sd Token (eagle with emblem on breast)(stars)

Group 180

CARWASH TOKEN rwm (TRUCK, CAR, VAN WITH HORIZ. LINES BEHIND)

N Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value No Cash Value (eagle on emblem over wreath)

CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

AZ 630 B should be AZ 630 A

PA 320 G should be 29mm, not 28

PA 358 C add dot after '272'

CWCST Gp 200 I metal should be Bz, not B

MSCWT Gp 40 G size should be 28mm, not 27

TMST Gp 20 K, metal should be WM, not B delete (WM-plated)

20 AI delete, same as 20 AE

40 A, add (vars)(Value)

C, " " " "

New Foreign Transit Token Listings supp #7

By Curtis H. Judge

We have received additional information about the two Koln, Germany tokens (464 A , B) listed in supplement #5. AVA member Robert Saxon spent time in Koln and feels that these tokens were used for something other than transport. They were possibly used for parking at the station or for some other business in the main train station. The valuations of 5 and 10DM are very high for token type fares. We will keep these listings as tentative till finite information on the use is received.

Additional information was also received from Yosef Sa'ar and Chuck Benjamin regarding the Istanbul, Turkey tokens listed as (400 BA, BB, BC). Rather than being used on the Tunel funicular, they were probably used on a ferry crossing the Bosphorus.

This supplement will start the first of several covering unlisted new and old French Transit tokens. These listings come from the fine work of Mr. Roland Elie. In 1995 he published the second edition of his **LES JETONS DE TRANSPORT FRANCAIS**. This reference was previously reviewed in the **FAREBOX**, and I believe is still available from the author.

FRANCE

ALENCON 60

Ville D'Alencon Voiture De Place (coat of arms) \$25.00

AA o AL 36mm Les Petites Voitures Alenconnaises Enterprise Lemaitre /Bon Pour Une Course De Jour

BESANCON 140

Le Royal Besancon 5c Compagnie Du Funiculaire

AA o AL 18mm Le Royal 5c Valable Seulement Pour Le Funiculaire \$20.00

Le Royal Besancon 25c Compagnie Du Funiculaire

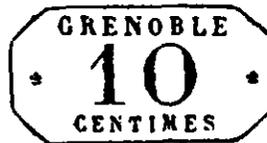
AB o AL 24mm Le Royal 25c Valable Seulement Pour Le Funiculaire \$20.00

These tokens were used on an inclined plane that ran from the town up Mont Bregille.

DINARD 300

Vedettes Blanches Et Transport

AB o AL 25mm square Bon Pour Un Passage 1F Non Remboursable En Speces \$10.00



FOURCHAMBALT 350

Societe Du Pont De Fourchambault

RA o BR 28mm (wreath of leaves) \$7.50

Used for passage across a suspension bridge built in 1835-36 that was destroyed in 1940 during the war.

GRENOBLE 375

Grenoble 10 Centimes

AA o BR 20mm X 36mm OBL Tramways (elaborate seriphed letters) \$35.00

This token was used in the period of 1880-1897

(LA) HAVRE 400

Ville Du Havre Services Municipaux

AJ o BR 23mm scalloped Autobus H \$5.00

Douane Du Havre

AK o AL 24mm Tramways 1/2 Tarif \$7.50

NEW FOREIGN TRANSIT TOKEN LISTINGS supp # 7 pg 2

LIMOGES 500

Cie Des Tramways Electriques Limoges 10

AI o BR 26mm A La Grace De Dieu Chaussures Bertrand Limoges 2. Rue Du Clocher \$5.00

LYONS 520

Service General D'Omnibus C.L. (two interlocking letters counterstamped at bottom of obverse)

T o Br 25mm octagonal Cachet De Correspondance \$15.00



MARSEILLE 540

Tunnel Prado Carenage 1 passage

AN WM/BR 30 Tunnel Prado Carenage \$3.00

Similar to AM token but no date

Cremieu Pere & Fils Administration GENIE Des Services D'Omnibus

AO o BR 28mm Bon Pour Une Place (caduceus symbol in center) \$10.00

AP o Silver 28mm Same as AO token except minted in sterling silver \$50.00

COMPie Lyonnaise ADMon GENIE Des Services D'Omnibus

AQ o Br 28mm Bon Pour Un Place (caduceus symbol in center) \$10.00

Bateaux A Vapeur Compagnie Lyonnaise Des Omnibus

AR o BR 22mm Ports De Marseille (caduceus symbol in center) \$7.50

Jeton D'Embarquement Ou De Debarquement Services MARITmes Des MESSAGies Imperiales

AS o 31mm BR uniface token - reverse blank \$25.00



Bon Pour Un Parcours De 0,10 Cent Valable Pour 1903 Tramways De Marseille (counterstamped 1904) center hole

AT o 27mm X 42mm nickel plated zinc Oval Lorenzy-Palanca Parfumeur Marseille \$40.00

Bon Pour Un Parcours De 0,10 Cent Valable Pour 1903 Tramways De Marseille (counterstamped 1904) center hole

AU o 27mm X 42mm oval nickel plated zinc Blanc & Boucharin 19, Rue Haxo Marseille Anthracite Boulets Chauffage Domestique \$40.00

Tramways De Marseille Bon Pour Un Parcourse De 0,10 C, J.P.T. Valable Jusqu.au 31 Decembre 1914 (center hole)

AV o 27mm X 42mm oval nickel plated zinc Offert Par Le Theatre Apollo Marseille \$30.00

Any member having new listings or additional information on newly listed tokens please send the information to the writer at 3589 Redbud Lane Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801 USA E-Mail JUDGEFAM@AOL.COM Telephone 540-574-0078

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