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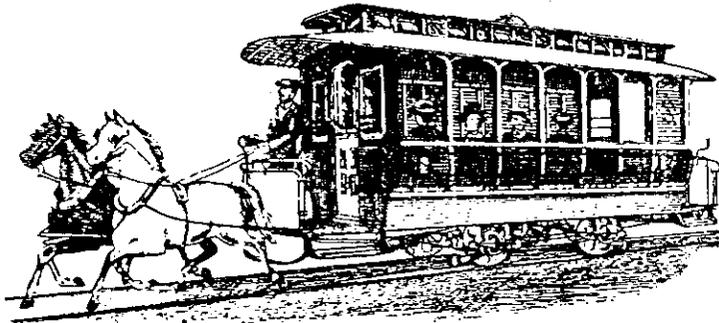
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THEODORE F. HARTUNG, LEONARD PALLEN, ROLLAND E. SCHNEIDER

This issue brings the sad tidings of the death of three of our members. Ted Hartung, AVA 791, of Seattle, joined us in 1966. A retired supervisor at Boeing, Ted was an active constituent in numismatics as well as token collecting. More than that, he was just a wonderful guy, and I shall miss him. He died June 4, at age 76.

Len Pallen, AVA 2707, of Greenfield, Wisconsin, joined us in 1995, discovering our hobby late in his life, and loving it. He died April 5, at age 74.

Rolland E. Schneider, AVA L-1233, of Tucson, Arizona, joined us in 1971. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army, Rolland traveled over the world and collected rare antiques from everywhere. He wrote a column on antiques for a newspaper in Wyoming before he left that state. He collected not only tokens, but coins, china, music boxes, model trains, toys, you name it. He was a life member and only this month did we learn of his death on January 9, 1995, at age 80. He was generous to a fault, and contributed a number of tokens to the AVA, the sale of which reduced our postage deficit.

July 23. I shall be at Hal Ford's until August 8, so mail that would arrive before then may be addressed to me c/o Hal Ford at 43 Arroyo Drive - Moraga, CA 94556. Then on to our Convention which will be held August 12-15 at the Sheraton Old Towne Hotel (800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM). Call the hotel to make your reservations. Their number: 505-843-6300. Registration fee, which includes everything, should be sent to Joel Reznick at P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. I hope to see you there.

The Chicago Coin Club will be issuing an attractive bronze 32mm Club Tour token in connection with the A.N.A. Convention to be held in Chicago same time as our AVA convention in Albuquerque. The token, subsidized by the AVA, mentions the American Vecturist Association on its reverse, and "Souvenir Transit Token Good For One Ride on Official ANA Tours" etc. Five hundred will be struck in bronze. These will be available for \$2 by mail and more information will appear later. Unfortunately when numismatists start striking tokens they make them in all sorts of different metals. So this one will be made also in sterling silver, copper, white metal, plus antiqued copper, bronze, and white metal. The only one we'll list is the bronze, as the others are reserved only for IP's. If you'd like to order the bronze token now, you can send \$2 to Chicago Coin Club at P.O. Box 2301 - Chicago, IL 60690-2301.

Hector Turgeon reports that RIPTA has issued an attractive token for the "Providence Link," a rubber-tired trolley. Tokens are 50¢ and Hector has already procured a supply for our New Issues Service.



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The above, and the Editor of The Fare Box, constitute the Executive Board

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Only one nomination for each of the AVA elective officers was received, so these will be automatically elected, and take over their duties at the Albuquerque Convention: President John M. Hoffmann. Vice-President Bill Sowell. Secretary Louis Crawford. Treasurer Joel Reznick.

Incidentally the reason we have been using black mastheads the past few months is that we ran out of the colored ones and I didn't want to print new ones until I knew who the New Issues Service director would be, in case Barbara was not able to continue. We'll return to the colored ones, which I really like in spite of their cost, this fall. The old fashioned type thereon came originally from a collector of old type, and these type faces date from before the Civil War.

My trip to California to Boston was, as always, thoroughly enjoyable. Hal Ford arrived in Boston June 27, and we left July 7, in my new 1999 jet black Lincoln that replaced the white 1992 version which did good service but was past its prime. But before we left, we decided to check to see if anything new was in use by the Logan Airport taxis. Well, seems something new was in use but didn't work so well, and the went back to the original ones (MA 115 AP). "The large white ones are no longer accepted." So of course we tried to get the "large white ones" only to run into roadblocks every step of the way. We went out on rapid transit to the airport, we talked to a dozen taxi drivers and "persons in authority" but all we got was NO. So we don't even know what they look like. We're still trying a few angles to see what those "large silver ones" were, and to see if we can get some. I know they've got them locked up somewhere out there.

Then we drove up to Lowell and were able to purchase 240 each of the new MA 430 C and D, spending 45 minutes separating them from the 430 B's. Very nice people there.

We headed west July 7 and stopped at Southwick (near Springfield) to see about the MA 752, listed this month. In the process we also learned about the MA 880 A, and each got a couple. But they only have a few and these won't be available for N.I.S. Then on to Gloversville, NY, to see about getting the 3 plastic tokens that had been reported by Russell Hallock. These are used by Hannaford's store there, and getting a set apiece was very tricky and took lots of talking and gentle persuasion. But in the end, we did, and they're very nice folks there. See NY 315 B,C,D, this issue.

We spend the night at Amsterdam, NY, and stopped by the Memorial Hospital to see if they're still using NY 25 J and K. They are, but were reluctant to part with any. Finally, though, they gave us each a set. Just one set.

Next day, we knew, would be our biggest challenge. We've known Wheeling WV was using a couple of nice special-use tokens, but no one had been able to get any and we didn't even know what they looked like. Finally a couple of collectors did get one so we knew what to look for. But always the story was the same: they were NOT available for collectors. Pulling into Wheeling the evening of July 8, about 6 pm we decided to phone the bus authority just on a hunch. One person was still there and said the tokens were NOT FOR COLLECTORS. But he was a pleasant sort, and said if we would get there by 6:30, when he left, he'd let us have one. It was 13 miles but we rushed back down the steep interstate and got there by 6:15. He sold us each a brass token. Said that was all they used and it wouldn't be worth our while to

return next morning. But we did anyway, as we had heard rumors of a WM token, or a WM-plated brass one. Next morning different people in the office, very friendly, and we were each able to buy a couple WM ones. Apparently the folks who didn't like collectors were on vacation, or something. So we left Wheeling in a very good mood. See WV 890 Z,AA, listed this month.

Next stop was Piqua, Ohio, to see if we could get a couple OH 730 G, listed last month. Visited the taxi office and discovered two new ones (listed this month) now in use. In order to buy them I had to sign up for a senior taxi permit and fill out a form complete with picture ID. I did, and we were able to get just a few of the new tokens. As for 730 G, "they have all been returned" to some social agency in Troy. We drove to Troy, hoping to get a couple. No luck. Not a token in the place, but they took our names and promised to send us a couple "if possible." We learned that Larry Kemper had preceded us there, and apparently had similar luck to ours.

We spent the night at Anderson, IN. Next day we visited Hannibal, MO, and found an unlisted car wash token in use. A rubber-tired trolley in Hannibal does not use tokens. Macon, MO, was our stop for the night and we found stock tokens in use at a couple of car washes. Next day we visited Abilene, KS, and the Eisenhower Home & Museum complex, as well as the "Greyhound Hall of Fame" (dogs; not buses). At Salina we found car wash token KS 880 B in use, and a new 880 C as well. We spend the night at Russell, KS, whose claim to fame in proclaimed on a sign as we entered the town, that it is the birthplace of former Senator Bob Dole.

The next day we stopped at Burlington, CO, where several carousel tokens have been used, but it didn't open till hours after we were there, and no one was around. On to Cheyenne, WY, where we spent the night. Visited the bus company office and found they're still using WY 120 L-P except the 120 O which is now obsolete. They plan to stop the token program entirely very soon, however.

Next night: Provo, Utah, where we knew there was a car wash token in use that we didn't have. No one at the facility. Next morning on a hunch we drove by and found the proprietor, who sold us some of the tokens. We spent the next night at Winnemucca, NV, and were home July 15, and found some interesting mail. Few days later we rode the Niles Canyon Railroad, as I do every summer (it runs only the 1st & 3rd Sundays). We visited Napa, CA, again, as we did last year, hoping to obtain quantities of CA 540 E and F, which we have been working on for what seems like a lifetime. We ran up against a brick wall. They refuse to sell us the tokens, but did agree to let us have just 3 or 4 of the 540 E. So for the nonce these will be hard to come by. Still and all, patience usually pays off and eventually I expect these will be available. We also stopped at Vallejo, and found CA 945 O still in use at \$1.00.

So it has been an interesting summer, and most of it is still ahead. I'll be in Moraga till August 8, then on to Albuquerque. Remember, the long summer hiatus is now upon us, and the August/September combined issues won't be mailed till late in September. Those will tell about the convention, and my trip back to Boston.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Correctional Officer. (Reznick)
- 2956 JEB BALDI - 1403 Brick Road - Ellensburg, Washington 98926  
Age 62; Retired. Collects U.S. (Bill Coleman)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 1566 Curtis Judge - 3589 Redbud Lane (same city)
- 2792 Timothy Schroeder - 2707 Mineral Point Ave. - Janesville, WI 53545



# GARCON POINT BRIDGE

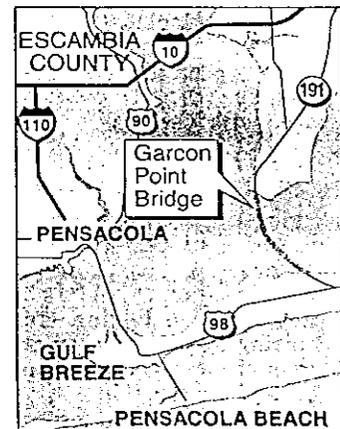
SANTA ROSA BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY

By Steve Ratliff

For fifty years the residents of Santa Rosa County, Florida, have looked at maps and dreamed of a bridge across East Bay, linking the north half of the county with the southern half. Without the bridge, the only way to the south and north of the county was to drive around the bay to the east or drive to Pensacola and utilize the Pensacola Bay Bridge. Either way, it was often a dangerous and crowded route until the recent completion of the Garcon Point Bridge linking Garcon Point on the North, with Red Fish Point on the South.

May 8, 1999 the new toll bridge was dedicated with a full color guard from the local Whiting Field Naval Air Station, in addition to three local high school bands, two cakes, and the usual gathering of local, state, and Federal politicians. The 2 P.M., 40 minute ceremony was filled with "thank-yous" to the multitude of people who helped plan and build the 95 million dollar project.

The bridge will have wide-reaching effects. Local planners foresee a spurring of growth and development on and around Garcon Point on the north and Redfish Point on the south and will give tourism a substantial boost as it is a direct route from Interstate 10 to the beaches. The south end of the bridge ends at the entrance to a new Super Wal-Mart store that faces Highway 98, a major east-west corridor to the beaches.



Others see the two-lane bridge as relief to the crowded Highway 98 and also as a uniting link to a county separated geographically by the bay and give the 47,000 Gulf Breeze peninsula residents another hurricane evacuation route.

Contractors Odebrech-Metric built the bridge in two years and four months and set a segmented bridge building record in April of 1998 by completing seven spans (980 feet) in seven days.

Your author is in the process of building a new home on Garcon because of the new bridge. It will provide easy access to the school on the peninsula, where my wife is principal, and easy access to my job with the School District in nearby Milton.

The planning, design, permitting and construction of the bridge took thirteen years to complete. There was controversy from the beginning as there was opposition over its location, ability to raise toll revenues, and environmental concerns.

The May 8<sup>th</sup> planned opening became bitter sweet when on May 4<sup>th</sup> the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) ordered the Garcon Point Bridge Authority not to open the bridge to traffic on May 8<sup>th</sup> as planned, due to failure of the Authority to complete the requirements in its dredge and fill permit. The State cited that a 19 acre mitigation project on the Gulf Breeze peninsula to offset the destruction of wetlands done

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**GARCON POINT BRIDGE - Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority - continued**

during the construction of the 3.5 mile bridge was not complete. They further submitted that an endangered species management plan outlining how the Bridge Authority planned to protect and enhance rare pitcher plants and endangered orchids at the site had not been submitted as required.

Mahlon McCall, Bridge Authority executive director, requested that the FDEP extend the deadlines for the required work, but was turned down.

It was decided to hold the dedication as planned, but not allow vehicular traffic. The speeches, ribbon cutting, 5K bridge run and fun walk, and post-race jambalaya party were well attended. As part of the dedication, a procession of antique cars proceeded across the bridge, while a boat parade passed under the bridge. The Bridge Authority did not put up barricades or activate the toll booths, and free *unauthorized* traffic did flow on the bridge after the dedication and the next day. By Monday morning the barricades were up to prevent usage.

It was planned that the \$2 toll would be waived opening day and wooden nickels were prepared to celebrate and advertise this free day. Your author encouraged the authority to issue a token of some type for this occasion. The costs of metal or plastic tokens was too great and a wooden token was suggested. These tokens were given out to local businesses, who in turn gave them to their customers. The 39 mm wooden tokens were printed in both blue and red ink. The obverse reads: **GARCON POINT BRIDGE / (logo and 1999 within circle) / SANTA ROSA BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY** and the reverse reads **Garcon Point Bridge / {Good/For One/Toll/Opening Day / Only (all within circle)} / Garcon Point Bridge/Santa Rosa County Florida**. Other than color of print, there is no difference between the blue and red tokens. The blue print token has been assigned Atwood number 570-A and the red 570-B. The 570 is a new town number for Milton, Florida, which is the mailing address of the bridge authority.



Atwood 570

A (blue print)

B (red print)

The week following the dedication was one of controversy between the Bridge Authority and environmental regulators. During this time many motorists drove around the barricades, ignoring the no trespassing signs, and traveled across the bridge. At one time, the Bridge Authority removed the barricades themselves and allowed free passage, but this was short lived as the FDEP again directed its closing until the environmental issues were resolved.

During this time contractors worked literally around the clock trying to comply with the environmental permit.

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## GARCON POINT BRIDGE - Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority - continued

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the clearance was given for opening the bridge to the public. The front page of the local newspaper featured a notice of:

*"NO FREE RIDES. The souvenir wooden nickels distributed by the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority were never intended as free passes on the bridge, officials say. The 60,000 nickels read, "Good for one toll opening day only." They were distributed by the authority and by businesses in Milton and Gulf Breeze as a marketing gimmick, said Mahlon McCall, the authorities executive director. All motorists, except on-duty law enforcement officers, will be required to pay the bridges \$2 toll, plus \$2 for each additional axle."*

The Garcon Point Bridge opened accepting the Florida Department of Transportation's new electronic pass system, called "SunPass." It is an electronic transponder that you mount on your windshield and as you drive through the toll gate, the transponder activates the gate to allow passage and debits your prepaid account the \$2.00 toll. The transponders cost \$25 and you must pay a \$25 deposit. As the deposit is depleted, you can replenish it by check or as an automatic charge to your charge card. The SunPass offers the incentive of a 10% discount after the 40<sup>th</sup> trip in a calendar month. This discount is similar to the discount that has been traditionally given as an incentive to use tokens at other locations. SunPass will soon be valid on all Florida toll sites and will eliminate the usage of tokens for passage on Florida Department of Transportation controlled roads and bridges.

A month after the Bridge's opening, the 3,500 - 4,000 crossing per day is disappointing compared to the projections of 7,500 crossings, but supporters still believe in their unofficial motto: *"If you build it they will come."* The Bridge Authority is looking for ways to promote the bridge and will be increasing the radio advertising and perhaps increasing the number of billboards that proclaim the bridge as *"A better way to go."* The Authority is also petitioning the Florida Department of Transportation to add the word "Beaches" to the existing signs on eastbound Interstate 10. Area car dealerships are also promoting the bridge with advertising slogans like, *"Now you know why they built the bridge."* Golf courses north of the bridge are offering discounts on greens fees for bridge users. Various promotions are in the planning stage and will feature a free SunPass transponder as prizes.

The Bridge Authority provided sufficient quantities of both the red and blue tokens for the AVA New Issue Service, free of charge. If you are not a member of the NIS and would like an example of these two tokens for your collection, send a \$1 bill to cover postage and packaging, to Steve Ratliff, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32571. Quantities are limited, please limit your request to one set.

SUPPLEMENT #20 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

By Harold V. Ford

FLORIDA

Orlando 630 (Reported by Kohlhardt)  
 CLEAN ARENA 11470 E COLONIAL DR ORLANDO FLORIDA  
 A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) \$0.50

KANSAS

Salina 880 (HVF)  
 GREEN LANTERN rwm (LANTERN)  
 C WM 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car) .50

MISSOURI

Hannibal 370 (HVF)  
 DIAMOND CARWASH DIAMOND BLVD, HANNIBAL, MO. (DIAMOND)  
 B B 25 Sd Plaza Carwash James Rd. Hannibal, MO hm (shiny car) 1.00  
 St. Louis 910 (ex Unidentified #388; located by Sutera)  
 MONTEGO BAY SELF-SERVE CAR WASH (SUN BEHIND PALM TREE)  
 H Bz 25 Sd Montego Bay Car Wash Open 24 Hours Corner Lucas Hunt &  
 Natural Bridge Rd hm .50

OHIO

Cadiz 110 (Nolan)  
 GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT BROKAW & O'NEIL SOFSPRA CADIZ, OHIO  
 A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)(Rev. F)(1,000 struck 6/25/65) 5.00

TEXAS

Fort Worth 340 (Jerry Adams)  
 LEONARD'S CAR CLEANING CENTER (incuse) TOP INSERT (ARROW) A1 (1 slot)  
 E o Z 29 Sd B3 C6 (2 slots) 3.50

UTAH

Provo 650 (HVF)  
 THE CAR WASH PROVO, UTAH THE PLACE FOR PARTICULAR PEOPLE hh  
 F B 22 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 1.00

WASHINGTON

Tacoma 880 (HVF)  
 SPEEDI CAR WASH TOKEN rwm (AUTO)  
 I o Bz 25 Sd 125th St. S. and Pacific Ave. 5009 North Pearl St. Valid For  
 8 Min. Vacuum or 4 Min. Wash No Cash Value 5.00

WEST VIRGINIA

Fairmont 200 (Sutera)  
 KWI-KEE CAR WASH FAIRMONT W.VA (incuse) TOP INSERT (ARROW) A3 (1 slot)  
 B o Z 29 Sd B6 C6 (2 slots) 3.50

WISCONSIN

Sheboygan 790  
 K-AUTO CARWASH SHEBOYGAN, WI (ANTIQU CAR)  
 B Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh .50

CANADA - MANITOBA

Dauphin 235  
 WESTMORE CONVENIENCE CENTRE DAUPHIN MANITOBA  
 A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) .50

CALIFORNIA

Cerritos 130 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
 CITY OF CERRITOS/INCORPORATED APRIL 24, 1956/C (LOGO)  
 (ALL INSIDE ELABORATE DESIGN)  
 A B 29 Sd COW/Cerritos on Wheels/Transit System/(all incused in logo)  
 One Fare\*One Fare\*One Fare\*One Fare\* \$0.25

IDAHO

Idaho Falls 380 (Reported by Bill Garrison)  
 C.A.R.T./INC./GOOD FOR ONE/BUS FARE (black letters)  
 I Pg 42 Sd (blank) 1.50  
 J Pw 42 Sd " 2.50

MASSACHUSETTS

Lowell 430 (Reported by Louis Crawford)  
 LOWELL REGIONAL/TRANSIT AUTHORITY/rwm  
 C B 16 Sd Good For/One Fare/LR/TA (in logo) .75  
 LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY/LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY/  
 rwm/LR/TA (INCUSE IN LOGO)  
 D B 16 Sd No/Cash/Value .75  
 Southwick 752 (Reported by Louis Crawford)  
 THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/OF SOUTHWICK/(LOGO)  
 A Pg 38 Sd (same as obverse)(white lettering)(\* 1994) .50  
 Westfield 880 (Reported by John Coffee)  
 THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/OF GREATER WESTFIELD (LOGO)  
 A Pb 38 Sd (same as obverse)(white lettering)(\* 1994) 2.00

NEW YORK

Gloversville 315 (Reported by Russell Hallock)  
 CITY OF/GLOVERSVILLE/TRANSIT/REGULAR  
 B Pe Oc Sd Shop 'n Save/Ride 'n Save/725-0847 (37mm)(red inscription) \*\*\*  
 CITY OF/GLOVERSVILLE/TRANSIT/SENIOR CITIZEN//STUDENT  
 C Po Oc Sd Shop 'n Save/Ride 'n Save/725-0847 (37mm)(white inscription) \*\*\*  
 CITY OF/GLOVERSVILLE/TRANSIT/NORTHVILLE  
 D Pw Oc Sd Shop 'n Save/Ride 'n Save/725-0847 (37mm)(black inscription) \*\*\*

OHIO

Barnesville 45 (Reported by John Dunlap)  
 B. & S. PIKE/15¢  
 G o B Oc Sd (blank)(26mm)(obverse inscription is incuse) 100.00  
 Piqua 730 (Reported by John Coffee)  
 PIQUA TRANSIT/SERVICE/(CAB)  
 H Pb 38 Sd Prepaid/Trip (gold inscription) .60  
 I Pr 38 Sd " " 1.20

TEXAS

Fort Worth 340 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
 FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY/1996/THE T (INCUSE)(STARS LOGO)  
 V B 17 Sd John T. Barturiewicz (fax)/Good For One Regular Fare/  
 The T (incuse)(stars logo) 1.00

San Antonio 810 (from Jerry Adams in NATCA)  
VIA (LOGO)/METROPOLITAN TRANSIT/SHUTTLE BUS TOKEN/rwm  
AX A 23 Sd Texas Folklife Festival/San Antonio/(steer head & balloon) \$0.25  
(anodized red)  
AY A 23 Sd (like AX but anodized blue) .50

VIRGINIA

Virginia Beach 895 (Reported by Louis Crawford)  
SEASIDE AMUSEMENT PARK/VIRGINIA/BEACH,/VIRGINIA  
E o WM 25 Sd Ride Token Only/Merry-Go-Round/(clown face)(reeded edge) \*\*\*

WASHINGTON

Centralia 120 (Reported by Bill Garrison & Louis Crawford)  
L.C. JUVENILE DIVISION/(360)740-1178/TWIN/TRANSIT/BUS/TOKEN  
B We 39 Sd Wooden Nickel/United States of America/(Indianhead)/  
(red numerals)(L.C. = Lewis County) .50

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling 890 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
OHIO VALLEY/EASTERN OHIO/REG/TRANS (INCUSE in LOGO)  
Z B 29 Sd Non Refundable/No Cash Value/Ride Token 1/hh 1.00  
AA B 29 Sd " (WM-PLATED) 2.00

WISCONSIN

Monroe 530 (HVF)  
THE LUDLOW./HOUSE./BUS-LINE.  
J o B 29 Sd Return/Check (plain edge both sides) 100.00

UNIDENTIFIED Reported by John Hoffman; Jerry Schaeper; John Armentrout)

HOLIDAY/LAKES  
268 WM 15 Sd Good For/One Fare  
ONE TRANSFER/AT STATION REC'D/THIS DATE/ONLY/26  
269 B 22 Sd (same as obverse)  
BRENNAN'S  
270 Pg 31 Sd 1/Ride (white lettering)(Sc)  
271 Pg 31 Sd 1 Ride (white lettering)(Sc)  
272 Pg 31 Sd 1 Ride (gold lettering) (Sc)

PRESENTATION PIECE (Reported by Bernero & Bail)

BN A 16 Sd (Like CA 745 Z but anodized red aluminum, and solid)

CLUB TOUR TOKEN

California CT (Reported by John Heller)  
ELECTRIC RAILWAY/HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION/www.ERHA.org/(STREETCAR,  
PALM TREES, BLDG.)  
1 B 25 Sd MTA Red Line/Hollywood & Vine/Opening Day/June 12, 1999/  
Hollywood/1 Fare/(bats & balls)(incuse star with M in center)  
(WM-plated)

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Prince George 670  
PARK 'N' BUS/COURTESY OF/DOWNTOWN/PRINCE GEORGE/PG (on  
CARTOON CHARACTER)  
C B 24 Sd Park 'n' Bus/Redeemable For/25¢/in Parking or Transit/1998/  
P (in circle)(bus) .25

CANADA - ONTARIO

Caledon 170 (Reported by Louis Crawford)

CALEDON/TRANSIT/INC.

A B 23 Sd (design)(\* 1999)

\$2.00

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

OH 552 B - add Vars: a. line across top of LAKETRAN  
b. no line across top of LAKETRAN

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NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

Bill Sowell received one of the CA 130 A token from a friend in England. John Coffee and I phoned Cerritos and learned that the tokens are good for a 25¢ fare, and have been in use for a few years. They were very friendly, and let us buy a few for ourselves. It looks like we shall have this one for the New Issues Service in due time.

Bill Garrison has been working for some time--twelve long-distance calls!--on the 42mm plastic tokens used by Community and Rural Transportation of Idaho Falls. As they insisted on a payment above the fare value of the tokens, these will not be handled by the New Issues Service. Members who wish to purchase the tokens may try their luck by writing C.A.R.T., Inc. at 850 Denver Street - Idaho Falls, ID 83402-3368. I suggest \$4 for the pair plus stamped return envelope, but whether they will send the tokens is uncertain. The 29mm tokens now have a fare value of \$2 except for the brown one (ID 380 D) which is now obsolete.

Louis Crawford wrote Lowell for the MA 430 C, which had been reported some time ago (by whom?). Instead they sent him the 430 D, which until then we didn't know existed. John Coffee and I drove up to Lowell last month and found that the 430 B,C, and D were all in use and mixed together. The very friendly people at LRTA, however, let us go through them and pick out a supply of the C and the D for the New Issues Service. So members of N.I.S. will receive these two.

Louis Crawford learned of the Southwick, MA, via the internet. As it says nothing about a ride, we had to be certain it was used only for a bus ride. John Coffee and I stopped at Southwick on our way to California, and learned that its only use is as a bus token. We were then told there is another, similar, token used at Westfield (only a short distance away from Southwick). So we drove to Westfield, where we each were allowed to buy a couple (only) of them. The Southwick tokens weren't on hand, though, so we left enough money to buy a total of 4 Southwick tokens, which they sent to us. These are used for special programs for the kids, and the supply was limited. So it is unlikely these will be available to the N.I.S. The Westfield token is used on a bus provided by a bus line by contract. The Southwick token is used on their own bus to take kids to summer activities.

Russ Hallock learned about the NY 315 B,C,D, some time ago. They are given out by Hannaford's grocery store in Gloversville (formerly called Shop 'n Save Stores). Seniors or students get 2 tokens if they buy \$5 worth of groceries. Regulars must buy \$15 worth of groceries. Russ had a difficult time persuading them to let him have any, but finally they let him buy two sets. John Coffee and I stopped there on our way to California, and had a very difficult job of persuading them to let us each have a set, even though we offered to buy them. At length, after several people in authority were consulted, we were permitted to buy one set apiece, and only one set. Unless they stop using them, which eventually of course they may, these will not be available through the New Issues Service. (On obverse of 315 C, the / is actually on the token.)

The OH 45 G is the third token in a series issued by the Barnesville & Somerton Pike in Ohio. Nice find.

John Coffee and I visited the office of Piqua Taxi in Piqua, Ohio, and discovered OH 730 H and I are now in use. The OH 730 G, recently listed, is no longer in use and we were unable to get any. The vehicle shown on 730 G is a different style, and it faces right. The one on 730 H and I faces left. The 730 H is a 60¢ senior fare; the 730 I is a \$1.20 regular fare. New Issues Service will not be able to handle these.

The TX 340 V was recently discovered by Bill Sowell, and the Authority people were willing to pick out the new ones, which are being used along with other 16mm tokens, for our N.I.S. So N.I.S. members will receive this one, thanks again to the efforts of Bill Garrison.

We saw mention of the TX 810 AX in an article by Jerry Adams in the NATCA publication TALKIN' TOKENS. Bill Garrison wrote for a quantity for our N.I.S., and learned they are 25¢ ride tokens. He also was told they were using a red park & ride token with a \$2.50 value. We were able to obtain quantities of both for our N.I.S., and we got the \$2.50 token for much less than its face value. So N.I.S. members will receive these two.

Louis Crawford saw a small quantity of the VA 895 E for sale on the Internet, and was able to buy them all. The token, it turns out, is a companion to the 895 A which was a bumper car ride token. The 895 E is for a merry-go-round. These will not be distributed by our New Issues Service.

The WA 120 B token is used by the Lewis County Juvenile Division, which is situated in Centralia. The wooden tokens are given to kids who are released from the detention center so they can get home on buses of the Twin Transit, which operates in both Centralia and Chehalis. WA 140 A, listed from Chehalis, is used by the same bus service, but is given out by the Red Cross office in Chehalis. The red number on the tokens is for control purposes. There is a very limited number of these tokens and they will not be available through the N.I.S.

WV 890 Z and AA have been known about for a few years, but until just recently we had never seen them and didn't know what they looked like. The one certainty was that they would not be available to collectors. Finally Bill Sowell got one of the brass ones. The tokens are a joint issue by the Ohio Valley Regional Transit and the Eastern Ohio Regional Transit. The 890 AA is used for a ride on the Advantage Van and has a \$2 fare value. The 890 Z is used for poor people and Salvation Army people to ride regular buses, and has a \$1 fare value. For now these are nearly impossible to get, and they won't be available through the New Issues Service.

The WI 530 I and newly listed J are the only two Dodgeville tokens without a decorated edge. The J differs from I in that it has distinctly different obverse die work, and J has periods after three words, which I doesn't. We now have 8 different depot tokens, all with the same verbiage, but each one distinct from the others, from Dodgeville!

Re the Unidentified tokens: we've seen other HOLIDAY LAKES tokens but this is the first we've seen with GOOD FOR ONE FARE on it. Can anyone tell where Holiday Lakes is? The #269 was found in Louisville and is similar to 8 other mavericks, and probably a token exists for each day of the month from 1 to 31. But where were they used? The BRENNAN'S mavericks were mentioned last July. We have no idea where they were used.

Presentation Piece BN was found by Mel Bernero in the Transit Store in San Diego. It was attached to a Christmas card and sold in the store. Eli Bail also bought one, but since then the store has stopped selling them, and probably it was a one-time gift idea.

The California Club Tour token was mentioned in earlier issues. Only 250 were made and they were sold out. Future issues, equally attractive, will be made in larger quantities and should be more readily available.

We learned of the new 1998 BC 670 C from Joe Pernicano's Parking Token supplement, which didn't say who reported it. John Coffee and I wrote and obtained a pair.

Louis Crawford learned of the Ontario 170 A on the Internet. The service began April 1, 1999, and the token is good for a \$2 cash fare, selling at 5 for \$8.00. Louis wrote, and they sent him a few of the tokens, along with a shirt emblazoned with the bus line logo! These won't be handled by N.I.S. but if you wish to write, the address is Caledon Transit - 98 Healey Road - Bolton, ON L7E 5A7.

Louis Crawford learned about the new die variety of OH 552 B, which differs from the previously listed 552 Ba in that the new 552 Bb does not have a line across the top of LAKETRAN. Louis also learned that OH 552 C, listed by us at \$2, is now a \$3 fare. OH 552 A, listed by us at \$2, is now a 35¢ token, and the 552 Ba and Bb, listed (Ba) at \$2 by us, is now a 75¢ token. The 552 A and B are no longer used on the commuter service into Cleveland; hence the reduction in fare value. John Coffee and I wrote to LAKETRAN at P.O. Box 158 - Grand River, OH 44045, and obtained the new 552 Bb, so perhaps you can do likewise if you wish.

Ron Brager and Gary Hunnings both reported a 20mm brass token with DRT in a logo on both sides, but nothing else. This looks like a fare token, but we can't be certain. Any ideas? Ron also reported a 23mm brass token inscribed METRO AREA/MAX (logo)/EXPRESS on one side, and a picture of a bus on the back. This is certainly a fare token, but we don't know where it is, or was, used.

Bill Garrison visited the Friendly Cab in Lancaster, PA, and found that the company has used a felt tip pen to write values on the reverses of the PA 525 M N and O tokens to increase their value. Some have 3.00, some have 4.00, some 5.00, some 10.00, but these would not be separately listable by us. Still, kind of interesting.

Bill Garrison on his trip also visited National City, NJ, in search of the League Island Ferry (PA 750 AS). His account is interesting: "The League Island Ferry, which ran from National Park, NJ, to the Navy Shipyard at Philadelphia has not operated for several years. That token is listed as PA 750 AS. Its office was at National City and it really is a NJ token. I had written to them on 2/26 1997 but my letter was returned with a 'No Longer at This Address' stamp on it. This trip I was able to locate one of the board members in West Depford, NJ, and he sold me a batch of PA 750 AS."

Carl Bangora reports a 25mm brass token inscribed "TRAIN RIDES/(ANIMATED TRAIN ENGINE)/ORLANDO FASHION SQUARE/rwm // NO CASH VALUE/rwm. Orlando Fashion Square is a large shopping mall in Orlando, FL. We do not list amusement tokens unless the contain right on them wording indicating they are good for rides. Many tokens simply say "RIDES" or something similar, but too often we learn they are video game tokens used at a facility that also has rides, but that the token itself isn't good for the ride. So it simplifies things if we limit our listings to those amusement ride tokens that state clearly they are GOOD FOR RIDES, right on the token. The same rule applies to wood tokens: they must say right on them that they're good for rides, and in their case--because lots of fantasies are made by manufacturers--they must come directly from the facility that uses them. So woodniks must contain SOME indication of ride value.

Incidentally when John Coffee and I visited the transit authority at Lowell, MA, to get supplies of the two new tokens for N.I.S., we found a number of a generic token mixed in. The unlistable generic has the same reverse as MA 430 D, but its obverse has simple an eagle and stars. As it could also be used anywhere on anything these won't be listed by us.

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Harry Crow reports a token like VA 895 D, except that Harry's token is brass and 17mm. Bill Garrison has a good relationship with the TRT so if this is a new issue we may hope to have them for the New Issues Service. He's working on it.

Harry also reports a woodnik similar to others often reported with wording like this: GOOD FOR 1 FREE RIDE IN THE NEW 1957 BUICK (etc.) These of course were advertising gimmicks and you didn't need the woodnik to get the ride if you were a prospect. These things, of course, aren't listed in our catalogue, but they are kind of interesting. One we've never seen: one good for a ride in a NASH.

### NEW FOREIGN TRANSIT TOKEN LISTINGS supp #10

By Curtis H. Judge

I have received information from AVA members Saxon, Orlik and Sa'ar regarding the two Koln, Germany (464 A,B) tokens listed in supplement # 5. These tokens should be removed from the listings as they actually were commisary or restaurant tokens, and not used for transportation. Tim Orlik also writes that Roland Elie ( French TT catalog author) has moved and his new address is 8 rue Delabordere F-92200 Neuilly Sur Seine, France. This supplement will include several listings from various countries and then proceed into the extensive England listings provided by John Tolson.

#### AUSTRIA

Vienna 840

**Mariahilferstr. 51**

reported by T. J. Orlik

LF o zinc 21mm reverse blank \$1.00

This token is used for the elevator in the building located at the address on the obverse

#### TURKEY

Istanbul 400

**i.E.T.T TUNEL jETONU DARPANE 1989**

reported by C. Benjamin

BD br 15mm (stylized corporate logo) iETT \$2.00

The token is used on an inclined funicular located in inner city Istanbul

#### URAGUAY

Paysandu 580

**ERSA ( in monogram form )**

reported by Jose Luis Rubio

C o Al 20mm A (possibly a zone check) \$15.00

D o Al 22mm 8 (centesimos) \$15.00

E o Al 25mm 10 " \$15.00

F o Al 27mm 15 " \$15.00

The following United Kingdom listings were provided through the detailed research of Mr. John Tolson. His new listings will take us through several supplements.

#### ENGLAND

Abingdon 3

**Oxfordshire L1 (IM var)**

BJ C 25mm sd Concessionary Fare Token (Grey)

Used April 1, 1996 to date



\$5.00

Barrow In Furness 50

**Barrow In Furness Corporation Transport (IM var)**

CJ o C 26mm sd 4P (red)

Used Feb. 15, 1971 to May 1989

\$2.00

Blandford Forum 93

**North Dorset District Council 50P (IM var)**

ZA o C 28mm N-sc Concessionary Fare Token 50P (yellow 7 sided) Pattern

**North Dorset District Council 50P (IM var)**

BS o C 25mm square Taxi Token 50P (blue) \$3.00

Members having new listings or new information on existing listings, please contact the writer at 3589 Redbud Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22801 USA

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**NEW FOREIGN TRANSIT TOKEN LISTINGS supp # 11**

**By Curtis H. Judge**

In this supplement we will continue the listings of the new English tokens reported by Mr. John Tolson. John keeps in touch with the various issuing authorities, and is able to provide detailed information on the new issues including most dates of use.

**ENGLAND**

**Bletchington 95**

**Smiths Bletchington** (letters raised on surface)

AA Pg 35mm Blank (green plastic with gold letters) \$5.00

This token was used by the Smith trucking company drivers on the Oxford to Eynsham toll road. All other traffic pays the toll in cash.

**Bristol 135**

**North Avon District Council 50P** (IM var) (seven sided)

CF o Co 26mm N-sc Concessionary Fare Token Not Transferrable \$3.00  
Used April 1, 92 thru March 31, 96

**North Avon District Council 50P** (seven sided)

ZA o Co 28mm N-sc Concessionary Fare Token Not Transferrable Pattern

**South Gloucestershire Council 50P** (IM var) (seven sided)

CJ o Cy 26mm SG-sc Concessionary Fare Token Not Transferrable \$4.00  
Used April 1, 96 thru March 31, 97

**Burton Upon Trent 148**

**East Staffordshire District Council ESDC** (IM var) (nine sided)

CA o Co 27mm E-sc 20P Concessionary Travel Token \$3.00  
Used March 1, 89 thru Feb. 28, 94

**East Staffordshire Borough Council ESBC** (IM var) (nine sided)

CB o Cb 27mm E-sc 20P Concessionary Travel Token (lt blue) \$3.00  
Used March 1, 93 thru Feb. 28, 94



**Cirencester 180**

**Cotswold District Council 40P** (IM var)

BM o Co 25mm C-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 40 P \$3.00  
Used Aug. 1, 91 to July 31, 92 and April 1, 96 to March 31, 97

BN o Cr 25mm C-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 40 P \$3.00  
Used Aug. 1, 92 thru July 31, 93

BO o Ctur 25mm C-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 40 P (turquoise) \$3.00  
Used Aug 1, 93 to March 31, 94

BP o Cb 25mm C-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 40 P \$3.00  
Used April 1, 94 thru March 31, 95

BQ o Cy 25mm C-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 40 P \$3.00  
Used April 1, 95 to March 31, 96

BR Cr 26mm sd Cotswold District Council 40 P (nine sided) \$3.00  
Used April 1, 97 to date

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= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-15 TO FEISEL'S FIFTH =  
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NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE-3160

T B 23 Sd CHARLOTTE / \$1.00 / JSB / 1999 / RWM (city skyline)(8mm steel center)  
Trolley-Park! Center City-Transit-Onstreet Parking /  
Charlotte / Coin / \$1 (logo) 1.00

WEST VIRGINIA (Reported by H Crow)  
BLUEFIELD-3050

A B 23 Sd CITY OF BLUEFIELD / 1889 / WEST VIRGINIA (Scene)  
Bluefield / Parking / Script / 1985 .25  
(R: Lower loop of P in PARKING...the upright)  
a. (touches)  
b. (does not touch)

B B 23 Sd Bluefield / Parking / Script / RWM / 1986 .25

WISCONSIN  
APPLETON-3030 (Reported by L Crawford)

H B 20 Sd CITY OF APPLETON / 1 HR. / RWM / STREET METERS ONLY  
(blank) .50

I B 20 Sd EAST RAMP / 1 HOUR / RWM / COLLEGE AVENUE (Formerly PTUN-3115)  
(blank) 1.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Reported by H Crow)  
WASHINGTON-3500

Q B 23 Sd COLONIAL / PARKING  
Parking / Token (auto) 14.00  
PTUN (Reported by L Crawford)

3119 WM 25 Sd IBM / ® / NCM © (K pltd)  
(same as obverse)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =  
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The Charlotte token, provided by PATNIS, is good for parking at all onstreet meters and participating garages and lots. As noted on the token, it is also good for transit and trolley rides.

Thanks to Harry Crow, we have two new tokens from the great state of WV! The "A" token has varieties, which if studied side by side would be unquestionably different in a number of respects. Since many times, it is absolutely necessary to compare the two, wording such as "small" or "large" letters is meaningless. Those of you receiving both varieties from Karl will note these differences. To provide the most simple of difference to differentiate without both specimens at hand, I have selected the description noted above.

The H token from Appleton is currently in use on the streets of the city. Merchants purchase these token for their customer's use and are good for one hour parking. Token I is in use at the East street ramp and parking costs \$1.00.

Harry Crow obtained enough info for our PATNIS manager Karl Gabsch to determine the pedigree of the DC token. It is used in a number of garages downtown and for a cost of \$14.00, you get all day parking. You can also use the token in the evening, usually for dining or the theater. The main office for operating the garages is located in Georgetown. He visited the office and was able to obtain two. Their inventory is low. In addition to the token fee, Karl had to pay tax. Even tho the catalogue price is \$14.00, Karl must charge \$17 to cover the tax, travel and parking costs. Write him if interested in a token and he will find the time to get one for you.

Does anyone recognize the IBM token?

The Office of Library & Information Services at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI is using tokens in their garage. I have been unable to obtain any info on this.

PACIFIC OCEAN PEDIATRICS in Santa Monica, CA is using PTMS-3082-H.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Newport Beach, CA uses PTMS-3082-H.

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