

THE FARE BOX

A Monthly News-Letter for



Transportation Token Collectors

NEW ISSUES EDITOR

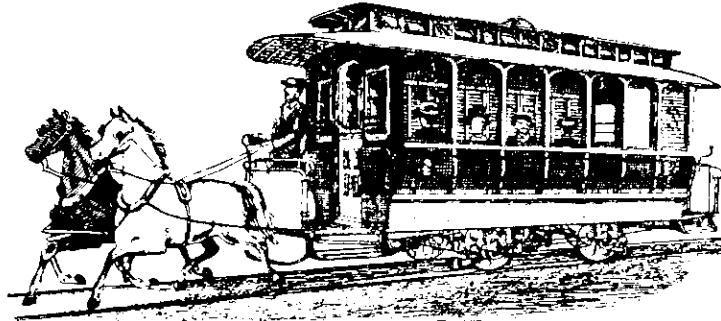
HAROLD V. FORD

43 Arroyo Drive
Moraga, California
94556

New Issues Service

JAMES D. HEMPHILL

P. O. Box 1321
Lake Oswego, Oregon
97036



EDITOR

J. M. COFFEE, JR.

P. O. Box 1204
Boston, Massachusetts
02104

Advertising Managers

ROBERT AND ANNA BUTLER
731 East 26th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55404

Volume 53, Number 9

SEPTEMBER 1999

Our 627th Issue

September 22. Readers will be saddened to learn of the death of former AVA member Andy Johnston, who held #1827. Andy was from the Bay Area of California and he was a regular attender of the BATS meetings at Duane Feisel's place each year in Alameda. Andy, a fellow Yale graduate, was a gentleman of the old school and I remember he always wore a coat and tie. I shall miss him. He died June 19 at age 87.

Charles McKee sends a clipping announcing that the last PCC streetcars will soon cease operating in Pittsburgh. There is still one line in Boston, the "Mattapan High Speed Line," that uses PCC cars, and Boston has just finished refurbishing several of them at great expense. So when you come here be sure to go out and ride what may be the last regular PCC cars in America outside San Francisco.

We have an interesting token from Grand Forks, ND 320 L, issued by the Hotel Dacotah. It appears to be a depot hack token, although the die work looks a bit too recent for that. This summer I learned that the Hotel Dacotah continued until about 20 years ago, and then became an Old Folks Home. Might this token be of recent vintage, possibly even used for the seniors who now live in the hotel. I wish someone would investigate further for us.

This summer I acquired a bunch of leads and reports of recent issues of tokens that I had not known about. For instance I had a report of a new token for the Kings Area Rural Transit, somewhere in California. After a bunch of phone calls I learned it was from Hanford, CA, and that they were also using another, blue aluminum senior token. I got examples of both:

- KINGS AREA RURAL TRANSIT/KART BUS TOKEN/(BUS/hh
B 25 Sd Your Patronage is Appreciated/No Cash Value/Good For/One/Fare
KINGS COUNTY/COMMISSION ON AGING/(BUS)
A 28 Sd Senior/Ride/Route/Token/rwm [anodized blue]

I also learned of a token inscribed "Marion Transit / System / (bus) // Good For / One Fare / (bus) / hm" but didn't know what state it was from. I called the convention bureau in Marion, Ohio, on their 800 number and they very kindly gave me the number of the local Marion Area Transit. Called the transit and described the token. No, it wasn't one of theirs. They only use the plastic transfer tokens. Oh? To make a long story short, they sent me a red one and a blue one.

1948



A.V.A.



1998

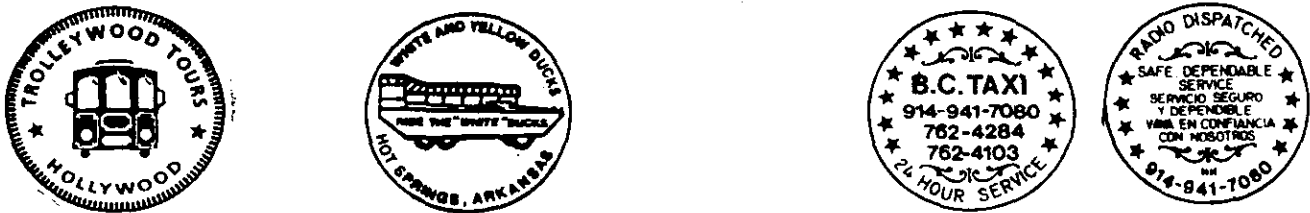
Here is the description of the two new transfer tokens from Marion, Ohio. I do not believe they will have enough of them to supply our New Issues Service.

				MAT/TRANSFER/TOKEN
Pb	Oc	Sd	(blank)	(43mm) [black lettering]
Pr	Oc	Sd	"	" " "

The question remained, Where was the metal token with the bus from? Our next phone call succeeded. It was from Marion, Indiana, and the person to whom we spoke on the phone said he'd be happy to send us a couple of them for a dollar. We sent the \$1, back came one of the new ones, and one IN 580 A, very common. This was a disappointment so I called back and asked if I could get a couple more of the new ones if I sent another dollar. No problem, he said. Sent the dollar. Back came the dollar with the comment: "We cannot sell any more of our tokens." Louis Crawford wrote and got the same turn down. I assume this is a regular adult token, but it's going to be a tough nut to crack unless someone goes to Marion.



Above are pictures of the Marion, IN, token. To its right are pictures of the token now in use in Birmingham, AL. We called Birmingham and they said they'd be glad to sell us tokens and even gave us an address to which to write. That was well over a month ago. No response so far. We learned they made 10,900 white metal tokens and 10,000 brass ones, in 1993. As it's a big city I'm hoping we'll get them eventually for our New Issues. Then I saw the obverse of a token which may or may not be a ride token from Los Angeles. I called Trolleywood Tours but no one knew anything about the token. Picture of obverse is below. Can anybody help? Finally, to its right is a picture of the "White and Yellow Ducks" token from Hot Springs, AR. You will recall that one of these "ducks" sank in a lake down there a few months back and a few people drowned. I wonder if this token was good for a duck ride, or was only an advertising piece. Any assistance? And to the right of the Duck token are pictures of obverse & reverse of a token for B.C. Taxi. As part of the inscription is in Spanish I found this one especially intriguing. I called the number on the token, and learned it is from Briar Cliff, NY, and B.C. Taxi is for Briar Cliff Taxi. No, the token has nothing to do with a ride. It is simply an advertising piece. Would that "2½ Hour Service" on it qualify it as a timetable? Probably not. I don't own the piece and don't know what metal it's made of.



I also picked up an interesting maverick for Adventure Park. Anyone know where that is? Description is below. Beneath that is description of a parking token which I don't think is listed yet, from Tucker, GA. And the third listing below is a token for Dollar Rent A Car at the Los Angeles Airport. Could it be for part payment of car rental I wonder?

	ADVENTURE/PARK/COME FOR THE ADVENTURE/STAY FOR THE FUN/(PALM TREE)/hh
K 25 Sd	1 Ride Token/Non Refundable/No Cash Value/hh
	ITR OF GEORGIA/TUCKER, GA/(ITR LOGO)
K 25 Sd	Parking/Token/(antique car)/hh
	DOLLAR (incuse in logo)/RENT A CAR/hh
B 25 Sd	LAX/Right on the Airport/Right on the Money

CHANGING FASHIONS IN TRANSPORTATION TOKEN USAGE

By John Coffee

An interesting phenomenon in transportation token usage has occurred in the past half century. At the end of the Second World War, nearly every token-using entity was privately owned. A tiny handful of city transit systems were publicly owned, and a tiny handful of tokens have been issued by government agencies. MN 775 A, the Federal Correctional Institution token of Sandstone, comes to mind. Or the U.S. Navy issues of San Francisco and Minneapolis. But probably 99% of tokens were used by private entities.

This means that the vast majority of tokens were for the use of the general public. Children and students were generally carried for a discount, and of course employees of the transit firm, a few of which did issue special employee tokens. But nearly all transportation tokens were general adult tokens.

Now the situation is nearly reversed. Hardly any transportation tokens are now issued by private entities. Probably 99% of fare tokens are used by public authorities, or heavily-subsidized private entities. The reason for this is apparent: the cost of providing transportation is now so high that if people were required to pay what it costs to move them, many could not afford it. As many people who use public transportation are those of limited means, helping them move within the city has come to be understood as a governmental obligation. Hence transportation is now one of the many services provided by our ever expanding local, state, and national governments.

Because providing transportation is now understood to be a public obligation, the principle has gone a step further. There are recognized to be certain classes of people who deserve additional help in using public transportation. In addition to students and children, we now have special reduced fares for the elderly, for the handicapped, for persons being released from detention. For instance in Boston the current adult fare is 85¢, which is probably less than half what it costs to transport them. School kids pay only 40¢. Persons over 65 pay only 20¢, a fare so low it might almost be considered total subsidization. In some cities persons given especially low fares may take advantage of them only during non rush hour periods.

What this means for vecturists is that we now have whole new classes of tokens whose availability is limited to the special groups to whom their use is restricted.

During the days of private ownership of transportation systems it was relatively easy for collectors to obtain tokens by paying the regular fare. It also seems that privately owned operations are less suspicious of collectors than many of the bureaucratic types who preside over publicly-subsidized operations. So now, in order to obtain tokens for our collections we often must deal with people who are concerned that they might violate some regulation if they sell tokens to collectors. An extreme example of this situation was Duane Feisel's unpleasant experience with the management of the Northeast Expressway in Maryland, as related on page 233 of Volume II of our catalogue. Generally speaking, the higher you go in authority the less likely a collector will have trouble. For instance when the Rock Island Centennial Bridge in 1960 issued a series of tokens, two of which were special use tokens, I wrote directly to the Mayor of Rock Island and he consented to sell quantities to us for our New Issues Service. Likewise when the very rare DC 500 AG and AH were discovered I wrote directly to my Congressman, Tip O'Neill, and he was able, with some difficulty he said, to accommodate me.

All of this is inspired by my experiences this summer on my trip west, when nearly every token Hal Ford and I obtained was a special-use token. The two Wheeling, WV, had been well-nigh impossible for collectors but we just happened to be there when friendly people were in the office. At Piqua, OH, I actually had to sign up for the senior taxi service in order to buy some of their tokens. At Gloversville NY it was only after much gentle persuasion that the supermarket consented to sell us their tokens whose use is limited to certain groups. In the long run most public authorities will eventually sell us quantities of tokens. But certainly the way we obtain tokens for our collections has become more complicated with the changing nature of token-issuing entities and of the people for whom tokens are issued.

ADVERTISING AND SIZING TOKENS OF THE HOFFMAN MINT
By J.M. Coffee

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN H&H (INCUSE OBERSE)
A WM 38 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman Quality is Our Family Tradition Tokens 800-227-5813
In CA 800-227-5814 or 408-625-5333 Box 896, Carmel CA 93921-0896 1985 m

B WM 25 Sd (same reverse as A)
C B 25 Sd "

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN H&H [NOT INCUSE]
D WM 28 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman Quality is Our Family Tradition Tokens 800-227-5813
Fax 408-649-3318 or 408-625-5333 Box 896, Carmel CA 93921-0896 1990 hh

E WM 28 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman Quality is Our Family Tradition Tokens 800-227-5813
Fax 408-649-3318 or 408-625-5333 Box 896, Carmel CA 93921-0896 1992 hh

F WM 28 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman quality is Our Family Tradition Tokens 800-227-5813
Fax 408-649-3318 or 408-625-5333 Box 896, Carmel CA 93921-0896 1993 hh

G WM 25 Sd (same reverse as A)
H B 25 Sd "

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN 800-227-5813 In CA 800-227-5814 Carmel CA 93921
I B 28 Sd AMOA Expo 87 Special Nov. 5-7, 1987 Chicago, IL Good For \$50 Off Your Next
Purchase of 2000 Tokens Expires in 1 Yr hh

J B 28 Sd Acme 88 Show Special March 11-13, 1988 Reno, NV Good For \$50 Off Your Next
Purchase of 5000 Tokens Expires in 1 Yr hh

K B 28 Sd Good For \$50 Off Next Purchase of 5000 Tokens Expires Jan 1, 1994

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN H&H [NOT INCUSE]
L B 29 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman Call 800-227-5813 For Tokens 1.125 Size

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN CALL 800-227-5813 FOR TOKENS 1.125 SIZE
M Bz 29 Sd Alloy 230 85% Copper 15% Zinc Call 800-227-5813 For Tokens hh

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN CALL 800-227-5813 FOR TOKENS .984 SIZE
N Bz 25 Sd Alloy 230 85% Copper 15% Zinc Call 800-227-5813 For Tokens hh

O B 25 Sd Shannon Display Your Source For Game Fixtures 800-247-8389

P B 25 Sd Good Luck Souvenir (wishbone & horseshoe) hh

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN CALL 800-227-5813 FOR TOKENS .900 SIZE
Q B 23 Sd Good Luck Souvenir (wishbone & horseshoe) hh

HOFFMAN MINT HIM
R WM 29 Sd Hoffman & Hoffman Call 800-227-5813 For Tokens 1.125 Size
S WM 29 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 1.125" Size hm
T B 30 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 30mm Size hm
U Bz 25 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 .984" Size hm
V Bz 23 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 .900" Size hm
W Bz 22 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 .882" Size [no mintmark]
X Bz 20 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 .800 Size [no mintmark]
Y Bz 25 Sd Alloy 230 85% Copper 15% Zinc Call 800-227-5813 For Tokens hh

ALLOY 230 85% COPPER 15% ZINC CALL 800-227-5813 FOR TOKENS [MINTMARK]
Z Bz 30 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 30mm Size hm [hm on obv.]
AA Bz 27 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 1.073" Size hh [hm on obv.]
AB Bz 26 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 1.000" Size hh [hh on obv.]
AC Bz 25 Sd Hoffman Mint Tokens 800-227-5813 Fax 408-549-3318 .984" Size hm [hh on obv.]

HOFFMAN MINT TOKENS 800-227-5813 FAX 408-549-3318 .900" SIZE hm
AD Bz 23 Sd Carwash Token (antique auto) hh

HOFFMAN MINT TOKENS 800-227-5813 FAX 408-549-3318 .882" SIZE [no mintmark]
AE Bz 22 Sd Carwash Token (antique auto) hh

HOFFMAN MINT TOKENS 800-227-5813 FAX 408-549-3318 .800 SIZE [no mintmark]
AF Bz 20 Sd Carwash Token (antique auto) hh

HOFFMAN MINT HIM TOKENS MEDALS 800-227-5813 FAX 881-649-3318 www.hoffmanmint.com
AG B 35 Sd The New Millennium Year 2000 [reeded edge]

A number of people collect tokens issued by token manufacturers. Nearly every token manufacturer does issue tokens, as advertising pieces, as samples of their work, or as sizing tokens to show different sizes. But probably no token manufacturer has issued as many tokens for advertising and sizing purposes as Hoffman Mint of Carmel, CA. This summer I had an opportunity to pick up a lot of these and made it a point to assemble a collection of them. Above are all that I have found so far, but I'm sure there are many more. Note that a few years back Hoffman & Hoffman changed its name to Hoffman Mint. The above tokens are from the older entity and the new one. Their mintmark has also changed, from hh to hm, to accord with the new name.

NEW FOREIGN TRANSIT TOKEN LISTINGS supp #12

By Curtis H. Judge

This supplement continues the English listings provided by Mr. John Tolson. Any other members having information on unlisted tokens, please send them to the address at the bottom of this article. Continued success of this column will require your help, it's easy. Just make a rubbing or provide a complete description and send it to me. Thanks.

ENGLAND

Kensington Upon Hull 405

Kensington Upon Hull Corporation Transport (IM var)

EP o Cz 25mm sd 5P



\$2.00

Kensington Upon Hull City Transport (IM var)

ET Cu 25mm sd 5P

Used 1976 to date

\$2.00

EU Cb 25mm sd 5P

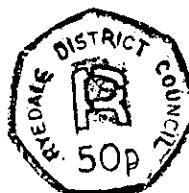
Used May 1990 to date

\$2.00

EV Cr 25mm sd 20P

Used April 1, 1993 to date

\$2.00



Lincoln 465

Lincoln City Council 20P (IM var)

AA Cg 25mm L-sc Concessionary Fares Token 20P

Used July 1, 1993 to date



\$2.00

Malton 498

Ryedale District Council 20P (IM var)

BG o Co 25mm sd Concessionary Fare Token 20P

Used April 1, 1989 to March 1, 1990 and April 1, 93 to March 1, 94

\$2.00

Ryedale District Council 50P (IM var)

BH o Cr 26mm R-sc Concessionary Fare Token 50P (seven sided)

Used July 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

\$3.00

BI Co 26mm R-sc Concessionary Fare Token 50P (seven sided)

Used April 1, 1997 to date

\$3.00

Midsomer Norton 527

Wansdyke District Council 20P (IM var)

ZA Cb 26mm W-sc Concessionary Fare Token 20P Not Transferrable

Pattern

Newbury 543

Berkshire 10P (IM var)

ZA Cr 29mm sd Concessionary Fares Token 10P (seven sided)

Pattern

Berkshire 50P (IM var)

BO o Cy 28mm B-sc Concessionary Fare Token 50P (seven sided)

\$3.00

Used July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996

Berkshire 1 (IM var)

BP Cb 28mm B-sc Concessionary Fare Token 1 (light blue) (seven sided)

\$5.00

Used July 1, 1996 to date

Berkshire 25P (IM var) 2 braille dots on token to aid identification

BQ Cr 28mm B-sc Concessionary Fare Token 25P (seven sided)

\$3.00

Used July 1, 1996 to date

Please send new information to 3589 Redbud Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22801 USA

Telephone 540-574-0078 evenings

E-MAIL JUDGEFAM@AOL.COM

SUPPLEMENT #21 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

By Harold V. Ford

ARIZONA

Phoenix 640 (relisting of Unid 277, 334, & a new one)
 FVM CARWASHES, AZ (FRONT OF AUTO)
 R Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) .50
 S Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh .50
 T Bz 25 Sd Wash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value .50

ARKANSAS

Springdale 840
 OASIS CAR WASH SYSTEMS 107 N. MISSOURI RD. SPRINGDALE, AR 72764
 (TREE in center of O of Oasis)
 A Bz 25 Sd Oasis Town & Country Wash 25¢ 25¢ .50

CALIFORNIA

Bishop 83
 NIKOLAUS CAR WASH BISHOP CALIFORNIA
 B Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value hh (stars) .50

Escondido 270
 WESTSIDE CAR WASH 619-480-0230 610 WEST 9th AVE. ESCONDIDO
 9th AVE & QUINCE ST. hh
 B B 29 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 1.50

Huntington Beach 380 (ex Unid 337)
 76 (in CIRCLE) SYSTEM AUTO WASH BEACH AT WARNER NO CASH VALUE
 A B 29 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 1.50

Mission Viejo 505
 AAA CAR WASH 24HR MISSION VIEJO rwm
 A WM 25 Sd Freedom (eagle on emblem over wreath) .50

Palmdale 618
 PALMDALE CAR WASH rwm VICTORVILLE HESPERIA (incuse) (PALM TREES)
 A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (convertible car) .50

San Bernardino 730
 KENDAL CAR WASH KENDALL DR. & F ST. SAN BERNARDINO REDEEMABLE
 AT THIS LOCATION ONLY
 D Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Satisfaction Guaranteed or Double Your Dirt
 Back hh .50

SANTEE 847
 SANTEE CARWASH (ANTIQUÉ CAR)
 B Bz 29 Sd No Cash Value hh 1.50

Susanville 902
 DON'S CARWASH SUSANVILLE CA rwm
 C Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car) .50

CONNECTICUT

Old Saybrook 348
 THE CLASSIC CARRIAGE AUTO WASH 388-3691 RT. 1 OLD SAYBROOK, CONN. hm
 A B 23 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) .50
 B B 23 Sd " " " " " (WM-plated) 1.00

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES FROM THIS SUMMER
By John Coffee

I picked up a number of tokens this summer that appeared they might be transportation tokens. Most are video game tokens, but on some the verdict is still out:

- B 24 Sd MINI GOLF * GO KARTS * BOATS * BATTING CAGES / (GO KARTS)
Boondocks/1-208-898-0900/hh/Fun Center [Meridian, ID, video game token only]
- K 27 Sd MESQUITE GO CARTS/& BATTING CAGES/(2 BATS & BALL)
- B 27 Sd Family Entertainment/No/Cash/Value/hh [for batting cages; not cart rides]
- "
- K 27 Sd FIDDLESTICKS/BUMPER/BOATS
No/Cash/Value/hh [no information on this one]
- WM 25 Sd FIDDLESTICKS/GO/KARTS
No/Cash/Value/hh [no information]
- B 24 Sd KARTS/PLUS/HARRISON, ARKANSAS
No/Cash/Value/hh [no information]
- B 27 Sd PROSPECTOR/S GOLD/GOOD FOR/ALASKA CRUISE/NO FEE CHECKING/OR OTHER PRIZES/
(PICK & SHOVEL)
(BOAT incuse)/Gold Rush/Sweepstakes/Manufacturers Hanover [What is it?]
- B 24 Sd GO-KART WORLD/(AUTO)/310-834-3800
No/Cash/Value/hh [Carson, CA, video game token only]

From Little Falls MN, I had received a report of four new tokens with a phone number. So I called the number, and after being patched through to a gentleman out in his car, he sent me not four but five new tokens. They are all 43mm plastic with blank reverse. Obverse: "MORR TRANS / (MAP) / TOLL FREE / 1-877-457-4318". They come in red, yellow, green, blue, and white. We're working on getting a supply of each of them for our New Issues Service.

Louis Crawford also acquired several examples of a token, but has no idea where it is from. Very attractive piece:

- B 28 Sd GOOD FOR / ONE / MECHANICAL / BULL RIDE / OR / DRINK / hm /
THE CORRAL
(female figure)

Any ideas on the above? Most likely it would be a Miscellaneous 1000 listing, inasmuch as it's good for a drink as well as a ride. The hm mintmark marks the token of fairly recent vintage.

Louis also picked up a rubber-tired "trolley" token from Ogunquit, Maine, and we are attempting to secure a supply for the New Issues Service:

- B 25 Sd MOLLY TROLLEY/TOKEN/(TROLLEY)/OGUNQUIT MAINE
Good For/One Fare (superimposed over "1")

He reports that the token reported on page 45 of the May 1999 Fare Box, a brass one like LA 80 E, is indeed now being used in Baton Rouge as an adult fare, with the WM 80 E still in use as a student fare.

This summer in connection with the A.N.A. convention, Krause Publications ran a special train up to their plant in Iola, WI. For those who made the trip, to pay their fare they were given a very beautiful pure silver token, which would qualify as a Club Tour listing:

- Sv 38 Sd SILVER RAIL NUMISMATIC EXCURSION AUGUST 15-17, 1999 /
GOOD FOR ONE ROUND TRIP / (TRAIN, BOAT, MAP SHOWING RAIL ROUTE
FROM CHICAGO TO IOLA WITH CITIES NAMED)
Krause Publications / Iola, Wisconsin / KP (logo) / Since / 1952
Employee Stock / Ownership Company / ESOP / Partners in Publishing
(reeded edge)

Finally, one more stranger just to fill out the page. What is it?

- B 23 Sd WEXLERS / PLAY N RIDE / (FUNNY FIGURE)
No/Cash/Value/hh

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

CALIFORNIA

Carson 128

GO-KART WORLD/(310) 834-3800/(AUTO with 1 on top and side)

D WM 29 Sd Ride at Your Risk/No Refund/No Cash Value (reeded edge) \$3.50

Gardena 310

RACE CITY/(310) 523-4630/(RACE CAR)

B WM 23 Sd Ride at Your Risk/No Refund/No Cash Value 3.50

COLORADO

Durango 280 (Reported by John Coffee)

MOUNTAIN TRANSPORT SHUTTLE/PURGATORY/RESORT®/
DURANGO COLORADO/NON REFUNDABLE/(SUN OVER
MOUNTAIN PEAK)(2 SNOW FLAKES)

E B 27 Sd Mountain/Transport/Durango Purgatory Resort/
Good For/One Ride/ HM /(6 snow flakes) \$5.00

Loveland 680 (Reported by Gene Hurford)

JITTERBUS!!J

B Wb 39 Sd Good/For/1/Free Ride (* 1998) .25

GEORGIA

Valdosta 920 (Reported by Larry Kemper)

COLONIAL/CAROUSELS/RWM

C B 29 Sd Admit One/Venetian Carousel/(carousel horse under umbrella) 1.00

MINNESOTA

Plainview 665 (Reported by Louis Crawford)

HIAWATHALAND/TRANSIT/VALUE \$1

A Pg 38 Sd (same as obverse)(* 1999) 1.00

Willmar 960 (Reported by Richard McFerren)

WILLMAR-ST. CLOUD/BUS/ONE/FARE

B o A 22 Sd (same as obverse) 50.00

RHODE ISLAND

Providence 700 (Reported by Hector Turgeon)

THE PROVIDENCE LINK/781-9400/RIPTA on front of TROLLEY)

S B 29 Sd RIPTA/Rhode Island Public Transit Authority/
Good For One Trolley Link Ride/1999 .50

WISCONSIN

Green Bay 250 (Reported by Louis Crawford)

GREEN BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/GOOD FOR/
ONE FREE/PEDICAB/RIDE

E We 39 Sd (blank)(* 6/98) 1.00

CLUB TOUR TOKENS

Illinois CT (Reported by Joel Reznick)

AMERICAN/NUMISMATIC/ASSOCIATION/108th/ANNIVERSARY/
CONVENTION/AUGUST 11-15/1999/CHICAGO COIN CLUB/
P.O. BOX 2301 CHICAGO, IL 60690-2301

7 Bz 34 Sd

Souvenir/Transit Token/Good/For One/Ride/on Official
ANA® /Tours/American Vecturist Association/
Collectors of Transit Tokens/P.O. Box 116 Wheeling, IL
60090-0116 (1,000 struck)

ERRORS & CORRECTIONS

MN 960 A should be 26mm, not 25mm.

NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The Carson and Gardena, CA, listings are Go-Kart tokens that were found in coin show junk boxes. Telephone calls ascertained their value and that they are only used for go-kart rides and nothing else. Neither will be handled by the New Issues Service.

The Durango Mountain Transport Shuttle token was also found in a coin show junk box. John Coffee got the phone number of the Purgatory Resort, a large resort some 30 miles from Durango, out of an AAA tour book. He called and kept getting recordings, but finally found a real person who told him another number to call. That number also had a recording. John left a message, and lo and behold the transportation director called John back. Seems the token is a \$5 ride token used on buses operated on an hourly schedule from the resort into Durango. John sent \$10 and got two tokens. These won't be handled by our N.I.S.

The Loveland, CO, Jitter Bus operated from 6:38 a.m. to 6:38 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, with no service on holidays. This is a new City of Loveland bus system that began operations last December. Gene Hurford has obtained a supply for our N.I.S.

The Valdosta carousel listing is in current use at Colonial Mall Valdosta, 1700 Norman Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601. N.I.S. will not handle this one.

The new Hiawathaland Transit service area includes both Plainview and Elgin, MN. The one dollar fare is for age 3 and above. It is a dial-a-ride service. Bill Garrison has obtained a supply for the New Issues Service.

MN 960 A was listed in September 1990. Now Dick McFerren reports another token with the same inscription but several mm smaller in diameter. Correct size of 960 A is 26mm. This new listing is 22.23mm.

The Providence Link, a rubber-tired trolley operations, operates two routes throughout Providence Monday thru Saturday. Fares are 50¢ per ride. Monthly passes with unlimited riding are \$15. A roll of ten tokens is \$4.50. Hector Turgeon did get a supply of this one for the N.I.S.

The Green Bay woodnik is used when business expositions are held locally, to provide transportation between two buildings. Though it is free locally, the cost to the New Issues Service is \$1 per token.

Information and availability details about the ANA-AVA club tour token was in the July issue. AVA members attending our convention at Albuquerque each received one of these in their convention package.

Bill Garrison was able to obtain a limited supply of CA 130 A, which was listed in July 1999. He will personally supply one token per request free for an SASE. Address: 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Louis Crawford reports that GA 780 M is now used as a senior fare and sells at 20 for \$7.50

Several collectors have reported errors and corrections for the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue recently, but often it turns out these have already been mentioned in The Fare Box. So check "corrections" listings if you find an error. Someone may already have reported it.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 2957 BYRON JONES - 7512 N. 45th Circle - Glendale, Arizona 85301
(No data available)
- 2958 SIGMON WHITENER - 2428 Foothill Blvd., Suite B - La Crescenta, CA 91224
Collects U.S. (Edell)
- 2959 DAVE ELEY - 17294 58th Avenue - Surrey, British Columbia V3S 1K8
Age 50; Public Transit Advocate. Collects US, Canada. (Wingerter)
- 2960 JOHN O'NEILL - P.O. Box 614 - Watertown, Massachusetts 02472-0614
Age 47; Electrician. Collects all types. (Coffee)
- 2961 DAVID NIEHAUS - 10236 Stringtown Road - Baldwin, Illinois 62217-1244
Age 52; Truck Driver/Welder. Collects U.S. (Edell)
- 2962 JAKE WOOD, JR. - P.O. Box 3130 - Andover, Massachusetts 01810
Age 18. (Crawford)
- 2963 BRIAN SONNENBERG - R.D. 2, Box 295 - Moundsville, West Virginia 26041
Age 46. collects U.S. (Bob Schneider)
- 2964 RICHARD KAMINS - P.O. Box 3219 - Gardena, California 90247
Age 43. Collects U.S. (Crawford)
- 2965 WILLIAM DOUGLAS - P.O. Box 898 - Three Rivers, California 93271
Age 56; School Administrator. Collects U.S. (Coffee)

REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

- 2576 Ward Wallau - 748 Arlington Avenue - Berkeley, California 94707

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 2847 Dan Heffner - 90 West Yavapai St., Spt. 24 - Wickenburg, Arizona 85390
- 2926 Harold D. Holcombe - 833 Roget Way - Lawrenceville, GA 30045
- 2033 Michael J. Hoffman - 7537 Lippincott Way - Indianapolis, IN 46268
- 1979 Edward L. Saunders - 1913 East Oak - Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Randy Glucksman recently visited Toronto and rode everything electric. He reports that fare in Toronto is now \$2 cash with tokens selling at 5 for \$8, Canadian. And Bill Sowell writes "Last weekend while visiting my Mom in Eugene, OR, we paid a visit to the new transit center in the downtown area. While there I put a \$5 bill into the token dispenser and received 5 transit tokens and 4 quarters. Thus the prepaid fare in Eugene is 80¢, while it is \$1 cash if boarding without a token. The interesting part of the exchange was the fact that the tokens received were one OR 240 E, one OR 240 G, and three OR 240 K. Was a little surprised not to have received at least one of the new 240 L tokens, although would think the previously issued tokens outnumber the new ones by at least ten to one, so should not have expected the new ones."

Irwin Reuben reports that Amusement Ride Group 305 A is used in Dayton, and apparently is current. "There are 5 Meijer stores in Dayton. They sell clothing, groceries, office supplies, etc."

Louis Crawford reminds us that Unidentified 191, the Flynn Kiddieland token, is from Des Moines, Iowa.

A D S E C T I O N S E P T E M B E R 1 9 9 9

Managers: Anna & Bob Butler

731 East 26th Street Minneapolis MN 55404-4402 (612) 871-4699

Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2 or full page) must be sent to the Fare Box editor. Ads must reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue, or they will be held for next month's issue. Exception would be if the editor decides on an earlier date of issue. Use the 2-letter State abbreviation in your ad, as well as your name, address and complete 9-digit zip code, which can be found by looking at a previous ad, or in the AVA membership roster. Submit only one ad per category. More will be combined into one ad, or held for next month's issue. Please, only ads relating to items listed in publications of the American Vecturist Association.

01 AUCTION (close Oct. 20)	25 SALE	25 SALE
<p>[IL] 150-A; 220-F; [IA] 110-A; 150-A; [KS] 640-D; [KY] 510-O; 680-I; [ME] 480-A; [MA] 45-A, B; 115-J, K; 970-C; [MO] 140-A; [NY] 630-La; [OH] 440-B; 475-Dc; [PA] 320-A; 515-B; 750-AE, AT, AU. Jim Collingwood P O Box 545 Danielson CT 06239-0545</p>	<p>(1) Twin City Motor Transit (Benton Harbor); St Joe MI school ride tickets, book form \$1.50 per book plus SASE; (2) Doshiren Street Tram - horsecar - \$50.00. Will send rubbing; (3) Minneapolis Street Ry. Co., Brass, 21mm, \$50.00. Will send rubbing; (4) Sheboygan WI 790-L \$4.50. Plus SASE. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>For sale at 2X catalogue value plus postage: [NY] 35-L; 105-K; 110-E; 145-C, D; 150-B; 195-B; 230-H, I; 285-Da, Db; 290-D; 355-C; 360-B, C; 363-A; 410-E, F; 640-I, J, K; 660--B, C; 675-B; 685-J; 745-B; 830-D; 875-F; 890-E; 905-P, Q, R, S; 995-A. chuckb@vh.net Chuck Benjamin 12 Kingwood Drive Poughkeepsie NY 12601-5405</p>
<p>Best offer. One lot of 250 tokens, including [NY] 630-AO, AS, AT, AY. Randy Glucksman 13 Jill Drive West Nyack NY 10994 -</p>	<p>My 80th Birthday, 1999 encased cent. \$2.00 and SASE. I'll also trade one for any CW or TT with a \$1.00 catalogue value. Al Zaika P O Box 65 Bellmawr NJ 08099-0065</p>	<p>[SC] 240-B; 310-G(?). Both for 40¢ with SASE. Harold Holcombe 833 Roget Way Lawrenceville GA 302456-</p>
<p>25 SALE</p> <p>For sale at catalogue plus postage: [CA] 715-U, V; [CT] 40-A; 70-A; 210-A; [FL] 910-I; [IL] 760-P; [MD] 60-AU, AV; [NJ] 115-G; 570-A, C, E; 885-A, B; [PA] 25-E; 525-A, G; 1000-I; [TN] 415-D; 710-A. Joe Studebaker 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>	<p>I have some rare MO 910-I trans tokens that i will sell for 1 1/2 times book which will be \$7.50 plus SASE Charles A. Bianco 6308 Mt Everest Drive Louisville KY 40216-1336</p>	<p>30 TRADE</p> <p>Two for one! You send me up to 30 different TT's, and I will send you up to 60 TT's of my choice. Send \$2.00 for postage. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>

(Ads continued on next page)

30 TRADE	40 WANTED	40 WANTED
<p>Let's trade! TT's wanted. Have AVA and other types of tokens/exonomia. Send your list for mine. <i>John Ciecka</i> 1540 Society Hill Dr. Bensalem PA 19020-3689</p>	<p>GA TT's wanted. Need all Georgia, especially Georgia Power - Atlanta, Augusta. Rome. Macon. Will pay 2X catalogue. Also buying GA, AL, TN, NC, SC tt's. Please send list via snail mail or e-mail: hholcomb@rojjet mail.com. Especially interested in power company TT's from any region. <i>Harold D. Holcomb</i> 833 Roget Way Lawrenceville GA 30045-</p>	<p>January 1989 issue of "Jackpot". Will buy or trade for original or photocopy of the article about a Showbiz Pizza token from Juarez, Mexico. I have transportation (US and foreign), parking and car wash tokens, as well as arcade tokens, available for trade. Also trading for any tokens I don't already have. Write for current duplicatres list. stevensf@ccsi.com <i>Forrest Stevens</i> 2336 Douglas St. #1308 Austin TX 78741-5749</p>
<p>For trade: [IL] 95-D; 130-D; 150-AG; [IA] 150-E; 230-C, D, E; [OH] 660-F; [LA] 30-B, C, D; 670-N; [AK] 50-G, H; [FL] 530-I; 880-M; [MO] 910-I, T, U; 140-D. <i>Joe Studebaker</i> 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>	<p>[TX] 5-A, B; 65-A, C, F, G; 145-E, I; 225-A; 255-A, C, E, G; 360-H; 630-A; 690-B; 760-C, D, E; 50-N, R, S; 997-A; [OK] 590-E; 700-D; 860-F, G, H. <i>Joe Studebaker</i> 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 299-02-5934</p>	<p>Wanted: Any KY TT's. Please send list with prices. <i>Charles A. Bianco</i> 6308 Mt. Everest Dr. Louisville KY 40216-1336</p>
<p>Have good tokens to trade for [MA] 970-A; [OH] 60-A and any [KY] 641; [OH] 166 or [OH] 726. <i>Larry Dziubek</i> P O Box 1852 Pittsburgh PA 15230-1852</p>	<p>[MI] 680-A, B, C, D, T. Reply by mail, or to e-mail: jsfritz@webshore.net <i>Jerry Fitzpatrick</i> 3930 Harbor Pt. Dr. Muskegon MI 49441-4682</p>	<p>Common TT's from Chicago IL, and cities within 75 miles of Chicago. Send list and prices requested. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>
<p>Have carwash and parking tokens to trade. Swap lists. <i>Jim Collingwood</i> P O Box 545 Danielson CT 06239-0545</p>		

A.V.A. CATALOGUES AND BOOKS FOR SALE

THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS (3 volumes)
Volume I (1996) 870 pages hardbound. Retail \$45. Member price \$30 postpaid.
(This includes complete listings of all tokens with valuations.)
Volume II (1984) 776 pages hardbound. Retail \$30. Member price \$17.50 postpaid
(This contains thousands of photos, history & data about tokens and companies.)
Volume III (1986) 946 pages hardbound. Retail \$50. Member price \$25 postpaid.
(Specialized photographic catalogue of minor die varieties. Very high quality photos.)
CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA (1997) 280 pages hardbound. Retail \$35. Member price \$17 postpaid.
LAND COMPANY AND REAL ESTATE TOKENS (1991) 110 pages hardbound. Retail \$20. Member price \$10 postpd.
(Above 2 books profusely illustrated and include valuations.)
Prices include postage to USA addresses. Canada and overseas please add postage differential: \$2 for each volume of the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue; \$1 each for Car Wash and Real Estate. Order from:
Also available: 3-year Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue, updates your catalogue thru Dec. 1998.
56-page booklet includes Token Identifier. Price only \$4.00, which includes first class postage.

AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 1204
Boston, MA 02104-1204

ADS IN THE FARE BOX ARE FREE
Simply write your ad on a separate sheet, or a post card
with your name and address
and send it the Advertising Managers
You may have up to 3 column inches in each category
But copy must be different each month

= SEE PAGE 102 FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS =