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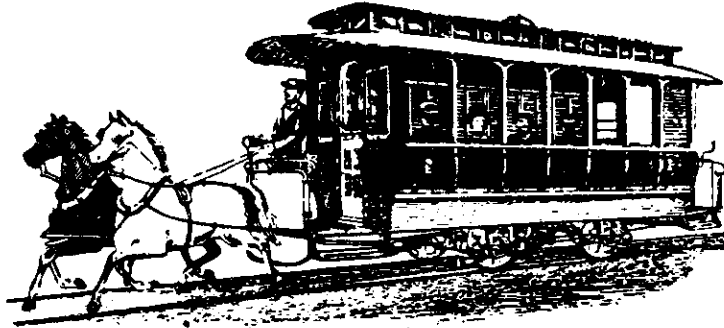
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OUR 629th ISSUE

December 5. Barbara Hemphill, who carried on our New Issues Service valiantly upon the death of Jim, has passed the mantle of managing that vital service to her neighbor across the Columbia River: Bill Sowell. Bill will be retiring this coming spring (and moving down to Palm Springs, CA), so he will have the time to manage the New Issues Service. There are several tokens, which have been obtained in sufficient numbers for our NIS members, waiting to be distributed. Bill has secured these from Barbara, and shipments will commence immediately. Among them will be the AVA tour token from our Albuquerque convention. There are several vacancies in the NIS, and any member who wishes to join the NIS is invited to write Bill. The procedure is that you send a deposit of \$30 or so, and the NIS draws down on this as new issues of tokens are sent to you at a nominal mark-up above actual cost. Bill Sowell's address, until he moves this spring, is 700 West 32nd Street - Vancouver, WA 98660.

Louis Lockwood has submitted a list of price revisions to the 5th edition of the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue, as they have appeared in The Fare Box from time to time since the book was published. It gives the catalogue number, the issue in which the emendation appeared, and the new price. Some prices have changed dramatically so this list is worthy of study.

Joe Studebaker reports that WA 40 O has been reissued with a distinctly narrowed bar in center. In studying these tokens I also noted that we omitted the periods after the initials W.T.A. that are across the bar. On the new narrow bar token the periods sometimes are cut off. These do not merit a separate listing, but as the variation in bar width is consistent, many collectors will want an example of each.

Our president, John Hoffmann, who lives in a suburb of Chattanooga, was told of a new carousel token being used in his vicinity by Louis Crawford. John visited the facility and secured 240 of them for our New Issues Service. John had first discovered the token and Louis researched it. The token is used at Coolidge Park, on the north side of the Tennessee River in downtown Chattanooga. The ride opened for business in July 1999, but the "official dedication" and opening occurred October 16. The token is a 50¢ child fare, but an adult simply uses two of them to pay his \$1 fare.

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In obtaining a supply of the new Chattanooga carousel token, John noticed that "Chattanooga" is spelled incorrectly on the token. They have reordered, and when the corrected tokens arrive we shall also have a supply of that one. Both will be used; both will be listed. The token is a 23mm brass beauty.

Charlotte, NC, told us last Fall they were planning to issue a new token picturing Queen Charlotte. The November 22 issue of COIN WORLD reports that they have ordered the new token, as well as a beautiful pure silver proof "collector version" of the token containing a full ounce of silver. Only 500 of these silver ones were struck, and you may order one from them by calling 704-375-3177, or writing Park It! at 229 S. Brevard St., Suite 101 - Charlotte, NC 28202. Price is \$19.95 plus shipping & handling. When I called them last week the regular tokens had not yet arrived but they were expected any day. When they arrive I'm confident we'll have a supply for the New Issues Service.

Jerome Schaefer reports some great good fortune. He has found a celluloid token just like KY 370 A (Henderson) except that Jerry's specimen is yellow. He adds, "The Henderson St. Railway Co piece is one that had eluded me for over 20 years of specializing in Kentucky tokens, and while 370 A is still missing from my collection (have never seen one, or heard of one being offered), am quite happy to own this newly found variety. It is the only specimen I know of." The KY 370 A was originally discovered by Ivan Cline of Evansville back about 1960. He found two of them and sold his duplicate to me for \$25. I don't know if any others have ever turned up. But now we have a yellow one!

Belmont County Human Services of St. Clairesville, OH, has been using a red copper token for while. It is given to people on welfare to enable them to ride the bus to work. I learned of it last summer and after a lot of research and phone calls was finally able to get a couple. They will never be easy to come by unless they stop using them. Pictures of obverse & reverse are below:



In the September issue we listed RI 700 S, a rubber-tired "trolley" token now used in Providence. Hector Turgeon obtained a supply for the NIS and its members will be receiving it presently. But Hector points out a mistake we made in the listing. We spelled "TROLLEY" correctly. But on the token, the word is spelled "TROLLY" which is an obvious error. So you can correct your FB supplement on that one.

Louis Crawford found a 24mm brass token with 2 ears like a car wash token, inscribed "The Skywalk / Prudential Center / Boston, Mass." with a picture of buildings on reverse, and it's all incuse. Presumably an elevator token. I went down there last week to check it out. The token is no longer used, and when it was used it was for a turnstile to gain admission to the "skywalk" on the 52nd floor of the building; it was not for the elevator. One could ride up and back without paying a fare. So we won't be listing that one.

MICHIGAN - LAND OF DIAL-A-RIDES
BY W.G. GARRISON

In the Fall of 1995 my wife and I made an extensive tour of Michigan in an effort to locate unlisted transportation tokens. That trip was most productive in that we found 31 new tokens, most of which were available in sufficient quantities for NIS.

The 1995 trip was prompted by a copy of the 100-page Directory of Public Transit in Michigan produced by the Michigan DOT. The Directory lists all of the urbanized and non-urbanized transit systems in the state and contains information such as addresses, phone numbers, hours of operation, financial data and system characteristics such as the number of busses, population served, annual ridership and miles, etc.

In August of this year I obtained a draft copy of the revised Directory. After plotting all 124 transit systems on a Mich. DOT state map, I eliminated many social service agencies which I felt would not be using tokens. This left me with 77 likely sources of new tokens. By making a lot of brief phone calls, these were further reduced to 40 candidates. In one case the company told me that, yes they were using three new tokens. However, after driving fifty miles out of the way to buy a NIS supply, I found that the "tokens" were actually paper tickets which were locally referred to as tokens.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon I left home, driving north through Wisconsin to Menominee, MI, spending the night at Escanaba. It was the perfect time of year since the tourist season had passed and the Fall colors were magnificent. Monday I drove across the Upper Peninsula to the Straights of Mackinaw checking the few transit companies enroute but without finding any new tokens. I then visited the Otsego County Bus System at Gaylord and found a new 29mm green plastic token which has been used for three years by the handicapped as a \$1.00 fare. A NIS Supply was bought. Visits to Bellaire and Grayling produced nothing.

At Kalkaska, MI 535 B and D are now obsolete and there is now a new 50-cent 29mm blue plastic token (MI 535 E) which reads "Kalkaska Transit Authority" rather than "Kalkaska Public Transportation." The new tokens are mixed in with MI 535 A and C, and the company would not sort out the new token for us. They also were reluctant to sell a large quantity of the mixed A, C & Es. Among the 100 pre-packaged tokens I bought were 49 of the new token.

Prudenville, MI continues to use MI 785 E and F. MI 785 A, B, C & D are obsolete. For the past two years there has been a \$1.50 good-will wooden nickel (MI 785 G) which is given to passengers. A supply was bought for NIS at 15 cents each.

Caro, MI has a new token (MI 135 D) similar to MI 135 Cb except that the obverse reads THUMBODY/EXPRESS/"WE MOVE PEOPLE." The management was very cooperative and agreed to reorder tokens the next day and send me a NIS supply as soon as they are received. Apparently the existing supply of the new token is very limited.

Muskegon Area Transit System which actually operates out of North Muskegon uses a wooden nickel (MI 680 U) on its rubber-tired trolley. They sold us a NIS supply at 25 cents each.

Louis Crawford learned that the Portage MI Community High School which adjoins Kalamazoo was using tokens for students dependent on public transportation. The school said that the token being used is the same one used by Kalamazoo Metro. I then visited Metro and was pleased to learn that Metro has a new 23mm solid brass token with a new logo. It will be MI 530 W. A NIS supply was bought at \$1.00 each. MI 530 V also remains in use.

The last token obtained was from the Van Buren Public Transit system in Bangor, MI. They recently began using a 25mm solid brass token on their Dial-A-Ride busses. They sold us a NIS supply at 50 cents each.

In addition to the above described successes, I visited about 25 more transit operators during my 5½ day 1880 mile trip only to find that they did not use tokens or were using those already listed. I did not stop at Detroit, Lansing, Port Huron or Grand Rapids mainly due to a lack of time. Also omitted was Grand Haven, MI since my notes indicated that Harbor Transit operates only from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A few days after returning home I learned from John Coffee that there are five new tokens at Grand Haven, MI.

Also, I learned that there is a new 28mm solid WM token being used in Detroit. We will be going to visit our son in Dearborn, MI at Thanksgiving time, and I will make an effort to obtain the newly reported tokens at that time.

Bill Garrison

THE FATE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE, BC, TOKENS (BC 670 A,B)

By Dave Eley

Here is an interesting story. The merchants of Prince George issued what was called a Park 'n Bus token for their customers, that would work both in parking meters and bus fareboxes. It was exactly the size of a Canadian quarter, but made of brass. It worked too well. It would work in telephones, video games, soft drink and candy machines, even in those unmentionable machines found only in washrooms. Needless to say some people found it very unpopular and it was recalled. I have a specimen, which I received in change from a coke machine while waiting between buses in the Prince George Greyhound depot. Some people would have been upset about this, but I hung onto it. I do not know what was done with the recalled tokens, but they were probably sold as scrap metal.

Bimetallic Transportation Tokens (Updated November 1999 by Doug Borden and Bill Boncek)

(This is a complete replacement of the "Fare Box". November 1997, p. 136 article).
(Atwood-Coffee Catalogue of US & Can. Transportation tokens, 5th Ed. 1996), and Suppl. #3 thru 1988)

(1) US Tokens with metallic plugs or inserts of another metal:

CA-450BL (WM in B)	MA-997A (Ag in Bz)	NY-630BH (S in WM)
CO-280D (S in B)	MA-997B (Ar in Bz)	NY-630BI (S in B)
CT-305L (Ag in Bz)	MA-997C (Ab in Bz)	NY-640H (K in S)
DE-700A (S in B)	MA-997D (Ay in Bz)	NC-160F (S in B)
FL-530I (WM in B)	MA-998N (Az in Bz)	PA-998Z (B in WM)
FL-530K (WM in B)	MI-775G (K in S)	RI-521A (Ar in B)
IL-998O (Bz in B)	MS-460L (A in B)	RI-521B (Ay in B)
IL-998P (A in B)	NJ-570C (B in WM)	RI-521C (Ab in B)
IL-998Q (Ab in B)	NJ-570D (B in WM)	RI-521D (Ag in B)
IL-998R (K in B)	NJ-570E (B in WM)	TX-445M (Ab in Bz)
IL-998S (A in B)	NJ-710D (Ab in WM)	TX-998H (K in Bz)
IL-998T (B in WM)	NJ-997E (Ag in Bz)	VA-580T (S in Bz)
IA-290A (A in B)	NJ-997F (Ar in Bz)	VA-720L (WM in B)
KS-770B (Bz in A)	NJ-997G (Ab in Bz)	Man.S.15A (Bz in WM)
KY-510BR (Bz in A)	NJ-997H (Ay in Bz)	Man.S.15B (WM in Bz)
MD-670C (Ag in B)	NY-630BE (S in B)	Pres. BJ (S in Sv)
MD-670D (Ar in B)	NY-630BG (S in B)	

(2) Canadian tokens with plugs of another metal:

ON-900I (K in WM)	PQ-825B (K in WM)
ON-998C (B in WM)	PQ-870C (V in B)
ON-998E (WM in B)	PQ-998OO (WM in K)
PQ-150D (WM in B)	PQ-998PA (K in WM)
PQ-745I (B in WM)	PQ-998PB (Bz in WM)
PQ-745O (WM in B)	

(3) Metallic Inserts: Star of five points:

IN998E (K star in WM)	MI-845B (Ni star in K)	RI-998A (K star in WM)
IA-850I (K star in A)	NY-695A (WM star in K)	RI-998B (B star in WM)

(4) US Tokens with Metallic inserts (letters) of another metal:

IL-460A (copper "K" in aluminum)	MI-845A (copper "S" in aluminum)
MD-600 (nickel "C" in copper)	MI-845C (nickel "S" in copper)
MI-525A (copper "J" in aluminum)	SC-310A (copper "C" in aluminum)
MI-525B (copper "J" in aluminum)	

(5) US tokens with metallic letters on both sides but not through:

PA-15F (copper "A" on both sides of aluminum token)

(6) Canadian tokens with metallic inserts (letters) of another metal:

- ON-325A (copper "W" in aluminum)
- ON-325B (copper "S" in aluminum)
- PQ-345A (copper "H" in aluminum)
- PQ-345B (aluminum "H" in copper)
- PQ-345Ca (copper "L" in aluminum)
- PQ-345Cb (copper "L" inlaid on each side of aluminum)
- PQ-345Cc (copper "L" inlaid on one side of aluminum)
- PQ-345D (aluminum "L" in copper)
- PQ-345E (copper "W" in aluminum)

(7) US tokens with metallic stripes of other metals:

- FL-630B (S on B)
- FL-880K (Sv on B)
- MA-998A (K on WM)
- MA-998S (K on WM)
- MI-845Z (WM on Bz)
- MO-998Q (K on WM)
- MO-998R (K on WM)
- MO-998AA (K on WM)
- NY-105L (K diag. on WM)
- NY-998H (K on WM)
- NY-998I (K on WM)
- NY-998U (S on B)
- PA-750BD (Bz on WM)
- PA-750BE (WM on Bz)
- PA-998AA (K on B)
- PA-998AB (WM on B)
- DC-998A (K on WM)

(8) Bimetallic token for Tunnel at Marseille, France:

- E30.1 (Large brass center with design on nickel token)
- E30.2 (Large brass center with design on nickel token)

Code to metals: A = aluminum, B = brass, Bz = bronze, K = copper, Ni = nickel, S = steel (or stainless steel), WM = white metal (copper-nickel) Sv = silver

Code to colors: Color anodized aluminum indicated as follows: Ag = green, Ar = red, Ab = blue, Ay = yellow, Az = purple (color codes as per catalogue p.XXI)

TWO IMPORTANT VARIETIES OF NY 890 A

In Volume III of the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue, two varieties of NY 890 A are listed, but the photo is only of the 890 Ab. The much rarer Aa, you will notice, has serifs in the letters of the word FOOT. I think this one may be close to census, whereas the one without serifs has never been census since we've been keeping the census list. For the photo of 890 Ab see page 573 of Volume III. Below, at long last, is a photo of NY 890 Aa, the rare one:



PRICE REVISIONS TO THE 5th EDITION OF THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

A/C Cat. #	Current Price	Revised Price	FARE BOX - Pg.	A/C Cat. #	Current Price	Revised Price	FARE BOX - Pg.
AL 800 F	0.35	0.25	3/97 - 25	NY 631 Y	1.50	1.75	5/96 - 40
AK 50 G	10.00	2.50	3/97 - 23	NY 632 B	0.50	1.00	5/97 - 47
AK 50 H	5.00	2.50	3/97 - 23	NY 632 D	6.00	7.50	6/98 - 69
AR 435 P	***	3.00	8/96 - 69	NY 780 D	1.00	1.25	9/97-105
CA 405 A	***	1.00	11/96-103	NY 780 Y	1.00	1.25	9/97-105
CA 745 AB	***	2.00	1/97 - 13	ND 60 E	25.00	85.00	12/96-124
CA 745 AC	***	2.00	1/97 - 13	OH 552 A	2.00	0.35	7/99 - 80
CA 975 B	0.25	0.35	1/99 - 05	OH 552 B	2.00	0.75	7/99 - 80
CO 60 E	0.25	0.75	9/98 - 111	OH 860 T	0.50	0.80	12/96-132
CO 60 F	0.25	0.75	9/98 - 111	OR 700 B	12.50	NVN	12/98-145
CT 210 F	0.85	1.00	3/97 - 24	OR 700 P	0.50	1.00	10/96 - 87
DE 700 A	0.75	1.00	3/97 - 24	OR 700 Q	0.35	1.00	10/96 - 87
FL 300 J	0.25	0.50	7/97 - 84	OR 700 U	0.35	1.00	10/96 - 87
GA 50 A	100.00	NVN	7/98 - 85	PA 255 A	50.00	35.00	12/96-124
GA 60 AH	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24	PA 425 D	10.00	5.00	12/96-124
GA 60 AI	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24	PA 750 BD	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24
GA 60 AJ	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24	PA 920 A	3.00	1.00	12/96-124
GA 60 AK	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24	PA 920 B	3.00	0.50	12/96-124
GA 60 AL	1.25	1.50	3/97 - 24	PA 990 D	0.50	1.00	4/96 - 29
IL 95 D	1.00	0.25	3/97 - 25	TN 375 B	10.00	NVN	2/99 - 12
IL 150 AC	0.50	0.75	3/97 - 24	TX 810 AP	0.25	0.50	2/98 - 18
IL 220 F	20.00	2.50	12/9 - 125	TX 810 AR	4.00	5.00	2/98 - 18
IA 380 C	65.00	NVN	7/98 - 85	TX 810 AS	2.00	2.50	2/98 - 18
IA 380 H	50.00	NVN	7/98 - 85	UT 750 T	0.75	1.00	6/97 - 70
KS 495 A	4.50	2.50	11/96-101	UT 750 U	0.75	1.00	6/97 - 70
KS 495 B	4.50	2.50	11/96-101	VA 580 P	1.00	0.75	11/97-137
LA 30 B	2.50	0.25	1/97 - 13	VA 580 Q	0.25	0.75	11/97-137
LA 30 C	1.50	0.25	1/97 - 13	VA 580 T	1.00	1.50	11/97-137
LA 30 D	2.50	0.25	1/97 - 13	ON 495 A	0.85	1.25	7/98 - 91
LA 30 F	0.35	0.25	3/97 - 25	ON 900 A	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
MO 140 D	3.50	0.25	3/97 - 25	ON 900 B	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
MO 140 E	0.35	0.25	3/97 - 25	ON 900 C	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
NE 540 O	20.00	7.50	12/96-124	ON 900 D	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
NY 315 A	0.25	1.00	3/97 - 24	ON 900 E	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
NY 630 AQ	0.25	0.75	3/97 - 24	ON 900 F	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
NY 630 BC	1.50	1.75	3/97 - 24	ON 900 G	0.65	1.50	3/97 - 24
NY 630 BD	3.00	3.50	3/97 - 24				

NVN - New Value Needed
(FARE BOX 1/96 thru 7/99 Listings)

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

ALABAMA

<u>Birmingham</u>		120	(Reported by Ron Brader)		
			MAX (IN LOGO) METRO AREA / EXPRESS		
L	B	23	Sd	HH / (bus)(* 1993)(10,000 struck)	\$6.00
M	B	23	Sd	" " " (WM-plated) (10,900 struck)	6.00

CALIFORNIA

<u>Crestline</u>		197	(Reported by John Coffee & Louis Crawford)		
			SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY/REGIONAL/PARKS (IN SEAL)/ GOOD FOR ONE/WATERSLIDE RIDE		
A o	Wb	38	Sd	Valid at One of the Following Regional Parks/ Cucamonga Guasti/Glen Helen/Lake Gregory/ (Yucaipa)	1.50
B	Pb	38	Sd	(inscription same as 197 A, but in silver)	1.00

LOUISIANA

<u>Baton Rouge</u>		80	(Reported by Louis Crawford)		
			GOOD FOR/ONE FARE		
F	B	16	Sd	No/Cash/Value	1.25

MICHIGAN

<u>Lake Linden</u>		540	(Reported by Lee DeGood)		
			WHITE PINE EXPRESS/GOOD FOR/RETURN TRIP/TO ZONE/1		
A o	B	29	Sd	(blank)	**
			WHITE PINE EXPRESS/GOOD FOR/RETURN TRIP/TO ZONE/2		
B o	B	29	Sd	(blank)	***
			WHITE PINE EXPRESS/GOOD FOR/RETURN TRIP/TO ZONE/3		
C o	B	29	Sd	(blank)	***

NEW YORK

<u>Freeport</u>		285	(Reported by many)		
			NASSAU COUNTY/STATE OF NEW YORK/(RAMPANT LION SEAL)		
E o	B	29	Sd	MSBA/RWM (Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority)	3.00

NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The Birmingham, AL, listings were pictured on page 94 of the September issue. They are used on express buses to special events: 120 L on buses from the south side, 120 M on buses from the north side. The New Issues Service will not handle these tokens.

Louis Crawford discovered the CA 197 B token in the internet. Correspondence with the headquarters, at Lake Gregory near Crestline, said there had been an earlier wooden issue which is now obsolete. The N.I.S. will not handle these two because of a shortage of available tokens.

Bill Garrison obtained a supply of LA 80 F for the N.I.S. and reports it is an adult token. The LA 80 E, same token but WM, is for elderly, handicapped, and students. It was listed in October 1995.

The Lake Linden, MI, tokens were mentioned on page 77 of the September 1996 Fare Box. We lack any background information on them at this time.

I am not sure if the Freeport, NY, listing came before or after NY 285 D. R. Thurston Clark noted several years ago that MSBA is now known as "L.I. BUS/MTA". Louis Crawford sent a letter that appeared on the internet and noted that 285 E was in use October 9, 1990, by the County of Nassau Dept. of Mental Health, as a special fare token for their clients at the rate of 60¢ per token, including free transfer. This token was noted in November 1992 Fare Box on page 112, and October 1995 Fare Box on page 92. Specimens have been offered recently on the Ebay Auction web per Bill Sowell. The N.I.S. won't handle these, but specimens seem to be around. A brass 20mm token with the same obverse and NO CASH VALUE rwm is also known. We do not know how it was or is used, but since it lacks MSBA, we assume it may not be transportation related.

NEW FOREIGN TRANSIT TOKEN LISTINGS supp # 15

By Curtis H. Judge

In this supplement we will continue the English listings provided by Mr. John Tolson. Any other members having not already listed tokens are urged to send the information to the address below. I will include the information in a future supplement as well as credit for the find. Several corrections to previous listings. Anders Tullberg writes that two previously listed Swedish tokens 820-PB and 820-QA are in reality coffee house tokens and not transit items. They should be removed from the listings. In supplement #12 **Kensington Upon Hull** should be changed to **Kingston Upon Hull**. As many times as I try to proof read a supplement, goofs still happen.

ENGLAND

Birmingham 80

Travel Day Saver Token

CH WM 29mm sd Token Has No Cash Value (symbol) 29 \$8.00

This token was issued on October 1, 1996 by the Social Services Dept. to provide free travel for job seekers. It is exchanged for a day saver ticket with a value of £ 2.50

Preston 605

National Transport Token 50 (9 sided)

CK A 29mm sd Oaklawn Castle (castle) \$3.00

Used April 1, 1999 to date



Stroud 737

Stroud District Council 20 P (im var)

BL C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 20 P (orange) \$2.00

Used Aug 1, 1990 to July 31, 1991

BM C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 20 P (lt. Green) \$5.00

Used Aug 1, 1991 to July 31, 1992

BN C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 20 P (lt. Purple) \$5.00

Used Aug 1, 1992 to July 31, 1993

Stroud District Council 50 P (im var)

BO C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (white) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994

BP C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (red) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1994 to July 31, 1995

BQ C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (turquoise) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1995 to July 31, 1996

Stroud District Council 50 P (im var) SEVEN SIDED

BR C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (lt. Blue) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1996 to July 31, 1997

BS C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (orange) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1997 to July 31, 1998

BT C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (yellow) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999

BU C 25mm S-sc Gloucestershire Concessionary Fare 50 P (purple) \$3.00

Used Aug 1, 1999 to date

Please Send new listing information to 3589 Redbud Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22801 USA
Telephone 540-574-0078 evenings E-Mail Judgefam@AOL.COM

SUPPLEMENT #23 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA
By Harold V. Ford

ARIZONA

Chandler 110
AZ AVE CAR WASH ARIZONA AVE. N. OF RAY CHANDLER rwm
A Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value rwm .50

INDIANA

Elkhart 260
NORTHERN PRIDE'S (on angle across circle) CAR WASH WORLD
C B 25 Sd Good.For.25 Cents.in.Trade 25 hh 1.00

IOWA

Mount Vernon 630
CROSSROADS CARWASH CORNER OF HIGHWAYS 30 AND 1 MT. VERNON,
IOWA rwm
A Bz 25 Sd rwm (eagle on emblem over wreath) .50

MICHIGAN

Holland 460
VOSS BOYS 396-3898 HOLLAND, MI
A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Satisfaction Guaranteed or Double Your Dirt
Back hh 1.00

MINNESOTA

Monticello 552
SCRUB-A-DUB CAR WASH rwm (CAR IN TUB UNDER SHOWER HEAD)
B Bz 25 Sd Riverroad Plaza Monticello, MN 295-4601 rwm (cartoon
gas pump) .50

MISSOURI

Arnold 15
COLIN'S CARWASH ARNOLD, MO hh (ANTIQUÉ CAR)
A Bz 25 Sd Wash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value .50

NEBRASKA

OMAHA 700
VINTON STREET CAR WASH 25th & VINTON, OMAHA, NE 50¢ rwm
H Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car) .50

TENNESSEE

Knoxville 430 (ex Unid 357)
FOX LONAS RD. CAR WASH NEXT TO WEIGELS GOOD FOR ONE SELF
SERVICE CAR WASH CYCLE 1
A B 29 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 1.50

UTAH

Gunnison 295
ROSENVALL GARAGE GUNNISON UTAH
A WM 29 Sd Good For One Self Service Cycle No Cash Value One 1 hh 3.50

WASHINGTON

Wenatchee 970
BRIDGE CAR WASH 933 SOUTH MISSION WENATCHEE
A B 29 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh 1.00

=SUPPLEMENT #JVP-17 TO FEISEL'S FIFTH =

PTUN (Reported by H Ford)
3120 C / MH / 1875
Bz 25 Sd Parking / HH / Token / (auto)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

Hal picked the PTUN item at a coin show. No other leads.
Ed Bawden dropped me a note a few weeks ago with a rub as follows:

RHH (in lower case letters)
23 WM Sd No / Cash / Value

You will recognize the obverse as identical to PA-3335-A. I visited the Rolling Hill Hospital and not only reviewed the existence of this token, but went thru nearly 1000 tokens on hand. Hospital personnel could not recall such an item nor did we find any in their inventory. About two years ago, I recall corresponding with a collector (I've forgotten who) who reported the same item. It is my contention that the token manufacturer struck these as mavericks and will remain so based upon my findings at the hospital. Incidentally, the hospital has changed hands and names over the past 10 to 12 years. Tokens are still in use and the new hospital name is ELKINS PARK HOSPITAL.

Token reporting has been extremely slow over the past couple of months, hence the lapse in Supplements. I am now on the trail of half a dozen or so and will report my findings as I obtain information. Anyone out there with leads or unreported tokens, please drop me a line with a good rub and details.

I am working on a supplement update of the FIFTH. Anyone wanting it, please drop me a line. The info will be on 8 1/2 x 11 and will cost you 10¢ per sheet plus large envelop and postage. There will be a reference to the SUPPLEMENT the new listings were published.

FEISEL'S FIFTH is still available at \$42 postpaid direct from me.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL PA 19008

LAST MINUTE REPORTS

On page 116 I mentioned that while the silver presentation pieces of the new Charlotte, NC, token picturing Queen Charlotte were now available, the regular tokens had not yet arrived. I typed that yesterday. This morning (December 6) I called them again, and learned that the regular tokens have now arrived. It is a \$1.00 fare. I asked if we could purchase 240 of them for our New Issues Service and was told they'd have to get back to me. I'm sure there will be no problem on that, but stay tuned.

Louis Crawford reports a new token for Olivia, MN, but "they do not have many on hand and refuse to sell any quantity." Also one for Northfield, MN, which replaces MN 600 C, valued at \$1 fare (sold 10 for \$8.50). They also don't have enough to supply us with a quantity for the New Issues Service.

Descriptions below: (the Renville County is a dial-a-ride token)

- Pw 38 Sd GOOD FOR 1 RIDE/RENVILLE COUNTY/(LOGO)/HARTLAND EXPRESS/1-800-450-7964/523-2202
(same as obverse){green & gold printed lettering}
- Pw 29 Sd NORTHFIELD/TRANSIT/ONE FARE
(same as obverse){maroon lettering}

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Managers: Anna & Bob Butler

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Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2, 1 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 Jan. 5)	01 auction	25 SALE
<p>64 transit tokens in excellent condition. Closing on next Fare Box issue date. [CA] 450-D; [CT] 30-A; 35-M; 210-G; 290-C, D, G, N; 345-A; 520-C; [HI] 240-A, E; [IL] 150-Z; 855-A; [ME] 40-A, B; 80-A; 480-A, B, C; [ME] 710-A, B; 740-A; 990-A; [MD] 670-F; [MA] 45-B; 115-X; 135-D; 215-A; 260-A; 355-D; 505-A, B; 550-K; 740-A; [NH] 30-A; [NJ] 310-A; [NY] 105-B, K; 628-B, C; 630-BE; 745-A; 945-A, E; [NC] 190-D; [OR] 130-C; [PA] 15-K; 135-B; 280-A; 425-C; 495-G; [RI] 520-F; 521-E, G; 700-C, J, M; [TN] 215-B; [VT] 180-A; 520-A 700-B; [WA] 780-K.</p> <p>Art Soucy 40 Bullard Street Holliston MA 01746-2428</p>	<p>[IA] 150-B (weak rev., holed) B (XF holed); [IL] 370-B, C; 735-C; [KS] 40-D; [KY] 510-BC; "ME' 40-A, B; 550-A; 710-B; 740-A; 930-A; "MD' 60-I, U, V; "MA' 115-X, Y; 505-A; 550-C, D; 630-C; 660-A; "NY' 630-AR, BK; 631-R; [PA] 25-B; 135-B; 295-A; 725-D (holed); 750-AJ; 765-Ca; 950-F; 985-C.</p> <p>Jim Collingwood P O Box 545 Danielson CT 06239-0545</p>	<p>Lot of 203 different transit, catalogue \$40-\$50, your cost \$50.00. Box of about 1000 worn, holed, corroded, painted, reject transit tokens \$10.00. (517) 451-2447.</p> <p>cunninghamchips@hotmail.com Paul Cunningham P O Box 1 Tecumseh MI 49286-0001</p>
<p>Twenty 50¢ plus TT's or ten dollar or better tokens for best price and postage.</p> <p>Joe Studebaker 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>	<p>25 SALE</p> <p>For sale at 2X catalogue value plus postage; [CA] 955-J; [CO] 340-H thru N; [FL] 300-M; [IA] 600-G; [MI] 135-Ab; 285-C thru G, Ha, Hb, Ia, Ib, Ja, Jb, K, L; [MN] 40-B; [NY] 735-F; 790-O thru S; [NC] 700-G; [OK] 660-A, B; [VA] 280-B; 885-A; 985-B.</p> <p>chuckb@vh.net Chuck Benjamin 12 Kingwood Drive Poughkeepsie NY 12601-5405</p>	<p>100 different US trans. tokens, \$22.50. 200 different for \$48.95. Super special lot of better transit, 100 different for \$27.50. 2500 less-mixed metal transit dealers: only \$125.00 postpaid.</p> <p>Rich Hartzog P O Box 4143 Rockford IL 61110-0643</p>
<p>Best offer: [PA] 400-A (catalogue \$20.00).</p> <p>Roco DiGiacomo 42 Sunset Drive Mt. Holly NJ 08060-1915</p>	<p>100 mixed transportation tokens \$15.00 ppd.</p> <p>James Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>	<p>1) Twin City Motor Transit (Benton Harbor-St. Joe MI) school ride tickets in book form - \$1.50 per book plus SASE. 2) Doshiren Street Tram - horsecar. \$50.00. Will send rubbing. 3) Minneapolis Street Ry. Co. - brass, horse car, 21mm. \$50.00. Will send rubbing. 4) Sheboygan [WI] 790-L, \$4.50 plus SASE.</p> <p>"School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>

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25 SALE	30 TRADE	40 WANTED
<p>At catalogue plus postage: [FL] 130-C, D; [IN] 660-F; [OH] 175-AA; 860-Q; [PA] 65-N; 525-A, G; 725-K; 695- B; 850-C; 945-A, B, C; [NH] 640-L; [VA] 580-K; [TN] 710- A; [WA] 80-F; 840-E; 780-C, E, N thru Q. <i>Joe Studebaker</i> 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>	<p>For trade: [AL] 570-E; 800-F; [AZ] 280-A; [LA] 30-B, C, D; 670-N; [MI] 560-M; 680-E, F; [MO] 140-D, E; 910-G, H, I, J, T, U. <i>Joe Studebaker</i> 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>	<p>I'm eager to obtain paper items: 1) old transit tickets and passes, 2) scrip, cou- pons, chits, 3) play money, advertising money, merchant money, etc. 4) military chits, coupons, passes, etc. 5) ad- mission cards, passes, and tickets for fairs, expos, cen- tennials, conventions, etc. 6) other small paper items... One item or an entire col- lection. I can offer you cash or transit tokens. Let me hear from you. Phone: (919)468-5510. <i>Dan Benice</i> P O Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708</p>
<p>443 Fare Box issues, from October 1978 thru December 1998. Complete, non missing. 443 total count. Must take all. I will not sell individually. \$221.50 plus \$10.00 for post- age and handling. <i>Hubert Raburn</i> 3401 Primrose Road Philadelphia PA 19114-2619</p>	<p>It can't get better than this! Two for One. You send me up to 30 different TT's and I will send you up to 60 TT's of <u>my choice</u>. Send \$2.00 for postage. <i>"School Bus" Ben</i> 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>Want the following: [RI] 520- J; [SD] 1000-K; [IA] 230-L; 390-M; 740-F; 850-N; 910-A; [VA] 20-J; 160-A; 620-T; 580-P; [WI] 360-G; 500-F; 870-H. <i>Joe Studebaker</i> 2614 Legare Street Beaufort SC 29902-5934</p>
<p>100 different transportation tokens. Good assortment. \$20.00 ppd. <i>Rocco DiGiacomo</i> 42 Sunset Drive Mt. Holly NJ 08060-1915</p>	<p>Will trade car wash [KY] 480- C for [KY] 480-A, B, or D. <i>Irwin Reuben</i> 1319 Epworth Avenue Dayton OH 45410-2615</p>	<p>Common TT's from Chicago IL and cities within fifty miles of Chicago. Send list and prices requested. <i>"School Bus" Ben</i> 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>
<p>30 TRADE</p>	<p>40 WANTED</p>	<p>Paying full catalogue for Sioux City IA transit tokens. Write with offers. <i>James Vander Helm</i> 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>
<p>Hoffman Mint Advertising pieces: F, M, N, P, AB, and three different notlisted in Sept. Fare Box. Make trade offers in TT's. <i>John Ciecka</i> 1540 Society Hill Drive Bensalem PA 19020-3689</p>	<p>To complete OH transporta- tion token collection: 15-G; 30-A; 35-A, E; 45-A, E; 60-A; 85-A; 125-E, J; 165-B, C, G, HA, I thru L, O, P, W, AG, AH, AK, AL; 166-B thru I; 175- J, L, M, O thru S, Y, AB, AE; 200-A; 210-A thru D; 215-A; 225-A, B; 230-A, B, E, F, I, S, X thru AC, AF, AG, AJ; 240-B, C; 270-A; 290-C; 345-A; 380-A, B, D, E, F; 385-E; 410-A; 425-A; 440- G, I; 450-A, B, J; 465-A, B, C; 475-H; 495-A, B, C; 515- A; 520-D; 535-A, G; 552-A, B; 625-A thru D; 700-A; <i>(Continued in next issue)</i> Telephone: (614) 436-9999. jeff1952@railvan.com <i>Jeff Brashares</i> P O Box 328 Worthington OH 43085-</p>	<p>Paying full catalogue for Sioux City IA transit tokens. Write with offers. <i>James Vander Helm</i> 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>
<p>Will trade New Issues from Marion OH and Marion IN for tokens not sent out by NIS. Seepage 94 for Marion IN and page 93 for OH tokens. <i>Bob Kelley</i> 2689 Cliff Road North Bend OH 45052-9718</p>		

Louis Lockwood reports: OH 165 Y & AE (Cincinnati) are received mixed when purchased for 65c each (no bulk rate) from the 4th Street location, the only Metro outlet. They're good for a one-zone fare during non rush hour. An additional 15c is required during rush hour. Also OH 770 A (St. Bernard), a handicapped/senior token has been reduced from 25c to 10c (is this the cheapest current token in the country?), and 770 B (regular fare) from 50c down to 20c.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 2971 ALLEN G. BERMAN - P.O. Box 605 - Fairfield, Connecticut 06430
Age 39; Numismatist. Collects U.S. (Sowell)
- 2972 KEN CHYLINSKI - P.O. Box 66 - St. Clair, Michigan 48079
Age 59; Retired. Collects U.S. (Reznick)
- 2973 JOHN CUMISK - 1025 Georgetown Road - Norfolk, Virginia 23502-2706
Age 74; U.S. Navy Retired. Collects U.S. (Reznick)
- 2974 DOUGLAS R. GIBSON - P.O. Box 911 - Marianna, Florida 32447
Age 45; Paramedic Phone 911. Collects U.S. (Schneider)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 1451 Douglas Borden - 2501-A Sandtrap Lane - Melbourne, FL 32935 [after Dec. 25]
- 1003 Louis Crawford - P.O. Box 1776 - Jackson, Mississippi 32915-1776
- 1865 Robert A. Johnson - 2120-104 Ganton Green - Woodstock, Maryland 21163
- 1961 Jim Moser - 5803 Bent Pine Drive, Apt. 214 - Orlando, Florida 32822
- 1849 Bill Orne [new e-mail address only] ornel@prodigy.net
- 775 Kirk S. Smith - P.O. Box 8015-214 - Redondo Beach, California 90277
- 1253 E.J. Wehling - 75 Barbara Road - Dumont, New Jersey 07628-1411

Louis Crawford reports two more new issues, and he's working on getting supplies for the N.I.S.:

- B 28 Sd PLEASURE ISLAND TROLLEY/CITY OF/GULF SHORES/ALABAMA/(SEAGULLS)©/ONE RIDE/
hm/GULF SHORES
Pleasure Island Trolley/(logo)/One Ride/City of Orange Beach
- B 25 Sd TRAIN RIDES/(CARTOON TRAIN ENGINE)/rwm/ORLANDO FASHION SQUARE
No/Cash/Value/rwm

The Pleasure Island token has a 50¢ value and has been used since 1997. The Orlando Fashion Square token is used on a kiddie train ride near the food court in the mall. It is sold in a change machine at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Louis also wrote up to Barrow, Alaska, to see if anything new is in use in the northernmost bus system in the world. They're still using what we have listed, but sent him some other Alaska tokens they had picked up. One of them is a new unlisted one from Anchorage, so that was a delightful surprise to Louis. We are working on getting a supply.

Dan Benice sends a rubbing of a 28mm brass token with a 5mm hole at 12 o'clock inscribed in incuse letters: 9th &/Buttonwood. We have no idea what it is.

Peter Jacobsen, Director of Jefferson Transit in Gretna, LA, sends along several more Hoffman Mint tokens that weren't listed in my listing last month. When I get the space I'll run a supplement to it. Peter adds, "The New Orleans area has embarked, at long last, on some cooperative fare ventures between transit systems/political jurisdictions. That is good news for transit patrons, but probably not such good news for token collectors. A metro-area-wide 'Day Pass' has been put in use, good for unlimited usage for a calendar day on all transit in the area. The importance of this is that since its inception in July of this year our token and transfer sales have decreased proportionally to the increase of the Day Pass sales. As a result, we now must put on hold our plans to issue a new token. Alas."

Several members have inquired about the availability of the foreign transportation token catalogues. These are now available from Kirk Smith (see his new address on back page), as well as the arcade token catalogues. Write him directly.

The one token I have ALWAYS wanted, perhaps more than any other, is the black oval vulcanite from Scranton, PA 840 D. The only specimen I knew of is in Ken Smith's collection. Well, last month I finally acquired one! It's a stunning black beauty, very thick (about 4mm thick) in glorious condition. With that in my collection, the sun shines brighter in the morning.