



## THE ROUND-UP ANNEX

### squared circle study group newsletter

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#### BNAPEX 89' - HAMILTON

Although I was only able to attend Hamilton on Sunday, it was evident that the organizers did a splendid job with all aspects of the show. Attendees were able to view a variety of exhibits, including several frames of squared circle cancels; Colin Banfield's marvelous 3 Cent Jubilee's and Lew Ludlow's time marks of Hamilton.

The Squared Circle Study Group meeting was attended by approximately ten members on Sunday afternoon. After a brief slide presentation of Admiral squared circles by yours truly, the discussions centered around the following topics:

ORBS AND SQUARED CIRCLES - Based on discussions with Jim Miller, Bill Robinson suggested the possibility of "adding" ORBS to the sphere of study of our group, as precursors to the squared circles. Previous attempts to put together an ORB Study Group have not been successful and it was thought that this may be a method of renewing interest in the group. I received a subsequent letter from Jim Miller on this subject, including the following comments: "I have only about 5 or 6 collectors who are interested in organizing an ORB study Group. Perhaps this could be a new blood input to the squared circle study group.... I have my ORB collection set up on my computer in the same kind of format as the squared circle handbook and I could provide info as need by collectors ". What do you think about a new precursor? Please let me know your thoughts on this proposal.

REJUVENATING THE SQUARED CIRCLE STUDY GROUP - Considerable discussions were held regarding ways to rekindle interest in Squared Circles. More frequent exposure in TOPICS was considered to be a prime objective in the next 12 months. However, the membership should not expect yours truly to assume the full burden; I have, and will continue to function as a clearinghouse for information and articles, but cannot generate new articles, information, etc. necessary to enhance the Study Group activities. In short, I will need help for you if we are to renew interest in Squared Circles to previous year levels.

A NEW HANDBOOK - The topic of a new handbook was brought up by Jim Felton and received some discussion. It was generally agreed that the Fourth Edition Handbook, while providing a wealth of information on Squared Circles, is not very "user friendly", and may contain too much information for the collector. Suggestions ranged from a loose-leaf format, to reducing or eliminating some of the corrolary information and providing condensed hammer identification guidelines. If any of you have any comments on the Fourth Edition Handbook and what you would like to see in a future Fifth Edition, please drop me a line.

## REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

The following reports of new findings were gleaned from the previous three Bob Lee auctions catalogs. Other than those listed below, no other reports have been received in the past few months.

ROTHESAY, N.B. (Lee's No. 56) - A new year of use, 1903, on a 2 Cent Edward cover; the strike is dated -/JY 27/03.

FORMOSA, ONT. HMR II (Lee's No. 56) - A new year of use, 1903, on a Numeral cover; the three line strike is dated JA/6/03.

SUDBURY, ONT. (Lee's No. 58) - A new early date on a 3 Cent Small Queen; strike is dated -/AP 11/95.

THORNHILL, ONT. (Lee's No. 58) - A new year of use, 1901, on a 2 Cent Numeral cover; the strike is dated PM/OC 2/01.

ESTEVAN, ASSA (Lee's No. 58) - A new early date of use on a 3 Cent Small Queen; the strike is dated -/FE 11/95.

REGINA, ASSA (Lee's No. 56) - A new year of use in the first period (1899-1903), 1901; the strike is dated -/AU 2/01.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Change of Address

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### New Member

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## CLOSING COMMENTS

In an effort to stimulate more interest in the Squared Circle Study Group, I plan to issue, on a regular basis, six (6) newsletters annually, beginning in 1990. At this time, the tentative schedule is February, April, June, August, October and December. In the past, I have waited until sufficient material was at hand to send out a mailing. With a more regular schedule, hopefully continuity of interest can be enhanced.

The down side to this approach will be the additional mailing costs and the likelihood that some issues of the ANNEX will be abbreviated, perhaps only two pages (as in this issue). I think this approach is worth a try; if anyone has a comments or suggestions, I would appreciate hearing from you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND NEW YEAR!!!!!!