

How Tokens Improved One Coin Collectors Life!!

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In 1955 like many other boys my age, I started collecting coins, cents mostly. Then I discovered "Buffalo Head Nickels" and "Mercury dimes". Soon I had the little green and blue folders for each denomination of US coinage. I pored through my dad's change each evening, asked my grandpa and grandma for any old coins they had, and in general became a "dyed in the wool" young numismatist.

As years went by, coin collecting slowed but was still there in the background. Later after I was older and finished with college, I was sent to another state due to work. I found a local coin shop not far from my workplace, and began to visit it often. My limited budget would allow me to purchase a few coins now and then. One day at the coin shop I noticed a large clear plastic bag of trade tokens, and I asked the dealer about them. I thought they were neat because they were like coins, but had the town and state on them. And guess what? The dealer sold me the whole bag for ten bucks! I was kept busy for days sorting through my treasures. There must have been several hundred tokens in the bag. I had trouble figuring out where a few of the tokens were from, as they didn't have the town or state on them. So I had to do a bit of research and I did find where each one was from. One was from my hometown!

My life immediately changed. I wanted to re-experience that excitement of finding that bag of tokens. Suddenly my hair stopped falling out of my balding head, and started to grow back! I noticed my rent payment on my

apartment went down by \$70 a month. Women seemed to be attracted to me in a way I had not noticed before!

The next time I went to the local coin show, I won the door prize which was a US \$20 1878 gold coin!

My boss called me in, and told me what a great job I had been doing, and gave me a \$250 a month raise!

I noticed my breath smelled better, my underarms sweat less, and my skin became youthful and smooth. I got a call one morning from the IRS, who informed me they had found a grievous error in their calculations of taxes and they owed me a check for \$3,200, which they would mail me right away, along with \$94 interest! I found a one caret diamond ring in the parking lot of 7-11.

All in all, my life has continued like this for the last 30 plus years. Everything has gotten better and better since I took up the collecting of trade tokens! Magic? Destiny? I don't know! All I can say is that trade tokens changed this old coin collector's life for the better in a thousand "good for" ways!

Meaningful Humor by-
-"Jerry", in mid-America

