

THE BIG PICTURE
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Sometimes while attempting to enjoy the panorama of the Big Picture, one fails to focus on the immediate area while admiring all else. I am particularly stricken with that affliction, as I constantly miss seeing the forest, because the trees are always blocking the view.

Such was the case recently while I was on a casino token expedition to Atlantic City. The Trump Marina has already issued new \$1 and \$2 tokens, with other changes in the work to eventually replace all of the prior Trump Castle tokens.

Likewise, the Tropicana Hotel has recently put out new \$1, \$5, \$25, \$50, & \$100 tokens replacing the older "Trop World" tokens while still retaining the \$2 & \$10 Trop World tokens until later.

The Sands has completely replaced all "Hollywood Casino" \$2 & \$10 tokens with a new attractive Sands Hotel logo.

It was with this in mind that I started my 150 mile journey (1 way) to Atlantic City. Why not, Trump Marina has been in transition from Trump Castle for a year now, Tropicana has been a year and a half, and Sands has finally divested itself of the "Hollywood" theme, and reverted back to it's old name. There must be new tokens in place by now - right?.....wrong!

The trip was a complete bust after several losing sessions at the black jack table, so with heavy heart, I headed back for Maryland and home.

Between Maryland and New Jersey is a small state named Delaware which boasts 3 racetracks, which also include slot machines. Not having been there in almost a year, I decided to try my luck. At Delaware Park I noticed a new addition on the lower level called "High Rollers".

Upon checking it out, I noticed a new design \$2, \$5 and a completely new \$10 denomination. The \$5 was the previous high. The slot attendant informed me that a \$25 token will be in play any day now.



On a hunch, I sped 50 miles south to Dover Downs and was also presently surprised. While the \$1, \$2 and \$5 tokens were unchanged, there are completely new \$10 and \$20 tokens in play.



Which proves my point. Don't go elsewhere looking for new finds before checking your own backyard. You may be surprised by what you overlooked.

