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- 1997 NEW YORK, NEW YORK
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- 2000 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- 2001 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Our 1996 convention chips and tokens are now available for sale. The Official 1996 CC>CC convention chips are priced at \$4.00 @, plus .50 cents postage. The bronze tokens are priced at \$5.00 each, plus \$1 postage. Limited edition sets of the serially numbered .999 fine silver and bronze medals are priced at \$22.00 each set, plus \$2.00 postage & insurance. A commemorative wooden dollar is also available for \$1.00 plus a .32 cent stamp. All items that remain unsold after the convention has concluded, and which are still available, can be ordered through the mail from CC>CC Promotions Chairman, Richard Allard, 3151 N. Rainbow Blvd. Box #220 Las Vegas, NV 89108.

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OBITUARY

ROBERT H. GAARDER 69 died May 11, 1996 at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Gaarder was born September 2 1926 In Minneapolis, MN. He moved to Colorado in 1947. Mr. Gaarder graduated from the University of Denver in 1950 with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He served in the United States Navy Submarine service during World War II and was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company and the State of Colorado before his retirementn 1986. Mr. Gaarder is survived by his wife Loretta of the family home, a son Robert J. Gaarder of Virginia, daughters Linda Drummond and Patricia Gaarder of Pueblo, Colorado. 2 step-children, 5 grand-children, 5 step-grandchildren, and 1 great grand daughter. Services were held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Burial at Fairview Cemetery Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jimmy C. Harpp

ALTAMONT, NY— Jimmy C. Harpp, 47, of Westfall Road, died Wednes. day at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, after being stricken.

Born in Schenectady, Mr. Harpp had lived in Altamont for the past 18 years. He was a 1969 graduate of the Pleasant High School and the New School of Contemporary Radio in Albany. For more than four years, Mr. Harpp was co-owner of Rapid Harpp Transit Raceway in Schenectady. Previously, he worked for several years in the plant depafment of the University at Albany. Prior to that, he was a machine operator for more than 10 years.

Mr. Harpp was a former member of the Roamers Motorcycle Club, the Mohawk Vans, Smokin' and Railway musical groups, the Albany-Schenec. tady Harley Owners Group, the American Motorcyclist Association, and the Americade. At the time of his death, he was the recording secretary for the Casino Chips and Gaming Token Collection Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marty Edgar Harpp, whom he married Aug. 19, 1978; a daughter, Melanie Harpp of Schenectady; a brother, Robert Harpp of Amsterdam; a sister, Karen Walker of Johnstown; and his mother, Lena Velsini Harpp of Amsterdam.

President's Report

By Archie A. Black



The club suffered another serious loss, under very different circumstances I might add, as a result of the resignation of our fine magazine Editor, Tom Dirnberger, effective with the publication of this issue of our club magazine. Tom, like Jim, also did a superb job for the club for the past six issues and he has contributed greatly to the improvement in ap-

pearance and style of our official publication. Both Jim's and Tom's involvement in their respective club posts were probably not recognized as widely as they should have been and both have received their share of unfair criticism from the membership.

As I write this report, virtually on the eve of our 1996 convention, my thoughts are focused on the future. This club is at what might be considered as the crossroads of our existence. The club is becoming larger and larger, and the duties and responsibilities that our current officers are charged with are becoming more demanding, time consuming, and challenging. Several recommendations have been presented to the Board for their consideration to alleviate some of the pressures and workload. Many proposals will have been discussed during our informal board meeting and annual membership meeting at the Aladdin in June. We are in serious need of a few dedicated club members who are willing to pitch in and help out with some of the things that must be addressed in order to continue to serve our membership effectively.

CC>CC is still primarily an all volunteer organization. Contrary to some individual observations, CC>CC remains as a strong viable hobby club. Yes, there are numbers of individual club members turned dealers who are benefitting handsomely as a result of our existence and growth, but basically we are still all collectors.

The club has secured our non-profit tax exempt status from the Federal Government and as such, should not be compared to some of the commercial enterprises that have sprung up within the hobby in the past couple of years. This observation is not intended as a slam at those enterprises; the hobby has become that much better and diversified as a result of their existence as well. There is plenty of room for all of us. With new club elections just around the corner in early 1997, I urge those who are willing to work on behalf of CC>CC, and who wish to become a Dart of the solution. to consider running for a club With new club elections just around the corner in early 1997, I urge those who are willing to work on behalf of CC>CC, and who wish to become a part of the solution, to consider running for a club officer position. Yes, there is work involved which will take up some of your time, but these are not positions for life. Try it, you may actually enjoy it. A call for officer nominations will be published in the 3rd quarter issue of our next magazine, per Art IV Sec. 3b of the club's Constitution.

ATLANTIC CITY



By Archie A. Black CH-001

The big news out of Atlantic City, and the most controversial I might add, continues to be the "Royal Flush Series" being issued at Trump's Castle. Rumors about asking prices on these chips in the \$100 range have caused a lot of concern and heated comment on the part of many chip collectors.

True, there were "only" 1,000 of each chip made; however, less than 600 chips are actually placed into the collector stream after 300+ chips are privately purchased for Castle employees.... and 100 chips for future "preferred customer" in-house sets are set aside.

I have not heard of a single RF chip that has been sold for \$100 cash. However, I have heard of overpriced \$100 Colorado chips and overpriced \$100 Nevada chips that have been traded for overpriced \$100 Royal Flushes. That, in my opinion, does not make it a \$100 chip. Having said that, one cannot ignore the fact that, singlely, they are Atlantic City's "rarest" commemorative Limited Edition chip issued to date.

"A CHIP'S VALUE IS DETERMINED ONLY BY WHAT SOMEONE IS WILLING TO PAY FOR IT."

In short, if one feels that a particular item is overpriced, simply don't buy it!! But..., make no mistake about it, there are many more collectors out there who feel that these chips are worth some of the high asking prices.

As of this writing, we're about three quarters of the way through the RFseries as all of the Spades,



Diamonds, and Hearts have been issued. The Ace of Hearts was released over two days, 300 chips (15 stacks) on May 14th and 268 chips on the 16th. The King (15 stacks) on May 21st & 11 stacks, or 220 chips, on the 23rd. the Queen (15 stacks) on May 28 & ten stacks (200 chips) on the 30th. Jacks were turned loose on June 4th & 6th. Clubs are next..... stay tuned.

And now, "for the rest of the stories" from Atlantic City.

On March 13th, Bally's Park Place changed over their entire rack to a new (and not very attractive, in my opinion) series of regular table chips. About the same time, Park Place released their 3rd in a series of four Willie Mays L.E. chips... probably the best design of them all. This chip commemorates his four year N.L. home run record accomplishments. At the end of May we finally saw the fourth Willie chip, "The Catch". This design was flawed in my opinion as it looks like Willie's uniform is ladies dress, or a nightshirt!

On April 17th the Showboat retired its original chip bank that they opened with nine years ago; back on April 12, 1987. Every denomination chip was replaced with an attractive new Mardi-Gras theme series. The day before; the 16th, the Jack of Spades was released at Trump's Castle.

Only one week later, on the 23rd, departing from their announced two week interval between chip releases, Castle brought out the Queen of Spades, which I missed out on. Another week, another



chip, the King of Spades on the 30th. The three chips above, all were released on Tuesdays, one week apart. While everyone was waiting for the Ace to show on the following Tuesday, Castle got into some "head games" by not releasing the Ace until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8th..., and then they only brought out half of their "for public consumption" chips....14 stacks. The remaining chips for public consumption (15 stacks/300 chips) were "saved" for release on the following day, Thursday. Is it no wonder the high frustration levels that exists, chasing after these things?

Meanwhile, back in the real world, where things are more "normal", TropWorld issued a \$5 LE on April 27th to mark the 122nd running of the Kentucky Derby. An issue of 3000 chips were manufactured, which seems to be a sufficient quantity by most collector's standards.

The following day, Saturday, the 28th, Merv Giffin's Resorts International issued 3000 \$5 Pavarotti chips which were extremely well designed. By the weekend, these chips were completely consumed not only by chip collectors, but by Pavarotti fans as well, who flocked to the city and sold out the A. C. convention center for this major event.

The following weekend, The Grand issued the first of a four chip, serially numbered, 1950's classic car series; to tie in with their 1950's promotional theme scheduled for this summer. The first design released features a classic 1957 T-Bird. Only 2500 of each chip was



produced... a nice comfortable number, by A.C. standards. By month's end, the 2nd chip, a '57 Chevy; the 3rd, a '56 Buick; and the 4th car, a '59 Cadillac were all released.

Trump Plaza World's Fair Casino official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on May 24th. However, the "soft" opening occurred on May 15th. A 5000 issue commemorative chip was released to mark the occasion of the "first new casino to open in the city in six years." The World's Fair Casino is the same site of the old Playboy/Atlantis Casinos and is actually an extension of Trump Plaza (separated by the A.C. Convention Hall on the Boardwalk) and will utilize the regular Trump Plaza chips on its tables. Trump Plaza is on the north end of the old A.C. Convention Hall, while Trump Plaza's World's Fair Casino is on the south end of the old Convention Hall.

On the same day, May 15th, Trump Castle "retired" all of its original \$25 chips, due to some counterfeits being discovered, and put a new \$25 chip from their back up set on the tables. This new chip has different edge insert color markings than the original.

On June 1st, a \$5 L.E. was issued at Taj Mahal to coincide with "The Donald's" 50th birthday. "Only" 10,000 chips were ordered.... some "Limited Edition"!

New tokens issued during this period were new \$1 OPM mintmark issues at Showboat in late April which replaced their original \$1 token. New .10 cent and \$2 tokens at Trump Plaza World's Fair; a new



new \$2 token at Harrah's and new \$2 and \$10 tokens at Trump's Taj Mahal where the Casbah Lounge on the casino floor was completely dismantled and high stakes slots were installed in the former showroom. A brand new \$1 token at The Grand has replaced the old "Bally's Grand" \$1 token.

Well, that's it for this quarter, gang. Will pick it up where we left off after convention time.

Happy hunting,

Uckie



JIM STEFFNER NEW CLUB SECRETARY

James S. Steffner of Wellington, Ohio has been unanimously appointed by the CC>CC Board as the replacement Recording Secretary for the remainder of Jim Harpp's term. Mr. Harpp passed away in early May. All club records will have been turned over to Mr. Steffner by the time this announcement is published.

A proposal to create a new title of "Membership Chairman" in place of the current Recording Secretary, and to combine the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions into a single "Secretary" title, was put forth at our annual meeting by Michael Knapp. This proposal will require a ByLaws change to be published in the club magazine and voted upon. If passed, the new change will go into effect with the 1997 Elections. Until then, members wishing to contact Recording Secretary Jim Steffner with address corrections or club directory requests may write to him at 22474 Foster Rd. Wellington, OH 44090.

CHIP/TOKEN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

A select "committee" of sixty six club members returned their election ballots to choose the 1995 Chip Of The Year and 1995 Token Of The Year Awards. Only those seventy plus members who had submitted nominations were extended an invitation to serve on the election committee.

The competition for the best 1995 chip award was extremely close with only one point separating the first and second place winner and just two points separating the second; and tied for, third place winners. The top chip vote getter chosen, with 83 points, was the \$1 Holiday Inn Boardwalk Casino in Las Vegas. This very attractive, colorful, Paulson giant oversize center inlay chip, broke the five year consecutive winning streak held by CHIPCO since our first annual contest was held in 1990.

Second Place in the chip competition, with 82 points, was awarded to the \$1 Silver Legacy issue, another oversize inlay chip by Paulson.

A tie for Third Place, with 80 points each, was shared between the Las Vegas \$5 Limited Edition 5th Anniversary Excalibur chip and Reno's \$5 Peppermill Harlequin issue.... both chips again being manufactured by Paulson a clean sweep, as all ten nominees were Paulson issues!!

A weighted point system was utilized, as in the past several years, wherein a first place vote was awarded five points; a second place vote was worth three points; and a third place vote received two points. The chips vote breakdown was as follows:

		FIRST PLACE	SECOND	THIRD	TOTAL
\$1	Holiday Inn	11 x 5 points	6 x 3 points	5 x 2 points	83
\$1	Silver Legacy	11 x 5 points	5 x 3 points	6 x 2 points	82
\$5	Excalibur	8 x 5 points	6 x 3 points	11 x 2 points	80
\$5	Peppermill	7 x 5 points	11 x 3 points	6 x 2 points	80
\$5	Hard Rock Cafe	6 x 5 points	11 x 3 points	5 x 2 points	73
\$5	TropWorld A.C.	9 x 5 points	3 x 3 points	8 x 2 points	70
\$5	Rio Rita	4 x 5 points	9 x 3 points	9 x 2 points	65
\$5	Caesars/Burns	5 x 5 points	4 x 3 points	8 x 2 points	53
\$5	Harrah N.O.	2 x 5 points	8 x 3 points	6 x 2 points	46
\$5	Holiday Inn	4 x 5 points	3 x 3 points	2 x 2 points	33

In the token competition Las Vegas' Luxor blew away all the other nominees. A whopping 209 points was scored by this colorful \$1 token. By comparison, a respectable 114 points was voted for the 2nd place finisher, Boardwalk Holiday Inn Hotel Casino, Las Vegas. The 3rd place winner goes to Black Hawk Colorado's Gilpin Hotel \$1 CHIPCO token, which received 99 points.

FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	TOTAL	
\$1 Luxor	30 x 5 points	17 x 3 points	3 x 2 points	209
\$1 Boardwalk	14 x 5 points	8 x 3 points	10 x 2 points	114
\$1 Gilpin	10 x 5 points	13 x 3 points	5 x 2 points	99
\$1 Fremont	4 x 5 points	5 x 3 points	15 x 2 points	65
\$1 Camel Rock	3 x 5 points	3 x 3 points	8 x 2 points	40
\$1 Silver Legacy	2 x 5 points	5 x 3 points	7 x 2 points	39
\$2 Harrah's A.C.	2 x 5 points	6 x 3 points	4 x 2 points	36
\$1 The Beach	3 x 5 points	2 x 3 points	6 x 2 points	33
\$1 Texas	1 x 5 points	3 x 3 points	7 x 2 points	28

Well there you have it. You say that your vote doesn't count? The proof that it most certainly does is reflected in the final standings!



CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE ONE

NAME: The organization shall be known as "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club"

ARTICLE TWO

PLACE OF BUSINESS: The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as P.O. Box 63, Brick, New Jersey 08723

ARTICLE THREE

PURPOSE: A) The purposes of this organization are to promote a closer relationship among the members of the club, to encourage the study of gaming chips & tokens by the acquisition and study of all types of exnumia used in the exchange of money used for wagers, and to assist new collectors and to foster general interest in the subject, and to maintain close liaison with other historical and numismatic associations.

B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE FOUR

SECTION 1

This organization shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2

A Board of Directors, will be comprised of the five (5) club officers.

SECTION 3

A) The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary will be elected for a two year term in each year ending in an odd number.

B) Nominations shall be called for in the 3rd quarter issue of the official club's even numbered years.

C) Election ballots will be mailed with the club's 4th quarter official publication.

(D) Newly elected officers shall be installed every two years at the club's odd numbered annual spring conventions.

E) The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.

F) Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the organization.

G) In the event of a vacancy in office, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold office until a special election can be held in order to fill such a vacancy.

ARTICLE FIVE

ALTERATIONS OF AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1:

This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President who shall cause presentation of same to the membership in the next issue of the official club publication. Amendments or alterations shall not be voted upon until the next scheduled annual meeting of the club. When voted upon, a two-thirds majority of the club members present shall be required to amend.

SECTION 2:

The officers shall have the power to make such prudential bylaws and regulations as they deem proper for the management and control of the business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with these Constitutions, with the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States

APPENDICES

I. The Board of Directors is authorized to create regulations necessary for the organization to conduct its educational and other functions, to conduct annual conventions with exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature, and any other appropriate purposes.

I. The name of this club shall be, "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club".

II. The objectives and purposes of the organization are:

- A. To promote good will between club members.
- B. To provide an ongoing educational program for the club membership and the numismatic fraternity at large.
- C. To encourage others in the study of gaming exnumia.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

III. Membership shall consist of three types of members:

A. CHARTER MEMBERS:

1. Limited to the first 100 persons applying for regular membership into the club.

B. REGULAR MEMBERS:

2. All members applying for membership after the Charter Membership period was closed.

C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

3. Limited to spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Regular or Charter Member in good standing. No quarterly club magazines will be sent to Associate members, but Associate Members will have voting privileges.

IV. Officers and appointed positions their responsibilities.

A. PRESIDENT:

1. Preside at all meetings.

2. Appoint all committees and chairmen, plus one A.N.A. Club Representative, a Historian, and a Magazine Editor.

3. Should any vacancy among the officers arise, the President is empowered to fill said vacancy in accordance with Article IV, Section 3(g) of the Constitution.

B. VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Act in the absence of the President at all meetings.

2. Act as chairman for education and special events.

C. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

1. Conduct the club's official correspondence and serve as the club's prime contact on all inquiries.

2. Perform duties as directed by the President.

3. Turn over all club records and papers in good order to any new successor upon leaving office.

D. RECORDING SECRETARY:

1. Record proceedings of all meetings.

2. Enroll new members and assign membership

numbers and issue membership cards.

3. Maintain the club database and publish periodic membership directories.

4. Print mailing labels for the quarterly magazine and other club mailings and provide sets of labels to the Editor.

5. Issue annual call for dues renewals and receive all payments of same.

E. TREASURER:

1. Record all monies received. All payments made shall be covered by receipts or cancelled checks. All payments must be made by check when practical. Any disbursements in excess of \$300 must be approved by another officer.

2. Maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed \$100.

3. Turn over all records and papers in good order to any successor upon leaving office.

4. Prepare an annual financial report for publication in the official club magazine, summarizing income, expenses, assets and liabilities and submit a semi-annual financial report to be read to the membership at the annual convention meeting each year.

5. To have all accounts and records available for auditing during the month of August each year. The audit committee shall consist of at least three club members appointed by the President plus the President and the Club Treasurer. The written report by the Audit Committee shall be given to the membership in the magazine issue following the audit.

6. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, or officer of the organization, or any private individual, (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to/or for the organization) and no member, trustee, or officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets upon the dissolution of the organization.

CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS:

A. The club shall conduct an annual convention and also meet annually during the American Numismatic Association summer Conventions. The board of directors and officers shall correspond from time to time to prepare an advance agenda of what shall transpire at each meeting.

VI. DUES:

A. Charter and Regular members:
\$20 per year, or \$40 for two years. Associate dues are \$5.
Foreign memberships are \$35.

Mid-year dues (after January 1) will be at 1/2 the annual rate.

B. Annual dues are to be paid by the last day of May each year and are to be considered overdue on the 1st day of June.

VII. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

A. Any member violating the bylaws of this organization, its constitution, or committing any unethical act in his dealings with others, or who has been convicted of committing a criminal offense, or engaged in conduct unbecoming to a member, or engaging in conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the organization, shall be subject to expulsion or other disciplinary action, in accordance with due process.

VIII. POLICIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

A. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided for by Section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by participating in, or intervening in, including the publication or distribution of statements) of any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

IX. To qualify for all privileges or membership, all dues must be current and paid. Any event of the organization including participation at the annual meetings shall be predicated upon payment of dues or by invitation of the Board of Directors.

X. DISSOLUTION:

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or a local government, for a public purpose.

CC>CC CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club, I agree to abide by the following CC>CC Code Of Ethics:

1. To support and be governed by the bylaws, rules, policies and regulations of the Club as such rules may be amended from time to time.
2. To conduct myself so as to bring no discredit to

the Club or to impair the prestige of the Club or its members.

3. To base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality.
4. Neither to buy nor to sell any material of which the ownership is questionable.
5. To take immediate steps to correct any error I make in any transaction.
6. Not to sell, exhibit, produce nor advertise counterfeits, copies, reproductions or restrikes of any item unless their nature is clearly indicated as such.
7. To represent casino collectibles as genuine only when to the best of my knowledge and belief, such items are in fact authentic, and when no significant question of their authenticity has been raised.
8. To fulfill all contracts and agreements which I may make, either oral or written; to make prompt payment upon delivery; and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory.
9. To furnish requested advice to the best of my ability and knowledge, and not to take advantage of superior knowledge on my part to the disadvantage of a less knowledgeable collector.
10. To offer on all sales and trades, a 10 day return privilege on any item purchased or traded, unless I have clearly and conspicuously stated that items are sold or traded as is, and without a return privilege.
11. To refrain from making any unjustified, false, or slanderous comments about other members.
12. To abide by all local, State, and Federal laws and to assist in the prosecution of those who may violate such laws and regulations.
13. To cooperate fully with officers of the Club in investigating and resolving problems which may arise, and complaints which may be made, and to provide such information to such officers as may reasonably be requested.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CC>CC CHAPTERS

I. Purpose

To promote the growth and good-will support of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club on local, state and regional levels throughout the United States and In

foreign countries; to promote the growth of the hobby of collecting casino chips and tokens.

2. Formation, Scope and Eligibility

Any group of collectors of casino chips, tokens or other gaming related collectibles may Join to form a chapter of CC>CC based on such geographical boundaries as may benefit the group. Chapters may be city-wide, region-wide, state-wide, or multi-state In scope.

Chapters may be organized by making application to CC>CC by addressing a proposal to the President, with a copy to the Corresponding Secretary. (Appendix A contains current addresses of CC>CC officers required to be contacted under these guidelines.) Such proposals shall Include the following information=

- a. proposed chapter name
- b. proposed chapter officers
- c. geographical scope of the chapter
- d. list of Initial or charter members of the chapter
- e. the name and address of an official contact person who shall receive all correspondence from, and shall be responsible for replying to correspondence from CC>CC
- f. a schedule of proposed meetings and a description of any publications which the chapter intends to publish
- g. a copy of the logo Intended to be used by the chapter
- h. a copy of such bylaws or other rules as the chapter proposes to guide Its activities and those of Its members
- I. an affirmation that the CC>CC code of ethics will be adhered to by the chapter, and that a copy will be given to each chapter member upon that member's Joining the chapter.

Collectors who are members of CC>CC are eligible for chapter membership. Collectors may apply for membership In both the chapter and CC>CC at the same time, but collectors who are not members of CC>CC shall not be eligible to be members of chapters.

3. Rights of Chapters

CC>CC chapters shall have the right to use the name and logo of CC>CC only In modified form as shown In Attachment A can In such similar form as may be approved by CC>CC). Chapter members, as well as all other members of CC>CC, may use the logo for business cards, stationery and the like, only in the same format, with the word "member" In the scroll below the logo. Any proposal to use the CC>CC chapter logo for

Items other than stationery, business cards, publications, or banners or signs to be displayed at meetings, shall be submitted to the CC>CC Corresponding Secretary for approval by the CC>CC board.

Chapters may establish their own sources of funding and revenue by requiring dues or other payments to offset operating expenses. Any dues or other payments collected must be used only to further the legitimate purposes of the chapter, which shall be operated, as Is CC>CC, on a not-for-profit, educational basis.

Chapters may request additional funding for specific projects from CC>CC, and each such request will be considered by the Board of CC>CC Individually.

Each chapter shall file with the Corresponding Secretary of CC>CC, on the anniversary date of the approval of chapter status, an annual report which shall Include the following:

- a. a current list of names and addresses of all chapter members
 - b. a current list of names and addresses of all chapter officers
 - c. a summary of all chapter activities over the past year
 - d. a summary of all chapter activities planned for the coming year
 - e. a reaffirmation that the chapter adheres to the CC>CC code of ethics, and that all new chapter members have been provided with a copy of the code.
- Such annual report shall be accompanied by a chapter dues payment to CC>CC of \$20.

Chapters have the right to elect such officers as they deem necessary for the effective operation of each chapter. However, all chapter officers must be members In good standing of CC>CC. No officer (elected or appointed) of CC>CC shall be eligible for a position as an officer of a chapter.

The Corresponding Secretary of CC>CC must be notified as soon as practicable of any change In chapter officers or in any change of the person designated to receive official correspondence on behalf of the chapter.

SUPERWEIGHTS WITH X-RAY VISION

Dr. Allan L. Myers

My phone rang. The voice on the other end was not Candice Bergen, the dime lady. It was Doug Saito, the dime man---the guy responsible for increasing the price of low-value chips over 8000 per-cent by writing an unfinished series of articles in this publication. Doug was excited--he had broken a Christy & Jones hat & cane chip and discovered a metal center hidden under the paper inlay. It was a small lead disc used to add weight .

I then remembered that I had a \$25 Sierra Tahoe chip of the same mold design, that was drilled as a cancellation. It also had an inlay missing on one side that revealed just what Doug was referring to.



Sierra Tahoe drilled



Reverse, inlay missing



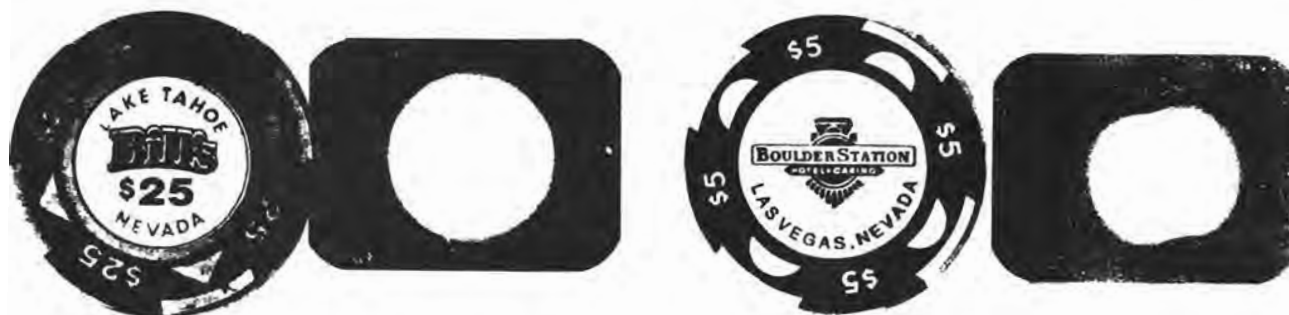
X-ray

My inquiring mind began to wonder whether other chips were weighted. I knew about the obvious ones, the Reliable brass core chips (the real heavyweights), the die-cut metal wafer inlays and the Paul-Son metal inlays of the 1970's. I said to myself, "Self, why don't you x-ray a batch of chips of assorted mold designs and see what develops?"

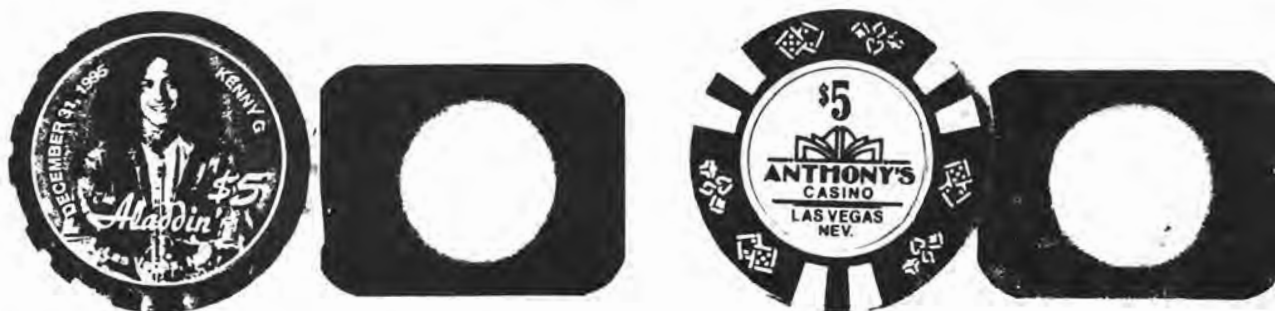
I proceeded to x-ray over 100 chips of 32 different mold designs. In radiology, materials that have a high molecular weight such as metals, will block the x-rays and appear to be white (radiopaque) on the film. If the rays can easily penetrate the material, it shows up black (radiolucent). Objects in between will be shades of gray.

Most of the chips that I x-rayed were ones with paper or linen inlays which would cover the weight if it were present. The only hot-stamped chips that I x-rayed were a Christy & Jones, Castaways, \$1 Free-play, half pink and half cream with a dovetail and two large-key chips with copper specks mixed into the clay. The x-rays of these three chips would not photocopy well enough for me to illustrate. There was not enough differentiation among the gray shades of the dovetail or of the copper specks of the large-key chips.

The only chips that I found with metal weights, besides the aforementioned brass cores, die-cuts and Paul-Son metal inlays, were Christy & Jones chips with paper inlays, Langworthy Horse-head Left, Bud Jones plastic injection molds and one H.C. Edwards ("H" mold). The other Bud Jones molds such as Dice & Cards and Nevada, both incused, and Paul-Son Hat & Cane, did not appear to be weighted.



Bud Jones injection mold chips with x-rays to show metal weights



More Bud Jones injection mold chips with x-rays



Langworthy Horsehead Left mold chip with x-ray to show metal weight

The following series of photos show a chip, courtesy of Archie Black, which reveals all of the individual parts of the chip, the paper inlay and the lead weight.



The Mint, C&J mold



X-ray of same



Inlay removed to show weight



Inlay



Same chip with weight removed



Lead weight

Paul-Son hat & cane chips do not appear to have lead weights and all Christy & Jones hat & cane chips with paper inlays do appear to have weights.



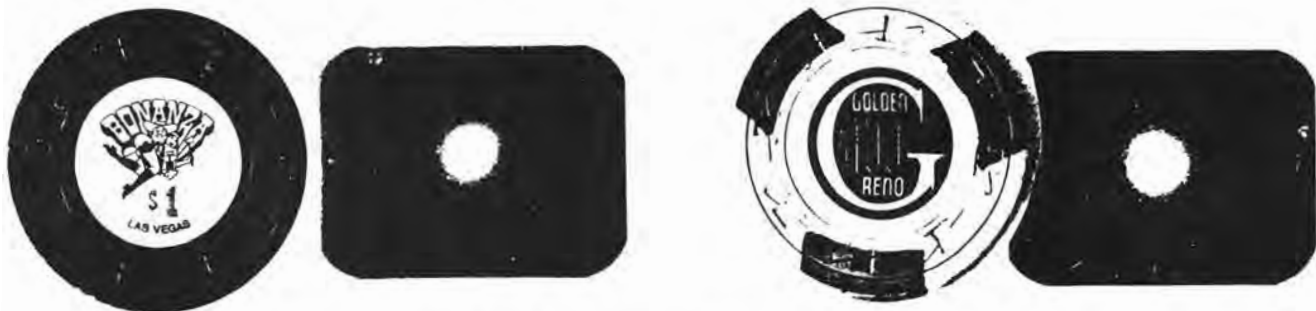
Paul-Son Auto Truck Plaza chip and x-ray



Paul-Son Arizona Charlie's and x-ray

No lead weights are seen on these photos.

Christy & Jones chips showing lead weights:



Christy & Jones Bonanza chip and x-ray

Christy & Jones Golden chip and x-ray



Christy & Jones Tahoe Nugget chip and x-ray

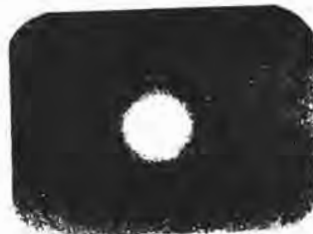
Silver Palace chips, Las Vegas
 S1 Dark green w/ 3-cream
 S5 Blue-gray w/ 3-yellow
 S5 Navy w/ 3-yellow
 S25 Red w/ 3-green
 S100 Cream w/ 3-black



I was confused when I x-rayed the five chips of the Silver Palace, on the previous page. I have prided myself on thinking that I knew the difference between Christy & Jones and Paul-Son hat and cane mold designs. C & J molds have shiny, smooth hats and Paul-Son molds have dull, bumpy hats. Sure, the C & J molds appeared to be deeper and the canes thinner, but so what? If the hats have shiny, smooth surfaces--they are Christy & Jones. But, hey, "weight" a minute! Only the S1 Silver Palace, the one with the scalloped inlay and "Myron Lewis" written on the palace wall, has shiny, smooth hats! How come all five chips have lead weights as shown on the x-rays?

There are several possible explanations. The Silver Palace opened in 1956 and closed in 1964 and Myron Lewis's ownership was 1961-1964. Christy & Jones started their business about 1955 and lasted until about 1964 or 1965 when they split into The Bud Jones Co. and Paul-Son Co. Were some of the lead weights inserted into Paul-Son chips? Were some of the same chips shared by both companies during the early days? Some shiny, smooth hats were used into the 1970's. Did Paul-Son keep using Christy & Jones chips that were made by the Burt Co. until the supply was exhausted and Paul-Son started making their own chips? Or maybe, per chance, there never was a cut and dried method of recognizing the difference between the hat & cane molds. Maybe all of the Christy & Jones hats were not shiny & smooth!!!

X-rays of the five chips,
Silver Palace, Las Vegas
showing lead weights



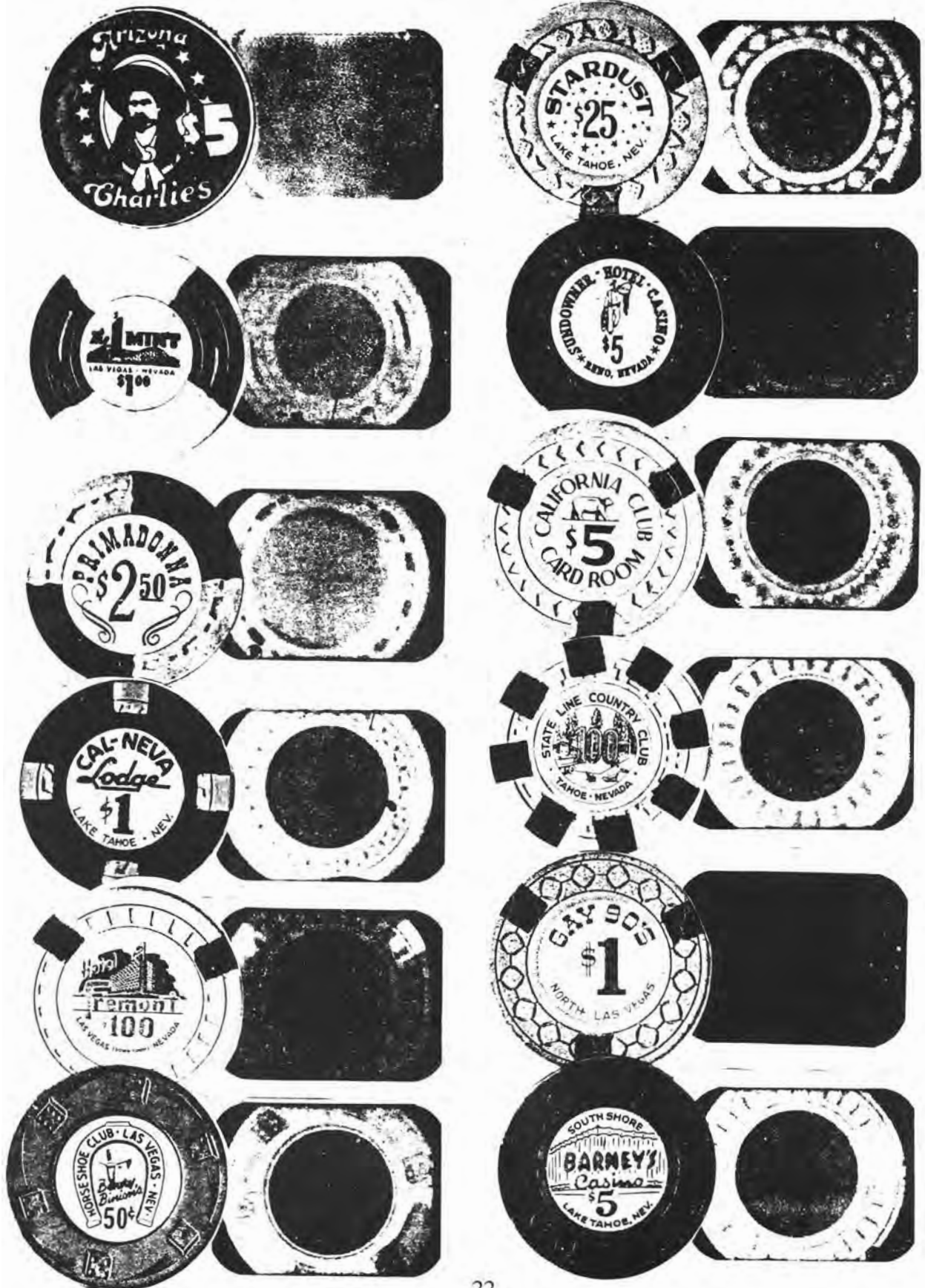
For some unknown reason, this Caesars Palace fifty center is the only H. C. Evans mold chip of the ten that I zapped , that has a lead weight. The chip and x-ray are shown below.



Other examples of H. C. Evans chips and x-rays without lead weights



Various other mold designs and their x-rays that show no metal weights



You want to see more? O.K., here's more!



When I x-rayed two Paul-Son, Hat & Cane, metal inlay chips, the results were amazing!



Golden Gate, Las Vegas \$25 & X-ray

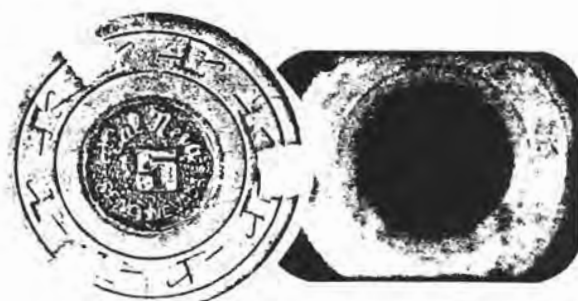


Hacienda, Las Vegas \$100 & X-ray

Imagine my surprise when the inlay area on the chip showed up as black. Now, "weight" a minute, again!----metal should be white, not black, right? Hmmm, I said to myself, "The Paul-Son metal inlays are plastic!" I x-rayed more of my Paul-Son metal-plastic inlay chips and they all revealed the same--a black area for the inlay.



Gold Dust, Reno \$5



Cal-Neva, Reno \$5



El Cortez, Las Vegas \$1



El Cortez, Las Vegas \$100



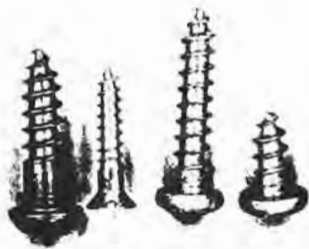
Stockmen's, Elko \$5



Stardust, Las Vegas \$5

I then proceeded to spread this revelation throughout the chip collecting community, feeling proud that I had made a remarkable discovery. One of our collectors, not me, was intelligent enough to call The Paul-Son Co. and inquire of the composition of their inlays of the 1970's. The inlays are cast anodized aluminum, which certainly is a metal, but of a low molecular weight which would allow x-rays to pass through.

With my head now hanging between my legs, I went to a hardware store and purchased two steel and two anodized aluminum wood screws. The resulting x-ray showed the steel screws very plainly on the left half of the film. On the right half where I had carefully placed the aluminum screws, there was nothing--zilch--nada!



2 Steel & 2 Aluminum Screws



X-ray of the Same 4 Screws

I asked several of my dental friends if they were aware that aluminum appears radiolucent (black) on an x-ray film? The only one who knew was Dr. Ken Craig, a fellow chip collector. His son had swallowed a tab from an aluminum soda can several years ago. They x-rayed his lungs to see if was there and they never found it. It did not show on the x-ray. Recent technology, such as MRI, does reveal aluminum and other materials not shown by x-rays alone.

So, after many hours of sorting through chips and shooting and developing over a hundred x-rays, we can conclude that: like Almond Joy and Mounds, some chips have weights, some don't! Doug--the next time you drop a chip, please call someone else.

DATING CHIP MOLDS

ALLAN L. MYERS, CH-027

BEFORE I START THIS ARTICLE, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHIP (NO DENOMINATION) AND A CHECK (HAS A DENOMINATION). HOWEVER, I PREFER TO CALL THEM ALL CHIPS. A CHECK IS WHAT YOU WRITE WHEN YOU BUY A BUNCH OF CHIPS.

WE CAN EASILY DATE MOST CURRENT CHIPS THAT ARE PRESENTLY USED ON CASINO TABLES. THERE IS NO MYSTERY THAT CHIPCO INTERNATIONAL MADE THEIR FIRST SAMPLES AND PRODUCED CHIPS FOR EL SAN JUAN IN PUERTO RICO IN 1987. PAUL-SON STARTED MAKING THEIR HAT & CANE, WIDE AND FULL GRAPHICS IN 1993, FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY BUD JONES FULL GRAPHICS.

OTHER CHIPS STILL BEING MANUFACTURED ARE BUD JONES PLASTIC INJECTION MOLDS WITH COIN OR PAPER INLAYS, HOUSE MOLDS AND VARIOUS HOT-STAMPED COMBINATIONS OF DICE AND CARD SUITS. PAUL-SON IS PRESENTLY MAKING HOT-STAMPS AND PAPER INLAYS WITH HAT & CANE VARIATIONS. T. R. KING STILL TURNS OUT THEIR SMALL CROWN MOLDS FOR CLUBS AND CASINOS IN STATES OTHER THAN NEVADA. RELIABLE IS GOING STRONG MAKING PLASTIC COATED, BRASS CORE CHIPS. A NEW COMPANY, WICO, WAS FORMED IN 1995 BY A MERGER OF LANGWORTHY AND SUMMIT CORP. AND IS MAKING INJECTION MOLD INLAY CHIPS.

BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE MOLD DESIGNS THAT ARE NOT BEING MADE TODAY, THE OBSOLETES. HOW OLD IS THAT ARROW-DICE CHIP THAT YOU ARE DROOLING OVER? WHAT ABOUT LARGE CROWNS? DIAMONDS? HUBS? THESE MOLD DESIGNS HAVE BEEN OBSOLETE FOR MANY YEARS BUT DO WE KNOW WHEN THEY WERE USED IN THE CASINOS?

I HAVE RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION ON MOLD DATING FROM COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL BUT MOST OF THE DATES THAT I AM PRESENTING CAME FROM GOOD OL' DETECTIVE WORK. COLOMBO WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD. DUE TO SOME GOOD CHIP BOOKS ON THE MARKET, I HAVE COMPARED THE OPENING AND CLOSING DATES TO THE ACTUAL CHIPS THAT WERE USED DURING THOSE PERIODS. SOME JOINTS WERE ONLY OPEN FOR A FEW YEARS AND USED A SINGLE MOLD DESIGN. WE CAN EASILY DEDUCE THAT THE MOLD WAS BEING MADE DURING THOSE YEARS, BUT HOW LONG BEFORE THE PLACE OPENED AND HOW LONG AFTER THEY CLOSED?

I HAVE SPENT MANY HOURS ON THE COMPUTER (AS HAVE MY PARTNERS, ERNIE WHEELDEN AND MICHAEL KNAPP) ENTERING THOUSANDS OF NEVADA CHIPS INTO "THE CHIP RACK" FILE (CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE 4TH EDITION) AND "THE GAMING TABLE", 2ND EDITION. I STARTED MAKING NOTES, KEEPING A LIST OF MOLD DESIGNS AND ADDING DATES TO EACH DESIGN AS I WENT THROUGH THE FILE.

I CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST. IT IS INCOMPLETE AS SOME MOLD DESIGNS ARE MISSING. I HAVE INCLUDED THE MORE COMMON ONES. YOU, THE COLLECTOR, CAN HELP TO IMPROVE THIS LIST. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS WELCOME. AND WE DON'T EVEN NEED A WRINKLED RAINCOAT OR A BEAT-UP 1973 RENAULT.

3 DOTS & DASH-----	1929-1930's
ARROW DICE-----	1950-1964
B.C. WILLS	
SM-KEY-----	1937-1965
LG-KEY-----	1962-1980's
DIE-CUT METAL INLAY-----	1940-1949

BUD JONES

COIN INLAY-----1971-PRESENT
 DICE & CARDS-----1970'S-1980's
 HOUSE MOLD-----1965-PRESENT
 NEVADA DICE-----1965-1980's
 OVERSIZE BACCARAT-----1980-PRESENT
 FULL GRAPHIC-----1993-PRESENT

CHIPCO-----1987-PRESENT
 CHIPCO IN NEVADA-----1990-PRESENT
 CHRISTY & JONES -----1955-1970
 DIAMOND (JACK TODD KILLED 1950)-----1933-1950
 DIAMOND SQUARE-----1941-1960's
 DOTS-----1930-1946
 EDGE INSERTS-----1944-PRESENT
 H.C. EDWARDS-----1950-1968
 HORSEHEAD LEFT-----1950's-1965
 HORSEHEAD RIGHT-----1965-1995
 HORSESHOE-----1952-PRESENT
 HUB (MASON)-----1928-1956
 LARGE SQUARES (JONES CO., N. O., LA.)---1920's-1940's
 MACHINED (SMALL CIRCLES)-----1930's-1940's
 MONARCH-----1929-1930's

PAUL-SON

HAT & CANE-----1964-PRESENT
 METAL INLAY-----1973-1977
 FULL & WIDE GRAPHICS-----1993-PRESENT

PMSC (BRASS CORE)-----1978-PRESENT
 RECTANGLE-----1950-1960
 RECTANGLE HEART-----1950's
 S's-----1930's-1940's
 SQUARE IN CIRCLE-----1948-1970's
 SQUARE SQUARE RECTANGLE-----1930's-1940's
 SUMMIT CORP.-----1994-1995

T.R. KING

LG-CROWN (PAPER CHIPS)-----1929
 LG-CROWN (CLAY CHIPS)-----1938-1967
 SM-CROWN-----1950-PRESENT
 SM-CROWN IN NEVADA-----1950-1978

T's-----1930's-1951
 TK-----1940's-1970's?
 WAVE-----1930's-1940's
 WICO (LANGWORTHY & SUMMIT MERGER)-1995-PRESENT
 ZIGZAG-----1944-1953

**Casino Checks and Chips: Why not own them all?
Rounding Up Stock from the Paul-Son Gaming Corporation**

by Doc Finstuen (R-2331)

Anyone who has collected casino checks and chips for even a short time is familiar with the Hat and Cane (H&C) mold of the Paul-Son Company. I first visited the Paul-Son Gaming Corporation show room at 2121 Industrial Road last year while in Las Vegas. I bought 3 boxes of fantasy chips, seconds, hot stamp overstrikes, and color samples for 40 to 60 cents apiece from Cande' Gutierrez, a Paul-Son salesman originally from El Paso, Texas.

My wife subscribes to the Casino Player magazine and recently I found out that they have another publication called the Casino Journal's National Gaming Summary, Bayport One Suite 470, 8025 Black Horse Pike, West Atlantic City, N.J. 08232. I sent for a free issue and discovered that the Paul-Son Corporation was one of the gaming stocks listed, with the stock ticker abbreviation of "PSON". I checked the business section of the San Antonio newspaper and found Paul-Son listed under the NASDAQ (National Association of Securities Dealers' Automated Qotation system) Exchange for \$7.50 a share.

Having the Paul-Son 1-800 number from my last trip to Las Vegas, (1-800-PAULSON), I called and asked for stock information. Vicki Botten, in Investor Relations sent me an annual report, brochures, security research reports, and news releases. I believe I found out more about the gaming industry from that material than from any of the chip books I have or the chip magazines I subscribe to. Stories about Paul Endy, Jr. the "crusty" founder of the company, and son, Eric, the president, how it started, the competition, the products. A 1994 quote from *Forbes* magazine: "Paul-Son is to gambling casinos what makers of pans were to gold miners; it makes money even if they don't".

Although I have my Ph.D. in statistics, I had never bought a share of stock in my life. The only stock broker I had ever done business with was old Butter Crain down at the Union Stock Yards auction in San Antonio when I used to buy and sell cows and grass calves, by hundredweight, for my ranch in Medina County. I'd tell him what I wanted to do, and for 10% or less he'd handle it. Occasionally, he would even haul the stock out to my spread. I asked a fellow faculty member in my university program about buying stock. He told me about mutual funds, bonds, stock splits, securities, margins, and deep discounting, but very little about how to just "buy some stock". All I wanted to get was 10 shares of PSON - about \$80 worth. Next I called some of the big city stock brokers listed in the yellow pages, Quick & Reilly, Schwab, Olde, Scottsdale Securities, Merrill Lynch, Paine Webber, and Fidelity. Most places wanted \$40-\$50 for the commission fee (50 to 60%), some required at least a \$1,000. purchase, and some wouldn't even talk to me because the purchase was too small. Finally, I ran across a stock broker, Kenny Allen at Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. in San Antonio (1-800-733-3041): Kenny is from Devine, Texas ...in Medina County... he talked my language. Kenny helped me set up an account, answered my questions, and cut the deal with Paul-Son. As shown on the invoice, I bought 10 shares at \$8.00 per share. The commission was only \$8.00 (10%). The \$2.35 is for mailing the Paul-Son stock certificate, which will have my name on it as a shareholder. The stock certificate takes about 4 to 6 weeks. Now every day at breakfast I check my PSON stock before I go to work. My Son Kevin is also a chip collector. Today I bought 5 shares of PSON for his 9th birthday. Starting tomorrow, we'll be checking our stock together.

If you collect casino checks and chips, why not collect the company?

These are the private views of the author, Kenn Finstuen, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Webster University, and Professor, U.S. Army-Baylor University, San Antonio, Texas, and are not an endorsement of any company or product.

DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.

This transaction is confirmed in accordance with the explanations and conditions stated on the reverse side.

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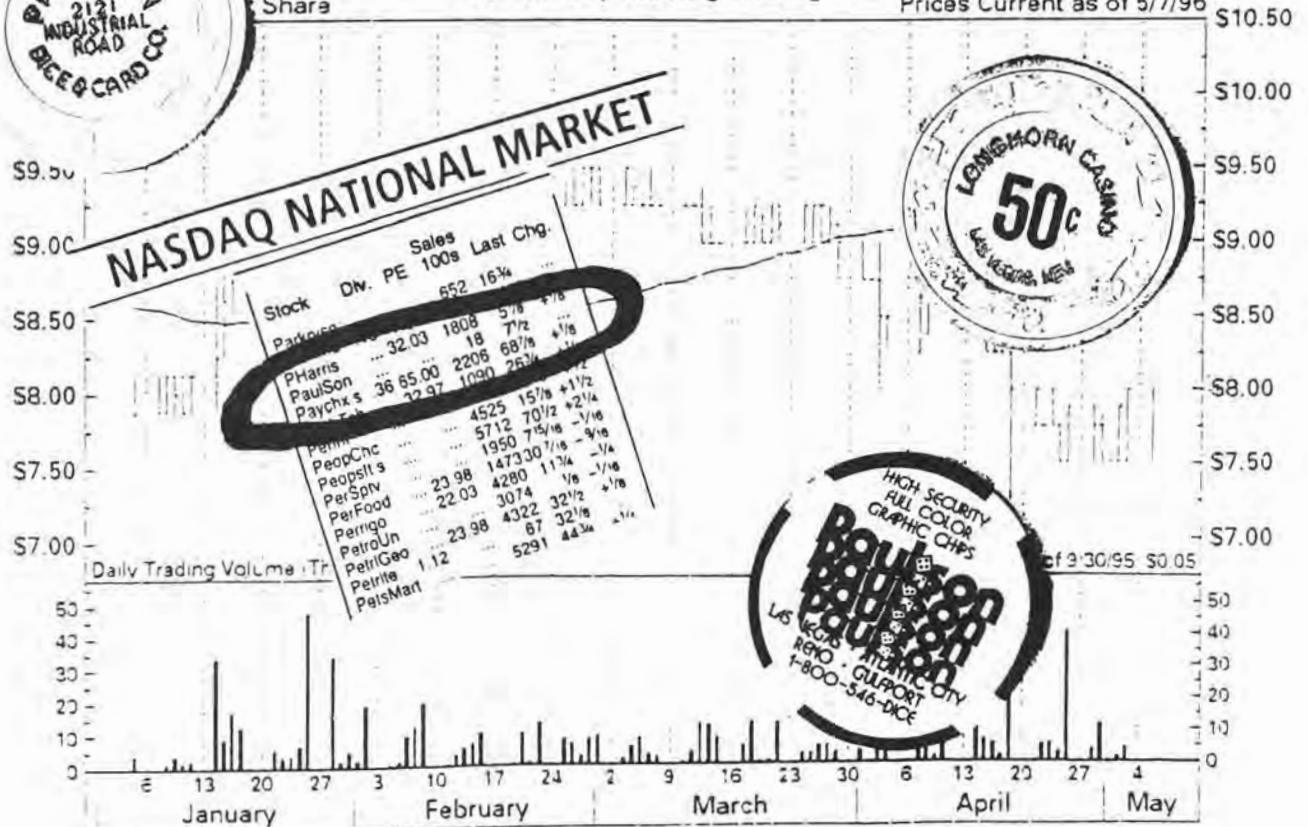
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Paul-Son Gaming Corp

Shares With 60 Day Moving Average Prices Current as of 5/7/96



Chips 'N Tokens update

by Janice O'Neal CH-008 V.P./Club Historian

The fourth annual CC>CC Las Vegas convention has come and gone. What a great time was had by all. The only disappointing aspect is, now we have to wait a whole year for another one. The great thing to look forward to next year is the showroom will be expanded to accommodate more dealer tables.

And now on to "chips 'n tokens". For Las Vegas chips, starting with some that missed getting reported last time. FITZGERALD'S LV \$5 Chipco "St. Patrick's Day 1996". This design is exactly the same on both sides as FITZGERALD'S of Blackhawk, Colorado. SHOWBOAT four \$5 BJ chips for pro-bowlers; Earl Anthony, Mike Aulby, Mark Roth, & Dick Weber. Reverse has PBA logo and "March 1996"

MGM GRAND \$25 & \$100 H&C picture chips for Bruno VS Tyson fight March 16, 1996:
CONTINENTAL HOTEL \$5 Chipco "Steve Rossi presents Back Beat", and \$5 Chipco 15th anniversary: MGM GRAND changed all casino chips from BJ to Paul-Son H&C house mold center inlay. TROPICANA \$5 H&C picture chip dated "May 4, 1996"(for Kentucky derby). There were only 500 of these made and they virtually disappeared in the first three days. The same week TROPICANA issued another \$5 H&C picture chip for a one night Greek entertainer performance. This chip has the flag of Greece and "YASOU 1996 limited edition". There were 1,000 made and there are still some available. FOUR QUEENS \$5 BJ brn 8 spt wht--multi CI, roses, horse shoe, & horses head "May 4, 1996"(another Kentucky derby). A new \$1 chip has surfaced at GOLDEN GATE. Original is house mold--CI, new one is H&C--CI. Both are same design and same colors.

STRATOSPHERE TOWER opened 4-1-96 to a tremendous crowd. Chips are \$1-\$5-\$25 regular Paul-Son H&C with colorful center inlays, \$1 hot air balloons, \$5 sunset, & \$25 rainbow in clouds. \$5 H&C picture chip for "Grand Opening April 1996" has fireworks. For the remaining VEGAS WORLD tour packages that Stratosphere Corp. is honoring, there is a set of H&C picture chips strictly for this promotion. \$1 lt blu, \$5 dk pnk, & \$25 gld. Centers are multi wht with colored denoms. These are "good for one even money play" or redeemable for cash in the following amounts: \$1-cash 25 cents, \$5-cash \$1.25 and \$25-cash \$6.25. Also included in these packages are H&C picture chips, 1/2 brt pnk, 1/2 dk gry--multi wht center "good for one free play 10 of 10 keno game"-no cash value. In various gift shops are some interesting "souvenir only" chips, (1)Big Shot, (2) High Roller, & (3) STRATOSPHERE, Las Vegas-this one in several different colors.

LAS VEGAS CLUB \$25 BJ chip for baseball great-Ty Cobb: FOUR QUEENS six more baseball chips for latest card show. \$5 BJ (1) Vida Blue, (2) Blue pitching, (3) Dick Williams, (4) Williams batting, (5) Blue Moon Odom, & (6) Odom catching.

ALADDIN \$5 H&C picture chip 1996 Miss Universe Pageant: Another issue of BINION'S HORSESHOE \$2.50 H&C picture chip for addition to the original series, 1995 World Series of Poker tournament winner, Dan Harrington. (Next year watch for 1996 winner, Huck Seed). Also at the WSOP, HORSESHOE issued set of four \$10 H&C picture chips in memory of Johnny Moss, one of the top poker tournament players, that passed away in 1995. On Mothers Day, 5-12-1996 HORSESHOE issued a set of five \$5 H&C picture chips in honor of women's milestones in poker tournament play for (1) Barbara Enright, (2) Wendeen Eolis, (3) Barbara Freer, (4) Barbara Samuelson, & (5) Marsha Waggoner.

FOUR QUEENS \$5 BJ 30th anniversary 1966-1996, \$5 BJ Memorial Day May 27, 1996, and a new set of four \$2.50 BJ "Snapper Family" chips. These are the same designs as before, only all new colors. New set is yellow with 8 split blue inserts. GOLDEN GATE \$5 H&C picture chip 90th anniversary 1906-1996. This starts with the original hotel in 1906 being called the Nevada Hotel. HARD ROCK HOTEL \$5 H&C picture chip for performer, Cheryl Crow.

And on around the state: FIESTA NLV \$5 H&C picture chip "Cinco de Mayo 1996", also at FIESTA a new 50 cent H&C blu--hot stamp chip. OPERA HOUSE NLV \$5 H&C picture chip "Happy Easter 1996" (This one should surely be a contender for chip of the year). LIGOURI'S Henderson \$1-\$5-\$25 H&C picture chips in numbered sets commemorating a special type of poker game played here. There are extra \$1 & \$5 without serial numbers. New POT "O" GOLD CASINO Henderson opened 5-14-96 with \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips. This was the slots only Post Office Casino that closed in 1995.

GOLD STRIKE INN, Boulder City \$5 BJ "The Torch Passed May 1, 1996" for the Olympic torch carrier. LONGSTREET INN & CASINO, Amargosa Valley open 4-1-96 \$5 & \$25 Chipco. GOLDEN WEST, Mesquite open 3-96 in old Valley Inn location. One blackjack table, open only Thur-Fri-Sat 4pm until 12 midnight. Chips are Paul-Son H&C, \$5 red-gold hs and \$10 yellow-gold hs.

To commemorate yearly motor cycle get-together in Laughlin, five chips were issued, all \$5: COLORADO BELLE, EDGEWATER, & PIONEER are H&C picture chips, entitled "Biker Babes"; RAMADA EXPRESS is Chipco; RIVERSIDE RESORT is R.T.Plastics, with Don Laughlin dressed in leathers on a motor cycle. GOLD RIVER also has the 1993 Chipco for this event still available only during the one week. Look for them again next year. One odd note: While at the EDGEWATER recently we observed workers in the cashier cage unpacking plastic bags full of new 50 cent chips. Since they were brand new we decided to bring a few home. As is the usual case, when checking them in, we found they are an entirely different shade of purple than the originals. Type-I (1995) lavender, Type-II (1996) dark purple. These are the unicorn mold hot stamped chips that come from Chipco.

In Reno the CLARION HOTEL has changed name to ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT (NO relation to Sun International's Atlantis Resort and Casino, Paradise Island, Bahamas). All new chips are BJ with colorful inlays, \$1-\$2,50-\$5-\$25. The \$5 Grand Opening is also BJ, but with a very narrow rim and much larger center inlay picture.

At CACTUS JACKS in Carson City the entire future five year set of \$5 Chipco was released on the tables shortly before the tables were removed from the casino. This set will still be available to collectors directly from the casino. The series is for "Nevada Gaming Pioneers" and all are dated: 1997-Benjamin "bugsy" Siegel, 1998-William F. Harrah, 1999-Raymond I. "pappy" Smith, 2000-Harvey Gross (if this picture looks slightly familiar-check the picture on the Harvey/Llewlyn Gross chip at HARVEY'S Lake Tahoe), and 2001-Peter V. Piersanti, original owner of CACTUS JACK'S SENATOR CLUB.

On to Nevada tokens: GOLDEN NUGGET, LV \$10 (1996) OC "50th anniversary", same design as \$2 reported last time. BALLY'S, LV \$10 (1996) OPM brass, also \$2 (1996) OPM brass, same design as \$10; MIRAGE, LV \$10 (1996) RWM brass; PEPPERMILL, Wendover \$10 is regular slot token, not silver strike, (1996) GDC; RED GARTER, Wendover \$5 (1996) "G" brass; FLAMINGO HILTON, LV \$10 (1996) GDC regular slots; ELDORADO, Reno \$10 (1996) GDC, same design as \$1, regular slots; BOOMTOWN, Verdi \$10 NCM 1996 brass, same stagecoach design as previous tokens, regular slots; CACTUS PETE'S, Jackpot new \$5 token. This token was approved in 1994, but never put into play until recently in 1996. Token will be listed as (1996)/1994 LM in O'Neal check lists.

STRATOSPHERE TOWER open 4-1-96, tokens are \$1-\$2-\$5-\$10-\$25. All have same design, full tower obverse & top pod with roller coaster reverse. There is also a \$1 dated "Grand Opening" token. POT "O" GOLD CASINO, Henderson open 5-4-96 \$1 (1996) GDC; GOLDEN WEST, Mesquite \$1 (1996) OC brass; LONGSTREET INN & CASINO, Amargosa Valley \$1 Chipco Pro-Tech II. These tokens are being used at this time in the machines, but will not stand up under machine play. New tokens have been ordered and Pro-Tech II will then be used only as \$1 chips on blackjack tables; CLARION HOTEL, Reno has changed name to ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT. Tokens are \$1-\$5-\$10 (1996) GDC.

BAR TOKENS: Blue Ox Tavern (was The Tavern) 5825 W Sahara LV; Office Bar #5 LV (1996) CT, route company is E-T-T. Same design as before, only change is new route company. PT's Slot Casino (was Art's Place) LV (1996) CT, same design as other PT's. Pepe Muldoon's LV.; A new Magoo's Bar & Grill 3234 N Decatur NLV. Same design as other Magoo's (1996) OC brass. Back Door Lounge LV, Quenchers LV (was Shakers), and Whiskey Creek Saloon II (was Outlet Lounge)LV.

Altura's Bar, Bully's Sports Bar & Grill, Kahuna's Bar & Grill, Scruples Bar & Grill, Shenanigan's Olde English Pub, and Chewy & Jugs Pub & Eatery, all Reno. Crosby Lodge, Pyramid Lake (north of Reno) (1996)/1989 NCM. Old reverse die used for this new token. Playhouse Lounge and Sticky fingers, both Sparks.

Pat's Fine Food & Cocktails, Moapa; Red Rooster, Overton; The Corner(Bar), Mesquite, and Wildhorse Saloon & Pizza Company, Minden (was Olde Time Bar & Grill).

STORES: Tom Ballard's 7-11, 5110 S Maryland Pkwy, Kindra's 7-11, 1805 E Tropicana, and Twin Lakes Liquor (was Patty G's Bar-no tokens) all Las Vegas. Circle K-this token is generic to all Circle K stores in the Las Vegas area that have dollar slots. TJ's

Quik Mart 3655 S Durango, LV. Design is bunny on skateboard. Khoury's Market 572 Spring Valley Ct, Elko (was K-Market).

SILVER PREMIUM TOKENS in Nevada: BOOMTOWN, LV \$10 motorhome. Machine is in the store of the RV Park across from the casino. BOURBON STREET and HOTEL SAN REMO, both LV, replaced \$7 with new \$10, same design as before. FLAMINGO HILTON, Laughlin, new \$10 same design as \$7. CLARION HOTEL, Reno \$10 (1995) GDC is obsolete. New name is ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT with new \$10 Silver Strike token. HARRAH'S, Reno two \$10, Babe Ruth Centennial and Babe Ruth-714 home runs. RENO HILTON RESORT two \$10, T-6 Texan airplane and '58 Corvette. HARRAH'S LT two new \$10, genie skating and genie skiing.

SILVER SMITH, Wendover \$10 calf roping and STATELINE, Wendover \$10 horses. Mint mark "G" in grass under horses. CACTUS PETE'S, Jackpot \$10 & \$20 for 40th anniversary 1996. Both have same design, 1956 building obverse, 1996 building reverse. OPERA HOUSE, NLV two \$10. STRATOSPHERE, LV open 4-1-96 has twenty (20) different \$10 Silver Strike tokens. For complete check list of Nevada \$10-\$20-\$40 Silver Strike tokens, which includes photo copy pictures of all 20 Stratosphere, send \$3.00 to Janice O'Neal 8122 W Flamingo #66 Las Vegas, Nv 89117.

CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS: ARTICHOKE JOE'S, San Bruno \$5 Chipco 80th anniversary 1916-1996; THE VINEYARD CASINO opened 12-95 in Fowler. Chips are 50cent H&C--hot stamp, \$1-\$5 H&C picture chip; PACIFIC NEWS CARD ROOM, San Mateo, chips are \$1-\$2-\$3-\$5 BJ center inlay. It now seems the \$8 Luxor chip in Las Vegas was not the "first" to be issued. GOLD RUSH CARDROOM, Grass Valley issued a new set of Chipco recently and this set includes an \$8 chip. Set is \$1-\$5-\$8 Chipco.

COLORADO: BLACKHAWK; HARRAH'S (1996) GDC token, same design as before. Token variations: COLORADO CENTRAL STATION 1993 LM water tower, Type I-rounded rim both sides, small rim letters. Type II- flat rim both sides, large rim letters. Letters not as large as 1994 GDC train engine. GILPIN HOTEL 1992 NCM, Type I-"C" in circle even with NCM. Type II-"C" in circle above NCM. This is a second die and is showing up in several different areas. GOLDEN GATE CASINO new \$5 token with "Blackhawk, Co" in raised letters.

EUREKA CASINO has started their outlandish set of 55 Colorado mountain peaks. In my opinion this is just plain too much. These are to be issued five chips at a time. There will be numbered and un-numbered sets. Sets with no edge picture, edge picture of skier, and edge picture of mountain climber. All these "edge picture" sets will still be of the same 55 mountain peaks. To have a "complete" set of everything is beyond my comprehension. The first five are-Mt. Elbert, Mt. Massive, Mt. Harvard, La Planta Peak, and Blanca Peak.

CROOKS PALACE has issued a new \$5 (1996) GDC brass token.

CENTRAL CITY: PAPON'S closed 3-96 (rumor-may reopen in near future).

CRIPPLE CREEK; TREASURE MOUNTAIN CASINO open 4-1-96. \$1 token (1996) GDC and \$5 Chipco. Replaces closed Elk Creek and Turf Club casinos. PHENIX HOUSE closed 3-31-96. Building to become part of MIDNIGHT ROSE. The STAR closed suddenly 4-12-96 for nonpayment of taxes. Sources report there were over 8,000 of the \$1 STAR chips sold recently and are now being offered for sale at a whopping \$300 each.

FLORIDA: MIDNIGHT GAMBLER, Pompano Beach first cruise 3-14-96. Chips are \$1 wht 3 blk, \$2.50 pnk 3 dk blu, & \$5 red 4 wht. All have multi on blk center inlay and are by R.T. Plastics of Nevada.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO CRUISES "PARADISE III", Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale new set of Chipco, \$1 white-leaping dolphin, \$2.50 blue-cruise ship, & \$5 light red-palm tree and sunset. Also a \$5 no cash value Chipco here.

It seems one day cruise ships are not faring too well in Florida. Not only did the new CLUB ROYALE cease operations in April, but the MIDNIGHT GAMBLER, whose first cruise was 3-14-96, has shut down as of 5-6-96.

IOWA: Slots have now been added at three race tracks here. BLUFFS RUN at Council Bluffs has three \$1 tokens and one \$5 (1995) GDC. (1) Dodge House (2) Lewis & Clark (3) black squirrel. The \$5 has a sunflower face & 8 stars. The obverse of all tokens is the same. DUBUQUE GREYHOUND PARK AND CASINO at Dubuque has one \$1 and one \$5 tokens. Same design on both (1995) GDC. PRAIRIE MEADOWS at Altoona, tokens are (1995) NCM. \$1 & \$5 are plain metal. The \$25 & \$100 are NCM color centers and are really outstanding colors.

WASHINGTON: ALL STAR LANES CARDROOM at Silverdale. Chips are \$1 blue and \$5 red Chipco.

RIVERBOATS: CASINO AZTAR, Evansville, ind \$5 Grand Opening token is an unusual pink color metal 1995 OPM same design as regular \$5 token; MISSISSIPPI BELLE II, Clinton, Iowa has two varieties of \$1 chips. Both are H&C white-hot stamp MBII initials only. Type I-has space between "MB" & "II". Type II-there is no space; HARRAH'S CASINO CRUISES, Joliet, Ill has added \$2 & \$10 tokens (1996) GDC, both are same design.

PLAYERS INTERNATIONAL, Lake Charles, La has changed name to PLAYERS ISLAND HOTEL CASINO. Boats are now PLAYERS ISLAND-PLAYERS CASINO and PLAYERS ISLAND-STAR CASINO. So far only the \$5 chips are new. PLAYERS CASINO \$5 H&C red 4 yel/lav/yel-multi wht ci. Players Island logo obverse, pirate figure reverse. STAR CASINO \$5 H&C red 3 dk tan/dk blu-multi wht ci. Players Island logo obverse, tucan bird figure reverse.

TREASURE BAY, Biloxi, Miss \$5 Chipco-2nd anniversary 1996. Also set of three "No Cash Value" tournament chips. 5-25-100 Chipco. HARRAH'S, Tunica, Miss, new boat is HARRAH'S TUNICA MARDI GRAS CASINO, OPEN 4-96 (was Southern Belle) \$1-\$2.50-\$5 H&C picture chips. Tokens not reported yet. HOLLYWOOD CASINO, Tunica, Miss. \$5 Chipco "Adventure" and \$1 (1996) GDC token "Adventure Slots" HARRAH'S, N. Kansas City, Mo. \$5 BJ 1996 dated commemorative chip. Mardi Gras jester on center inlay.

INDIAN CASINOS: DESERT DIAMOND CASINO, Tucson, Az. had an original \$5 Chipco that was dark maroon in the center. This chip was pulled from play after only a short time and a \$5 Chipco with yellow center replaced it. The yellow center chip is still in play. CLIFF CASTLE CASINO, Camp Verde, Az. is slots only, \$1 token (1995) GDC.

HON-DAH CASINO, Pine Top, Az. removed all poker tables-chips are retired, HARRAH'S AK-CHIN CASINO, Phoenix, Az. (at Maricopa) discontinued use of 50 cent H&C-hot stamp chips. There is a \$10 H&C-center inlay chip available for sale at the cashier to collectors that was never put in play.

CACHE CREEK INDIAN BINGO & CASINO, Brooks, Calif. added 25 cent H&C pink-hot stamp chip. Also two anniversary chips. Both \$5 H&C picture chips, (1) First anniversary, October 1994 (for casino) and (2)

Tenth anniversary, June 1995 (for bingo hall). Reverse design same on both. ELK VALLEY CASINO, Crescent City, Calif. has a very plain hot stamp BJ \$1 chip, but has \$5 BJ red 4 black with very colorful center inlay. SYCUAN RESERVATION, El Cajon, Calif. new 25 cent chip, BJ 8 suit dark brown-center inlay w/gold hologram ring.

MICCOSUKEE INDIAN BINGO, Miama, Fla. has changed name to MICCOSUKEE INDIAN GAMING. All new H&C chips are same as last set, except for name change and money amounts are a smaller size.

Bay Mills Chippewa Community in upper Michigan at Brimley opened all new resort & casino 12-1-95, in addition to their original KINGS CLUB, which is also still in operation. Only now as slots only casino. New Bay Mills Resort chips are BJ, with both American money and Canadian money sets. American: 50 cents lt blu 4 gry, \$1 org 4 gry, & \$5 red 4 gry. Canadian: 50 cents dk gry 4 blk, \$1 dk lay 4 blk, & \$5 dk blu 4 blk.

All have center inlay: blu red wht w/gold hologram ring. Both 50 cent chips are a new Bud Jones design, with four sets of 2 dots on the edge. Slot tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1995) GDC. Both have same design, and have Bay Mills Resort obverse & Kings Club reverse. These tokens to be used in both casinos.

ISLATA GAMING PALACE, Albuquerque, NM added \$2.50 chip, same design as others. SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO, Grand Ronde, Oregon opened 10-18-95 having a 50 cent chip with pink edge. This was discontinued and a new 50 cent chip put into to play with a light purple edge. This has also been discontinued and there will be no more 50 cent chips here.

ROYAL RIVER, Flandreau, SD removed five dollar slots-tokens are retired. LITTLE CREEK CASINO, Shelton, Wash has a \$3 H&C picture chip, same design as rest of set.

SEVEN CEDARS CASINO, Sequim, Wash. has a 20 cent (twenty cent!) H&C dark brown-HS chip. MOLE LAKE CASINOS, Mole Lake, Wisc. New set of chips to be used at REGENCY RESORT CASINO (GRAND ROYALE CASINO is now slots only),

50 cent yellow, \$1 light blue, & \$5 pink. All three are same design. These are the new Chipco "faded colors". This new Chipco process does not make a desirable looking chip for collectors.

As always, "THANK YOU" to all of you that have sent information to keep this column as up to date as possible.

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BULLETIN

On Monday, June 24th, immediately following the conclusion of our 1996 Las Vegas convention, Howard and Gregg Herz's home and two automobiles in Minden, Nevada were totally destroyed by a raging forest fire. The fire, which was set by two boys playing with gasoline, roared up the canyon where the Herz' beautiful home is located and was totally consumed along with several other large homes in the area.

Fortunately, no injuries were suffered as the Howard, Gregg, and their young daughter, Marcie, were in Las Vegas for the convention when the fire broke out. Some of our thoughtful Nevada and California club members gathered up a large box of toys to send to Gregg Herz mom's house for little Marcie.

In addition to all the personal property and historic family treasures and memories lost in the devastating fire, were all of Howard & Gregg's files of negatives, photos and records of gaming chips and tokens that Howdy has been assembling for his new book which he's been diligently working on for years.

Much of Howard's chip inventory it was reported, was stored at his office away from the house and was not damaged as a result of the fire although much of his personal collection at his home was lost.

The club extends our most sincere sympathy to the Herz's for their unfortunate traumatic loss and we hope that they can rebuild a new home and maintain a continuing interest in their hobby and profession during this period of turmoil in their lives.

As a footnote; earlier in the week during the convention, Gregg Herz was unanimously selected by the CC>CC Board as the new replacement Editor of the club magazine; a position which she had enthusiastically accepted and was looking forward to performing. At this point in time, with all that is going on in both Gregg and Howdy's life, it is not clear if Gregg will be able to fulfill the Editor's position.

CALIFORNIA RAMBLING, GAMBLING, and COLLECTING

by Michael Moore

I have not written for CC&TN for quite awhile. So first of all I have a new address in beautiful Santa Barbara where I think I am settled. Since August of last year I have moved three times. Unpacking and trying to find things, well you know the story. I have managed to find some interesting chips during that time. The Ash Street Card Room in Ventura bought new \$1 and \$5 chips with a hot stamped Ash St. logo. The interesting part is the \$1 chips have two different types of inserts. The first order came in with a Lt. Blue \$1 with two ¼" green and two ¼" red. The manager told Paul-son's it wasn't what he ordered and they sent the corrected order free with four 1/8" green and four 1/8" red. Nice way to get double chips.



In the small town of Tracy, in the middle of nowhere, on the way to nothing California, I found a card room with a game going. Everyone at the table had mountains of blue Chipco's. I asked about a seat and was told I was second up. What I really wanted was the chips but you have to be careful how you approach these things in small California clubs. I asked about the limit they were playing. It was 50¢ - \$1 limit. It is the smallest game I personally have ever seen in a card room. I decided I would flat out just ask to buy chips because I didn't want to have to wait for a game that small. The floor man was very nice and sold me a small quantity of 50¢ and 1\$ chips. The logo shows a funny mustache bearing cowboy holding his winning hand and a bag of money on the run. But, not much money.



The Dugout was a bar on 'B' Street in San Rafael in the 50's and early 60's with an illegal poker game in the back room. The place was raided in 1962 and all equipment was confiscated by the City Police Department. End of story? No, not quite yet. One of the officers involved in the raid, now retired, came to a home game at my house and saw part of my collection. He told me of the chips he had been using in his home game with other police officers for over 20 years were from an illegal game they had raided. The Dugout. He said he hadn't had a game in ten years and would sell them to me. As is common with illegal clubs, there is no denomination or location. There's four colors; red, blue, white, and yellow, with an 'L' mold rim. I was surprised to find only 340 chips with the rarest being yellow (7) and white (40).



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THE INFORMATION BOOTH

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Welcome to another installment of "The Information Booth." For those of you who are reading the column for the first time, it is here that we try to provide some information about unidentified flying chips (UFC's) submitted by members for identification and to answer questions about casino history, chip history, or related subjects.

As we always do, we'll begin with some answers to previous UFC questions. Also, we repeat our request for participation by club members. This column is only of value if you take time to write to your columnist with identifications of chips you recognize here in the column, and if you send *legible* photocopies (full size is a must; black and white is preferred) or samples of chips you'd like identified. Please don't assume that if you recognize a chip, someone else will. Don't assume that "everyone knows what that chip is." If you have information which may be of help to other members, please share it through this column.

You will notice that very few of the chips which appear in the column are simply photocopied. That's because many older chips do not have enough contrast to photocopy well, and if they will not photocopy once, they certainly will not photocopy a second time when the magazine is produced. As a result, we hand-illustrate most of the chips pictured here. It's a painstaking process, because we make every effort to make sure that each chip illustration is as close as possible to its original version. That way, recognition identification may be possible.

Please realize, though, that *if you cannot read what is printed on a chip clearly after you photocopy it, neither can your columnist, and illustrating it will be impossible.* In such a case, you may send the chip to us, *with return postage* if you would like the chip sent back to you after the illustration process is completed.

Also, please realize that if you recognize a chip published here as a UFC, you have information that other fellow collectors do not have. Please share it! That's the whole point of this column. What is common knowledge in one part of the country, or in one area of collecting is completely unknown to others. For those of you with answers or questions, please share your information by writing to us at P. O. Box 340345, Columbus, Ohio 43234.

Now for identifications of past UFC's:

Q. 870: The Bryn Mawr Country Club from which these **BMCC** chips originated is located in the Chicago area, according to Gene Grossblatt, who sent us the chip originally. Unless we hear differently, we believe that the chip is a private country club issue, rather than an illegal casino in which the public may gamble.

Q. 872: Member Glenn D'Agostino tells us that this "**Atlantic City**" chip appears to be of the type sold attached to magnets, key chains, money clips, and other souvenir items sold in shops in that New Jersey gaming location.

Q. 880: Steve McLendon tells us that this **Sportsman's Club** chip was used at a card room in Santa Monica, CA in the 1960's.

Q. 887: Mr. Pacific Northwest, Steve Goodrich, identified the chip from the **Elias Club** as Ellensburg, WA.

Q. 889: The **KO** on this chip stands for Kelly's Olympian, a club in Portland, OR.

Q. 902: Apparently a number of people have identified this **BC** chip as having been used at the Bank Club in Ely, NV, in the early 1960's.

Q. 912: A partial identification of this chip from Steve McLendon, who tells us that the **W** with the wavy line underneath and the legend "10 points" on the reverse, was made not only in the zigzag rim, but also in a small crown rim, for Don K. McAfee, and was shipped to CCC Corp., APO San Francisco. The small crown version was ordered in 1970. Although we don't know who Don McAfee is, nor what CCC Corp. is, the APO address indicates that the chip may have been used at a servicemen's club overseas.

Q. 913: **Grieps**, the only word on this chip, refers to Charlie Griep (pronounced "grip"). The chip was used first at the Bamboo Tavern, then at the China Lake Tavern, both in Ridgecrest, CA, and both owned by Griep. The China Lake Tavern burned in 1978, and Steve McLendon tells us that the chip is not in current use.

We've received some chips for illustration and publication in this issue which come with identifications, and we thought that everyone would like to see them. The origin of these chips is not immediately apparent.

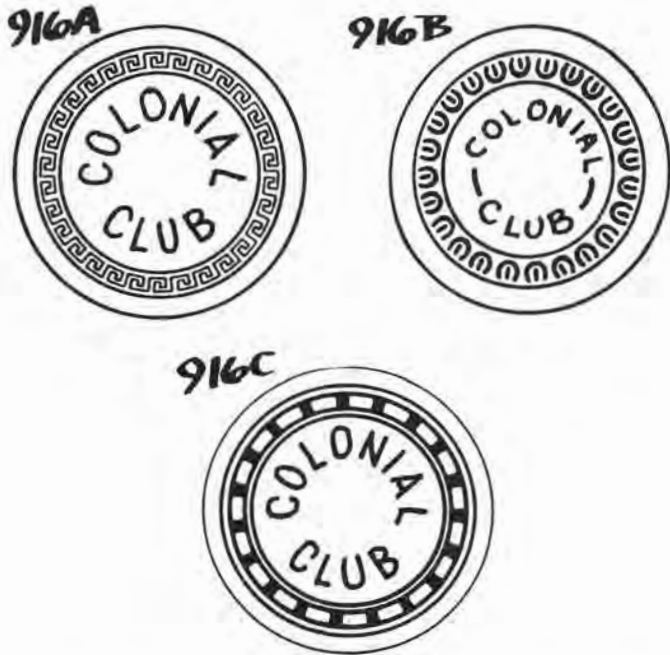


Q. 914: Vern Blanck, a resident of Houston, TX, tells us that this **WHC** chip was reportedly used at the White House Club in Kemah, TX. Kemah was, along with Galveston, and Dickinson TX, Newport/Covington, KY and Hot Springs, AR, one of the most open illegal gambling venues in the country. A number of initialled Galveston chips appeared in the last issue, and others have appeared in earlier columns.

Q. 915: This piece was submitted for identification along with some illegal club chips. It's smaller than a casino chip, and we believe that it is not a chip at all. Rather, it's a **craps marker** which is placed on top of a "don't pass" bet. In most current legal games, boxcars (12) is barred (doesn't win) on don't pass bets. Here, "2 aces" (two 1's) were the bar.

Q. 916A-C: Some of these **Colonial Club** chip illustrations have run before, and none has ever resulted in an accurate identification. We show them again because recently there have been claims that

some of these chips were used at a club at Lake Tahoe, NV. We have not seen either the harp rim (A) or the small key rim (B) chips with denominations, but the rectangle rim chips (C) are known both with and without denominations. We know of a casino called the Tahoe Colonial, which was located in Stateline, NV (South Lake Tahoe), but we are unaware of a "Colonial Club" in the Lake Tahoe area. That's not to say that it's impossible that "Colonial Club" chips were used at the Tahoe Colonial—casinos have been known to be somewhat careless about what appears on their chips! Can anyone authoritatively identify any or all of these chips?



Q. 917A & B: These two chips are puzzlers. Dave Smith sent us one, and we have seen them with identical obverse and reverse, with A on one side and B on the other, and we have seen both hotstamps on the reverse of John's Tahoe Nugget chips. Although the rim design did not photocopy, it is the Ewing mold. John's Tahoe Nugget and Caesars Palace (nor Caesars Tahoe, for that matter) had nothing to do with each other, so far as we know, and we know nothing about either **Caesars Guide to Gaming** or **Caesars & Screenplay**. Are these merely test chips? Were they issued for some sort of dealers' school? Were they intended for a private party of some sort? Does anyone know?



Q. 918: This chip is a counterfeit. It has a legitimate center inlay on a legitimate chip, but they were not made together. The center inlay on the chip was removed, and the one you see was pasted over it. This chip surfaced a few months ago, and has been the

subject of considerable discussion ever since. As near as those who have studied the chip can tell, this is not a recent counterfeit, and does not appear to have been created to defraud collectors. Instead, it seems as though the chip was made when the hub-mold **Fremont** chips were in use, with the intention of defrauding the casino or the gaming authorities. In either case, it is an oddity of historical value rather than a "fantasy" chip.

Q. 919: This **Desert Inn** chip is also a fake, but it is not clear why it exists, or even how! The underlying chip appears to be one of the Paul-Son fantasy chips (Casino de Isthmus City or Pyramid Casino) made originally for motion picture and television use, and now being sold for home use. The center inlay, on the other hand, which has been pasted onto the chip, is a Bud Jones decal inlay made for the chips which they manufactured for use at the Desert Inn in 1988. How the two happened to be joined together is a puzzler. The chip cannot have been made to defraud the casino, because the day red (hot pink) color of the chip has never been in use by the Desert Inn, and would certainly not have passed on a table. Perhaps the true story of this chip will surface some day.



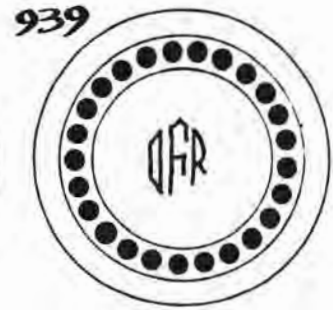
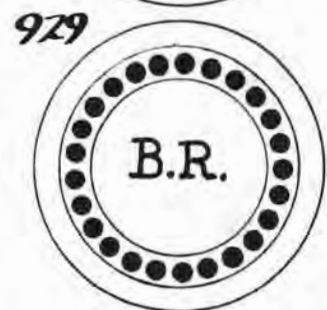
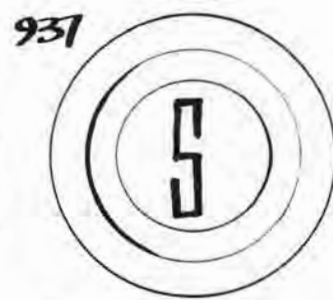
Q. 920: A couple of months ago, a rather historical auction was held in Saratoga Springs, NY. Saratoga Springs was at one time fairly well known for its casinos, which operated during the summer season when the Saratoga racetrack was open. Several of our members attended the auction of antiques and gaming equipment from one of the last families to own several of the Saratoga clubs, and managed to obtain some of the chips used there. This crest and seal U. S. Playing Card Co. chip, in rather large quantities, was one of them. Robert Eisenstadt tells us that the auctioneer claimed the chip to have been used at the **Meadowbrook Club**. The interlocking mirrored initials, however, are different, and might be an M and a W rather than two M's. We have split the two initials for purposes of illustration. You be the judge. Regardless of the initials themselves, it is probable that these chips were in fact used as roulette chips (Robert tells us that there are thousands of them, in various colors) at one or more of the Saratoga Springs clubs.

Q. 921-923: More chips from Saratoga Springs. These are from **Riley's Lake House**, **Newman's Lake House**, and **George E. King**, respectively. King was at one time the owner of both Riley's and Newman's. The early-May auction was actually a bankruptcy auction held to liquidate the estate of Louis J. "Bunny" Garone, the son of Louis J. "Doc" Farone, who actually owned Riley's and Newman's. One of the largest and most famous of the Saratoga Springs clubs, Riley's was built in 1889 by James H. Riley, and burned down in 1931. Doc Farone rebuilt it and operated it until his conviction in 1953 for running Riley's, Newman's, and another casino in Saratoga.



Q. 924-931: Member Dick Goudie sent us copies of these chips, all of which were originally found in **Colorado**. Gambling in Colorado, especially in the mining towns of Black Hawk, Central City, Cripple Creek and others, is hardly a recent phenomenon. Like Deadwood, SD and many other towns in the West which flourished during mining booms and the cattle drive era, Colorado's gaming history goes back more than a century. Is one of our members knowledgeable enough about open gambling in frontier Colorado to identify some of these for us?

Q. 933: 20715 Van Dyke is clearly an address, most likely of an illegal club. Jim Myers, who sent us this chip, says that he found it in the Toledo, OH area. It might be from Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, or some other town in the area. Is anyone familiar enough with the geography and street names there to give us an a likely guess on this one?
The remaining chips in this column are also unidentified, and if you recognize them, please let us know so we can publish the information for everyone!



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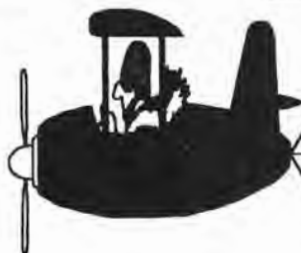
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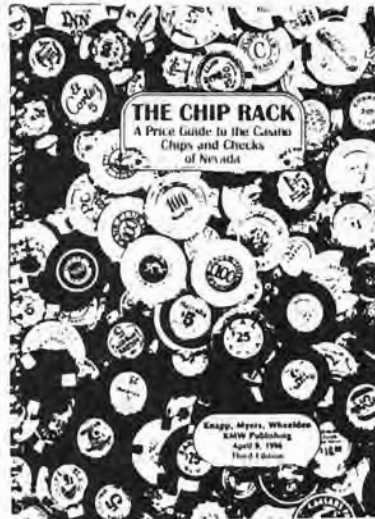
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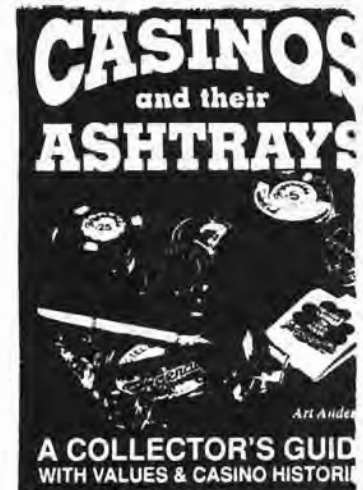
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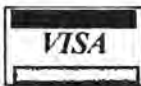
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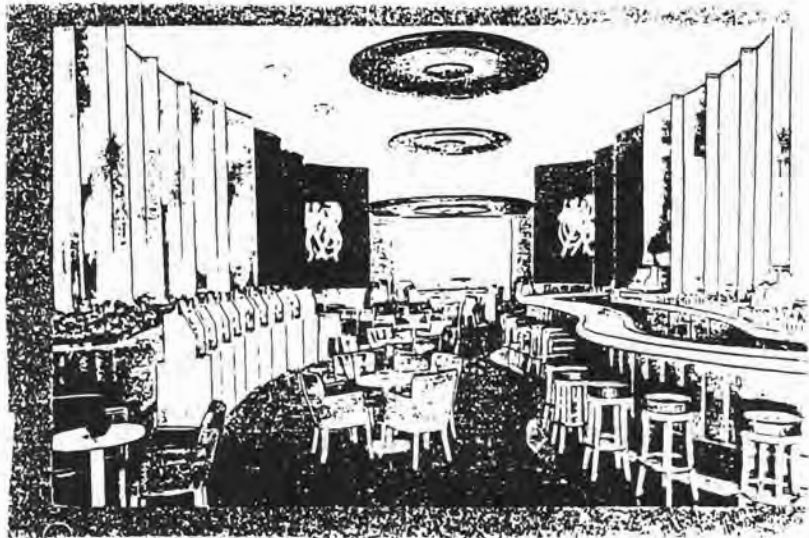
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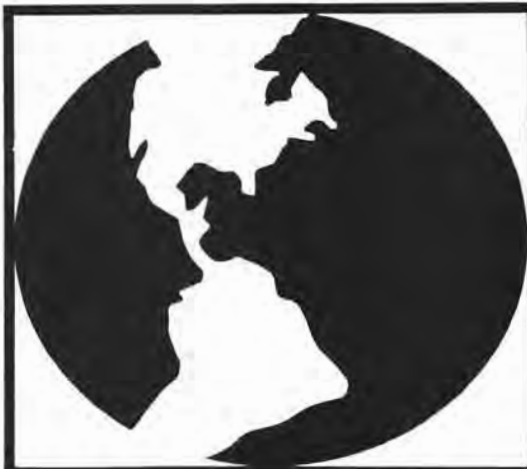
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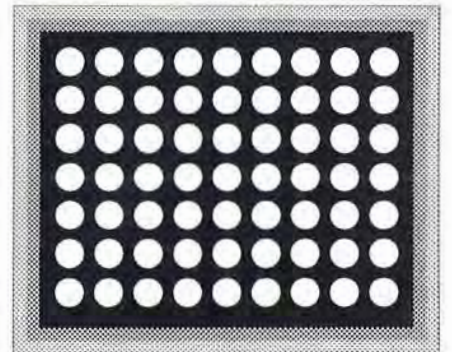
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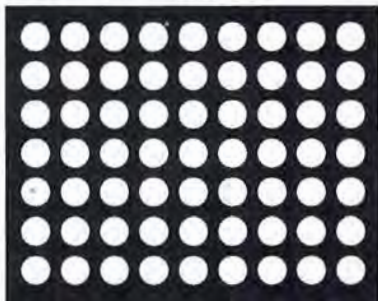
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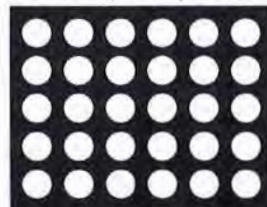
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