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This tells me my dues are paid up until the third quarter of this year. Don't miss an issue by having your dues lapse.

**On the Cover** are photographs representing the six dies mentioned in Harry Salyards article on Spence dies. These pictures are courtesy of Gary Sriro and his photo DVD.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**It is time for elections.** Those of us with offices in this club welcome, believe me, anyone who would participate in running it. We understand that there are many who just do not have the time, and that applies to everyone, myself included, but it is good to take an active part. Therefore, we called for nominations for club officers in the last Journal, and the response was underwhelming.

SO---PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTE AND SEND ALONG YOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS (TWO, USA, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD), TREASURER, AND BOARD MEMBERS. It would be nice if you volunteered, but if you wish you can nominate someone else, who will not be on the ballot unless they agree to be there. This

issue is thus a final call for nominations, and the ballot will be in the next Journal, with the winners taking office January of 2015. It is your club; please do what you can to make it better.

I want to thank our US Vice President, Editor, and jack of all trades for all the work he puts in. It is much appreciated by everyone. Thanks, Jon.

The Journal --- doing only three issues a year has helped some, but we still come up short when it comes down to articles to put in it. I know this seems like there is a broken record someplace, but we do need our members to write a bit for the journal. If you have anything you would like to share, please do so. We would love to have a backlog of articles, not be scrambling every issue.

Having only three issues also helped us to keep our dues to what they were originally in 1996, which is quite a feat. I think we are the only national club to have held the line in such a way. Quite a few people are opting for the color version of the Journal, in the USA it is another \$10 per year, but the presentation of the color version is impressive. A good number of our members in the UK have gone to color too. Discerning folks there. Dues, however, due to heavily raised postal rates, and the plans to raise them further internationally, will probably mean a bit of a raise at least for our UK members.

We were to have some of the back issues of the Journal available on the web site, but it has not happened, for the usual reasons, time consuming jobs often clash with other time consuming jobs, and people often opt for the one that pays money. Sad, but true. If you have the expertise and the time to help us with the web site, volunteers are needed.

**Coming up:** The next general meeting of the club, ably run by Jon Lusk, will be in Rosemont at the summer ANA. **Baldwin's** will have an auction of tokens, most likely the 30th of September according to last reports, and **DNW** will have their auction the next day, 1 October. Both will be available on line as well as in person. I am hoping to attend both of them.

**The new edition of D&H** will be held back a few weeks for inclusion of more token changes in the addenda, a large number of them will be coming in September, and they might as well be in there. Look for the book around the first of the year. Also, Jon Lusk's new book on genuine trade pieces is at the printer now, and will be ready this summer. It completely outdates and outpaces the Bell Commercial Tokens book, it will be a must have for everyone!! Take my word for it!!

Happy Collecting, Bill McKivor

