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COINS, TOKENS & MEDALLIONS of the YUKON
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I thought I might take this opportunity to share with MocTel readers a part of my coin collection which depicts aspects of the Yukon & its history. Many readers will have seen some of these items, but I hope you all see something you haven't seen before.

Dawson City– World Gold-Panning Championship



L: Klondyke '90 \$1 Token – Largest wooden hull Dredge in North America – Bonanza Creek
R: Klondyke '84 \$1 Token – The City of Dawson, YT – Incorporated Jan. 9, 1902

Dawson City Commemorative Medallions



L: Souvenir Medallion – First Annual Gold Rush Festival 1962, Dawson, Yukon
R: Souvenir Medallion – Dawson City Diamond Jubilee 1902-1977

Whitehorse – Klondike \$1 Tokens



L: Klondike Dollar 1969 R: Klondike Dollar 1975

Yukon Medallions



L: Confederation Centennial 1867–1967, Victoria–Elizabeth II
R: Yukon Territory – Fireweed / Épilobe à Feuille Étroite

Canadian Quarters



L: Canada Quarter 1867 – 1992, Yukon (glacier), Elizabeth II
R: Canada 25 Cents 1871, Queen Victoria

[You might wonder why I put this 1871 25¢ in here. 1st: I thought it would be interesting, like the Yukon Centennial medallion, showing our first and current queens, and 2nd : When I was about 11 (ie. '54), my dad gave me two quarters to go to a Friday night movie at the old Capital Theatre. The movie was 35 cents and popcorn 15 cents. While standing in line on the entrance ramp, I just happened to look at these quarters. I saw that one was quite different, so I put it in my other pocket, and borrowed another quarter from a friend. As you can see, I still have the old one, and for me, it's a Yukon quarter].

Non-metallic tokens



L: Sitka– Russian American Capital of Alaska, New Archangel 1804-1819, Alexander Baranoff – 1970 Souvenir Kopek, Sitkakwan Shop (leather).

R: Dawson City – Diamond tooth Gertie's – Gaming token/ Poker chip (plastic).

**Yukon River Sternwheelers
& WP&YR Railway
(Silver Proof Medallions)**



**L: Yukon River Sternwheelers, 'Klondike'
R: White Pass Railway, Gateway to the Yukon – Skagway 1995
(These medallions were gifts from Anne Domes, 1997).**

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WP & YR 1992



Alaska Highway 1942-1992, 50th Anniversary



Klondike Dollar (undated)

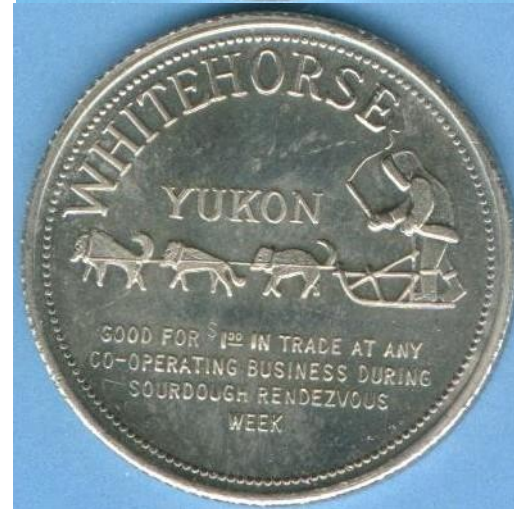
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Salute to Northern Transportaton – Whitehorse \$1 Token
River Travel – Our First Highways – 1986



Sourdough Rendezvous – Whitehorse (undated)



Sourdough Rendezvous 1975 - \$1 Token