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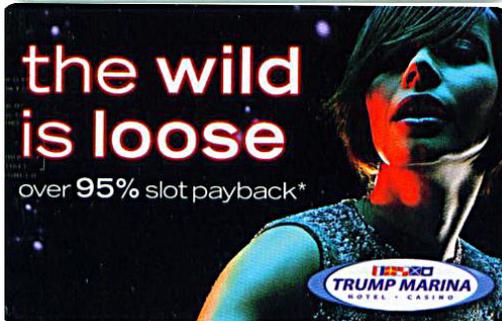
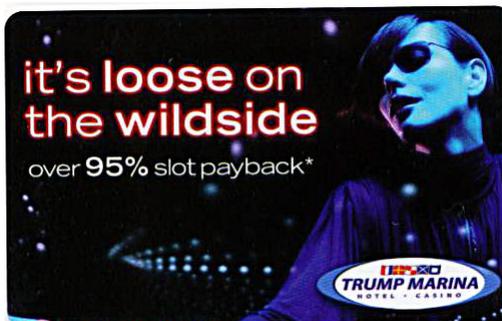
PRICELESS!

FEBRUARY, 2005



**PROUD TO BE HONORARY
LIFE MEMBER #001**

3 NEW SLOT CARDS AT TRUMP MARINA



I've got 'em in stock at \$1 each

ANOTHER NCV GROUND HOG CHIP FOR 2005

This chip was originally distributed exclusively only to those rated players who received an invitation in the mail to come pick up their free chip on February 2nd at the Trump Marina Wild Card Center. A week later, these NCV chips were placed on sale in the Marina gift shop.



MAR-NCVi

HAVE SLOT TOKENS BECOME A HISTORIC RELIC OF THE PAST ?

Unfortunately, with the introduction of TITO (Ticket In, Ticket Out) at virtually every property in Atlantic City as well as gaming jurisdictions around the entire country are no longer using slot tokens. I don't see any new tokens being ordered for the new TITO machines. With this issue of my

“WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, YOU CAN BET MR. CHIPS WILL BE THERE TO PICK THEM UP!”

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newsletter, I will be dropping tokens from my new issues service. If you are signed up with me for tokens only, this will be your last free copy of my complimentary e-newsletter.

TRUMP PLAZA CHIP PROBLEMS

Joe G. reports that the order for the announced Valentines Day chip has been cancelled due to the delivery backlog. Also, the planned Chinese New Year chip did not pass the camera coverage test and had to be sent back for redesign of edge markings.

TRUMP MARINA RELEASES DESIGN FOR MISS DECKADENCE CHIP

I've been told that the release date for this \$10 Hooters chip won't be until May ... I'm sure that Todd Moyer will let us know when it's ready to go.



LTD 1000

NEW CHIP VARIATIONS IN TOWN (RE-ORDERS?)

New \$1 & \$5 chip variations at Trump Marina have made their appearance recently. If you are familiar with the mini-“i” variation of the \$1 gray-ring chip; well the same mini-“i” variation now exists on the \$1 black-ring and the regular \$5 nickel chip. These chips are easily distinguished from their earlier counterparts by looking at the letter “i” in the words “Marina” and “Casino” on the outer white and red rims. The letters i are much smaller than on the original chips.



Mini-I variety

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Above is a scan of the inside core of a \$5 Harrah's metal insert chip with the outer shell peeled away that should help to illustrate how these chips are constructed and why the “mini-i” variation is indeed a legitimate chip variation from a different mold.



What you are looking at above is the chip's inside core, prior to the outer colored plastic being injected into the mold. The high points in high relief on the center core will show through the finished plastic product ... in this case the blue letters and \$5 denomination on the red surface. This core example shown is of the regular “i” vs. the new variation “mini-i”. In addition, the new “mini-i” variations have squared sharp edges vs. the rounded edges on the earlier version, and is a much brighter shade of red.

**NEW APPRENTICE 2 CHIPS
AT TAJ MAHAL ...
AUCTION TIME AGAIN!**

While Trump Marina's NCV Groundhog Day chip may have been the actual first chip issued during the new year ... on Friday, February 25th, Trump Taj Mahal became the first casino to issue value LE chips in the year 2005 when they released \$5, \$25, \$100 denominations of the successful hit reality TV show, “The Apprentice”.

While I was able to pick up enough of the \$5 and \$100 chips for everyone ... the tough chip (again at Taj Mahal) was

the quarter! Only 100 \$25 chips were made ... and the two-chip-per-person limits placed on them made it impossible for anyone to get in any sizeable quantities. Brenda and I were fortunate to be able to pick up eight \$25 chips with the help of a couple of friends. Two of the quarter chips are earmarked for my personal collection and the remaining six pieces will be auctioned to the six highest bidders exclusively among my subscribers.

I'm told that all future \$25 LE's issued at Taj Mahal will be intentionally limited to 100 chips. The head suits at Taj wants the \$25 chips from that property to be valuable to collectors and by making such a small number ... draws players to his property ..., as the long line of chippers in attendance at this snowy early Friday afternoon release will testify.



TAJ-5z (1000)

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Six of the \$25 chips illustrated below will be auctioned off to the six highest bidders.

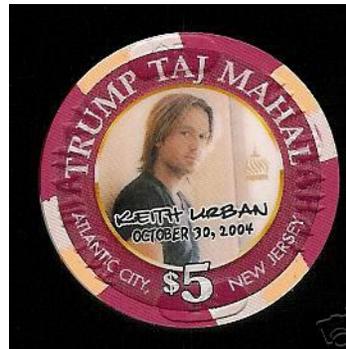


TAJ-25i (100)



TAJ-100c (100)

To rub salt in this open wound, many of my \$25 chip subscribers will not be too thrilled to hear that the next issue to be released at Taj Mahal on Friday, March 4th of the Keith Urban chip will again consist of only 100 quarter chips... and just 500 of the nickels!! I know for sure this far in advance that I'll not be able to pick up enough quarters of this issue either ... and that it remains to be seen if I'll be able to secure enough nickels to satisfy all of my New Issue Subscribers. I'm told that all future issues coming out of Taj will only produce 100 quarter chips.



TAJ-5aa

**A.C. CASINO PINBACK
BUTTONS WANTED**



Does anyone have any Atlantic City promotional pin-back buttons they wish to sell or trade? So far, I have over 300 different in my personal collection and about 50 duplicates I would like to trade. I've begun assembling a reference guide to collecting these

buttons. Would like to add pins I don't have to my collection, and/or trade some duplicates. Please email if you have any buttons you want to get rid of.

UPCOMING NEW ISSUES

Look for an all new rack of house chips at Hilton around the first week of April.

Trump Plaza will be continuing their Broadway show themed chips. 42nd Street chips have been ordered and rumor has it that “Cats” will also be running in the Plaza's theater this summer.

Showboat's next LE chip release won't be until the **House Of Blues** opens early this summer according to Chris Block, Games Supervisor.

Trump Marina; Todd Moyer says to look for a \$2.50 L.E. **April Fools** chip to be issued on or about April 1st.

**NEW APRIL FOOLS \$2.50
CHIP COMING??**

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MAR-2.5a

EMAIL PROBLEMS

I've recently purchased a new computer with Windows XP operating system and have a few applications that I have to re-learn. One of the most frustrating and time-consuming items was my email address book.

I transferred all the data from my old computer to the new one ... but the subscriber names came up in first-name-first order instead of last-name-first. I spent the better part of a day getting that resolved. The second issue was attachments to my emails. Some subscribers who received my test message were unable to open my word document attachment, while others were able to open it with no problem. I'm still working on that one, so please be patient.

The 3rd issue, has to do with scanning images. While not an XP problem, it has to do with a newer version of MS “Picture It” software. My previous computer had a 2001 version of Picture It that I was quite comfortable with ... but I didn't have the software disc to download onto the new PC so I had to purchase a copy at Staples for \$49. Well the new 2004 version of Picture It is considerable different than the software I was using ... so it's a matter of getting used to the new technology. I'm not one for reading instructions too well. I do much better with hands-on training. I'm sure, given enough time and making lots of mistakes, I'll master this chore in due time.

PULLLEEZE **RETURN INVOICES** **WITH YOUR PAYMENT!!**

Also, while I've got your attention ... if you are behind in payment(s), I will not be mailing out the current chips in the future until payment is received for the previous shipment. This could result in some subscribers

not receiving a few of the short issues. It's not fair to those who are current with their monthly payments who do not receive a chip in short supply ... when those who may be in arrears do get one. Please help me out with my bookkeeping by staying up to date with invoices.

SPEAKING OF INVOICES

Folks; PLEASE, take care of business as soon as you receive your package(s) ... or put your invoices in a safe place until you can write out the check. With over 100 mailings each month, it's very cumbersome trying to reconstruct what chips I've sent out to whom when not all subscribers receive the same items.

A.C. CHAPTER MEETING

New club officers will be taking over at the next meeting in May. Exact date of this meeting has not yet been announced.

Visitors are always welcome!

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NEW SLOT CARD AT RESORTS



I've got several of these for \$1 each if anyone wants one.

**IF YOU ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM
THANK A VET**

2005 EDITION OF BLACK'S CATALOG ALMOST READY

The revised text and additional images are all done ... and pages have begun to roll off the laser printer. The only thing holding up the final production is the

Price Guide. Hopefully, the finished product will be available sometime in late March-early April.

Where else do you get all this good information for free?



“NO, I’M NOT RUNNING FOR ANYTHING!”

Archie

ARE YOU A CC>CC MEMBER??

If not, I would be pleased to sponsor you as a new club member. Please email me for a membership application.