

2020 AMCM Royal Canadian Mint Tour

Our Tour of the Mint more than lived up to expectations. Staff at the Mint had the welcome mat out for us. We had a good behind-the-scenes look at the production line and engineering involved in the minting process.

Coins produced right here in Winnipeg are shipped out to eighty different countries worldwide. The speed and sheer volume of coins struck is amazing.



Our tour guide Maia started with the design and engineering of the facility followed by the production processes applied to raw materials from start to finish. The speed, quality control, innovation, colour stamping, and plating quality is world class.

Maia told us some interesting stories which included: robberies by thieves in disguise, misplaced hardware, and millions in stolen gold. None of which occurred at our beloved Winnipeg Mint. Also, nothing involving a group of bikers posing as a tour group, so I'm hoping we get invited back next year.

Last stop on the tour was the gift shop to purchase a prize for the 2020 mileage challenge. Something a little different than last year. In the change that I received were two very cool 2018 Armistice toonies. These are a collectible tribute to Canadian and Newfoundland men and women who through their courage and sacrifice paved the way to peace.



Here's a tip for your next visit to the Royal Canadian Mint: if you ever make a purchase at the Mint's gift shop and you're given a choice between a boring plastic \$5.00 bill or coins, take the coins! Then, as I was walking away, I was called back and handed a very classy Mint gift bag emblazoned with their logo. To say we were treated well would be an understatement.



David Leduchowski, our last years mileage challenge winner, is going to incorporate the two Armistice coins on his vintage custom Harley. Can't wait to see it!

This was a first-time event for our club. We would like to thank Harry Wiebe for doing a great job setting it up and coordinating with Tracey, our contact at the mint, to make this event such a success. And if that wasn't enough already The Royal Canadian Mint has donated a gift bag worth \$\$\$\$ to support our club's charity of choice Spina Bifida.

Look for this gift bag and more at our club's auction, which has been rescheduled for this fall.



Thank you to Tracey, Maia our tour guide, all the staff at the gift shop, Harry Wiebe and everyone that attended. We hope you all had a great time at the Royal Canadian Mint.

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