

# Trading pins in Toronto at the 100th Anniversary of the Grey Cup

Here's an update on 100th Grey Cup pins. While Grey Cup was fun for pin trading overall it was discouraging. I couldn't get any official pin trading going with the festival committee. I basically just hung around through the day at the main festival plaza with a pin trading sign and worked the crowd. I managed only a dozen trades all week despite having a book full of 900 traders, at least 200 different pins. Most people wearing pins did not want to trade what they were wearing and I never encountered another pin trader the whole time. I went to all the team events except for Montreal. I'm including pictures of what I managed to get that was new. I presume you've seen the Hunter and JFSC 100th Grey Cup pins as well as the Petro Canada four Grey Cup pins so those pictures are not included. I've got a Stamps/Argos 100th Grey Cup pin which cost \$12.00 to buy, a Spirit of Edmonton 100th Grey Cup pin which cost \$7.00 to buy and a Schooners 100th Limited Edition of 100 which cost \$20.00 to buy.

## Stamps



Stamps Grey Cup Committee 2012 - The committee was very stingy with their pins. I was only able to get three pins out of 14 of the committee members that I asked. They didn't appear to be giving pins to anyone. Four of them actually told me they didn't make a pin & one of them was wearing the pin at the time. I had three friends who came to the pancake breakfast and only one of them was able to get a pin for himself.

## Eskimos



Spirit of Edmonton 2012. They sold for \$7.00. I picked up seven of them, one of each for the seven people who asked me to be on the lookout for Grey Cup pins.

## Bombers



Touchdown Manitoba 2012. The event was sold out online so I wasn't able to get in. I couldn't convince the entry desk to get me one. I hung around for over an hour and asked everyone who came out if I could trade or buy their pin. I was only successful in getting one pin and I had to pay \$20.00, the guy's entry fee, to get him to part with it.

## Festival



100th Grey Cup Festival pin. I tracked down the lady that was managing the festival events. I couldn't convince her to let me have a small table to setup for pin trading. She said I could hang around and trade pins as long as I didn't sell anything. She gave me one pin which is the only one I saw the entire week. I asked numerous volunteers who were wearing festival jackets with a patch just like the pin. None of them had heard that there was a pin. I don't know who they gave them to but no one other than me was wearing one. I couldn't get the manager to part with more than one. Apparently there were 100 made.

## Riders



Rider Nation 2013. This is another pin where it was the only one I saw during the whole week. I paid to get into Riderville and no one knew about this pin. The Riderville folks claimed they didn't make a pin for 2012 although I see that Scott has a Sask Plaza of Honor 2012 pin already. The Plaza pin was not available nor did I see it at Grey Cup. There were no pins available at the Riderville party. I got one pin at Spirit of Edmonton. They had an event on Friday night where they gave one pin away. It was purported to be the only one to be given away at Grey Cup. The pin was given, and noted to be very valuable, to one of eight people selected from the crowd. Each person had to be wearing a team jersey, so hence eight people, one for each team. They then had to dance to the Gungastyle song. The crowd cheer voted for their favorite. Of course the guy from Edmonton won. I chased him down after about an hour hoping his excitement for the pin would die off a little. I traded really heavy to get this out

of him. I ended up giving him a Baltimore Stallions Champion Grey Cup pin, two old CFL helmets, and a 2002 Grey Cup pin from Edmonton.

## Festival



A Hunter pin with the Stamps and Argos logo. This pin sold out within hours of arriving on Friday. They sold for \$10.00 at the official Grey Cup souvenir booths, there were three souvenir booths. I couldn't get one from the booths as they were sold out by the time I saw one but at the Stamps House party on Friday they sold them for \$12.00. I bought the last six available during the three hours I spent in there.

## Schooners



The **Atlantic Schooners** made a 100th Grey Cup pin. There was only 100 made, numbered on the back. They sold for \$20.00.



Saskatchewan **Plaza of Honor** 2012. I did not see this at Grey Cup but it fits in with other 2012 fan pins.



**Grey Cup** 100th Anniversary Train pin. I went to the Grey Cup Train when it stopped in Calgary and I asked numerous people about a Grey Cup Train pin. I was told one did not exist. However one of the ladies with the Calgary pin club managed to get this pin given to her at the Calgary stop. She only got one and she was willing to trade to put it in my collection. The difference between this and the other Hunter and JFSC pin is that this one has the date 11-25-2012 under Toronto. It was hard to photograph as the date is so small.



**Gibson's Finest Players Award** pin. It's not dated but was given out at the Player Awards this year. I did not attend the Player Awards and did not see this pin in Toronto.



Another **Saskatchewan Grey Cup** 101 pin that came out the same time as the Rider Nation pin.

## Lions

The party people said no Lions Den pin this year. New Orleans beads again. At least the beads were orange and black. I didn't see anyone wearing one at the 2012 Lions Den all week & nothing was visible at the party.

## Tiger Town

Same story as the Lions, no pin made this year. I didn't see one all week and nothing visible at the party.

## Argos

No Weiser Double Blue pin. I was in their event, they were selling or giving nothing and I never saw a double blue bash pin all week.

## Als

I didn't go to their party as it was not in the Convention Centre and it conflicted with other events where I thought there might be pins. I've never seen them make a festival or fan pin.

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