

The Haunted Chip Collection

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I've always collected something... so why not chips? I first discovered casino chips while collecting Halloween art and antiques. While searching around eBay for a new Halloween collectible, I opened an auction for a casino chip... there was no looking back. I searched to see what other types of Halloween chips were available and found there were quite a few to be had, and have one I must.

What first attracted me to the chips? I had collected stamps and coins as a kid. It seemed to me that chips combined the best of both of those worlds. It was substantial like a coin but was also colorful like stamps... and I love COLOR!

So I tried to win one of the auctions. I wasn't having much luck. I couldn't understand why these little round plastic-like things cost so much. But, I had to have one, so I took the plunge and finally bid enough to get one. I started only collecting the ones I thought were really interesting. Then when I thought there were probably only a couple I didn't have, I thought "what the heck I'll try to get the last few. From there it became a "search and destroy" mission to get one of each. I guess I'm a completist at heart.

I searched the web and started buying one of each design I found. I also "haunted" eBay. Over the next few months I was able to get quite a

few chips. I also discovered that there weren't only \$5 chips but some \$25 chips as well. The commitment suddenly became more expensive!

Each time I thought I had one of each, a new (to me) chip would suddenly show up on the scene, but eventually I had one of each. Of course during my search I started to notice other types of chips that were "must haves"... Masks, Jesters, Dragons... and my list of collecting interests expanded. And for those of you who know me, my list is still growing.

By the way, I still look for Halloween collectibles, but it's mostly relegated to when the ChipBoard slows down.



Hard Rock Hotel, Las Vegas, NV



Four Queens, Las Vegas, NV



Harrah's, Las Vegas, NV



Rio, Las Vegas, NV



Aladdin, Las Vegas, NV



Aladdin, Las Vegas, NV

Fiesta, North Las Vegas, NV



Gold Strike, Boulder City, NV

Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, NV



Opera House, North Las Vegas, NV



O'Sheas, Las Vegas, NV



Mahoney's Silver Nugget, North Las Vegas, NV



Mahoney's Silver Nugget error chip. 777 on both sides



Riviera, Las Vegas, NV



Riviera, Las Vegas, NV



Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV



Showboat, Las Vegas, NV



Boomtown, Las Vegas, NV



Arizona Charlie's, Las Vegas, NV



Nevada Palace, Las Vegas, NV



Jerry's Nugget, N. Las Vegas, NV



Stateline Saloon, Amargosa Valley, NV



Claridge, Atlantic City, NJ



Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ



Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ



Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek, CO





Pahrump Nugget, Pahrump, NV



San Felipe, Hollywood, NM



Gilpin Hotel, Black Hawk, CO



Sam's Town, Tunica, MS



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Common back

Wing of bat, eye of newt, drink it down, ain't I cute. Fantasy set of 4



Debby Meister custom chip



Resorts, Atlantic City, NJ



Jack-O-Lantern Lodge, Eagle River, WI. Illegal (c. 1935)



www.oldvegaschips.com, Las Vegas, NV. Promo chip



Eurocoin, London, UK



Chipco, Joe Lawyer custom poker set



Chipco, Fantasy & Medieval set



Hard Rock Cafe, Orlando, FL