

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL!



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We bought our first Engelhard silver bar in 1978, and from that moment on we were *blessed* with the 'curse' of Silver. In the early 2000's we teamed up with a few core collectors and put our notes together and began logging Everything Engelhard, and the rest is history, or at least *Ourstory!* Until just a few weeks ago, we had thought we had come across every variety and series of Engelhard bars produced.

Enter our friend and fellow collector Sal Caruso. Covid19 was especially brutal for those in the North Eastern part of the County, and Sal was no exception to that. Having recently retired, the lockdown and restrictions kept him close to home. But one morning a few weeks ago, he had an inkling that he needed to get off his couch and go visit his LCS (Local Coin Store) to see if they had anything new, thinking maybe a few Eagles, 1oz bars, etc. He walked in, and greeted the 90+ year old owner, and said his typical "Got any Engelhard's?" The owner walked back to his safe and brought out the collection in the photo above. Sal, just being the New Jersey Italian that he is, tried hard to keep his composure and not pee in his pants, swallowed deeply and said, "That's a nice set, what do you want for it?" and the old man said, "Make me an offer!" Sal did just that, and he walked out of the store with the First and to-date Only TOP LOGO set of very early Engelhard ingots, and ALL SEQUENTIAL serial numbers! The set includes a 3oz s/n 03002, 4oz 03003, 5oz 03004, 7oz 03005, and 10oz 03006. WOW! And the BOX is Beautiful, and all intact and original! AND we're more than curious why this US set was presented in an *ENGELHARD INDUSTRIES of CANADA LTD.* Box!? DOUBLE **WOW**....

Sal posted his historical find on social media, and the immediate Buzz was like nothing we have ever seen in our expansive collectible community! He received an outpouring of praise, and of course OFFERS from maybe 100+ collectors. But Sal knew better. After all, he was in his early honeymoon stage on this new romance, and his heart rate was Still elevated. He took a breather for a bit, and communicated with us on his new discovery, and proceeded to send us some great photos, and we are forever grateful to Sal, and so proud to soon post an exclusive new entry on the All Engelhard website.

Ultimately, Sal did sell the iconic set to an anonymous collector friend, and at a decent profit we're sure, but he also told us that it will remain in strong hands indefinitely. Ironically, Sal said that despite his initial regrets, he felt good about the sale to the new owner, and said that "It felt like the right thing to do." We don't know at this time if this set is the only one that Engelhard produced, or if more will surface over time. Something tells us that Engelhard would not have produced just one set, but we don't know. And based on the 30,000+ serial numbers that we have logged over the past two decades, it appears very unlikely that another sequential set like this would exist, but then again you never know what you might come across in this ever-developing and awakening market!

SO, next time you get that inkling to stop by your LCS just to see if they've got anything new in, remember Sal's story, because no doubt things like this WILL happen again. Surely we haven't seen it all YET!

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