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A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

“Happy Trails” after Seven Years

Yes, this edition of the TNA News is my swan song. After seven years and this, my 42nd edition, I am turning the reins over to a new editor, Ron Kersey. Interestingly enough, Ron used to work at the printing company that Mike Grant took the boards to to print the TNA News! Small world! I would like to thank the entire membership for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank the board of directors and officers as well. Finally, I would like to thank all the contributors. Besides many contributions of club reports, shows, etc, we had over 100 original articles published during those seven years! That is great. A HUGE THANK YOU to Frank Clark for submitting 32 of those articles (including one in this issue). I encourage you all to continue to support Ron and the TNA News and send in submissions and articles. The TNA News is much bigger than any one person; it is a compilation of effort of many people.

Many have asked why I was leaving the position. Pure and simple—time. As many of you may know, I am the President of the Society of Paper Money Collectors and the Fractional Currency Collectors Board. I got a new position in January last year that has really increased my time at work. Finally, as of May 13, I was elected to the Allen ISD school board as a trustee. All of these plus Brandon’s needs for work with school, band and general daddy duty just required me to give something up. Therefore, I had to choose. It was a tough decision, but one I am peace with.

However, I won’t be going far. I have committed to being exhibit chairman for the 2007 TNA convention. Besides writing and research, exhibiting is truly one of my passions. I simply love it. Guess it is just the “ham” in me. I held this position for a few years prior to becoming the editor of the News. I hope to bring the number of exhibits back up to prior levels so that we not only have a quality competition, but a quality educational forum as well. So, begin thinking about placing an exhibit at the next convention.

I hope you got to go to the TNA convention in Ft. Worth. It was a very good show with an almost totally sold out bourse. Jim Fitzgerald and his crew should be given a rousing THANKS and JOB WELL DONE! Russell Prinzing also did his expected wonderful job with the youth auction. He had two sessions with over 100 kids attending! When I was in the room, it appeared that all of them were really having fun! The book auction was great and raised over \$1,000! Helen would be proud. Finally, Jim Beville gave a GREAT presentation on tracing Texas history using banknotes and a sneak preview of the upcoming Alamo exhibit. Thanks to Jim for his hard work on this. So, as I leave you, as Roy Rogers would say, ***“Happy Trails to you—until we meet again!”*** And we will!

Thanks to all of TNA for a great seven years.

Benny Bolin

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May/June, 2006

Welcome to new Regular members, R-6701 through R-6704. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on May 1, 2006. The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on July 1, 2006:

R-6705 - James George - sponsored by Dave Taylor

R-6706 - Kyle Callender - sponsored by Barbara Williams

R-6707 - Bennie Trevillion - through Secretary's Office

R-6708 - Jhon Cybuski - through by Secretary's Office

R-6709 - Michael Byrd - through the Internet

R-6710 - Sudong Kang - through the Internet

The following Regular Member has transferred to Life Membership. Our congratulations and thanks to **LM-210** - Kris Oyster

The following members transferred from Associate to Regular Membership:

R-5454 - Rosine Paul

The following members have been reinstated upon payment of 2006 dues:

R-389 - Frank L. Carter - sponsored by Russell Prinzing

R-6325 - Scott Thomas

R-6380 - Alan Kreuzer

VIP LEADER FOR 2006 IS: Mike Egger

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify the Secretary's office and not the *TNA News* Editor of any changes of address. Mailing labels for the *TNA News* are prepared by the Secretary's office from the membership database which must have current information if you are to receive the *TNA News*. Thanks.

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS: If you have misplaced your permanent life membership card, you can obtain a replacement for \$10.00. Please advise the Secretary's office if you need a new card.

MEMBERSHIP AGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED: At the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting, the By-Laws were changed to remove any minimum age restrictions from both the Junior Member and Life Member categories. The previous minimum age had been nine years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by: Stewart Huckaby

Balance Sheet--As of April 2006

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

FTB Money Market 44,227.20

First Texas Bank (FTB)

Youth Activities Fund 564.38

Memorial Library Fund 1,707.58

ANA Junior Seminar Fund -100.00

Coins for A's 1617.19

First Texas Bank (FTB)-other 6,553.80

Total First Texas Bank (FTB) 10,342.95

Total Checking/Savings 54,570.15

Accounts Receivable

Lost Mail Deposit 51.00

Total Accounts Receivable 51.00

Other Current Assets

CD Lone Star Capital Bank 50,000.00

CD Life Memberships-CLNB 30,000.00

Total Other Current Assets 80,000.00

Total Current Assets 134,621.15

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Fund Balance 142,175.35

Opening Bal Equity -5.00

Net Income -7,549.20

Total Equity 134,621.15

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 134,621.15

**New TNA
Officers/Governors/Chairpersons**

- **Treasurer—Ray Leggett**
- **Governor District X—John Grost**
- **Governor District XIV—David Burike**
- **Exhibits Chair—Benny Bolin**
- **Youth Chair—Kathy Lawrence**
- **Coin for A's Chair—Jim Hodges**
- **Donations Chair—Jerry Williams**

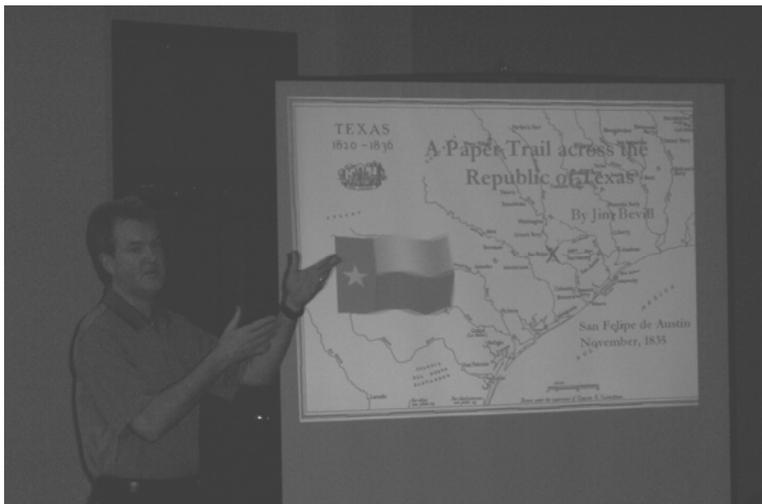
**Congratulations and
thanks for serving TNA!!**

TNA Celebrates in Fort Worth!

The TNA annual convention was held in Fort Worth on Mother's Day weekend. The show was very well attended with good foot traffic, especially on Friday and Saturday. The bourse floor was almost totally sold out with only one dealer not showing up. There was something for everyone to see and/or buy at the show. Below are photos of the convention. If you did not make it, make plans to attend next year!



Visitors were welcomed Fort Worth Stockyard Style



Jim Bevell gave a very informative talk about tracing the history of Texas via notes and the new Alamo exhibit



A very busy bourse floor



TNA Awards

At the TNA general membership meeting on Sunday morning, the following TNA awards were presented. Congratulations to the winners.

**Lewis M. Reagan Award
For Outstanding TNA Member
Jim Bevill**



**Stanford (Mac) Kennedy
Award
For Outstanding Representative
Benny Bolin**



**Outstanding Governor
Russell Prinzinger**



Outstanding Service Award
Larry Herrera (picture not available)

Outstanding Service Award
“Website”
David Burke (picture not available)

Special Thanks Award
“TNA Medal Design”
Frank Galindo

Best Club Newsletter
“The Gatepost”
Gateway Coin Club
Accepted by **Frank Galindo**



Calvert Tidwell Award
For Best Article published in TNA News
Jerry Adams (picture not available)

Honorable Mention
Kurt Hartzog
Barbara Edwards

V.I.P. Award
For Most New Members Recruited
Bob Millard (picture not available)
John Post (picture not available)

Exhibit Awards

There were four competitive exhibits placed at the convention. Thanks to the exhibitors for their hard work in preparing the exhibits. Special thanks to the judges, Benny Bolin, Frank Clark and Frank Galindo.

BEST in SHOW

Class 4--Foreign Coins Minted After 1500 A.D.

Coins of the Centaur

Sebastain Frommhold (picture not available)

**Class 3--Obsolete
U. S. Paper Money
*Confederate Treasury
Notes*
David Schwann**



**Class 7--Medals
General Douglas McArthur
John Grost** (picture not available)

**Class 9—General or
Specialized
Serial #8894 Notes
Hal Cherry**



TNA Youth Auction

Russell Prinzinger did his usual excellent job of putting on two different youth auctions on Saturday. The room was packed with YNs and they all were given \$20 TNA money to spend to buy items donated by dealers and members. This is a great way to get kids interested in the hobby, so start thinking about your donations for next year!



TNA Book Auction

“This year’s TNA Book Auction brought in record sales at over a thousand dollars. A special thanks is extended to Gerald Kendall for his generous donations of books and catalogs, to those who worked to set up and worked the auction, to all those who bid in the auction, and to Ralph Poucher of FoxLair Partners, Ltd. of Port Isabel for his generous donation to TNA for all the remaining books in the auction.”



American Flag Donated to TNA

TNA Governor Paul Garner donated a United States flag to the TNA to be used at board meetings. It was donated in memory and honor of Paul's Nephew Chief Warrant Officer Alan W. Gunn who was a helicopter pilot and went MIA in Vietnam on February 12, 1968. Our thanks to Paul and we honor his nephew's memory. (note—the editor's sincerest apologies for the quality of the pictures. I dropped my camera at the start of the ceremony and it did not work correctly after).



THE TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION TO HOLD TWO SHOWS IN 2006

PATRICK J CURRAN, GOVERNOR DISTRICT X

From its inception, the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) held coin show every year. For many years the location of the annual show rotated around the state. In the 1990s, it was decided to hold the annual show in one location. Thus for several years the city of Houston was the host city and then the show moved to Fort Worth for the past four years. And that will again be the location of the annual show in May of 2006.

Texas is a big state and has members all over it. At the annual conference and show in Fort Worth in 2004, the TNA Board decided that in addition to the Annual Show, it would hold a fall show each year in one of the outlying cities hosted by a local coin club. The International Coin Club of El Paso offered to host the first rotating show in 2006 and the clubs in the Beaumont area are planning to host a show in the fall of 2007.

El Paso was host to the annual TNA Show in 1986 and again in 1989. In 2006, the show will be held at the El Maida Shrine Hall, 6331 Alabama Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79904, Friday through Sunday, Oct 27-29. The hall is centrally located and only three miles from the airport. Besides a great location, the hall is large, well lit and the El Paso police provide excellent security. The City of El Paso as well as the Chamber of Commerce are looking forward to welcoming the TNA back to the city of "Si and Sun".

El Paso is an ideal location for this show. The city has only one coin show a year, hosted by the International Coin Club which occurs in February. The nearest other shows are in Albuquerque, 262 miles north or Tucson almost 300 miles west. In the last 5 years there has been a huge increase in affluent retirees moving into this Southern New Mexico-West Texas area. The show will be limited to 107 tables at a cost of \$200.00 a table. For information about the show contact: Dr. John Grost, 619 E Crosby, El Paso, TX 79902, 800 653 6010 or 915 533 6001

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Koin Collecting

By: Courtney L. Coffing

Ah, those were the good old days, I thought, as I recalled coin collecting times associated with military service. I had just read thoughts of former *World Coins News* editor Russell Rulau, who in the September 6, 2005 issue of *Numismatic News* recalled GI coin collecting.

Thoughts drifted back to my kid days in a town of 60,000, where the only coin collector I could find was a college professor whose gold coins were kept in a lock box. But even there, some bronze pieces of Spain and North Africa drifted my way from an aunt who spent a year in Spain in 1931. And then came the sales tax tokens, a legitimate numismatic field, and affordable, at 10 pieces per cent.

Uncle Sam's marines took me to North China as the "big" war was winding down. Suddenly kids on the streets were shoving brass holed coins on us. Shops were bristling with obsolete Chinese and Russian paper money. I even found a legitimate coin shop (in an off-limits area) where I purchased a Chinese money "tree," about 100 pieces in a single cast unit.

Contact was not lost with the Marines—I have five honorable discharges from them—but later civilian employment found me back on military bases. First I was working as a civilian instructor for the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base. There I attended meetings of the San Antonio Coin Club, meeting in the Bexar County Courthouse.

Assignments from Lackland included a six-week stint in Great Britain. Later came a five-year tour in Germany, on five Army bases.

During a weekend break of one of the classes in England, a captain took me to his home near Greenham Common over a weekend. We bought a bag of 1,000 farthings at a bank. As we sorted and divided his wife kept poking a honey-do-list in front of him.

About a week after arrival in Wiesbaden, Germany, the Fourth of July holiday rolled around, a day off for U.S. employees but not the Germans. I was the only Army civilian assigned to the air base. Wandering around the back streets of Wiesbaden, I saw a few coins in a window. I entered and found a U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant, Simon Salter. Salter had an eagle eye for coin buys and we chatted for a while. I asked if there was a local coin club and he said no.

By the end of November, Coffing was the president, Salter an officer with other officers divided between Germans and Americans meeting in the American High School near the Hainerberg PX. Offices rotated annually between Germans and Americans and children were treated equally.

A few months later, Salter asked, "Do you remember that fellow in civilian clothes who dropped in to the last meeting?" I said "yes." "He was from Special Services Hq and was checking up on clubs like ours. His report said that we started on time, introduced visitors, conducted business in a

business-like manner, were informative and got out on time. We got high marks in other words.”

And we soon learned in Wiesbaden, and with other coin clubs, that sometimes the most interesting part was a postmortem held in a local snack bar.

I got to visit with German coin clubs also—Fulda, Kassell, Frankfurt/Main Air Force base, Saarbrücken. In Kaiserlautern again a new club was started, again I was serving as president.

I always suggested to the members to pick up German coins; the U.S. coins could wait until they returned to the States. A few years later, a collector would approach me at a convention and say he remembered me from Germany. He also remembered that I had suggested German coins to collect, which he didn't do and was sorry. Another individual would say he followed my suggestions and was glad he did.

The tale about a German professor is perhaps most interesting. I met him in Kaiserlautern. He collected old coins, metal and paper notgeld, played chess and spoke better English than most of my American associates. One evening he and I drove into the Saar in my little blue Volkswagen. There lived a German Army veteran, wounded in the knee early in World War I, who returned home to work in the post office. We knocked on his door, I introduced them and they were like two cats in a bag. “Do you know this piece?” “Have you seen that?” Pieces from his collection were shown, the atmosphere got hot and heavy. After two hours we left for supper. The professor told me “Thank you so much Courtney. I have never enjoyed myself more.”

Bargains were to be had. The old German coins sold near the value of silver. Once an antique dealer in Berlin offered odd lots of coins at 10 Deutschmark per kilogram (2.2 pounds at \$2.50 U.S.). I sent the money and soon after there arrived a parcel full of old coins from all over, even wafer-thin silver bracelets over 400 years old. I sorted the ones I wanted and took the remainder to the Wiesbaden Coin Club meeting. The coins were splayed on a table with a note “5cents each, 20 Pfennig.” Pandemonium reigned as the table was rushed. Club officers could hardly get the meeting underway. A second kilo was ordered and then the well was dry.

But there were deeper numismatics to be mined in that time. I learned how to squeeze my way into mints, and visited twice in Karlsruhe (the second time with my professor friend), Berlin, Munich, Utrecht, Denmark (old and new mints), Helsinki, Berne, Mexico City, Ottawa, Vienna, Budapest, Paris and Pessiac, France, Llantrisant, Wales, San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia.

Perhaps topping this whole thing was that Army colonel who swore me into the Marine Corps reserve at reenlistment time.

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UNITED STATES COINS—A “PRIMER”

Peace Dollars

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The "war to end all wars" fell far short of that noble aspiration. What history now refers to as World War I, which ravaged Europe from 1914 to 1918, did stir worldwide yearning for peace. One direct result of that fervent hope was the League of Nations. A second, less ambitious but equally sincere, was the Peace dollar. America shunned the League, but warmly embraced the coin. Following the war, there was widespread sentiment for issuance of a coin that would celebrate and commemorate the restoration of peace. The American Numismatic Association played a key role in fostering this proposal. At the same time, the U. S. Mint found itself facing the need to start producing millions of silver dollars. That need grew out of the Pittman Act, a law enacted in 1918 at the urging of and clearly benefiting silver-mining interests. Under this measure, the government was empowered to melt as many as 350 million silver dollars, convert the silver into bullion and then either sell the metal or use it to produce subsidiary silver coinage. It also was required to strike replacement dollars for any and all that were melted. Aside from helping silver producers, the law also aided Great Britain, a wartime ally at the time. During fiscal years 1918 and 1919, the U. S. government melted a total of more than 270 million silver dollars, and the great majority of these 259,121,554 ended up being sold in bullion form to the British, who needed the silver to deal with a monetary crisis in India. During that same period, the United States melted 11,111,168 silver dollars to obtain new raw material for subsidiary coins of its own. The coins that were melted under the terms of the Pittman Act represented nearly half the entire production of standard silver dollars (as distinguished from Trade dollars) made by the U. S. Mint up to that date. Even so, the loss was no particular blow to the nation's commerce. Silver dollars were seeing only limited use, and remaining inventories were more than sufficient to serve commercial needs. Demand for the coins was so minimal, in fact, that none had been produced for more than a dozen years since 1904. Against this backdrop, the Mint had no reason to strike new silver dollars as replacements for the ones that had been melted but the Pittman Act required it to do so. Accordingly, in 1921, after the price of silver had fallen from postwar highs, it started cranking out the long-suspended Morgan silver dollars once again. It did so, in fact, in record numbers: During that single year, the various mints produced a total of more than 86 million examples easily the highest one-year figure in the series. By interesting coincidence, Morgan dollar production resumed on the very same day May 9, 1921 that legislation was introduced in Congress calling for the issuance of a new silver dollar marking the postwar peace. As described by its sponsors in a joint resolution, the new coin would bear "an appropriate design commemorative of the

termination of the war between the Imperial German Government and the Government of the people of the United States."

Congress adjourned without taking action on the measure. It turned out, however, that congressional authorization wasn't really needed, since the Morgan dollar having been produced for more than the legal minimum of 25 years was subject to replacement without specific legislative approval. To obtain designs for the coin, the federal Commission of Fine Arts arranged a competition involving a small group of the nation's finest medalists. The nine invitees included such famous artists as Victor D. Brenner, Adolph A. Weinman and Hermon A. MacNeil, all of whom had designed previous U. S. coins. But the winner turned out to be a young Italian immigrant named Anthony de Francisci, whose finely chiseled portrait of Liberty was modeled after his young wife Teresa. The reverse of the coin shows an eagle in repose



atop a crag, peering toward the sun through a series of rays, with the word PEACE superimposed on the rock. No other U. S. coin produced for circulation has ever borne that motto.

Production of 1921 Peace dollars didn't get under way until the final week of December, and just over a million examples were produced. It soon became apparent that the coin's relief was too high, making it hard to strike and causing excessive die breakage. The Mint corrected the problem in 1922 by reducing the relief but in the process, it somewhat lowered the coin's aesthetic appeal, as well.

By 1928, the Mint had produced enough Peace dollars to satisfy the Pittman Act's requirements. It thereupon halted production. The lid on silver dollars was clamped down even tighter with the onset of the Depression the following year. The design returned for a two-year curtain call in 1934, largely because more cartwheels were needed as backing for silver certificates. The 1934-S proved to be one of the key coins in the series, along with the 1921 and the 1928. The mintmark is below the word ONE on the reverse. A handful of matte proofs exist, but only for 1921 and 1922.

Silver dollars of both designs were largely ignored by collectors until the early 1960s, when silver certificate redemptions and the publicity

surrounding the Treasury's sales of \$1,000 bags of dollars to all comers created new interest in the large silver coins. Ironically, Peace dollars had been readily available at banks for decades, and following Treasury Department policy, were paid out before Morgan dollars were disbursed. But few collectors were interested in completing sets of these relatively expensive coins, finding it more practical to assemble collections of the smaller denominations: A silver dollar represented a considerable sum in the 1930s and '40s enough to buy five dozen eggs or ten boxes of Wheaties. It wasn't until the very early 1960s, when the Treasury had almost emptied its vaults of Peace dollars, that the more sought after Morgans started to pour forth, fueling collector enthusiasm for both series in the process.

The entire run of Peace dollars consists of just 24 coins, none of them great rarities. Thus, many collectors strive for complete date-and-mint sets. Pristine, high-grade pieces are elusive, however; weak strikes were common, and the broad, open design made the coins vulnerable to wear and damage. Points to check for wear are Liberty's face, neck and the hair over her ear and above her forehead. On the reverse, wear will first show on the eagle's wing, leg and head.

The Peace dollar's early demise was ominously symbolic. Four years later, in 1939, World War II erupted in Europe. The design came very close to reappearing once more in 1964, when Congress authorized production of 45 million new silver dollars, apparently in an effort to serve the needs of Nevada gambling casinos. With the smaller silver coins rapidly disappearing from circulation, this was viewed as a gift to special interests. After the Denver Mint produced 316,076 Peace dollars (dated 1964) in May of 1965, the authorization was rescinded by order of President Johnson. Although all pieces were to be recalled and melted, rumors persist of several coins surviving.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 38.1 millimeters	Weight: 26.73 grams
Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper	Edge: Reeded
Net Weight: .77344 ounce pure silver	

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Waldo Newcomer

By Frank Clark

Famed coin collector Waldo Newcomer was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1867. He graduated from Johns Hopkins in 1889. He married Margeret Vanderpoel in 1897 and they had three children. Newcomer had a meteoric business career. He was a clerk with the Baltimore Storage & Lighterage Company. In 1894 he became secretary of this company. He would resign in 1901 to work for the Safe Deposit and Trust Company. His next stop would be as treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. From there he would leap to being president of the National Exchange Bank of Baltimore. He served in that capacity from 1906 until the bank voluntarily liquidated on December 29, 1923. The National Exchange was absorbed by the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Company with Newcomer as chairman of the board. He would later become CEO of the Baltimore Trust Company from March 1929 to January 1933. In the meantime, he also had become the vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the Nothern Central Railroad. This was in addition to seving on the board of many other corporations. Newcomer suffered from a burglary in 1913. Frederick Holtz, one of the electricians who installed Mr. Newcomer's new burglar alarm, rented a safe deposit box and paid for it with a \$50 California gold piece. This set off a chain of events that led back to Mr. Holtz. The manager of the safe deposit boxes showed the territorial coin to coin dealer S.H. Chapman. Chapman recognized it as a coin he had sold to Newcomer. Of the 1250 coins reported stolen, only 151 were discovered in the safe deposit box. However, that represented 60% of the \$30,000 value of the missing coins. Mr. Holtz apparently had dumped \$2,442 face in silver in the Hudson River off of Weehawken. Mr. Holz was arrested and stood trial in Baltimore. Newcomer exhibited parts of his collection at the 1916 ANA. He displayed his 1804 Dollar, Gobrecht Dollars, and territorial gold. He also bought several collections along the way including the Granberg and Heaton collections. Newcomer regarded his 1794 Large Cent collection "as probably the most complete set in existence" as it lacked only two Hays numbers. He also had examples of the 1884 and 1885 Trade Dollars, 75 varieties of Massachusetts silver, 130 Half Eagles including an 1854-S, complete collections of Quarter Eagles, \$3 Gold, an 1853 Half Dollar without rays or arrows, 120 Encased Postage Stamps, a massive collection of private and territorial gold and two Brasher Doubloons. One of these heralded coins made its way to Colonel E.H.R. Green. In 1917 he sold \$20,000 worth of duplicates to B. Max Mehl. This was a precursor of things to come as Newcomer would sale approximately 4000 coins to Mehl in October 1931 for \$250,000. This was one of the most valuable United States collections ever formed up to that time. An auction catalog does not exist for the Newcomer Collection as it was sold by Mehl independently and at fixed prices. However, several coins can be traced to three auctions held by J.C. Morganthau in 1939. The Great Depression brought down Newcomer's

financial empire. He died in Honolulu on June 29, 1934. Walter Breen claimed that he committed suicide. Pictured is a \$10 1902 Date Back on the National Exchange Bank with the printed signature of Waldo Newcomer as president.



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NOTES FROM A SLIGHTLY FRAYED CUFF

Paul Garner Governor, Districts 16 and 17

This will be a slight change from my previous columns. Some discussion has come up at the last couple of shows concerning both dealer and collector deportment at shows. A dealer comes to a show expecting a reasonable chance to sell coins. Some of us have other income so an occasional bad show can be weathered. Others do not have that good fortune. As a collector you need to realize that. What are some of the no-no's on collector behavior? Perhaps the most important is not to reach into a dealers stock or case without permission. Even though you know you are honest and trustworthy you need to realize that theft is a major problem for all dealers and that most of us feel that a 10% "shrinkage" rate is about average. We also realize that the problem is caused by very few people and that there is no telling who they are. Second, when you are looking at a dealers inventory don't cover up his display with your briefcase, jacket, or whatever. Other people can't see what is offered for sale when you do this. Third, when looking through a dealer's inventory, always put the coins back properly. I have had coins put back upside down, backwards, sideways and out of order. Fourth, don't argue grade. It doesn't matter how the dealer grades the coin or how you grade the coin. There are only two things that you want. The first is that you like the coin. If you don't like a coin, you will never like that coin regardless of how inexpensive it was. On the other hand, if you like the coin and the price is fair, don't argue. Just buy it. Every dealer has a minimum markup that he must have to make a profit. Personally, I seldom sell a coin at full retail and I will discount off the marked price without your asking. Fifth, don't deal at a dealers table without his permission. Personally, if you are trying to sell me a coin that another customer at the table needs, I usually will give you permission to how the coin to that customer. That way I will make you happy and both of you will remember me. Finally, control your children and don't let them get into a dealers inventory without permission. Most dealers are tolerant o children and will frequently give them an inexpensive coin when they are well behaved. Lest you think that I am only concerned with collector manners, let me move over to dealers and their actions. First of all, pay attention to your customers and don't ignore them. Be polite. Acknowledge them and don't judge a book by its cover. That hayseed that doesn't look like he has two nickels to rub together may have a roll of hundreds big enough to choke a horse and become your best customer. Pay attention to the kids. Parents appreciate that and will probably buy something from you when you treat their offspring well. Act professional even to the tire kicker who wants to tell you about the 1804 dollar that his great grandmother had. Support your local clubs. We need more people in the hobby, not less. Besides, if you support them, they will end up supporting you. Help your state organization sign up new members. The more you state organization grows, the greater number of people you will have to sell coins to.

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September 2-3**Ft. Worth, TX**

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September 9**San Antonio, Texas 60 Tables**

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September 16**Beaumont, Texas**

Beaumont Coin Club Show. Beaumont Community Center. 701 Main Street, Beaumont. 9a-5p. Contact Jerry Williams, Bourse Chairman, Box 302, Beaumont, TX 77704.

September 30**McKinney, TX 38 Tables**

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October 7**Victoria, TX**

South Texas Coin Club Show. Holiday Inn Victoria, 2705 Houston Hi-way, Victoria, TX. U.S. and World Coins, Paper Money, etc. Contact: Donnie McCartney. (361) 573-4653. email:southtexascoinclub@yahoo.com.

October 14**Round Rock, TX 40 Tables**

Central Texas Coin Show; Wingate Inn, 1209 North IH-35 and Highway 79, Exit 253; Round Rock, TX 78664. Contact: Bryan Jones (512) 339-2923 or Francis Smith at fpsmith@sbcglobal.net. Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm.

October 27-29 **El Paso, TX** **107 Tables**
TNA Fall Coin Show. El Maida Shrine Hall, 6331 Alabama Ave, El Paso.
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November 11-12 **Ft. Worth, TX**
Fort Worth Coin Club Fall Show. Lockheed Recreation Center.
3400 South Bryant Irvin Road. Admission \$3. Free Parking. Door Prizes.
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December 2 **Corpus Christi, TX** 12 Tables
Corpus Christi Coin Club's 78th Coin Show at Hilltop Community Center
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backups \$40 parking and admission is free. All proceeds will go to promote
the show and for show expenses printing etc. Contact: coins@ccatech.com
or P.O. Box 10053 Corpus Christi, TX 78460-0053

December 16-17 **Ft. Worth, TX**
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February 2-3 Ft. Worth, TX

25th Annual Winter Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Fwy I-30. Free Admission. Tables \$200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N., Ft. Worth, TX 76180. (817) 485-1777.

February 23-25 El Paso, TX 50+ Tables

44th Annual Coin Show. 6331 Alabama Street, El Paso, Texas. Set up 9-1 on 2/23; Open to the public 1-7 2/23; 9-6 2/24; 9-4 2/25. Admission: Free. Table fee \$175. Contact John Grost 915-533-6001; FAX 915-533-6077 johngrost@aol.com. PO Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923

September 1-2 Ft. Worth, TX

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HAPPENINGS

EDITOR'S NOTE--Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT I

Fort Worth Coin Club (Internet Report)

At the April meeting of the Ft. Worth Coin Club, there were so many visitors, the secretary did not get everyone's name. Jeff Cecil reported that our spring

coin show last month was so successful, next year's spring show is already sold out. Wow! Russell Prinzing announced that the Texas Numismatic Association show on May 12, 13 and 14 is looking for volunteers. Please see Russell at the next meeting to sign up. Volunteers get free admission and the club gets a stipend. Plus it's fun. Ed Lasko moderated a second panel discussion regarding the current state of the coin market. Some key observations from panelists Bill Yates, Gary Andrews and Ron Swiney were that key dates are in short supply and gray sheet prices can't keep up with actual transactions. Sleepers in this hot market (and potentially where values lie) have been Mercury dimes, Washington quarters and Franklin halves. Also VAM Morgan dollar varieties have cooled. Thanks to our panel for a lively and educational discussion. Frank Provasek auctioned 23 lots in lively fashion, ably assisted by runners Walter Fabisiak, Bob Millard and Jeff Cecil.

North Tarrant County Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Mike Branson called the April meeting to order about 7PM with 38 in attendance. The minutes as delivered by email were accepted and the Treasurer's report was given by Sam Fairchild. Mike introduced Jerry Ozdych as the new Board Member. There was an interesting discussion on the high price of Silver and Gold. Five Minutes of Fame – Troy Hignight started collecting in 1957. He sold all his coins when he entered the service and started collecting again after getting out. Playing penny ante poker he got 11 rolls of pennies which included a 1922 plain. Good Pot! He had good stories about selling it. He told of getting to pick silver dollars at face from a bank. Our educational program was presented by Bob Foster who gave a presentation on investing in "SLEEPERS". These coins include

many low mintage bargains. Everyone got a copy of Bob's Hot Picks for April 2006. Bob presented several series and dates that were undervalued and could have high upside potential. Door prizes were presented to Danny Self, Odell Jones, and Jack Gilbert. The Progressive Members attendance prize was won by Jeff Cecil WHO WAS NOT HERE! There will be an added item in the Progressive next month. Lottery prize drawings were won by: Anthony, Merle, Merle, Jim, Larry, and the grand prize was won by Don Nowles. There were 38 Donated Items in the Donation Auction and 3 other private sale items. Due to some really spirited bidding, the Donation Auction raised about \$657.

President Mike Branson called the May meeting to order about 7PM with 64 in attendance. The minutes were reportedly approved in short order as they were discussed prior to my arrival. The Treasurer's report was provided by Sam Fairchild. Jim Bevill's gave the program entitled "A Paper Trail Across the Republic". The program focused not only on the paper currency used by the Texians, but traced the Republic's capitol and movement of key political figures by tracing where and when money, papers, and payments of the country were made, signed, and issued. The images included in his presentation include some of the valuable and virtually unique papers of Texas history from the holdings of numerous individual collections, and is the basis of an exhibit to be permanently displayed in the Alamo! Mr. Joe Olsen then made an introduction of his new book - Texas Currency: A Catalogue 1813-1868. He offered a significant discount to members and personally signed each copy. There seemed to be brisk sales. Mr. Olsen donated one to the club for the auction. Door prizes were presented to Sandra Burns, Gene Rogers, Rita Shulick (who also won the Progressive Members attendance prize).

Submitted by Jack Gilbert

A good time was had by all...



DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

Our Highest, Most Mighty President Mike Egger called to order the April 6, 2006 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club with 8 members present. The Secretary's Report was given and accepted. We were not so lucky with the Treasurer's report, as he was absent this day. There is an 'Austin' show this weekend at the Wingate Inn in Round Rock, and there is another on Sunday in College Station. This month's Short Snorter was Cien Intis from Peru, dated 1987. It seems to have been printed in Germany – the word 'Bundesdruckerei' appears on the face. Security features include: A serial number printed separately from the rest of the printing; Fine engraving, with multiple printings, one intaglio (black and brown) and one surface (color); Microprinting; Fine color gradations; Front-back correspondence; Watermark; Fibers in paper; Security strip with microprinting – 'BCRP'; Gerry brought the new \$10 bill. He passed it around as we discussed the changes in the bill. The most notable were: New Colors; Redesigned Portrait; Inclusion of the Torch and 'We the People' in the design; On to Show and Tell; Cyn brought a bunch of old coppers dug from a junk box; a couple were ancients and one very worn one might have been medieval. Mike brought elongated coins from The Columbian Exposition of 1893, one on an 1889 Indian Head penny, and one on an 1868 Shield Nickel. Roger brought: Fractional paper money, including a satirical fractional 10 cent (fourth issue). These were modified into social statements much like a hobo nickels were. A 15 cent fractional which actually was two specimens glued back to front. This particular type was never issued since immediately after the printing, a law got passed prohibiting the portrayal of living people on bank notes. For some reason, these fifteen-centers are usually found as pairs glued back to back, and are very rarely found in a native uniface state. A hand-autographed 50-cent fractional, 1863 issue, also two specimens stuck back to back. A Collectur brought: A silver Tetradrachim issued by Ptolemy I, 323-305 BC. A talk had been given at UT just last night on this particular coin. Alexander the Great is on one side, Athena graces the other. The headdress of Alexander is associated with India rather than Egypt, as the Elephant on headdress appears to be a small-eared Asian type, as opposed to the big-eared African Elephant. Also a Nero-era Drachim copper carried as a pocket piece, which also has an elephant head. Ronald, as opposed to Ronnie, brought: State of Louisiana notes, one a \$20 cut-cancelled and the other a \$5 punch-cancelled A \$5 Bank of South Carolina note, for which he needs Roger's help to puzzle this one out. Harlan brought and advertisement from the Austin-American Statesman on buy offers for silver coins. There is

much speculation on how high is silver going to go. Gerry and Ronnie both brought examples of the new \$10.

Submitted by Cindy Mauk

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The April meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on April 20, 2006 at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney with 33 members present. We were pleased to welcome Amanda Thompson, Glen Shake, Bill Keyburn and Cody Tepfer as our guests. Welcome to new members Glen Shake, Bill Keyburn, Jim Hestor and Cody Tepfer! Gary Rollins ran a 74-lot auction with John McWilliams assisting. The program was presented by Gary Rollins on counterfeit coins. John McWilliams ran a coin grading contest. There were five correct guesses with Don Demchak winning the coin in a drawing. Lotto and Door Prize Winners Door prize winners were Glen Shake, Ken Hart, Gary Parent, Denise Hamner and Chester Shippey. Lotto winners were Bill Keyburn and Bill Keyburn! Congratulations to the winners! nominations for officers will be taken at the May meeting with the election held at the June meeting. It's never too early to plan ahead! Our next semi-annual coin show will be on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in McKinney. We will need volunteers to greet attendees at the front entrance. You can sign up on-line on the Members Only page or contact Gary Rollins or Becky Elizondo. We are working on compiling a history of the Collin County Coin Club with hopes of eventually putting it into book form. Senior members, please help us by sharing stories and information.

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

Sixteen members and one guest were in attendance. Vice President Ron Blaha led the meeting until the arrival of President Stewart Huckaby. Ron announced that John Barber of Houston will present the program at the May meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. Secretary Kathy Lawrence thanked Frank Clark for taking the minutes at the March meeting. She also requested donations for the TNA Book Auction. Treasurer David Swann announced that 47 regular members and 2 junior members had paid their 2006 dues. He did not have the financial information from the Dallas and Mid-Cities Coin Show at that point. Kathy Lawrence announced that 170 people submitted cards for door prizes on Friday at the show and there were 145 on Saturday. She also thanked the following Dallas Coin Club members for volunteering at the 2006 show: Jeff Cecil, Ben Hong, Ron Blaha, Frank Clark, Debbie Williams, Mike Grant and Kathy Lawrence. ANA Representative Jim Jeska had no new information to report. TNA Representative Lawrence Herrera was not in attendance. The upcoming joint

meeting with the Collin County Coin Club was discussed and Hal Cherry offered to find a suitable location. June 29th was selected as the meeting date. President Stewart Huckaby did not have anything to report. During Show and Tell, Glenn Woods brought an octagonal 1851 Fifty Dollar California Gold Piece. Frank Clark brought several Dallas Coin Club medals- a 1953 gold, 1953 silver and 2 1978 silver. Charlie Mead brought one of the large semi-reeded \$20 Saint-Gaudens decorations that was on the exterior of the old Heritage building in Highland Park. Charlie was presenting it to Mike Grant via Jeff Cecil on the condition that Mike displays it in his shop. Old Business- current President Stewart Huckaby presented the Past Club President medal to Glenn Woods for his service from 2004-2005. New Business- there was no new business. Stewart Huckaby presented a program based upon his recent visit to Paris, France. Stewart presented a power point program with slides of the various Euros that were minted for the European countries- France (“Liberte Egalite Fraternite” motto), Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy (Da Vinci’s Vitruvian Man), Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Finland (it is uncommon to find their Euros outside of Finland), Greece (with imitation of ancient Athenian owl coinage), Ireland, and Luxembourg. Coins produced for Monaco, San Marino, and Vatican City and produced for collectors only and can be somewhat costly. Stewart stated that it was unusual to see small denomination coins. Also, there are “circulating” commemoratives, but they circulate little if at all. They are usually in 2 Euro denominations and share a common reverse. The non-circulating commemoratives may be of any denomination. Medals are struck for tourists and are distributed via vending machines at a cost of 2 Euros. The medals contain many different subjects and most of the medals are fairly high quality. They are minted both privately and by the Monnaie de Paris.

Auction- 16 lots were sold, including a club lot that had a winning bid of \$8. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Lawrence, Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 22 members and guests at the April 3rd meeting. The meeting started by having all attendees working on the National Coin Week reminder cards. Ed Stephens noted that bullion prices for gold and silver are going up. Jim Bevill noted that Barclay Bank is buying the silver. Jim stated that Chase Bank is a depository of silver. Jim said that you could buy bullion at Merrill Lynch. Ed Stephens announced that Coin World had an article about auctions receiving record prices. Tom Cooper noted the show publicity. Jim Bevill and Ed Stephens asked for volunteers to donations to Coins for A. Coins for A is where children will get a coin for passing scores on report cards in school. Jim Bevill and Ed Stephens reminded that the National Coin Week show would not have a snack bar and not have a show set up. Jim

Bevill and Ed Stephens also noted that the Bellaire Civic Center needed to have a sign about the temporary location in Pasadena. No formal program for tonight. Most of the time was spent placing labels onto reminder cards. There were 27 members and guests at the April 17th meeting. Ed Stephens and members discussed details about the National Coin Week Show, this weekend April 21-23, the Marriott Hobby Airport in Pasadena. The Bellaire Civic Center is closed for remodeling. Jim Bevill started a volunteer list for the registration table. Michael Wolford, registration chairman, noted it an informal schedule. Come at help whenever possible. Joann Hungerford noted that there is Federal Reserve Bank tour, no further the details about the tour. Ron Miller noted that he could get a Secret Service agent. Currently the suggested date to have the agent is the June 19 meeting. Jim Bevill and Tom Cooper asked for volunteers to donations to Coins for A. Coins for A is where children will get a coin for passing scores on report cards in school. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Jim Bevill, Bruce Burton, Richard Laster, Carl Schwenker. Jim Bevill won the show and tell prize.

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Internet Report)

Following an informal gathering of GHCC members and guests beginning about 6:00, Richard Laster called the April meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. There were 41 attendees including guests. Show & Tell: John Barber kicked off an enthusiastic and enlightening round of Show and Tell with an overview of the seated Liberty Dollar series. John Coker showed some examples of 'waffle coins' as seen at the ANA show in Atlanta. Gail Brichford brought frames which sometimes hang over his piano, including a \$50 CSA note issued in Memphis. Alvin Stern had the current copy of Numismatist, which includes Alvin's article on the possibility of a sixth 1913 Liberty Nickel. Michael Wolford had a bound volume of the 1968 The Numismatist in 12 issues. Robert Bauman showed some very nice government note essays and provided us some allegorical background. Edwin Johnston illustrated Daniel Carr's software design program for state quarters. Bruce Burton showed 'the prettiest general coin book' he had seen (and we know he has seen a lot!). It was "Coins" edited by Martin Price. Ralph Ross spoke (but did not show anything), telling of his activities that day in working on a coin program at a school. Richard Laster showed us the final Texas Governor autograph he needed for his complete series (Pendleton Murrah), and also one of the first Governor, Henderson on a letter. Ralph Ross won the drawing for Show & Tell prize. Jim Bevill's "The Story of Texas Currency A Paper Trail Across the Republic" was well received. The Board has voted to allow members to display numismatic wares for sale or trade in a designated area before the monthly GHCC meetings are called to order. No item offered in the mini-bourse is eligible for auction on the same night. All items are to be packed away and trading concluded before the GHCC meeting is called to order at 7:00. Door

prize winners were Jack Pavlovic and Edwin Johnston. Barbara Trout won the coin of the month drawing (Barber dime) and named “any silver quarter” as the coin of the month for May. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m. and was followed by an auction of numismatic items. Alvin Stern served as the auctioneer with the assistance of Barney Loebe, Kenneth Benson, and Margaret Townsend.

Submitted by Tracie Updike Club Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Gateway Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March 2nd meeting opened with 38 members and 2 visitors in attendance. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2006 US silver eagle, was given to a very delighted Connie Minard. Karla Galindo thanked all the coin show volunteers for their help. Tom Bailey and Frank Galindo also thanked all the coin show workers. The roundtable included Fernando Razo, who showed a fractional 10 centavo note from Sonora, Mexico, and David Astwood who had a \$100 Dollars gold coin from Belize. Frank Galindo brought 3 items: a Lincoln cent with a stamped Masonic emblem, a religious medal from Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio and a B-24 USAF B-24 Liberator medal. Karla Galindo showed three items: a Mission Conception medal, a Casa Navarro medal and a Popsicle token that featured a wolf. Robert Jenkins brought a 1978 Panama 20 Balboa coin that featured Vasco Nunez de Balboa. Don Knapp had three items: a Greenfield Village medal from the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, a bronze USS San Antonio day of commission medal, and a USS San Antonio lapel pin. James Stethem gave advice on estate planning, saving money, and preparing for retirement. Clifton valley brought a copy of a letter written by Jose Antonio de la Garza to the King of Spain requesting permission to establish a mint in San Antonio. Bill Sigl had an unusual copper 1600 piece from Saxony. Arthur Snider had a beautiful 1803 Half Eagle. Walter Scott showed a counterfeit 1965 Washington quarter. Connie Minard had an aluminum encased 1955 wheat cent advertising Dr. Drake’s Children Croup Medicine. The meeting concluded with an auction which offered an enormous quantity of exceptional numismatic items.

The March 16th meeting opened with 30 members and five visitors. Our visitors were warmly welcomed by the membership. The paid-up attendance prize, a 2006 one ounce silver eagle, was given to a very delighted Robert Jenkins. The roundtable discussion was opened by Clifton Valley who showed an interesting 1898 Portuguese 200 Reis that honored the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of India. Connie Minard brought a small box that contained several metal detector finds and a 2001 Sea World medal. Arthur Snider had an 80% off-center error Mercury dime. Karla Galindo brought three currency notes from the War World II period: a10 Shillings

from the Bank of England, a 5 Francs and 10 Francs both from the National bank of Belgium. David Astwood had a one-dollar Bird of Paradise coin from New Zealand. Fernando Razo brought a new comprehensive book on Mexican numismatics written by Don Bailey. Richard Goodwin coordinated our roundtable discussion. The educational program was presented by Fernando Razo. His program was "Pre-Castro Coins of Cuba." He opened with a brief summary of Cuba's history, beginning with the colonial period up to 1898, the early Republic, the Batista government, and ending with the takeover by Castro. Jose Marti, as well as other Cuban leaders and their roles, in Cuba's history were discussed. He discussed the mints, siege coins, early colonials, countermarks, and modern decimal coins. Fernando also covered the current problems of collecting modern Cuban coinage. Thank you, Fernando, for a very interesting program. The meeting concluded with a mini-auction conducted by our witty auctioneer David Astwood.

The April 6th meeting opened with 34 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Our visitors were Leon Weinstrom and Jay Lynn. The paid-up member attendance prize was a superb 2006 US Silver Eagle. A delighted and lucky Brian Salinas was the recipient of the attendance prize. David Astwood gave a brief report of the Beeville coin show he attended recently. David said he was very pleased with the purchases he made at the coin show. Don and Marianne Hunter were warmly welcomed back to our club after a brief absence. Don Knapp announced that the Navy League will hold their 2006 reception at Ft. Sam Houston during our annual Fiesta celebration. An assortment of numismatic items was brought for the roundtable session.

Fernando Razo showed a new Mexican 100 Peso coin from a new series of coins. It was an Aguascalientes coin and is the first in the second series. Karla Galindo had a 1987 Pope John Paul II medal. This variety of the medal had one text line in Spanish. David Astwood brought a Canadian 1967 Centennial of Confederation piece from Ontario. Vernon Drew showed a rare token from Virginia. Ray Tate had a 1981 FAO gold 2 pesos coin from Uruguay. Clifton Valley brought two advertising Boomerang Bucks. Arthur Snider had an unidentified 1798 coin. Tom Bailey showed a news article about an old \$10,000 dollar note that was exchanged for face value. Larry Foster brought an attractive medal honoring the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church. Richard Goodwin coordinated the roundtable session and we appreciate his efforts and support. Arthur Snider donated a large quantity of numismatic publications for the members. The meeting concluded with a very large auction that featured two extremely busy auctioneers. Thank you, David and Fernando for your support as our club auctioneers and to all the members that participated.

The April 20th meeting opened with 30 members in attendance. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2006 U.S. Silver Eagle, was given to a delighted Don Knapp. There were several announcements made that evening. Don Hunter reported that a Kaderli coin auction will be held on May 6 in New Braunfels. Karla Galindo said that the U.S. Military Veteran's Parade

would be held on November 11. She also reported that the TCARA would sponsor a writer's workshop and provided information to the members concerning the writer's event. In addition, she had Fiesta schedules for the members to plan their Fiesta activities. The roundtable discussion was led by Clifton Valley. He showed a new set of German 2 Euros from all mints. Frank Galindo had 4 elongated cents: a 1901 Pan-American Exposition featuring a buffalo, a 1901 Temple of Music Pan-American Exposition, a Masonic elongated that was issued by the Occidental Lodge and rolled on a 1945 cent, and a Masonic piece that is dated 1901 and the text reads "Rolled at Pan-Am Exposition." John Pouner showed 3 Lincoln errors cents: a blank piece, an off-strike and a broad strike cent. Py Coryell had two damaged coins: a rare holed 20 centavos Puerto Rican coin and a holed 1858 Canadian 5 cents coin. Gwen Coryell brought a new spoon that featured a Maria Theresa Thaler as part of the design. Fernando Razo had a 1953 Cuban large star Peso. Don Knapp showed an article about a coin collection donated to Hillsdale College. Karla Galindo had five coins from Argentina: a 1979 Conquest of Patagonia 100 Pesos, a 1988 five centavos that features a Pampas Cat, a 1992 bronze centavo, a 1998 brass centavo, and a 1963 nickel clad steel ten-pesos coin depicting a Gaucho on horseback. Tom Bailey brought an early 1845o Seated Liberty half-dollar. Due to illness, David Astwood was absent and his educational program was cancelled. In his absence Bill Sigl filled in and shared stories from a recent book he read. It was a biography of Virgil Brandt and the huge coin collection he amassed containing 350,000 pieces. He discussed the amount of U.S. rarities in his collection as well as how he acquired the coins. He also recounted how the collection was disposed after Brandt's death and the problems that were encountered in disposing of a collection of this immense size. He closed with an interesting question and answer period. It was an interesting presentation of Virgil Brandt's great coin collection. Don Hunter donated four lots of numismatic items to our auction: a set of Lincoln cents, a bag of Canadian coins, and two different Spurs coins, with the proceeds going to our club's treasury. The lots generated \$11.25 for our club. The meeting concluded with a vibrant mini-auction that included many interesting numismatic pieces. Our auctioneer, Fernando Razo, did a terrific job. He was assisted by Bill Sigl.

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin Club (Internet Report)

At the April 18th 2006 meeting "which was this secretaries birthday", there were 6 members present. Most discussion was about selling the clubs silver limited edition 1oz silver medals; it was voted on and passed that David and I should take them to the TNA convention in Fort Worth May 13th 2006 and get the best price possible. Conversation then turned to the TNA convention in general and our 78th Coin Show planned for December 2nd 2006, since fuel cost is HIGH and the distance to Fort Worth, the club voted to subsidize

gas for David and I. Also discussed was the planed exhibit of Texas Coins and Currency at the Alamo which is being sponsored by TNA with material being loaned by TNA members from their own collections, this should be completed by next year and last for three years. Numismatic items such as the new Franklin commemorative dollars were passed around for show and tell. Martha S. Kerr-Burke won the door prize a 1/4oz silver medal struck in 1985. The next meeting will be held on May 16th at the La Retama public library at 7pm in the conference room upstairs.

Submitted by Martha S. Kerr-Burke

South Texas Coin Club (Internet Report)

The South Texas Coin Club sponsored a show in Beeville on March 18th unfortunately the same day there was a show in Laredo and several dealers decided to cancel or just did not show. The handful of dealers that were there enjoyed a brisk business in the morning but by afternoon traffic slowed.

The South Texas Coin Club also sponsored a show in Rockport on April 22nd 2006. This was a new venue for Rockport, the show was held in the American Legion Hall. About 20 dealers were there and most had a good day as far as sales went. Also there was a bake sale going on in the back of the hall. The show was widely publicized and attendance ran close to 200 people. The door prize was a 1987 Silver Eagle PCGS MS69 which was won by Corpus Christi resident Judy Helm. When contacted Ms.Helm squealed in delight and then to quote "Bob Bills" said "I've never won anything", well, Ms. Helm now you have compliments of the South Texas Coin Club.

Submitted by Martha S. Kerr-Burke

DISTRICT IX

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

The April meeting of the Golden Spread Coin Club was called to order by President David Cass. There were 20 member in attendance. The minutes & treasurer's report were both approved. Show committee report: Bob Reed from Oklahoma said it was too much trouble to get a Texas Tax ID number.

We will need to reimburse him for the table that he has already paid for. We have 30 tables paid for so far. We will do a second mail out soon. The addresses from the ticket sales from the last show need to be put into a computer data base to be mailed out before our show on August 12 & 13, 2006. We will have a food list sign up available at the May meeting. We need to pay the Civic Center rent. National Coin Week is April 16 -22. The theme is "A penny saved is history learned." David Cass will resubmit a letter that Bill Hughes has previously submitted to the paper but the paper never has printed. Our July meeting will be July 10. Our September meeting will be on September 11. The program was brought by David Cass on the currency of the South Seas Islands. Meeting adjourned

The May meeting was called to order by President David Cass. There were 19 members, 1 visitor, & 2 juniors present. The minutes & treasurer's report

were approved. It was moved that we give \$25.00 to who ever puts the addresses in the computer from the ticket stubs from last years show. We have 31 table sold at this time. The second mail out has been done. There is a Denver show the same weekend as our show. We will check to see when their show is in 2007. We have lost at least 5 table to the Denver show. We will advertise in Coin World for 7 weeks. The Civic Center rent has been paid. We need to refund for another table. He is going to the Denver show instead of ours. The food list sign up was passed around. The club will furnish the meat for our supper on Friday night before the show. Club members will bring the rest. Janice passed out a list of all members in the club. Each member should be sure their information is correct. We will start setting up tables at 9:00 AM on Friday before the show. The Globe News did not publish the letter submitted for National Coin week again. Tommy Tompkins gave the program on US trade dollars. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Doug Hershey

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Internet Report)

John called the March 2 meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 35 members and three guests in attendance. Harold read the minutes of the Feb. 2 meeting. There were no corrections or additions, and they were accepted. John presented plaques for the exhibits at our 2006 show. Those receiving were Bill N., Robert P., Al A., Jerry B., Harold S., Gary H., Bob L. (from ABQ) received two plaques, John G., Joe M. (People Choice). John thanked all members who helped with the show. Patrick presented John with the TNA Vest and By-Laws. The monthly auction was conducted by Harold, Don, John, Patrick and Steven. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

John called the March 16th meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 23 club members in attendance. The minutes for the March 2nd meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions, and they were accepted. Roger reported that the show was a success. The second weekend of March was proposed for our 2007 show as the third weekend in February was already booked at the Temple. A medal design for the TNA show, was put before the members. It sounds wonderful and affordable and additional study is needed. The picnic site at Biggs is confirmed for Sun. May 21st. Mark your calendar. A suggestion was made to eliminate our second meeting each month, holding the meeting every third month. Instead an auction is to be held every second meeting with a maximum of 25 items. Hopefully this will get more members to attend. A motion was made, voted on and passed to begin all of our meetings at 7:00 pm, beginning with our second meeting in April. The members that exhibited at the show told why they exhibited what they did, and all reported what they purchased at the show. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held on 6 March at Merrill Gardens in Vernon, Texas. The meeting was opened at 7:25 PM by President David Turner. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was presented by George Woodburn and was also approved. There was no old business to discuss. Under new business, Gene Wheeler reported on the Long Beach show and indicated that sales were brisk and that overall it was a very good show. He said that the El Paso show was a dead show but that the shows at Memphis and Las Vegas were good shows indicating a strong market. A motion was approved for the club to give \$250 to be used to support food purchases at the upcoming show in Wichita Falls later in the month. Charles Lynn provided an interesting program on paper money. He displayed a 1780 20 schilling note, a \$1 note from 1862, a Confederate \$10 "Sweet Potato" note, a Confederate \$100 note and many others. He also displayed several fractional notes. It was an excellent program and all in attendance enjoyed it very much. Drawings were held and Russell Brownslow and Bill Howard each won a 2006 Silver Eagle. Bill Howard conducted the 29 lot auction of which 12 items were sold. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The April meeting was held at Merrill Gardens on 3 April 2006. The meeting was opened at 7:15 PM by President David Turner. The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Gene Wheeler reported that the Wichita Falls show held in March was a good dealer show. There were 30 dealers on hand despite two other shows being held elsewhere in Texas. The public really turned out for the show and all dealers were pleased. They all agreed that they would be back next year. He indicated that shows in Atlanta, Dallas, and the TNA were upcoming.

Since no one had a program, everyone discussed their dream coin or coins. George Woodburn's dream coin is a 1995-W Proof Silver Eagle to complete his set. Bill Howard wants a Quanah, Texas bank note. Charles Lynn will take any bank notes from small towns. Everyone enjoyed discussing Ebay sales and various items of interest in their wish lists.

Ollie Garrett conducted the auction, and 11 of 32 lots sold. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by: Judy Wheeler, Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

There were 12 members present at the April meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin club. Until further notice the GPACC will hold the monthly meetings at 2933 Park Plaza Lane in Port Arthur. Minutes from the March

meeting were approved as was the Treasure's report. Joe Scott evaluated several possibilities in the Groves area for the Port Arthur Coin Show on Nov. 18th. It was decided that best place for the coin show will be the Masonic Lodge in Groves. There were two programs presented this month.. Betty Scott talked about the merits of collecting souvenir stamps. These stamps are available in sheets and an album is available to place them on. She had stamps from 1926 and 1934. Souvenir stamps are issued for multiple reasons including world events. Tracie Updike discussed the American Silver Eagle which is the official silver bullion coin of the United States. Recently minted uncirculated Silver Eagles currently sell for approximately 12 to 13 dollars. The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at 2933 Park Plaza Lane Port Arthur, Texas off Memorial.

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March meeting called to order by President Ledoux. The Pledge of Alliance recited. There were 10 members present. The minutes from last meeting were amended to state that the June Coin Show has been moved from June 24 to June 17 because of a conflict with another show. Barbara stated that we made a down payment of \$100 to the Silsbee Community center for rental for our show. A check was written to Emery for \$33 for door prizes. The upcoming coin show in June was discussed. Beulah will make gumbo for lunch. Barbara gave an interesting program on love tokens before an auction closed the meeting.

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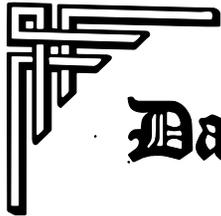
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