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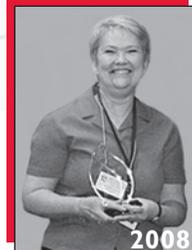
EXHIBITOR PRESENTS A HISTORY LESSON WITH HER AWARD WINNING NUMISMATIC DISPLAY

The History Channel has a challenger in Debbie Williams, a member of the TNA and numerous coin clubs in the Fort Worth and Dallas area. Debbie won "Best of Show" at the 2008 TNA Show for her exhibit, *Remembering Ben Franklin*, making this her second year to receive an award. Debbie's first-time exhibit, *America's Two Cent Piece*, took first place last year.

Debbie has been enjoying our hobby in Texas since 1995. She attended her first ANA Summer Seminar in 1996 and has returned each year to continue her numismatic education. She is an avid reader of numismatic literature and adheres to the adage "buy the book before the coin".

Taking part in the service area of our hobby is also important to Debbie. She has served in numerous capacities at several organizations and is currently president of the Fort Worth Coin Club. She is also a mentor for the ANA's diploma program.

Kathy Lawrence of the Dallas Coin Club, presented *Remembering Ben Franklin* in the club's last newsletter. After reading this interesting story your TNA News Editor thought it would be enjoyed by all our members, especially those who were unable to make the 2008 Show. So, without further ado, here is:



REMEMBERING BEN FRANKLIN

by Debbie Williams

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston, Massachusetts to parents of rather modest means. Even as a young child, they recognized his exceptional level of intelligence and desperately wanted him to receive a formal education. Unfortunately, their financial situation only allowed a year or so of schooling before he began working with his father as a candle and soap maker. At the age of 12, Ben's older brother James hired him as a printing apprentice. Ben worked day and night to learn as much as possible about the printing business. He also continued a habit of reading any books or other literature available. Despite his many contributions to his brother's newspaper, *The New England Courant*, Ben received little respect. At 17, Ben left Boston for New York and soon moved on to New Jersey. His journey continued until he finally arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 6, 1723. On that same day a very weary and frazzled Ben met Deborah Reed. The two would eventually marry and have two children.



a half educating himself. By 1729, Ben had reestablished himself back in Pennsylvania and purchased his own newspaper, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*. He soon turned *The Pennsylvania Gazette* into one of the most successful newspapers of its time. Ben's fellow citizens now viewed him as a hardworking and successful businessman and began to look to him as a leader.

THE HUMANITARIAN

In 1732, Ben began publishing *Poor Richard's Almanack*. The pages of the Almanack were filled with Ben's witty advice and predictions along with handy information such as calendars and weather forecasts. The annual publication was very popular and Ben soon emerged as a humanitarian with wisdom beyond his years. When he wasn't writing, he worked to invent new and better ways to enhance the lives of those around him. Many of the items we enjoy today were either invented by Ben Franklin or are the result of his scientific research. Examples of his many contributions to society include: bifocal reading glasses, the odometer, the lightning rod, the Franklin stove, the armonica (musical instrument), and swimming fins.

ARTICLE CONTINUED ON PAGE 13 & 14 AND ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT NEWS RECEIVED AS WE WERE GOING TO PRESS...

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Greetings!

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We have something for everyone in this issue of the TNA News. Our cover story is about history - imagine that - history and numismatics! We hope you enjoy it. Hal Cherry gives us a report on the Board Meeting which took place at our show in May. Our hats are off to Hal for condensing a full day of decision making and discussion into a report readable by our membership.

The TNA Youth Newsletter in condensed form is present and a Young TNA member has won an essay contest. His story and article are on page 4. Our new Coin's for A's Chair, Richard Laster, tells us a bit about himself on page 9. Kathy Lawrence gives us a book review and interview with the author. Thanks, Kathy, for giving us something a bit different for our publication.. Getting back to that history lesson - we hope you will get better acquainted with Debbie Williams, exhibitor extraordinaire, as you read our cover story.

Go to page 12 and a familiar tune (for those of us over 50 or so) will come from the deep recesses and cobwebs of our brains. Before CSI (fill in the city), before Law & Order, before NYPD Blue, before Miami Vice, before Magnum P.I., even before The Rockford Files, there was. . .

I'm going to cut this short as I want to leave room for a late breaking story below. It's time to send this edition to the printer!

Until next issue,
Ron Kersey

LATE BREAKING NEWS

We received an email from Kathy Lawrence last week. She received word from the ANA that the Dallas Coin Club Newsletter won 2nd Place in the Electronic Newsletter category this year (DCC won 3rd place last year). Shortly after we were informed that John Barber's Double Shift from the Greater Houston Coin Club won 3rd Place.

Congratulations to Kathy and John for these well-deserved awards. We get to see their work when they email the club reports and agree that they are outstanding. We're sure that if a TNA member emailed them with a request for an electronic copy they would also be able to enjoy these fine publications.

We will have photos next issue.

STOP THE PRESSES!

After sending this issue to the printer we received the following email from Barbara Gregory, Editor-in-Chief of *The Numismatist*:

Dear Ron:

On behalf of the American Numismatic Association, I am pleased to announce that the Texas Numismatic Association has won third-place honors in the ANA Outstanding Club Publications Contest (Regional Clubs category) for The TNA News.

The award will be presented at the ANA District Representative Program Awards Breakfast & Meeting on Saturday, August 2, at the World's Fair of Money in Baltimore (and publicized in the September issue of THE NUMISMATIST).

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Thanks to Martha Sue Kerr-Burke for our puzzle this issue.

ANSWERS TO THE LAST NUMISSRAMBLE

1. Slabbed
2. Coin Show
3. Loop
4. Coin Glass
5. Bronze
6. Steel
7. Tone
8. Zinc
9. Privy Mark
10. Bourse Chairman

NumisScramble

Unscramble the words - all are related to the coin hobby.

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2. kwae eiktrs _____
3. ndeyenk flah _____
4. canneit icnos _____
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9. dlob eiktrs _____
10. erhte ncte ecepi _____

Answers next issue!

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JULY/AUGUST
2008
Hal Cherry



WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS...

Welcome to new TNA members, LM-221 and LM 225, R-6875 through R-6891, R-6893 through R-6926, and J-6892. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on July 1, 2008.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on September 1, 2008:

- R-6927 – Charles Fowler, sponsored by Bill Welsh
- R-6928 – David Fuqua, sponsored by Frank Galindo
- LM-227 – Burl Faulk, sponsored by Frank Galindo

The following Regular Members have transferred to Life Membership. Our congratulations and thanks to

LM-226 – Walter Bradford

The following members have been reinstated upon payment of their 2008 dues:

- A-5377 – Nila Chambliss
- R-6438 – Gary Dobbins
- R-6531 – Lance Tchor
- R-6302 – Paul Richardson

VIP LEADERS FOR 2008 ARE: Bob Millard, Russell Prinzing, David Pike, and Frank Galindo

VIP LEADERS FOR 2008

Bob Millard, Russell Prinzing, David Pike, and Frank Galindo

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.

CORRECTION: The spelling of the names of our new member, Charles E. Steward (R-6925) and his sponsor, John Grost, was incorrect in our last issue. We apologize to Mr. Steward and Mr. Grost and thank them for bringing this error to our attention.

TNA BOARD MEETING REPORT

MAY 16, 2008

The TNA Board met on May 16, 2008 at the TNA Convention and Show held at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting was chaired by President Jim Bevill.

The following Board Members were in attendance: President Jim Bevill, First Vice President Joe Olson, Second Vice President David Kerr Burke, Secretary Hal Cherry, Treasurer Ray Leggett, and Governors Russell Prinzing, William Welsh, James Harding, Mike Egger, Ed Stephens, Frank Galindo, Gober Pitzer, Doug Hershey, Tom Bennington, Barbara Williams and Paul Garner. Also attending were TNA News Editor Ron Kersey, Exhibit Chair Benny Bolin, ANA Rep Jerry Williams, and Assistant Medals Officer Karla Galindo.

Jim Bevill gave the President's update on the TNA including a Power Point presentation. This included comments on the recent coin shows in Waco and Houston along with our financial status, noting that we again had a cash loss for the last fiscal year and that we need to look at our expenses to keep from depleting our capital base. President Bevill discussed the need to work to support our organization and each other.

The reading of the Minutes of the prior Board Meeting was waived and they were approved as published. Secretary Hal Cherry reported TNA had 604 members as of May 1, 2008. This included 135 Life Members, 23 Junior Members, and 38 Chapter Members.

Treasurer Ray Leggett reported cash assets as of February 29, 2008 of \$120,871.79. He noted that for the last fiscal year expenditures exceeded receipts by \$8,070.00 and that our CDs were recently reinvested at about a one per cent lower return.

The estimated income from the 2008 May Show is expected to be in excess of \$15,000.00. Thanks were expressed to Show Producers Ginger and David Pike for their hard work in producing this successful show. The 2009 Show

and Convention is scheduled for May 14 through 17 at the Will Rogers Center in Fort Worth. Ginger and David Pike will again be the Show Producers. An increase in the number of tables is anticipated.

TNA's various youth programs including Coins for A's, the Kids Auctions, and the Junior Members Newsletter were discussed. Reports on these programs indicated they are within budget and have received positive feedback.

The TNA's Medal Program was discussed and it was noted that it operated at a slight loss last year due to the increase in the cost of silver and bronze along with postage and other shipping costs. Ways to eliminate the deficit were discussed including increasing the cost of the medals.

The Library has had no activity during the past six months but the Web Site has had more than 4,000 visits a day. There was a discussion on selling banner ads on the Web Site and this will be further explored. There were six exhibits entered at this year's Show and Convention.

The results of the Fall TNA Show in Waco were discussed and the financial report gone over in detail. The show was produced by the Waco Coin Club and the TNA realized \$1,116.00 as their share of the revenue. Appreciation was expressed to the Waco Coin Club for hosting and producing this show along with Paul Garner who served as Show Chairman for the Waco Coin Club.

Also discussed was the TNA Winter Coin and Currency Show held in Houston in February of this year. The financial report was discussed and the TNA's share of the revenue was \$3,192.19. There was discussion that the contract for this show could be more definitive and a committee was appointed to consider any necessary changes. Ed Stephens was thanked for his work in producing this successful start-up show. The tentative dates for next year's show are March 20 through 22 at the same location in Houston.

The Article of the By-Laws concerning election and election procedures was amended in several regards. In the event there is only one candidate for an office, then no election will be held for that office and the Board will certify the candidate as the winner. The last TNA election had no contested races and several hundred dollars were spent printing and mailing out ballots. The section regarding write-in candidates was deleted as it is no longer applicable. Candidates for office no longer need to be nominated by another member or a club; but need only to file for office with the Secretary during a prescribed timeframe prior to the election. The sections concerning eligibility for both candidacy for office and voting were clarified along with the section regarding there being no provision for a run-off in the event a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes. (A more complete explanation of the election procedures will be published in an upcoming issue of the TNA News.)

The Board expressed its appreciation for all of the donations of numismatic items, materials and money made to the TNA and its various programs. The Board also recognizes and thanks the many volunteers for their time and efforts that make our shows and other programs successful.

This report covers the highlights of the Board Meeting and does not reflect the entire contents of the official Minutes.



Treasurer's Report

Ray Leggett - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

As of July 31st, 2008

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings	118,730.67	118,730.67
Total Current Assets	118,730.67	118,730.67
TOTAL ASSETS	118,730.67	118,730.67
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity	118,730.67	118,730.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	118,730.67	118,730.67



From the President...

Summer Seminar – A time to reflect ...

Following a very busy TNA show in Fort Worth, I recently had the chance to visit some friends in Colorado Springs over the fourth of July and attend the ANA Summer Seminar during the same week. The cool mountain air was a welcome respite to the hot Texas heat. I took a course on “Numismatics of the Civil War era”, or as we re-named the class, “Numismatics of the War of Northern Aggression”. I soon found myself submerged in Confederate and Southern States paper money, various civil war tokens and interesting discussions of the period’s history and Confederate Coins.

The class was quite interesting, and the instructors, Wendall Wolka and Dave Shankman were very knowledgeable and did their best to keep the class interesting. The amount of bonding and camaraderie that takes place over the course of the seminar is really something that can only be experienced. The Colorado Springs Coin Club hosted a show over the weekend, and I had a chance to catch up with Debbie Williams and Kathy Lawrence, who were tending to their exhibits after attending the first of the week long sessions.

At the closing awards banquet, I was moved when almost two dozen school teachers, young numismatists and first time attendees were introduced as scholarship recipients from various coin clubs from across the United States. Seven of those were teachers who attended the “Coins in the Classroom” session on scholarships paid for by the Greater Houston Coin Club. I applaud the club’s generosity and commitment to numismatic education. For those readers who have never had a chance to attend, the ANA’s Summer Seminar is something well worth visiting, and always worth going back to again.

Jim Bevill
TNA President

THERE'S ALWAYS A BIGGER FISH

President Jim Bevill & Governor Ed Stephens recently headed out to Galveston Bay for a day of fishing following a break in the coin show schedule. After boating several Spanish mackerel, Gov. Stephens landed this 33 – lb redfish, certainly a remarkable catch. The record redfish caught in Gulf Coast waters was a 40-pound, 3-ounce monster caught near Venice, La. in August 2000. Bevill and Stephens plan to keep trying for the finest known!



TNA YOUTH MEMBER WINNER IN CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ESSAY CONTEST

CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Frank Putrow – President

CNA ESSAY CONTEST WINNER, FOR YOUNG NUMISMATISTS, IS SELECTED

Parker Gordon, a 16 year old junior numismatist from Lipan, Texas, has been selected as the winner of the Cuban Numismatic Association Essay Contest for Young Numismatists. As the winner, Parker will receive a Cuban 1896 10 Peso note, an 1897 20 Centavo note, and an 1897 10 Centavo note. The preceding notes were donated by CNA member G.K. Graham, Memphis, TN., who requested that they be given to a Young Numismatist.

Parker will also receive a one ounce silver CNA Commemorative medal, a 1959 100 Cuban peso replica, a “wooden” 5 centavo (nickel), and a complimentary 2008 membership in the CNA.

Attempts will be made to present Parker with his awards by a local Coin Club representative. Pictures will be taken and released to the local Lipan, Texas newspaper, and to the three major Coin Periodicals.

His essay follows:

WHAT YOUNG NUMISMATISTS (YN's) ENJOY ABOUT COLLECTING

I believe that what YN's enjoy about numismatics most is the feeling of accomplishment. I know I always feel that I've accomplished something great, every time I add a new coin to my collection. It's such a rush whenever I've just found my latest coin and get to add to the rest of my collection. Another thing I enjoy about numismatics is getting to meet other collectors at shows and the coin store. It's great to meet and discuss with other people what they're collecting, what they think of the hobby, and just how they're doing.

Numismatics, to me, is also a lot about history. I love learning about the history of a piece, and what was going on in the world when it was produced.

In general, there are a lot of things I enjoy about numismatics, and I know it's a hobby I'll keep with me until I'm gone. And after I'm gone, I hope that I'll have passed on my love for the hobby to someone else who will continue collecting for a long time to come.

Parker Gordon 4-28-08

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Remember - the TNA Library is available on-line

You can download and print the TNA Library Index in pdf format
<http://www.ccatech.com/tna/downloads/tna-library.pdf>

In Memoriam

R.J. HANSEN



TNA has received word that long time member, Russell Hansen passed away on June 3rd.

Russell and Jessie Hansen moved to Amarillo from Plainsville in 1956. Russel had attended the coin club meetings in Lubbock and began attending meetings at the Amarillo club soon after the club was formed. The club eventually became the Golden Spread Coin Club.

Russell was an attendee of local and state coin shows and contributed exhibits on a regular basis.

Mr. Hansen soon became known for his well-made plastic display holders, eventually doing business with collectors from Texas and many other states, his company name being Hansen Plastics. He made holders for the annual TNA medals beginning in the mid-seventies and continued this activity until recently.

R.J. Hansen will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

EDDIE ROSS PARRISH

Eddie Ross Parrish, a longtime member of the Fort Worth Coin Club, passed away May 7th. Eddie was born June 26, 1929, in Fort Worth. He was a Marine veteran, and a former parts manager for the Fort Worth Leonards Farm and Ranch store.

Eddie was among the first members of the Fort Worth club, being acquainted with the founders. He had many stories to tell about the club's beginnings.

Eddie served the club in several capacities including President. His friendly manner was enjoyed by those who visited him at his dealer table during local coin shows.

WILLIAM W. STOUT, M.D.

Doctor William Stout passed away on May 25th. Dr. Stout was TNA LM22. and was a member of the Golden Spread Coin Club.

William Stout served in the U.S. Navy as a Medical Corpsman during WWII. He began his medical practice after his service and practiced medicine until February, 2008.

Dr. Stout is survived by his wife, Judy, along with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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TNA Youth Newsletter

June 2008

Number Eight

How many sides does a coin have?

Many people think of a coin as having two sides, but a coin actually has three sides. The front or face side of the coin is known as the obverse. The back side of the coin is known as the reverse. The third side of the coin is the edge. When deciding whether to buy a coin, it is important to look to see whether the edge has any damage, etc.



There are many different types of edges. There are plain edges, such as those found on the Lincoln cents and Jefferson nickel five-cent pieces. There are also reeded edges. A reeded edge has grooved lines that run vertically (up and down). Examples of coins with reeded edges would include the Roosevelt dimes, Washington quarters and Kennedy half dollars. The Presidential dollars have lettered edges. Some coins have designs on the edges such as stars- with or without letters.

Features were added to edges in the 1700's, once production methods had been developed, that helped standardize the shape and weight of coins and made it possible to add edge features. There were several reasons to add edge features to coins. Metals were often very valuable and people would cut or shave off pieces of the edge in order to gather a quantity of metal. Edge devices also made it more difficult for people to produce counterfeit coins.

The Spanish Milled Dollar also known as a Piece of Eight, 8 Reales or a Columnario has an edge with a design. The large silver Spanish coin was produced from 1732 through 1772 and was legally circulated in the United States until 1859. It was often cut into pieces that were known as one-half, one, two or four reales or "bits" depending upon the size of the piece. They were the main silver coins used by the American colonists.

Pillar Dollar



Obverse



Edge



Reverse

The collar has been used to form edge designs in the modern minting process. The collar is a ring die that retains the planchet (the metal disc) during the striking process. The collar forms the edge design. The U.S. Mint does not use a collar for the Presidential dollars series though. A separate process creates the edge design on the Presidential dollars.

The Adventures of "Coins" Johnson "The Titanic Coins"

By Guest Contributor Charlie Mead

Herman Melville Johnson had been studying numismatics for most of his life. In fact, almost everyone called the ten-year old "Coins." Only his mother called him Herman.

"Hi Coins," said his father as he walked into Coins' library, which took up half of the family's garage. "You've been doing so well in school," continued the man in a cheerful tone, "that your mother and I got you a present."

"Hi Dad," answered Coins as he politely put his book on the shelf to devote his full attention to the subject at hand. "Wow! For me? Thanks!"

Coins opened the box carefully, revealing well-worn and damaged coins- a Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter and a Walking Liberty half dollar.

"The man I bought them from told me that they came from the wreck of the Titanic that sank in 1912. He guaranteed it even."

Coins' expression changed to one of concern. "I'm sorry Dad, but if you can get your money back, I would and right now."

What did Coins know?

- Read on!

"What do you mean Coins?" stammered his dad. "These coins didn't come from the Titanic?" His face turned red from both shock and embarrassment.

"Well Dad," explained Coins, "the Titanic sank on April 14, 1912 and the Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter and Walking Liberty half dollar were all first minted in 1916. These coins couldn't have come from the Titanic."

Mr. Johnson took the box, put it in his pocket and muttered, "Next time we'll get you a gift certificate," as he left the garage in obvious haste.



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BOOK REVIEW OF “CIVIL WAR STORE CARDS OF CINCINNATI” AND Q&A WITH TEXAS AUTHOR JOHN OSTENDORF

by Kathy Lawrence

A new book pertaining to Civil War tokens was published recently. *Civil War Store Cards of Cincinnati* was written by John Ostendorf and was published by the Civil War Token Society. John is the father of one of the TNA Youth Members. His 384-page book includes biographies and other details concerning the various die-sinkers and engravers in Cincinnati who produced Civil War tokens, including William K. Lanphear, James Murdock, Jr., John Stanton and Benjamin C. True.

In the introduction, Ostendorf states that “Cincinnati was the home of some of the most prolific die sinkers of the era, and more merchants issued Civil War store cards at Cincinnati than in any other city”. He also discusses several of the objectives he undertook when he decided to write the book, including his goal to determine whether the Civil War tokens attributed to the Cincinnati area in the second edition of *U.S. Civil War Store Cards* by George and Melvin Fuld really were struck during the Civil War period and secondly whether the tokens really were Cincinnati tokens or should be listed elsewhere.

Many sources were consulted in the course of Ostendorf’s research including city directories, census records, gazettes and newspapers. The bulk of the book contains methodical listings and/or reproductions of the information he uncovered.

At least one well-known numismatic dealer of Civil War tokens has already referred to Ostendorf’s work extensively in one of his recent mail bid sale catalogs. Civil War token collectors and/or anyone interested in die-sinkers and engravers from that period in the Cincinnati area will want to add a copy of *Civil War Store Cards of Cincinnati* to their numismatic library.

Recently I had an opportunity to pose several questions to John concerning his research:

When did you first become interested in Civil War tokens?

I started collecting CWTs in 1999.

What about them appeals to you?

I’ve always been interested in emergency money and have dabbled in genealogy. CWT store cards gave me both the history and appeal of emergency money as well as endless research opportunities.

What led you to write the book?

It was an accident of sorts. My plan was to simply write a CWTS Journal article expanding on an article Gaylor Lipscomb wrote in 1977 reporting errors in the Cincinnati listings in Fuld. Dave Bowers also wrote a piece about “loose ends” and questions concerning Cincinnati tokens in an auction catalog. Nobody had followed up, so that motivated me. After all, how many opportunities are there to publish something in numismatics that Dave Bowers doesn’t know? That’s definitely uncharted territory! Things kind of got out of hand and the next thing I knew, I had a book on my hands.

Were you able to conduct research remotely or did you travel to Cincinnati?

Thanks to the internet and the genealogy section of the Dallas Public Library, I didn’t have to travel to Cincinnati.

How long did it take you to write the book? Any idea how many hours you put into the project?

It took about five years and hundreds (maybe thousands?) of hours. I’m glad I didn’t keep track.

Did you learn anything during the course of your research that surprised you? If so, what did you find that you had not expected?

There were tons of surprises. Lanphear the die sinker also issued tokens as a tobacco dealer.

Tokens that had been listed under Cincinnati all this time that belonged to another city and sometimes another state.

Probably the biggest surprise was the Henry Porter tokens (OH165EO). To find an African-American issuing tokens circa 1865 was a thrill. I believe he was the first African-American to issue a token in the U.S., making that a very important find.

I learned a great deal thanks to input from Dave Bowers, Steve Tanenbaum, and Donald Erlenkotter. There were tokens that early on, I was convinced were not CWTs. However, Steve and Dave provided auction records showing the danger of making such presumptions. Don did a great deal of work on die sinkers and found Lanphear was buried in Minnesota. I never expected that as that was not a customary migration pattern – Cincinnati to Baltimore to Minneapolis.

What was the most difficult information to obtain?

The most difficult information is from the Southern or border states. There are several tokens misattributed to Cincinnati that were issued from merchants in Kentucky or Tennessee. However, there are very few records from the Civil War era from those states.

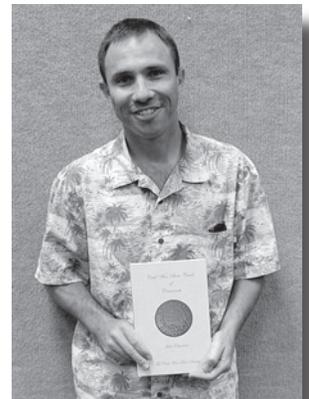
A researcher can find census records from 1860 and 1870 and city directories and newspapers for major northern cities, but the research gets difficult beyond that.

Were there any areas that you would like to have explored further if you had been able to find documentation?

Definitely Southern tokens. There were also a few merchants that had to be left unresolved. They will be researched further, but after a couple of years of trying and running into a brick wall, I had to reluctantly leave them as unresolved for the time being.

How has your research affected the status of some of the previously attributed Cincinnati Civil War store cards? Did you discover any tokens that had not been attributed to Cincinnati that should be?

The third edition of the store card book should reflect a number of corrections in the Fuld listings. There are non-contemporary tokens



John Ostendorf holding a copy of his book at the 2008 TNA Convention. Photo Courtesy of Kathy Lawrence



INTRODUCING OUR NEW COINS FOR A'S CHAIRPERSON



Greetings Friends!! I suppose a few words of introduction are in order here as I come to acquire the privilege of Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's representative from the capable hands of Jim Hedges. I am appreciative to Jim for keeping such great records and fulfilling the call of Coins for A's with such grace and dedication. I noted he received, and well should have, the 2008 "Outstanding Service Award." Great news!!

For the official record my name is Richard Laster. For the previous four years it has been my privilege to serve as president of the Greater Houston Coin Club, the club which, as you know, is the sponsoring organization of the Money Show of the Southwest and an ardent support group of both TNA and ANA. My personal interest in collectables is just like my residence, I am "Texas based." My various little hoards of this and that have Texas as the point of commonality, including my numismatic interests. I can honestly say that being part of several numismatic organizations not only helps me feed my own areas of interest, but also opens the door to the world that is numismatics. Our Texas coin clubs have such a variety of collector interests in their membership. One of my operating principles is the fact that we can learn from each other. Coins for A's is a great way to do this.

The root of my small collection actually dates back to my grandfather. When I was only seven years old he presented me with seven United States silver dollars. I still have these so many decades later. We all know how interest can be piqued by a chance encounter or in this case by a carefully thought out gift. My grandfather's presentation of the dollars not only began my interest in coins but also in history.

I am thankful to the TNA for our dedication to providing coins for our younger ones. I know that as well as Coins for A's many of you collectors and dealers donate both material and time to "new-mismatists." There is no way to know how many collectors begin with one single gift or with a brief discussion or word of encouragement about something new.

I look forward to serving the Association to the best of my time and ability. For those of you who are interested, in real life I double as a husband to Susan and a father to three children, two of which are adults and married, the third is almost there. I also have one daughter-in-law and son-in-law. I am pastor of a medium sized United Methodist Church in Houston. Give me a call or send an email when you are in the area, I'd be delighted to have you drop by for a visit. We generally have a coffee pot on in the office. I'd take my visitors to Starbucks, but I'd rather spend my extra money on numismatics.

Regards and God Bless . . . Richard Laster

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Editor's Note:
Richard is already "in the swing of things". He has sent out 20 packets to qualifying Coin's for A's participants.



that should be moved from the main Fuld listings, there are tokens that will be moved to other cities, and there are new tokens.

What new tokens get added will depend on the definition of "Civil War store card" that needs to be addressed by the 3d edition store card book committee. For example, there are several rubber tokens that may or may not be listed. There are several that will pass muster regardless, such as M.A. Cohn (OH165Ya).

Who is your favorite die sinker/engraver from that area and why?

It's hard to have a favorite. The tokens from Lanphear's shop were the most artistic. Stanton's shop was probably the most prolific and included crude sutler type tokens. Johnston/Lindermann tokens were crude and had a charm of their own. What's not to like?

Which of the Cincinnati tokens is your favorite and why?

Henry Porter (OH165EO) without a doubt due to the historical significance.

What led you to publish the book through the Civil War Token Society? What are the benefits?

I figured early on that the book would not make the New York Times best seller's list, so I had no illusions about making big money on the book. The CWTS has been "home" to me in numismatics. I've collected coins for over thirty years, but the CWTS has given me the opportunity to be a true numismatist. This was a way for me to say thanks and probably made guys like Dave, Steve and Don more willing to help. That made for a better book. All the profits from the book go to the CWTS and the CWTS has the right to publish anything they want from the book in the *The Civil War Token Journal*.

John Ostendorf is currently coordinating the Civil War Token Society project to issue the third edition of *U.S. Civil War Store Cards* by George and Melvin Fuld.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Civil War Store Cards of Cincinnati by John Ostendorf may be purchased in paperback or hardback editions at <http://www.lulu.com>.

The Civil War Token Society publishes *The Civil War Token Journal* quarterly, holds a mail auction, sells reference books to members at a discount and sponsors a CWT verification service.

For more information on the Civil War Token Society and/or to join, please visit <http://cwt society.com> or mail a check or money order for \$15 along with your name and address to Bill Nash, CWTS Secretary, 1160 Via Ixtapa, Corona, CA 92882.

HOUSTON CLUB AWARDS 7 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

(Houston, TX) - The Greater Houston Coin Club, Inc. (GHCC) announced today the awarding of full scholarships to seven (7) teachers to attend the American Numismatic Association's 2008 summer educational seminar.

The recipients of the scholarships are all middle and high school teachers from the greater Houston area. The teachers attended the award winning "Coins in the Classroom" week-long seminar. Each scholarship is valued at \$1,500.00 and pays for travel expenses, room, board, tuition, class materials and materials to be used in their classes when they return, as well as a numismatic side trip.

"Normally we budget for three scholarships annually, but this year there were so many strong applicants that the Executive Council agreed to expand the budget," said Gail A. Britchford, President of the GHCC. "I would again like to thank the dealers who attend and support the Money Show of the Southwest, because it is profit from that show that allows the GHCC to fund our "Coins in the Classroom" scholarship program as well as our other educational and civic-minded programs and projects."

The Money Show of the Southwest is the nation's largest all volunteer regional numismatic show put on by a local coin club.

The Greater Houston Coin Club has been providing teacher scholarships to the ANA's summer seminars for the past 5 years.

The club also announced the awarding of 3 Michael Levinson Education Awards. The winners of this award receive full scholarships to the ANA Summer Educational Seminar and may choose from a selection of courses. The Levinson Award is given annually to the GHCC member or members who provide significant and continuing service to the club.

"We are proud to support the ANA's Summer Educational Seminar to such a significant degree as we have this year. I would guess that between our scholarships and other club members attending on their own, there will be 15 or 20 GHCC "representatives" on the campus of Colorado College this summer. I think this demonstrates the dedication that our members have to numismatic education," Britchford continued.

The Greater Houston Coin Club is a non-profit educational organization that puts its money and volunteer efforts directly and indirectly into the education of children and teachers of children. Its motto is "Education Through Numismatics" The Money Show of the Southwest is the club's annual fund raising project

For information about the show, show events and show hours contact Carl Schwenker, (281) 788-1036 or visit the show's web site: www.houstoncoinshow.org.

The Greater Houston Coin Club also announced that its other student focused program, "Coins for A's" is now providing

collectible coins as "rewards" for over 1,200 students in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Students who earn three or more "A's" on their report cards and submit them to the club receive one or more coins along with a short questionnaire that is challenging but requires a limited amount of research to answer. The program is designed to reward excellent scholastic achievement, support teacher objectives, and develop students' knowledge of money as a subject of historical, geographic, political and artistic interest.

This program has grown significantly over the past year, mostly due to the publicity associated with the Club's partnership with the Houston Chronicle's "Chronicle in Education Foundation" and its "Readers are Leaders" initiative.

EXHIBITS SOUGHT FOR HOUSTON'S MONEY SHOW

(Houston, TX) – The Money Show of the Southwest in Houston has issued an open invitation for adult and young numismatists to enter competitive exhibits to be displayed during its December 2008 show.

"It is the privilege of the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC) to present its 52nd Money Show of the Southwest. Dates for the show are Friday, December 5th, 2008 to Sunday December 7th at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston, Texas," said Gail Britchford, President of the GHCC.

"For over 50 years the goal of the GHCC has been "Education Through Numismatics." For this reason every year the opportunity for competitive exhibits is made available at our show. A \$100.00 award will be given to the exhibit chosen as the Peoples' Choice, and to those exhibits judged to be the best in the adult and youth categories," he continued. "We would love to have exhibitors from each of the TNA member clubs at this years show!"

If you, as a collector and fellow numismatist, would like to display your collection or if you have numismatic material of particular interest please contact Bernard Loebe, Chairman of Competitive Exhibits and he'll mail or e-mail you an application. Loebe can be reached at bloebe@comcast.net or by calling 713-329-9629. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your exhibit viewed and appreciated by the thousands of attendees as well as picking up a trophy and monetary award!

The Greater Houston Coin Club will supply tables and cases for exhibits as long as the supply lasts. The cases have an internal dimension of approximately 35" x 21". Please consider this opportunity to share your collection, insights and education with the greater numismatic community.

Deadline for exhibit registration is November 21st, 2008.

Around the clock security will be present during the show to protect your collection.

Maps showing the location of the parking lots and directions to the show can be obtained at www.houstoncoinshow.org.

COIN DRAGNET

STARRING
CHARLIE MEAD
AS JOE FARTHING,
NUMISMATIST



*This episode of Coin Dragnet was broadcast on DCC and FWCC.
Mr. Mead is a member of the Dallas CC Precinct.*

The story you are about to read is not true, but it could be. It was about 11:30 am, and I was working the Authentication Bureau. I had just gotten off the phone with another disappointed would be millionaire and was thinking about knocking off for an early lunch when my partner, Frank Golden, brought in a guest.

"Joe, this is Mrs. Florin," intoned Golden introducing me to a smallish white haired lady. She was clutching her purse like all she owned in the world was inside.

"Hi, Ma'am," I said knowing the answer to my next question. "What can I do for you?"

"I have some gold coins to sell." Her eyes twinkled at me hopefully.

"Yes, Ma'am," I answered meeting her gaze. "What do you have?" She pulled a small leather bag out of her purse. The bag and purse might have been as old as she. Inside were two gold coins – British Sovereigns dated 1911-C and 1917-P. I placed the coins on the felt pad and studied them for a moment. I nodded at Golden who nodded back with a certain sadness in his eyes.



*1911-C Sovereign
(Reverse) close up
(counterfeit)*

"Ma'am," I started trying to sound gentle, "I'm sorry to tell you these coins are counterfeit."

"Counterfeit?" she exclaimed. "That's not possible! I got those coins with my husband on a cruise. It was forty years ago and we were on our second honeymoon in the Mediterranean when we found this peddler..."

"Yes, Ma'am. Just the coins, please."

"Oh, I'm sorry. It's just that my husband..." Her voice trailed off and she eyed me more menacingly. "Just how do you know they're counterfeit? You could be trying to steal from me. Oh, Harold warned me about things like this..."

"We're not trying to steal from you, Mrs. Florin," I replied. "Honest coin dealers don't like counterfeits anymore than consumers do. In fact, it bothers us more because people tend to think we're as dishonest as the counterfeiters. Let me show you why your coins are counterfeit."

Mrs. Florin just stared at me as if I had hurt her terribly.

I motioned to Frank and ordered, "Please get me a reference Sovereign so we can do a comparison for Mrs. Florin."

"Aye, aye, Sir," Golden responded with a mock salute as he hurried off to get the coin.

I placed our Sovereign, dated 1925, between the other two.

"Now, Mrs. Florin, what do you see?" I hoped she would catch on right away.

"Oh my," she stammered. "The middle coin is a different color than mine."

"Yes, Ma'am," I replied feeling a bit relieved she saw what we did. "People who have seen lots of gold coins will be able to tell you they can tell counterfeits just by the look. Either the gold is a slightly different alloy or there is something about the production that looks



Left to Right: 1911, 1925 and 1917 Sovereigns

different than the genuine coin."

"In this case," I continued "it appears your coins probably have a different alloy than the genuine article. There are some other signs yours are counterfeit, though."

I could tell Mrs. Florin was becoming intrigued. "What else do you see?" she asked.

"Now if we look at the reverses, we can see the general details of your coins are not as strong as the genuine coin. The 1911-C coin is very weak on the leg and front quarter of the horse. The 1917-P coin is weak in the torso of St. George."

"How fascinating," blurted Mrs. Florin, "but now I'm out of luck, right?"

"Well, we'll see in a moment." I tried to be reassuring. "There are just a couple of other things I want to point out."

"You see those lines up and to the right of the horse on the 1911-C coin?"

She nodded as I continued, "Those are called die polishing lines. They come from preparing the surfaces of the dies with which the coins are struck. A genuine coin would not have so many."

"And have you ever seen the mark on the right side of the 1917-P coin," I asked.

"Oh my, no," Mrs. Florin stammered again. "What is that?"

"We call it a counterstamp," I advised. "Apparently someone else decided this coin was 21 Karat gold. Genuine Sovereigns are 22 Karat gold."



*1917-P (Obverse)
counterstamp*

"Now the last test is weight. Our 1925 Sovereign weighs 7.9 grams. The 1911-C coin also weighs 7.9 grams, but the 1917-P coin is only 7.7 grams."

Mrs. Florin looked completely defeated. "So my coins are worthless, aren't they?"

"No, I'm happy to say they are gold and we can make an offer based upon bullion value. Then we'll take these coins and put them in our reference library to train other numismatists."

Mrs. Florin's expression lightened, "Oh, thank you, Mr. Farthing!"

It wasn't such a bad day after all.

If you are interested in counterfeit coinage and would like more information, the following books might be of interest:

The Official Guide to Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection, 2nd Edition edited by Scott Travers with Text by John W. Dannreuther

United States Gold Counterfeit Detection Guide by Bill Fivaz
Counterfeit Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins by Don Taxay (out of print)

Detecting Counterfeit Coins, Book 1 by Lonesome John (out of print)

Detecting Counterfeit Gold Coins, Book 2 by Lonesome John (out of print)



*1917-P (Reverse)
close up (counterfeit)*



*1925 (Reverse)
close up (genuine)*

REMEMBERING BEN FRANKLIN

He was one of our first environmentalists and helped launch the nation's first public library. He founded the fire department in 1736 and was appointed Postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737. He was instrumental in the founding of the American Philosophical Society in 1743 as well as Pennsylvania's first hospital in 1751. He also organized The Academy of Philadelphia which opened in January 1750 and would later become known as the University of Pennsylvania.

BEN AND LOCAL POLITICS

Ben discovered a new interest shortly after taking over The Pennsylvania Gazette in 1729 - local politics. The people of the British Colonies and especially Philadelphians had little input into their own government as this was primarily controlled by proprietors in London. Legislation to meet the Colonies needs depended on action by a council that never even consulted with the individuals affected by its decisions.

Ben used his power as a printer and publisher of The Pennsylvania Gazette to keep citizens informed of matters of interest. As time went by his political coverage continually increased. Ben started bringing groups of like-minded people together to form clubs and associations that worked to make life better for the community. Throughout Ben's career he remained interested in politics and contributed an increasing amount of time to public service. By 1747, Ben had been serving quietly for ten years as clerk for the Pennsylvania Assembly. He grew to realize that local government was weak partially due to the passive attitude of the members of the Assembly. Quakers held most of the Assembly seats and believed in peace at any cost. They would do nothing to protect the Colony against outside forces. England seemed to be in one war after another with either France or Spain. Ben grew increasingly concerned about the vulnerability of the Colonies and decided it was time to take action. Now he had to convince the citizens that they must band together and act to protect themselves since their own government refused.

Ben once again turned to the pages of The Pennsylvania Gazette to bring awareness concerning the Colonies vulnerability. On November 17, 1747, he published a pamphlet titled Plain Truth which made it clear just how unprepared Pennsylvania and its citizens were to protect themselves from possible enemies. His position was that no one did anything to build an effective defense because everyone was waiting for someone else to do it. He cautioned that if different groups and individuals did not band together they would soon face destruction. Ben wasted little time. Four days after Plain Truth was published, he called his first meeting. Ben's ideas were so well received he held another much larger meeting two days later. At this point, he felt that he had enough support to go forward and printed a pledge for individuals to sign

which would join them together into military companies. He printed detailed plans in his newspaper. Soon 10,000 men had signed up and began training. In the meantime, Ben organized two lotteries which raised thousands of dollars to fund the militia. Pennsylvania finally had an effective armed force to protect its people.



Ben did recognize a potential problem. He was quite sensitive to the fact that the proprietors in London could feel challenged by his military organization and went to great lengths to keep the militia from appearing to be a rival to the existing government. His concerns were not unfounded. As soon as news reached London, William Penn the principal proprietor, called the creation of the militia "little less than treason" and considered Ben a "dangerous man."

Ben retired from the printing business in 1748 and became even more engrossed in public life. He was selected as a Pennsylvania councilman that same year. In 1749 he began work as a Justice of the Peace and went on to be elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1753. Ben continued his efforts to protect the Colonies by encouraging unification to defend themselves against the French who were currently in conflict with England. He was also concerned that the French might in some way affect the good relations Pennsylvania had with the Indians living within the Colony. Even with Ben's influence this was a daunting task. The individual Colonies had a hard time breaking away from a habit of looking the other way when one of the others was threatened. There was also ongoing conflict with William Penn over the authority to govern the Colonies. In 1757, the Assembly took a drastic step when they sent Ben to England to negotiate directly with King George III concerning who should represent the Colonies. Hopes were that Ben could convince the King that Englishmen living in the American Colonies deserved the same respect and representation as those living in England.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - LIFE IN ENGLAND

Ben arrived in London in 1757 and would spend 16 of the next 18 years living in England actively negotiating with British authorities (he returned to Philadelphia in 1762 for two years). Ben enjoyed a good life in England. With a reputation that preceded him, he was immediately accepted by the British people

and given celebrity status by most. He made friends quickly and resumed a very active social life. He was equally comfortable and content socializing with people of all economic levels. Many of Britain's most influential people sought Ben's friendship and advice on a variety of matters. His new publishing endeavor, The Craven Street Gazette, was an immediate success and his scientific research and inventions continued at a steady pace.

Despite Ben's efforts and connections, he was unable to successfully negotiate governing power away from the ruthless proprietors and into the direct hands of the King. The Royal English government gave little consideration to his appeals and went as far as to take the position that they would not deal directly with him. It seems that government authorities had a mindset that even Franklin was unable to penetrate. Even so, he continued with his mission. As time went by his role became more of a peacemaker between England and the American Colonies. He was especially successful in negotiating a resolution over a heated dispute brought on when the British passed the Stamp Act in 1765 which gave them authority to levy taxes on the Colonies. Even though the Stamp Act was repealed, the dispute caused deep emotional scars on both sides. British authorities felt they must fight to preserve their right to govern the Colonies and the Colonies felt they must fight to have rights.

Relations became even more strained with time. Some individuals in the British Parliament viewed Ben as a representation of all the problems they were having with the "rebellious" American Colonies. Nevertheless, Ben continued his work and reported on the proceedings of Parliament and provided advice to the Colonies he was representing - in addition to Pennsylvania he was now officially representing Massachusetts, Georgia, and New Jersey. Political life for Ben was trying, but he still loved England and most of the English people still adored him.

In January 1774, Ben learned of the Boston Tea Party which took place the proceeding December. In an act of hostile defiance, a large group of Bostonian leaders had attempted to disguise themselves as Indians and destroyed a large quantity of East India tea that was on a ship docked in Boston Harbor. At this point, Ben realized the full extent to which American opinion toward England had deteriorated. He urged the Massachusetts Assembly to make amends and attempted to discount the significance of the act to the British Parliament, but to no avail. Parliament chose stiff punishment instead. They sent armed British troops over from England to reorganize the Massachusetts government by putting their own people in power and they closed Boston Port to any trading activity. The Colonies united in outrage! It was during this political turmoil

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REMEMBERING BEN FRANKLIN

by Debbie Williams

that Ben learned of his wife's death. Deborah had died of a sudden stroke. Unfortunately, a long sea voyage made it impossible for Ben to return to America in time for her funeral, so he decided to stay in England a while longer. He was now attempting to negotiate against what he saw as an almost unavoidable war. He finally set sail for America in March 1775.

BACK HOME IN AMERICA

By the time Ben arrived back in Pennsylvania in May 1775, the Revolutionary War had already begun. He arrived ready and willing to serve and was elected to the Second Continental Congress the very next day. He felt outraged at what he considered the murder of American troops at Lexington and Concord. While he missed friends back in England, his dissatisfaction with the political corruption he witnessed while there now turned to anger. Ben had given up all hope of a peaceful resolution.

A serious problem Colonists would face with a long conflict was a gun shortage. Ben advised Americans to pull together as many guns as possible. He also proposed using bows and arrows. Ben urged that ships be constructed to help protect Philadelphians against British troops. Population was now at its highest in the Colonies. Immigration had continued at a steady pace during the time Ben had been away in England. This was certainly an advantage as the increase in population brought strength in numbers to the Colonies. Even though Ben was concerned about the lack of adequate equipment for war, he thought the time was right for his countrymen to take swift action. However, he did not take any action during this time period. He felt that was a decision Congress needed to make.

Finally in May 1776, Congress did take action and passed a resolution for all of the Colonies to collectively resist British authority so America could become an independent nation. A committee was established to draft The Articles of Confederation and another to draft the Declaration of Independence. Ben was assigned to the latter. On July 4, 1776, Ben was among those great men who proudly signed the final version of the Declaration of Independence and he became known forever as one of our nation's founding fathers. Unfortunately, fighting would continue for several more years until the British government accepted the Colonies as what they had become - an independent nation. There was still much work to be done. America needed financial and military aid to win this war against Britain. For years Britain and France had been at odds - maybe Ben could convince the French to invest in the American cause.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - LIFE IN FRANCE

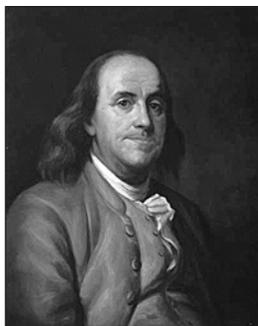
Ben was 70 years old when he set sail for France. By this point in life he had been world famous for many years. Even though Ben remained a modest man throughout his



life, most people felt honored to be associated with him. The French were no exception. In fact, they were delighted to welcome this well respected American to their country. Ben also enjoyed the French and continued his active social lifestyle. (Even at this age, he was still very popular with the ladies. A fact often attributed to his respect and appreciation for the female mind.) No doubt his outstanding social skills were a crucial factor in his ability to serve as such a successful ambassador. Ben had to convince the French to take an enormous gamble on America. In February 1778, just over a year after his arrival, a treaty of alliance was signed between France and America. Time and time again Ben was able to negotiate very large loans to fund the endless need for money crucial for Americans to fight this war against the British. The French also provided America with the strength of its own military and enabled Ben to purchase and ship war materials to American troops.

The most important battle of the Revolutionary War took place at Yorktown, Virginia, where the British surrendered to American troops on October 17, 1781. Fighting ceased and peace negotiations began. On November 30, 1782, Ben along with three other commissioners - John Adams, John Jay, and Henry Laurens signed a preliminary peace treaty with Great Britain. The final peace treaty, known as the Treaty of Paris, was signed in 1783. America had won its Independence!

THE TWILIGHT YEARS



Ben received official word from Congress in May 1785 that his work in France had concluded. Two months later he boarded a ship bound for the United States of America. This parting was sad for both Ben and the French yet Ben was ready to get back home. He was now 79 years of age and knew time was limited - he wanted to die in his own country.

Ben was welcomed home with the usual fanfare. His health was beginning to fail yet he remained in the public eye. Ben had grown to believe that slavery was immoral and chose the anti-slavery movement to focus much of his energy. In 1787, he was elected president

of The Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery. Ben lobbied that slaves should be educated, freed, and allowed to become useful members of a free society. However, this cause would be left primarily for others to fight. On April 17, 1790, Ben died in his sleep at the age of 84. He was buried alongside his wife Deborah at the Christ Church Burial Ground in Philadelphia. Approximately 20,000 people attended the funeral of this dynamic and unforgettable man.

Benjamin and Deborah Franklin's Grave Marker in Christ Church Burial Ground in Philadelphia. The current United States Mint facility is located across the street.

Photo Courtesy of Kathy Lawrence



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ANOTHER WINNER!

Editors Note: Here is a portion of an email I received from Debbie as we getting ready to go to press.

"I displayed my exhibits at the Colorado Coin Show. I didn't expect to win anything since there were at least a dozen very nice exhibits and I had to remove my exhibit a day early. I was shocked today when I received news from Colorado Springs that I had won the People's Choice-Best of Show Award!!! The only way I could have won was to get enough votes the first two days. Talking about being surprised! I'm so excited I just had to tell you the story."



Debbie sets up an exhibit at the June 2008 Colorado Springs Coin Show



Here is the news from TNA member clubs around the state. We have edited reports from the clubs to include special events and program presentations. Information about upcoming club coin shows are in the calendar section.

We need to have your reports by the 15th of each month preferably by email. Send your club meeting program reports and upcoming club coin show information to:

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If you need technical help sending your report please contact us by email or phone 817.281.3065.

DISTRICT ONE

Fort Worth Coin Club

May Meeting - President Debbie Williams opened the meeting at 7PM. There were 45 Members and Guests in attendance. There was one visitor at the meeting- Dave Frick.

A new Member was accepted into the Club. Earl Coppersmith began collecting as a teen with a little from a friend. He is interested in anything numismatic. Earl learned about the FWCC through Bill Yates and Richard Wallace.

National Coin Week Awards from the FWCC: Four Fort Worth Coin Club Young Numismatists participated in National Coin Week activities. They completed the ANA's form on www.money.org and then contacted Debbie Williams. The participants were Endrea Cecil, Katie Cecil, Macie Guthrie and Tyler Sims. They have all won prizes from the Fort Worth Coin Club. Each YN will receive two Tanzanian coins and a 2008 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set. Congratulations!

TNA Raffle Ticket Giveaway: The Fort Worth Coin Club recently purchased TNA raffle tickets. Each Member in attendance at the May meeting received two tickets.

Educational Program: Mike Grant introduced speaker Doug Davis. Doug is the founder of NCIC (Numismatic Crime Information Center). Doug has over 30 years of experience in law enforcement. He graduated from the University of Texas and holds a Master Level Police Officer's License in the state of Texas.

Doug opened his first coin shop in 1973. With his experience as a former coin store owner and his experience in law enforcement, he has developed a keen insight into the criminal mindset as it relates to coin thefts. Doug has investigated a number of homicides of coin dealers during the last 22 years.

He talked of the frustration that the coin collectors/dealers and law enforcement officers experience when a theft occurs. That was his inspiration for founding NCIC. The center maintains a database of useful information for both law enforcement and coin dealers/collectors. The information in his database assists law enforcement professionals in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals.

Mr. Davis is constantly upgrading the NCIC database. Since his organization is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation he is looking for federal grant money for the organization's educational efforts. NCIC's goal is in "Targeting Numismatic Crimes Around the World".

The organization is currently producing an educational CD for law enforcement and Texas coin clubs. Doug wants law enforcement officers from all over Texas to have a copy of the CD. Every coin club in Texas should have a member contact the local police department and arrange for a speaker to visit the club to give a program and as a means of creating a relationship between the two groups.

Doug plans to continue to expand NCIC's outreach throughout the country and internationally.

After Doug's presentation, President Debbie Williams opened the floor to a discussion of donating \$500.00 to NCIC'S educational fund. It was established that NCIC provides a direct benefit to the numismatic community. The motion was passed. Gary Andrews contacted Debbie Williams prior to the meeting and asked that the \$500 educational scholarship that he won from the FWCC be donated to NCIC instead. It was put before the Club and a motion was made and passed. As a

result, a total of \$1,000 was donated to NCIC.

EAC/JRCS Convention 2008: The Early American Coppers & John Reich Collectors Society annual convention was held May 8-11 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Irving, TX. The annual convention drew collectors and dealers from across the country. Several Members of the Fort Worth Coin Club attended the event. In addition to the bourse floor, there were many other activities available for attendees including a variety of educational seminars, interesting exhibits, a behind-the-scenes tour of Heritage Galleries, an auction, and several dinners.

Unlike most numismatic conventions, the EAC/JRCS conventions are primarily an occasion to visit friends and socialize rather than a buying/selling/trading event. Many are already looking forward to attending the 2009 convention that will be held in Cincinnati.

If you are interested in learning more about Early American Coppers, Doug Bird and Steve Carr will be teaching their course "An Introduction to Early American Coinage" during the second session of the ANA's Summer Seminar. For more information, please visit www.money.org.

TNA Convention 2008: The two largest numismatic conventions held in the DFW area during 2008 fell on back-to-back weekends. The weekend after the EAC Convention was held in Irving, the 50th Annual TNA Convention was held in Fort Worth.

Many FWCC Members volunteered at the TNA Convention- Jack Allen, Ray Ashley, John Black, Ben Channell, Ted Court, Herman Dallof, Walter Fabisiak, Lorenzo Horelak, Ed Lasko, Bob Millard, Kris Olson, David Patenaude, David Reed, and Ron Suprenant. Thank you all! If you volunteered on behalf of the FWCC, but your name does not appear above, please contact Bob Millard.

Kathy Lawrence and Debbie Williams volunteered to lead a Girl Scout Workshop. This was the first time the TNA has offered a workshop for Girl Scouts. Unfortunately, there was no participation this year. However, the contacts have been made and the program materials have been prepared, so the TNA will be off to a running start for next year's workshop.

The Fort Worth Coin Club placed an ad in the TNA Convention Brochure that will hopefully attract a few visitors to future meetings. Also, the Club had a table at the convention. Thanks to Denis Wynn and Debbie Williams for volunteering at the Club table.

Several FWCC Members received awards at the TNA General Meeting and Awards Ceremony that was held Sunday morning.

Best Club Newsletter: Fort Worth Coin Club, Ed Lasko - Editor

TNA VIP Award: Bob Millard. Calvert Tidwell Award, TNA News - Best Article; First Place: Kathy Lawrence, November/December 2007, "Thanksgiving-Related Themes on a Variety of Numismatic Items"

Exhibit Awards: Competitive Best in Show: Debbie Williams, "Remembering Ben Franklin"

The Fort Worth Coin Club Fall Show will be held Saturday, November 8th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Center. Bob Millard will be requesting volunteers and your participation is strongly encouraged. The show will be advertised in a number of publications.

The Fort Worth Coin Club is proud to be a Host Club for the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show that will be held March 26-28, 2010 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

June Meeting - President Debbie Williams opened the meeting with 40 Members and Guests in attendance. The visitors were Jim Cox who collects proof sets and Silver Eagles and Phil Kelly who collects any U.S. material.

The Club received news that Eddie Parrish had passed away recently.



According to Bill Yates, Eddie was the last remaining Charter Member. He was a Past President of the Club. In his memory, the Club will make a donation to the Alzheimer organization in the amount of \$100.00. Richard Wallace's mother passed away recently as well.

Bob Millard recognized the volunteers for their hard work at the TNA Convention, including Robert Schultz who was not listed in the June newsletter.

Each summer the Girl Scouts hold two workshops for Brownies (grades 1-3) titled, The Penny Project. In previous years, staff has taught the workshop themselves. But recently Debbie Williams was approached by the organization because they wanted assistance from the numismatic community. They believe the workshop could be improved and made more fun if a "real coin person" helped with the presentations. On behalf of the Fort Worth Coin Club, John Post has graciously volunteered his time and expertise to lead this educational endeavor. Thank you John!

President Debbie Williams presented YN with prizes from the Fort Worth Coin Club for his participation in National Coin Week.

Several Members are interested in having the Club hold a Youth Auction during the Club's annual spring and fall coin shows. A room is available for a reasonable rental charge at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Center that could be used if it is determined that the Club wants to proceed with such a project.

John Post presented an educational program on U.S. pattern coins. According to A Guide Book of United States Coins, a pattern is an "experimental or trial coin, generally of a new design, denomination, or metal."

The first U.S. pattern coins were struck in 1792. That was the year that the first U.S. Mint opened in Philadelphia. Pattern coins have continued to be struck over the years. The 1792 pattern pieces were well documented, however not much is known about many of the subsequent patterns. The U.S. Mint Cabinet did not exist until 1838.

Patterns were generally given "temporarily" to U.S. Mint officials and certain members of Congress for review. The coins were frequently not returned. Mint officials also sold pattern coins directly to collectors. Due to the manner in which the coins were distributed, the majority of the pattern coins grade as mint state or proof.

In 1859 an effort was made by James Ross Snowden to document the coins in the U.S. Mint Cabinet. His book, A Description of Ancient and Modern Coins in the Cabinet of the Mint of the United States, was published in 1860.

Dr. J. Hewitt Judd's United States Pattern Coins is the primary reference for pattern coins. According to Judd, pattern coins can generally be broken down into the following categories (there can be overlap): pattern coins, experimental pieces, trial pieces struck from regular dies and trial pieces, die trials, paper-backed splashes

John Post brought several examples of pattern coins for those in attendance to view.

For additional information on Pattern Coins, please consult the following references: J. Hewitt Judd, edited by Q. David Bowers, Research Associate: Saul Teichman. United States Pattern Coins, Ninth Edition. Whitman Publishing, LLC, Atlanta, GA, 2005. This is the primary reference book for pattern coins.

<http://www.uspatterns.com/>

Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

May Meeting - The May 8th meeting of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club was called to order at 7 pm by Vice President Don Noles. New Members: Steve Lear, John Black, Bob Marquardt.

Richard Wallace presented a program on Winged Liberty dimes, commonly called the Mercury dime. Mercury dime sets are some of the most popular and collectible. Richard suggested that we can start a good collection by buying a full set less the 3 rarest coins. Short sets are also available, some in mint state. War sets are also available at most coin shows. The back of the Mercury dime represents peace through strength. Grading starts with looking for parallel lines, diagonal lines, and the horizontal lines. It is very difficult to get a grading of full split band on all three bands. Richard looks for full rounded split bands. Proofs are good examples of rounded split bands. The most rare split band is found in the 1945p. There are records of only 4 1916 proofs.

June Meeting - Vice-President Don Noles opened the meeting at 7PM. There were 55 members and guests in attendance, including 16 kids for youth night.

Merle Owens announced NETCC members who are recipients of TNA awards: Jim Hedges - Outstanding Service Award - coins for "A's" program (students send grade cards in & TNA sends them coins) This was a broken system & Jim fixed it. Ron Kersey - Kennedy Award - outstanding contribution to the TNA (Ron took over the TNA news changed the format and made it one of the best numismatic publications in the nation.) Brian Richards - Calvert Tidwell Award - Brian Richards Honorable Mention for an article on "Collecting State Quarters". Debbie Williams - Best in Show Exhibit on "Remembering Ben Franklin". Bob Mallard - VIP Award for most members signed up to TNA in the last year. Russell Prinzing - Lewis Reagan Award - The TNA's most prestigious award. Long valuable service to TNA. Always active in local numismatic community. Serving as District I Governor for many years. Establishing NETCC. Heading the very successful TNA kids auction for 8 years. For being the person directly responsible for the 2010 ANA Spring Show coming to Fort Worth.

Next month is the bourse night and weenie roast. It will held in the Family Life Center at MCBC.

Jack Gilbert has ordered Red Books at a substantial discount. These will be available for \$10 each to club members.

Door prizes and Raffle prizes were donated by a member of the club. This member also has a complete set of proof set from 1955 up. These are available for dealer wholesale bid. Please see Russell Prinzing.

This special club meeting included 2 educational sessions. Robert Schultz and Richard Wallace both gave excellent presentations.

Robert Schultz started off the educational portion of the meeting with an introduction to coin collecting. Robert gave several hints for the beginning collector. To start collecting, focus on acquiring attainable sets. The most important thing to a coin collector (besides coins) are materials for research - the Red Book, a grading standards book, and a loupe. Handle a coin by the edges and be careful to not get stuff on the surface. Don't clean the coin - this does not add value. Cotton gloves are good for handling coins.

Richard Wallace held a breakout session for the youth. He explained how to use the Red Book. Richard demonstrated the use of loupes and magnifying glasses in collecting. He displayed the loupe that he started collecting coins with and that he still uses today. Richard showed starter cardboard books for creating sets but advised that valuable coins should not be stored in these types of books. Instead, valuable coins should be stored in books with plastic covering the coins. Richard showed the kids how to properly hold a coin - with fingertips by the edge. Richard's advice for youth at coin shows is to not touch coins unless invited, and to tell the dealer what you are interested in - this will demonstrate to the dealer that you are a responsible collector. The youth breakout session ended with gifts of coin grab bags that contained coins and coin collecting supplies.

The meeting ended with an auction called by Robert Schultz.

DISTRICT FIVE

Dallas Coin Club

May Meeting - Report from Meeting #961, May 15, 2008

The 80th anniversary dinner will be held on the 31st. There are 27 confirmed reservations. The dinner will be at 7:00 PM on Saturday at Celebration restaurant Treasurer David Swann reported that there are 43 paid Members with 2 Junior Members. President Kathy Lawrence announced that the Club website project is moving forward. She and Ron Blaha will continue to work on the development of the site. The Dallas & Mid-Cities Coin Show has only 10 available tables left according to Show Chair John Post. He believes that the remaining tables will likely be sold by the conclusion of the upcoming TNA Convention in Fort Worth.

Changes in the procedure for voting in new Members were discussed. It was decided that a person can not be voted on until at least their second visit to the Club. After the person has been brought before the Members for possible membership, the person has to leave the room while the vote is conducted. Frank Clark made the motion to accept these changes and all voted in favor. This restores the rules to a previous arrangement.

Show and Tell: Charlie Mead brought a piece of amber from Columbia with an ant embedded in the center that was very cool. Allen Scott brought several belt buckles and other pieces from the Civil War that were discovered among shipwreck debris from a ship that sank off of North Carolina. He also brought a martindale heart that would have been part of a bridle worn on the chest on a Union cavalry horse. Additionally, Allen



brought a \$50 Republic of Texas note. Frank Clark brought a copy of "REGISTERS OF THE TREASURY AND TREASURERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1775 TO 1929, INCLUSIVE" that was "Compiled and Copyrighted by J.H. Cassidy and W.A. Philpott, Jr. of Dallas Coin Club, Dallas, 1929."

Program- "Art Medals" by John Post John Post gave the presentation for the evening. His subject was art medals, primarily medals issued by the Society of Medalists.

The Society of Medalists was in existence from 1930 until 1995. It was a subscription service similar to a few others that had been in existence. When the service began in 1930 during the Great Depression, subscribers paid \$8 per year in return for two art medals. Sculptors were invited to submit their ideas for the medal designs.

Most of the medals were struck by the Medallic Art Company. There were a total of 129 issues and 5 special issues. Medals were struck in bronze and silver. The first of the medals was designed by Laura Gardin Fraser and was titled "Steady." She was married to John Earl Fraser.

Subjects ranged from Lindbergh, nuclear themes, dinosaurs and their fossils, American Indian themes, etc. Several of the medals had unusual shapes as well. John brought a number of specimens for our viewing pleasure.

Many very interesting designs were applied to the medals over the years, including an underwater scene with a verdigris-type finish to the medal.

Medals are graded differently than coins, including the fact that collectors tend to look more at scratches than at wear.

For more information on medals, please visit the Medal Collectors of America website- www.medalcollectors.org.

June Meeting - Report from Meeting #962, June 19, 2008

There were 14 Members and 2 Guests in attendance. The guests were David Lewis (from Heritage) and Elaine Farrell-Bloom. David Lewis indicated interest in becoming a Member.

President Kathy Lawrence was en route to Colorado on her annual pilgrimage to the ANA Summer Seminar and was unable to attend the meeting.

As part of old business, Hal Cherry indicated that the TNA coin show was very successful and better than last year.

Stewart Huckaby brought show and tell items. He displayed two different half dimes that he purchased at the Grapevine show. One is an 1865S and the other a nice 1837 no stars example.

The speaker for this meeting was Mike Grant. His subject was Isle of Man coinage. He gave a brief talk on the island itself and general history. It is a part of Great Britain but has control over its own laws to some extent. It is 27 square miles and lies equidistant from England, Scotland, and Ireland. It has its own coinage dating back to the 1600's.

He related that if you were to investigate the prices of these coins, (only half pennies, pennies and farthings were ever minted) that the cost range would be from \$75-\$150 in XF to over \$200 in uncirculated condition. He stressed however that they are very difficult to find. His personal experience was that he sold 15 pieces 10 years ago, thinking it would be no problem to replace them. He was wrong. He never saw another coin until, as luck would have it; a lady recently sold him 25 coins and 4 notes. The coins were mostly copper from the 1700's and 1800's. All were passed around. No one thought to bring a camera, so no pictures were taken. The coins and talk were very interesting and Mike received a nice round of applause.

7th Annual Joint Meeting with Collin County

The 7th Annual Joint Meeting with the Collin County Coin Club will be held on Thursday, July 31st (a fifth Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. As of press time, Stewart Huckaby was still making arrangements concerning the location, etc. Details will be forwarded when they become available. The meeting format will remain the same as previous joint meetings- introductions, door and raffle prizes, and an auction.

**DISTRICT SIX
Bellaire Coin Club**

May Meetings - May 5 - There were 28 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold, Ed Stephens and club members discussed the Bellaire coin show. Ed Stephens presented thank cards to all volunteers. Special thanks to each chairman, Jim Bevill for the signs and permits; Garth Clark for publicity; Tom Cooper for the snack bar; and Michael Wolford for registration. Tom Cooper suggested that the snack bar should have a first aid kit. There was an injured hand. A co-worker used vinegar to reduce

the swelling. Sebastian Frommhold reminded every one about the Pompeii tour with lunch at the museum's restaurant. Jim Bevill noted the coming up TNA show in Fort Worth. He listed the planned exhibits. Norris Tyer Junior stated that Alvin Stern received an award for his possible sixth 1913 V Nickel article.

Jim Bevill gave an interesting update on the Alamo exhibit book. The book is scheduled to be ready in February. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Jim Bevill, Garth Clark, Ricardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Gene McPherson, John Zanders. There was no show and tell winner. The club had plenty of drawing tickets, just not used.

May 19 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold provided stories about the recent TNA show in Fort Worth. Sebastian announced some of the show's awards, including Jim Bevill and Ed Stephens. Tom Cooper noted that again Ginger Pike donated ten dollars to the Bellaire snack bar. Sebastian Frommhold gave a summary of the "Pompeii" exhibit. There were about 17 visitors, when picking up the audio machines. After exhibit, a group went to lunch at the museum's restaurant. Then, a group went to a video program from the "National Geographic Society." The exhibit will remain until June 22. Tom Bermel presented an additional mini report about the past April show. He noted that most of the expenses included payments for the August show. Sebastian Frommhold noted that he found another numismatic website. It is called "Wikicoins. Com," the same website from "Wikipedia.Com." The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Garth Clark, Tom Cooper, Sebastian Frommhold, Gene McPherson, Jack Pavlovic, and Bill Watson. Garth Clark won the show and tell prize.

June Meetings - June 2 - There were 19 members and guests at the meeting. The vice president Tom Cooper was in charge. There was no official business. Tom reminded everyone about your Bellaire show in August. Tom requested more show volunteers. Tom noted the new Tomball club had 25 people attending. John Trout has more information about this new Tomball club. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Ed Arrich, Bruce Burton, Garth Clarke, Richardo DeLeon, and Gene McPherson. Bruce Burton won the show and tell prize.

June 16 - There were 28 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold reminded everyone about the your Bellaire show. Michael Wolford presented Tom Cooper with the labels for the reminder cards. Tom Cooper with his helpers will place the 1600 addresses on the reminder cards. Jim Bevill provided thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the TNA show in Fort Worth. Jim also noted that Sebastian Frommhold won "Best in Show" for his exhibit. Alvin Stern presented the program, "So Many Bad Slabs out There."

Greater Houston Coin Club

May Meeting - There were 36 members and guests present when President Gail Brichford called the meeting to order at 7:02. Guests were introduced. Application for membership was made by Bob Machann.

Show and Tell: Edwin J. led off S&T with examples of the John Q. Adams dollar coins - first day of issue is today - with a kind offer to exchange them for currency at par. He also discussed developments that are planned for the website of GHCC, and asked for suggestions. Ricardo had some interesting countermarks on Carlos & Johanna pieces, including an 1846 Costa Rica countermark (300 years after the host coin was made!). Ricardo also mentioned another milestone in his numismatic life: today he got his contract as a teacher at ANA Summer Seminar. He had a course outline to show. Sebastian F. noted that "the devil is in the details" in creating a new variety or listing. He showed an 1821 Guadalajara (Ga) silver piece with the shield details bungled. Claude M. had no "show"; only "tell". It seems 40% and 90% silver half dollars are still out there in bank rolls if you are lucky enough to find a bank with any rolls in stock. Claude made two trips on the same day and found 54 silver out of 80 coins in four rolls! Tom C. bought a few "Ike" dollars at his bank, but one turned out to be a lustrous 1922 Peace Dollar. Gail B. had an aluminum coin from Italy - a modern circulation issue- with a prominent die break from rim to rim. We speculated about how such a soft metal could break a steel die. Guest Angelo S. had a Minnesota quarter with a golden hue instead of the usual silvery hue (only on one side). Observers thought it was strange toning, but not a laminated planchet, since the coin seemed to be of full standard weigh. Our guest won the S&T prize drawing.

Educational Presentation: The program for tonight was "Why Are There



So Many Bad Slabs Out There?" -- an illustrated talk by Alvin Stern. This controversial but very informative and well-presented PowerPoint program exceeded the length usually allowed for programs, but held the audience very well, as most attendees had at least some feelings or experiences to recall with the third party grading firms. Al opened his comments with a declaration that some of the business practices of the third party graders seemed reprehensible to him. He continued by showing examples of the work of third party graders where inconsistency was highlighted. There were photos of "mechanical errors" in identifying coins. In order that the photos not try to tell the whole story, Al brought many of the actual coins to be examined first-hand by GHCC members. Most, but not all attendees thought Al had raised valid questions about the business of third party grading. Some attendees would have preferred a more "balanced" commentary. Perhaps the door is open for one of them to make a presentation on "What is Good About the Slabs that Are Out There".

June Meeting - There were 35 members and guests present when President Gail Brichford called the meeting to order at 7:04. Guests were introduced. Application for membership was made by Ron Keeney, and we have a pending application from Thom Jones.

Educational Presentation. The program for tonight was "Building a U.S. Type Set" -- an illustrated talk by Steve Kutz. This excellent talk was more than about coins. In addition to illustrating an emerging set of problem-free coins, Steve packed excellent advice into a beautifully crafted and excellently delivered PowerPoint presentation.

1. Coin buying should be part a debt-free lifestyle -- remember, it is a hobby! 2. Personal strategies for coin collecting must be formed; it is not one size fits all. 3. Your collecting activities need to be goal oriented. Patience should be shown. No splurging. 4. A fine set of type coins will emerge; cost records are needed, and good photos enhance enjoyment taking the reins and hopes to add this to the content already on www.houstoncoinclub.org.

Pasadena Coin Club

June Meetings - June 9 - Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 35 members, 3 junior members and 2 guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion made to accept, 2nd & approved. The treasurers report was read. Motion made to accept, 2nd & approved.

New Business: Two new membership applications were accepted and approved. They were Barbara Burney #788 and Milford (Bud) Gartman, Jr. #789.

June 23 - Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7p.m. There were 34 members and 2 junior members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion was made to accept minutes, 2nd and approved. The treasurers report was read. A motion to accept was made, 2nd and approved.

Old business:

Bill C. reported that all but 5 tables have been sold for our annual coin show. New business: There was no new business.

Bill W. tested our numismatic knowledge.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Alamo Coin Club

June Meetings - June 12. At 7:00 pm the meeting of the Alamo Coin Club came to order by Club President William "Bill" Sigl and then introduced Lou R. as a returning member. ACC President Bill S. was in charge of 30 people in attendance. There was some new business that was brought up at the meeting. The names of the Officers for 2008-2009 were announced again and calls for other nominations from the floor were made. There were no opposition nor other nominations made. For these would-be Officers it's a slam dunk. At the next meeting there will be a formal election.

There was a request made to the Club from the A.N.A. for a donation. The motion was made and passed with no problem since this is to help them out as has been made in the past.

Program: HISTORY OF TEXAS MONEY: FROM THE SPANISH COLONIAL PERIOD THROUGH THE CIVIL WAR IN TEXAS. Fernando Razo brought in the 4 display cases that were built as permanent exhibits for future use.

June 26, 2008 - At 7:05 pm the meeting was started by Vice President Fernando Razo in absence of ACC President Bill S. Vice President Fernando R's first action was to introduce Alice M., a guest he invited from another club. After the welcoming, the Roundtable was started off

by: Will R. - He brought in a key ring with a statement "I have my faults, but being wrong isn't one of them." Don Kindly had a 1935 1 Mill tax token. Harold E. had 2 articles to present. One was a news article from Numismatic News about our Wooden Nickel. The 2nd was an article that was in the TNA newsletter about 5 minor varieties of the Texas statehood quarter. One club member added that there was a major error for the Texas statehood quarter and it was it did not have the Alamo- a/the major symbol of Texas. Clinton B had a medal of the Loretto Chapel. This medal depicts the famous staircase that defies engineering and has a strange and miraculous story. Joanna McK had 2 items. One was a 1969 Moroccan 20 francs and the 2nd was Chinese Cash coin. Fred B. had a "Where's George" dollar bill. Bob Busse had a Belgium 5 franc dated 1986 that he found at a bus stop while commuting. Lew. R. had a gambling chip from a casino in Monaco.

Gateway Coin Club

May Meetings - May 1 - The meeting opened with 31 members and two visitors in attendance. The club members welcomed visitors Bill Wurtman and Arturo Gutierrez Jr. Before the meeting began, Arturo joined our ranks and is now our newest member. Welcome to our club, Arturo!

The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2008 American Silver Eagle, was given to Gary. During the business meeting, a volunteer sign-up sheet was available for members to sign-up to help at the up-coming coin show. William announced that he was chosen for a Public Service Announcement for the school district where he teaches.

The roundtable discussion was led by William who brought three items: a 1873 proof 63 three-cent piece, a King Edward III coin, and a 1989 proof 69 Ultra Cameo two Sovereign. Fernando Razo had a Biblical Wildlife Society sterling silver bar that featured a donkey. Karla Galindo showed several interesting items: a Mardi Gras token that depicted singer Glen Campbell and two elongated coins. One was from Dodge City that showed a longhorn steer and the other from Cripple Creek that showed a prospector's donkey.

May 15 - The attendance that evening was 21 members and one visitor. Our visitor was Bill Rutledge. He rejoined our ranks that evening and is once again a member.

Participating in the roundtable was Fernando Razo who brought an internet news article about Zimbabwe's half billion dollar note. Karla Galindo showed a Winchester good luck souvenir medal and four elongated coins. The elongated coins were all related to the Winchester Mystery House. The obverses showed the following: "The gun that won the west," "Products Museum," "Flash Light Tours," and a Winchester rifle. Cliff Anderson had an 1897 British Royal family medal commemorating the death of the Duke of Clarence. Frank Galindo brought three items: a St. Labre Indian School token, a Tombstone token that commemorates the OK Corral Shootout of Oct. 26, 1881, and a Tombstone 1878-1978 centennial elongated coin. Art Snider had a 1939 Jefferson nickel identified as a Cherry picker's die variety #FS022.5 with five FS plus two full steps. William showed an error 1944 Belgium steel two-franc that was struck on a 1943 US cent steel planchet. David brought a new London Bridge Rotary Club dated 2007-2008. It was a silver plated copper dollar honoring an Arizona past-time, fishing the Colorado River.

The educational program was presented by David. His topic was the "State and Federal Coppers of Mexico." Thank you, David, for a most interesting program.

June Meetings - Jun. 5 - The first meeting of the month was opened with 28 members and two visitors present. The members warmly welcomed visitors Robert and Hyacinth Bridges. The member attendance prize, a gleaming one ounce U.S. Silver Eagle dollar, was given to a very pleased "Lucky Leon" Weinstrom. Frank Galindo thanked all the volunteers for their dedication and time they donated to help our coin show become another successful endeavor. William also expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers. Fernando Razo reminded the members of the next Mexican Coin Club meeting.

Jun. 16 - The meeting opened with 19 members and three visitors in attendance. Our visitors were Alice Mitchell, Glenn Pfizenmaier, and his son Aaron. All the visitors joined our club that evening. Welcome Alice, Glenn, and Aaron who is now our newest junior member.

William presented the educational program this evening. The title of the program was "English Hammered Coins." He spoke of the numismatic history of the hammered coins of the Tudors. The presentation was very thorough and covered important early periods of British history and royal bloodlines. He also brought many coins to help enhance his presentation.

After the program there was a brief question and answer period. Thank you, William, for a most interesting program on hammered coins..

Mexican Coin Club

2nd Meeting 2008 - We had our 2nd meeting of the year at our present location. Our location is the La Fonda Mexican Restaurant near Fredericksburg Rd and Loop 410. (For more information contact: www.lafondaoakhills.com)

We had a number of devoted members and visitors who joined us for the first time. We could say we had a very packed room with 30 Amigos visiting us from all over South Texas. Around 7:00 pm we had attendees introduce themselves to the group.

There were two presentations at our meeting. The 1st presentation was on a report titled: Three Questionable Coin Rarities of the Mexican Revolution The 2nd presentation was conducted by another dedicated collector. The presentation was on: Die study on Republic UN Centavo Coin of the Mexico City Mint

After the presentation there was fantastic participation from many of the club Amigos about their experiences related to the Mexican centavos. Some members mentioned their recollections on a major Mexican Republic UN Centavo somewhere down in the Rio Grande Valley.

DISTRICT TEN

International Coin Club of El Paso

General News - New Meeting Location - After several years at Mike & Ana's Restaurant, the Coin Club will move to a new location effective the first meeting in June. The new facility is located at: El Paso Chinese Baptist Church, 2030 Grant Avenue, El Paso, TX 79930

In addition to a new location, the club members voted to change the day and frequency of the meetings. Effective June 2, 2008 the coin club will meet on the first Monday of each month. There will not be a second meeting during the month.

The business portion of the meetings will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by the general meeting at 7:00 PM. We will continue to have our auctions, informative presentations, and even a show-n-tell session.

Please join us June 2, 2008 at 2030 Grant Avenue for our first meeting at our new location! and kept them occupied for hours.

2008 Club Elections: The annual club elections were held during the May 15th meeting. Nominations for club officer positions were unopposed and we have a 'new' Executive Board consisting of the following: President John G., Vice-President Don T., Secretary Harold S., Treasurer Chuck S., Sgt. at Arms BL R.

In addition, two Board of Director positions were renewed with Luciano A. and Willie T. retaining their posts. Ken P. will finish the remaining term of Jim T.

DISTRICT ELEVEN

Golden Spread Coin Club

May Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Diane Morie. There were 25 members present. The treasures report and minutes were approved. Diane Morie reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries. Committee reports were given which included the upcoming coin show. The National Coin Week activities were reviewed including a proclamation by Amarillo Mayor, Deborah McCart and from the mayor of Canyon. Junior members participated in the treasure hunt and were recognized.

Coin trivia was reviewed by Bill Hughes on early dollars. Mike Novak presented another video on the history of making money. Several members brought items for Show & Tell including Silver \$20 pieces, a 5 Peso gold piece 1895 from Chile, a broad struck penny, and a 1937D 3 legged Buffalo nickle in a slab.

June Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Diane Morie. There were 31 members present. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved. Gold and silver prices were stated. Doug Hershey gave a TNA report.

Jerry Davidson presented a program on professional grading.

The club was informed of the passing of two of its members. Dr. William Stout, a life member, passed away in early June. R.J. Hansen, a long time member passed away in early June also.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club

May Meeting - The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm. 13 Members were present for the meeting, and one visitor Dan & Zack Brown.

Program: Tony Zupkas provided a program on a way of collecting British Coins. He said that there are two books available on collecting British coins for each monarch. He said that Queen Elizabeth II had a crown or Five Shilling Coin Commemorating her coronation in 1953. Tony said that her image has appeared on more types of coins than anyone in history. He estimated that the Lincoln cents was the more produced coin in history. He said that King George VI's image was on coins before Queen Elizabeth II. King George VI was married to whom we know as the Queen Mum. Tony said that King George VI died of cancer. Tony said that the next monarch was King George V who was the first King in the house of Windsor. Before

him there was King Edward VIII, who had a short reign. Tony said that Queen Victoria was before that and she reigned from 1837 to 1901, a reign of 64 years. Tony said that Queen Victoria's reign was the longest of any British monarch. Before her, King William IV was the monarch. Tony said that King George IV who was the older brother of King William IV was before William. Before George IV was George III, who was King during the American Revolution, and was memorialized in the movie about the madness of King George. King George II preceded King George III on the throne. Queen Anne was before that. He said that the shorter the monarchs reign and the older the coin the more the coin tends to cost.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

Beaumont Coin Club

May Meeting - President Barbara opened the meeting with the pledge. Richard Ewing was voted in as a new member...again! Welcome back! Judy read the Treasures' report and it was approved.

Old and New Business: The 2009 Red book in honor of Fred Lane has been acquired. Tim has the Gander Mountain Meeting room reserved for the next 3 months. Silsbee Coin Show is July 12, 2008

We are having our Beaumont Coin Show on September 20, 2008. Jerry said he expects all of our tables will be sold by the show. Judy and Jerry will post our show in the coin magazines. Judy is still collecting coins and other numismatic items for the Children's' Auction.

Port Arthur Coin Show is November 8, 2008.

Our July meeting will be at The Lone Star Café with the Golden Triangle coin clubs. It will be July 22, 2008. This will be in place of our regular meeting we will have door prizes. Spouses and Guests are welcome. Everyone must pay for his or her own meal.

Cameron Mayo presented the program about Texas.gram.

Double Eagle Coin Club

May Meeting - Joe Brandon opened Our May 8, 2008 meeting with the Pledge Allegiance. Mr. Dewey Scott read Treasurer Report: report was approved. There were 20 members present.

Mr. Stan read the "Did you Know" about John Quincy Adams!

Old and New Business: Mr. Dewey will have the final figures on our coin show at the next meeting.

From Kemble: be on the lookout for 2008 Silver Eagle with the reverse side 2007 type un-circulated!

Update on Peggy and Warren: Warren's eyesight is returning a bit. They are working hard.

Program was by Mr. Stan about the standing Liberty Quarter.ction.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

Waco Coin Club

May Meeting - President Fred Ferguson call the meeting to order. Secretar's minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Show Chairman, Thomas Campbell presented a report on the show held in April. He commented that Alan Wood is looking into the Hilton as a possible site for future shows. A mostion was passed to have a fall show. The show committee was given a round of applause for their work on the show.

Program: the Secret Service agent was unable to attend the meeting for his presentation, however, he printed several pages from their website on information about detecting counterfeit currency. Copies of these were passed out and discussed.

The winning number for the cash pot was not present, therefore, next month's cash pot will be \$35.



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TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$2 admission, GOLD PRIZES! Contact: Ginger or David Pike, P.O. Box 126, Tom Bean TX 75489-0126. Email: TexasCoinShows@aol.com

AUGUST 23-24 70 TABLES AMARILLO
 GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW. Sat., Aug. 23, 9am-5pm & Sun., Aug. 24, 9am-4pm. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan. For table information contact Doug Hershey 806-353-3355, Box 50176, Amarillo, TX 79159.

AUGUST 30-31 65 TABLES FORT WORTH
 37TH ANNUAL SUMMER COIN SHOW. Radison Hotel North, I-35W & Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth. Five miles north of downtown Fort Worth. Saturday 9-6 & Sunday 9-3. Dealer set-up at 2pm on Friday. Early Bird \$25. Tables: \$225. Free Parking, Free Admission. Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N., Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Phone: 817-485-1777

SEPTEMBER 6 EL CAMPO
 GOLDEN RICE BELT COIN CLUB 24TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW. Sat., Sept 6th, 9am-4pm. American Legion Hall, South of U.S. 59, El Campo, Texas. Free Admission-Everyone Invited. Door Prizes Every Hour, Free Parking. US & Foreign Coins & Currency, Jewelry, Baseball Cards, Collectibles, Antiques, Arts & Crafts. On-Site Security & Refreshments. Dealer Tables: 8'-\$60, 12'-\$85. Mail deposits for table reservations to: Johnnie Bartosh, P.O. Box 1114, El Campo, TX 77437. For more information: Steve Harris, 979-543-1230, Gerd Conner, 979-543-3493, Preston Hicks, 979-543-5635, Johnnie Bartosh, 979-543-3600

SEPTEMBER 12-13 36 TABLES SAN ANGELO
 COIN SHOW OF THE CONCHO VALLEY, sponsored by the San Angelo Coin Club, Friday, September 12, 2008, 2-6pm. Saturday, September 14, 2008, 9am-6pm. Dealer setup at 12 NOON on Friday. La Quinta Inn, 2307 Loop 306 at Knickerbocker, San Angelo. FREE admission, FREE parking, Door Prizes, and Security. Tables \$100. FMI: Tom Gonzales, (325) 465-4615 or e-mail: sacoinclub@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 13-14 IRVING
 DALLAS COIN CLUB AND MID-CITIES COIN CLUB COIN SHOW, Sat., Sep. 13: 9-5 and Sun., Sep. 14: 9-3. Ramada Hotel at DFW Airport, 4440 W. Airport Freeway (Hwy. 183), Irving, TX 75062 (take Hwy 183 to Esters Rd, turn South). \$2 Adults; Hourly Door Prizes. Contact: John Post: 817-992-1868, email: dmcshow@sbcglobal.net. Web address: coinshows.com

SEPTEMBER 20 BEAUMONT
 BEAUMONT COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Coins-Paper Money, Jewelry. Free Kids Auction 3pm. Free Parking; Drawing for Free Gold Coin. Open to Public; \$1 admission for adults. Bourse Chair - Jerry Williams, PO Box 302, Beaumont, TX 77704, 1-409-385-7028

SEPTEMBER 27 38 TABLES MCKINNEY
 COLLIN COUNTY SEMI-ANNUAL COIN SHOW; Quality Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 1300 N. Central Expressway, Hwy 75 North, Exit 50B, McKinney. Admission is Free. Tables: \$50 & \$60. For more info contact: Gary Rollins, P.O. Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. Telephone: 972-978-1611; email: grollins1@peoplepc.com. Web site: www.collincoinclub.com

OCTOBER 11 40 TABLES ROUND ROCK
 CENTRAL TEXAS COIN SHOW; Wingate Inn, 1209 North IH-35 and Highway 79, Exit 253; Round Rock, TX 78664. Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm. Contact Bryan Jones (512) 339-2923 or Francis Smith at fpsmith@sbcglobal.net

NOVEMBER 8 GROVES
 COIN & COLLECTIBLE SHOW; Sponsored by Port Arthur Coin Club. November 8th, 2008, 9am-5pm. Masonic Lodge, 5901 39th St. (off Hwy 73), Groves, Texas. Free Appraisals, coins, paper money, bullion, jewelry, sports cards and more. Free parking, refreshments. Free coin drawing every hour. \$1 admission for adults. Contact: Bourse Chairman, Jerry Williams, P.O. Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 409-385-7028

NOVEMBER 8-9 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
 FORT WORTH COIN CLUB FALL COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, hourly \$10 gift certificate drawing, adult admission \$3., in-room snack bar. Dealer set-up: Fri. Nov7, Noon-6pm; 8' tables-\$225. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Bourse chair: Ron Surprenant 817-232-0400; email: ron38@charter.net

DECEMBER 5-7 250+TABLES HOUSTON
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DECEMBER 13-14 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
 COWTOWN CHRISTMAS COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, hourly \$10 gift certificate drawing, adult admission \$3, in-room snack bar. Dealer set-up: Fri. Dec 14, Noon-6pm; 8' tables-\$225. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Bourse chair: Gary Andrews, 2901 Flat Rock Rd., Azle, TX 76020-1837; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com

JANUARY 24-25 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
 COWTOWN WINTER SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, hourly \$10 gift certificate drawing, adult admission \$3, in-room snack bar. Dealer set-up: Fri. Jan. 23, Noon-6pm; 8' tables-\$225. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Bourse chair: Gary Andrews, 2901 Flat Rock Rd., Azle, TX 76020-1837; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com

FEBRUARY 28 35 TABLES SAN ANTONIO
 SAN ANTONIO COIN SHOW SPONSORED BY GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. , Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH 35 N, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, FREE admission and FREE Parking, Door Prizes, Police Security. Tables \$100. Map at www.gatewaycoinclub.com Contact Ray Tate P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, (210) 271-3429, e-Mail retate@msn.com

MARCH 7-8 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
 FORT WORTH COIN CLUB Spring COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, hourly \$10 gift certificate drawing, adult admission \$3., in-room snack bar. Dealer set-up: Fri. March 6, Noon-6pm; 8' tables-\$225. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Bourse chair: Bill Yates; 682-429-6726; email: wyates9399@aol.com

MAY 30 35 TABLES SAN ANTONIO
 SAN ANTONIO COIN SHOW SPONSORED BY GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. , Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH 35 N, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, FREE admission and FREE Parking, Door Prizes, Police Security. Tables \$100. Map at www.gatewaycoinclub.com Contact Ray Tate P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, (210) 271-3429, e-Mail retate@msn.com

JULY 11-12 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
 COWTOWN SUMMER SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, adult admission \$3, in-room snack bar. Dealer set-up: Fri. July 10, Noon-6pm; 8' tables-\$225. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Bourse chair: Bill Yates; 682-429-6726; email: wyates9399@aol.com.

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