



## SILVER DILEMMA

FROM THE GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER BY RICHARD LASTER...

**W**ow!! Let me say this; "I dislike it when I have to think about making good on something I promised myself I would do!!" If any of you all are interested I'll explain simply what I mean here. Back a number of years ago, when my grandmother was struggling with Alzheimer's disease and my grandfather was toying with what to do to maintain his financial health everybody in the family who could assist did just that, by offering funds in order to help cover expenses or volunteer time to care for her needs. My grandfather's desire was to maintain their home as well as care for my grandmother as long as he could. At the age he was at the time, in his early 90's, he started to look at what he had accumulated and what could be sold. One of the items under consideration was his silver dollar collection which included nearly one thousand coins.

Most of these he had picked up over the years at local banks and had paid, therefore, no more than face value for any piece. In his collection, actually more an accumulation, were very few items of collector value. One of the seeds of my interest in numismatics came from "playing" with his dollars back when I was young. There was an emotional attachment. So when he came up the idea that he was going to sell these I intervened and took out a little loan in order to buy the lot at a modestly higher rate than the local coin and bullion dealers were willing to pay. For me this was a sacrifice. Back then, in the middle 1980's, money for me was quite a scarcity. But I digress.

My original thought in this article is the dilemma I placed before myself some years ago. For the last two plus decades these things have been maintained in neat orderly rolls in a safe

deposit box in a downtown bank in Houston. I pay for the box every year and only occasionally make a pastoral visit. I promised myself that once the silver market rebounded, say at or above twenty dollars per ounce for silver, I'd sell these and invest the funds in some other means.

Well, unfortunately, silver is now within speaking distance of twenty two dollars an ounce for the first time in nearly thirty years. I just read an article in the Dallas Morning News projecting that an even higher rate will follow. Of course nobody knows for sure. It already stresses me a bit to think that the coins we love and cherish as "collectibles" are rapidly becoming more "bullion pieces" as their worth as a numismatic treasure is eclipsed by their value as a "silver" commodity.

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Here's wishing all of our TNA members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year. We watched the new animation movie, "A Christmas Carol", and it put me in the Christmas mood. Charles Dickens' story is one of my favorites, reminding me of how Christmas was when I was young. Thanksgiving is just around the corner as I write this, so I am also reminded of the blessings I have today.

Our cover art of silver rounds lets us know that they always make good Christmas gifts, especially if you happen to have some extras bought a few years ago. Otherwise it's gonna cost ya! For Richard Laster the rise in silver value brings about some soul searching and it seemed appropriate to put his story on the cover. Hope you enjoy it.

It's election time again for the TNA so Hal Cherry has provided us with the procedures we need to follow to accomplish this important task for our organization.

This issue includes several articles taken from our member club newsletters. Thanks to the members who took the time to write these informative and thought-provoking pieces. All TNA members are encouraged to contribute to their local club newsletters. Your efforts will benefit all of TNA in addition to your local coin club.

Texas Happenings is in need of more photos from your club meetings. I would also appreciate it if you would send me your club logo artwork so I can display it along with your club reports.

Is your club producing a newsletter? It is an excellent way to communicate with all your club members. Today's computer programs make it much easier to do and printing with postage is not necessarily required. The newsletter can be emailed and/or posted to a web site for downloading. Try it - you might like it!

It's time to get this edition to the printer.

Until next time,

Ron Kersey

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT...



I am writing this just before Thanksgiving and want to wish all of you happy holidays.

We are publishing the names of the people that have been with the TNA for fifty years and it is an impressive list. Congratulations to all of you for this achievement, I figure

just being around for fifty years is an achievement in itself, and to belong to any organization for that long is great.

We are working hard on the next TNA show and it looks like we will have a full room at the rate we are going. Doug Davis is traveling to many of the larger shows to sign up dealers and has a new advertising program worked out that should get the word out about the TNA. Our crew is working on the children's auction and have been working on an even larger auction than last year. You may know this but we have been trying to make this a major part of the show. These kids are the future of coin collecting and we need them. We want them to be interested and find things they will want to collect in the future.

At this time I will tell you that gold and silver have again hit all time highs and there does not appear to be a stopping point in the near future. I told you before that new people to the bullion market are investing in precious metals. While I do not think this is a bad idea I would caution that putting all your eggs in one basket is not always a good idea. Please make sure you have varied your savings with other items. The coin market is picking up some. I have heard from dealers that have attended shows recently and collectors are starting to ask for type coins again. I attended a show last weekend and saw an increase in traffic and people not just asking for gold and silver. I think people are starting to come out again, however we still have a long way to go barring unforeseen circumstances.

I would like to hear from some of you on your collecting and what you are doing. Please email me and let me know.

I have had a few emails asking if I knew people in areas of the state that would appraise or buy or help dispose of collections. We are a non-profit and should not give out business names because this opens up a can of worms with people that are not recommended. I will try to help people as much as possible so that they are not left hanging with no idea where to turn to, but I won't guarantee that I will give a person or business name out.

Sincerely,  
Mike Grant

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## WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS...

Welcome to new TNA members, J-7083. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on November 1, 2010.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on January 1, 2011.

- R-7084 – Troy McNeill – sponsored by Gober Pitzer
- R-7085 – Joseph Babits – from the internet
- R-7086 – Donald Tomko – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7087 – Bob Pearson – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- LM-240 – Ross Baldwin – from the internet

## VIP LEADERS FOR 2010

John Post and Chuck Steward

## 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.

## TNA BOARD MEETING HELD IN ROUND ROCK

The Fall TNA Board Meeting was held in Round Rock, Texas on October 16, 2010. The seven Board Members in attendance were President Mike Grant, Secretary Hal Cherry, Treasurer, Jack Gilbert, and Governors Russell Prinzing, Barbara Williams, Alan Wood, and Tom Bennington. Also attending were Editor Ron Kersey and ANA Representative Jerry Williams.

To fill the Governor vacancy in District XVI, President Grant appointed Alan Wood as Acting Governor. Committees were also appointed to select recipients of our annual awards and literary awards. Minutes of the May 14, 2010 Board Meeting were approved as corrected and published along with the Minutes of the May 15, 2010 Annual Meeting.

The Secretary's Report and the Treasurers Report were presented and discussed. Available cash was \$19,956.07. There was discussion on the current low interest rates for our time deposits. The Show Producers' final report for the May, 2010 TNA Show was recently received along with supporting documents and Treasurer Gilbert will be auditing these records. President Grant reviewed the progress for the May, 2011 Show which is being actively promoted by the new Show Producer, Doug Davis.

Reports from the Exhibit Chair, Donations Chair, News Editor, Librarian and Coins for A's Chair were also presented and discussed. Governor Bennington reported the Book Auction receipts from the May Show were \$993.25. A financial analysis of the TNA Medals Program was also presented and discussed with 2010 medal sales netting \$774.32 in receipts. Funding was appropriated for the general awards, the literary awards and the exhibit awards for next year's show. A \$500.00 contingency expense fund was voted for use by Presidential discretion through May 21, 2011.

Next year is a TNA election year and election procedures were discussed and approved by the Board. As this is the TNA's 50th Anniversary year, the Association has several 50 year members and the Board voted to recognize these and future 50 year members with appropriate certificates.

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



## Treasurer's Report

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

### TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF

OCTOBER 31, 2010

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash		
Checking Account (JP Morgan Chase, NA)	\$12,073.32	
Connect Checking Community Trust 2.1%-12/31/10	\$70,652.71	
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/11@1.65%)	\$10,000.00	
<b>Total Current Assets Due in &lt;1 Year</b>		<b>\$92,726.03</b>
Long Term Assets:		
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/12@2.15%)	\$20,000.00	
Other Long Term Assets:		
<b>Total Long Term Assets</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$112,726.03</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Beginning Balance 3/1/2010		\$104,006.96
Income (Plus)	\$43,920.40	
Expenses (Minus)	(\$35,201.33)	
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$8,719.07</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$112,726.03</b>

## 50 YEAR TNA MEMBERS

On the occasion of the Texas Numismatic Association's 50th Anniversary, the TNA recognizes the following 50 year members. A certificate in honor of their 50 year membership is being mailed to them. TNA could not have made it this far without their continued support!

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Bill J. Howard  
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*San Angelo Coin Club*

# 2011 TNA ELECTION PROCEDURES

The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA By-Laws and the TNA Board. The 2011 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two (2) year period beginning after the 2011 TNA Convention and through the 2013 TNA Convention. The election is by secret ballot in a method and manner determined by the TNA Board in line with the By-Laws.

The five (5) statewide Officers are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also being elected are the District Governors. Candidates for office no longer need to be nominated by another member or club, but only need to file for office with the TNA Secretary from December 23, 2010 until April 6, 2011. All candidates must be residents of the State of Texas except as noted and the candidates for District Governors must reside in the district they represent with the exception of District X where residents in the adjacent areas of New Mexico within 75 miles of the Texas border are eligible.

All candidates must be approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws at the time of their filing for office. No member shall be eligible for the office of President until they have served in at least one elected office in the Association. No President or Vice President shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they can not run for any other office. Candidates can only run for District Governor in the district in which they reside. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices.

State Officers of the Association are elected by members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws. District Governors are elected by the Members of the Association, in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws, in their respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no provision for a run-off in the event a candidate does not receive the majority of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event two candidates receive the same number of votes, the election winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent out to those voters where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for office the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to office at a Board Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. Ballots will be mailed to Members by April 11, 2011 and must be received (not post marked) by the Secretary by the end of the day May 6, 2011. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. Ballots will only be mailed to approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws. The results of the election will be formally announced at the General Membership Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on May 21, 2011.

Candidates may also submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the Association's official publication and web site. Candidates names and any biography will be published in all issues of the Association's official publication prior to the end date of voting and also posted on the web site when received. (Candidates may also purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.)

(From the By-laws - Section 2.02 APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by the Secretary by the first day of the next month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.)

# A COLLECTOR COLLECTS TO COLLECT

By Elmer Powell, Dallas Coin Club

As a kid I collected stamps, coins and marbles. Later as a boy scout I collected order of the arrow patches and camporee patches. After college I was working for LTV Corp. in the early 70's in their downtown Dallas office and stumbled into the Whitehurst Stamp and Coin shop which ran a weekly bid board. I realized that Republic of Texas redback notes (over 100 years old) were selling for \$1.50 to \$3.00 and the civil war county beehive notes were selling for \$4.00 to \$5.00. I was hooked as I could afford \$5.00 to \$10.00 a week on a new collecting venture.

Along came kids, medical bills and college which delayed any major purchases for 30 years. I picked up the collecting bug again in the late



Jalisco 5 Peso

90's and realized that Mexico with the Spanish and Indian influence affected much of Texas history. I ran across a 20 peso Tesoreria General Del Estado note signed by Gral Francisco Villa dated

1913 in an Arlington antique mall and the purchase of that note led me to join with the DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University to pool our respective collections to celebrate The Mexican Centennial in 2010.

Following are comments from Anne E. Peterson, Curator of Photographs, DeGolyer Library, SMU concerning the photographers of the Mexican Revolution.

"The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920, was a drawn-out, violent and bloody affair. Photographers captured on film the devastation and brutality that occurred during the civil war that claimed over a million dead and led to the emigration of some 890,000 persons to the United States.

Photography played an unprecedented role in the war, depicted by seasoned professionals and those who had only recently picked up a camera. By 1920, at least 100 individuals



Yanez Gral Juan Carasco

and films had chronicled the war. For this conflict, photographers had almost unlimited access to the Revolution, as leaders saw the potential for propaganda in images and motion pictures. Executions and even battles were sometimes scheduled, so they could be photographed.

To help finance their causes, Generals 'Pancho' Villa, Alvaro Obregon, and others signed contracts with firms for exclusive rights to document these scenes for which they were paid. Rebels like Villa were larger-than-life, swashbuckling personalities. Wearing wide-brimmed hats and draped with heavy cartridge belts, they evoked mythical, romanticized figures that stirred the public's imagination and desire for images."

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow interviewed Elmer Powell recently. The article, "For Pancho Villa buff, it's '¡Viva la revolución!'," was published in the Dallas Morning News on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Congratulations Elmer!

### **“BLUE, GRAY AND GREENBACKS” CHOSEN AS THEME FOR 2011 NATIONAL COIN WEEK**

“Blue, Gray and Greenbacks” is the theme of 2011 National Coin Week, April 17-23. The weeklong celebration of coins and currency will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the numismatic changes and innovations during the conflict, which began at Fort Sumter, S.C. on April 12, 1861.

Collectors are invited to help the American Numismatic Association celebrate National Coin Week by participating in fun and educational activities. Beginning in March, weekly clues and questions will be distributed online every Monday, challenging participants to hunt for numismatic objects and answers. The activity will follow a virtual tour of battlefields and other important places during the war.

Clubs can participate in a competition this March and April testing Civil War numismatic knowledge and research. Students across the country will be encouraged to create coin and note designs honoring the war and the people who experienced it. Prizes relating to the War Between the States will be awarded for individual, club and student activities.

Resources will be available on [www.money.org](http://www.money.org), including a sample press release, proclamations, an interactive flier and online games.

### **SUMMER SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TALENTED YOUNG NUMISMATISTS**

The American Numismatic Association is seeking applications from gifted Young Numismatists (YNs), ages 13 to 22, for scholarships to attend 2011 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Dates for the two one-week sessions are June 25-July 1 and July 2-8.

Summer Seminar features a lineup of classes to meet virtually every collector’s needs, including ancients, paper money, counterfeit detection, grading, the Civil War, digital photography, Lincoln cents, hobo nickels, medals, tokens, and more. Students meet and learn from the hobby’s most prominent scholars, rising young stars and successful business leaders.

Scholarship recipients will attend one weeklong class or two, 2-day classes of their choice, stay in a Colorado College dormitory with counselor supervision, and participate in seminar programs and events.

YN scholarship applications are available at [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) (select “Summer Seminar” from the “Numismatic Events” drop-down menu) or by contacting the ANA education department at 719-482-9849 or [education@money.org](mailto:education@money.org). Applications are due Jan. 18. Scholarships will be awarded in March, and preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate dedication to the hobby.

### **BOWERS AND MERENA TO SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL AUCTIONEER FOR ANA PRE-SHOW AUCTIONS IN 2011, 2012 AND 2013**

Bowers and Merena Auctions has been selected by the American Numismatic Association as the official auctioneer for the ANA Pre-Show, which will immediately precede the World’s Fair of Money conventions. This three-year agreement includes the ANA Pre-Shows to be held in Chicago in 2011, Philadelphia in 2012 and Chicago in 2013.

“The ANA is very pleased with the selection of Bowers and Merena as the Official Auctioneer for the ANA Pre-Show Auctions,” said Larry Shepherd, ANA Executive Director. “We are working to ensure that our official ANA Pre-Shows are great events for everyone, and we are excited that Bowers and Merena’s top-tier auctions will be a significant part of these events.”

Bowers and Merena will hold live auctions of coins and paper money including:

- U.S. Coins, U.S. Colonial Coins, U.S. Tokens, U.S. Exonumia
- U.S. Paper Money, World Paper Money
- Ancient and World Coins

The Bowers and Merena Auctions will increase the availability of numismatic material at the World’s Fair of Money convention which starts immediately after the ANA Pre-Show ends.

“We are thrilled to continue our relationship with the ANA and honored to have been entrusted with the rights to host the Official ANA Pre-Show Auction for the next three years,” said Greg Roberts, CEO of Bowers and Merena Auctions. “The ANA World’s Fair of Money is one of the most important coin shows in the world and the ANA Pre-Show presents an amazing auction venue. We look forward to working with such a well-respected organization as the ANA.”

The ANA Pre-Show is scheduled the three days prior to each ANA World’s Fair of Money convention. The 2011 Chicago ANA Pre-Show will be held Aug. 13-15 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. In 2012 the ANA Pre-Show will be held Aug. 4-6 in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The ANA Pre-Show returns to Chicago Aug. 10-12 in 2013.

Headquartered in Irvine, Calif., Bowers and Merena Auctions is a world leader in numismatic auctions. For more information, visit [www.bowersandmerena.com](http://www.bowersandmerena.com) or call 800-458-4646.



## **FEDERAL RESERVE ANNOUNCES DELAY IN THE ISSUE DATE OF REDESIGNED \$100 NOTE**

On October 1, the Federal Reserve Board announced a delay in the issue date of the redesigned \$100 note. This new design incorporates cutting edge, anti-counterfeiting technologies and the Federal Reserve imposes strict quality controls to ensure that users of U.S. currency around the world receive the highest quality notes. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing manufactures Federal Reserve notes and has identified a problem with sporadic creasing of the paper during printing of

the new \$100 note, which was not apparent during extensive pre-production testing. As a consequence, the Federal Reserve will not have sufficient inventories to begin distributing the new \$100 notes as planned.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is working to resolve this problem, and the Federal Reserve Board will announce a new issue date for the redesigned \$100 note as soon as possible. The originally scheduled issue date was February 10, 2011.





*Kim Groves,  
Show Education Chair*

# TNA CONVENTION EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS OFFERED ON DVD

The Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) presented 6 excellent speakers at the annual convention this last May. All the speakers provided interesting and relevant information to the Texas numismatic community. The seminars were recorded on a DVD format by Cointelevision.com and are available to TNA members and the public for those who missed the sessions. A DVD of each session is available for \$24.95 or all six sessions for \$120.00. Please send payment and mailing address to Advision, Inc, 3100 Arrowwood Lane, Bolder, CO 80303, 303-444-2320 or go to the website at <http://coinvideo.com>. A short description of each talk and a reference number are provided.

Applications for the 2011 educational seminar are being accepted at this time. Please send your name and topic to Kim Groves at [kim.groves@myerspower.com](mailto:kim.groves@myerspower.com) for consideration.

The first speaker was Ray Ashley, member of the Ft. Worth Coin Club and winner of the Presentation of the Year Award from that club. He is also involved in many Texas and Civil War historical organizations including CENTEX and Ft. Worth Civil War Roundtable, Hood's Texas Brigade and Texas Historical Association. Ray's topic was "Coinage of the War Between the States". Ray presented a slide show that include many coins from 1850-1861 he thought the typical soldier might have had in his pocket. He also showed several examples of store tokens used by merchants due to the shortage of small change during the war. A favorite item of the audience was a token patterned after Dix's statement "The Flag of our Union: If anybody attempts to tear it down - Shoot him on the spot". He showed an example that said, "...shoot him on the SPOOT", obviously an error. Ray also brought several display items including a Confederate Bond, pages from Harpers Weekly and a period musket. Ray's presentation was well received and appreciated.

Doug Davis well known in Texas numismatics for providing excellent security for coin shows in the area was the next speaker. He has been in Law enforcement for over 30 years and is the founder of Numismatic Crime Information Center. Doug's topic was "Coin Show Safety". He began by encouraging the audience to plan their route to and from the show, making sure someone knows you where you will be. He suggested inventorying what you are taking to a show, make a copy and put it in a safe place in case the one you have is stolen or is lost. He encouraged show attendees to not "broadcast" their situation by bragging about their collection or by spreading out their treasures on the food court table. He also suggested not talking about where you have been after you leave the show. Doug talked about the need for communication between law enforcement and the victim of a numismatic crime. Law enforcement is often not well versed in numismatics and needs some coaching. The Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC) is a valuable resource for individuals and law enforcement to aid in communication. Doug told a story where NCIC had been contacted by law enforcement regarding recovery of gold coins. As it turned out, the victim didn't even realize the coins were missing. This presentation provided

valuable information to TNA show attendees on how to keep safe as well as protect your valuable collections.

J. H. Cline, a coin dealer from Florida, was the third speaker. He is the owner of "J.H. Cline Rare Coins established in 1964. He has been involved in collecting coins very early in life and became a part-time dealer in the mid 1950s. Jay is considered to be an authority on standing liberty quarters and has written a book, "Standing Liberty Quarters", now in its 4th edition. He began by explaining to the audience how he started collecting the series in Dayton, Ohio. He decided quickly that he preferred the sharp strike of liberty's head and at that time began his search for full head quarters. He discussed his study of the series and the compilation of his book, first published in 1976. Jay talked about his contact with the widow of Hermon MacNeil, designer of the Standing Liberty Quarter. Jay showed several examples of the full head quarter and offered to sell and autograph copies of the latest edition of his book. He concluded by answering questions from this well-attended session.

The fourth speaker was Dick Osburn, a coin dealer from Houston, TX. He is owner of Dick Osburn's Rare Coins and has been collecting since he was ten-years old. Dick has written over a dozen articles for the "Gobrecht Journal" and has written the chapter on Seated Liberty Coins for Kevin Flynn's book on Misplaced Dates. Mr. Osburn, a retired engineer for NASA, provided a collector's assessment of all seated liberty coinage from the half dime to the dollar. He used a power point presentation to describe an analyze of each denomination for difficulty and rewards in collecting. He discussed the number of coins and varieties in the series, literature available, the number and the cost of obtaining the harder or "dream" coins in the denomination. Dick said he chose the half dollar partly because his

mature eyes could not fully appreciate the smaller denominations, such as the half dime. Handouts were provided and questions were answered from a well-attended crowd.

Ricardo de Leon Tallavas, a numismatist in two languages, was the fifth speaker. Ricardo has been involved in Mexican and U.S. numismatics since 1974. He is a published author and has lectured during the summer for the last two years at the American Numismatic Association summer lectureships. Ricardo spoke on "Viva Mexico, Some Issues of la Revolution" a look at coinage and currency of the Mexican revolutions. Mr. Tallavas used a power point presentation to describe the history, personalities and intrigue of the Mexican revolutions. Showing colorful examples of several issues, Ricardo skillfully mixed history with numismatics. His photography was excellent and his stories were exciting. He explained that currency would transfer from side to side and result in multiple counter stamps in vivid colors. His audience seemed to have really enjoyed Ricardo and he answered many questions.

The last speaker was Jim Fitzgerald, Senior Vice President of Spink Smythe Auction Company. Jim has been a collector most of his life and has extensive experience in the auction industry. The last talk of the day was on what to expect at a coin and currency auction. Jim explained that coin and currency actions are not like the dramatized auctions on TV where scratching your ear will commit you to a fortune in purchases. He explained these actions were slower, more deliberate and that most auctioneers do not look for anything but your registration ticket prominently displayed. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that every effort is made to provide bidders an accurate description in the catalog and opportunity to view the items prior to the auction. A small but appreciative audience was glad to get the insights provided by Jim.

## BOOKMARKS

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Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.

***The Authoritative Reference on Barber Half Dollars*** by Kevin Flynn. 1st. ed.

Brooklyn, NY : Brooklyn Gallery Coins and Stamps, Inc., ©2005. 199 p. :ill.

***Guide Book of Buffalo and Jefferson Nickels***: complete source for history, grading, and values by Q. David Bowers, Bill Fivaz, and valuation editor Lawrence Stack. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, ©2007. x, 277 p. : ill

(some col.) (ISBN 0794820085; \$15.56).

***A Guide Book of United States Commemorative Coins***: History, rarity, Values Grading, Varieties by Q. David Bowers and valuation editor Lawrence Stack. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, ©2008. (ISBN 0794822568).

***A Guide Book of United States Tokens and Medals***: featuring illustrations from the American Numismatic Society's collection by Katherine Jaeger. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, ©2008. 289 p. : ill. (some col), col. Ports. (ISBN 0780794820602; \$15.56).

***Guide to Coin Collecting*** by David L. Ganz. NY : Collins, ©2008. 145 p.: col. Ill. (ISBN 9780061341403; \$15.98)

***Standing Liberty Quarters*** by Jay H. Cline. 4th ed. Irvine, CA: Zyrus Press, ©2007. 237 p. ill. (ISBN 9871933990002)

# HISTORICAL FACTS

## THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH AND THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT

By 1848, only a few hundred Americans had settled in California. One of them was a man named John Sutter, a European immigrant who set up a successful sawmill in the Sacramento Valley.

On January 24, 1848, ten days prior to the acquisition of California by the United States from Mexico, as specified by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, one of Sutter's employees, James W. Marshall, noticed a shiny substance in a stream where he was building a sawmill. Tests later proved it was gold!

Word of the discovery spread around the world like wildfire. Within a year, many thousands of "49ers" were attracted to California in search of gold, greatly accelerating the settlement of the California and the West.

By the end of 1849, California's population had grown more than enough to apply for statehood. When California's application to enter the Union as a free state reached Washington, a crisis erupted. If California entered the Union as a free state, the existing balance of 15 slave and 15 free states would be upset in favor of the North. Under the terms of the Compromise of 1850, California was eventually admitted as a free state (see more about this in the next chapter).



*Some gold hunters bound for California took a ship to Central America, crossed land over the Isthmus of Panama, then onto another ship on the Pacific side.*  
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As we saw a couple of paragraphs above, and shall see in more detail in the next chapter, the gold discovery also renewed the rivalry between the North and South. Indeed, it can be argued that the California Gold Rush was one of the events leading to the American Civil War.

By 1852, the California gold fields had yielded millions in gold, yet there was a severe shortage of coins to serve the Wild West population. The deficiency of circulating coinage, the availability of a bullion supply, and California statehood encouraged Congress to authorize a branch mint at San Francisco, with the doors first opening in 1854. After getting off to a slow start due to the lack of chemicals needed for refining gold, the new San Francisco Mint started converting the miners' gold into adequate coin supplies about three years after its debut.

Prior to the start-up of the new mint, and then for a while thereafter, the coinage needs of the population were partially being met by private, state, and territorial minters. Today, quite a few collectors are fascinated by these "pre-mint" California gold issues, and actively collect them. Moffat & Company, Templeton Reid, and Norris, Greig & Norris were some of the private companies issuing coins from 49er gold. Moffat & Company in particular manufactured enough coins to at least make a dent in the miners' need for coins.



*One of the very few images of the original San Francisco Mint, seeing service from 1854 to 1873.*  
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*The 1848 "CAL." quarter eagle, minted in Philadelphia from California gold. A great rarity of historical significance, the specimen above is valued in excess of \$50,000. Photo courtesy of Ira & Larry Goldberg Coins & Collectibles, Inc., Beverly Hills, CA.*

Some of the gold from the fabulous strike was sent in a special shipment to Philadelphia. The letters "CAL." were counterstamped by mint officials on the reverse side of 1,389 quarter eagles bearing the 1848 date to show that they were coined out of gold originating from the California gold fields. These "CAL." quarter eagles are unmistakable links to one of the most significant events in American history, are quite rare and have been highly valued by generations of coin collectors.

The impact of the California Gold Rush cannot be overstated. The massive influx of gold bullion upset the old ratio between gold and silver, triggering a monetary instability that would last until until gold and silver were finally removed from coinage, gold in 1933 and silver in 1965.

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# PRESS RELEASE

## DALLAS-BASED DILLON GAGE NAMED A 2010 FINALIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS U.S. CHAMBER AWARD HONORING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE CARING

WASHINGTON, DC -- Nov 02, 2010 / (<http://www.myprgenie.com>) -- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC) named Dallas-based Dillon Gage as a finalist for a 2010 Corporate Citizenship Award in the category of International Community Service. The Corporate Citizenship Awards have been presented every year since 2000 and are the nation's premier recognition for companies that care.

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- Education programs reaching people in the most remote regions in Guatemala which give the people opportunities to make changes that didn't exist before;
- Collaboration with agricultural corporations in an effort to help farmers put food on the table and money in their pockets.

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## QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE:

1) What do the arrows alongside the date on this half dollar signify?



3) What are die stress lines and how can they be used in coin authentication?

4) Who was Abe Curry and what did he do in Nevada?



5) What do you think about Daniel Carr's fantasy reproductions of the 1964-D Peace Dollar?

6) A collector seeking to form a set of U.S. Franklin Half Dollars will have the most difficulty locating which dates?

2) Why is the "N" in "united" reversed on this Hard Times Token?



## DR. COYNE RESPONDS:

1) The 1853 Seated Liberty Half Dollar has arrows at the date to denote a slight reduction in the contained weight of silver. All the silver denominations from half dime through half dollar bore such markings in 1853-1855, though the "rays" on the reverse were only on the half dollar in 1853. The silver dollar was exempt from the weight reduction; thus it contained more silver than two halves or four quarters or ten dimes, through 1935.



2) The reversed "N" is a simple engraving error. This piece is not a product of the U.S. Mint, and the engraver blundered on this letter, though he did it right on the N's in the obverse lettering, shown below. If the engraver was hand-engraving one letter at a time in the die, this would be an easy error to make.... all lettering has to be entered in mirror image on the die to come out right-reading on the finished coin.



3) The term "die stress" was used in an article in *The Numismatist* (June 1974) by Hal Birt and Dick Wagner to describe erosion marks in well-used dies which leave characteristic ridges on coins. The tiny near-vertical marks are along the edges of design features. The marks lead from the flat plane of the coin's field up to the higher plane of the tops of lettering or edge denticles. The important thing about their use in coin authentication is that they ONLY occur on die-struck pieces, and never on cast copies (according to Birt and Wagner). The tiny ridges are a result of metal flow at the planchet surface at the



die stress marks

moment of striking. They are most prominent on large-diameter silver coins, and are best noticed near the edge of those coins (where metal movement during striking has the highest velocity). But just two issues later in *The Numismatist*, we have Virgil Hancock strenuously

arguing that later and technologically better casting techniques can at least partially duplicate these tiny ridges. Dr Coyne would love to see any members' examples of recent Chinese fakes to see how they measure up! It makes sense that the presence of ridges is still a good sign. Shown is a Pillar Dollar of the Mexico City Mint from 1750.

4) Abraham V. Curry is the self-described and much-loved "Father of Carson City". He was an early settler in 1858, seeking business success in real estate. He developed the Carson City townsite on part of his Eagle Ranch, and was very influential in bringing the state capitol to the new town. He was the guiding force in establishing the Branch Mint at Carson City, and was its first superintendent. He was prime contractor for many of the town's best early buildings. He died in Carson City in 1873. The mint outlasted him (as a coining facility) by twenty years.

5) In the last month, Dr. Coyne has seen three different strikings of a fantasy 1964-D Peace Dollar by Daniel Carr of Loveland, Colo. They were done with various combinations of heavy tonnage (350), light tonnage (200), and multiple impressions. All were prepared using genuine, original, circulated Peace Dollars as planchets. None of the "copies" was marked "COPY". These pieces imitate what the actually-struck (316,000) but never officially released 1964 Peace Dollars would have looked like. There are continuing rumors of the escape of a handful of originals to collector hands, but the government has said they are "illegal to own" in much the same way as they have pronounced on the 1933 Double Eagles, and they threaten to seize any originals which might come to light. Dr. Coyne has not yet decided whether to acquire one of the Carr concoctions (though they are attractive!). The listed price of \$100+ seems pretty high for a "coin" of which more can be made anytime.

6) The collector of Franklin Half Dollars issued for circulation 1948 - 1963 will not find any true "stoppers" in forming his set. Even in uncirculated condition, most of the coins in the set retail for under \$100. The issues of 1949-S, 1949-D, and 1950-D will be the hardest to find in top condition. This series ended just before the start of clad issue half dollars in 1965. Prices have been slumbering on this series for a long time. The BU roll set is still under water from its 1979 levels. Recent higher silver prices have set a new floor and perhaps will come to the rescue.



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## DISTRICT ONE



**September Meeting** - President John Post called the meeting to order with thirty-six members and two guests in attendance.

Educational Program: Mike Grant gave a presentation on counterfeit coins and counterfeit, coin certification service holders. Mike circulated a counterfeit Morgan silver dollar in a counterfeit PCGS holder. Mike also highlighted some of the diagnostics that can be used to screen for counterfeit coins and holders.

**October Meeting** - President John Post called the meeting to order with forty-two members and two guests in attendance.

Educational Program: Matt Miller led a coin dealer panel discussion with Ron Swiney and Gary Andrews serving as panel members. Both Ron and Gary recommended that beginners start their collections with a type set and then select individual series to collect. They recommended that beginners focus on acquiring key and semi-key coins first, as common date coins will always be available. They also emphasized the need to get more children interested in the hobby



## NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

**September Meeting** - President Steve Lehr opened the meeting with 69 members and visitors present. Based on comments from participants, Show and Tell Night was a great success. Presenters were divided into two groups of roughly 8-9. Each group took



turns sitting at the tables around the perimeter of the room, displaying an area of their collecting interest and giving explanations and answering questions of passer-bys. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and wanted to repeat the program next year.

**October Meeting** - President Steve Lehr opened the meeting with 63 members and visitors present.

Several items were discussed and members shared their "finds" since the last meeting. Election of officers and board members will take place next meeting.

Members were encouraged to attend the special Veteran's Day meeting in November and asked to bring memorabilia from their experiences as veterans.

**November Meeting** - Since the November meeting this year fell on Veterans Day, the Club chose to honor our veterans who have served in all branches of the armed forces. Veterans Day originated in 1919



and was called Armistice Day to remember the day World War I ended. It was expanded in

1954 to honor all veterans.

The meeting began with a moving presentation of the colors by the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts also retired the colors at the end of the meeting.



President Steve Lehr recognized the veterans in attendance. Service of those present spanned seven decades. Enlisted ranks through E-9 (Master Chief Petty Officer) and officers through O-4 (Major) were represented.



Several members brought memorabilia from the time of their service or service of a family member. Kids in attendance flocked to see the Japanese sword captured on Saipan in 1944, as well as ration cards and stamps issued during World War II. Among the members volunteering to say a few words, Merle Owens told of family service during World War I, Jerry Stuart recalled the history of his MP battalion.

Stewart Huckaby gave a very informative and interesting presentation on Military Payment Certificates. These colorful items were issued 1947-73 to stem black market activities in countries where our armed forces were posted. Stewart also brought numerous examples from his collection to display.

A special Veterans Day cake was shared by all. The evening concluded with a raffle and auction of World War II era items.

## DISTRICT FIVE

### COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

**October Meeting** - The regular meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding. There were eighteen (18) members and no guests in attendance.

Gary R. announced a successful fall coin show. Terry E, Kim G. and Chuck S. helped with set up. Terry E. was the only volunteer for the front during the show.

Gary R. announced the Plano / Richardson Coin Club had its first meeting Thursday October 14 at 7:00 PM. Everyone in attendance was interested in the club and it was decided to continue. Everyone at the CCCC was invited to attend the next meeting on November 11th.



**September Meeting** - David Swann brought the meeting to order with 13 members present. There were no guests.

Congratulations to Larry Herrera for winning First Place in his category at the ANA National Money Show in Fort Worth and Best of Show for his counterfeit coin detector collection. Larry brought his certificates from the ANA to the meeting for all to see.

The presentation was by Larry Herrera on counterfeit coin weight machines (coin scales).

In addition to his pursuit of counterfeit coin detectors, Larry is also collecting coin weights.



There are several weights that he is in search of information about:

- US-Dollars-10 weighs 269.4 grains. (per my scale)
- F-Dollars-10 weighs 274.6 grains. (per my scale)
- FS-Dollars-5 weighs 137.19 grains (per Stack's listed weight of 8.89 grams)

A future edition of the newsletter will contain information on Larry's findings.

**October Meeting** - David Swann brought the meeting to order. Sixteen Members were in attendance along with Guests Elaine Copeland and Marty Malliton.

David announced that all of the 2011 Dallas Coin Club Officer positions are open and asked potential candidates to contact him or Kathy Lawrence.

Show and Tell was conducted by several members.

Program: Kathy Lawrence presented a twenty question numismatic trivia quiz that covered a wide range of numismatics. A number of prizes were awarded.

## DISTRICT SIX



**September Meeting** - There were 26 members and guests at the meeting. Most of tonight's meeting was discussing the past Bellaire show on July 31 and August 1. Sebastian Frommhold noted that the next show is October 23-24. The following members presented a show and tell, Garth Clark, Tom Cooper, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, and Al Morgan. Richardo DeLeon won the show and tell prize.

**October Meetings** - October 4 - There were 24 members and guests at the meeting. Garth Clark asked the club for more volunteers to do programs. The following members presented a show and tell, Bruce Burton, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, and Alvin Stern. Gene McPherson won the show and tell prize.

October 18 - There were 27 members and guests at the meeting. Most of tonight's meeting was discussing of Ed Stephen's October show. The following members presented a show and tell, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, and Alvin Stern. Richardo DeLeon won the show and tell prize. Richardo DeLeon donated his door prize to the next children's activities.



**September Meeting** - Meeting called to order by President Edwin Johnston at 6:50 pm with 24 members and one guest, Wendy Russell attending.

The meeting began with Show & Tell by several members.

Sebastian Frommhold gave a fine slide program of the current and future Euro coinage program of all the EU countries showing all denominations having common themes on the obverse and reverse themes peculiar to each country. He gave the historical meaning of each (along with some pithy comments of the artistic merits of some designs) and passed around some examples of sets assembled for sale by commercial organizations.

**October Meeting** - Meeting called to order by President Edwin Johnston with 28 members and 1 guest, David Nateghi, attending.

The meeting began with Show and Tell presented by Steve Kutz and several members making presentations.

The educational program of the evening was prepared by Sebastian Frommhold and described the Mexican War of Independence of 1810-1824 and the extensive cooperation between the Mexican mints, in particular Zacatecas and Guadalajara. Many variations and similarities of portraits, crown, hair, etc. were presented to bolster his argument that they shared die tools.

## DISTRICT SEVEN



### ALAMO COIN CLIPS

**September Meetings** - Sept. 9 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 25 signed in members in which included 1 visitor.

As it now has become the norm or a tradition before the start of club business, humorous comments were made by our former chief, Will R. His reception included more boos than oohs and aahs which was funny in itself

The Roundtable was started by ACC President Fernando and then carried out by Will R. The winner of the Roundtable Prize was Py C. with his entry of a 1696 Scottish milled 10 Shillings. Py received a 1975 U.S. Proof Set.

Sept. 23 - Pre-meeting activities included a lot of the usual socializing and trading. The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 30 signed in members.

The winner of the Roundtable Prize was Harold E. with his entry of a centennial medal for the American Institute of Architects 1857-1957. Harold received a 1968 Mexican 25 Pesos XIX Olympiad.

**October Meetings** - Oct 14 - The meeting was attended by 29 members who did not fear the threat of some bad weather and was officially started by ACC President Fernando Razo. Fernando thanked everyone for attending. After the welcome, the floor was then opened to some quick quirks by Will R.

The Roundtable started with ACC President leading the charge Fernando and along with the assistance from Will R..

There was a Presentation made. It was actually a reading of a poetic autobiography that was pulled from the internet.

Oct 28 - The meeting was officially started by ACC President Fernando Razo and attended by 33 signed in members and 4 being guests of other club members.

The Roundtable started with ACC President leading the charge Fernando and along with the assistance from Will R..

## THE GATEPOST

### GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**September Meetings** - Sept. 2 - The meeting opened with 22 members in attendance. The attendance prize, a 1958 shiny BU Franklin half-dollar, was given to a very happy Jim Rogers. Larry Foster, nominating committee chairman, announced the slate of officers for 2010-2011. They are Fernando Razo, secretary, Ray Tate, treasurer, David Fuqua, vice-president, and Frank Galindo, president. No nominations were received from the floor. A motion was made and seconded that the current slate of officers be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

A very spirited roundtable session was led by Larry Foster was The meeting ended with a fun-filled numismatic auction. Thank you to all the participants.

Sept. 16 - Twenty-eight members and one visitor attended our 2010 Fall Banquet in celebration of our club's 48th Anniversary. Our visitor was Elida Razo, who was warmly welcomed. The attendance prize, a 2010 dazzling American Silver Eagle, was given to Sue Gonzalez.

After the roundtable, our installation of club officers was conducted by President Frank Galindo. Gateway Coin Club Certificates and ANA Educational Awards were given to members for their service to the club.

**October Meetings** - Oct. 7 - The meeting opened with 26 members and 1 visitor present. Due to the absence of the president Frank Galindo, our vice-president David Fuqua conducted the meeting. The attendance prize, a brilliant 2010 American Silver Eagle, was given to Walter Scott.

The roundtable discussion was led by Fernando Razo. The meeting closed with a stimulating auction that offered many interesting numismatic items.

Oct. 21 - The last meeting of the month was attended by 24 members. The attendance prize, an uncirculated 2010 American Silver Eagle, was given to a very happy Clifton Valley.

This educational program this evening was presented by Cliff Anderson. The title of his program was "Pop-Up Coins." He referred to them as altered coins and said that their origin is not clear. He said that there are different accounts and that there is very little information about these coins available to the collector. He described one possible process used to pop-up the images. Heat is first applied to soften the coin then the image is popped-out. Many images of U.S. presidents and American Indians have been used on these unusual pieces. One of the most popular one is that of Lady Liberty. After the program ended a brief question and answer period was held. Thank you, Cliff, for an unusual and fine educational program.

## DISTRICT NINE



### SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB

**September Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President, Tammy Pitzer, with twelve members present.

President, Tammy Pitzer discussed events for the up coming year. Discussion was held about announcements for the coin show. Discussion was held about elections in November. Marty Parker gave a program on coin glass.

**October Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President, Tammy Pitzer, with seventeen members present.

The President reminded the club that membership dues are due in January. Ben Cave volunteered to do the November program. Tammy Pitzer gave a program on 1. Different ways to collect coins, 2. Different ways to buy or find coins, and 3. Different ways to grow your coin club.

## DISTRICT TEN



### EL PASO INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB

**September Meeting** - September Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President John Grost with 30 members and 4 guests present. Harold was presented with a beautiful plaque for his long time service to the club as secretary and years of work on our annual coin show.

John handed out a quiz on reverses of the US dollar bill. The monthly Power Point "Stuff of the Month" started with "What Country?" After several hints Harold was correct with BHUTAN winning 5 raffle tickets for the club's upcoming February 2011 coin show. Walt finished the presentations with his "If a Coin Could Talk" tracing the history of a 1798 silver dollar that had been in his family for a century, after being obtained as fare on the El Paso Trolley.

**October Meeting** - President John Grost called the meeting to order with 44 members and 2 guests present. A discussion was held regarding the club's annual Christmas party.

The Power Point "Stuff of the Month" started with "What Country." The country was CHAD. Steve guessed the correct answer after several clues and was awarded 5 raffle tickets for our upcoming coin show. Hank gave a very interesting and informative talk about the composition of bust half dollars. Bob followed with an "Ancient One" presentation displaying Vespasian "Judea Capta" Sestertius coins using a photograph from the club library's "100 Greatest Ancient Coins" and his own coins.

## DISTRICT THIRTEEN

### GREENBELT COIN CLUB

**October Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett with sixteen members present.

There was no program provided, but Tony Zupkas offered to provide one for the November meeting. Bryan Sweitzer brought his monthly bag of wheat cents to be given away to the closest guesser to the number of coins in the bag. The winner was Bill Howard whose guess of 228 was only one off from the actual number of 229 in the bag.

**November Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett with fourteen members present.

Under new business, Bill Howard told of a company that was set up in a hotel in Childress to buy gold and silver. He said that he called the radio station in Childress and gave them information on what people should be able to get for their silver and gold coins. Bill went to the hotel to see what the company would offer for these items. Per Bill, they offered only \$10 each for silver dollars and only six times face value for silver coins which is considerably less than coin dealers are paying for the same items.

Tony Zupkas provided an interesting program concerning animals on world coins. He became interested in such coins years ago as a Biology teacher and used to give these type coins to students to reward them for their achievements. Tony passed around many examples of these coins from many different countries depicting all sorts of animals from Aardvarks to Zebra.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of Wheat cents. The bag contained a variety of Mexican coins as well as Wheat cents. There were actually 49 wheat cents in the bag and Rob Robinson was the winner with his guess of 54.

## WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

**August Meeting** - Meeting called to order with 17 Members present.

Program: Mark Snyder said that Ted Binion, the former owner of Binion's Golden Horse Shoe worked, in Las Vegas, Nevada casinos in the 1950's and 1960s when the casinos used Morgan and Peace Silver dollars in the slots. Ted Binion would look through the silver dollars and pick out the choice coins for his personal collection. After many years his collection grew to thousands of silver dollars. He married a woman who was much younger, a former Las Vegas entertainer. He also bought silver bars which he needed to store in a secure place. His best friend was a contractor and Ted Binion hired his friend to build a steel reinforced concrete vault in the desert on some land that he owned to store all of his silver. Only he, his wife, and his friend knew where the silver vault was. Over 14,000 pounds of silver were reported to be in the vault. One day Ted Binion was found murdered. The Police investigation determined that his friend schemed with his wife to kill him and planned to sell the silver for themselves.

**September Meeting** - 12 Members were present for the meeting and one guest, Eileen Snyder, who took the minutes for Mark Snyder who could not be here.

Program : Tony Zupkas, concerned over the recent thefts of some of our members, provided a program on security. He said putting your valuables in gun safes was the best; but, they can cost over \$600 and the size and weight are not always practical. He suggested using Safety Deposit Boxes at several different banks. He said many times you can negotiate the price and sometimes get it free if you have large deposits of money or large CDs through them. He said he has several he has never paid on. He also suggested that instead of the gun safes, a keyed cabinet that holds up to a dozen long rifles may be used. It is not as secure as the gun safe, but will definitely take thieves longer to break into and may even discourage them. These cabinets come in different sizes and cost between \$100-\$200 dollars. He said the keys are round like the ones you see used to open vending machines. He said you can get these cabinets at Cabelas or Academy. He said he cut plywood and made a bottom shelf and put his coins underneath and his guns on top. He said you could also cut strips of plywood and make several shelves if you don't plan to store guns in it. Most can hold five or six shelves. He said actual monitoring systems can be expensive, not only for the initial installation, but also the monthly charge. He said you can get Portable Motion Detector Alarms that run on AA batteries or have rechargeable batteries. They can stand up on a shelf or hung on the wall. Once you set the alarm you have 30 seconds to get away then if someone sets it off, it will scream and scare the burglars away. Burglars don't want to draw attention to themselves and they don't know if it is part of a larger system so it should scare them away. He said you can also buy signs that you post in front of your house that says you have a security system even if you don't. You don't have to spend a lot. Old fashion timers that turn on/off lights, TVs and radios can be effective. Jane Krasovic said she has Cowbells on all her doors. Jeff Hogue said instead of Mace, he keeps wasp spray handy. It can shoot up to 30 feet and will blind someone. Tony said be careful what and where you advertise. Crooks look for items posted in the newspaper and online for times you will be out of the house. Things like Funerals, Weddings, Showers.

**October Meeting** - The meeting was called to order with 16 Members present.

Program: Rob Robinson provided a program called "How Big is a Trillion Dollars". He showed drawings of a package of one hundred, hundred dollar bills which would equal ten thousand dollars. The next picture Rob showed was of a million dollars, it contained ten thousand stacks of one hundred, hundred dollar bill packages. One hundred million dollars was represented by a pallet of money or one million of one hundred, hundred dollar bill packages. The picture of one billion dollars was ten pallets, or ten million packages of one hundred, hundred dollar

bill packages. The next picture he showed was of a trillion dollars, which was represented by ten thousand pallets, or ten billion stacks of one hundred, hundred dollar bill packages. Rob also talked about the Denali Pattern Collection which is currently being offered for auction. The coins were all graded as MS-65 or higher. He said that the Philadelphia Mint produced 250 different varieties in 1870. Rob passed around a brochure of the Denali Pattern Collection auctions which showed that these coins were all in great condition. He estimated that the auction would generate millions of dollars for all of the coins.

## DISTRICT FIFTEEN



**September Meeting** - The meeting was attended by 13 members. President Gary called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

The program was given by our treasurer, Morgan, who shared his recent experience with a local rare coin / bullion firm. Morgan explained that his lack of confidence in the economy prompted his inquiries. This was a very interesting program which had everyone participating. Morgan also brought some beautiful examples from his personal collection. Great job Morgan!!

**October Meeting** - The meeting was attended by 14 members. President Gary called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag. One guest was present.

The program was given by Gary, who spoke on the history of the Texas Commemorative Half Dollar. He also displayed his complete set of Texas halves and his actual program from the Texas Centennial Exposition.

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

**September Meeting** - President, Dale Cummings called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rick Fetterolf gave a program on ancient coins.  
*(Editor's note: Rick's program can be found in the Club Newsletter Articles)*

## DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

### WACO COIN CLUB

**September Meeting** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance. Cashpot: Gene Huffly was not here. Next month the cash prize will be \$75.

Show and Tell: Alan had the old coin wrappers printed in 1923 from the Riesel Bank. These are the old adjustable type of roller. When the paper is wrapped around the roll of coins, the coin type and total of roll is shown in the empty spaces in the wrapper.

David Hilton presented Show and Tell about currency. He handed out a print out of national currency. Lincoln signed a bill developing 12 districts with names on the bills. In 1929 Roosevelt put out the national currencies again. In 1931 out came home town money. The bank put up security for the money that they got.

Denominations include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50. In 1932 Roosevelt closed the banks for 7 days and when they opened the national currencies came out. Each bank had a number for it. In 1933 the type 2 currency came out with the charter number in 4 places. So there are three types of national currencies. Some forbidden titles were United States of America. Those words could not be in the bank title. There are a few books that describe this type of money well. One bill was printed by Augusta, Georgia.

**October Meeting** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 14 members in attendance. Cashpot: Mark Cobb was not here. Next month the cash prize will be \$85.

FROM THE GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER BY JOHN BARBER...

## BUYING THE BEST

This editorial strives to build on one of the points discussed during the excellent presentation on "Personal Operating Rules" by Richard Laster at our August meeting. Richard's "rule" was: Buy the best example you can afford.

I want to tweak that rule to read like Sebastian mentioned: Buy the best you can understand. The ammended rule has been my own operating goal, but I acknowledge that it has excluded me from collecting some items that are popular with other members of the GHCC.

These comments are not intended to be some sort of "rant", but how can a real collector justify spending ten times or one hundred times the price of an identical looking "modern" coin to get it in "plastic"? I, for one, cannot reliably tell the difference between say, a 1953-S Lincoln Cent in choice BU and the same coin in slab MS-68. Price differences are smaller between "raw" silver American Eagles and MS-69 slab ones, but is there ANY real difference? I'm also challenged to tell the difference between slab MS-69 and slab MS-70 in the same pieces. Therefore I don't collect either one. To do so would be to collect "plastic opinions" rather than coins.

Now among real coins, I will have to admit to knowledge gaps and insufficient basic knowledge to collect many potentially interesting (and certainly legitimate) series. My nodding acquaintance with Byzantine gold or with the many issues of Alexander the Great is simply not sufficient to avoid being ripped off. I cannot collect these until my own learning has reached a higher state. Good thing we have friendly members of GHCC to help in the process and give advice on specific proposed purchases.

For the second part of this editorial, I want to present some data on mainstream U.S. coins and comment on what it tells about the adage of "buy the best". The focus here will not be on historical, artistic, or numismatic attributes, but rather on financial return (does a real collector care anything about that?). Consider this data, drawn from the 1980, 1995, and 2011 issues of the Guide Book (the Red Book attempts to capture prevailing retail prices).

	1980	1995	2011
<b>Indian Cents</b>			
1904 good	.75	1.00	2.00
ex. fine	6.00	8.00	10.00
1909-S good	75	150	550
ex. fine	160	275	825

We see in the table pretty strong evidence of the adage "once a common coin, always a common coin". The corollary is the modest price growth over the 30 years. Modest appreciation was true for the 1904 coin in both worn and better condition. The 1980 buyer of the 1909-S has done much better. But note on this one that the 1909-S in ex fine did not show as high a percentage growth as the 1909-S in mere good. On this pair, the "buy the best" meant going with a rare date, but not necessarily in the top condition.

Please suffer another example: though this one is close to your editor's heart --

<b>Seated Liberty Dollars</b>			
1842 ex. fine	165	325	500
1860-O ex. fine	130	275	475
1873-CC ex. fine	1900	12000	25850

We see in the table again that the rare date greatly outran the common dates with the price about tripling on the commons and going up by 13.6 times on the rarity. The "slack" in the 1860-O may flow from it being a hoard coin (coming out in quantity in 1962-63). But 1842 and 1860-O both have very high original mintages compared with 1873-CC.

Savvy readers will note how your editor has carefully sought to avoid the trap of making price comparisons over a long period without considering how grading interpretations changed over a similar long period. There is no doubt that such distortions mainly affected uncirculated grades, and such collector grades as "good" and "ex. fine" have pretty consistently meant the same thing during the whole period.

Conclusion: Buy the best you can understand. It is better to have one genuinely scarce piece than a bunch of common ones.

FROM THE WACO COIN CLUB NEWS - HISTORICAL FACTS...

## AMERICA'S FIRST SILVER DOLLAR

Many people don't realize that America's very first silver dollar was actually minted in Mexico City. Called the Eight Reales (or Piece of Eight), its extraordinary weight and purity (.903 fine silver) made it popular with everyone from pirates to patriots to our own Founding Fathers.

Only a handful of American coins have retained the romance and allure of the legendary Piece of Eight over the centuries. Each of these coins is literally a piece of Colonial American history that makes a wonderful centerpiece to anyone's collection of rare vintage solid silver coinage.



No other coin has a richer and more romantic history than the 8 Reales or "Piece of Eight". This coin was made in Mexico but circulated widely in the American colonies. Used by Pirates, Pilgrims and Colonists in the New World, this was a legal form of tender in the United States up until the Civil War. One side shows the Spanish king, while the other

depicts the Spanish shield and crown flanked by pillars and ribbons, which are the origin of the Dollar sign (\$).

The coin was known as a "Piece of Eight" because it was valued at eight Reales. The 8 Real was often cut into 8 "bits" to make change, with each bit worth 12 1/2 cents. In 1776, Thomas Jefferson recommended to the Continental Congress that this widely-used Spanish coin should be adopted as the official U.S. silver dollar and for over 80 years it served as legal tender for our newly formed country.

PRESENTED AT THE SILSBEE COIN CLUB BY RICK FETTEROLF...

## CLEANING ANCIENT COINS

**W**hat is the cardinal rule about collecting coins? DO NOT CLEAN THEM! WRONG!!! - at least with most ancient coins.

Banks in ancient times were receivers and distributors of state funds. They collected taxes and made payments on the orders of the powers in charge. Most people, especially those who lived in the countryside, hid or buried their excess money. Soldiers going into battle would bury their money rather than carry it into battle and potentially lose it or have it taken from them if they were killed or captured. All around the ancient world these little buried treasure that are being found today. These include copper, silver and gold coins. Ancient coins are usually defined as those produced from 650 BC to 1450 AD and are found on three continents.

A good place to start is to understand how ancient coins were made. One thing that new ancient coin collectors notice is that no two (2) coins are exactly alike, some being rounder than others, some with cracks or splits, and many are slightly or very off center. The general production started with the metal either being rolled into sheets and stamped out into round blanks or melted and poured into molds. Dies used to produce the coins were most likely created by first engraving a crude image into iron, which was heated and then allowed to slowly cool. Hard bronze was also used but the dies did not last as long. The rough image was then stamped onto a working die and was then finished by a die carver who would add the fine details to complete the die. Once both the obverse and the reverse dies were completed, one would be mounted on an anvil and the other on a hand-held punch.

Blanks were heated in a forge to soften the metal. Once the metal blank was hot, it would be transferred onto the die face set into the anvil using metal tongs. Another worker would place the other die face that was set into the punch on top of the hot blank and then a third worker

would strike the punch with a mallet, often requiring several blows. The coins were then ready for circulation once they had cooled.

The volumes of coins produced by these early mints were from 500,000 per month to up to 2.5 million per month in the later Imperial period. This was obviously very labor intense!

Buried coins are corroded, encrusted and just downright dirty! The soils encasing them over the centuries are as hard as concrete. Care must be taken in cleaning them. The following procedure was provided by an "uncleaned ancient coin" seller on eBay that has worked well for me.

### 1) Soap and Water:

By far, the simplest way to clean coins is dish soap and water. Place a few coins in a container of soapy water and swirl it around a bit. Empty out the soapy water and rinse them with fresh water so there is no soapy residual. (A tooth brush may be used to help remove some of the dirt.) Dry the coins thoroughly and see if additional cleaning is necessary.

### 2) Olive Oil

Put the coins in a glass and add olive oil until the coins are covered. Leave them in the olive oil for 3 or 4 days as it will penetrate the dirt and soften it. After 3-4 days, take the coins out and pat them dry with a paper towel. Take one (1) teaspoon of Tri-Sodium Phosphate (available at Home Depot or Lowes) and mix it into eight (8) ounces of water. Put the coins in this solution for five to ten (5-10) minutes then rinse the coins in clean water to remove the TSP residue. This will remove the olive oil and some of the dirt. Once again take a toothbrush and gently brush away at the coin.

Now examine the coins. If they are still dirty, repeat the olive oil soaking for another 3-4 days (or longer if need be) with the TSP rinse and brushing until you are happy with the results. This is time consuming but safe.

### 3) WD-40/Liquid Wrench

For those coins that seem impossible, try using WD-40 or Liquid Wrench. Soak the coins in a

closed container of either solution for an hour or so, then use a plastic bristle brush to remove encrustation. This may turn the coins dark but since the coins cannot be cleaned by the other methods, this is a great last ditch effort if it works. Use a brass brush to clean "uncleanable" heavily encrusted coins if the above methods don't work. A Dremel tool with a brass brush fitting can be used as a last resort but practice on coins you don't care about before trying it on good ones.

Finally, a light coating of Mineral Oil available at a drugstore is a good protective for your coins.

A final few comments. Silver coins that have a luster to them may have been polished or dipped. They look good but the shinier they are, the more probable it is that a lot of detail has been lost and the coin has been abused. Without a good knowledge of the coins of the period and identification, it is easy for those of us entering into this area of collecting to overpay for a lot of these coins. Most books covering these coins are expensive and may only cover small groupings so we tend to rely on the knowledge of others. An example of being easy to overpay would be for the Athens, Greece "Owls." They are by no means rare with over nine (9) million of them being struck from 450 to 420 BC. The key is not its mere grade (although grade counts) but its centering and position. Cheap Owls are crowded with no extra metal around Athena and a lot of them have test cuts. Finally, don't buy an expensive coin that isn't attributed. "Attributed" is more than giving a coin a name and a date. It has to have a catalog number, preferably from Sear or the British Museum. SGC means "Sear: Greek Coins and their Values." SRC is the Roman Coins while BMC stands for the British Museum Catalog of Roman or Greek (etc.) coins. Other catalogs may also be referenced. This is truly a fascinating area of collecting and can offer many hours or a lifetime of enjoyment.

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CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE - FROM THE GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER BY RICHARD LASTER...

## SILVER DILEMMA

Then there are the rolls which are sitting gathering metaphorical dust in the bank. After so many years I could actually turn a bit of a profit, not counting of course the investment in box rental. My challenge, my dilemma, is the fact that I'm still emotionally attached. My memory is still alive from the early days of collecting when I shared time and space with one of my favorite people, my grandfather. For this reason I have decided to maintain the

status quo, at least for the time being. Where will silver go? Who knows!! What I have been doing here is reaffirming what we collectors all know; the worth in what we pursue isn't necessarily in value as the "market" or some other force defines it, but more in emotion and in passion.

One thing I did learn from my grandfather, which is still part of my operational procedures in a variety of ways of life, including my

numismatic identity, is this: follow that which adds value to life and broadens one's horizon and understanding of that which is meaningful and brings insight and joy. To me in this case it is a relationship. My appreciation and love for my grandfather, who died in 1995, still trumps twenty two dollar an ounce silver.

Really when I think about it there is no dilemma here at all.

# TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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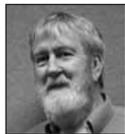
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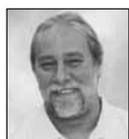
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