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PUBLICATION DEADLINES

WE WANT TO PUBLISH YOUR EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES AND CLUB NEWS IN A TIMELY MANNER. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ITEMS BY THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER.

January/February 2012

Greetings!



With the first edition of the year I am making some design changes to the newsletter. I hope our readers are happy with the changes so far. I intend to continue the process during the year.

The TNA Board has asked for a full color March/April issue. Our articles will have coin, currency and artwork in color and we will have a nice showcase for presenting our May TNA Convention and Show.

I look forward to working on this special issue and hope to receive some nice color photos from our clubs of their meetings and events. We did not receive very many club reports this issue so there should be several reports coming in. Please make sure to send photos through email that are high resolution (300 dpi) suitable for printing. Mailing the photos is another option. I will scan them for use in the newsletter and return them if requested. Please contact me if you have questions about your camera settings.

We have a nice selection of articles this month thanks to our member clubs' newsletters. In addition to coins, there are stories of tokens and some ethical considerations to ponder. Integrity in our hobby sets an example for young collectors and helps insure our future.

NCIC Alerts has a full page this issue including tips on coin crime prevention and other important information.

National Coin Week is April 15th - 21st and the ANA has some information about activities for clubs and collectors, young and old alike. There is plenty of time to plan for this opportunity to increase public awareness of our hobby.

As President Mike Grant has mentioned there are several coin shows coming up in the next few months all over Texas. We have quite a few listed on our calendar page - the last page of this issue.

Have fun at the shows and in all your collecting.

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

Until next time,
Ron Kersey



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy New Year to all of you. It looks like 2012 will be a good year at least for numismatics. The shows that have already taken place have been very positive with strong sales and very good auctions. The collectors are finding coins again and the dealers have stronger inventories.

We have also seen an increase in numismatic crimes both private and at shows - even the ANA has had a major theft. We must be very diligent watching and protecting our property. The most important piece of information I can offer is to be cognizant of your surroundings.

The committee that is working on the 2012 TNA Coin Show and Convention has been meeting and working out all the details for our show. They have some great plans and will make sure the show runs smoothly. I understand that Heritage might donate all the gold coins for the raffle again this year. This is a wonderful donation and I want to thank them.

The ANA is working toward the show they are putting on in Dallas this October. They will need at least 40 volunteers and the support of as many people as possible. The show will be held at the Dallas Convention Center.

Speaking of coin shows, this year will be full of them. We will have at least 16 shows in the Metroplex this year and I understand other areas of Texas have increased the number of shows also. If you want a show you do not have to look very far.

I am still watching the gold and silver prices. We have seen gold drop \$300 from the high and silver drop over \$20 dollars from its high. Right now gold is in the \$1660 range and silver in the \$32 range. I still think both have a very strong chance of increasing. I will continue to look at what is happening in numismatics in our area.

Sincerely,

Mike Grant

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

JAN/FEB - 2012

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WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS...

Welcome to new TNA members, R-7151 through R-7157 and C-0232. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2012.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2012.

R-7158 Troy McNeill

R-7159 David Ritter

The following member has been reinstated on payment of 2011 dues:

R-6277 – Lynn Ourso

VIP LEADERS FOR 2011

Tom Bennington and Russell Prinzing

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*. Thank you.

2012 TNA DUES NOTICE

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!

A 2012 dues notice has recently been sent to all TNA members. According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year.

Dues for Regular Members and Chapters are \$20.00/year, Associate Members \$8.00/year and Junior Members \$8.00/year. Dues are payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA.

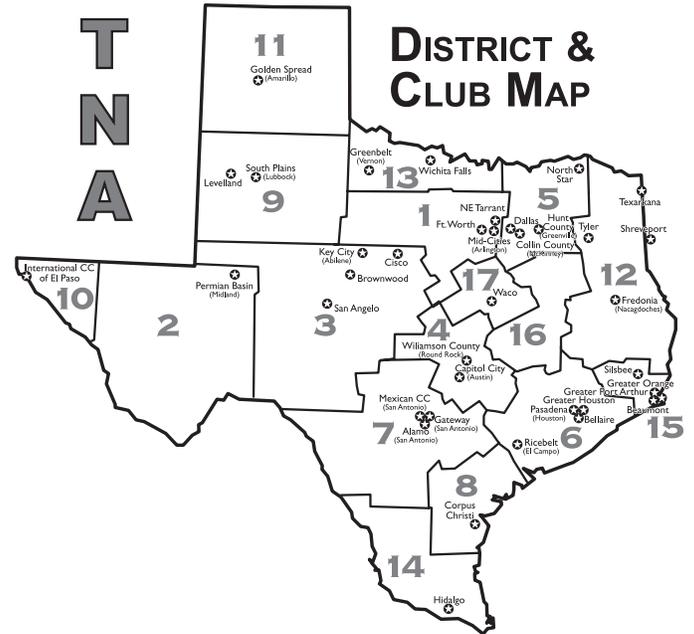
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Larry Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, Texas 75209

Thank you!

TNA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 during the TNA Convention in the Amon G. Carter Building at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF

DECEMBER 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash

JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account \$80,762.72

CTB, Ft Worth - Money Market 1% asof 12/21/11 \$31,871.09

CTB, Ft Worth CD (Mat. 4/9/12@2.15%) \$20,000.00

Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year \$132,633.81

Long Term Assets

CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/13 @ 1.3% (one bump)) \$40,000.00

CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14 @ 1.8% (two bumps)) \$40,000.00

Total Long Term Assets \$80,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$212,633.81

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$0.00

EQUITY

Beginning Balance 3/1/2011 \$108,901.60

Income (Plus) \$140,347.92

Expenses (Minus) -\$36,615.71

Net Income \$103,732.21

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$212,633.81

DFW AREA 2012 SHOWS

Fort Worth Coin Club, Inc. WINTER COIN SHOW

Saturday **March 3rd** 9am to 5pm
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NEW SEPTEMBER COWTOWN COIN SHOW

SATURDAY SEPT 15 9AM - 5PM
SUNDAY SEPT 16 9AM - 3PM

Contact: Gary Andrews • 817-444-4813

Fort Worth Coin Club, Inc. FALL COIN SHOW

Saturday **November 3rd** 9am to 5pm
 Sunday **November 4th** 9am to 3pm

Contact: John Post • 817-992-1868

COIN SHOWS

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC

PRESS ASSOCIATION RELEASE

NATIONAL COIN WEEK • APRIL 15-21



CHANGE IN MONEY: COWRIES TO CREDIT CARDS

From the objects we've used as money, to the money we produce, to the money that exists in electronic form, the way we buy and sell goods and services has a long, storied history.

"Change In Money: Cowries to Credit Cards" is the theme for the 2012 National Coin Week, April 15-21. The American Numismatic Association will host a variety of fun, education-based activities online and at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs. Events and activities will focus on how money has changed over the years and the innovations that have allowed those changes to occur.

"Money has gone through some amazing changes in its history," said Andy Dickes, ANA National Coin Week coordinator. "Where we exchanged cowry shells for goods and services thousands of years ago, today we swipe a plastic card or use PayPal. From the first coins and paper money to the steam coin press and polymer notes, the transformation of money is a fascinating journey."

Activities and resources for the 89th annual National Coin Week include:

- A video scavenger hunt for gold coins and other prizes. Collectors will receive a weekly video clue via the ANA's YouTube page and website for a numismatic object to collect.
- A club trivia challenge where ANA member clubs compete for prizes and bragging rights by knowing the most about innovations in money.
- A promotional kit for clubs with educational materials, buttons, bookmarks and more.
- An open house at the Money Museum, scheduled for April 20, which will include free admission, activities for children and adults, and the minting of the 2012 National Coin Week medallion in the museum's Mini-Mint.
- The opening of a new museum exhibit, "The History of Money," on April 12.
- A variety of promotional information on www.money.org, including a sample press release, proclamation, interactive flyer and Money Museum exhibit panels.

More information on National Coin Week will be made available in the coming weeks. For more information or to request club promotional materials, e-mail ncw@money.org or call 719-482-9814.

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CLUB NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

From the GHCC "Double Shift" Newsletter - by John Barber, Editor

UNMASKING A MAVERICK TOKEN

One of the questions for Dr. Coyne this month involved a "maverick" token. The maverick shown here led to an emotional tie-in with your editor's early numismatic education.



While visiting flea markets and junk stores in the boyhood home (Cheyenne, Wyoming), there sometimes were found tokens which might have been issued during that cultural outpost's colorful history. The aluminum

Boyd's Cigar Store token does not have any indication of city or state of issue. It would be a maverick, but for the added observations about a similar token....



Later, at a different antique store, this brass token was found. This one is fully identified as being from Garrett's Cigars of Cheyenne. But look carefully at the reverse. I believe it is from the very same die as the aluminum token for Boyd's Cigars. Note the position and style of the lettering, and see even the prominent center dot. The two pieces are precisely the same diameter. This numismatic "discovery" would seem to link the Boyd's token to Cheyenne as well. Were these two firms competitors? Did one buy the other out?

There is more; much more. An internet search on Boyd's Cigars turns up these photos of the Boyd Building, still standing in downtown Cheyenne, but now with the first floor being used as a newsstand.

The memories come flooding back. It was in 1958 or 1959 that your editor would take the city bus (Bet you didn't know that Cheyenne had a bus fleet!) and ride from his suburban home to downtown and the Boyd Building. Inside, the main attraction



was the coin counter in the pharmacy of his early numismatic mentor Thomas F. Mason. The ride took about ten minutes and required one of these....

Tom Mason's business was as a community druggist, but his passion was numismatics. He went on to the presidency of the Colorado/Wyoming Numismatic Association. He died doing what he loved (heart attack at his table at the 1979



ANA summer convention). His early mentorship of your editor meant everything to this budding numismatist. Mr. Mason put out this store card late in his career.



By the time of his store card issue, he had gone from the Boyd Building.

Now in the most amazing coincidence of all, it was only last summer that your editor attended a wedding in Colorado and happened to be seated next to Doris Mason Zolnosky. Tom Mason's widow! She even remembered me coming to their house over 50 years ago. Too bad I forgot to ask whatever happened to Tom's collection.

ETHICS AND SCRATCHES

The 1798 Bust Dollar shown below came to your editor recently and is not paid for yet. It was present in a large group of mostly 1860-1950 coins gathered a few decades ago by the deceased father of a family friend. There has to be every effort to treat this heir fairly. She is interested in a prompt sale and has no interest in becoming a collector.

It was easy to place appropriate values on most of the accumulation, but this one coin seems to be open to a lot of "interpretation". After the usual tests on weight, an examination of the edge, and a "ring test", its status as an original US Mint product seems solid.



But even the most casual observer will be drawn directly to those disfiguring scratches, more troubling on the obverse than on the reverse. T O O O O O bad, as the coin has a pleasant gray color and is worn down only to very fine or so.

The central question at hand is: How does one value this sort of thing? The old adage of "take the grade for wear and knock it down by one grade for impairments" does not seem severe enough to me in this case. The Red Book would have a VF at \$3100 and a fine at \$1600. Clearly, I should be offering less than \$1600 for this one.

At a meeting of another local coin club week, opinions were sought. Answers ranged from "Melt Value, about \$25" all the way up to "I used to give \$500 for ones like this, and I will give \$1000 for this one now". That was perhaps useful information, but no actual sale was made. A cooler head (having experience I respect) gave a range "\$800 to \$1200". Perhaps charitable on the top end, I'm thinking.



The coin is a real classic; mintage about 327,000 (spread over several varieties). It was made in the first US Mint at Philadelphia using a human-power screw press at a time when the young mint was only about five years old. It is of the general type (Draped Bust, Large Eagle) which preceded the Seated Liberty Dollars and the Morgan Dollars.

But now I do have to decide. The heir wants her cash. I want to be able to sleep at night knowing I have done right by her. I don't want to take a haircut in the market. I guess I will go have another look at how bad those scratches are.

TTY RELAY SCAMS CONTINUE

A California dealer is currently out \$11,000 due to a TTY relay scam. The suspect used a fraudulent credit card to buy gold coins. The dealer mailed the coins and weeks later the received a charge back from his credit card company. The coins were shipped via registered mail.

The following two coins were shipped:

1908 \$20 Gold NGC MS63 396485-005

1924 \$20 Gold NGC MS64 294271-012

The suspect used the name James Wade and an address of 58 Finch Lane Ansted, WV.

Anyone having additional information should contact:

Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

SECRET SERVICE SEEKS INFORMATION ON TTY RELAY SCAMS

Due to the increase in TTY Relay Scams the Secret Service is asking the assistance of the Numismatic Crime Information Center in locating victims or dealers who have any information related to these crimes.

If you have been a victim, know a victim or have any suspect or address information please forward the information to Doug@numismaticcrimes.org or 817-723-7231. The Secret Service has asked the Numismatic Crime Information Center to be the central depository for this information. Once the information has been compiled the Secret Service will then be making contact with victims.

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WHAT ARE TTY RELAY SCAMS?

Better Business Bureau warns small business owners that reports of scammers plying their trade through telephone relay services — typically used by the hearing impaired to make phone calls — are cropping up all across the country. At a time when businesses literally can't afford to fall victim to fraud, this scam is experiencing a comeback and small business owners should take precautions to avoid losing thousands of dollars.

BBB has received reports from many types of businesses that received suspicious orders through TTY or telephone relay services. These services are meant to assist the hearing impaired in making telephone calls and often rely on an operator who relays a typed message from the caller to the business. Because, by law, the operator is not allowed to disclose the origin of the call, this service allows the scammers to hide their identity.

"With many small businesses struggling to stay afloat in these tough economic times, the old adage 'buyer beware' only addresses half the issue, because we're seeing increasingly that sellers need to beware as well," said Steve Cox, BBB spokesperson. "The use of telephone relay services to scam small businesses isn't new, but is seeing a comeback, which is why owners need to know the warning signs or risk becoming the next victim."

The scam being employed over telephone relay is a variation on an overpayment scam. A business receives an order from a customer over the phone through a telephone relay service. The customer will explain that the delivery service they'd like to use won't take credit cards and asks that the business wire money to the shipper and simply tack the cost onto the overall order and charge their credit card for the total amount. Any money wired to the supposed shipper, will actually end up in the hands of the customer/scammer and the credit card number provided is stolen. Not only does the business suffer the loss of the goods or services ordered by the scammer, it will also lose whatever money was wired to the phony delivery service.

FUGITIVE WANTED IN \$100,000 COIN BURGLARY

In our recent January newsletter we reported a coin dealer burglary which occurred in Monroe, Louisiana. A suspect has been identified and he is on the run. Dealers should be on the look out for the following subject.

ACTIVE WARRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR:

Christopher Lynn Hearne - White Male

Date of Birth 1/21/1984

Alias: Chris Taylor, Chris Tipton

A majority of the stolen coins have been recovered. However the suspect may attempt to sell other coins and jewelry while in flight. A photograph of the suspect will be sent out when available from investigating officers. The suspect is known to have relatives in FL, TX, ARK, and Louisiana.



Any one having any information contact:

Det. Trent or Doug Davis
318-329-2521 817-723-7231

doug@numismaticcrimes.org

ARMED ROBBERY OF HOUSTON AREA DEALER

A Houston coin dealer had just finished setting up at the Money Show of The Southwest on December 1, 2011. The dealer left the show and took his family out to dinner. Upon returning home the dealer and his family were confronted by two masked gunmen who forced them inside their home. The dealer fought with one of the suspects and he was kicked, punched and pistol whipped to the head. During the scuffle one suspect bit the dealers arm. The victims were then tied up.

In an attempt to remove any DNA evidence the suspects sliced the skin around the bite mark and then poured alcohol on the wound. The suspects then placed the dealers 12 yr old daughter on the floor and put a pillow over her face. The suspects demanded to know where all the valuables were as they put a gun to the daughters head.

The suspects stayed in the dealers home for over two hours and and removed over \$500,000 in coins and jewelry.

The following is a partial list of stolen coins:

Complete set of Gold Proof Eagles graded NGC PR70 1986-2011; 20 NGC graded MS 70 Gold Eagles; Numerous MS70 PCGS & NGC gold Pandas; Numerous graded NGC Swiss & French 20 Franc; Complete set of PR 70 gold Buffalo coins 2006-2011, NGC early releases; Box of proof & reverse proof Isle of Man gold angels, NGC graded; Bag of 10-1oz Stillwater palladium rounds; Dozens of 2010-2011 America the Beautiful 5oz silver quarters both NGC graded and raw. 5 full 5 coin sets in rare SP70 grade. Many others MS69; Numerous NGC & PCGS graded silver China panda coins, including two very rare MS70 coins dated 2000 frosted; 3 Three Cent Nickels graded NGC PR67; One 2009 Ultra High Relief gold eagle NGC MS70; Numerous rare MS70 graded silver kilo coins, Australia; Several Mexican gold 5-coin proof sets in box dated 2008-2011; 30 rolls gem unc Morgan & Peace dollars; Several boxes of rare MS70 silver Kookaburra Australia coins

Anyone with information on this offense should immediately contact:

Det. David Williams or Doug Davis
Fort Bend County Sheriff 817-723-7231

281-341-3839

Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

••• PREVENTION TIPS •••

- Do not leave inventory/valuables at home.
- Do not advertise the amount of money you carry upon your person.
- Do not advertise your travel plans.
- Do not discuss business activities in public places.
- Do not be routine in your daily activities.
- Discuss safety precautions with family and employees.

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Silver dollars are the most popular coin collected today. There are many dates, types, VAMs and other varieties to collect & enjoy. Collectors often need numismatic help when trying to accumulate a collection and/or portfolio. Collecting Silver Dollars may be very complicated and you may need to consult a dealer. There are thousands of coin dealers in the U.S. When you see a regular dealer, he may need to send you to see a "specialist." The same goes for Silver Dollars. That is where the National Silver Dollar Roundtable (NSDR) comes in. When it comes to Silver Dollars, you really do need a "specialist". The following dealers have been very carefully selected and approved by the NSDR Board of Governors. The National Silver Dollar Roundtable has recently celebrated its 28th Anniversary. Below is a complete list of current NSDR members. We are proud of our members and recommend them all to you. Remember, when it comes to collecting Silver Dollars, don't just call any coin dealer, consult a "NSDR SILVER DOLLAR SPECIALIST!"

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FOUR DOLLAR STELLA

The major European countries formed the Latin Monetary Union in 1865 for the purpose of making the various national currencies interchangeable with currencies of other member nations. For example, a merchant in France could accept payment in Austrian coinage, knowing coinage had a common size and specie value. This effort was a forerunner to the current European Union which now has a common currency.

The US Austrian ambassador, John Casson believed it would be beneficial for United States trade to produce a metric coin compatible with European coinage. The \$3 gold coin was too light and the \$5 gold coin was too heavy to comply with the European standard, which was based on the French 20-franc piece. The Mint was asked to produce \$4 trial pieces.

There are two distinct types in both years of issue, 1879 & 1880. Charles E. Barber designed the Flowing Hair type, and George T. Morgan the Coiled Hair. They were struck as patterns in gold, aluminum, copper, and white metal. The reverse on both types displayed a large Stella (Latin for Star).

The obverse was unusual since it displayed the metal content of gold, silver and copper in each coin.

Congress rejected the European concept and the coin was never issued for circulation. However, the gold coin was popular with members of Congress who could receive clandestine examples at cost.

Newspapers of the time ran scandalous stories describing how these congressmen had Stellas made into jewelry pendants. These pendants were seen gracing the necks of prominent bordello madams in the Washington area. Many surviving pieces have evidence of solder removal.

Examples today are extremely rare in all grades, and are valued well beyond the means of most collectors.



V.D.B. LINCOLN CENTS

President Theodore Roosevelt felt U.S. coinage lacked artistic merit, and asked the Mint to prepare new coin designs for all coins in circulation for at least 25 years, as they could be changed without an act of Congress. In 1905, sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens was hired by the Mint to redesign the cent and the four gold coins. However, Saint-Gaudens died in August 1907 before submitting designs for the cent.

Since the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln would occur in February 1909, Roosevelt wanted to honor his fellow Republican. This was a break with previous American numismatic tradition; before the Lincoln cent, no regularly circulating U.S. coin had featured an actual person (only personifications of liberty). Because Roosevelt had admired a 1907 plaque of Lincoln designed by Victor David Brenner, the artist was soon engaged to redesign the cent.

Brenner quickly delivered models for both the obverse and reverse similar to the eventual coin, though with a somewhat larger bust of Lincoln, and the motto "In God We Trust" omitted. The reverse exhibited two ears of durum wheat. Brenner also had placed his full surname on the obverse.

The mint's chief engraver, Charles Barber replaced Brenner's surname on the obverse with Brenner's initials on the reverse. After striking trial pieces, the motto "In God We Trust" was added to the obverse to improve strike.

There was intense public interest in the new cents, especially since the Mint had not permitted images of the new coin to be printed in newspapers. Since the Lincoln craze sparked by the centennial had not yet subsided, there was widespread speculation about the coin's design.

The Mint planned for a simultaneous release of the coin across the United States on August 2nd. Response was so great on the release date that purchases had to be rationed.

Brenner's initials immediately became a source of controversy, as they were seen as advertising. On August 5th, coinage was suspended until the coins could be struck with an inconspicuous "B" for Brenner on the coin. However, removing the initials and striking new pieces with no initials would lead to a 3-day delay in coinage; inserting a "B" would cause a 14-day delay. Because of the intense demand, the Mint ordered that the coins be struck with no initial. Barber had also opposed retaining a single initial "B", fearing that as he had used an identical initial on his Barber coinage, the new coin which he detested would be deemed to be his work.

Brenner objected to the removal of his initials, but his protests were to no avail. Cents without Brenner's initials were in production by August 12th. The initials were restored to the coin in 1918, appearing where Lincoln's shoulder is cut off by the rim of the coin.



THE SMALLEST DENOMINATION THAT AROUSED A NATION

by Tommy Sawyer

Congress authorizes the exact amounts of coinage our mints produced each year. The three major mints, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver mints adhere to these instructions and proceed to fill these quotes accordingly. One mint always mints more coinage than the other two. So, let's center on the mint, the year, and an event that literally caught the attention of the nation in 1955.

Philadelphia's mint, known as the mother mint, was minting 1955 pennies by the millions. In fact, the staff there was working three shifts to produce the required numbers of pennies they were to produce. The three shifts were meeting these assigned quotes and production was going smoothly. Or was it?

Near the end of the late shift a worker noticed that something had gone wrong with the minting devices. He stopped his work and went to his supervisor with his discovery. After reviewing the situation, they summarized that one, and maybe more than one of the minting plates had slipped during the minting process, thus producing an unfit cent. Unfit, in that it had stamped double digits on the date of the coins. In other words, instead of stamping the prescribed 1955 on its obverse, it had stamped 1955/55 on who knew how many coins? There was an estimate of given later on, but there was an even a biggest decision to be made.

The supervisors went to their final authority that night to discuss what should be done? Should they close down the shift and have the workers go through the coins minted that evening, or should they continue minting? A larger problem also developed because the trucks were all backed into the docks to pick up the days mintage to deliver the coinage to the various banks in the New England area. Should they send the truck driver home? Decisions needed to be made, and decisions were reviewed and a plausible answer was agreed upon.

No to the following: work wasn't to stop, truckers were not to be sent home, and all the coins minted on that

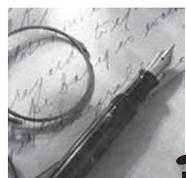
particular shift were to be bagged and sent for delivery as protocol as planned. This then is what they did. The bags were placed on the trucks and the banks received their supplies as usual. No one At the time really knew what an impact on numismatics this decision made at the mint would have on numismatics?

Members of the populace, especially in the New England states slowly became aware in the change they received from their shopping experiences a "stranger" to the regular 1955 cent they were use to seeing. Many took their "stranger" to coin shops for evaluation. The news media had a field day and people everywhere in America started their own personal searches. Many of the oddities were found by the populace all over the United States. But did this prove the coin was plentiful? An answer from the mint later on stating what they believed was pretty accurate really enlightened the numismatic community. The answer the mint officials revealed was 20,000.



My guess is not near that many ever actually was discovered at all. Remember, pennies by in large are the one coin that get the roughest treatment: hammered, bent, burned, smashed, buried, slashed, thrown on the railroad track, lost, drilled. Surely some of the 20,000 met one of more of these fates? So today what is the value of as 1955 double die? The Grey sheet lists it in good at \$875 upward to \$2,000 in extremely fine. Again, this is only an indicator---there is no hole in your penny folder for one because it is not a regular mintage. Naturally, one would have a coin of this nature certified before you considered purchasing it.

Oh well, the best plans of mice and men do sometime go astray---this coin, the Philadelphia Mint and the watchful eyes of alert employee when all was done gave the numismatic world for a search that still goes on even today for a numismatic treasure---another facet we don't want to forget is the fact we will never really know just how many new numismatists were born as a result of this event? Good luck on your numismatic endeavors.



Letters

to the EDITOR

I would like to take exception to Dr. Coyne's response to question #7 in the November/December 2011 TNA News. If the question had been "...the first 90% silver coin of the U. S. **dated** after 1965..." his response would have been correct, however, the question was "...the first 90% silver coin of the U. S. **made** after 1965...", and the correct answer would be the 1964 dime, quarter, and half dollar. It is a tricky question...please refer to the following excerpt from a FAQ taken directly from the U. S. Mint's website:

Traditionally, all United States coins have been dated in the year of their production. This policy was interrupted, though, because of the coin shortage and the speculation in rolls and bags of coins that took place in 1964. As a result, Congress passed legislation so that after the calendar year 1964 coinage was produced, the United States Mint could still use the 1964 date. Starting in 1965, therefore, all denominations of United States coins continued to be struck with the 1964 date.

When the Coinage Act of 1965 was passed, it became mandatory that the Mint continue to use the 1964 date on all 90 percent silver coins (half-dollar coins, quarter-dollar coins, and 10-cent coins). **Therefore, all of the 90 percent silver coins that the Mint manufactured in 1964, 1965, and 1966 bears the date 1964. The last of the 90 percent silver quarter-dollar coins was struck in January 1966, the last of these 10-cent coins was struck in February 1966, and the last of these half-dollar coins was struck in April 1966.**

So, the correct answer would, indeed, be the 1964 90% silver dime, quarter, and half dollar which were **made** into 1966.

I do enjoy Dr. Coyne's entries in the TNA News and hope it remains a regular feature in issues to come.

Jack E. Gilbert

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.

Cherry-pickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties of United States Coins. Volume 1, Half Cents Through Nickel Five-Cent Pieces by Bill Fivaz, J. T. Stanton, and Q. David Bowers. 5th ed. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Pub., 2009. 365 p.: ill. (ISBN 9780794822859; \$26.37)

Cherry-pickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties of United States Coins. Volume II by Bill Fivaz, J. T. Stanton, and Q. David Bowers. 4th ed. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Pub., ©2006. xxvii, 449 p.: ill., ports. Also in e-book format. (ISBN 0794820530, \$29.25)

Collecting Rare Coins for Pleasure and Profit: an insider's guide to today's market by Q. David Bowers. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Pub., ©2011. 136 p.: col. ill. (ISBN 97800794834067; \$8.95)

Million Dollar Nickels Mysteries of the Illicit 1913 Liberty Nickels Revealed by Paul Montgomery, Mark Borckard, and Ray Knight. Irvine, CA: Bowers and Merena Galleries: 2005. 369 p.: ill. (ISBN 0974237183; \$26.95)

One Coin Is Never Enough Why and How We Collect by Michael S. Shutty, Jr. Iola, WI: Krause Pubns, Inc., 2001. 253 p.: ill. (ISBN 97871440217012; \$16.49)

Quarterama: ideas & designs of America's state quarters by Garrett Burke. Redondo Beach, CA: Newtona, ©3011. 155 p.: ill (some col.). (ISBN 9780984562404; \$34.95).

\$1.38 MILLION 1793 CHAIN CENT DRAWS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

An extraordinary 1793 S-4 Chain Cent, MS65 Brown PCGS – a coin whose origins can be traced back to the very earliest days of America's first mint – brought \$1.38 million, and a crush of national and international media attention at the Jan. 4-8 Orlando, FL U.S. Coins & Platinum Night FUN Signature® Auction held by Heritage Auctions.



This amazing 1793 Chain cent, the Cleneay-Atwater-Eliasberg Specimen and the plate coin in Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of Early United States Cents 1793-1814 is a sensational coin with its history, rarity and beauty. Top collectors obviously realized that and went after it accordingly. It's now the centerpiece of a very advanced collection.

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QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) On a medal, where is the cartouche? What is a cartouche anyway?
- 2) Did the U.S. mint ever strike coins for Cuba?
- 3) When were Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Martin active collectors in Houston?
- 4) What countries show prominent volcanoes on their coins?

- 5) Are there any 90% silver Eisenhower Dollars?
- 6) How do those "pens" that retail clerks use on currency work to unmask fakes?
- 7) Was it Q. David Bowers or was it John Kraljevich who had his first ANA show table at the youngest age?
- 8) In the field of tokens, what is a "maverick"?

DR. COYNE RESPONDS

1) This somewhat obscure vocabulary word is neatly explained in a note in the E-Sylum (the free online weekly journal of the National Bibliomania Society, Wayne Homren, editor):

Answer: It's a panel intended for lettering. In a medallic design it is an area purposely left open, the area is call a "reserve." But it's a cartouche when it has a border surrounding the open area. Lettering can be in the die, or if left open it can be inscribed later within the cartouche after the piece is struck. As such a cartouche is particularly useful for an award medal as it aids in customizing the medal by inscribing a recipient's name, date, and often, details of the award.

A cartouche can be any shape, usually rectangular or square, or even contained in a ribbon. Originally it came from a scroll, with rolled edges, but evolved into a tablet-like shape, and later in simpler forms.



A cartouche is often the location for an "insert die" carrying lettering. The insert leaves a minute gap surrounding it. This is usually just inside the border of the cartouche.

Collectors encounter medals both inscribed, or "uninscribed cartouche" -- without any lettering therein. Really cheap organizations bestow uninscribed medals with the instructions for the recipient to have his jeweler engrave the appropriate inscription (but this seldom occurs).

2) The U.S. mint struck many coins for foreign countries from 1855 to about 1991. Issues for Cuba began with those of 1915 -- made in Philadelphia. Cuba, embroiled in civil unrest for over 150 years, has been minting their own coins since the Cuban Mint was established in 1977. Prior to 1977, Spain, the United States, and Eastern European countries were the primary producers of Cuban coinage. Since 1977, Cuba has minted thousands of commemorative coins along with coinage for circulation. Since 1950, the Banco Nacional de Cuba (National Bank of Cuba) has had responsibility for issuing Cuban coinage.



3) Mr. A.I. Martin was active in Texas collecting circles around the middle of the twentieth century. He was president of GHCC during the early 1960s. His enduring legacy was his work (and that of his wife Doris) in bringing the ANA summer convention to Houston in 1965. He was general chairman and Doris was publicity chairman. An exhibit medal won by Doris at the same convention is now in private hands in Dallas.

4) Coming first to mind among coins showing volcanoes are the 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, and 8 real silver pieces of the Central American Republic (1823-39). Some of the areas that made up the C.A.R., including Nicaragua, later adopted similar motifs for issues continuing almost to the present time. The Philippines peso of 1905 has a single smoking volcano. The scarce issues of the Coquimbo Mint (Chile) also show one.

5) There are no 90% silver Eisenhower Dollars. The early Ike's in 1971-74 were clad (for circulation) or silver clad (averaging 40% for collector versions). The Bicentennial Ike's from 1975-76 (though all are dated 1776-1976) came in the same copper-nickel clad and silver clad versions. After the bicentennial, the 1977 and 1978 issues were all CN clad. The first 90% silver coin made by the US mint after 1965 would be the commemorative half dollars of 1982 showing George Washington on his horse on the obverse and Mt. Vernon on the reverse.

6) The "counterfeit detection pens" used by retail clerks are an invention of our time. They provide a color change indication when applied to paper having the wrong starch content. Since US paper money has changed over the years, the pens often give a "wrong" indication on older currency, especially the series 1953 and older.

7) Mr. Q. David Bowers had his first table at an ANA summer convention when he was 15 years old. His father had to agree to stand behind his transactions. QDB later became the most productive numismatic writer and a major dealer during the second half of the twentieth century. John Kraljevich was only slightly older when he took his first ANA table. JK, today in his 30's, is already one of the most important researchers and authors in the field of early American material. He has an active sole-proprietor dealership in New York.

8) A "maverick" token is one that is unidentified as to city and state of issuer. Part of the fun and of the science of studying tokens is figuring out the history of challenging pieces and discovering the time and place of issue. There are, fortunately (or unfortunately), thousands of tokens from decades ago right up to now that do not declare on their faces anything about when or where they were issued. Examples might say "good for one drink", or "good for 5 cents in trade". The illustrated token remains a "maverick" to Dr. Coyne even now...





2 BITS WORTH OF NEWS



CRAFTED PRECIOUS METAL DEALER REGISTRATION

Effective January 1, 2012, a person operating as a crafted precious metal dealer in the State of Texas must register with the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (OCCC). As defined in Chapter 1956 of the Texas Occupations Code, a crafted precious metal dealer is a person registered to engage in the business of purchasing and selling precious metal items, EXCEPT FOR:

- Coins
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Registration processes and requirements are provided within 7 TAC Chapter 85, Subchapter B. Entities, organizations, and individuals required to file to register with the OCCC must submit applications through the Precious Metals portal located on the Texas Department of Public Safety's (TxDPS) website. You can access this portal by selecting the appropriate link below.

<http://www.occc.state.tx.us/pages/industry/CPMD/cpmdindex.html>

STEELIES

There is legislation to change the composition in the one cent and in the five cent.

A former Medallion Arts executive says disposal fees for the steel strip adds to overall costs that the author of the legislation does not consider as mentioned in E-Sylum Dec. 18. (I know many people who'll pick up and dispose the steel scraps FREE of charge.)

DID YOU KNOW...

For the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010, the cost to create a cent was 1.79 cents and the cost to create a nickel was 9.22 cents.

The uncirculated U.S. Army commemorative half dollar, with a final mintage figure of 39,461, has taken the crown of key to the modern commemorative half dollar series.

It's the end of the Presidential Dollars.

PERSONAL NUMISMATIC STORIES

Collector Don S. shares his story...

In the early 1960's I was away at school. Like most of us I developed my interest in coin collecting at a young age. At that time, there was a fellow student, pretty much in the same boat I was in, being as we both had a lot of time on weekends to share and develop the habit of coin collecting. Long story short, for the next several years Lincoln cents from 1909 and on was the main focal point. I might add that my grandfather had left me a couple of Morgan Dollars which were always very much prideful for me.

For several years after that, the change of schools, family issues, military service, and into adult life there was little time for collecting coins. What coins that were there were always earmarked for paying bills; but the Whitman book was always there in my desk drawer.

I believe that it wasn't until after my retirement that I really picked the hobby back up. I had ventured into Jefferson Nickels and Indian Cents, then settling into Morgan Dollars and Silver Certificates. I have a modest collection of the above coins and notes but currently my interest lie in silver art rounds and, of course, Morgan Dollars.

Richard Laster shares his story...

I can't say exactly when the "numismatic bug" bit. I'm quite sure it was present in some form very early in my life. It actually started with stamps; at least the basic collecting interest did. Someone gave me a small envelope full of "old" postage stamps from the era of the Second World War. These were definitely of interest and I recall sitting and sorting through them admiring the pictures and studying the history there in my hand.

The real shift in the direction of collecting coins I remember quite clearly and without hesitation. This second step in my personal numismatic journey was on my ninth birthday. On that occasion my grandfather presented to me a rather heavy envelope. Inside were nine genuine United States silver dollar coins. All these years later I can still identify these specific nine coins and I hold them in high esteem. This was my first adventure with "coins" per se. It was exactly then I started my experience with numismatics. I was "bit" big time and have been ever since.

The third step in the process wasn't until I was in graduate school in Dallas some twenty plus years later. One Saturday my wife and I spent a few hours at the very first antique mall we'd ever seen. I don't recall the name and it has long since passed on. I found on that day three pieces of original, genuine Republic of Texas paper money for which I paid (are you ready for this?) less than twenty dollars for all three. Once again I was "bit" and since that time I've devoted my collecting interest to being a "rag picker." (aka a paper money collector.)

"BUDDY - CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?"



*by Barbara Williams - District 15 Governor,
from a presentation given at the Silsbee Coin Club*

The term dime comes from old French "disme" meaning "tith" or "tenth" part and from the Latin decima. The Coinage Act of 1792, passed April 2, 1792, established the dime as a subdivision of the dollar and spelled it "disme" in the legislation. It contained 1/10 the silver weight of the dollar, weighing 2.70 grams at 89.24% silver and 10.76% copper. In 1792, a limited number of dismes were minted but not circulated – some were copper and some were pattern coins. In 1796, the first dimes were minted



and distributed. This first dime was the "Draped Bust Type," minted from 1796 through 1807. The reverse changed from a small eagle to the heraldic eagle in 1798. None of these coins had the denomination minted on them but they were only 19 mm in diameter so it was obvious what they were worth.



The coins designer was Robert Scot. This design was used on all the coins minted during these years. All 1796 dimes have fifteen (15) stars on the obverse, representing the number of states in the union at that time. The first 1797 dimes were minted with 16 stars, reflecting Tennessee's admission as the 16th



state. Realizing that the practice of adding one star per state could quickly clutter the coin's design, the U.S. Mint Director Elias Boudinot ordered a design alteration, to feature just thirteen (13) stars for the original Thirteen Colonies. Hence, 1797 dimes can be found with either 13 or 16 stars.

There were no dimes minted in 1808 but the "Capped Bust Type" appeared in 1809 and was minted through 1837. John Reich was the designer and once



again the same design was used on all coins except now each was marked with the denomination which in this case was 10 Ct on the reverse. The bald eagle on the reverse is looking to its right and is holding three (3) arrows in its left claw representing strength and an olive branch in its right claw representing peace. There are 13 vertical stripes on the shield for the original thirteen (13) states. The diameter was reduced to 18.8 mm but still weighed the same and was of the same composition of silver/copper. There are 122 known varieties of the capped bust coins.

The "Liberty Seated Type" was minted in 1837 along with the last capped bust type dime. This design was minted from 1837 through 1891 and is the first coin to have "dime" struck on the back. (Actually it says "ONE DIME.") It was designed by Christian Gobrecht. The obverse features an image of Liberty

sitting on a rock, wearing a dress and holding a staff with a liberty cap on top. Her right hand is balancing a shield with the inscription "LIBERTY."



The weight of the coin was reduced to 2.67 grams with a 90% silver and 10% copper composition. Its size was reduced from 18.8 mm to 17.9 mm which remained the diameter of all dimes produced since then. The 90/10 composition remained the same until 1965 when silver was permanently removed. There are several minor varieties of the 1837 dime with the most obvious being a large date vs. a small date. The 1838 dime had three (3) major varieties – large and small stars that were added that year to the obverse and partial drapery.

In 1853 and 1873, silver prices rose and the weight was reduced from 2.67 grams to 2.49 grams in 1853 then increased to 2.50 grams in 1873. The increase in weight was brought about by the Mint Act of 1873 which was an



attempt to make U.S. coinage the currency of the world. The quarter and half-dollar were also increased in weight



A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TEN CENT PIECE



in line with fractions of the French 5-franc piece. Arrows were added around the date in 1853 and

1873 to indicate these changes. There were five (5) varieties of the liberty seated type.



The Barber dime was minted from 1892 through 1916. It is named after its designer, Charles E. Barber who was the chief engraver of the U.S. Mint from 1879 to 1917. The



same design is found on the quarter and half-dollar during this period. The Barber dime featured an image of Liberty on the obverse. She is wearing a Phrygian cap, a laurel wreath with a ribbon, and a headband with the inscription "LIBERTY." The "LIBERTY" inscription is one of the key elements used in determining the condition of Barber dimes.

Production of the "Mercury" dime started in 1916 and was minted through 1945. The "Mercury" dime actually does not depict the Roman god but is in fact a representation of Liberty hence the proper "type" name is the "Winged Liberty Head Type." The obverse figure is a depiction of the

mythological goddess Liberty wearing a Phrygian cap, a classic Western symbol of liberty and freedom, with its wings intended to symbolize freedom of thought. It was designed by sculptor Adolph Weinman who won in a competition over two (2) others. (He studied under Augustus Saint-Gaudens.) The reverse design, a fasces juxtaposed with an olive branch,



was intended to symbolize America's readiness for war, combined with its desire for peace. Unfortunately, the fasces symbol was later officially adopted by Benito Mussolini and his National Fascist Party. The symbol was also common in American iconography and generally avoided any stigma associated with its usage in wartime Italy. The 1916D dime is highly sought after as only 264,000 were minted. Its value is over \$1000 in good condition. Beware of altered Philadelphia minted dimes of this year. Most of the dimes minted at the Denver mint were the Barber dimes in 1916, hence the scarcity.

After President Franklin D. Roosevelt's death in 1945, Virginia Congressman Ralph H. Daughton introduced legislation in Congress asking for the replacement of the Mercury dime with one bearing Roosevelt's image. The dime was chosen to honor Roosevelt partly due to his efforts in the

founding of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (later renamed



the March of Dimes), which originally raised money for polio research and to aid victims of the disease and their families. The mint first produced the Roosevelt in 1946. It was designed by John R. Sinnock whose initials are at the truncation of the neck on the obverse. With the passage of the Coinage Act of 1965, the composition of the dime changed to 91.67% copper and 8.33% nickel and is clad with a 75% copper/25% nickel layer. The weight is now 2.268 grams. 1955 is the last year that the San Francisco mint produced circulating dimes. In 1965, the San Francisco mint started to produce proof dimes. In 1968, the mint mark was moved from the reverse to the obverse and placed just above the date. Also at this time, the mint mark "P" was added for the Philadelphia mint. The mintage honoring the 50th anniversary of the coin in 1996 included a "W" showing that it was minted at West Point.



This coin was only found in mint sets. There were 1,457,000 of these coins minted, approximately 1/10 of those minted by Philadelphia and Denver!



In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers. We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material. Meeting reports from the clubs include special events and program presentations. Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: tnanews@sbcglobal.net A special section at the end of Texas Happenings will contain longer newsletter articles of member experiences, opinions and numismatic information.

DISTRICT ONE



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

Meeting - Vice President Dave Werner gaveled the meeting in order with 62 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: A.B. Stanyer, Merle Dean Chris, Rich Zeman. New members: Jesse Owens, Cheryl Brown.

While Veteran's Day fell the day after the November meeting, we nevertheless commemorated this special day to honor our veterans who have served in all branches of the armed forces. Veterans Day originated in 1919 and was called Armistice Day in commemoration of the day World War I ended. It was expanded in 1954 to honor all veterans.



The meeting began with presentation of colors by the Boy Scouts. Veterans who were present were recognized for their service and sacrifice.

Several members brought memorabilia from the time of their service or service of a family member. Among the members volunteering to say a few words, Richard Wallace displayed his aunt's "snorter" roll, Russell Johnson displayed his Sergeant's uniform from WW II. Jack Gilbert introduced



Merle Dean Chris who recounted his experiences aboard an aircraft carrier during WW II. Carl Stang had a display of modern commemoratives celebrating the military. Of historical interest, Bob Millard was born on VE day (5/7/45).

Russell Prinzing, Kenny Smith and Frank Schick gave a presentation on American wartime money, beginning with Revolutionary War currency, and continuing with topics such as Civil War tokens and currency, and WW II emergency coins and currency. Kenny also asked questions directed at kids about wartime history and gave prizes for correct responses.

Merle Owens also displayed a Nazi flag thought to have been owned by a German general, but found in a Fredericksburg, Texas chest.



The explosive growth of our Club has been great. We now have 110 current members and

continue to add new members each month. Due to the amount of work now required at each meeting, the Board has decided to form committees consisting of members currently volunteering their time toward our activities.

The Boy Scout color guard retired the colors and the meeting was adjourned.

December Meeting - Over 90 members and guests participated in this year's Christmas party. The time was very enjoyable to all who attended, and went by so quickly..

President Steve Lehr directed attention to the table full of presents earmarked for the Toys for Tots campaign. Cecil Driskell, a former Marine, will deliver the gifts to the Marines for distribution.



The officers and directors for 2012 were recognized. These consist of: President Allen Scott; Vice President Bob Millard; Secretary Alan Traverse; Treasurer Jim Jeska; Directors Ellen Dibler, Dave Werner, Charlie Bathman, Jerry Stuart, Russell Prinzing, Merle Owens



After prayer by Larry Dibler, dinner was efficiently and deliciously served. A special thanks goes out to Rebecca Lehr and her daughter who again put together the dinner. The dessert table was so full of goodies brought by volunteers that a second table had to be utilized. It was hard to decide which tasty items to try. The pastor of the Mission, Cory Kountze, was recognized and asked to say a few words. Steve Lehr thanked him for providing us meeting space.

Bingo was called by Mike Grant in his legendary and entertaining style. Mike was assisted by Bob Millard. Nice prizes were given out not only for winners, but also for second and even third bingos. The final game (blackout) created quite a bit of drama as it seemed everyone was only one or two blanks away from winning the uncirculated Morgan dollar.



DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB



December Meeting - The meeting was our annual Christmas Dinner. The dinner was held at Hoover's Home Cooking on Hwy. 183 North. There were approximately 30 members and guests present. The officers for 2012 were introduced. The dinner concluded with the drawing of door prizes.

January Meeting - The meeting was called to order by Bill G., President. There were 20 members and 4 visitors present. The visitors later joined the club. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A thank you note from the library for our participation in the Winterfest Program was read.

The program was presented by Mike M. On Crime and Coins. Mike's background in criminology and coins is a great asset for our club. Mike discussed methods to prevent and be aware of potential trouble when dealing with coins. The program included several examples of fake coins. His program was well presented and enjoyed by all.

The door prize was won by Nancy S., and the three legged buffalo was won by Christian M.

DISTRICT SIX



November Meetings - Nov 4 - There were 21 members and guests at the meeting. Vice President Tom Cooper noted it was deer season. After the show and tell, President Garth Clark arrived, after traffic delays. Garth presented the club a fresh first aid kit for all club activities. Garth announced that Jim Bevill would have Bellaire's Christmas party.

The following members presented a show and tell; Ken Benson, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Gene McPherson, Alan Morgan, Alvin Stern, and Lulu Sun. Alan Morgan won the show and tell prize.

Nov 19 - There were 25 members and guest at the meeting. Garth Clark presented the program about Texas Jolas, coin metal analysis. Garth Clark reminded everybody about the Bellaire Christmas party.

Michael Wolford reminded the members of the Pasadena and Greater Houston Coin Shows.

The following members presented a show and tell, Jim Bevill, Tom Cooper, Paul Krail and Alvin Stern. Paul Krail won the show and tell prize.

December Meeting - Dec 5 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. Garth Clark reminded that Jim Bevill would be having the Christmas party at his house, December 17.

The club notes the thank you gift cards. It is noticed that each gift card at this time year, had a received a limited time bonus gift card, that the buyer kept. Michael Wolford noted soon it would be time to start paying membership dues for 2012.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, Alan Morgan, Alvin Stern, and John Zanders. Gene McPherson won the Show and tell prize.



November Meeting - Meeting started at 6:35 PM. We had one new guest, a newcomer to the hobby. She inherited a collection and came to learn.

Coins for A's --Roughly 50 letters with plenty of new material for the program -- best response ever from the girl scouts!

The ANA report was presented by Barney and Claude presented the Money Show report.

Show and tell began with an abnormally worn coin, followed by several interesting items. Ralph Ross presented information on donations to youths at the George R. Brown Convention Center Money Show of the Southwest. Carl brought a few souvenirs from his trip to Australia. The drawing winner was Ricardo.

John Barber presented his program "A Modest Colorado Collection". Each state in the union has a motto or nickname -- Colorado is the centennial state. There were very few inhabitants prior to 1850 prior to the discovery of gold. It was a territory in 1861 and statehood came in 1876. In the early days prior to 1850, transactions were based on barter. There were few circulating coins. By the late 1870, coins were beginning to circulate. Pike was the first European person to see the area. Spanish colonial coins circulated in the 1800's in Colorado. Before 1850, there were not near enough US coins minted, so foreign coins filled the gap. The Clark, Gruber Mint was established in 1860 in Colorado where coins were minted. Bryan money is included in the presentation, bearing on the gold/silver question. These were struck as campaign ads. Another type of Bryan money is the Mechanical dollar. It had a mechanism that allowed the coin to be rotated to display separate messages. The Clark&Gruber mint was sold to the US government in 1862. It was torn down in 1911. In 1904, the present Denver mint was built. The first product was a 'Denver 1905' token. The presentation ended at 7:48 and applause followed. It was very well done. Colorado has a very rich numismatic history besides the well-known Denver mint.

December Meeting - The business meeting was minimized. Educational speaker was Thomas Cleveland on "The Artist Within".

Here are some pictures from our Christmas Party December Meeting...



TOWNSEND AWARD

The Greater Houston Coin Club gave the second annual Francis Townsend "Volunteer of the Year" Award in December. From among worthy nominees, secret ballot voting gave the nod to a very deserving Claude Mathes.



DISTRICT SEVEN



Alamo Coin Clips

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 28 signed in members in which included 0 visitors.

Fernando thanked everyone for attending. The welcome and thanks then moved onto thanking those who have served or is currently serving in America's armed forces as we all honored Veteran's Day. We also had our member Jim J. announced that he was privileged to participate in Veterans Day event at a local school attended by his grandchild.

After the welcome, the floor was then opened to some quick quirks by Will R. It was torturous for many of us, but a good healthy laugh nonetheless. We all need a good dose of laughter in these hard times.

The Roundtable started with ACC President Fernando leading the charge and along with the assistance from our good friend and member Will R.. There was some excellent participation as always from the members as they offered their roundtables for our pleasure of viewing them. (See some samples below)



Winner of the Roundtable Prize was Dr. Don G. with his presentations of his Bowie knife. Don received a 1982 S silver commemorative Washington Half Dollar.

After the intermission, the Attendance Prize winner was announced as Valinda W. Valinda received a 1943 Walking Liberty half dollar and a 1943 Mexican Un Peso.

The auction was then handled by our VP Larry A. After the conclusion of the Auction, the meeting was then adjourned.

December Meeting - Dec. 8 - The meeting was attended by many members and visitors. To be exact 31 were in attendance (27 members and 4 visitors). This December 8th get together was the only official meeting for the month of December as this was the club's Dirty Santa gift exchange and the first Christmas dinner celebration outside of Luby's.

Our guests in attendance were Michael T, Willa B., Jill H., and Blanche P. Thank you for attending and being part of this festive moment.

The Roundtable started with some excellent participation as always from the members as they offered their roundtables for our pleasure of viewing them.

Winner of the Roundtable prize was Tim W. Tim received a 1999 Gibraltar Millennium 2000 5£ uncirculated coin.

The Attendance Prize winner was announced as Robert S. as the recipient of a 1976 Silver Bicentennial 3pc Proof set.

THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

November Meetings - Nov. 3 - The meeting opened with 28 members in attendance. No visitors were present that night. The attendance prize, a Mexican 2005 one-hundred pesos 400th Anniversary coin, was given to Robert S. The coin depicts Don Quixote De La Mancha. During the meeting, several items were discussed, including a search for a new location for our Christmas party.

Eric H., our new webmaster, announced that the Gateway Coin Club website has been updated. David reminded the members about Alamo Coin Club's upcoming show to be held on November 19th.

The meeting closed with a large auction that featured a variety of interesting numismatic items. Thank you to all the members who participated.

Nov. 17 - The meeting opened with 28 members and 1 visitor, who was Nancy A. The members gave a hearty welcome to new member Rene M. The attendance prize, a 2004 Mexican one-hundred dollar coin, was given to Fernando R. The coin commemorates the state of Jalisco. A Christmas party roster was available for members to sign-up if they wanted to attend our annual Christmas party and participate in the gift exchange. The membership cordially welcomed Cliff A. who hadn't been to the meetings for a while.

The roundtable was led by Ray T. who brought a 25th anniversary American Silver Eagle set. Robert J. had a State of Texas Governor's Mansion collector's medal. David A. showed an attractive Mayflower II, medal from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

That evening the educational program, "Coin Images of British Monarchs," was presented by Cliff A. To enhance his presentation, two colored information sheets were given to all the members. The sheets had images of coins that featured many British Monarchs, including William I, Henry VI, Elizabeth I, Charles I, Anne, Edward IV, James II, Cromwell, William III & Mary II, George V and Edward VIII.

Cliff spoke about "Gun money" which was an issue of coins made by the forces of James II during the Williamite War between 1689 and 1691. "The name "Gun money" stems from the idea that they were minted from melted gun metal. Because of the shortage of metal to produce the coins, several cannons were melted and turned into the much needed coins, hence the term 'gun money'.

However, many other brass objects, such as church bells, pots and pans, and old cannons were used for the coins. Because even supplies of brass were scarce, the coins were made from a mixture of metals. Other materials such as old copper and pewter were also used. James II established two mints that produced the 'gun money' coinage which was struck between June 1689 and October 1690. Cliff's program provided some interesting questions for discussion.

December Meetings - Dec. 1 - The first meeting of the month opened with 24 members. No visitors were present that evening. Arturo G., Sr. was the lucky recipient of the attendance prize, which was a five pesos 1955 Mexican coin that featured Hidalgo. During the meeting there was a short discussion about several items including the upcoming Christmas Party and a correction to the previously announced address.

The roundtable participants brought several interesting numismatic items.

The meeting ended with a fun-filled auction that featured a selection of appealing numismatic material. A "special thanks" to our auctioneer David A. who did an outstanding job.

Dec. 15 - The last meeting of the year opened with 27 members and 5 visitors present. Our visitors were Nancy A., Daniella H., Linda S., Patricia R. and Jill H.. The attendance prize, a Mexican 1957 five pesos coin, was given to Roger A.

Members enjoyed our final meeting of the year at our annual Christmas Party which was held at Grady's Bar-B-Q.

The meeting closed with a mini-auction which was organized and conducted by our talented, witty and exciting auctioneer, David A.

A SHORT QUIZ

- What kind of coins were struck at Dahlonega, Georgia?
- Were United States coins first struck in 1652, 1776, 1787, 1793, or 1861?
- What is the smallest United States silver coin?
- What was the first one cent coin struck at a branch mint?

Answers:

Answers: A. gold coins only B. 1793 C. dime (silver 3 cents)
D. 1908 San Francisco Indian cent. (Source: Collecting Coins)

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DISTRICT ELEVEN

GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by VP Phil Witt. There were 10 members present.

It was decided to have the Christmas party at the Country Barn. Phil gave a coin trivia report on Hobo nickels. It was very informative. Mike had coin trivia on the history of world money which was very interesting.

Nominations for officers were held with election to be held in January.

The club voted to donate \$500 to the WTAMU Scholarship fund.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER COIN CLUB



December Meeting - The annual Christmas meeting was held at Spring Creek Barbeque. It was called to order by President Dwight with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members present: 22; Guests present: 20; Total Present: 42; New Members: 2

Introduction / recognition of guests, visitors, and new members
Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of December

Election of officers for 2012; floor opened for nominations. Receiving no further nominations a vote was called. Bruce made



a motion to re-elect current officers for the 2012 term. Tracy seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting in favor.

Richard is seeking member input for the "Getting to Know You" section of the club newsletter

Dwight emceed Christmas Trivia extravaganza again this year which included for the first time a "Name that Song" section (our club President sings quite impressively!)

January Meeting - Meeting called to order by President Dwight with pledge to the flag and prayer

Attendance: Members present: 30; Guests present: 3; Total Present: 33 (New members) 4

Ray showed members coin show signage that Hunt County Coin Club has offered us to use for future shows.

Club will be entering the Richard's 2011 newsletters into TNA and ANA contests

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

November Meeting - 14 members were present for the meeting with no visitors.

Announcements: Duane Palmer said that the Duncan coin show is scheduled for February 2012. Connolly O'Brien said that the mint boxes for silver and gold Eagles are worth money. Connolly explained that for people with IRAs they have to be stored in the U.S. Mint boxes for the coins. He said this has created a good market for the mint boxes.

Old Business: Rob Robinson said that the Coin Club Christmas Party will be on December 8, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Luby's Restaurant.

Program: Rob Robinson said that Coinage Magazine had an article on the numismatic and historical happenings of the year 1947, which is also the year club Vice President George Woodburn was born. The U.S. started selling mint sets in 1947. He said that the mint sets were double mint sets containing two of each coin and mint mark of "P", "S", and "D". He said that the mint charged only \$0.41 more than the face value of the coins in the set to cover for shipping, handling, etc. The mint continued to make these double mint sets through the year 1958. Rob said that 1947 was the first year that the Red Book was published. He said that a competing coin book that had been produced by Waite Raymond for several years was much more expensive, and the Red Book gained in popularity as it cost much less. Also, 1947 was the last year of the Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Rob went on to point out that the Booker T. Washington silver Half was also minted that year. He said that the first State of the Union Address to be televised was conducted by President Truman on January 6 of that year. The first black professional baseball player, Jackie Robinson, was a rookie for the Brooklyn Dodgers and won the honor of Rookie of the Year. Also in 1947, the Department of War was changed to the Department of Defense, and the US Air Force was created as a separate department. He said that 1947 was the year that Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier. Top movies for the year were "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Miracle on 34th Street."

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

November Meeting - The club met at Gander Mountain on November 21 at 7 PM. There were 7 members present. George Fortune Club vice president presided. George requested nominations for 2012 officers.

The club 2013 show will be held on September 15, at the Elks Lodge on Hwy 90 (College Street). We will need volunteers to work after the show to put away tables chairs etc. The Elks lodge members will supply food and drink for the dealers and public.

The annual coin club coin auction saw 60 lots sold. Everyone seemed happy with their purchases. Soor prizes were won by George Fortune, Ken Conner, Mike DeLaughter, Ed Meadows and the Grand rize went to David Fisher.

The next meeting is the annual Christmas party at the Catfish Kitchen on Monday, December 12. It is the Christmas Party shared with the Silsbee coin club.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

November Meeting - Dale called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The nominating committee (Jerry and Richard) gave its report.

Program: Jerry presented a program on how the US started printing paper money. A summary follows:

In 1861, President Lincoln ask Congress for \$600,000,000 to finance the Civil War. Congress passed the bill that authorized the first paper

money to cover this cost. The first year of issue of paper money for circulation to the public was not until 1862. Unfortunately, this paper money had nothing backing it and the public did not accept it willingly because they wanted hard assets such as gold and silver. In 1863, National Currency was first printed. This was "hard backed" paper money because each bank had to send in a minimum of \$100,000 (plus \$62.50 to cover the cost of printing) to the BEP to receive paper money with the name of the city, state, president of the bank and the chief cashier printed on the note. With the bank president and chief cashier's signature on the bills, the public accepted this currency. Each bank was issued a charter number which was also displayed on the note. The first charter bank was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was issued Charter #1. The last charter bank was Roodhouse, Illinois. Its' charter number was 14,348. National Currency was printed from 1863 through 1935. This included printing of the larger "Saddle Blanket" bills and the smaller bills similar in size that we carry today. Beaumont had eight (8) banks that issued National Currency. Their charters were from 1889 through 1922. Only five (5) of these banks had their names on them. The First National Bank of Beaumont bank charter number was 4017. This charter number appeared on both large and small bills. The First National Bank of Orange's charter number was 4118 and the First National Bank of Port Arthur's charter number was 5485. Jasper, Sour Lake, and many other small towns also had bank charter numbers. From 1863 through 1935, \$17 billion worth of National Currency was produced.

Coins were hard to come by so the "Postage Currency Act of July 17, 1862" was passed which authorized "Fractional Currency." There were six (6) denominations: 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50 cent bills. One 5 cent bill included a picture of the current superintendent of the BEP. The public and Congress did not like this so a law was passed in 1866 prohibiting portraying any living person on money or coins. (This included persons featured on stamps but the law has been changed so living persons may be depicted on stamps beginning in 2012.) Proofs of the fractional currency were printed but they were only printed on one side and "SPECIMAN" was printed across the back side.

One other note was mentioned in particular - The \$10 Webster note of 1869 better known as the "Jackass bill." It was called this because the eagle that was portrayed in the center of the bill looked like a donkey (or Jackass) when viewed upside down!

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

WACO COIN CLUB

November Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 9 members in attendance.

Cash prize- winner was not present. In January the prize will be \$35.

Business: The coin show did make a profit. Several dealers are signed up for the spring show.

Show and Tell: If you have something for Show and Tell, call Alan Wood. 756 6613. Alan will talk about the Joe Olson collection in January.

ANA members can go to an ANA show free, nonmembers \$6. TNA members can go to a TNA show free. Everyone is encouraged to join.

December Meeting - It was Party time. The meeting was our annual Christmas party.

There were fingerfoods and softdrinks and goodies galore. Two Spouses and 9? people total. No business, just fun and food. There were 5 door prizes, with no cost for a ticket.

Alan will talk about the Joe Olson collection in January.

The membership was saddened to hear that Dalton Adams passed away on December 22.

ANA members can go to an ANA show free, nonmembers \$6. TNA members can go to a TNA show free. Everyone is encouraged to join.

The club does have a website: wacocoinclub.com.

CATALOGUES: TO USE OR NOT TO USE... ...THAT IS THE QUESTION

Your editor's hesitation in using catalogues which claim to know it all and have it all started back when I was a preteen and was focusing on collecting stamps. Every stamp shop in Houston priced their merchandise at half or less of the Scott catalogue value. Such a practice caused the basic customer to come to the conclusion that the value shown in the official book wasn't necessarily market reality.

So why does my personal challenge with "cover it all" catalogues come to mind at this particular moment in my history? Back a few weeks ago I purchased a large lot of world coins. Most of these I acquired in order to donate to my Texas Numismatic Association Coin for A's kids. There are, however, a few I plan to keep including a dozen coins from Oaxaca, Mexico minted in 1915 during the time of the revolution. For the record, all of these are Ten Centavo pieces featuring a bust of Benito Juarez. This type is defined in the Krause Catalogue of World Coins as KM # 722 to KM # 727.2 in the section on the coins of the Mexican Revolution.



As I glanced over the documented varieties I focused upon KM # 727.2. Details on the reverse of this particular coin are as follows; "'T' below bow 'M' below 1st

leaf. At present only four pieces of this type are known. All are VF or better." Krause values these at \$400 in VF and \$550 in XF. The problem is my small handful contained two and perhaps three pieces fitting this description. To accentuate the challenge I found one on eBay available at a purchase price of "only" \$48. It had been there for a really long time.

I emailed Ricardo, my friend and Mexican coin resident expert. I stated my doubts and asked for his thoughts. Ricardo offered the following details to me in an email; "This particular denomination is the most common of the coins struck in that city in 1915, with 24 different varieties . . . divided in 10 obverses and 14 reverses . . . Apparently the 'TM' letters (for Tomas Monroy as Mint's Director, not the Assayer) don't make a real difference in price unless in a couple of scarcer varieties that increase the price at the most to 5 dollars or so." His source of information comes from personal experience and from research and publications by his friend Carlos Amaya.



My conclusion is as follows; before purchasing some item of more than a quite modest price invest in due diligence. We've all heard the "buy the book" philosophy. How about the "buy two or more books, and do your

own research" philosophy. I suppose every catalogue can't have every price detailed with complete accuracy; that would be impossible and unfair to assume.

Another awareness I offer here is the need for people whose insight and opinion can be trusted even more than the word of a catalogue. I am speaking of those who have "been there and done that," speaking from a numismatic point of view. Coin clubs are great for such revelations and friendships and our club members are certainly a great source of knowledge, especially when we identify our areas of specialty. Let's get to know each other and share insights.

At the least, I can say I am delighted to have paid only a few cents each for coins which have the potential to be worth \$5 than to have invested, say, \$48 in a piece from the internet which is declared to be valued at \$400 but in actuality has the potential to be worth \$5.

I am sure most items in Krause and in other such publications are well researched and for the most part thoroughly investigated. I'll continue to use my Krause publications gladly albeit with an eye for alternative sources.

I will admit, however, that paying half catalogue price certainly would be a treat.

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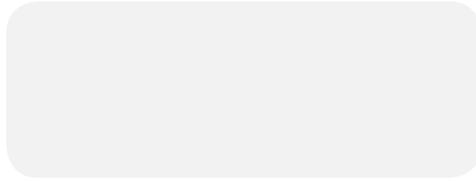
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