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Greetings!



Hopefully, you will be receiving your TNA News a bit earlier this issue. The Thanksgiving holiday has made it necessary to bring our publication to the printer sooner than usual. Actually this is a good thing and I will try to continue this in future issues.

The Texas Happenings club reports will be more current. Of course this will depend on our club reporters making sure their meeting reviews are sent by the 15th of the month as noted at the bottom left of this page. This has always been the cut-off date, however, it has been slowly getting pushed back over the past year. Maybe we can treat it like a New Year's resolution and see if we can keep it. I'll try to do my part.

There is a good mix of articles this last issue of the year. All of our regular authors were generous with their contributions. I want to give a big "Thank you!" to them and to all who have contributed to our publication this past year.

As I mentioned last issue, it would be great if other members also sent articles for publication. I have a few in mind that I know have a great store of numismatic knowledge to be shared. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call in the near future.

Doug Davis brings us up-to-date with NCIC reports this issue. These alerts are important to our membership in helping deter theft and recognizing stolen items that may show up at coins shows and other locations.

Arlington Convention Center will be the new location for our Annual TNA Convention and Coin Show coming in May 2014. Doug is doing a great job getting this show put together. More information on the show can be found on page 6.

From my family to your's we offer Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings!

And... we'll end the year by getting this edition to the printer in plenty of time.

Until Next Year,
Ron Kersey

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

DEBBIE WILLIAMS

OUR WEBMASTER, David Kerr-Burke, designed a top-notch website for the TNA and continually improves it and adds new features. The address is tna.org and it is a great starting place for planning your trip to our upcoming show May 16 -18. Dealers can download their bourse application and exhibitors can download exhibit applications and related materials. Promotional show flyers may be printed from the site as well. Additionally, there is a link to a vacation planner for the City of Arlington.

The addition of archived copies of past issues of the TNA News is a wonderful research tool and probably my favorite feature of the website. There are also links to other numismatic related websites such as the Numismatic Crime Information Center and those of member clubs. There is much more to explore including a wealth of educational information, articles and press releases.

I asked David to share some statistics on the website and he chose a random week in September from which to draw the data. During this seven-day period, there were a total of 2661 visitors and tens of thousands of hits. (David explained that visitors downloaded multiple pages that equate to "hits".) The visitors were from 22 countries in addition to the United States. Seven of the 10 most popular downloads were various issues of the TNA News. The other three were the 2014 bourse application, the membership application and Boy Scout Merit Badge information.

The TNA is very fortunate to have a webmaster with David's computer expertise. This self-proclaimed "computer nerd" has enjoyed a very successful 34-year career as a PC Solution Provider to small businesses in South Texas and has "worked on systems ranging from Laser guided museum exhibits and cancer data gathering monitor equipment" to "Beefmaster cattle registry and oil field fabrication." In one of his adventures, David co-hosted the early morning radio show "Computer Corner".

His computer career followed a 20-year career as a United States Marine. After 16 years of active duty, the helicopter David was riding in was shot down. Almost every bone in his body was broken! He was so severely injured he spent six years rehabilitating in

Veteran hospitals. Martha was a tremendous source of support and they were married shortly after his release from Audie L. Murphy Veteran's Hospital. They had a full military wedding on July 4, 1979.

Numismatics has been a family affair for David. His Uncle Landis introduced him to collecting at the age of nine when they started "searching bags of coins at the dinette table in Charlotte NC where we would pick out the best seated quarters, barbers and Indians." He is also married to a "fellow collector". While David has focused on U. S. coins, Martha enjoys collecting world coins. She purchases them by the pound and often spends hours sorting and studying the fine details of each coin.

David credits Chris Johns for his current collecting interests and for putting the "fun" back in collecting. While at a local coin show he told her he had become bored after half a century of collecting. She handed him two early commemorative half dollars and said "put these together". He now owns the 27th finest known set. His goal is to complete a set in "bright white MS 66". This "crowning collection" will be a tribute to both his Uncle Landis and Chris Johns.

David has been a TNA member for 44 years. In addition to being Webmaster, he is also Governor of District 8. He is both a life member and an honorary life member. Over the years, he has received almost all of the awards the TNA bestows and was even inducted into the Hall of Fame twice – 2001 and 2006. Two awards he is especially proud of are the Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award in 1996 and Outstanding District Governor in 1999. He has held offices from Second Vice President to Webmaster. David's volunteer service to local clubs is also extensive. He has held all officer positions in the Beeville, South Texas, Kingsville, Liberty and Corpus Christi Coin Clubs. He is currently the Webmaster of the Bellaire Coin Club.

In addition to donating his time to maintaining our website, David also covers the associated costs such as the server lease, domain, and software.

David – Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to the TNA and to our hobby.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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*Welcome
New TNA Members...*

Welcome to new TNA members R-7338 through R-7341. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on Nov. 1, 2013.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on January 1, 2014.

C-0233 Brown County Coin Club
R-7342 Kathryn Ingra-Priddy

VIP LEADERS FOR 2013

Patricia Mann, Kim Groves.

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Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

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Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$47,973.91
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$62,902.65
CTB CD (Mat 4/3/2014)	\$30,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14)	\$40,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$180,876.56
Long Term Assets	
PBOT (Mat 9/21/15)	\$25,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/16)	\$40,000.00
PBOT (Mat 2/25/2018)	\$25,000.00
Endowment	
PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017)	\$30,000.00
CTB CD (McFadden - Mat. 1/23/2015)	\$70,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$190,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$370,876.56
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2012	\$339,040.06
Income (Plus)	\$80,326.93
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FUGIO CENTS

by Sam Fairchild

In the early days of the United States, counterfeit and lightweight coppers in circulation was a serious problem hurting commerce, and kept the economy from growing. Just as some states had minted their own coppers, the Continental Congress authorized coining of a national copper cent. Their coin, later referred to as the Fugio cent because of its image of the sun shining down on a sundial with the caption, "Fugio" (or Latin for I flee/fly) was reportedly designed by Benjamin Franklin. As a reminder to its holders, he put at its bottom the message, "Mind Your Business". The image and the words form a rebus meaning that time flies, do your work. This design had also been used on the Continental dollar in 1776.

The reverse side bore a third motto "We Are One" surrounded by thirteen chain links, representing the original thirteen colonial states. Following adoption of the Constitution in 1789, gold and



silver coins transitioned to the motto "E pluribus unum" (from many, one). The linked chain caused a great public outcry in 1793 with coining of the Chain Cent, but there was not even a whimper about the Fugio design.

The Fugio cent was to weigh the same as the English halfpence and Massachusetts coppers. Also, like the Massachusetts coppers, they were denominated as cents, that is a decimal coin based on one hundred to the Spanish milled dollar.

While the contract to produce the coppers was competitively bid, the contract was awarded to James Jarvis who had given a \$10,000 bribe to William Durer, the head of the Treasury Board. Jarvis was to produce some 300 tons of Fugio cents, but was only able to obtain about 30 tons of copper. However, he used most of this copper to mint about 3.5 million 1787 Connecticut coppers, which were lighter in weight and thus more profitable than the Fugio cent. In the end, he made only about 400,000 Fugio cents (about four tons out of the 300 tons of coppers they had been contracted to produce).

A New York merchant named Royal Flint purchased all remaining Fugios not issued from the Treasury on credit at about one-third face value. However, 13 days later, a copper panic occurred devaluing most coppers by about 75% of their value, thereby landing Flint in debtor's prison.

Fugio Cents are somewhat affordable today with mid-grade examples running \$600-800. This can be attributed partially to a full keg of uncirculated Fugios being acquired by the Bank of New York in 1788, but not rediscovered until 1926.

"COIN & COUNTRY: CELEBRATING CIVIC SERVICE" NAMED THEME OF 2014 NATIONAL COIN WEEK, APRIL 20-26

Coins and paper money have been a source of national and civic pride as well as a call to action for people to serve their communities. National Coin Week 2014 will highlight the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy half-dollar and President John F. Kennedy's famous call to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

"Coin & Country: Celebrating Civic Service" is the theme for the 91st annual National Coin Week, April 20-26.

Many other commemoratives, along with money that inspired civic pride and service from around the world, will be featured alongside ways the public can get involved as volunteers at coin clubs and other service organizations.

The American Numismatic Association will host a variety of National Coin Week educational activities online and at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colo. Events, activities and educational content will focus on civic service.

Activities and resources for National Coin Week include:

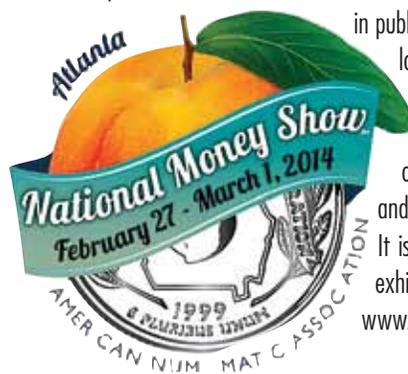
- A video activity via the ANA's YouTube page and website for a variety of prizes.
- A club trivia activity for a variety of prizes.
- A promotional kit for clubs with educational materials, buttons, bookmarks and more.
- An open house at the Money Museum, scheduled for April 26, featuring 2014 National Coin Week medallettes produced in the museum's Mini Mint.
- Promotional information at Money.org, including a sample press release, proclamation, interactive flyer and Money Museum exhibit panels.

For more information or to request club promotional materials, email ncw@money.org or call 719-482-9814.

The theme "Coin & Country: Celebrating Civic Service" was chosen from an online theme contest sent out to ANA members. Sam Gelberd came in first place winning a 2013 United States Mint Proof Set and Michael Kittle won second place and a 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters Proof Set.

The theme for National Coin Week is an exhibit category at the ANA's National Money Show held in Atlanta, February 27 - March 1, 2014. The winning exhibit will be the one that best explores National Coin Week or numismatics and is suitable for installation

in public spaces such as bank and post office lobbies, libraries, retail stores, and schools. An exhibit entered in the competition may also be entered in one of the classified exhibit categories and may win awards in both competitions. It is also eligible for Best-of-Show. For exhibit rules and applications, go to www.NationalMoneyShow.com.



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Numismatic History: From Your Editor's "Coin Cabinet"

by Richard Laster



Your editor enjoys a good story. Honestly it doesn't matter if it is a true story, or just one which is plausible or at the least entertaining, as long as it is a "good story." The one I present to you in this issue of Your Two Cents Worth is loosely numismatic in its emphasis and dates from a personal experience of just a few short years ago.

Back in 2007 and 2008 your editor had the privilege of traveling twice, legally I'll add, to Cuba. The purpose of the trip was what our official legal recognition called "humanitarian service." Both trips were "Partner in Mission" based which means they were designed to help the Methodists in Cuba with church construction, Bible school, and through other opportunities to enhance their spiritual lives and in turn to be blessed ourselves in return by sharing time with Christians of another world community. Both times our team passed through Havana on the way to our in-country destination, and both times we stayed at a Methodist retreat center within walking distance of the city center. It was also a very easy stroll to the Hotel Libre (Hotel Freedom), the tallest structure to be found in this vast city's downtown area.

Hotel Libre opened in March of 1958 as part of the Hilton chain. Unfortunately, on January 8, 1959, Fidel Castro and company came riding into town. In a few short months American control and management of the hotel ceased. Castro chose to use the hotel as his initial headquarters. As your editor understands the story much of the formation of the new Cuban government and the division of power amongst the conquerors happened in the hotel.

Today when, the hotel is visited, there is much to see including a wall of photos showing olive-green fatigued men sitting



DOWNTOWN HAVANA WITH HOTEL LIBRE SHOWN TOWERING ABOVE MOST OTHER STRUCTURES

around a common table with Fidel leading a discussion. According to tradition one of the challenges was forming a "cabinet." Castro did his best to match his fellow workers with the jobs to be done. When it came time to find someone to run the financial end of the government Castro asked the logical question: "¿Quién es un buen economista?" or "who is a good economist?" One of the members of the party, perhaps the most famous outside of Cuba besides Castro, is said to have enthusiastically held up his hand and was given the job of President of the National Bank.

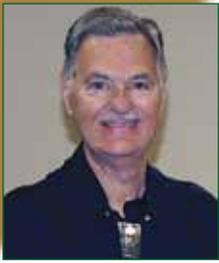
This young man was Ernesto "Che" Guevara. Che's resume included being a trained doctor, a revolutionary, an author, an intellectual, a guerrilla leader and a basic rebel-rouser. He had no particular educational experience in the world of finance.

So why was Che Guevara so anxious to answer the question of "who is a good economist?" This was the case because, according to the story, which may or may not be true, Che heard another question "¿Quién es un buen comunista?" As the reader can figure this means: "who is a good communist?" which Che considered himself to be. In other words, the closeness between "comunista" and "economista" resulted in appointment as chief financial officer of the new Cuba.

As a result, speaking from a numismatic perspective, the early post-revolutionary currency in Cuba bears the facsimile signature of Che as "Presidente del Banco." Below is a piece of Cuban currency from the series of 1961 carrying the signature of Dr. Guevara on the left. (That's ironic isn't it?) Is the story true? Your editor can't say. It is, however, an interesting one to tell.



AT LEFT: FRONT OF CUBAN ONE PESO NOTE SERIES OF 1961. SEE SIGNATURE OF "CHE" JUST ABOVE RED "J21." THE IMAGE IN THE MIDDLE IS THAT OF JOSE MARTI A POET, WRITER, NATIONALIST LEADER AND MARTYR DURING THE TIME OF THE SPANISH COLONIAL ERA IN CUBA. RIGHT IMAGE: FEATURES RELIEF OF FIDEL ET AL ENTERING HAVANA IN VICTORY ON JANUARY 8, 1959.



by Tommy Sawyer

THE REIGN OF THE PLAINS

There may be some historical discussion who coined the famous slogan, "Go West Young Man, Go West."

Or another version, "Go West Young Man And Grow Up With The Country." But, regardless of whether Horace Greenly or John L. Soule are given the credit, both encouraged the our youth to seek a westward journey to discover fertile lands, majestic beauty, and opportunities the big cities of that day couldn't provide. If one heeded their advice there were many golden opportunities the West did provide: some being mountains, rivers, valleys, farming, as well as, gold and silver.

Certainly the above mentioned criteria proved to be a driving force for expansion for those seeking adventure, but did they expect to see one of nature's most beautiful creatures as well? I am referring to the buffalo that roamed the plains of western America in unaccountable numbers. A majestic animal that has almost been forgotten by most - but not the Numismatist. In fact much has been done to preserve the integrity of our subject today. Let's begin by observing its significance and past history so we can truly appreciate its value to Numismatics today.

A Presidential voice from the past reminded us of our need for change in the classic design of our coinage. The reader probably already knows the voice was that of President Teddy Roosevelt. He wasn't in office at the time but Congress listened and acted on his remarks concerning our coinage. Engravers were delighted to hear that a new nickel was authorized to be coined and the populace was excited when they leaned it would bear the portrait of a Buffalo. Once completed from the drawing board to its delivery to the public it would be highly sought because of its popularity and designs. It would have two names - The Bison or Buffalo nickel. It served the public for 25 years. It arrived with true public acceptance replacing the "V" or Liberty head 5 cent piece (1883-1912).

The President appointed Secretary of the Treasury, Franklin MacVeagh, to oversee the project. He reported the progress of the new nickel as time passed and was very pleased with its result. MacVeagh hired James F. Fraser to research the new coin's design as well as the models to be used for it. His presentation of these resulted in favorable acceptance to Congress and others involved. His

desire was to have on the coin's obverse, an accurate portrait of an Indian - lifelike and real. He enlisted and encouraged Indian candidates to apply for sittings. Many did apply and in the end Chief Two Moons

(who fought against Custer in the battle of The Little Big Horn), Chief Adoeette, a Kiowa, and

Chief Big Tree, a Seneca, were

chosen for the portrait. A composite of the three was used for the obverse of the nickel. The likeness seemed

flawless and seemingly perfect for the design.

Guess what was used for the reverse? Another Indian, an animal, a public figure? As an astute numismatist, you answered, "a buffalo" of course. Now where could one be found? Not in the backyard - but, after many ideas were presented, Fraser decided the best example for his project was in the New York Central Zoo. The name of the buffalo was "Black Diamond". Once released to the



AND THE BUFFALO NICKEL

public both choices of an Indian and a buffalo were outstanding choices for the new nickel. Widely accepted in all sectors, the new coin was presented at a ceremony on March 13, 1913 in Wadsworth, New York. President Robert Taft presided and thirteen Indian Chiefs attended this historic event. All parties were the very first to receive a new Buffalo Nickel.



Three of our mints were kept busy minting the coin for twenty-five years. There were no 1922, 1923 or 1933 minted. However, discounting these three years, over 1.2 billion were minted.

Early in 1913 it was discovered the words "five cents" appeared too high on its mound on its reverse. Critical wear here was apparent by the public and the numismatist.



So Fraser decided to cut away the mound and replace it with a straight line thus the public now has a Type I (on the mound) and a Type II (straight line version). He didn't stop there with his improvement as he smoothed out more detail on the portrait of the coin's obverse. Again,

perfection being a paramount consideration of his works, he also made improvements on the Buffalo's tail, horn and hip.

As the ring announcer would say, This little gem weighs in at 5 grams and is composed of .750 copper with a diameter of 21.2 millimeters and a celebrated history of 25 years of service. Growing up with the "Buff" almost everyone realized the coin wore very quickly. These are critical points when grading the coin. Tough dates in one's compassion to complete a full set are the



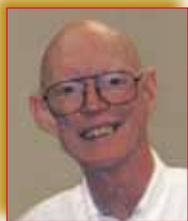
1918/17, both 1913 dates and the 3 legged variety of 1937. The latter listing for around \$1,400 in fine plus condition.



We don't see many if any Buffalo nickels in circulation today - perhaps on a belt-buckle or on other pieces of jewelry. Interest in completing this particular was keen in the 1960-70's era because it wasn't very expensive (except for the coins previously mentioned). Many of the coins circulated freely, even the 1931-S which had a mintage of 1 million. A friend of mine completed 8 sets in those years and moved on to other sets that proved to be a challenge as well. But "father time" caught up with the old "Buff". Even as it said good-bye, it had a final reminder we remember even today - a stamping error revived it for a short time, when some of the 1938 nickels had a "D" that was found stamped over the "S" on its reverse. How could this have happened? One version I heard was the San Francisco Mint shipped several bags of its 1938 nickels to the Denver Mint for circulation and the coins were placed in the bins and resulting in the "D" being stamped over the "S". Many made profits from this mint date error, but the fad quickly went away. Thus, the Buffalo Nickel walked off the stage as proud as the first day it was introduced. If you see another Buffalo nickel hopefully you will associate the animal and the Indian with our country's colorful past and recognize the service it provided for our coinage.

Editors Note: Recently, Russell Prinzing, Governor of District 1 and member of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club sent a common 1936-D nickel to ANACS for grading - it came back as the 3 1/2-leg variety which is rarer than its more famous 1937-D 3-legged cousin.





by John Barber

COMPLETION, AT

We all need to have goals in our collecting. There can be overall, enduring goals, such as your editor's aspirations for a U.S. type coin collection, or the goals can be more limited in duration or span. These sub-goals are useful in providing some feelings of accomplishment along the road toward the more enduring goals.

Now with 50 years' perspective on efforts to gather the U.S. type set, it becomes clearer that the path toward such a set was established very early; a gift from my grandmother of a box of unattributed, unsorted, and unloved (by her) coins gathered in the 1880's by her father happened to have an interesting mix of U.S. type coins which provided a wonderful initiation into the hobby for me as an 11 year old. Right after the acquisition of a 12th edition Red Book, this almost-quarter-sized silver coin was unmasked as a Twenty Cent Piece. It further proved to be a proof-only specimen from the final year of issue of these unpopular pieces. Too bad my mom had put hairlines all over it by playing "store" with it in the 1920's....



For years, this was the most valuable coin in my collection and it ably filled the bill as the representative of the

Twenty Cent type in the type set. But eventually it became the impetus to a sub-goal: a complete set of Twenty Cent pieces. That would be a short series, considering that they were only coined for two years for circulation, and that by the end of 1876 it was clear that the public was rejecting them as too much like the concurrently-issued quarter dollar. The quarter was subtly different by having a reeded edge and being slightly larger than the Twenty Cents. Closer inspection also reveals that the Seated Liberty portrait is not the same on the two coins, and the reverse of the twenty cents has no scroll bearing the motto "In God We Trust". The issues of 1877 and 1878 were only struck in proof format. The usual type coin for the series is the 1875-S, which is the only coin in the series with a mintage beyond one million pieces. The 1875 CC is the only available Carson City issue, as all but about 20 of the 1876-CC issue were melted at the mint before issue. Those with long memories of the Houston Money Show may recall an exhibit I mounted a few years ago in which the 1876-CC slot was filled with a "splasher" made using dies dug up several years ago in the yard of the old Carson City mint. A splasher is a type of die trial. They are usually uniface and made from a soft metal, and sometimes are thinner than a real coin. Mine was made by Mr. Ken Hopple, chief coiner



of the Nevada State Museum (which is housed in the old mint). The dies he used are undoubtedly 1876 vintage and from the CC Mint, but there is no proof that my splasher is from the same dies that made the few surviving specimens of this landmark rarity. This splasher means that I do not have to seek one of the almost unobtainable 1876-CC coins while still meeting a reasonable definition of completeness.

The quest for coins to fill out the set continued until this past August at the ANA Rosemont coin show. There, finally, was a suitable specimen of 1875-CC. While patiently examining 1875-CC candidates for several years, you editor had noticed that about two thirds of the specimens had poor striking and no details in the upper part of the eagle's left (facing) wing. Only about one third of the coins had full details in this area, even on uncirculated pieces. I was determined to find one without that flatness or weakness for my set.

The one finally located and acquired came with a "bonus" on the slab tag.... "Pittman".

I likely would have selected this specimen strictly on its own merits (Buy the Coin and not the Slab Tag), but the reference to the legendary collection formed by John J. Pittman from the 1940s to the 1990s is icing



LAST!

on the cake. Mr. Pittman selected his coins with great care, and he formed a tremendous collection on the salary of a mid-level engineer for Kodak at Rochester, NY. He was not a “deep pockets” industrialist of the style of Virgil Brand or Louis Eliasberg. Many coins in the Pittman collection brought auction prices of a thousand times what JJP had paid to acquire them. The collection totaled, I believe, over \$30 million. It is nice to have but a small fragment of it to remind one what can be done with some “connoisseurship” in collecting.



Now I need to get busy refreshing that old display to include this new piece. But first: there is a new book out on the Twenty Cent Piece, and I need to see what it has to say.....

by E.B. 'Rob' Robinson,
Governor, District 13



THE 1877 INDIAN HEAD CENT

EVEN RARER THAN YOU THOUGHT?

Collectors of the Indian Head Cent, and even those collectors with a passing knowledge of the coin, know that the scarcest date is the 1877. Checking your Red Book will show you the coin had a low mintage of only 852,500 pieces – one of only two dates in the series with a mintage below one million. Part of the reason for the low mintage that year was due to the economy. The country was in the midst of a severe depression and over a quarter of the workforce was out of work.

One would think that the low mintage of the coin would account for its rarity. However, there are other factors which prove that the 1877 may be much rarer than the mintage would indicate. Many folks who have studied the Indian Head Cent feel that, for a coin with a mintage of just under one million pieces, cents seems unusually very simple reason why. of the coin known today but only one reverse die That single reverse die and minor die cracks in the to Indian Cent specialist, Flying Eagle & Indian typical cent die back could only strike around becoming too worn to to Mr. Snow, there is no produced over 850,000 coins without totally wearing out or breaking to pieces.



the number of surviving 1877 low. There appears to be a All known business strikes came from two obverse dies – the shallow “N” variety. shows only normal die-wear latest die stages. According Richard Snow, in his “The Cent Attribution Guide,” the in the 1870’s time-frame 200,000 pieces before be used further. According way this single die could have

So, what about the other 650,000 coins minted during that year? Since mint records show that all 852,500 pieces were delivered by the end of January of that year, the most likely explanation is that the majority of the coins minted were actually dated 1876.

It should be noted that the only 1877 Indian Cents with a Bold N reverse were proofs. So, if you are in the market for this coin for your collection, be wary of a circulated 1877 cent with a bold “N” reverse. Unless it is a circulated proof example, it may very well be a fake. If you already have this coin in your collection, you are to be congratulated. And, you can look at it with just a little more pride.

It may be much rarer than you thought!





LET'S TAKE A NEW LOOK AT

by Mark Benvenuto

In the wide array of series within United States coinage that a person might choose to collect, Standing Liberty quarters would most likely not be at the bottom of any lists, but of late, they probably aren't at the top of all that many, either. Right now, collector favorites like Morgan and Peace dollars, or Walking Liberty and Franklin halves, end up being the coins that folks seem to be crazy over. While plenty of collectors will comment that the Standing Liberty quarters are the most beautiful of the quarter designs in the past century – or perhaps the most beautiful of all the quarters – it seems that too often, those same collectors will say they don't really collect the series. That's a bit odd, but there are good reasons the series is under collected. Let's check out these reasons, and see if we can work around any of them.

First reason - the 1916 is colossally expensive.

Okay, agreed, guilty, whatever you wish. This is the first example of designer Hermon MacNeil's Lady Liberty, striding through a gateway, wearing what is often called classical garb (or, perhaps, almost wearing it is a better description), apparently unveiling a shield. Sometimes called "Variety I," sometimes called the "bare-breasted Liberty," this specific design was only made during that first year for a

month, and only to the tune of 52,000 coins. This is now, and probably always will be, an expensive coin. So let's just get smart and leave it off any list from which we're going to make a collection of Standing Liberty quarters. We



can still put together a great collection without this one date. We can even have a "bare-breasted Liberty" or two without the 1916, because the design was modified in 1917, which

leaves us with a 1917, as well as a 1917-D and a 1917-S that can be gathered in both Variety I and Variety II.

Second reason - all the 1917 to 1924 coins, from any Mint, have dates that wore down quickly, making surviving specimens expensive.

Not true – at least, not true for all cases. Admittedly, mint state specimens of most of these quarters will run well into the hundreds of dollars range, but several of the more common dates are not going to cost the proverbial arm and leg. The 1920 is by far the most common in this zone, with over 27.8 million minted. And while it only costs about \$200 in the lower mint state range, the 1923 costs less in the same grade, and has a total of 9.7 million to its tally (still a big number, to be sure). Of course if you move down to the AU or EF grades, the prices become more attractive for any of these



THE STANDING LIBERTY QUARTERS

dates and mint marks and the look doesn't diminish much either.

Third reason - the "full head" species are expensive.



Of course they are – but do we all really need them for every

single date and mint mark? To get that 'full head' designator, the coin generally has to be pretty high up there in the mint state grades; and we have already commented that some higher circulated grades are both affordable and attractive.

A good friend claims that this sort of obsession with the tiny details in and on any coin spawns what he calls, "microscope collectors." The idea behind the term is that you can't really see the tiny detail for which you pay the extra premium, at least not without some help.

The solution to this problem is to buy the best specimens you can, without really obsessing too much over that full head designation. The prices we just mentioned for the earliest years above are what we can use as a baseline here as well. And, we can once again concentrate on the EF or AU grades and still land some attractive quarters.

Fourth reason - only the 1925 – 1930 dates have the sunken dates.

This actually is not a problem at all. This becomes in reality a very good place to start

any collection of Standing Liberty quarters! These six years can serve as your beginning and the collection can flow from there. Since the dates are recessed and didn't tend to wear away nearly as quickly as the raised dates, the prices for these final years of the series are always better, no matter what grade you are looking at.

Within this tail end portion of the Standing Liberty quarters, there are some pretty common dates, as well as, one key that is almost as expensive



as that 1916. Four dates have mintages over 10 million, meaning there are some easy pickings for the patient collector. But there is also the rather pesky 1927-S - a key piece with a mintage of just 396,000 coins. Like the 1916, it might be one we have to omit from any date and mint mark run we are assembling. But that's the only problem child in this end run of dates.

Well, we've seen several hurdles when it comes to the Standing Liberty quarter series, but we have also seen how those hurdles can be jumped (okay, in three of four cases we jumped them). Admittedly, that 1916 is an expensive rarity, and always will be. But a person can still have some fun assembling a beautiful collection of Standing Liberty quarters. Now might be a very good time to look again at this classic American series.



QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

1) Which U.S. Mint Engraver had the most designs adopted for regular issue and commemorative U.S. coinage? Hint: recent.

2) When was the last regular-issue U.S. half dollar containing silver made?

3) Who is the oldest living numismatic author/researcher/collector in the U.S.?

4) Which mint was the first to use this cap-and-rays design?



5) What is an "insert die"? Why would a mint use one?

DR. COYNE

1) According to "American Silver Eagles" Whitman (2012), "Mr. John Mercanti has produced more coin and medal designs than any other employee in the history of the U.S. Mint. Among his works (in addition to the American Silver Eagle) are gold and silver commemorative coins honoring the Statue of Liberty, the Olympic Games, Dwight Eisenhower, and five circulating State quarters." He worked at the Mint from 1974 through 2010. Charles E. Barber would be runner-up, including his large array of medallion designs from 1879 to 1917.

2) The most recent regular issue silver half dollar is the 1969, a 40% silver issue made in both Philadelphia and Denver. The same planchets were used in the 1970-D Mint Set, but that issue was not for circulation. The 1982 Washington Commemorative is a traditional 90% coin of the same specifications as the Franklin half, but this commemorative was not issued for circulation.

3) The oldest living (and one of the most important ever) researcher/authors in American numismatics must be Eric P. Newman of St. Louis. Eric is still active today in the hobby at 102 years old. His keynote work is in the field of American Colonials. In mainstream U.S. coins, he was the most recent collector/dealer to own all five of the 1913 Liberty Nickels simultaneously. Unlike John J. Ford, Eric has been always open and helpful in sharing his knowledge broadly across the hobby.

4) According to the standard reference in the field, "Hookneck" by Hubbard and O'Harrow, the Mexico City

mint began producing the Cap and Rays 8 Reales (with the hookneck eagle on the reverse) in 1823 with the Durango and Guanajuato mints following in 1824. Christian Gobrecht of the U.S. Mint must have been looking at one of the Mexican pieces when he cut the die for the "First Steam Coinage" medal of 1836. The design was never used for a regular issue U.S. coin.

5) An "insert die" is a die made with a hole in it so that another, smaller die can be temporarily inserted in the hole to strike coins or medals with a design feature which changes easily while the main features of the die remain the same for the whole run of production. Award medals sometimes make use of an insert die for the reverse, which could carry the name of the winner or of the event. There is often a raised line visible on the finished coin or medal where the insert die meets the main die. On the medal below, the words "Public Schools" are on an insert die.



6) This is the Indian Peace Medal of our 12th President, Zachary Taylor. It continues the series begun during George Washington's term. Originals were created in two or three sizes for distribution to tribal representatives by explorers and military units on behalf of the U.S. They enjoyed varying popularity and esteem on the part of receiving Native Americans. They dropped from favor entirely by the late 1800's. Reproductions, like this one, were available on the Mint's list for decades.

6) What does this medal have to do with U.S. numismatics? Hint: part of a series.



7) What country issues "Puffin Coins"?

8) Which U.S. Mint Engraver served ten years yet had only one design adopted for regular issue on U.S. coinage? Hint: 19th century

9) When was the most recent U.S. half dollar showing George Washington made?

10) When was the earliest book-length treatment of U.S. coins published?

11) When did U.S. currency shift from large size to the current small size?

12) What does this token have to do with U.S. numismatics? Hint: appeals to younger collectors.



RESPONDS

7) The Puffin coins originated in 1929 from Lundy Island, near the west coast of England. The island was, and is, privately



owned, and its owner, Martin C. Harman, had the coins privately struck. The Puffin is a species of bird on the island. The one Penny piece shows the full bird, and the half penny has a head-and-shoulders view. The coins have been restruck in recent years. Mr. Harman did get in trouble with the British authorities over this private issue.

8) There were two men who served as Engraver at the U.S. Mint for just ten years in the 19th century. John Reich's service ended in 1817, but he designed many coins for circulation. It was William Barber, father of the better known Charles E. Barber, who saw only his Seated Liberty/ Eagle designs adopted for the Trade Dollar and Twenty Cent piece. His term ended with his death in 1879.

9) The most recent half dollar showing George Washington is the silver commemorative piece of 1982 (the first of the modern commemoratives). George is depicted on his horse on the obverse, and Mount Vernon is on the reverse. They were struck at both Denver and Philadelphia on 90% silver planchets and issued as collector coins.



10) The earliest book-length treatment of American numismatics is generally acknowledged to be Montroville Dickeson's "American Numismatological Manual" of 1859. There are later editions with a slightly different title. The scholarship is of a pioneering nature with many errors in listing dates not minted, etc. There are no photographs, but there are 19 "plates" of line drawings with each one overprinted in a foil-like ink to mimic copper, silver, or gold as appropriate.

11) The last series of \$1 bills in the large size is Series 1923. An example of one of these is the most economical representative for collectors of the obsolete large size notes today. Series 1928 introduced the current (small) size notes, with the \$1 the first to appear. While printing technology has evolved and anti-counterfeiting measures improved markedly in the last 84 years, the note's size remains unchanged. The U.S. is in the minority of nations which use a single size across all denominations.

12) This is a Chuck E. Cheese token. They are privately issued and intended to be used within the entertainment centers which serve pizza and games, mainly for children. There are enough die varieties and compositional differences to keep specialists busy. Is there a standard reference in the field?





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KINGDOM OF HAWAII

Most people think of the HAWAII overprinted Federal Reserve notes issued in this island kingdom after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941 when they think of Hawaiian paper currency. However, the



King Kamehameha

Kingdom, and later Republic of Hawaii, has a rich and colorful history of Hawaiian Bank Notes.

King Kamehameha IV signed Civil Code Section 479 into law in 1859, thus authorizing a much needed medium of exchange for the Kingdom's monetary system. This code was intended "for the purposes of promoting convenience of the business and exchange between the Islands of the Kingdom it shall be lawful for the Minister of Finance in his discretion to receive

any current funds on deposit to any amount not less than fifty dollars...". The paper money of Hawaii was redeemable one hundred percent in gold or silver coins upon demand.

The very first certificates of deposit were issued to Mr. Florens Stapenhorst on October 1, 1859 for \$150.00 and were later redeemed by him on November 12, 1859. Business owners and the public could purchase this new paper currency by going to Honolulu where the Minister of Finance's office was located. There they would exchange their gold or silver coins for the paper currency. This arrangement was vastly inconvenient to any one residing on one of the other islands because a trip from these islands meant a long boat trip.

The certificates were backed by the Hawaiian Treasury and kept in a special safety deposit box, which contained the gold or silver coins received in exchange for the currency.

However, the new paper currency was not fully accepted by the general public and did not circulate in large quantities due to fear that the paper money was not readily exchangeable for the hard coins. Those factors, combined with their strange appearance and the fear of the certificates being counterfeited, caused the usage of the new currency to languish for years.



This Kingdom of Hawaii \$10.00 Certificate of Deposit is one of two known to exist. This example is owned by an unidentified collector. The other one is housed in the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum in Honolulu. Estimated value: \$50,000 - \$70,000.



PAPER CURRENCY

In August 1874 King Kalakaua, Hawaii's seventh and last King, amended Civil Code Section 479 and ordered the reissue of the gold and silver certificates. This time the King decided to have only one engraving made of the Kingdom's Coats of Arms for the reverse of the notes. He also directed the American Banknote Company to use engraved portraits, pictures, and scroll work already in stock, adding only inscriptions of a Hawaiian theme as a means to reduce the overall production cost.

The new certificates were printed like a large checkbook with a stub for each note on which the serial number of the note, the date it was issued, and who purchased the note recorded on it.

The new currency was ordered in November 1878 and was sent from New York

in February 1879 by the Wells Fargo Express to Welch & Company in San Francisco. From there the notes were shipped to C. Brewer & Company in Honolulu. The shipment consisted of 9,000 twenties, 4,500 fifties, 3,900 hundreds, and 200 five hundred dollar notes. The



1879 Issues of a \$50.00 and \$500.00 Certificates

Hawaiian Legislature approved only \$1, 200. for printing expenses, some \$454.12 short of the total cost. The balance was paid by transferring the required sum from the Treasury stamp and die account to the one for the new banknotes.

The Kingdom of Hawaii Certificates of Deposit, Series A went into circulation immediately and were well received by the public. However, the flooding of the tiny Pacific Kingdom with \$1,000,000. in

Hawaiian silver coins in 1884, and the uproar made by the business firms in Honolulu, led to the session laws of 1884 which forever changed the status of the silver certificates. Only the ten dollars certificates were to be redeemed in silver. Since gold was, at a premium and highly preferred, large numbers of large denominations notes were immediately redeemed and the amount of paper currency in circulation dwindled rapidly. The currency completely disappeared over the next few years.

Very few of these notes survived and those that have rarely appear in public auctions, where they often command premiums in the mid-high six figures.



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: tnews@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



FWCC SEPT. MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order. Fifty members and guests were present. We were pleased to have Bill Proenza visit us. Bill found out about the club at our coin show. He is from New York originally and is/was with the weather service. He has been collecting all his life and specializes in half dollars. It was also a pleasure to welcome Kayla Meyer, a guest of Macie Guthrie.

Ricky Fluke was voted into membership. Welcome Ricky. We are pleased to have you join us.

Old Business: • Matt reminded the membership of upcoming elections for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and two board members. Persons interested in running for office should see an existing officer. • The Club's fall coin show will be November 2nd and 3rd at Lockheed-Martin Recreation Center (the same place as always). John Post, Bourse Chairman, reported the show is close to selling out. Jimmy Davis is organizing volunteers for set up, take down and the front desk. See Jimmy to volunteer. • The Christmas party will be December 7 at Central Christian Church on Baily Street, the same location as last year. More information will follow.

New Business: • John Post announced that the Club had received \$229 from the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) for the Club members who had helped with the TNA coin show at Will Rogers. • Speaking of the TNA, it is looking for someone to run the youth auction. Duties include organizing other volunteers to obtain and assemble coins, man registration tables, and run the auction. • Frank Provasek announced that on October 1st Texas will no longer charge sales tax on numismatic or bullion coins. • John Post had issued a challenge to members to exhibit at the TNA show and offered a silver Maple Leaf as a reward. Rual Perkins accepted the challenge and his exhibit actually won best in show. John presented the coin to Rual.

Educational Program: Carl Stang always delivers interesting programs. He spoke to the club a few months ago about the value of AU coins. He followed up on that subject this month by looking at lower grade coins. His program was titled G-VG-F-VF, Getting a Fine "Good" or a Good "Fine". He showed how red book descriptions of these coin grades had depreciated over the years. He had an amazing PowerPoint presentation which showed a series of slabbed coins with the same date and mint mark, and pointed out differences in color, grunge, stains, and marks that would allow a buyer to select the best of the grade.



OCT. MEETING - Vice President Bob Millard called the meeting to order with 47 members and guests present. We were pleased to have three guest at the meeting. Kenneth Hooton collects Indian head and flying eagle cents. Tom Niederauer collects US coins from the 1900's, foreign coins and is putting together U.S., Canadian, British and Mexican type sets. Eric Milfeld just recently started a type set collection of U.S. coins.

New Members: Bill Proenza was voted into membership. Welcome Bill. Bill is originally from New York, works for the U.S. Weather Service, and has been collecting all his life, specializing in half dollars.

Educational Program: Rual Springer, who won the best in show exhibit at the Texas Numismatic Association show earlier this year, discussed how to assemble a numismatic exhibit. His display included major type sets of the 19th century, but he also included coins with a story line behind them. His TNA exhibit included five panels, two of which he brought to the meeting. Interesting exhibit tips he discussed included: • Colors are important. He used a green or red background with gold borders; • The presentation should be balanced, but not necessarily symmetrical; • His display coins were worn, most being AU. It's less expensive that way. Rual said putting together an exhibit is an educational experience in itself. He said it took him many hours to complete the exhibit and, upon viewing it, it was easy to see why).



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC OCTOBER MEETING - Merle Owens opened the meeting with 59 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Cody Biggs, Martin McIntyre. Finds: Charles Moore found a 65 Cameo nickel; Bob Millard passed around his birth year type set and a holder with 9 decades of Lincolns; Jim Fitzgerald helped Merle find a National Currency note from the bank in Pawhuska (Osage County, OK) – seems there are less than a dozen notes known; Russell Prinzinger sent a common 1936-D nickel to ANACS for grading – it came back as the 3 1/2-leg variety which is rarer than its more famous 1937-D 3-legged cousin.

Jerry Stuart heads the nominating committee, joined by Merle Owens, Carl Stang and Dave Werner. Positions up for nomination include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 directors.



Jim Fitzgerald gave the program on Tarrant County script issued by the county during the Civil War. Coinage disappeared during the Civil War, causing merchants to produce tokens and governments to print currency and script. Tarrant County needed to complete the courthouse and printed warrants to pay for the work. These warrants were payable in Confederate notes or state treasury warrants. Of course, as the war drug on, all forms of

these notes and warrants became virtually worthless. Jim passed around numerous examples of these Tarrant County warrants

Document paper was also scarce, and printers resorted to printing on the back side of old checks, out-of-date state warrants, and even maps. Jim discovered the source of the map paper this year – the map insert from the Texas Almanac which began printing annually in the 1850's. He will research the exact year of Almanac from which the map paper came. Strangely, the Almanac with the map still attached can run \$30,000.



NOVEMBER MEETING - President Merle Owens opened the meeting with 65 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Paul Horne, Ella Horne, Barbara Gallagher. New members: Tianna Kell, Jaela Kell.



In keeping with Veterans Day, Boy Scout Troop 1905 began the meeting with presentation of the flag, and leading of the pledge of allegiance. This was followed by recognition by Merle Owens of all veterans attending the meeting.

Mark Johnson, leader in Troop 1905, spoke of the Scout Merit Badge program in coin collecting, and how NETCC has contributed to its success. A scout must meet 10 goals in coin collecting, and attend a coin show and/or coin club meeting. One of our members, Steve Lehr, developed a presentation to be utilized in the merit badge workshop; this presentation in electronic form has gone viral and is being used by countless scout troops across America. Mark told how our Club has supported the scout program, including hosting a merit badge workshop. The merit badge workshop has also been conducted at the past four TNA shows, with over 75 scouts earning their coin collecting badge over that time frame.

Two scouts, I. Miller and P. Porter, then spoke how coin collecting had influenced their lives. Both young men were extremely well-spoken and appear to have a very bright future ahead of them.

Merle Owens announced plans for the Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 12th.

Merle also encouraged members to bring gifts for our annual drive for Toys For Tots.

Officer positions for 2014, as well as three Board positions for 2014-15, were voted on and announced.



Kenny Smith showed a video of the West Virginia Mountaineer marching band and their salute to the Armed forces. The band was amazing and extremely entertaining.

The program for November was a very interesting presentation by Paul Horne, a WWII veteran. Paul was with the 643rd Tank Destroyers and was part of the second landing in France in 1944. He recounted how his childhood spent as an orphan had prepared him

for combat and the discipline of the Army. He also told of a battle, later published in Life Magazine, of how his unit had faced down German Tiger tanks at point blank range. Paul was dressed in his Army uniform and appeared to be a very fit 90.

Henry Brasco presented Paul with a D-Day commemorative medal Henry had picked up during his travels to Normandy and Omaha Beach.



DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was opened with 21 members in attendance. Sharon was welcomed as a new member. Bryan's first Kids' Club meeting will be at his shop on Saturday, November 9th. Winterfest reminder - Dec 7th. We will need club members to represent the club.

We approved the Christmas dinner to be held at the Sirloin Stockade in Round Rock. Hal has made the reservation.

Program: Show and tell. Moton received his TLB award.

NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was opened with 27 members in attendance.

Elections: Christian, Kelly, Bryan stay - approved Bill Gillespie will be the new VP. Fliers - Christian is waiting for confirmation of the space before getting printed.

Bryan - kids club will be this Saturday at the Antique Mall. Second Sat. of each month. 11:00.

Tonight is grading night - Christian, Bryan and Bill.

DISTRICT FIVE



COLLIN COUNTY OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was brought to order with President Mike V presiding. There were 19 members present.

Door prizes were won by Dick S, Kim G, Brad W, and Phanee B. Lotto prizes were won by Ted W, Gary R, and David A.

The joint meeting of the Collin County Coin Club and the Dallas Coin Club is scheduled for October 30.

We received a letter from the Greater Houston Coin Club regarding the Money Show of the Southwest scheduled for December 5-7. The Houston Coin Club will reimburse other coin clubs up to \$1,000 for a bus charter to bring them to the show. Anyone wanting to organize a group to take advantage of this offer, please contact Gary R.

Auction: Gary R conducted the auction and Ted W served as runner. There were 49 lots on the auction table.



DALLAS SEPTEMBER MEETING - The main item on the agenda for the September meeting was the Club's Benefit Auction. Thirty-one members were present to participate in a very successful auction. President Gary D. thanked the members who had worked on the auction: Frank C, Hal C, Judy D, Mary H, Ron B, Mary W, and Kurt M.

Hal C. presented a check from TNA for \$54 for the DCC members who worked the TNA Show in May/June. The Dallas Coin Club volunteers were Gary D, Judy D, Charlie M, Frank C and Hal C.



OCTOBER MEETING - President Gary D. welcomed everyone and thanked the members who participated in the Benefit Auction which was held in September. After a brief business meeting, a program on Confederate Currency was presented by Richard L.

Show and Tell consisted of several interesting coins.

Door Prize winners were Don D, Mary W, Richard L, Jose S, and Randall C. Raffle winners were Stewart H, Jose S, James L, Bill C, and Mike T. Members were reminded about the Joint Meeting with the Collin County Coin Club on October 30. The November program will be on Patterned Cents.

DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE SEPTEMBER MEETINGS -

Sept. 16 - There were 29 people at the meeting. Garth Clark stated the thank you cards were ready for presentation to attending volunteers. Garth reminded the club needs somebody to buy items for the meeting and show prizes. Garth noted that September 16 was

Mexico's Independence Day.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Garth Clark, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, and Richard Hyde. Richardo DeLeon won the show and tell prize, and then donated the prize to Richard Hyde.

OCTOBER MEETINGS - Oct. 7 - There were 26 people at the meeting. Garth Clark reminded that October 26-27 would be Ed Stephen's coin show. Ed noted that the show is sold out. He stated that all members would have free show admission and donuts. Garth Clark announced that the children's auction would be at 1:00 PM.

Garth discussed a new law about what types of numismatic items are to be taxed. This law is now in effect.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Tim Conway, Richardo DeLeon, Richard Hyde, Paul Krail, Alan Morgan, Jack Pavlovic, Alvin Stern and Michael Wolford. Paul Krail won the Show and tell prize.

Oct. 21 - There were 29 people at the meeting. Garth Clark presented a report about the Bellaire Christmas party. The club has motioned and voted yes to have the party to the Cadillac Bar. The price will be higher, since the party will be at a restaurant. The November meetings will have more details with an RSVP sheet.

Garth Clark displayed one of the new one hundred dollar bills. Everybody discussed most of the bill's new features. The club also noted this was the second printing version. The bills came out October 2013, but are labeled series 2009.

Jim Bevill noted that Paper Republic's second paper edition book along with an electric media version, like kindle and iPad would be available soon. Jim announced that Texas Exhibit would be in Austin at the State Capital. The exhibit should start February 2014.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Jim Bevill, Sebastian Frommhold, John Gavdlitz, Richard Hype, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, Wendy Russell, Ed Stephen and Mortimer Turdley. John Gavdlitz won the Show and tell prize.



GHCC SEPTEMBER MEETING - Called to Order: Alan Morgan Presiding. Call for Visitors - Jeff P., Ray W.

Show-N-Tell - 5 Presenters. Door prize winner - Gail B.

Program - Ricardo T., Mexican Independence Day - September 16, 18xx - (1808) Medal dated October 1810 - chronology historical

account - illustrated medal from the Independence of Mexico

Jay H. - "Old Coins and Worn-Out Wrestlers" - Coins one cents - Fugio of Ben Franklin, 1793 Large cents to current issues, a few are missing but not many. Contains culls, holed, bent, etc. He holds the title "Galveston County Preaching Cowboy" and Wrestling Title "Gristly Jaxxx", related all the funny experiences involving his life and activities as well as coins. Talks about the choreographed wrestling, and hardcore wrestlers how they rehearsed, the show of the events. Program was very well received..

OCTOBER MEETING - Called to Order - Alan Morgan, President presiding. Call for Visitors: Jeff L., Neal R.; Voting New Members into club: Evan & Nicholas.

Barney Loebe Award announced for best presentation program over the year from Dec 2013 to Nov 2014. A Special Presentation was made to Gail Brichford for PAST SERVICE as President

Show-N-tell - Tom Schwartz - with 9 members participating. Show-N-tell Winner - Ben

Program presentation - Brian H. - "Roman Sesterius - Part II" 2000 year old coins - Starting with last of the good emperors. Picked by Hadrian.

DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY SEPTEMBER MEETINGS - Sept. 5 - The meeting opened with thirty-two present, which included four visitors: Sandra O-M, Jeff C. and his son Nathan C., and Wirtell S. The Attendance Prize, a 2005 Don Quixote Mexican one-hundred pesos, was given to Robert J.

The details of the September 19th Christmas Banquet were discussed and the sign-up sheet was circulated.

The election of officers for 2013-2014 was conducted. The Nomination Committee had recommended at the last meeting that the current slate of officers continue in office. Since there were no nominations from the floor at this meeting, the officers were re-elected by acclamation.

The "Ask the Expert" session was conducted by James W. The discussion centered on the speculative question as to whether the price of silver would be changing in light of the recent events in Syria. The consensus among the members was that it would not have any significant effect on the price of silver.

The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. with several members showing interesting items.

The Auction was conducted by our very entertaining auctioneers David A. and Fernando R, and assisted by Frank G.

Sept. 19 - The Annual Banquet Meeting and Installation of Officers of the Gateway Coin Club was attended by thirty-three members and two guests, Barbara E., and Pat R., spouses of Bob E. and Alex R., who were warmly welcomed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was led by Stan McM. and the invocation was led by Andy C. Following the invocation, members and guests were served dinner. Dessert was then served by Karla G., Celi McM., and Jessica S.

The Attendance Prize, a series one Mexican Bu one-hundred Pesos bi-metallic coin that commemorated the state of Tabasco, was given to Chuck N. Frank G. said that he designed and printed 2013 St. Eligius commemorative souvenir currency for the Gateway Coin Club's Fifty-First Anniversary for anyone who wanted a set. Karla G. distributed them to the members and guests.

The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. Clifton V. showed his two Spurs medallions from the third championship series. One medallion was featured Tim Duncan and the other was a Bruce Bowen error. The error had a different player's name and information on the medallion while it featured Bowen's image.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. He spoke about counterfeit GSAs and how they have been entering the market. Fernando R. said that recent "Chinese" counterfeiters have been "cloning" items that

are being bought legitimately through high end auctions, which included CAC slabs. Also mentioned were examples of how counterfeit off-center coins have been produced. As James concluded, he said that he would like to see more members participate in and initiate discussions during the ten-minute "Ask the Expert" session. He suggested that members prepare a five-minute discussion on some numismatic subject of interest at future meetings.

The Awards Ceremony was conducted by President Frank G., with assistance from Vice-President David A. Members were presented club certificates of appreciation for service in various capacities to the club and ANA certificates for presenting numismatic educational programs during the past year. After the awards presentation, the officers were installed by TNA Governor, District VII, Frank G. Club member Andy G. stood in for Frank G. during the Installation Ceremony. The Officers installed were VP David A., Treasurer Ray T., Secretary Fernando R., and President Frank G.

OCTOBER MEETINGS - OCT. 3 - The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. at 7:00 p.m. Present were twenty-two members and two visitors, Jeff C. and his son Nathan. The Attendance Prize, a Brilliant Uncirculated bi-metallic 2005 Mexican one-hundred pesos commemorating the state of Colima, was given to Frank G. Bob K., who did not attend the awards banquet, was presented ANA and Club certificates of appreciation for his excellent numismatic educational program presented this past year. Fernando R. announced his resignation as club secretary. It was then announced that anyone interested in serving as club secretary should let the president know after the meeting.

The ten-minute "Ask the Expert" Session was led by James W. He asked for someone to give a brief five-minute talk on a numismatic subject. Fernando R. was the first to speak. He talked about a new generation of Chinese counterfeits and how they are now improving the quality of their work. He used Andy G's coins as examples. James W. followed with a five-minute discussion of Republic of Texas Currency from 1836 to 1845, when Texas was an independent nation.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A. with many interesting items shared.

The meeting ended with a brisk auction that offered many interesting numismatic items to the bidders. A special thanks to our auctioneers, David A. and Fernando R., who were assisted by Frank G.

OCT. 17 - The meeting was opened with twenty-three members and four guests in attendance. Our new Junior Member, Nathan C., gavelled the meeting open for President Frank G. The guests included Jeffrey and his son Nathan C., who joined later that evening as our newest members. David and Margarita F., new residents to San Antonio, were the other two visitors.

President Frank G. announced that the position of club Secretary will be filled by Clifton V., who served in this position several years ago. Karla G. announced that Andy C. and Bill D. are new TNA members and encouraged other members of the club to join.

James W. led the ten-minute "Ask the Expert" Session. Bill D. talked about the advantages of collecting foreign coins and expressed his wish to see more people collecting foreign coins. He mentioned that despite the negativity of cash turnaround, foreign coins and currency have more history and artistic value than U.S. coins and currency. Moderator James W. then asked Roger A. about obsolete bank notes. These were defined as notes from the approximate fifteen-hundred private banks that issued money with no capital backing. New Orleans had two, Canal Bank and Citizens Bank, that produced notes (also called remainder currency), and when the city fell to the Union, Salmon P. Chase took one over. These banks also used slaves as exchange and were thus referred to as "slave banks." Chase joined J.P. Morgan and later the banks established minority scholarships as restitution.

The Numismatic Roundtable session was led by Eric H. Several members participated in this session with interesting items.

Vice-President David A. introduced Frank G., who presented the Numismatic Educational Program. His topic was "Queenie's Gold Coin: Myth or Reality?" He spoke about the relationship of Queenie Bennett and Lt. George Dixon, who was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh during

the Civil War, later served as Captain of the CSS Hunley at the siege of Charleston, and who then went down with the sub when it sank. Frank then tied in the legend that Queenie gave Dixon a gold double-eagle coin which was supposed to have been hit when he was shot at Shiloh. He said that Dixon's remains were found on the CSS Hunley when it was raised in 2002 and a gold piece with bullet damage was found next to his remains when the submarine was examined. Thus, the legend may likely be true and the legend of the couple's relationship can be confirmed.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD OCTOBER MEETING - Meeting was called to order with Mike Nowak presiding. There were 12 members attending. We welcomed guests, Mary Beth Sayers and Karl Nash as well.

OLD BUSINESS: As we did not sponsor the 2013 Amarillo Coin Show fully, we came out with a gain in our treasury. Linda Runkle was the winner of the raffle for the gold piece. Jim Fitzgerald is planning to put on next year's show as well. Welcome Pardner representative, Mary Beth Sayers, presented an award to the Golden Spread Coin Club as the non-profit club of the month. Along with the award came a delicious cake and some nice coupons and trinkets. Thank You Welcome Pardner

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion of how we could make our club better known in our community. The Boy Scout merit badge for coin collecting was introduced as well as a program of "Coins for A's" as ways of interesting the youth in coin collecting.

Mike Nowak informed the members of a PNG letter announcing a search for interns, aged 21-22. The end result of the internship will be placement with one of their dealers.

PROGRAM: Michael Eklund presented a very good program about the Half Dime.

SHOW AND TELL: Several members shared interesting items.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Meeting was called to order with Mike Nowak presiding. There were 10 members present.

OLD BUSINESS: Our annual Christmas party was booked at Hoffebrau for Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. We will have games and we ask all attendees to bring a prize or prizes with a total value of around \$10. Mike Nowak said he would attempt to bring the club scrapbooks to the event.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Nowak reported that Assiter Auctions is interested in buying the ten cases it has on loan from us for the amount of \$500.00. The motion that we accept this offer was made by Mike Nowak.

Board members present and not in attendance were asked to keep their current positions and all present (as well as at least one not present) agreed to stay on the ballot for the January elections.

PROGRAM: Chuck Freas did a PowerPoint program on FS (full step) Nickels and what to look for that designates a full step nickel.

SEARCHING FOR TREASURES

By: Paul Otts

I started collecting coins when my first "best" friend got me interested in the hobby. At that time I was 8 years old. I was a natural since my mother was a public school cafeteria manager. She would bring her bag of change home from school each day and allow me to look for coins that would fit into my brand new press book collection display. I paid the change bag back with money from my allowance. At that time, I felt I was rich getting an allowance of 35 cents a week.

I knew nothing about sophisticated collecting at the time. I was just fascinated with finding the missing coins and placing them in their appropriate place in the books. Over the next few years, I expanded my collection to include nickels and dimes. It must be understood that at that time, getting Indian Head pennies, Buffalo nickels, and Liberty dimes in your change was normal. It wasn't unheard of to get Barber coins in our change at that time. All coins were copper or silver, not like today's coins which are of lesser valued metals.



On one occasion, my fifth grade teacher overheard my friend and me discussing our collections. She proceeded to tell us that she had a rare 1909-S VDB Lincoln cent. We were thrilled and as the teacher lived on my block, we went to see it. At that time it was worth about \$50.00 in that condition.

As time went by, I learned much more about numismatics along with the proper way of handling and housing my collection; and my passion didn't wane at all. However, I decided one summer to buy a lawnmower (my father believed in self-reliance) to make money over the summer cutting lawns and in general landscape work. The only money I had with which to pay for my lawnmower was my coin collection. It bothered me, but not overly so. I figured that I could replace the collection with the money I made. I did well that summer with the landscaping and with the three paper routes I rode (on my bike...which I also bought with my own money).

It would be many years later when I resumed collecting coins. And as well, due to circumstances not necessarily of my own making, I had to make that resumption over and over again. I still enjoy the hobby now that I'm retired and don't have as much money to put into it. I still get a thrill when I find something unexpected in my change or in the boxes and boxes of coin I never tire of searching.

If any other member has his story to tell about his history of coin collecting, I would be thrilled to publish it in this forum. Contact me at – paulotts2@yahoo.com, or write me at 4821 Angelus Dr., Amarillo, Texas 79108.

TRIVIA QUESTION

December's trivia question is: What would be the makeup of the largest possible combination of coins you could have without being able to make change for a dollar?

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER OCTOBER MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. The club was lead in prayer by Ronnie.

Carl submitted David's design concept to graphics instructor at TJC. Instructor has several students that will submit press-ready designs for member consideration. Dwight distributed order form for new club shirts. Group pictures will be taken either at November or December meeting; stay tuned for email from Dwight.

Members voted to hold the December dinner on Tuesday, December 10th. Dwight discussed options for dinner arrangements.

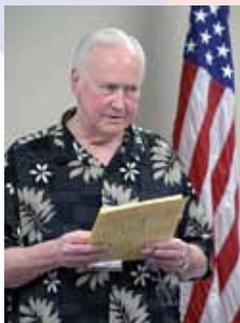
Brandon Q. informed members, per an article in Coin World, sales tax is no longer required for bullion and numismatic items priced over face value in the state of Texas. Prior to October 1st, sales tax on such items was required for amounts under \$1,000.

Richard is seeking additional participation for the "Getting to Know You" section of the newsletter.

Our program featured club member and coin show guru Barry C's update on the state of our 2014 coin show.

Carl S. supplied this picture of Barry during his presentation on the 2014 "Five State Coin and Currency Super Show." The photo is a touch of foreshadowing owing to the fact that the show will be on June 13th and 14th, which includes Flag Day.)

Starting back in 2010 the club has hosted five such adventures with escalating numbers in



a variety of ways, including in financial return to help the club maintain our presence in this great city and surrounding area. Each individual show has been unique in some ways, however there are points in common: well attended, highly praised by consumers and dealers alike, with nearly 100% volunteer club member participation.

In particular Tyler Coin Club volunteer members are recognized for our friendliness and the sincere welcome our dealers experience from the moment they enter the vicinity of the Lone Star Event Center. It is there club members greet the dealers, help them unload their vehicles, and provide for whatever needs there may be. Because of such a proactive and friendly greeting and for a variety of other reasons there is much positive "chatter" from dealers, throughout the state and beyond, and a desire to return which is contagious.

During his presentation Barry shared the challenge involved in finding an acceptable show date. Because of the quantity of shows in Grapevine, Fort Worth, and most recently in Houston, a comfortable date, where we have the optimum dealer and customer draw, is a daunting task. Fortunately Barry was able to find such a date and one on which the Lone Star Event Center was available. He has therefore reserved "our" date and secured a deposit on the facility. This puts the Tyler Coin Club's "Five State Coin and Currency Super Show" firmly on the numismatic map. I know you all join your editor in celebrating Barry's commitment, dedication and exceptional talent in representing us in the community.

So...you may ask...what are the details? As you can see in the picture of Barry, there is a hint of the projected date. The show is scheduled for Friday, June 13th and Saturday June 14th. June 14th as you know, is Flag Day. Barry's vision is to celebrate this high day of our patriotic calendar as our theme for the Tyler Coin Club's 6th show in just four years. He also shared a tentative goal of 90 to 100 tables which will make us once again one of the larger regional shows not only in Texas but also in the nation.

As for the show itself he promises some surprises including one listed as "\$1 Raffle." (Barry calls this the "big one.") Even though exact details were not shared at the club meeting on the 8th Barry did say this will be something involving the whole club. He promised details at a later date. He also emphasized there will be provisions for younger folk (a fact which brings a grin to your editor's face.)

The bottom line then is this: announcements will begin appearing in the numismatic and public media soon. For example, check Numismatic News and Coin World in the next few issues. Barry encourages all of us to "talk up the show," to tell the story, to encourage dealers and customers, remembering that, despite the world of electronic media, word of mouth is still the best means for encouragement and invitation. Naturally it is time for we club members to hold on to the dates. How blessed we are to have a show which is "all hands on deck." We may have one of the largest all volunteer presentations of this nature to be found anywhere.

Your editor celebrates the future with thanks to Barry for his commitment and continued selfless good work. I know we all share the appreciation and look forward to another marvelous "Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler."

NOVEMBER MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 25 members and 6 guests present. The club was lead in prayer by Don H.

Several area college students have submitted press-ready club logo proofs from David's design for the new club logo. Proofs will be emailed to David for further discussion. Additional modification may be made. A final proof should be ready by January meeting.

The club discussed and decided on Traditions Restaurant to cater the annual Christmas celebration; traditional holiday entrees were chosen for this year.

A special "Angel Tree" auction was held at the November meeting. Club members donated 37 auction items. The auction raised \$541; all proceeds will go towards purchasing clothing and Christmas gifts for children in our area. Additional cash contributions from club members were made and are still being accepted. This is the 2nd year David and Sherry H. have organized the Angel Tree efforts on behalf of the club. A

total of all donations will be available at the December meeting.

Nominations for the 2014 club officers were held. Club members will vote at the December meeting.

Members were encouraged to join the ANA and TNA. The club receives \$5 off its ANA membership for every active individual ANA member.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Seventeen members were in attendance.

New business. George passed around copies of pictures taken at the dinner and offered members to take any that they might want. Danny Walker announced that someone from Altus had contacted him and said that he had some Texas Republic currency and wanted to know if anyone was interested in purchasing it.

Tony announced the August 6 sale of a Class 1 1804 Silver Dollar during the Heritage Auction. The coin brought \$3.3 million plus a 17 1/2 % buyers fee. Tony also discussed fake coins on the market and told of an individual who wrote in to Coin World magazine that he had purchased an 1854-CC half dime for \$160.00. When he got home and checked his Red Book, he found there was no such coin listed since the Carson City mint did not open until 1870.

Program. Rob Robinson presented a program about the historical and numismatic events of the year 1814. Per Rob, the major news item of that year was War. The US was in its third year of the War of 1812 with England, but hostilities were raging around the world. Two major wartime events that occurred in the US that year were the burning of Washington DC, and the writing of "The

Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. The song actually started out as a poem entitled "Defence of Fort McHenry which Key wrote after witnessing the all night battle firsthand and seeing the outnumbered Americans prevail as our flag was still waving as the sun arose. From a numismatic standpoint, Rob said that those little disks called coins that we take for granted today were seldom seen by many Americans back in 1814. They rarely circulated outside of the larger cities, so that the barter system was the primary mode of commerce. The US mint was still in its infancy and could not keep up with the demand. Only four denominations were minted that year - the Large Cent, Dime, Half Dollar and Five Dollar Gold. Mintages were low on all but the half dollar and the coins received heavy use. The cent and dime get quite expensive in grades of fine or better. And the half eagle, with a mintage of 15,000, is fairly cost-prohibitive.

WICHITA FALLS SEPTEMBER MEETING - The meeting was opened with 21 members were present.

Announcements: Jeff Hogue said that he has been following the U.S. Mints sales statistics and this year the sales of Silver and Clad mints sets. He said that so far this year there are about 200,000 less in sales this year as compared to last year so far.

Connolly O'Brien said that there is no sales tax in Texas and Louisiana on coins after 1 October 2013. Rob Robinson said that in an article in the

Numismatic News it talked about the interest in collecting pennies was declining. According to the article they believe that many coins may come into circulation as people lose interest in collecting them. Connolly O'Brien reminded said that there are more counterfeit coins coming in the market, he said a man came into the coin shop to sell a 1863 Carson City Silver Dollar. When they examined it they determined that it was a fake coin.

Program. Tony gave the program which provided information on two subjects, the first one being the Odyssey Marine Exploration which recovered sunken treasure from a British ship that had been sunk during WWII. The ship was a convoy ship named the S.S. Gairsoppa that

had become separated from the rest of the convoy and was sunk by a German U-boat in Feb 1941. The ship was en route from India to Britain and was sunk off of the coast of Ireland. Only one sailor from a crew of 80 survived. The wreck was discovered in 2011 by Odyssey Marine at a depth of 15,400 feet, nearly 3 miles deep and 3,000 feet deeper than the Titanic. The ship was carrying a large number of silver ingots and 2,792 silver ingots weighing in excess of 109 tons were recovered during two separate operations in 2012 and 2013. The silver ingots recovered equate to 3.2 million troy ounces worth about \$61.5 million at current silver prices. Per Tony, Odyssey Marine gets 80% and Britain gets 20% of the value of the silver recovered.

Tony then told about relic medals and passed around an Apollo 14 relic medal which was made from 25,000 grains of silver carried aboard the Apollo 14 flight to the moon. The silver was melted and minted into these medals after completion of the moon mission. He then passed around a 1905 Nelson Centennial medal which was made of copper from Adm Horatio Lord Nelson's ship, "Victory". This medal was produced to commemorate the naval victory of Adm Nelson's fleet over a combined French and Spanish fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar on Oct 21, 1805. The French/Spanish fleet lost 22 of its 33 fighting ships while the British lost none of its 27 ships.

OCTOBER MEETING -The meeting was called to order with 14 members were present for the meeting.

Announcements: Bill had had with Gene Wheeler. Gene had told Bill that, according to his sources, silver was going to go on a downward slide over the next several months.

Program. Tony passed around a booklet entitled "How to Collect Ancient Roman Coins" that he obtained free from Littleton Coin Company. Tony said that you can go to Littleton's web site or phone them at 1-800-645-3122 to order your own copy. Tony also displayed an interesting railroad stock certificate from the early 1900's. He asked if anyone knew the technical term for a collector of stock certificates. No one knew, so Tony told us that the term is "Scripophily."

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 40 members present plus two visitors. The 4 new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 124 for the year 2013. 6 door prizes were given out.

The Hidalgo Coin Club was making the final preparations for the 3rd Annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show. Many volunteers signed up to help out for the Set-Up Crew as well as Door Greeters.



Our last monthly Friday Night Coin Show was held this month on the 18th. They have been a big hit not only for the collectors and guests, but for the dealers as well. This is a four hour show (6pm-10pm) on the Friday following our monthly meeting. The show keeps getting bigger and better each month which includes an educational

program. Many dealers are finding that having a show on a Friday night frees them to do their normal coin sales at markets and shows during the weekend.

Plans are also being made for the upcoming Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Dec. 13th.

The McAllen Young Numismatists meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the Lark Community Library in McAllen. The students are learning about half cents through 20 cent pieces, while the advanced class studies commemoratives. We are always looking for donations from our adult members in the form of red books, coin folders/albums, foreign coins, etc.

The meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 lots with James Dunn serving as the auctioneer and Douglas De Leon as the money runner.

NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 37 members present and 3 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted. The HCC now has a membership of 134 for the year 2013.



The 3rd Annual Fall Coin Show was a great success. There was a steady flow of customers entering the hall on both days. The sale of the 3 1/10oz. Gold American Eagles was the best fund raiser we have had.

The November meeting was Election Night. A new Secretary was elected - Mr. Rene De La

Garza. We welcome him to the position along with President Raul H. Gonzalez, Vice-President Douglas Jenkins, Treasurer Gordon Taylor and Historian Jesus Solano. Rene will take the job starting at the Jan. 2014 meeting.

The HCC members voted to extend our Friday Night Coin Shows by one more month. January has been added to the line up night shows. We will now host 10 Friday shows running from January through October in 2014. It is a 4 hour show from 6pm to 10pm and dealer tables are only \$10.



The McAllen Youth Coin Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at the Lark Community Center Library in McAllen. Any donations from our membership or from other TNA clubs would be greatly appreciated. Let's keep the youngsters interested! This month 18 yr. old Edgar Navejar presented a power point presentation on the 1946 Iowa Centennial commemorative. We found it very interesting that it is the only commemorative to have had 500 coins held for sale in 1996 and will again be released on 2046.

The Hidalgo Coin Club will be having our Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, Dec. 13th at St. Mark United Methodist Church in the 'Community Center'. The dinner will be catered by Lifetime Member Servando Farias.

Awards will be presented to members who have exhibited Outstanding Service as well as 'Coin Club Member of the Year'. 3 of our long time members will be honored with the 'Lifetime Membership' award and the 'Young Numismatist of the Year' will go to one of our students.

Plans have begun for our largest show of the year. The 26th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show will be held on Feb. 1st and 2nd at the Nomad Shrine Hall in Pharr, Tx. The club is looking for 'new dealers' to participate and make this show a great one. ANACS Coin Grading Co. will be on hand to take coin submissions. There is also door prizes every hour and free parking.

Our club will be displaying an exhibit of 'Shipwreck Coins & Artifacts' at this show. Plans are being made to have coins, Spanish ship models & paintings along with many other shipwreck items.

Our web site : www.hidalgoclub.com has been updated. The minutes for the last 2 months have now been added for the members to peruse and many videos are now available to enjoy and learn from..

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



BEAUMONT SEPTEMBER MEETING - Our President Peter D. was unable to attend so the meeting was run by George F. our V.P. Jerry brought the flag and we, unlike some school districts, found plenty of time to say the pledge of allegiance.

We welcomed two new members David Bost and Jed Shelton.

Welcome aboard guys.

New Business included announcing the Port Arthur coin club show, The show was a success as there were over 100 paid guests and the kids auction went off very well.

NOVEMBER 18 is the BIG AUCTION.....That is this Monday night. Please try to be at Gander Mountain conference room.

December 16 is the coin club dinner at Red Lobster. Be there to support the club.

The meeting was ajourned after Judy made an excellent presentation on Famous Numismatists. Thanks Judy.



PORT ARTHUR SEPTEMBER MEETING - Meeting was called to order.

New Business: Update on the Red Book donations. The donated books will be given to the libraries this month.

Program tonight is "Did you know?"

Door prizes: Tracie- 1968 proof set, Tina- 1980 proof set, Jerry- 1944P mercury dime, Morgan- Susan B. 1981; Carlton- Standing Liberty quarter 1924, Susan- 1977S dime and Shirley- 1981S quarter.

OCTOBER MEETING -Meeting was called to order.

Old Business: Port Arthur Show is November 9th and the show at the George R. Brown Convention Center is on December 5-7th.

New Business: Our Christmas Party will be at Baytown Seafood in Groves at 7:00 p.m. on December 5th.

The program tonight was Favorite Hobby or collection. We discovered that coins are not the only items that we collect.

Door prizes: Joe - 1968 Proof set, Tracie - 1980 Proof set, Susan - Standing Liberty 1925, Morgan - 1943 Mercury dime, Shirley - Susan B. Anthony 1981, Dennis - 1981S quarter and Carlton - 1977S nickel proof.

The program in November will be given by Jerry..

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

SILSBEE AUGUST MEETING - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TNA ANA literature was available to take home and read.

Old business: Jerry announced he is still looking around to see where our next Silsbee Coin Club show can be held.

New business: Barbara presented a certificate to Paula for being the President of the Silsbee Coin Club.

Program: Rick gave a program on Japanese Invasion Money.

In August 1940, the Japanese Prime Minister announced the idea of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. This was to be a group of Asian nations led the Japanese and free of Western powers with a slogan "Asia for Asians. As Japan occupied various Asian countries, they set up governments with local leaders who proclaimed independence from the Western powers. Some of these countries included Burma, French Indochina, Oceania (French Polynesia), Netherlands-Indies, and Philippines. In the Philippines, it was the "Second Philippine Republic" under Jose P. Laurel. One of the first acts by the conquering Japanese was to create a unified currency that was not tied to Western currencies.

Japanese Invasion Money or JIM was officially known as Southern Development Bank Notes. It is a currency that was issued by the Japanese Military Authority as a replacement for the local currency. In February 1942 Japan passed laws which established the Wartime Finance Bank and the Southern Development Bank. Both of these banks issued bonds to raise funding for the war. The former loaned money primarily to military industries. The latter provided financial services in areas occupied by the Japanese military or the Japanese Invasion Money.

Once the Japanese government made these notes, their military confiscated all hard currency in the Philippines, both from the government and from the people. They replaced it with Southern Development Bank notes. Anyone caught possessing the confiscated currency or later the guerrilla notes were arrested and sometimes executed. Out of frustration, they even attempted several "buy back" programs to remove the notes from

circulation. This was an attempt to further confidence in the occupation currency. The Filipinos called the fiat Peso notes "Mickey Mouse Money."

When printing the currency, some notes had serial numbers while others had only run numbers. The Japanese first used what are known as "Block Letters," printed in red on the face of the note. This system has the first letter denoting the location issued so the Philippines started with the letter "P" then a second letter for the printing run starting with "A" which resulted in PA, PB, PC all the way through PZ. When PZ was reached, one of two things happened. For the one (1) through fifty (50) centavos notes, "Fractional Block Letters" were used. The series started out with P/AA then P/AB, etc, the upper letter of the fraction still designating the location. From P/AZ, the next was P/BA onward. Some of the issues actually reached P/EZ. For the Peso notes, serial numbering was introduced along with a design change.

Some denominations have letters skipped over but there is no reason known why. It is believed that so many notes were printed that many of the letter combinations have not been discovered yet. Even today, bundles of Japanese Invasion Money are being discovered under old huts, in tunnels and stuffed into caves.

The second issue peso notes (1, 5, 10, and 100 Pesos) had a block number and a serial number usually beginning with a zero. Some serial numbered notes begin with the number one (1). These are notes issued to replace damaged notes much like our "star" notes. These are much harder to find. The block number range of the notes with serial numbers is 1 - 79. On the one peso notes only, blocks 80 - 87 had no serial numbers as they were produced in haste after the Americans landed on Luzon. These notes are a little harder to find.

After the liberation of the Philippines, the Red Cross came in to help out. They obtained many of these JIM notes, and punched two (2) holes in each one. These hole-punched notes were distributed to the soldiers as souvenirs. These notes have no extra value, but do come with a bit more of a story and can usually be found in high grades.

As for the legality of the JIM notes after the war, President Truman did not support the stance of the Philippine government who passed a law that provided for the validation of payments made in Japanese "mickey mouse" money during the period of enemy occupation. Making matters worse was that on October 15, 1943, General MacArthur requested the reproduction of 10,000,000 Pesos of the currency in 50 centavos, 1, 5, and 10 Peso notes. The first million was counterfeited in Washing D.C and flown to the Philippines on December 21, 1943. They were distributed to six guerrilla groups. This was on top of the flooding of the Japanese worthless occupation currency during the war. At the end of the war, many Filipinos had thousands of pesos that were without value. In hopes that they could be redeemed by the US or the new Philippine government, an organization called the Japanese War Notes Claimants Association of the Philippines began overprinting the notes in purple or black in 1953. The organization gathered the notes and gave receipts to the owners. There were four (4) major shapes of overprints with nine recognized texts. Most of the notes are printed with "The Japanese War Notes Association of the Philippines, Inc., Received for Safe Keeping." These were not propaganda overprints and added no value to the banknotes. They are collectable only as a conversation piece and oddity. The association also sued the US in 1967 over the counterfeit notes that were issued and collected exactly nothing from our government who claimed the statute of limitations had passed. Court battles in Japan have raged up until recently with cases going to the highest courts. To date, no person issued Japanese Invasion money in place of their own money has been awarded compensation.

As for guerrilla currency, the Philippine government and the US military burned all the US Treasury backed US and Philippine currency when it was known that a Japanese attack was imminent. Also, over 15 Million Pesos in silver coins was secretly dumped into Caballo Bay, south of Corregidore in early 1942. Emergency currency boards were set up so that local currency could be produced as needs arose. The Philippines consists of over 7,000 islands with a land area of over 115,000 miles with diverse cultures. Even though the exiled Philippine President declared that all emergency currency must be accepted as legal tender for trade throughout the entire nation, most currencies only circulated in their issuing or adjacent provinces. There were 29 districts issuing guerrilla notes, some districts issuing as many as five (5) different sets. In all, over a thousand different varieties were issued. Very few incidences of counterfeiting were reported. The shortage of paper brought about issues printed on the reverse side of municipal documents and other forms. Many of the notes

were used until worn out while all confiscated notes were burned by the Japanese. At the end of the war, all legally redeemed notes were recorded and subsequently burned but the records of what was destroyed have been lost. The US Treasury and the Philippines government backed up the redemption of these notes after the war. The remaining notes have become an interest to collectors and many have increased in collectors value over the last few years by 100 to 1000 percent.

SEPTEMBER MEETING -The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Christmas Dinner with the Beaumont Coin Club will be held at the Red Lobster on December 16th. Please mark this on your calanders.

Program: Paula gave a program on the Peace Dollar. The new dollar was created to commemorate the end of World War I. The eagle on the reverse was changed from having its wings outstretched to the eagle perched on a rock with only the olive branches visible in its talons. The designer was Anthony de Francisci who used his wife, a teacher, as the model for the obverse. Although the coin was placed in circulation on January 3, 1922, over a million coins had been struck in December 1921 with the 1921 date. These coins were high relief coins that created problems in their minting. Only 35,401 high relief coins were minted with the 1922 date and most of these were melted at the mint. The low or shallow relief coins were minted from 1922 through the end of production in 1935. No Peace dollars were struck from 1929 through 1933.

The mintmark is located on the reverse side at about the 8 o'clock position just above the tips of the feathers of the wings. Coins struck in Philadelphia did not have a mintmark on them. In grading, the cheek and hair should be noted for wear on the obverse while the feathers on the eagle should be looked at on the reverse.

The coin weighed 26.73 grams and was composed of 90% silver (0.77344 oz. pure silver) and 10% copper. It was 38.1 mm in diameter and had a reeded edge. The 1928 Philadelphia coin was the lowest minted at 360,649 with the 1927 Philadelphia coin at 848,000. The 1927 S and the 1934 also had low minting at under a million coins each. 45,000,000 silver dollars of this design were struck in 1965 with a 1964 date at the Denver mint but the release was never authorized and all the coins were melted. There are many "replicas" of the 1964 around but none of the actual minting has ever been found.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO SEPTEMBER MEETING - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order with 16 members in attendance.

Raffle prizes. David Lindeman, Mike Ross, Tom

Campbell, Alan Wood

Cash prize: Gloria Lucas was in attendance. \$25 next month

We had 24 tables for the coins show. Thanks to all who helped with the show.

Show and Tell: Bob Schuelte found a 1982 Numismatic News. Arnold Jeffcoat, editor, was talking about 1959 and how he started collecting coins. He was in Waco working at Coca Cola bottling company. George Boyce showed him how he was searching the coins collected by Coke and finding coins worth money. So Arnold started collecting.

AUGUST MEETING -Tom Campbell called the meeting to order with 16 members in attendance.

Raffle prizes: David Lindeman, Chris Ross, Tom Campbell, John Merkledove. Door prizes: James Hiitt

Cash prize: was not in attendance. \$35 next month

There was some concern that the show attendance was low. We had 106 paying customers. The dealers said that they had good shows. Although there were not many customers, most were buying.

The show next spring is a two day show, April 11-12.

Producing a new board similar to the one that used to go to bank for display was discussed. It could advertise for the club as well as generate interest in coins.

Show and Tell: Tom brought a new \$100 bill to show. There are several new features to combat counterfeiting.





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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 doctor, 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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SUSPECT PHOTOS/FAKE GOLD BAR - OCT. 18

These photos are of an individual who is attempting to sell fake coins and bullion.



The photos may be one in the same but it is unclear at this time. The offenses have occurred in Kansas and Oklahoma. The subject is selling fake gold bars and PCGS slabbed coins (Key dates).

BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED - OCT. 24

In January and March of this year the Numismatic Crime Information Center assisted the Gurnee, IL Police Department in the investigation of two burglaries that occurred at Harbor Coins in Gurnee. On October 23, 2013 investigators concluded the 9 month investigation which resulted in the arrest of three individuals and the recovery of over \$140,000 in coins, currency and jewelry. The suspects were also responsible for other burglaries in the Chicago Metropolitan area.

The recent e-mail sent out by NCIC on 10/17/13 requesting information on recovered property led to the identity of another victim related to this investigation.

The following subjects are currently in jail.

Michael Paulson Robert Boardman Martha Paulson

The Gurnee Police Department continues their effort in locating other possible victims.

ROBBERY/MURDER - NOV. 4

The Albemarle North Carolina Police Department is investigating the robbery of B&G Coins. The owner identified as Eldridge Roger Gibson 81 was shot during the incident and later died at a local hospital.

Surveillance video shows a person entering the store close to closing and staying for approximately twenty minutes, and then driving off in a truck belonging to the victim. The truck was later found located deep in a park not too far from the coin shop.



The photo is a person of interest.
Further details will be furnished once investigators provide additional information including a list of stolen coins.

Anyone with information should contact: Albemarle Police Department: 704-964-9500

STOLEN COINS - NOV. 11

The following coins were stolen from the wholesale boxes of Bozarth Numismatics at the recent Whitman Baltimore Coin Show. The coins are all PCGS or NGC graded and images are available for all coins. A reward of \$1500 is offered for any information on the theft of these coins.

- 1859 Indian Cent MS64 NGC 380292-004
- 1877 Indian Cent VF25BN PCGS 28104106
- 1893 Indian Cent MS64BN PCGS 27433417
- 1916-D Mercury Dime AG3 PCGS 27852127
- 1881 Seated Quarter PR64 PCGS 14491626
- 1799 Bust Dollar VF25 NGC 1773636-003
- 1891 Morgan Dollar MS65 PCGS 25399542
- 1909-S \$5 Indian AU58 PCGS 28158463

Anyone with information should contact:
Vic or Sherri Bozarth/Bozarth Numismatics. Office 979-421-9814

BUSINESS BURGLARY - NOV. 14

Detectives with the Eagan, Minnesota Police Department are investigating a burglary which resulted in the theft of over \$100,000 in coins. The suspects gained entry into the business and forced open a safe which contained a large amount of graded coins, gold and silver.

Below is a partial list of stolen property;

- 21 BU rolls of Morgan Dollars
 - 3- AU 10 10oz Pamp Suisse Gold bars
 - 1882cc PCGS65 517088
 - 1884cc PCGS65 369516
 - 1924, 1923 \$20 gold PCGS MS64
 - 1923D Saint PCGS MS65 90074910
 - 1911D Saint PCGS MS65
 - 1920S " " " "
 - 1913D " " " "
 - 1889cc Morgan PCGS VF 07190/21765819
 - 1881cc, 82cc,83cc,80cc,85cc PCGS MS65
 - 1882cc PCGS MS66
 - Large number of PCGS&NGC Morgan dollars MS65
 - Large number of PCGS&NGC Walking Liberty half dollars MS66 &MS67
- Anyone with information should contact: Det. Paul Maier
651-675-5830; pmaier@cityofeagan.com

**NUMISMATIC CRIME INFORMATION CENTER TO CONDUCT
LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR DURING F.U.N SHOW -
JANUARY 2014**

The Numismatic Crime Information Center will offer a one-day training class on "Numismatic Crime Investigations" for local, state and federal law enforcement officers. The class will be held in conjunction with the F.U.N. 59th Annual Convention January 9-12, 2014.

The class is designed to provide law-enforcement personnel, including patrol officers, detectives, investigators and prosecutors, with the fundamental investigative techniques, knowledge and understanding to respond effectively to the complex challenges encountered during a numismatic crime. The class will be held at the Orlando County Convention Center on January 10, 2014 from 8am-4:30pm and is free for law-enforcement personnel.

"We are excited to partner with the members of F.U.N. and present an educational program that will provide investigative tools and resources to the law enforcement community during the investigation of a numismatic crime", said Doug Davis Founder and President of the Numismatic Crime Information Center.

Topics to be covered in the one-day course include: types of coins, medals, tokens and paper money; factors effecting numismatic crime, coin shop robberies, burglaries, counterfeiting; precious metals, including new laws governing the purchase of such metals; jurisdictional issues; organized crime groups and a look at the victims of numismatic crimes.

Dealers and collectors are urged to provide local law enforcement officers a copy of the seminar brochure attached.

<http://www.numismaticcrimes.org/?q=node/388>

The education of law enforcement in the area of numismatic crime investigations is only one of several strategic initiatives of the Numismatic Crime Information Center.



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