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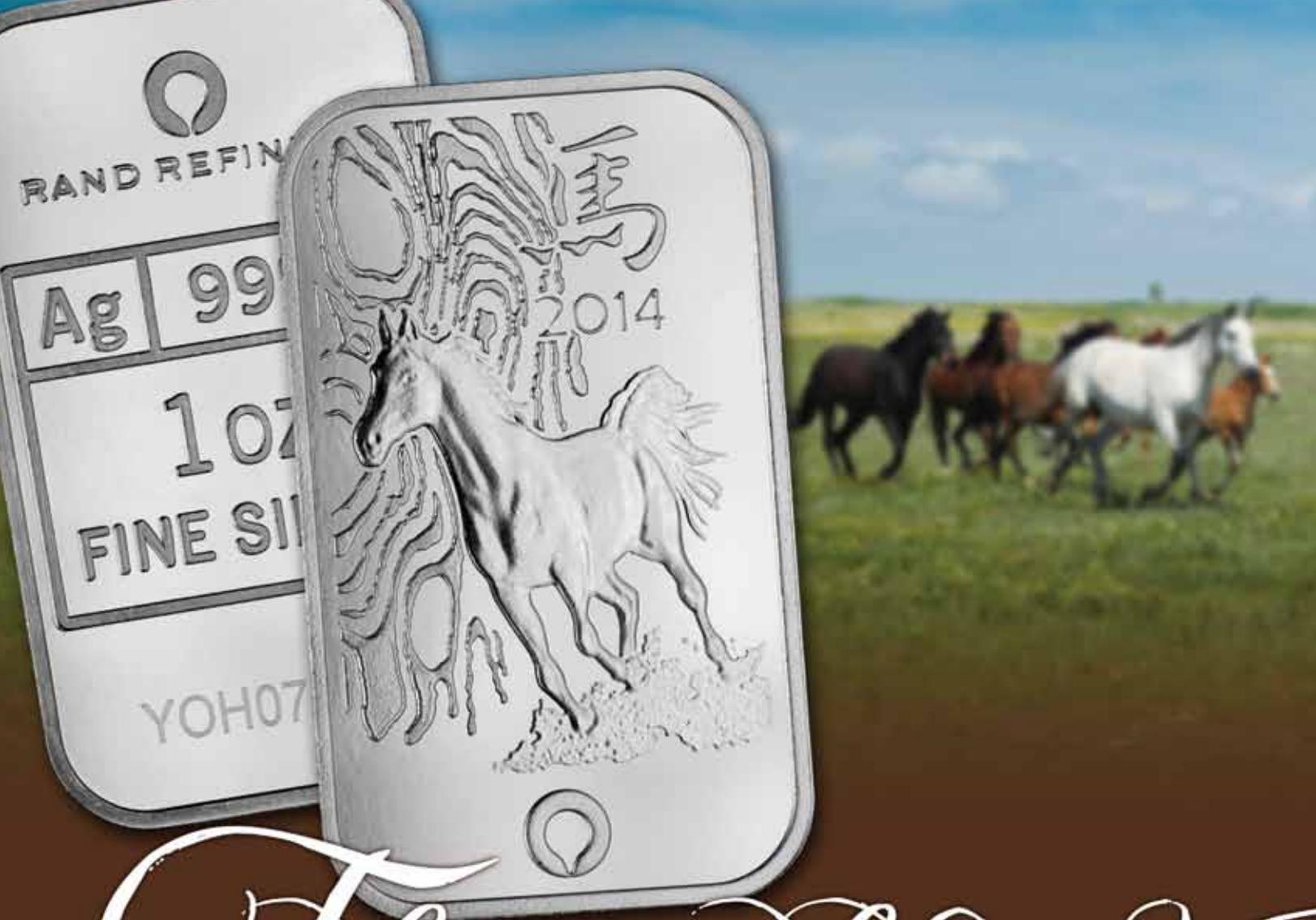
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Greetings!



Even though it will be February before you receive this issue, I want to wish all of our readers a Happy New Year and good fortune in your collecting this coming year.

A couple of issues ago I was happy to announce we had our first 36-page issue. We dropped back to 32 pages in our next issue which has been normal for the past year. At the Board meeting a few weeks ago after giving my report, I asked for additional material to put in the newsletter. A popular saying is, "Be careful of what you wish for - you just might get it" and did I ever.

This issue is 40 pages even with one less Texas Happenings page than usual. Our chairpersons for the upcoming TNA Convention & Show in May contributed articles about our show activities. I also received educational information for our young collectors. Several numismatic articles are included in these pages. They are interesting, cover many subjects and one may even be provocative - in good taste of course.

President Debbie Williams gives us a peek at what's in store for our TNA Convention & Show attendees. I know you will be pleased. Treasurer Jack Gilbert has a page all to himself with updates on our Educational Assistance Programs. These are important programs that can benefit all TNA members.

We want to welcome a new advertiser, Digital Metals, and thank all our advertisers for helping us to defray the cost of producing this newsletter.

So, jump in and enjoy this issue. Let me know how you like it. I appreciate your feedback.

Next stop - the printer.

Until next time,
Ron Kersey

PUBLICATION DEADLINES CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to publish your educational articles and club news in a timely manner. Please submit your items by the 15th of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

DEBBIE WILLIAMS

My best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to each of you!

One of the highlights of the year is sure to be the TNA show and convention. This year's dates are May 16 - 18, the weekend after Mother's Day and the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. This marks our first year at our new location – the Arlington Convention Center. The convention center is located in the heart of the City of Arlington's entertainment district with ample restaurants, hotels, and shopping nearby.

The City of Arlington is located between Dallas and Fort Worth and is approximately 15 minutes from the Dallas/Ft Worth International Airport. Arlington is a destination city for well-known attractions such as Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor. The city is also home to the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers. Both offer guided tours of their facilities. (Baseball fans may be happy to know the Rangers are scheduled to play the Toronto Blue Jays at the Rangers Ballpark on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoon.) Other popular attractions include a wide variety of museums and theatres, arts and culture, nightlife and entertainment, and sports and recreation.

With a bourse of approximately 200 tables and dealers from throughout Texas as well as many out of state dealers there should be an abundance of coins, currency, and numismatic related items for us all to find something unique and special. There are usually several dealers selling jewelry too!

One of the highlights of the convention is sure to be the Lyn Knight Coin Auction. Many of us know Lyn for his famed paper money auctions but he has said this auction will have both coins and paper money with a price range to fit most budgets.

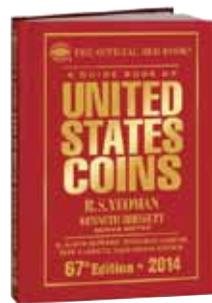
Education is a very important aspect of our convention and this year's offerings are sure not to disappoint. John Rowe has made special arrangements with Southern Methodist University in Dallas to allow their libraries mass collection of Texas Bank Notes to be on display at our convention. According to SMU's website their DeGolyer library "houses the best collection of Texas bank notes in existence, from the earliest days of the Republic of Texas to 1933, when a change in the banking laws meant that

local banks could no longer issue notes." There will also be a traveling exhibit on loan from the American Numismatic Association Museum in Colorado Springs, CO.

The schedule will include educational programs on a variety of subjects and competitive exhibits on display in a number of categories. You may contact Kim Groves at Kim.groves@att.net for details or questions on the educational programs or Ralph Ross at coinmanross@windstream.net regarding the exhibits including an application and exhibiting rules.

TNA conventions are great places for kids as well. There will be two kids' auctions on Saturday. These special auctions have become very popular with 93 kids participating last year. Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge workshops are scheduled again this year. You may also notice two or three YNs taking part in a program we introduced a couple years ago where we provide qualifying YNs a table to sell their own numismatic items under the supervision of a parent or guardian. You may contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com for more details on this youth program.

I look forward to seeing you at the show!



FREE REDBOOKS TO EARLY TNA SHOW ATTENDEES

The Texas Numismatic Association Board has announced that the first 1,000 attendees at the 2014 TNA Convention and Coin Show will receive a free copy of the 2015 edition of The Redbook, the Guide Book of United States Coins, published by Whitman Publishing Co. Redbooks will also be given to the Young Numismatist at the annual Kid's Auction. This is part of the TNA's ongoing educational initiatives and programs. Be sure and attend early to receive your copy!



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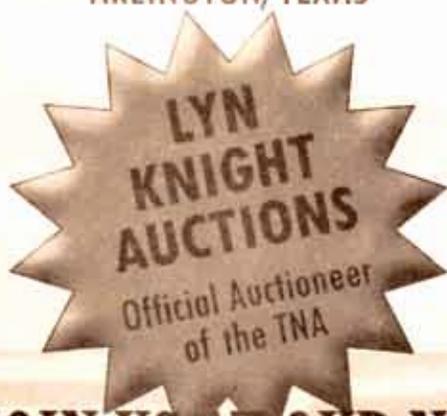
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Secretary's Report

JANUARY/FEBRUARY - 2014

By Lawrence Herrera



Welcome New TNA Members...

Welcome to new TNA members C-0233 and R-7342. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2014.

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

Member#	Name	Proposer	Dist.
R-7343	Burton Strauss, II	Ginger Pike	1
R-7344	Vernon Runyan	Mike Grant	1
R-7345	Patrick O'Connor	website	7
R-7346	Derek Sawchenko	Doug Davis	22
LM-254	Allen Haynes	website	6
J-7347	Jaclyn Nava	Richard Laster	13
J-7348	Careron Nava	Richard Laster	13
J-7349	Megan Howard	Richard Laster	17
J-7350	Emma Howard	Richard Laster	17
J-7351	Dylan Mayer	Richard Laster	12
R-7352	James F. Williams	website	22

VIP LEADER FOR 2014

Richard Laster

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Lawrence Herrera

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2014 TNA DUES NOTICE

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!

A 2014 dues notice has recently been sent to all TNA members. According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year.

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

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Thank you!

MID YEAR BOARD MEETING

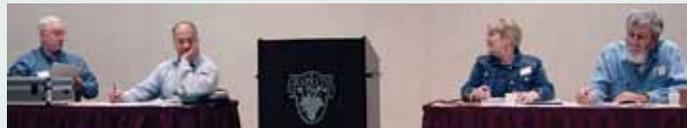
The TNA board met on Saturday, January 4, 2014 during the Grapevine Coin Show. This meeting had been scheduled to occur in December during the Houston Coin Show but was cancelled due to the ice storm in the DFW area. A majority of the board was present.

Our show producer announced that the 2013 TNA show was a success, and a better 2014 show is expected with the move to the Arlington Convention Center. In hopes of expanding attendance and, in furtherance of the hobby, the TNA agreed to purchase a substantial number of Redbooks as gifts to those who attend the TNA show. In addition, the funding for educational speakers at the Convention was increased. Finally, funding for the Youth Auction was increased.

The Treasurer reports that the TNA's finances appear solid for the foreseeable future.

The TNA News won 3rd place in the ANA's Annual Regional Publications Contest.

Minor administrative changes were made to the grant programs announced after the last board meeting. In addition, the winners of the educational grants for five TNA members to obtain numismatic-related books and the winners of two TNA-funded trips to the ANA Summer Seminar were determined. These winners are listed elsewhere in the TNA News. Finally, a grant was announced to allow the Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club to produce videos of two educational seminars in the upcoming year.



TNA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm during the TNA Convention in the Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas.

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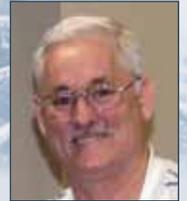
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JACK GILBERT

TNA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – JACK GILBERT – DAVID BURKE – CARLA GALINDO – LARRY HERRERA

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE FOR CONTINUING PROGRAM NEWS

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and, Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar. All of these Programs are open to all members and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online - http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna_news_sept-oct_2013.pdf)

As noted therein, drawings were to be held at the December Board meeting (which was cancelled due to icy weather). The Board finally met on 1/4/2014 and the drawings were held.

2013 LIBRARY AND ANA SEMINAR DRAWING WINNERS

The five winners of the \$125 Grant to Fund Your Library drawing were Walter Fabisiak, Jack Gilbert, Hal Cherry, The Greater Houston Coin Club, and Bob Millard.

Carl Stang and Garry S, Moore were the two winners of the Grant Program to Attend ANA Summer Seminar.



Picking the Winners!

Additional names were drawn as alternates should these winners not be able to attend the Seminar. Member participation in the two drawings was extremely light with less than 10 member entries in each drawing. Hopefully future drawings will enjoy much wider participation.

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

The Board modified the "Library" and the "ANA Seminar" Programs to allow the Program Oversight Committee to determine future time windows during which entries will be accepted and to set future drawing dates. Once determined these dates will be continuously posted here in the "TNA PROGRAM NEWS" column which will be a regular feature in the TNA News. It is expected that the 2014 drawings will be held at the Fall Board Meeting and that the window for submitting entries will be approximately two months prior to

that date. These dates will most likely be determined at the Spring Board Meeting held during the upcoming TNA Coin Show.

The Board also modified the programs to indicate that each program runs within the TNA fiscal year. In the future, requests will be approved for a specific fiscal year.

TO ALL CLUB OFFICERS

This is your opportunity to develop plans to Promote the Hobby and to Fund Young Numismatist Activities. Get you plans ready for 2014!

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

As of the writing of this column, only one Coin Club has requested and received funds under the TNA Financial Assistance to Promote the Hobby of Numismatics program. NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested and received \$250 and will use the funds to rent meeting space at two local coin shows and present several 30-45 minute educational programs during each show.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$53,352.03
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$62,976.26
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	\$186,328.29
Long Term Assets	
PBOT (Mat 9/21/15)	\$25,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/16)	\$40,000.00
PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$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	\$376,328.29
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2012	\$339,040.06
Income (Plus)	\$92,943.57
Expenses (Minus)	-\$55,655.34
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Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.

2014 Standard Catalog of World Coins: 1901-2000 edited by George Cuhaj. 41st ed. Iola, WI :

Krause Publications, ©2013. 2400 p. : ill. (ISBN 97814402235672; \$48.41)

Collecting Presidential Dollars. Whitman Insider Guide v. 5. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, ©2007. iii, 124 p. : ill. (some col.). (ISBN 9780794823924; \$4.95)

The Fantastic 1804 Dollar by Eric C. Newman and Kenneth E. Bressett. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, [2009], ©1962. 208 p. : ill. (ISBN 9780794828295; \$17.99)

A Guide Book of Civil War Tokens: Patriotic tokens and store cards 1861-1865 and related issues: history, values, rarities by Q. David Bowers, et al. Official Red Book series. Atlanta, Ga : Whitman Publishing, ©2013. x, 438 p. : color ill. (ISBN 9780794824532; \$20.18).

United States Coinage: A study by type by Ron Guth and Jeff Garrett. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, ©2013. 182 p. : color ill. (ISBN 0794817823; \$39.95).

Wampum and the Origins of American Money by Marc Shell. Urbana, IL : University of Illinois Pr., ©2013. xvi, 138 p. : ill (some col.) (ISBN 9780252033667; \$25.03)

TNA TO HOST YOUNG NUMISMATIST DEALERS FOR THIRD YEAR

At the last two TNA Show and Conventions the TNA actively participated in the Young Numismatist (YN) Dealer Initiative. Several young dealers participated and were very successful in their sales to Show attendees. The TNA will, once again, promote the YN Dealer Initiative at the 2014 TNA Show by providing tables to a limited number of YN Dealers on May 17, 2014.

This statement enumerates the guidelines for participation in the YN Dealer Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to entice YNs to sign-up for a table on Saturday May 17, 2014, and to bring inventory to sell to the general public. The tables will be provided to the YN at no cost.

Interested YNs must be at least 12 years old and not over 17 years old as of May 1, 2014. Parents of YNs must provide an email or letter signifying the parent's approval for the YN to participate. The YN, or a close relative (parent/grandparent), must be a current TNA member.

It is expected that the YN's inventory will belong to the YN and that items brought to sell at the bourse will generally be valued at less than \$100.

This inventory is expected to be displayed in one (1) case which will be provided by the TNA. Additional inventory may be brought to the show, but each YN will be allowed a four (4) foot space on the table to display and sell their inventory.

The YN should accumulate inventory to display at the show during the upcoming months.

Interested YNs should indicate their interest in participating by notifying Jack Gilbert (gilbej@yahoo.com) no later than May 1, 2014. Table space for the YN Initiative may be limited and not all interested YNs may be accepted. Priority will be assigned based on a "first come" basis.

It would not be inappropriate for the YN's sponsor to accompany and advise the YN. The TNA may provide members to assist and supervise the YNs in an effort to ensure that purchases or sales are not disadvantageous to the YN and to advise the YN if necessary.

The TNA assumes NO LIABILITY for the purchases or sales of the YN, but attending adult members will use their best efforts to provide good advice to the YN.

Young Numismatist (YN) Dealer Policy and Sign-up Form

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PARENT (GUARDIAN) NAME

ADDRESS

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PARENT

EMAIL: YN

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EXHIBIT AT THE 2014 TNA CONVENTION!



District Governors: I am challenging you to produce at least two (2) educational exhibits for the 2014 TNA Convention from your area. I hope you will canvass your local coin clubs and encourage members to prepare an educational exhibit. Your constituents can put together a one coin exhibit or a one-hundred coin exhibit or whatever suits their fancy. At many of our local club meetings we have a "show-and-tell" moment where collectors discuss a numismatic moment of importance or significance to them. Why not put that numismatic moment in a display case? Governors, use your charm and wit to encourage your constituents to exhibit in the 2014 Annual Convention. The District and the Governor with the largest number of educational exhibits will be recognized at the Convention Exhibit Award Ceremony. With your help 2014 can be a great year to "SHARE THE FUN" of numismatics with the world. An exhibit application, rules, and score sheet can be downloaded from the TNA's website at TNA.org. Please contact me with any questions and/or suggestions or to receive a packet by mail at the following address:

Dr. Ralph Ross,

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TNA CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Heritage Rare Coin Galleries has once again generously donated 5 gold coins for our raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Please encourage clubs in your areas/districts to purchase tickets for use as door or raffle prizes and to support the TNA. A winning gold coin could be used for a club raffle. Individuals can purchase tickets, too. Board members are also urged to purchase tickets!

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The biggest show in numismatics, the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of MoneySM, will be even bigger starting in 2014 as two of the top numismatic auction companies in the world, Heritage Auctions and Stack's Bowers Galleries, have agreed to be the Official Auctioneers for the next four years.

"ANA members and show attendees will be able to consign to and purchase from two auction companies that have a long and successful history with the ANA," said ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick. "Both of these wonderful auction houses have been big supporters of our educational mission for many, many years, and we couldn't be more thrilled to have both as the Official Auctioneers."

Stack's Bowers Galleries and Heritage Auctions will both conduct separate auctions for the next four World's Fair of Money Official Auctions. The 2014 and 2015 shows will be held in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont, Ill., before shifting to Anaheim, Calif., in 2016. The 2017 World's Fair of Money will be held in Denver, Colo.

"The World's Fair of Money has always been one of our favorite events to be a part of," said Steve Ivy, Co-Founder and CEO of Heritage Auctions. "Working with the ANA and its members, we look forward to the auction in Chicago and in putting together what is always one of the high points of our year."

Brian Kendrella, president of Stack's Bowers Galleries, commented "We are delighted to once again have the opportunity to work with the ANA as an Official Auctioneer for The World's Fair of Money, one of the most dynamic shows of the year. We look forward to presenting an auction that will be truly memorable in keeping with our long tradition of success with the ANA. Consignments already received guarantee that 2014 in Chicago will be a record-setting event."

The World's Fair of Money is the nation's premier money show, featuring the most expansive educational programs and best numismatic inventory of any summer show. The show features more than 1,100 numismatic dealers; major auctions by Stack's Bowers Galleries and Heritage Auctions; the ANA's signature Museum Showcase, exhibiting some of the world's most valuable and beautiful

coins and paper money; the Collector Exhibits area; as well as educational presentations and seminars. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 5-8, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Public admission is \$6 for adults and free for children 12 and younger. For more information, go to WorldsFairOfMoney.com.

JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

LION COIN CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE SILVER AMERICAN EAGLES FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING HOUSTON MONEY SHOW

"Pride - Excellence - Tradition" is the motto of Jack Yates Senior High School, established in 1926. Jack Yates, a Title One school (schools with large low income student populations) in the Houston Independent School District, started a coin club six years ago with the objectives of advancing numismatic knowledge through educational, historical and scientific means. The club promotes academic excellence in disciplines such as mathematics and science while preparing students for college and future career focus. The Jack Yates' Lion Coin Club commingles numismatics with the study of mathematics and science to prepare students for cross-disciplines, such as: history, politics, art, archaeology, chemistry, economics, finance and mathematics.

Dr. Ralph Ross, newly elected Governor on the Board of the American Numismatic Association, the world's largest organization of coins, token and paper money collectors, is the former Chairman of the Jack Yates Mathematics Department and Founder of the Lion Coin Club. Dr. Ross enlisted the help of Johnny Duncan of U. S. Coins & Jewelry, Houston's largest coin shop, and Mike Fuljenz of Universal Coin & Bullion, a former coach, teacher and principal, to launch a recognition program to reward exemplary performance on the state mandated achievement test (TAKS) and help disadvantaged students meet high academic standards. All students who perform at the commended level (outstanding performance) in mathematics receive a one-ounce Silver Coin. The silver coin encourages academic excellence and rewards outstanding achievement for students who are known mostly for winning state basketball championships, rather than for stellar academic achievement. This is the fourth consecutive year of this collaboration between Dr. Ross, Johnny Duncan of U. S. Coins & Jewelry and Mike Fuljenz of Universal Coin & Bullion.



This year, twenty-five students from Jack Yates Senior High School received a One Ounce Silver Coin for their outstanding achievement on the 2013 TAKS test (score of 2400 or above). The students received this special award at the 57th Annual Money Show of the Southwest sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC) on Friday December 6, 2013 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de Las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010.

Mike Fuljenz and Johnny Duncan challenged the students to find as many 'elongated cents' as possible at the show with \$40.00 (donated by Fuljenz). The students divided into two groups, (boys vs. girls) had to purchase as many elongated cents as possible within one hour from the bourse of approximately 250 dealers. The girls won, finding nearly twice as many elongated cents as the boys. The students enjoyed the camaraderie and lunch with Mike Fuljenz and Johnny Duncan. The students kept several elongated cents for their personal collection. Student Zackary Jackson, who has attended the coin show for three consecutive years, said "each year I am amazed by the bills and coins on display". Lizabeth Cortez, a first time attendee said "I really enjoyed the show, I saw different money from all over the world ... and whenever there is another coin show I will attend". Alexia Bell, said "I had a fantastic time at the money show, I may have even picked up on a new hobby, coin collecting". Datavier Catlin replied that "The coin show was surprisingly very enjoyable. It shocked me that some people buy and sell coins for a living. I had so much fun; I will definitely attend the next event."

Photos by Dr. Ross:



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER CHARMY HARKER DESCRIBING HER EXHIBIT ENTITLED "PENNY POTPOURRI: A COLLECTION OF PENNY CREATIONS" TO A GROUP OF JACK YATES LION COIN CLUB MEMBERS AT THE 57TH ANNUAL MONEY SHOW OF THE SOUTHWEST.



MIKE FULJENZ AND BETH DEISHER ENJOY AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH STUDENTS FROM JACK YATES LION COIN CLUB AT THE 57TH ANNUAL MONEY SHOW OF THE SOUTHWEST.

ATTENTION TNA GOVERNORS

Do you know any Boys and Girls, who display talent and a passion for the hobby, please encourage them to apply for TNA membership? I need you to speak out to discuss the opportunities for boys and girls at your local coin club meetings; explain to students that coin collecting is a great hobby and joining the TNA is a wonderful start.

Use the information below to set up a handout flyer to pass out to clubs in your area.

Attention Boys and Girls and Young Collectors:

The TNA is interested in recognizing young collectors with the skills and drive to be outstanding numismatist. The YOUTH is the future of the hobby. Coin Collecting has become one of the most popular hobbies in today's modern society. It is fun, educational, interesting, and profitable. The TNA is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at its annual anniversary convention. Nominees should exhibit a positive attitude, strong communications skills, cooperative, dependable and an avid interest in expanding their numismatic knowledge.

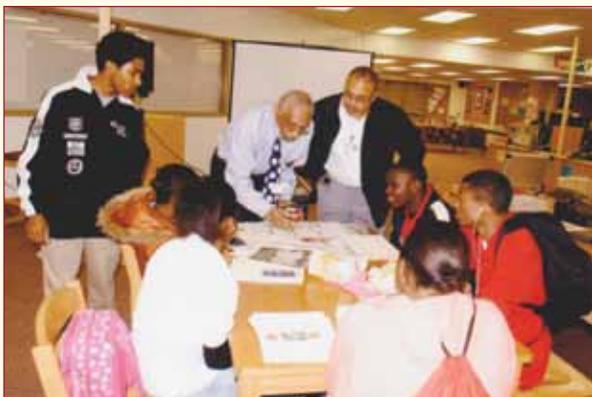
Some of the YN Awards are:

- 1) Jr. Numismatist of the Year; the TNA Junior Numismatist of the Year Award honors young collectors for exceptional contributions to the hobby and industry.
- 2) TNA Jr. VIP Award, the TNA Junior Very-Important-Person Award is given to the Jr. Member that signs up the most new members in a year.
- 3) TNA Jr. Member Best-of-Show Exhibit Award, this award is given to the Jr. Member that presents the best educational display at the annual convention. Make plans to exhibit at the 2014 convention.
- 4) TNA Coins for A's Program, send a copy of your recent report card with 1 or more A's on it and a list or general description of the type of coins, currency, or other items you would like to: P.O. Box 1641, Gilmer, TX 75644 for your reward for bringing home A's.
- 5) Scholarship to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) summer seminar; a scholarship to this premier educational event is available.

The TNA is looking for young collectors who show exceptional potential to apply for a scholarship to the best education in numismatics, the ANA Summer Seminar. Youth scholarships are available; don't miss out on this special opportunity to attend one of two weeklong sessions in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

If your New Year's resolution is to try something fun and exciting then you must join the TNA. It's a new beginning and the perfect time to make this our best year ever.

For more information about YN awards and programs visit the TNA website or contact the TNA Youth Chairman: Dr. Ralph Ross, P.O. Box 16512, Sugar Land, TX 77496-6512 or email at: Coinmanross@windstream.net.



DR. ROSS APPLYING HIS NUMISMATIC LESSON PLANS.



COINS FOR A'S REPORT



Richard Laster

Over the last couple of years I have noted an increasing number of what I think of as "regular" Coins for A's recipients. These are younger ones who I can almost always count on hearing from as soon as report cards are out for the grading period which has just come to a close. This is great news and provides encouragement for our future. Put simply; the more material we send out, the more communication made, the dedication and effort in following-up we make, can't do anything but be helpful for the cause and future of numismatics in Texas. I am thrilled to know of the sincere interest in the hobby by quite a few dedicated younger folk, and thankful that these are choosing to focus upon building a collection which I trust will translate into a life-long pursuit and motivation for education which will broaden their horizons.

How many of us "older ones," or perhaps "more experienced individuals" is a bit more palatable way to describe ourselves, began our numismatic adventure when we received a good coin related gift from someone. In other words, acquiring a coin and some insight from a collector who has already come to know the joy that collecting can bring. I still, after all these years, smile when I think about my grandfather's desire to involve me in the hobby. As I've shared previously he not only gave me my first coins, seven silver dollars on my seventh birthday, but also made sure I got to tag along to shows in the Houston area way back "in the day."

I remember vividly how great it "felt" to have a dealer at one of these shows take a few minutes to talk with me and not choose to look past me at the person behind. Granted I knew very little and had even less money to spend. But what I did have I wanted to spend wisely and at the same time I had the desire to learn so I could choose the best, most interesting collecting area, and also could spend my limited funds in the most fruitful way. My hobby grew because of folks, such as ourselves today, who took a bit of time to answer questions, to share details on an item of interest, and even to pass along a treasure at little or no cost just because of their generous spirit and the desire to give me direction for the future.

All this to say: Thanks to all of you for your dedication to the younger ones. It is good to see these wandering the floor at the various conventions, visiting and joining local coin clubs, and being part of an organization which has a variety of ways in which children and youth are not only noticed but also honored. In specific I am thinking about our children's effort now chaired by Ralph Ross, our great auction at the TNA convention which provides coins at no cost except the cost of time. I watch as dealers and collectors alike find among their collection and stock items to pass along and take time to share the "what, where, when, why, and who" of our hobby. And from my own perspective I thank you for the vision and creation some years ago of the Coins for A's program.

Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's remains vital and viable. I solicit your support and thoughts related to the future. I challenge you all to add Coins for A's in specific and your support of younger numismatists into your active thinking and thinking action. For example: share a coin or more with a child or youth you know or pass it on through a parent to child, run a few copies of the Coins for A's handout found on our TNA website and pass them out at your local club, set out material on the table at your regional coin show, and in general be creative to spread the word where younger folk gather. These are but a few of the possible points of distribution.

I do thank you for your support through these years. If I can be of service to any of you, or to your club, please do not hesitate to let me know. I can affirm from my own experience that the hobby of numismatics, in all its forms, is a way in which knowledge can come in a comfortable way. I look forward to working with you, fellow members of the Texas Numismatic Association, as we move into a new year.

See you all in Arlington in May, if not before.

Regards and God Bless,
Richard Laster
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by John Barber

A SMALL BUT

This month's comments are inspired by a chance discovery (in the "black hole") of a small but important medal which had been misfiled in my collection about six years ago. Its reemergence sparked some new learning about the circumstances of its issue some 180 years ago.

The little medal, in copper and about the size of a half dollar, has a Liberty Cap in a glory of rays on one side and text declaring it a memento of the "First Steam Coinage" at the U.S. Mint and the date March 23, 1836 on the other side. The engraving was done by Christian Gobrecht (he of the famous flying eagle dollars done later the same year).



The press on which it was struck was an important innovation which transformed the productivity and quality in the coinage which the then-new Second U.S. Mint in Philadelphia could produce. Its design and construction was the result of a fact-finding trip to leading European mints by Franklin Peale. All coinage at the first U.S. Mint 1793-1829 had been done on human-powered screw presses. This old technology was no longer adequate for the burgeoning nation. Matthew Boulton at SOHO in England had shown that steam could be applied to screw presses, but the Peale redesign to feature a toggle (or knee-action) joint driven by a flywheel was a major innovation. The toggle press was not directly driven by steam, but received its power through a system of rotating shafts and leather belts from a central steam engine. The same press and later ones of its kind were converted to electric motor drive in the 1890's.

After this particular press was retired from Mint duty, it went to the Franklin Institute, and they provide additional history (on www.fi.edu):

"The press, which first began operations in 1836 and recently was donated to the ANA by the Franklin Institute Science Museum, is being refurbished and will be on display at the ANA World's Fair of Money 2000 in Philadelphia, August 9-13. The Summer Seminar class exhibit will be displayed at the show and at the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado."



The first use of the press was to strike medals to give to invited attendees at the first-strike ceremony. That event was scheduled for Feb. 22, 1836 (to coincide with a celebration of George Washington's birthday), but not everything was ready, and the event had to be pushed back to March 23. The date on the reverse die was re-engraved over the original date. With eyes better than mine are now, remnants of the earlier date can be seen on original specimens. These were struck on Large Cent planchets (about 10.9 grams) and with the dies axis aligned in "coin turn". The originals proved popular with collectors, and restrikes from the original dies were made until 1861 in a variety of weights. All these have a copper or "mahogany" look to them, and importantly, all show a die deterioration rim cud at about 7 o'clock on the Liberty Cap side.

In 1861, Anthony Paquet made copy dies which are similar to the originals, but which show no evidence of the Feb. 22 date. These have perfect rims, and the folds in the Liberty Cap are a bit different.

The planchets continued to be "mahogany", though they averaged thinner and lighter than the originals. Most of these were struck with the dies aligned in "medal turn".



IMPORTANT MEDAL

The little medals continued in popularity. After 1901, they were produced at the Third U.S. Mint, but from dies that had a "sandblast" finish, and the planchets had a more brassy composition.

They continued to be available in this form on the "Mint List" of medals into the 1960's (for 65 cents!). No good records were kept on how many of each variety were made.



Now comes an incident at a GHCC meeting about six years ago (we were still at Richard's Fair Haven church on Gessner) in which your editor was involved in a very unfortunate bidding war over what turned out to be one of these). To the delight and amusement of the crowd, the item, which started at around \$1, went up and up and up. My opponent, who was not a regular attendee at GHCC meetings was as determined as me (as bidding passed \$20!). I was emboldened because it had been at an ANA show a couple of months earlier that I had picked up a nice set of three of these medals from Steve Tannenbaum (before his untimely death after being run over by a car on the sidewalk near his New York home) which included one of the medals on a large cent planchet and two early restrikes. I apparently thought this item being auctioned at GHCC was another early one. But I was SO WRONG. It turned out to be one of those made and sold 1960 - 1985. I was ready to write the experience off to my inattention or some other lame excuse. But to his everlasting credit, the consignor to the GHCC auction (and still an important member of the Club) came to me and offered to



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"undo the deal". He was not aware of all the later restrikes either. In the end, I said "No, I deserve to eat this one as a lesson to look more carefully upon items entered for bidding".

The old press was to have still another life, however. After refurbishment and transfer to the ANA, it was used to strike two new series of medals. The first is an attractive reproduction of the initial design, except lettered to promote the 2000 ANA summer convention in Philadelphia. ANA still has a stock of these to sell at the cash register in the small store at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs.



As a final note to this story, your editor learned last summer that a small number of these had been made for ANA in silver. David Sklow had one in a mail-bid auction and called my attention to it. He was kind enough to provide "guidance" in bidding, and I came away with this neat closing item for this discussion:



Long before the refurbishment for ANA, the U.S. Mint's press went on to strike millions of circulation-grade issues (and a few proofs for collectors) until 1875. The Mint then obtained a larger screw press for doing medals, and additional and larger toggle presses for doing the circulation coinage. The Gobrecht silver dollars were made on this press within one year of its installation. It is unclear the exact sequence of other applications, such as for the reeded edge half dollars of 1836 and the regular issue Large Cents or the scarce 1836 Half Cents.

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

1) What coin showing the same person on both sides was minted in the largest quantity?

2) What is the year date carried on the first gold coin minted for circulation by the United States?

3) I have a medal listed as composition Ae. What is the metal?

1) The overwhelming mintages of the Lincoln Cent (Memorial Reverse) of 1959 through 2008 make this coin the clear winner. Even the mintages during 2009 of the Lincoln Cent woodchopper reverse qualify it in second place, over certain commemoratives showing the same real person on both sides.

2) The first gold coins from the new U.S. Mint at Philadelphia carried the date 1795. Although copper had been coined in 1793 and silver in 1794, there was a delay in getting appropriate bonds posted for the coiner and the assayer, Half Eagles (\$5) and Eagles (\$10) were produced in 1795.



Medal by Augustus St Gaudens

3) Typically seen in reference to ancient coins and to medals, the composition symbol "Ae" means the item is made of copper or bronze. The symbol "Ar" is for silver.

4) The first commemorative to have the proofs made at Philadelphia and the business strikes made at Denver was the Washington Half Dollar of 1982. Consumer packaging was similar on these two 90% silver issues.

5) The U.S. Mint did not begin regular sales of proof coins to collectors until 1858. But there are scattered small mintages of Large Cents and other coins known for several years, particularly in the 1830's. In early literature these were sometimes called "specimen coins" or "master coins".

4) What was the first U.S. commemorative to have the proof issues made at Philadelphia and the non-proof issues made at Denver? Similar packaging.

5) Are there any proof U.S. Large Cents?

6) Which dollar coins are supposed to have plain (not lettered or reeded) edges?

DR. COYNE

6) The Gobrecht Dollars of 1836-1837 have plain edges. The Presidential Dollars of 2007 to 2012 are supposed to have lettered edges (though some error coins exist without them). The Sacagawea Dollars and Native American Dollars of 2000 to 2012 are similarly lettered. In a much earlier era, the 1794 – 1803 dollars have incused lettering "One Dollar or Unit". No silver dollars from 1836-1999 have lettered edges. Most have reeded edges.

7) The eagle on cactus has been the official emblem of the Republic of Mexico since independence from Spain in 1821. The first version (without a snake in the eagle's beak) came on the escudo (gold)



and reales (silver) of 1822. A more developed design with a larger eagle came a few years later and is still a part of current Mexican coinage.

8) There were two slightly different designs for the round and octagonal \$50 gold commemoratives issued for the Pan Pacific Exposition in 1915. The date is in Roman numerals. Before that, only pattern \$50 gold pieces are known in the U.S. mint series.

9) Andrew Jackson is a familiar sight on the \$20 bill since Series 1928 and the first small-size notes on National Bank Notes (brown seal), Gold Certificates (gold seal), Federal Reserve Bank Notes (brown seal), and of course Federal Reserve Notes (green seal). A very similar portrait of President Jackson appeared earlier on the \$10 Large Size Federal Reserve Notes of Series 1914. These had a farming

7) What country has issued important coins showing an eagle on a cactus?

8) What U.S. coinage denomination was issued (as a commemorative) for only one year? Hint: 20th century

9) When was the most recent U.S. TEN dollar bill showing Andrew Jackson Issued?

10) What is the title of the largest and heaviest single-volume numismatic book issued in our time ?

11) How can I tell if the ancient coin I found is real or fake?

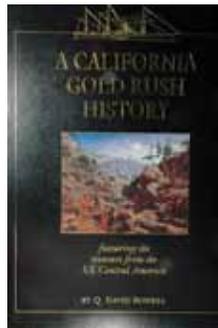
12) In a traditional coin press, what does the collar die do?

13) When did Hawaii have its own coins?

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scene and an industrial scene on the back. The most recent appearance of Jackson on a \$10 came on the 1923 Legal Tender U.S. Note. These are quite a bit scarcer than the 1914 Federal Reserve Notes.

10) The largest and heaviest numismatic tome of our time (in one volume) has to be Q. David Bowers' "A California Gold Rush History" of 2002. This grand book runs over 1000 pages and is an extra large 10 ½ X 13 inches and weighs over 10 pounds. It features wonderful research, lively writing, and great photography. Copies are seen on the used book market with regularity.



11) Dr. Coyne is indebted to member Gene McP for this interesting response: "I am often asked how I know an ancient coin is genuine. My answer is that there is no guarantee. It is best to know what you are buying should look like and then buy from reputable dealers. Of course there can be more than one type of "fake" ancient coin. The period fakes have values approaching the genuine coin for the same metal content (Celtic copies of Roman Republican coins are one example). Fouree or plated coins (copper cores with a silver or gold foil wrap that were struck to look like silver/gold coins) normally sell at a large discount to the full metal coin. The plated coins are often called contemporary fakes, but there is a significant debate on whether the official moneymakers used plated coins to stretch their budgets.

Modern fakes can be anything from museum pieces that were produced as copies, but sold as real to unsuspecting buyers, to cast or struck copies. Some fakes from 200 - 300

years ago have enough of a following to demand prices in the \$100 to \$1000 range."

12) The collar die is a strong metal ring which holds the planchet as it is struck simultaneously by the obverse and reverse dies. The collar prevents the planchet from spreading outward. It ensures perfect uniformity of diameter of the coins and plays a role in guiding metal flow so that design elements near the coin's edge are properly struck up; A collar die can be used in a screw press (though not common), a toggle press driven by a flywheel, or in a modern hydraulic press. In any of these applications, immediately after the strike the completed coin is wedged tightly in the collar and must be dislodged by hand, by movement of the dies, or by some other element of the press design.

13) Hawaii (formerly the Sandwich Islands) had its own coins before they became a territory of the United States in 1898. There were private plantation tokens issued before and after Hawaii became part of the U.S. There was a "cent" issued in 1847, but it was privately struck in Connecticut. There were pattern issues in several denominations in 1881 and 1882 (Paris and Philadelphia Mints.



The most important issue was of dimes, quarters, half dollars, and silver dollars of 1883 (coined at San Francisco, but lacking any "S" mintmark). These were of the same sizes and composition as the corresponding U.S. coins.

HOW MUCH IS YOUR COIN WORTH?

- ask *ebay*



by Jack E. Gilbert

A commonly used definition of Market Value is: “The highest price a willing buyer would pay and a willing seller would accept, both being fully informed, and the property being exposed for sale for a reasonable period of time.”

There are numerous methods to use to value coins, including Red Book, Coin Prices and other numismatic periodicals, online price guides such as those provide on the PCGS and NGC websites, auction results, a dealer offer or a dealers price, and your own sense of the value of your coin.

A valuable source that I use is called eBay. eBay is a true auction culminating in the highest price a willing buyer will pay and a willing seller would accept, both being properly informed and the item being exposed for sale for a reasonable time. eBay items, whether the auction or the buy-it-now feature, expose an item to millions of eBay members around the world.

Many of you have most likely heard of eBay, but did you know that the prices realized in completed item listings are available to be searched by any eBay user. I do realize that not all coins of every date, mint, and condition are sold every day on eBay. But for a vast majority of just about all but the rarest pieces, you can glean valuable information from eBay “completed” sales. Records of prior sales generally goes back two months from the date of the search.

Whenever I am in the market to buy or sell a coin I will search eBay active entries for the coin to see the volume of such coins for sale. I will check the completed listings for that search to see the price at which others have bought and sold the coin. You may sort the search results by sales price (high to low or low to high) or by date (oldest first or most recent first). When you discount the statistically significant outliers (the ones that someone “stole” or the ones that someone “just paid too much for”) you have a

reasonable price range to bid on a coin to purchase or to expect to realize on your sale. Even if the item does not sell you have information possibly indicating an upper limit to what something is worth. For example, if numerous similar items were for sale at \$39.95 and there are few or no sales at \$39.95, the item is probably not worth \$39.95.

With internet access and a little practice you can use eBay to “lookup” just about any coin or almost anything else you need/want to buy (Cuisinart cutlery to Hallmark Christmas ornaments to BMW air filters). An important aspect is to craft your search parameters to find as many items as possible without getting too many extraneous items. This will come with practice. It costs nothing to “take an eBay tour” or to create an eBay account. You never have to buy or sell anything to access and utilize the data that can be gleaned from the eBay historical completed items searches. If you haven’t tried it...you should!





DO YOU HAVE A COMPLETE FAO COIN SET?

by Pat Curran
Former Governor District 10

At the end of World War 11, as part of the world's readjustment to peace, there was a huge population increase. As this population grew, there were concerns about the ability of the world to handle this "Population Explosion".

At the Congress of Rome, held in 1950, dire predictions were made that we could not feed this growing "Population Bomb" as it was called. The United Nations' FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) mobilized the world's scientists and agricultural experts in an effort to grow more food. The "Green Revolution" was the result. New hybrid crops were developed that grew in poorer soil and in harsher climates. New fertilizers were created and by 1985 the world's supply of food had tripled.

To encourage farmers and nations to get involved in this revolution, the FAO encouraged nations to mint coins with the "GROW MORE FOOD" theme. To reach those at the lowest level, most of the coins were minted in the lowest circulating values.

As the coins were produced, the FAO prepared albums for them to sell to the collectors. Unlike other organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, these albums were marketed directly to the public through public announcements and in the coin press.

Between 1964 and 1986, a total of 15 albums were issued containing 504 coins and one banknote. (Actually, complete sets contains 511 coins as in Album One, one could order an extra page seven that contained proof copies of the uncirculated coins. Since only 1379 of the page 7 proofs were issued, there were only 1379 complete collections possible.

The first seven albums (1964-1978) were Dansco type albums, each in a different color. The next two albums (1979-1982) have the coins in cardboard holders on vinyl sheets. These sheets tended to



tear if stored upright. The final six albums are of better construction with album covers. Two such albums were issued in 1981 for World Food Day. In 1984 a special album was dedicated to fishing. The final album was issued in 1985. By that time the Green Revolution had been so successful that we had a huge surplus of food.

As time went on, the number of albums sold each year decreased from over six thousand to about one thousand. Also many of these albums were broken up for some of the coins that they contained.



While most of the coins were low value, designed to be used by the poor, some of the participating countries issued higher value coins only available in the albums. These were stimuli to sell the albums and it worked. In the 1977 album there was an error coin, corrected by the time it was issued for general circulation. For collectors of coins showing fishes, the 1984 album was quickly broken up. Finally for some of the Caribbean nations that contributed to the first album, page 7, that was the only coin they issued with their name on them, rather than the central banks name.



We are now in the FIFTIETH anniversary year of the FAO coin series. For the past 20 years I have been following the secondary market on these issues. I have yet to see a complete collection come up for auction, even on eBay. I have seen the odd album come up and many of the individual silver high denominations that were available only through the albums.



If you have a complete set or would like to know more about this fascinating issue, please contact me. I have complete lists of the coins in each album as well as the "special coins" (including a gold one).

Patrick J. Curran: patrick2193@msn.com (put FAO Coins in the caption)



by Tommy Sawyer

IT COULD NEVER

I would like to start the New Year off with a real, "Blockbuster". The story actually goes back over 48 years. Some of my Numismatic friends who collect error coins may well remember it. Others may be enlightened by it. The mint officials stated the coin in our story could not have escaped the watchful eyes of the supervisors and doubted its existence. Let's review the facts to see if our subject had merit or if the mint officials were incorrect.

The subject in question was a two-tailed clad quarter that made its way mysteriously out of the mint into general circulation into a bag of quarters obtained by a coin dealer in California. History reveals to us that in 1964, our mints didn't produce any more silver coins. Congress passed legislation to introduce "the new kid on the block" - clad coinage.

Workers in our mints began working overtime as well as double shifts in order to keep up with these new demands prescribed by Congress. Billions upon billions of new clad coins were minted to fulfill their particular mints obligations. This wasn't unusual as many times the various mints have performed well to meet the Congress's minting demands. Remember that word, "UNUSUAL"—because from

this entire process described, a very unusual clad quarter made numismatic history. The coin had a double tail—a double what? A double tail. Read on...

Mint officials once confronted stated we don't mint double headed or double tailed coinage - and to be specific they are absolutely correct - yet, a coin dealer in La Harba, California disagreed. He had purchased a hoard of coins and, as he began to catalog each of the coins, he discovered our unusual subject. First he thought as many of my readers would

think, the coin was the work of a jeweler. This was my reaction as well. In other



words splitting the coin in half and creating two tails from another coin. It has happened in the past. Yet, his new discovery passed the weight test and was sent to David Camire (NGC) for verification. After his inspection, he declared the coin was indeed within the tolerance for the coin's height and other measurements.



Thus far the 1965 two-tailed quarter passed the NGC testing as genuine indeed. Its actual weight was suppose to be 87.10 grains or 5.64 grams. It passed this criteria and was given a grade of MS-63. Very curious how this could have happened - his company asked the Mint for an explanation. It was a difficult question to answer, but a reasonable explanation that was later accepted from them was two same dies were accidentally installed in the coin press in error resulting in two tails being minted. Were there others or was this one the only one? Who knows? Error collectors, when made aware of the mint's answer, began searching for other "misfits" and the race was on. New numismatic skies were opened because news like this swept from coast to coast and dealer to dealer. All interested parties watched their pocket change hoping they too could discover this rarity.



Mystery was added to our story because even with the Mint officials explanation no one could be absolutely positive this is how it happened. The plot thickens even more because the mints have

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so many manual and computer checks to prevent an incident like this from occurring. Regardless of how it happened it was little or no concern for a cattleman from Farmington, New Mexico.

He paid a whopping \$80,000 for the coin. When reporters asked him why he purchased it, his answer was he liked coins with errors. Speaking of error, this certainly excited the populace and especially error collectors because I've not read of an error coin of this nature to realize that kind of a payday.



Any coins that are in the limelight for any period of time create an interest in our hobby. Error coins have been around

a very long time. I think back to the 1918/7 Buffalo nickel as well as the 1955/55



double strike Lincoln cent not to mention the 3 legged Buffalo and the 1942/1 Mercury dime. All error coins - all discovered by

members of the populace as well as seasoned numismatists. Those mentioned above all demand very high premiums. Even though these coins do demand a very high price, none are considered being a "must have" coin for the completion of a set. Personally over a period of years I have known individuals that have discovered every one of the above in general circulation. Some by accident and others by knowing what they were searching for. For example a man at Baylor hospital received a 1942/1 Mercury dime from change in a vending machine. A school teacher in Grand Prairie who found a double die 1955/55 cent in school change in his cafeteria.

How did they do it? Luck—luck—luck—Some did however kept up their recent numismatic mint records printed by our mints on a monthly basis to look for first strikes and low mintage figures. Concerning low mintages, I am reminded of the 1950-Denver nickel (2,630,030) and the 1955-Denver quarters (3.1 million). Those astute in obtaining these low mintage coins made a small fortune with this early knowledge.

Our coins, especially our pennies, once sacked and delivered to the various Federal Reserve Banks,

almost all the time are not error coins as we know error coins. The experience a penny sometimes goes through is a horrible experience. The poor little fellow is thrown into lakes and rivers, in caverns, run over by trains after being placed on the tracks, bent, hammered, drilled through, shaved and other disasters known to man. Still, there are more of these around than any other coin in our past and present history. I suppose the penny has its way and still remains champion in numbers of all coins minted.



No one can promise us that another major coin error is in our near future, but being astute and mindful of the new coinage minted by all our mints may lead one to a treasure untold. In the past, it has been profitable and exciting for those who search both new and old coins on a regular basis. As one of my favorite coins dealers continued to say, "the next coin you turn over may be the one you have been looking for all these years". I will second his philosophy.



by Garry Moore
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SOARING ON THE WINGS OF A BRIEF STUDY OF THE AMERICAN

There is not a more iconic image in American history that best represents America than the Bald Eagle. From the Presidential Seal to the classic American quarter, the bald eagle is a pervasive and well-known symbol of the United States of America. As the only eagle unique to North America, the American bald eagle, with its striking white head and great wingspan, is a remarkable sight. There are several reasons why the bald eagle was chosen to symbolize the United States as its national bird.

The American bald eagle became the unofficial national bird of the United States on June 20, 1782, when the Continental Congress adopted the Great Seal of the United States. Highly recognizable even today, the seal displays a front facing eagle with a shield on its breast, holding an olive branch in its right talon, 13 arrows in its left talon, and a scroll inscribed with the phrase, "E Pluribus Unum" in its beak. The bald eagle became the official bird of the United States in 1789.

The bald eagle was chosen to symbolize the United States because of its perceived fierce independence, unwavering strength, long life, majestic beauty, and great courage. Additionally, the men who chose it believed at the time that it was a bird unique only to the United States. John F. Kennedy later said, "the fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolizes the strength and freedom of America."

From Robert Scot's less than majestic looking eagle portrayed on the 1794 Half Dime, to James Longacre's gracefully soaring eagle on the 1858 Flying Eagle Cent, to the magnificent eagle designed by Augustus St. Gaudens that graces the stunning Double Eagle Twenty Dollar gold pieces. The American Bald Eagle is featured on our national coinage more than any other animal.

This Short Series is Not So Short

The idea of assembling a collection of U.S. coins featuring the eagle design came to mind one Sunday morning as I was looking through my collection. I realized that many

of my favorite coins featured the eagle as a major portion of the design element. Coins such as the Morgan dollar, the American Silver Eagle, and the Twenty-Cent piece instantly came to mind. The other thought that came to mind was why not assemble a short series of coins featuring the Bald Eagle. I figured at most I was looking at three, maybe four, dozen coins, several of which I knew I could not afford to add to my collection. Well, was I ever wrong!



Starting with the half cent and running through the dollar coins, there are 33 different type coins, encompassing 20 different designs, featuring the eagle design. This total does not even include the different varieties, the gold, or commemorative coins. It is these 20 designs that I want to focus on in this article.

A Young Nation Spreads It's Wings (1792 to 1799)

Our young national government is finally taking shape. The US postal service is created and postal rates range from six to twelve cents, depending the delivery distance. The Coinage Act is passed establishing the United States Mint and President Washington signed his first presidential veto.



Meanwhile, three numismatic eagles took flight on our national coinage. The young nation's first coin to feature the Bald Eagle design was the Robert Scot's Flowing Hair design (1794-1795). This design appeared on the half dime, half dollar, and dollar coins. Unfortunately, this is also one of the more unattractively designed eagles. The Flowing Hair series furthermore holds the distinction of being the shortest running series to feature the Bald Eagle. Other designs that took flight during the first chapter of our numismatic history were the Robert Scot Draped Bust



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Small Eagle Design (1796-1797), which appeared on the half-dime, dime, quarter, half dollar, and dollar. Scot's Draped Bust Heraldic Eagle (1800-1807), which copied the heraldic eagle device from the Great Seal of the United States, was the third numismatic eagle to spread its wings. It was featured on the half-dime, the dime, quarter, and half dollar. But Scot's design is more closely linked to one coin more than all his other designs combined. His Heraldic Eagle design appears on what has been dubbed by many as the King of Coins – the 1804 Silver Dollar.



Our Nation Takes Flight (1800-1899)

The beginning of a new century, always an exciting time, is particularly exciting for our young Republic. The new year also brings with it renewed hope, perspective for a bright future, and hopefully lasting peace. The pages of history in this new century are filled with many tuning points in our nation's history.



Thomas Jefferson is elected the third president of the United States. The election constitutes the first peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another in the United States.

The Erie Canal opens, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean via the Hudson River. After only 16 months in office, President Zachary Taylor dies after a brief illness. Confederate and Union troops in the Civil War clash near Maryland's Antietam Creek in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. In the final chapter of America's long Indian wars, the U.S. Cavalry kills 146 Sioux at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.

Things are even more exciting on the numismatic front. America is entering into what many consider the true renaissance age of our national coinage. In hindsight, one only needs to look back at some of the designers' names – names such as Barber, Longacre, Morgan, and Gobrecht – to realize that this was truly the golden age of American coin design.

The first eagle design of the new century to take flight was the Liberty Cap design of John Reich. This design (1829-1838) appeared on the half dime, dime, and quarter and were the first coins in our history to be mechanically completed, hence the sharper design features.

The next eagle to take flight was the Seated Liberty Series designed by Christian Gobrecht. Gobrecht's design graced the reverse of the quarter, half dollar, and dollar from 1838-1891. His design for the new quarter dollar copied neither the 1836-dollar nor the 1837-38 half-dollar designs. It combined the Liberty Seated motif by Thomas Sully with an old version of the Reich eagle. This also marked the first time the denomination was expressed as QUAR. DOL.



The next eagle to soar over our national landscape is the very first and only U. S. cent to feature the American Bald Eagle as a major part of the design element. It also holds the distinction of being the only coin in this series to feature the eagle on the obverse of the coin. Of course, I am speaking of James B. Longacre's beautifully designed Flying Eagle Cent. Longacre's design was modeled on the old Gobrecht flying-eagle motif. Unfortunately, this wonderful designed series came to an end after just three short years (1856-1858).

The next eagle to take flight is technically a part of the Seated Liberty series; however, I have listed it as a separate issue because of its unique place in our national collection. That is William Barber's Seated Liberty design that appears on the 20-cent piece. It is the only coin in this series minted in this domination. Despite its popularity today, public confusion, at the time it was issued, between it and the quarter, was immediate and universal. It led to its demise after just three short years in circulation.



The next fledgling to fly the coop was anything but a fledgling. It was the mighty Trade Dollar design by William Barber. Throughout the late 1860's and early 1870's,

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American trade with countries in the Far East, particularly China, was moving along at a steady clip, but things could have been better.

To the dismay of American businessmen, Chinese merchants favored the Mexican peso as their medium of exchange, for it contained slightly more silver than a standard U.S. silver dollar. In order to compete in the region, the Americans were forced to swap dollars for pesos, usually paying currency broker fees. In 1873, Congress sought to negate the peso's advantage and promote American commerce overseas at the same time by authorizing a new coin called the US Trade Dollar. The Trade Dollar weighed 420 grains (.900 fine - i.e. 90% silver), compared to the peso at 416 grains (.903 fine) and the standard silver dollar at 412.5 grains (.900 fine). It was also the very first coin to mint the weight of the coin into the design feature.

The US Trade Dollar design depicted Lady Liberty resting on a cotton bale by the seashore. To her back stands a stalk of grain. In her right hand she extends an olive branch, a friendly gesture meant for those on the other side of the Pacific. The reverse shows an eagle with arrows and olive branch in its talons. Below the eagle are the inscriptions "420 GRAINS .900 FINE" and "TRADE DOLLAR".



The last two eagles to take flight this century are perhaps two of the most popular and favorite designs amongst collectors today - the George T. Morgan dollar and the Charles E. Barber designed dime, quarter, and half dollar. Volumes have been written about the numerous varieties of

Morgan dollars, from Q. David Bowers *Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars to the Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties: The VAM Keys 4th Edition*, just to name a few. Three notes of interest regarding this series are: 1) it was minted at five different mints - Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Carson City; 2) it contains some of the most sought after silver dollars in our nation's history - the Carson City Silver Dollars; 3) its numismatic eagle reappeared after a 17-year hiatus (1904-1921).

Once the Charles E. Barber classic Heraldic Eagle took flight (1892-1915), it became one of the most highly circulated coins, thus making a nice mint-state collection one of the most challenging series of all to assemble. It appeared on the dime, quarter, and half dollar. Barber copied Robert Scot's Heraldic Eagle design found on the Draped Bust series. This adopted design differs from the Great Seal by scattering the stars above the eagle's head rather than retaining their Star of David array as on the dollar bill.

Our Nation Forges Ahead (1900-2000)



The new chapters in our history are happening faster than we can turn the pages. A massive storm sends millions of tons of topsoil flying from across the parched Great Plains region of the United States as far east as New York, Boston and Atlanta. The

Bataan Death March was the forcible transfer, by the Imperial Japanese Army, of 76,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war after the three-month Battle of Bataan in the Philippines during World War II. This resulted in the deaths of thousands of prisoners. John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth and the third American in space. In addition, our nation celebrated its Bicentennial on July 4th, 1976.

In much of the same manner that the American Bald Eagle flourished when it was placed on the Endangered Species List, so too did the numismatic flourish in this new century with nine new designs soaring over our faithful nation. The first eagle to take flight was the majestic Herman A. MacNeil design found on the Standing Liberty Quarter (1916-1930). However, not everyone felt the same way about the design. Ornithologists of that time claimed the eagle had the head of a hawk, the wings of an eagle, and the body of a dove.

The next eagle to take to the sky was the classic Walking Liberty design by Adolph A. Weinman. This magnificent design graced the half dollar from 1916 to 1947 and the



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obverse of this coin once again reappeared in 1986 on the obverse of the American Silver Eagle Bullion coins.

Designed with the desire to commemorate peace, the Anthony de Francisci portrayal of the American Bald Eagle on the Peace Dollar (1921-1935) was a stark contrast to the past designs. It used a much less hawkish approach by having the eagle clutch olive branches atop an isolated mountaintop.

John Flanagan's Washington Quarter (1932-present) design took to the skies from Mount Vernon and traced its flight path along the routes that Lewis & Clark used to cross the vast wildness of North America in honor of the Father of our nation 200th Anniversary of his birth.



Our next national eagle design holds a rather unique place in history. John R. Sinnock's Franklin Half Dollar (1948-1963) started out as a way to honor one of America's Founding Fathers and elder

statesman and ended with the tragic assassination of President Kennedy. Due to a Treasury Department oversight, it is also the smallest eagle to take flight on our national currency.

Unfortunately, our next numismatic eagle took flight under the cloud of a national tragedy – Lee Harvey Oswald's assassination of our 35th President - John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Chief Engraver Gilroy Roberts was operating on what was an unprecedented timeline to produce the coin design of the late Commander-in-Chief. What Roberts achieved was extraordinary. From the day of the assassination until the first coins were rolling off the presses



were 67 days – a truly spectacular achievement. In the interest of time, Gilroy chose the classic Presidential Seal design to grace the reverse of the nation's newest half dollar (1964 to present).

“Houston, the eagle has landed.”

Frank Gasparro's Eisenhower or “Ike” dollar (1971-1978) was the last of the large sized dollar coins minted and there are several interesting facts about this dollar. It honors one of America's larger than life heroes from World War II on the obverse. It captures Neil Armstrong's historic Moon landing on the reverse and it shows an eagle landing on the moon.

The next to that last eagle to take flight was the ill-fated Susan B. Anthony (1979-1981, 1999) design of Frank Gasparro. It too, just like the 20 cent piece, was easily confused with the quarter of its day was never fully accepted by the public. It also made a brief appearance in 1999.

The most recent numismatic eagle to soar high above the countryside features one of my favorite eagle designs is the 2000 Sacagawea Eagle designed by Thomas B. Rogers. It reflects everything that is good in America. It is majestic, graceful, and strong.



One only needs to look back at the numismatic eagles on our national coinage to realize that America's respect and admiration for our national symbol remains as strong as ever.

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In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers. We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material.

Meeting reports from the clubs include special events and program presentations.

Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: tnanews@sbcglobal.net

A special section at the end of Texas Happenings will contain longer newsletter articles of member experiences, opinions and numismatic information.

DISTRICT ONE



FWCC NOVEMBER MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order with 55 members and guests present. It was nice to see Natalie Miller at the meeting again along with the Millers' new addition, Bear. Bear is three months old and a future club president.

GUESTS: We were pleased to have three guests at the meeting. David Alexander of Arlington has been collecting for 50 years and is currently collecting Texas centennial half dollars (1934-1938). Tena Payne of Fort Worth has been collecting 30 years and sells coins on her website Texasstampandcoin.com. Bryan DeLuca of Fort Worth has been collecting five years and is interested in Indian head cents.

NEW MEMBERS: Gary Fellers and Tom Niederauer were voted into membership. Gary collects world coins, especially from the Philippines and Great Britain, as well as toned US coins. Tom likes all US coinage, mostly 20th century. He also collects foreign coins and some paper.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: It is always exciting when John Barber of Houston (and a Club member) is in town and can give the program. John's presentation was A Modest Colorado Collection. He started by giving a short history of Colorado beginning with the gold rush of 1858, territory status in 1861 and statehood in 1876. John discussed the various monetary items in use at various times, including Spanish colonial pieces used prior to the gold rush, private bank currency (never popular), and various coins produced by private coiners. These included Joe Leshner silver tokens which received Federal approval to serve as a local currency, Pedley Ryan & Co. silver tokens, used to boost silver demand, and gold coins from the Clark Gruber private mint which was purchased by the US government in 1862 but only served as an assay office.

The Denver mint opened in 1906. John's family has a Colorado connection and he was able to intertwine his family history with Colorado numismatics resulting in an interesting and informative program.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC DECEMBER MEETING - President Merle Owens opened the annual Christmas meeting with approximately 96 members and visitors present. New members: Faith Ann Adams. We end the year with 115 paid members.

The meal was catered barbeque beef and turkey with all the fix in's. Richard Wallace, Jesse Owens, Carl Stang and Jerry Ozdych served the meal; our tireless ladies prepared everything else behind the scenes. Jack Gilbert and Merle Owens contributed baked ham which was quickly consumed. Volunteers also brought many tasty desserts and side dishes. Everyone missed the delicious red velvet cake the first pass through, but did not make that mistake on the second pass. A special thanks also goes out to all of those who



helped set up, serve and clean up.

The Board presented Merle Owens with a gold-plated one-ounce Buffalo for his service this year.

Bingo was again called by Mike Grant in his legendary and entertaining style. Nice prizes were given out not only for winners,

but also for second and even third bingos. It appeared that most prizes were claimed by our young collectors. The final game (blackout) created quite a bit of drama to win the grand prize. Mike was assisted by Jim Waite.



Volunteers also brought a table full of gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign. Dave Werner will deliver the gifts to the Marines for distribution.

JANUARY MEETING - President Jack Gilbert opened the meeting with 43 members and visitors present.

Jack Gilbert reminded everyone about the donation auction in April. We need around 90 items – to date we have nothing contributed. We should bring items to Russell to the next meeting who will catalogue items into an auction list.

John Barber will be coming through this area and has agreed to make a presentation at the February meeting. His program will focus on silver dollars, something he has presented at the TNA show previously. The March program will be conducted by Mike Grant and Jim Waite; program content was not disclosed, but if history is any guide, it promises to be quite entertaining and informative.

We will again conduct Quiz Night in May, Youth Night in June and Show-and-Tell in September.

Visitors recognized: Bob Stewart. New members: Milton Hartshorn (returning, Bob Stewart (first time).



Finds: Kyle Lewis found a Where's George? dollar bill. The bill (to the left) requested that the finder log on to a specified website and report the location. Then the finder would spend the bill, thereby placing it back in circulation. Jack Gilbert also passed around

one of the new \$100 bills.

Russell Prinzinger made a presentation to Merle Owens for his service as president (twice), treasurer and co-founder.

Jack Gilbert announced that the TNA will be distributing 2015 Red Books to the first 1,000 attendees at its annual show in May. They will also give a copy to all kids at the Kid's Auction.

Kenny Smith's program this month centered on various ways to collect Federal Reserve Notes. While traditional methods of collecting by type, district or star notes was encouraged and discussed in detail, Kenny's example for his program focused on fancy ways to collect by serial number. Kenny had several examples of radar notes (same number frontwards and backwards), ladders (ascending or descending), repeaters (same number sequence repeated) and solid (same number). He also had examples of extremely low serial numbers (below 1000). Several error notes were displayed. One of the most interesting items was an error star note, which is a substitution note for an original error.

DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY DECEMBER MEETING - The meeting was opened with 15 members present.

Winterfest – We had a great turnout at the Yarborough Branch Library's Winterfest. At least 8-10 members showed up throughout the day to socialize, talk with kids and adults about coins, eat and listen to the quartet. Special thanks to Alan for bringing his scope and monitor. Viewing coins clear and close up is something that draws them in.

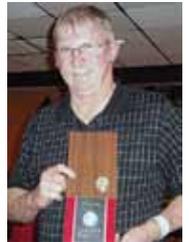
New Business: Recap of club rules. Will make copies of bylaws for all members to review and provide feedback. We discussed a new case for our club's coin collection. Club President, Christian Merlo, is now the Texas Representative for ANACS. Kurt Baty will speak in February – An Introduction to Major Errors Mike M will speak in March on online coin collecting.

DISTRICT FIVE



COLLIN COUNTY DECEMBER MEETING - The Collin County Coin Club met on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at San Miguel's restaurant for the Christmas banquet. There was no business discussed, and 28 members and/or guests attended.

The meals were provided by the club, and afterward door prizes were awarded.



The gift exchange was, of course, the highlight of the evening. The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. As usual, members coming for dinner at San Miguel's will want to arrive at 6:00 p.m.



DALLAS NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Gary D. There were twenty-four present, including visitors Max B. and Jeff D. Both visitors submitted applications for membership and were voted in as new members. Welcome Max and Jeff!

Gary announced that the club had received a \$25 donation and also received \$52 for auction items that were sold at the Joint Meeting with Collin County on October 30th.

The DCC still has some items left over from the Benefit Auction that will be used for door prizes and raffle prizes during the upcoming months.

Stewart H. gave the presentation for this meeting. The program was on United States Cent Patterns. Stewart provided a handout which included photographs and facts about the patterns, including alternate designs and experimental patterns.

The meeting concluded with Show and Tell, Door Prizes, Raffle and a lively auction, called by Stewart.

DECEMBER MEETING - The Special Christmas Party/Meeting was called to order by President Gary D. There were forty present, including twelve guests.

There was only one item of business. Officers for 2014 were approved by a unanimous vote, and will be installed at the January meeting. The 2014 officers are Gary D, President; Stewart H, Vice President; George M, Secretary; and Judy D, Treasurer.

Many members brought gifts for the White Elephant Auction. Stewart H. served as the Auctioneer, and the proceeds from these items will help the club with the evening's dinner expenses.

After dinner, a variety of Bingo games were played, with Mike G. and Jim W. in charge of the Bingo. A great dinner and dessert along with the excitement of the Auction and Bingo was enjoyed by all.

DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE NOVEMBER MEETINGS -

Nov.4 - There were 20 people at the meeting. There was a limited amount of business news. The Christmas party is December 16, Cadillac Bar at 1802 Shepherd at Interstate

10. The rest of the meeting was about Ed Stephen's coin show. Attending members said the show seemed slower than past show. The children's auction almost didn't happen. It wasn't sure who was presenting the auction, but went well. The following members presented a Show and tell, Richardo DeLeon, Richard Hyde and Alvin Stern. Richardo DeLeon won the Show and tell prize.

Nov. 18 - There were 22 people at the meeting. Garth Clark presented a report about the annual party. Garth announced that November 7 was Bellaire election night. Currently all coin shows will stay at the civic center. After August 2014, the show may be moved to a smaller location. Garth Clark and Ed Stephens reminded the members about early bird coin show Friday and Saturday on Interstate 10 at Silber at the Crown Plaza.

The following members presented a Show and tell Garth Clark, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Richard Hyde, Paul Krail, and Gene McPherson. Paul Krail won the Show and tell prize.

DECEMBER MEETING - Dec. 2 - There were 25 people at the meeting. Garth Clark reminded about the December 16 Christmas dinner at Cadillac Bar on Shepherd. The dinner will have a buffet and cash bar.

The club reminded everyone about the Money Show at the George R Brown Convention Center. The show will have scout workshops, numismatic graders and special programs. Michael

Wolford wondered about a picture of Bellaire 50th anniversary token. There were no new details.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Bruce Burton, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, and Alvin Stern. Bruce Burton won the Show and tell prize.

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GHCC NOVEMBER MEETING - Called To order: Alan Morgan, President. Call For Visitors: Mary Ann & Melvin N. (Former President of GHCC). Election of new members - Chet, Neil, Robert, Anthony Approved.

Show-N-Tell: Tom S. Chairman - 14 members made presentations.

Melvin N Says he would like to rejoin the club since he is now retired.

Bill W. Introduced Alvin S. as program presenter. He talked about four presenters at the Money Show and asked for all club members to show up to show interest in the programs. Alvin S. - Program for Exiting of Coin Collecting, (estates), World Of Appraisals.

Money Show - we agreed to have a show for 2014 and need chairman and volunteers to run the show. Current Money Show reports given by: Claude, Gail, Jerry, Ralph, Kevin, John T. smf Mike G.

New program awarding an Award for programs presented - Honoring Barney Loebe - For Members only. Details next month.

DECEMBER MEETING - This was our Christmas Party with attendance of 45. The 2013 Townsend Award was presented to a well-deserving Bill Watson

Barney Loebe Award announced for best presentation program over the year from Dec 2013 to Nov 2014, scoring forms for December presentation handed out.

Door prizes scattered throughout evening. Fine presentation by Alan Morgan.



GHCC 2013 Townsend Award Winner Bill Watson.



PASADENA NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS - Gene McPherson, PCC President presided over two meetings.

November - 25 (no meeting Veteran's day, 11/11)

December - 9, was the Christmas party bingo meeting!

Please consider giving a short



Bill Chase won again!

program next year on a numismatic subject. We would love to hear about the best coin in your collection, the most interesting coin series, an unusual coin, the best book in your library, or just about anything coin related. See one of the club officers to schedule a time (or just surprise us and give an impromptu talk).

For movie buffs, read the note below and see if you can identify the coin Cary Grant said paid for Cleopatra's motel visit to Rome.

A Miss-Attributed Coin? - by Gene McPherson

The movie, *The Bishop's Wife*, mentions an ancient coin. According to the actors, the coin is either Jewish (a widow's mite) or Roman Imperial (issued by Julius Caesar). Watch the clip, read below, and see how you'd attribute the coin.

<http://www.imdb.com/video/hulu/vi434176793/>

I think Dudley is off by a couple of centuries. It looks like Trajan (TRAIANO AVG, or Trajan Augustus) to me. I need an Imperial coin expert to do the attribution. I found the picture above on the internet. If you rent the movie and watch it on a BIG screen tv, you can get a pretty good look at the coin.



Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for 2014

DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY NOVEMBER MEETINGS - Nov. 7 – The meeting opened with twenty-nine members in attendance. Roger A. made a generous donation to the club if a steak house could be secured for the location. Karla G. will try to find a location that has a private room for the Christmas party. David A. announced that he is now signing up speakers for next year's meetings and for all members to consider giving a numismatic educational presentation. Clifton V. reminded the members that we have a club library and that books may be checked out from him.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. It began with Bill D. discussing coin designs by mint engraver Robert Scott and showed an 1800 silver dollar. He then briefly mentioned the election of 1800 and the role of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr and their subsequent duel. James W. then discussed obsolete currency in the context of members having expertise in various collecting areas. He said that obsolete currency is from 1866 and the years prior to that date. He said that about nine-hundred banks made these notes. Many were state banks (only two Federal banks existed) and that a new book by Q. David Bowers shows the rarity of these notes for collectors.

The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. Clifton V. with several interesting items presented.

The auction was conducted by David A. and Fernando R., with assistance from Frank G.

The meeting ended with the drawing for the Attendance Prize, a 1958 BU Franklin Half Dollar, which was given to Walter B. who flashed a big smile.

Nov. 21 – The meeting opened with twenty-four members and three guests in attendance. The guests included Andrea P., Dave F., Sr. and Dave F. Jr. Visitors, Andrea and Dave, Sr. joined the club that evening and were cordially welcomed. Under Old business, Clifton V. had handouts with the list of books in the club library and several members said that they may add books to it.

The "Ask the Expert" Session was conducted by Jim W., who did a follow up discussion from the previous meeting on obsolete currency. Leroy M. spoke about Kennedy's death and the creation of the Kennedy Half Dollars. He said that early mint sets had several changes, particularly the regular issues versus SMS coins.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. Clifton V. Several members presented interesting items.

Vice-president David A. introduced Brian C., who presented the Numismatic Educational Program that evening. His topic was "Foreign or U.S. - Why Not Both?" He discussed the collecting of U.S. and foreign coins and spoke about the foreign coins that were struck at US mints, both government and private issues. He stated that forty-three countries have coins minted here, including Australia, the Philippines, and Panama, with 1143 coin types known. The smallest coin was Panamanian and there were hexagonal (Congo), holed (Siam), and crimped (Ethiopia) designs made. The earliest coin was from 1817 (American Colonization Society in Liberia). In 1874 it became legal to mint for other countries and six mints do this. The first official coins were the one centavo and the two and one-half centavos from Panama. After his presentation, there was a brief question and answer session. It was a most interesting program.

The exhilarating auction included an excellent assortment of numismatic items. The meeting was closed after drawing the attendance prize, a dazzling 1955 BU Franklin half-dollar, which was given to Clifton V.

DECEMBER MEETINGS - Dec. 5 – The meeting was opened with twenty-nine members and one guest, Margarita F., in attendance.

Under announcements, David A. said that counterfeit money has shown up in Boerne recently. Clifton V. discussed the passing of T.R. Fehrenbach, who he knew well, and spoke about his role in numismatics and Texana. Frank G. showed a German catalogue of St. Eligius memorabilia that featured photos of several of the Gateway Coin Club St. Eligius novelty currency he has issued for our club's annual banquets.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. Stan M. showed a new one-hundred dollar bill and discussed a rumor that older bills will be made to "swap" for new ones soon. There was extensive discussion on this subject as to whether or not it was true. James W. then talked about "True or False" with money and had the club discuss some examples. He also mentioned the E-bay embargo on stamp sales.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M.

The auction was conducted by David A. and Fernando R., and assisted by Frank G.

The meeting concluded with drawing for the attendance prize, a 1955P BU Franklin Half Dollar, which was given to a very happy David A.

Dec. 19 – The meeting and annual Christmas Dinner Party was held at The Little Red Barn Steakhouse. Thirty-five were in attendance, including five guests. The guests were Allison D., Delia C., Pat R., Gene F. and Wolfie G. Gene F., formerly from Arizona, later joined our club as the newest member. The Invocation was given by Andy Cardona and the Pledge to the U.S. Flag was led by Stan McManigal. It was reported that O.C. “Butch” Muennink is retiring and has sold his shop’s name, Alamo Heights Coin Shop.

James W. led the “Ask the Expert” session. Bob K. led the discussion with the book One Hundred Greatest U.S. Modern Coins. He specifically focused on the coin selected as #25 on the list. That was the Jefferson Nickel in 1997 which is only found in a special uncirculated set, with only twenty-five thousand struck.

LeRoy M. conducted the Numismatic Roundtable. Andy G. brought a 1983 King Kala Koa I silver commemorative Hawaiian coin. David A. showed two unusual copper nuggets from the Keeweenaw Peninsula in Michigan. LeRoy M. had a 1977 Kennedy half-dollar with green discoloring.

The mini-auction was conducted by David A. and the gift exchange was conducted by Larry F. After a delicious dinner, a tasty Christmas cake was served to those in attendance by Celi McM. and Karla G. during the mini-auction. The attendance prize, a 1950 Belgium silver coin, was given to Andy G. President Frank G. thanked everyone for attending, and especially Roger A. for his generous donation to off-set the cost of the dinner. Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014. The Benediction was given by David A. and the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.

GOLDEN SPREAD DECEMBER MEETING - Our Christmas party which was held at Hoffbrau Steakhouse was a complete success. The food was good, the games fun, and most of all the company was terrific! I would love to post the pictures I took, however, I am still trying to learn Windows 8. Hopefully I will have them to show at the next meeting.

Make one of your New Year’s resolutions be to bring more members in and to help increase the interest for Numismatics in the whole area.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order at 6:56pm by Mike Nowak, President.

This meeting was attended by: A. Paul Otts, Kelly Archer, Wayne Peek, Karlton Nash, Michael Eklund, Tommy Tompkins, Norman Goodfellow, Charles A. Freas, Doug Hershey, Mike Nowak, and Steve Urban. Jessica Wallace is no longer a guest. She is our newest member. Welcome, Jessica.

There was discussion regarding the club’s participation in other projects like BSA merit badges (there is a camp planned for this summer), and programs such as the Coins for A’s effort. No decision has yet been made.

The election of officers for the Golden Spread Coin Club was revisited. The current officers were read by Mike Nowak and a motion was made to accept these officers on the ballot for the election. This motion passed unanimously. Our old officers shall now be our new officers.

Jim Fitzgerald has requested a listing of those who were given promotional invitations to previous shows. Jim has announced plans to sponsor our Amarillo Coin and Currency Show in September of 2014. There was no objection to this courtesy and as soon as possible, Mike Nowak will comply.

Doug Hershey gave a talk listing the events of the TNA and passed out copies of the TNA news to the members attending. Doug then told us of the finalization of TNA programs such as Book Grants and Coin Show loans. Doug encouraged all attending to become members of the TNA and enjoying the perks associated with membership. Members not in attendance are encouraged to view the TNA website in order to learn more.

Show and Tell:

As Secretary, I will apologize for scrambling my notes regarding the Show and Tell beyond interpretation. I shall make all effort to do a better job here on out....

Drawing: This month’s prize was a two coin presentation of the 1916 Silver Dimes. The winner was Charles Freas. The drawing for our gift certificate of \$20.00 claimed no winner. The name drawn was Troy Harris. Next month’s gift certificate will be for \$25.00.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER DECEMBER MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 20 members and 20 guests present. The club was lead in prayer by John D.

David and Sherry presented a beautiful Angel Tree display board with photos of the gifts purchased for the Angel Tree recipients. Over \$600 was raised through donations and a special club auction last month. David, Sherry and family shopped, purchased and wrapped clothing and gifts for 4 children. This is the 2nd year David and Sherry have organized the Angel Tree efforts on behalf of the club.



Officer Elections: Sherry made a motioned to elect nominees (unopposed) for 2014 club officers; Tracy seconded motion. All members present were in favor; none opposed.

Dwight presented the Christmas Carol Pictionary Game Challenge to club members. One table actually got all 24 answers correct!

A special Thank You to Betty for the lovely Christmas tree ornaments!

JANUARY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. 5 new member joined also. The club was lead in prayer by John D. Members with birthday and anniversaries were recognized.

An order sheet was passed around for members to order club T-Shirts. Sandra D. was asked and has accepted to handle the details and ordering of club T-Shirts. The date for our group photo was set for our May meeting at 6:45pm. This was set because daylight savings time will be in effect. Those who are present for the photo will not be charged an auction fee for that night Barry presented his idea of how the club will handle keeping a record of club dues

Refreshments were brought by Lee and Betty W. 20 auction lots sold. Door prize winners: Howard W., Bruce B.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

WICHITA FALLS NOVEMBER

**WICHITA FALLS
COIN & STAMP
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MEETING - The meeting was opened with 20 members present. After discussion a Coin Show Committee was formed with Don Vanadore, Kimberly Shelby, Tony Zupkas, and Duane Palmer.

The Club Christmas Party will be on 12 December. Cost to members and visitors for dinner was approved by the members present. Rob Robinson said that there will be a gift exchange for folks to bring a gift and we will have a drawing for the Carson City Silver Dollar.

New Business: The election of the club officers was held for the next year and: President-Rob Robinson; Vice-President-George Woodburn; Secretary-Mark Snyder; Treasurer-Connolly O'Brien and approved by those present.

Program. Tony Zupkas passed around his collection of large Canadian Cents. Tony said that he went to Laughlin, Nevada and attended a coin show. He said that he saw some coins that he liked. Tony bought an aluminum medal from the Columbian Exposition. Tony said that he ran into Coin Dealer Ron Hungerford from Arizona who loves coming to our clubs coin show. He said that there is a Coins and Canada website that that has good descriptions and a grading guide. Rob Robinson said that an 1864 "L" Indian Head Cent, had a pointed bust. Rob said that he has a few pointed bust and rounded bust Indian Head Cent and passed them out for people see. Rob said that Richard Snowe estimated that there were about one million Indian Head cents minted of the pointed busts.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



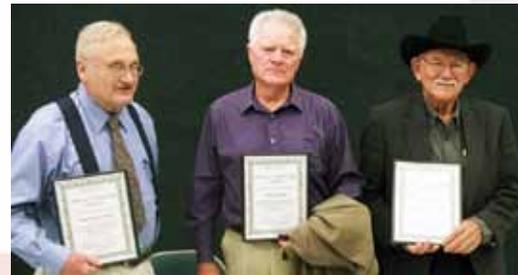
Hidalgo December Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 46 members present plus two visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 134 for the year 2013.

The Hidalgo Coin Club celebrated it's 53rd year of existence at the Annual Awards Banquet that was held on Dec.13. The event was held at the St. Mark United Methodist Church's 'Community Center'. Several members of the club pitched in to get the place decorated. The food was catered by Lifetime Member Servando Farias.

The HCC Coin Club Member of the Year Award went to Secretary Cynthia



Cynthia Bebon and Edgar Navejar



Charles Prather, Dave Busse, Oscar Torres

Bebon and the Young Numismatist of the Year Award to Edgar Navejar.

Three of our long time members were honored with the 'Lifetime

Membership' Awards, Charles Prather, Dave Busse and Oscar Torres.



The Outstanding Service Award recipients were: (seated) Juan Cuellar, Cynthia Bebon, Gordon Taylor, James Dunn- (standing) Dave Busse, Saul Garcia and Lee Shotwell. Not pictured is Ever Perez, Jr. and Javier Cadena.

Outstanding Service Awards were given to those members that 'stepped up' to help our club in 2013.

The membership voted at this meeting to sponsor another gold coin raffle to be drawn at our Feb. Coin Show.

There will be 3 1/10 oz. Gold American Eagle coins offered. Also, we have added the month of January to our line up of Friday Night Coin Shows. The club will now sponsor 10 mini night shows from Jan. through Oct. These shows are held 4 days after each monthly meeting. They have become a popular addition allowing

dealers and collectors a chance to gather once a month.

The Hidalgo Coin Club is now on Facebook. Council Member Saul Garcia will be keeping the page updated.

The McAllen Young Numismatists meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the Lark Community Library in McAllen. The beginning students are learning about half dollars and dollar coins, while the advanced class studies tokens, island issues and error coins. 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 70 lots with James Dunn serving as the auctioneer and Rene de la Garza as the money runner.

JANUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 56 members present and 3 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted. Everyone that attended the meeting renewed their membership for 2014.

The first Friday Night Coin Show will take place on Jan. 17th and will run once a month through the month of Oct. 2014. These are held at our meeting place in the music room at St. Mark United Methodist Church. It is a four hour show from 6pm to 10pm. HCC members enter free with their membership card and the general public is charged \$1.00. An educational program will take place in the next room for those wanting to learn more about the hobby and related subjects.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the HCC, can visit our website: www.hidalgoclub.com or look us up in Facebook. The January meeting ended with a lively auction consisting of more than 80 lots. Mr. James Dunn served as the auctioneer and Ever Perez, Jr. was the money runner.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

BEAUMONT NOVEMBER MEETING - Meeting chair George Fortune VP brought the club meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. A short discussion of old business had us moving the coin club show next September back to the downtown location of the Beaumont Civic Center. The escalating cost of the Elk Club venue caused the shift.

The balance of the meeting consisted of the annual auction in which more than 80 fantastic numismatic items were auctioned off.



The auction consisted of a good number of CC dollars and gold coins. Everyone

seemed pleased with the results.

The last meeting of the year will be the annual banquet.

DECEMBER MEETING - Vice President, called the meeting to order with 14 members and 11 guests present.

Trivia Question: Why was coinage of the Silver Dollar suspended from 1804 through 1839?

Several door prizes were handed out and our at our annual Christmas dinner which was enjoyed by all who attended.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

SILSBEE NOVEMBER MEETING - There was a lot of great discussion about the Silver Eagle programs and other offerings of the U.S. Mint. It was brought up that the Silver Eagle was ending in 2013 but after some discussion, it was determined that it was a come-on that said that the 2013 Silver Eagle production would

soon stop and that you should stock up now. There are a lot of misleading advertisements in newspapers and magazines that want you to spend your money. Careful reading of these ads is necessary if you what to get the most for your money.

Program: Donnie gave a program on nickels of the 1900's. There were three (3) different nickels minted during the 20th century. They were the Liberty Head or "V" Nickel, the Indian Head or "Buffalo" Nickel and the Jefferson Nickel. The V nickel was designed by Charles E. Barber in 1883 who also designed the "Barber" dime, quarter, and half in 1892.

The Buffalo nickel was first released in 1913 and had two varieties, the "five cents" on raised ground or on a flattened area under the ground the buffalo was standing on. The second design was used for the rest of the production through the year 1938. Production of the new design was put off at first because the high relief coins would not function in slot machines very well. The coin was designed by James Earle Fraser and was 75% copper and 25% nickel as was its predecessor.

The third nickel minted in the 20th century was the Jefferson nickel. It came out in 1938 and was produced along with the buffalo nickel that year. It was designed by Felix Schlag and contained the same 75/25 copper/nickel composition. The Denver and San Francisco mintmarks were on the right side of Monticello on the reverse until the composition changed during World War II. The War nickels contained 56% copper, 35% silver (0.05626 oz. pure silver), and 9% manganese and had a large mintmark placed directly over the dome of Monticello. This included a P for the Philadelphia mint. 1942 had nickels minted in Philadelphia and Denver with both metal compositions. After the war, the composition returned to 75/25 and remains that way even today.

DECEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A vote on officers for 2014 took place. A motion by Donnie and seconded by Jerry was to keep the same Officers.

Jerry gave a program on paper money. This was started during the civil war by Lincoln with \$60,000 in bills printed in 1863. There was no gold or silver backing for this currency. Later, National currency came out and had the signature of the issuing bank's president and cashier on the bills. Fractional currency started in 1963 and lasted 14 years. Gold certificates were first issued in 1865 and silver certificates in 1878.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

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

HISTORICAL FACTS

From the American Historic Society and Wikipedia.

Designed by sculptor Hermon A. MacNeil, Standing Liberty Quarters are one of the most artistic of all modern United States coins. Minted for a relatively short period of time, these classic silver coins are virtually impossible to find in pocket change. Treasured for their precious metal content, each coin contains 6.3 grams of .900 fine silver.

The model for Miss Liberty on the coin's obverse was Doris Doscher Baum, a former professional model, newspaper columnist, radio broadcaster and motion picture actress. When Mrs. Baum was selected by MacNeil to pose for the quarter, she was said to exemplify "the highest type of American womanhood."





by Henry Brasco

Gold & Silver...

Silver & Gold

The end of things is related to its origins. It is remarkable how often the origin of things is tied to the very same thing that ultimately leads to its demise. This situation was especially true when gold and silver mining caused a boom for miners, mining camps and "camp-followers" only to fade out with the depletion of the minerals.

During the period of the great gold and silver mining era - basically the 1800's - gold and silver were mined in the United States from Georgia to California and throughout Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico. Gold rushes occurred wherever large deposits were discovered. The first documented discovery of gold in the United States was at Reed Gold Mine near Georgeville, North Carolina in 1803. The first major gold strike was in a small north Georgia town of Dahlonega followed by vast discoveries in California in 1848. Additional discoveries were located in Colorado and the Black Hills of the Dakotas.

One such town where gold was discovered was Bodie, California in 1859. Bodie had over 10,000 residents, but eventually the residents abandoned their homes and stores to chase rumors of more promising mines. At Virginia City, Montana in 1863, Bill Fairweather and Henry Edgar chanced upon the largest strike in Montana and hundreds of prospectors established a camp. The Vulture Mine on the outskirts of Wickenburg, Arizona was once the highest yielding mine in the United States, producing millions of dollars in gold between 1863 and 1942.



SPECIMEN OF HIGH-GRADE GOLD ORE FROM THE DAHLONEGA MINES.

entertainers for payment. Most people preferred the cling-clang and the sounds of 'ka-ching' of hard coins. A small bag of gold or silver always sounded better than a wad of paper which was too bulky to keep in ones' pants, coat or saddle bags.

Private mints of 1849 such as Norris, Gregg and Norris considered the first of the California minter produced gold coins such as half-eagles. The firm of Moffat and Company 1849 to 1853 was perhaps the most important of the California private coiners. In June or July of 1849, the firm issued rectangular ingots of gold due to the lack of coins from the eastern cities of Philadelphia, Charlotte or Dahlonega.



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Silver ruled between 1882 and 1883 when miners flooded the regions in hopes of huge strikes. Then in 1893, the United States chose not to use silver as the basis for its currency and this resulted in the 'Silver Panic', thus sounding the death knell to old time subsistence mining. At about the same time, electricity became available for mining and this meant less labor intensive and more cost effective mining and it gave the miners the opportunity for go after harder to-reach Ores.

Gold and Silver - Silver and Gold
It was indeed the mothers milk from the earth!!



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Gold and silver locations were being discovered and worked by hundreds of men who had left their homes and their families to follow the "forever dream" of striking it rich. At the same time more and more women and girls were traveling West in search of their dreams. Not so much as physically digging for gold but by relieving the miners of their new found wealth. Many establishments sprang up as joints or saloons to entertain the miners and these were known as Fandango's. The Fandango's were filled with heavy tobacco smoke, mixed with the aromas of whiskey and beer and the overly sweet perfumes of the entertainers. Although paper money had been in print circulation after the Constitution was issued in 1812, it was really never accepted by the miners or



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At the ANA’s 2013 World’s Fair of Money 122nd Annual Awards Presentation in Chicago, Illinois, Charmy Harker was the recipient of the Radford Stearns Memorial Award for Excellence in Exhibiting for Best-of-Show first runner up, the Thos. H. Law Award for First-Time Exhibitors and the Rodger E. Hershey Memorial People’s Choice Award. This beautiful exhibit has been a clear favorite at coin shows, appreciated by show attendees, young and old alike!

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Admission to *On the Run* and all other exhibits at the Capitol Visitors Center is free. Please call 512.305.8400 or visit www.texascapitolvisitorscenter.com for more details.



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Thanks to a referral by TNA Governor Rick Beale in Austin, the Program Director of the Texas Capital Visitor’s Center got in touch with me and we’ve been working on all the details since the spring of last year.

I encourage TNA Members to visit Austin this spring for an enjoyable and educational time at the Capitol’s Visitor Center.

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Anyone who has attempted to assemble a full type set of US silver coins has faced the same, seemingly impossible hurdle — the Draped Bust half with a small eagle reverse produced 1796-7. While other types can be pricy (especially the 1796 quarter) costing thousands of dollars even for well-worn examples, the aforementioned half dollar is priced beyond virtually everyone but the well-heeded. Dansco has recognized this obstacle and has excluded this coin, as well as other 18th century type coins from its type set album.

The US mint experienced much criticism in its first 10 years of existence. The public uproar over the Chain cent (nation in chains) and the Flowing Hair designs (undignified wild hairdo) caused Henry William DeSaussure who replaced the first Mint director David Rittenhouse, to order improved designs of all coins, particularly the silver issues.

John Eckstein modeled Liberty from a portrait done by artist Gilbert Stuart, the artist who painted the portrait of George Washington seen on the dollar bill. The portrait is thought to be of Mrs. William Bingham, a Philadelphia socialite who was said to be one of the most beautiful women of her day. The Small Eagle reverse type was designed by John Eckstein. The wreath palm branches on the reverse were meant to be a nod to South Carolina, home state of the new mint director. Chief Engraver Robert Scot produced the coinage dies from Eckstein's impression.

Stuart was so displeased with the final result that he disavowed any involvement with the effort; his participation was unknown for many years afterward.

Production of the new design began in 1795 with the silver dollar. Mintage of half dollars, quarter dollars, half dimes and dimes began the next year.

The obverse displays Liberty in the center of the coin, long flowing hair swept backward and down her neck, and tied at the back with a ribbon. Folded drapery is placed across the bust and over her shoulder.

The reverse has a right-facing eagle, slightly smaller than on the Flowing Hair type. Around the eagle is a circle formed by two branches, laurel on the left and palm on the right, tied at the bottom with a bow. Below the bow is the denomination, represented as the fraction 1/2 (with a horizontal separator), the only time the denomination is so displayed on any lettered-edge half dollar. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA forms nearly a complete circle just inside the dentilled rim.

After Tennessee was admitted to the Union in 1796, the number of obverse stars on the 1796 issue was increased from 15 to 16, since Tennessee was the 16th state in the Union. Curiously though, obverse stars on the 1797 issue reverted back to 15; it has been suggested that the 1797 obverse die was muled to an unused 1796 reverse die. Only 13 stars were used for the later heraldic eagle type.

Draped Bust half dollars with the small-eagle reverse were struck in only two years, 1796 and 1797, and in minuscule quantities, at that. The combined total for both years is just 3,918 (the Mint didn't break down the figures), as the Mint concentrated on silver dollars and smaller silver coins at the time. No half dollars were made from 1798 - 1800, and when production resumed in 1801, the Draped Bust was mated with a new reverse featuring a heraldic eagle.

Today, it is suggested that only 120-150 examples have survived. Even though the series lasted just two years, it is almost always collected by type rather than date, because so few were made. Even when available, G-4 specimens run \$40-45,000.



SUSPECT ARRESTED - NOV 20

The Albemarle, NC Police Department has arrested a suspect in the killing of coin dealer Eldridge Gibson, owner, of B&G coins in Albemarle. The suspect has been identified as Ryan Efrid, age 45.

USPS PACKAGE STOLEN - NOV. 23

A USPS package containing several Spanish Colonial silver cobs was stolen while being shipped from Winter Park Florida to Weston, Fl. The coins had been purchased in Sedwick Auction #14.

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VEHICLE BURGLARIZED INVENTORY STOLEN - DEC. 7

The Guilderland Police Department is investigating the vehicle burglary of coin dealer Christopher Crisler, owner of Christopher's Coins in Oneonta, New York. The incident occurred after leaving the Albany coin show.

The suspects possibly driving a large dark or black suv broke into the vehicle while parked and removed four tubs containing 12 red stock boxes each containing about 200 coins. The stolen inventory ranged from large cents to silver dollars. The coins were priced from \$20 to several hundred dollars and included key and semi key dates. Also taken was a tray filled with gold and diamond rings.

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Law enforcement officers from across the State of Florida attended eight hours of accredited law enforcement instruction on Numismatic Crime Investigations during the recent FUN show in Orlando, Florida.

The seminar conducted by the Numismatic Crime Information Center and sponsored by F.U.N provided 42 detectives with the fundamental investigative techniques, knowledge and understanding to respond effectively to the complex challenges encountered during a numismatic crime.

To enhance the knowledge learned within the classroom all attendees were given the opportunity to visit the bourse floor, ask questions to dealers in attendance and gain valuable hands-on experience.

The seminar is only one of several initiatives planned in 2014 to educate law enforcement in the area of numismatic crimes.

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The Numismatic Crime Information Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. P.O. Box 14080 Arlington, Texas 76094.

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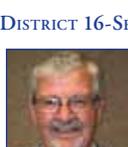
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TNA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

ADVANTAGES

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatics of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

CONVENTIONS

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions. Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity.

MEMBERSHIP

Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are under 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

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1. Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place.

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Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after the date of publication, the applicant is admitted to membership. A membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

DUES

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FEBRUARY 1-2 **50 TABLES** **FORT WORTH**
COWTOWN WINTER COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, snack bar. Hourly \$10 Dealer Gift Certificate Drawings. Adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. Jan. 25, 11am-5pm; 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$35 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: aptexas@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 7-8 **50 TABLES** **AUSTIN**
AUSTIN COIN & CURRENCY SHOW at Wyndham Garden Inn, Highland Lakes Ballroom, 3401 South IH-35, Austin, 78741. Friday 2PM-6PM, Saturday 9AM-5PM. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. \$3 Adult Admission, Kids 16 and under FREE. Dealer Seup Friday, Feb 7, 9AM-2PM, 6-ft Tables - \$265, \$50 Early Bird during setup. Contact Jim Fitzgerald jfitzshows@gmail.com; 817-688-6994.

FEBRUARY 1-2 **48 TABLES** **McALLEN/PHARR**
HIDALGO COIN CLUB 26TH ANNUAL COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW. Sat. Feb 1, Sun. Feb 2, 2014 9:00am - 4:00pm. Nomad Shrine Hall, 1044 W. Nolana Loop, McAllen/Pharr, Tx.. 48 Dealer Tables @ \$40 ea. day. \$3.00 admission - \$1 students. ANACS Grading Service will be on hand with show specials for coin grading submissions. Free Parking - Hourly Door Prizes. Contact: Raul H. Gonzalez: 956-566-3112, email: rgonz95684@aol.com. Show Chairman - Jesus Solano 956-330-1918, email : platinum1js@yahoo.com or visit our website: www.hidalgoclub.com to print forms.

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EL PASO COIN CLUB'S 51ST ANNUAL COIN SHOW will be held on February 14-16, 2014 with 60 + Tables Hours: 1 pm to 7 pm on 14th; 9 am to 6 pm on 15th; 9 am to 4 pm on 16th. FREE ADMISSION; Kid's Auction 2 pm Saturday 15th. 8' tables \$175; corner set-up \$300. We will be commemorating the Centennial of UTEP with exhibits and our 8th club medal. Location: El Maida Temple, 6331 Alabama St, El Paso. Information: John Grost, 915-533-6001; johngrost@aol.com

FEBRUARY 22 **SAN ANTONIO**
SAN ANTONIO COIN SHOW sponsored by THE GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC., Norris Conference Center, Red Oak Ballroom, Located in the Wonderland of the Americas Mall, 4522 Fredericksburg Rd. at IH Loop 410 NW and IH 10 W. Show Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Map at www.gatewaycoinclub.com. For Bourse info contact Ray Tate at P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, (210) 271-3429, or at retate@msn.com.

FEBRUARY 22-23 **40+ TABLES** **BELLAIRE**
BELLAIRE COIN SHOW Sponsored by the BELLAIRE COIN CLUB. Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 S. Rice Ave., Houston, Texas. Sat. 9am - 5pm & Sun. 9am - 3pm. ANACS Submittals (Sat only). Children's Auction: Sat. 1pm. Free Parking, Snack Bar, Door Prizes; \$3 Admission. Dealer Tables: \$245. Contact: Ed Stephens (rest of 2014 show dates): 832-444-4808. Email: bigdealed@aol.com

MARCH 8-9 **50 TABLES** **FORT WORTH**
FORT WORTH COIN CLUB WINTER COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, hourly \$10 gift certificate drawing, adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. March 7, 11am-5pm; 8' tables \$245. Early bird \$35 during dealer set-up. Contact: Kris Olsen, 817-320-1496.

APRIL 11-12 **32 TABLES** **WACO**
34TH ANNUAL WACO COIN SHOW April 11-12, 2014 at the Bellmead Civic Center 2900 Parrish St. Bellmead, TX 76705 (1/4 mile east of I-35 exit 339, LaVega High School entrance) Friday 12 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.; (32) 6 ft. tables @ \$140 each; \$2.00 admission, children under 17 free with paid adult; Free Parking; Dealer set-up 10 a.m. Friday; 24 hour security; more info call Tom Campbell 254-224-7761 or e-mail trcam_51@hotmail.com.

APRIL 12-13 **40+ TABLES** **BELLAIRE**
BELLAIRE COIN SHOW Sponsored by the BELLAIRE COIN CLUB. Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 S. Rice Ave., Houston, Texas. Sat. 9am - 5pm & Sun. 9am - 3pm. ANACS Submittals (Sat only). Children's Auction: Sat. 1pm. Free Parking, Snack Bar, Door Prizes; \$3 Admission. Dealer Tables: \$245. Contact: Tom Bermel:bermelthomas@yahoo.com (April 12-13, 2014 show only) or Ed Stephens (rest of 2014 show dates): 832-444-4808. Email: bigdealed@aol.com

APRIL 26-27 **50 TABLES** **FORT WORTH**
COWTOWN SPRING COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, snack bar. Hourly \$10 Dealer Gift Certificate Drawings. Adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. Jan. 25, 11am-5pm; 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$35 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: aptexas@aol.com.

MAY 16-18 **200+ TABLES** **ARLINGTON**
TNA 56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, COIN & CURRENCY SHOW. Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas. Lyn Knight Auctions Official TNA Auctioneer. New Location 15 minutes from DFW Airport. Close to Six Flags Over Texas, Hurrican Harbor, Rangers Ballpark, Cowboy Stadium, hotels and shopping. Admission \$3, Kids under 18 Free - Everyone Free on Sunday! Contact Doug Davis, 817-723-7231.

MAY 31 **25+ TABLES** **WICHITA FALLS**
WICHITA FALLS COIN AND STAMP SHOW at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC), 1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls TX, Friday, May 30, from 1PM to 6PM, and Saturday, May 31, from 9AM to 5PM. Free Parking. Admission \$2, children under 12 free when accompanied by parent. Hourly door prizes. Approximately 20 to 30 dealers. For more information, call 940-631-0817 or 940-704-4776, or email conrobrus@aol.com.

MAY 31 **SAN ANTONIO**
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JUNE 13-14 **80 TABLES** **TYLER**
FIVE STATE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW sponsored by the TYLER COIN CLUB. Lone Star Event Center, 4036 FM 2767 (Old Kilgore Hwy), Just Off East Loop 323, Tyler. Show Hours: Fri. 6/13, 1pm-7pm. Sat. 6/14, 9am- 5pm. FREE Admission, Door Prizes, Free Parking, Sandwich & Snack Bar, Coin Raffles, Full Time 24 Hour Professional Security, For Table Or Show Info Contact Barry Carter at 903-752-6300 or email, tylercoinshow@suddenlink.net or See Website: www.tylercoinclub.com



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