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From your TNA News Editor,
Ron Kersey



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It was certainly a pleasure to recognize the Kalvert K. Tidwell award winners and the Club Newsletter award winner during the 59th Annual TNA Convention. Garry Moore, our first place winner, was not able to attend, however, he provided a photo after his award had been received. Congratulations again to Mike Ross and Rob Robinson for their well-deserved recognition and, of course, to our incoming TNA President, Richard Laster, for winning the Club Newsletter Award as the editor of the Tyler Coin Club newsletter, "Your Two Cents Worth".

Show Producers, Doug and Mary Davis, along with Convention Chair, John Post, provided dealers and attendees with a top-rate numismatic experience this year. I saw many happy faces on the bourse, at the seminars and especially during both youth coin auctions. I had to take 3 photos just to get in all the scouts who attended their merit badge workshop. Our book auction was well attended even with a smaller inventory than previous shows. Gary and Judy Dobbins went the extra mile for the show's exhibits presentation, with Mike Ross providing a primer on setting up an exhibit. Medal sales were good for Frank and Karla Galindo and the raffle area was busy as Jackie Tomko took care of sales. Congratulation to our raffle winners this year.

Our Annual Meeting and Award Ceremonies was well attended. Gary and Judy presented exhibit awards with the lion's share going to "numismatist extraordinaire", John Barber. Special recognition was given to exhibit judges, Mike Ross, Stewart Huckabee and Richard Laster. I then had the privilege of presenting the literary awards. Debbie Williams, in her final year as president, got to do what she likes best - presenting special awards to TNA members for their contributions to our organization. The Lewis Reagan award went to Kim Groves, with John Post and Jack Gilbert both receiving the Mac Kennady award. Other well deserved awards were also given out.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the TNA membership when I say, "Thank you, Debbie, for a great job as TNA President!" And to Richard Laster, "We are fortunate to have you as our incoming President." Many thanks to Karla Galindo who performed the installation ceremony for our incoming TNA Officers and Board Members.

As usual, we have an excellent selection of numismatic articles for your reading pleasure. Until next time, keep that loupe handy - never can tell...

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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Richard Laster

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends... greetings from the hills of beautiful Northeast Texas. I come into the privilege of President of the Texas Numismatic Association with a touch of humility and a double dose of anxious anticipation. It has been my joy to tag along behind Debbie Williams these last few years as I served as First Vice President. I am thankful to Debbie for her gifted leadership and the fact that I can count her as a good friend, and will do so through the years to come. I look forward to tapping into her experienced council. I begin my term with thanks to Debbie for a job well done. She will serve the TNA board as immediate past president. Her talents will continue to be a major factor in the association's success.

Also... I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the governing board and appointed folk who are so valuable to our work together. Each has input and experience to bring to the table. When I look over the "contact" page in the TNA News and on our website I am amazed at the diversity of collector interest of those pictured there and, from what I know of many, their love for the TNA and desire to make us our best. Simply stated, our leadership team is a remarkable collection of dedicated individuals with whom I look forward to working.

It is my plan in the next couple of years to be in touch with as many clubs and therefore as many TNA members as is humanly possible. Any thoughts any of you have are welcome. Best plan for contacting me is through my TNA email address: tnacfa@yahoo.com. For three presidents I was responsible for our Coins for A's program. Since it seems that emails are for life I shifted my Coins for A's contact address to general use. (If you are wondering) I recognize that the backbone of any group lies in its membership. Let's keep in touch.

For those of you with whom I have had limited or no contact through recent years, please allow me to share a few basic details. To tell you the truth I do not know for sure how long I have been a member of the TNA. I joined a number of years ago in order to affirm my support for numismatics in Texas, to have the chance to meet likeminded folk, to channel an avenue for enhancing my collector knowledge, and to embrace a positive opportunity. When my long time friend Jim Bevill was searching for a Coins for A's worker

bee I volunteered. The privilege of doing so lasted until just a few weeks ago. It fit my schedule and personality. I passed Coins for A's on to Eve B. who has a heart for children and skills for the task.

In "real life" I am what I now call "an old Methodist preacher." I completed seminary back in 1979. I worked as a youth director / associate pastor for a few years and was appointed to a church "of my own" in 1984. In the years between then and now I've hauled my family willingly (most of the time) to various places in East and Central Texas including: Lake Jackson, Rosebud, Hempstead, Port Arthur, Anahuac, Houston, and now in Gilmer where I am in my eighth year. When time allowed during those years I would align myself with a local coin club. I currently serve the Tyler Coin Club as newsletter editor.

My collector life began at age eight when my grandfather presented me with eight silver, silver dollars. Fortunately I chose NOT to spend these and still have them somewhere today. I have collected off and on from that point forward. Like so many, when funds and time were limited, I stepped back as an avid collector finally returning when things of child rearing became more comfortable and when discretionary income more present. By that time I had shifted my attention from "coin collecting" and for the last several decades I have given myself to being a "rag picker" (aka paper money collector).

So... time goes on... I look at the past with amazement and gratitude to all of the good people who have touched my life. I look to the present with a sense of, as I said before, anxious anticipation. I look to the future trusting that we will be directed to be the best we can be, not only as individuals but in the case of the purpose of this letter, as a numismatic association dedicated to providing education and fellowship as we serve the people of Texas.

As I move forward I pledge to you my time, my enthusiasm, my friendship, and my prayers.

Regards and God Bless... See you when time allows... In the meantime let's keep up through the TNA News and on our website: tna.org.

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By Lawrence Herrera

Secretary's Report

JULY/AUGUST 2017

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS!

Welcome to new TNA members R-7622 to R-7625 and LM-274. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on July 1, 2017.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on September 1, 2017.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
J-7626	Luke Burek	Frank Galindo	7
J-7627	Matthew Burek	Frank Galindo	7
R-7628	Michelle Sherwin	website	13
R-7629	James D. Floyd	website	1
R-7630	Eugene Freeman	John Post	22
R-7631	Allen Berman	TNA Show	22
R-7632	Dennis Lester	TNA Show	1
R-7633	Chris Gearing	TNA Show	1
R-7634	Jim Robinson	TNA Show	22
R-7635	Robert Parmele	TNA Show	22
R-7636	Thomas Curtis	TNA Show	22
R-7637	Bruce Brinick	Frank Hezmall	5
R-7638	Fil Peach	Frank Hezmall	1
R-7639	Theodore Lahn	Frank Hezmall	6
R-7640	April Powers	TNA Show	3
R-7641	John Kusel	TNA Show	22
R-7642	James McKinney	TNA Show	1
R-7643	Raymond Robinson	TNA Show	1
R-7644	Reginald Harrell	TNA Show	1
R-7645	Michael Aglon	TNA Show	5
R-7646	James Haney	TNA Show	17
R-7647	Erik Peace	TNA Show	1
J-7648	Alan Proenz	TNA Show	1
R-7649	Joseph Lopez	TNA Show	3
R-7650	Matthew Hindi	TNA Show	22
R-7651	William Keenen	TNA Show	5
R-7652	Aaron Pickell	TNA Show	1
R-7653	Steve Laird	TNA Show	1
R-7654	Mike Larson	TNA Show	1
R-7655	David Parrish	TNA Show	1
R-7656	Marty Ottwell	TNA Show	5
R-7657	Randal Douglas	TNA Show	1
R-7658	Chris Merrill	Website	1
LM-275	Jonathan Coolidge	Conversion	5
LM-276	Mylon Bowen	Conversion	22
LM-277	Jeffrey Dickerson	Conversion	5
LM-278	James M. Floyd	Conversion	4

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary's office of any changes of address.

Mailing labels for the TNA News are prepared by the Secretary's office.

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TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, TX 75209

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Coins for A's
P.O. Box 131179
The Woodlands, TX 77393
Email: Coins4As@gmail.com

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DRAWINGS TO ATTEND THE 2018 ANA SEMINAR AND 2018 FUND YOUR LIBRARY DRAWINGS

Now Is The Time To Send In Your Entry Forms

The Program Oversight Committee has set the time period for entering the drawings for these two programs. Entry forms will be accepted August 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The drawing will be held at the TNA Winter Board Meeting held on Friday at the Houston Money Show to be held on January 19, 2018.

You must send one entry for each drawing to be eligible! Entry forms may be sent by email. Please include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. Include all contact information.

Email: gilbej@yahoo.com

U.S. Mail: Jack E. Gilbert
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ANA SEMINAR GRANT

The TNA will award an Educational Grant to two members to attend the ANA Summer Seminar (tuition and travel).

LIBRARY GRANT

The TNA will also award a \$125 Educational Grant to five members (including club members) for the purpose of purchasing Numismatic Related books for their library.

To be eligible the person (or club) must be a member in good standing during the year of the drawing and the two years prior to the year of the drawing. Chapter/Club members are not eligible for the ANA Summer Seminar Grant. A prior Grant recipient is not eligible for this Grant until two years has passed from the receipt of the prior Grant.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS OFFERED DURING THE YEAR GRANT TO PROMOTE NUMISMATICS

Earlier this year, NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club was granted funds to create a program to promote numismatics. The club used the funds to rent meeting space at a local coin show and will deliver an afternoon of educational programs. These programs are planned for the September 23rd Texas Coin Show in Grapevine, Texas. The entry fee to the coin show is \$3; but, the Educational Programs are outside of the coin show and are free.

REPORT



JACK GILBERT

BUNCE PROGRAM NEWS

DAVID BURKE – KARLA GALINDO – LARRY HERRERA

GRANT TO PROMOTE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

Earlier this year, NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club was granted funds to create a program to promote our hobby to young numismatists. The NETCC again hosted a BUNCH of kids ages 6 to 17 at its June meeting. The kids were separated into two groups and learned about coin collecting. All the presenters were members of NETCC and (I think) liked presenting as much as the kids enjoyed the programs. TNA funds were used to acquire coins and collecting material for the kids.

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

There have been no new requests for funding for any of the Programs since the last edition of the TNA News.

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)

Clubs interested in the TNA Programs for Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; and/or Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$20,075.17
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt.	\$28,425.78
PBOT (Mat 9/21/2017)	\$40,000.00
PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$25,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$113,500.95
Long Term Assets	
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 8/30/2018)	\$50,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19)	\$60,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00
Endowment	
PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017)	\$30,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$200,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$313,500.95
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2017	\$335,957.79
Income (Plus)	\$21,909.38
Expenses (Minus)	-\$44,366.22
Surplus	-\$22,456.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$313,500.95



COIN GRADING SEMINAR WELL ATTENDED

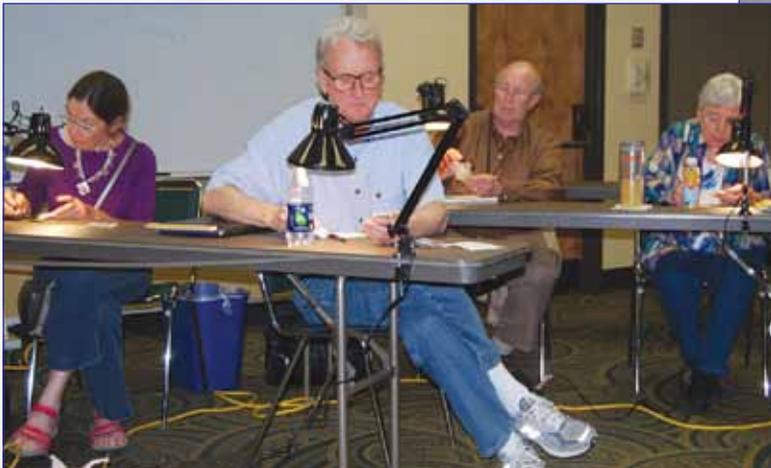
**THE TNA SPONSORED CLASS WAS HELD ON
THURSDAY & FRIDAY BEFORE THE
ANNUAL CONVENTION & COIN SHOW**

Though most attendees came from the local Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, some came from as far away as Oklahoma and Paris, Texas to enjoy a couple of days of learning about and enjoying “Early” U.S. Commemorative coins. Hosted by Carl Stang, the enthusiastic Commemorative coin devotees learned the background and history and quirkiness of this diverse series of U.S. coins and viewed many coin examples. This series of coins were first issued in 1892 (for the World’s Colombian Exhibition) and last issued in 1954 (the Booker T. Washington/George Washington Carver half dollar). The “Early” commemorative series of coins offered the

first image of George Washington upon an American coin (Lafayette Dollar), the first image upon a U.S. coin of a foreigner (Christopher Columbus on the 1892 & 93 World’s Colombian Exposition half dollars), and the first depiction of royalty (1893 Queen Isabella quarter). Also appearing upon U.S. Commemorative Coins for the first (and only!) times were the images of a badger (1936 Wisconsin Territorial Centennial half dollar), a “fatted calf” (1938 New Rochelle, New York), a beaver (1936 Albany, New York), a catamount (1927 Vermont Sesquicentennial half dollar) and a “hippocampus” (1915-S \$2 ½ gold piece—one of five commemorative coins minted for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition)! I believe that all in attendance had a good time and after the class, felt prepared to hit the bourse floor to cherry pick some coins to add to their commemorative coin collection!

The class taught by Carl Stang was great for new commemorative coin collectors. It was a full overview of the series. Carl has amassed a treasure trove of coin facts & historical perspective for each coin in the series. His extensive knowledge was apparent with his commentary & the way in which he grouped the series in easy to remember classes. This approach made it easier to recall much of the information later I have been collecting coins for many years and commemoratives sporadically for at least 20 years but have never had this much information on the series. All this made for a superb class but what was new for me and opened an entire new perspective was Carl’s memorabilia and particularly his medals that related to the coins themselves. It added significant dimension to the class. Great course, well taught in a friendly informative environment.

Josie Williams



Early U.S. commemorative coins have been of interest to me for many years. Even though I have been able to put together a silver type set of these fascinating coins, I’m always interested in finding out more about this series, including the history behind the development of each example, associated collectible material and the people involved. Carl didn’t disappoint. He obviously lives and breathes the series. After learning a lot of new information about the series, I’m charged up to complete the whole set and acquire some of the gold coins. The bottom line for me was that we all had a good time and I made some new friends!

Gary Parsons



by Sam Fairchild

THREE CENT NICKEL

To finance the Civil War, the Treasury started issuing paper currency. This in turn caused hoarding of all coinage, with even silver three-cent pieces and copper-nickel cents commanding a premium. To keep commerce running, Congress issued paper money in denominations as small as three cents to replace these hoarded coins. However, these small slips of paper became ragged and dirty, and the public came to hate "shinplasters". In addition, a variety of makeshifts such as business tokens and encased postage stamps saw extensive use.

A bronze cent and a two-cent piece began circulation in 1864. Despite these attempts, cents were almost unobtainable, hoarded despite the fact that their metallic value remained less than one cent each. In addition, nickel lobbying interests screamed because of the deletion of nickel from the cent. To satisfy their demands, Congress approved issuance of a three-cent piece in copper-nickel in 1865 to replace the three-cent note.



Longacre simply revised an existing image of Liberty for the obverse of the nickel three-cent piece. The same classical profile that appears on the Indian Head cent, the gold dollar, and the \$3 piece is seen fitted with a new hairstyle and a studded coronet inscribed Liberty. The motto "In God We Trust" was required on all pieces large enough to bear it, but the new coin was deemed too small. For the reverse, Longacre combined the Roman numeral III as rendered on the silver 3-cent piece with the laurel wreath used on the 1859 Indian Head cent reverse.

The three-cent nickel piece was very popular when it entered circulation in mid-1865. More convenient than the larger two-cent bronze piece, it largely replaced that coin, thereby starting the two-cent piece on its way to abolition in 1873. Between 1865 and 1876, some 17 million three-cent pieces

were used by the government to redeem the three-cent fractional currency notes.

Nickel interests were not satisfied by just the issuance of the three-cent nickel piece, and soon began to agitate for the passage of a five-cent coin, to be made of the same alloy as the three-cent piece. Their efforts were rewarded in 1866 with the addition of the Shield nickel. In addition, seven years later Congress eliminated the three-cent silver piece and silver half dime as a favor to these same nickel interests.

The three-cent nickel became less popular when the five-cent nickel was introduced in 1866. The public saw the Shield nickel as a more convenient coin, with a value of five cents better befitting the decimal system. After 1870, most years saw low annual mintages for the three-cent nickel.

The death knell of the three-cent nickel came when postage rates were reduced to two cents in 1883. Congress finally abolished it in 1890 with the last three-cent nickel pieces having been struck in 1889; However, most of the mintages in 1888 and 1889 were melted down to coin more five-cent pieces.

No change was made to the design of the three-cent nickel piece during its lifetime. Because of limited demand, no business strikes were produced in 1877, 1878 and 1886.

Only the 1887/6 proof overdate and the 1873 open and closed "3" stand out as varieties.



Three-cent nickel pieces dated before 1877 are readily available and are in the reach of most budgets.

Coins dated 1883-85 require a little more wherewithal.

Over the years, proposals were made to revive the three-cent piece. The most serious of these efforts came in 1942 when the Treasury was granted temporary authority to change the composition of the nickel because of wartime metal shortages, and if public demand required it, the Mint could strike three-cent pieces. Nothing came of any of these proposals.



by Mark Benvenuto

IS ANYONE COLLECTING THESE? - THE

People like big coins; there's no doubt about it. It's far easier for example to find serious collectors of silver dollars than it is something like half dimes. There's something a bit magical about that heft in the hand, that feeling of having something that's real, and solid, and big. So perhaps it's no surprise that the United States Mint eventually got into the multi-ounce bullion coin field. After all, there are a few other countries that got into the game earlier than we did.



Many of us may remember some of the twists, turns and kinks that went into the production of the first U.S. 5-ounce silver pieces, what often get called the "America the Beautiful 5-ounce silver quarter dollars," or 5-ounce

ATBs. Based on the mandate and instructions from Congress, the Mint claimed any pieces would actually be thin enough that a person could bend one with nothing more than their hands! Needless to say, whatever the hiccups were, they were all solved, and the Arkansas ATB "quarter" came out first, in 2010, with the Hot Springs National Park design on the reverse. A total of five designs came out that year and have for every year afterwards.

We asked in our title if anyone is actually collecting these big guys, and to answer that, it might be worth doing some basic math. When silver trades at \$17 per ounce on the world markets – a price it's been near for much of 2017 – that means each of these 5-ounce silver



bullion "quarters" contains \$85 worth of metal.

Since these are issued from the Mint in both what might be called circulating issues as well as what has been called "specimen," we expect some premium to be charged. Incidentally, the term

"specimen" means generally that the piece is proof or proof-like, even though the finishes look different from coins in the annual proof sets – and that finish figures in to the overall pricing. At the United States Mint website, a person can buy single 5-ounce "quarters" at \$149.95 each. On different on-line forums, single pieces are often priced from \$105 - \$125. That doesn't mean the Mint is scamming folks. Rather, the coins offered on-line at the lower prices are emphatically not the specimen pieces, while those offered from the Mint website are. Either way though, the extra cost above and beyond the \$85 represents the profit going either directly to the Mint, or to an on-line seller.

A bit more math gets us to some final projected costs for this biggest-of-the-big series. By the end of 2017, there will have been eight years of



these 5-ounce silver pieces, with five of them issued per year. Hence, 40 big coins. Buying from someone, be they an on-line seller or a dealer at a show, means spending at least \$105

FIVE-OUNCE BULLION “QUARTERS”?



per coin, or \$4,200. Buying specimen coins, and doing so right from the Mint, means an outlay of \$5,998, assuming each piece sold at that \$149.95 price, and we bought when it was available at the site. As totals, both of these may seem like pretty hefty numbers. But spread out over eight years, either total is one many collectors could reach without breaking their piggy bank and wiping out every last cent.



If spending some money was all there is to collecting, we'd be able to wrap this entire issue up right here. As they say on late-night TV though: "But wait; there's more!" Anyone trying to put together a collection of these

big ATBs might be tempted to get into the game of looking for MS-70 grades, as opposed to MS-69 or MS-68 grades. We'll admit right at the start that this may seem like an exercise in trivial detail to some of us. That's okay. But to others, going for the best one can possibly get is at the heart of forming a great collection. So, another look at some on-line sources reveals a few important details for us. First, there is at least one third party grading service encapsulating these big coins into big, plastic cases with the term "Choice BU" as a grade. They don't seem to be trading at any higher premium than what we noted. Second, the grade of MS-69 does seem to command a higher price, at least from an on-line seller's point of view, than an uncertified piece. And third, the U.S. 5-ounce ATB silver pieces are not the only 5-ounce bullion coins being slabbed.

It appears then that we have come across several different ways to collect these big guns. One could simply buy each piece in its circulating form, either at a decent-sized TNA-sponsored show, or from some on-line seller. We could also buy the specimen pieces either from the Mint or from anyone re-selling. We could buy pieces that have been slabbed by some third party grading service. And apparently, we could buy 5-ounce silver pieces from some other nations as well, slabbed or raw. The choices may not be endless, but they certainly are varied.

For anyone who has read this far and thought us crazy for even thinking of spending this much to build this type of collection, perhaps a 5-ounce "lite" suggestion is in order. Buy one piece, just one. Perhaps there is one design that strikes you as more elegant than any of the others – such as the Saratoga piece, for example (which got some excellent reviews). After a suitable period of time, save up for another. We definitely don't need to buy quickly; this isn't a race. But even if we only pick a



single design per year to add to our first, in a decade we'll have a collection of ten pieces that don't necessarily have to be measured in ounces – they can be measured in pounds! So, is anyone collecting these? Maybe, and maybe it could be us.

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by John Barber

THE GOOD, THE

As our monthly GHCC auction was about to begin, a member approached your editor and asked: what minimum should I place on this lot? The member was experienced with coins and knew that I would detect that his coin showed evidence of an “improper cleaning” in which hairlines were left on the coin’s unnatural bright-white surfaces. He knew he would be taking a “haircut” against price guides which offer opinions on “wholesome” coins. I looked carefully, and suggested he mark it with a starting bid around 60% of price guide. I’m pleased to report that it sold, and that there were three bidders interested, though none would pay very much more than the opening bid. This little scene brings up the wider question of how real world pricing concessions have to be given to move “problem” coins.



Perhaps the worst indignity which can befall a potentially collectible coin is to have a big, rough, hole bored through the coin. We sometimes see this damage from an attempt to make attractive home-made jewelry. Then, years

later, the coin again joins a family hoard of old coins. Perhaps some well-meaning person even undertakes to plug the hole. In the “best” attempts, he uses matching metal and even re-engraves details which were lost to the hole.



But collectors in our time have become less tolerant of crude repairs or naked holes. As a guide, I’d say the market value of a piece like the 1844-D Quarter Eagle shown below is reduced by 80-90% from its unimpaired value. Gold melt value still forms a floor price however. Full disclosure: this piece is taking a trip to Kentucky to see what Allen Stocton can do with it. Acceptable ethical behavior by me on its return would NOT include sending it in for Third Party encapsulation. It would also be unacceptable for me to offer it (after a nice-looking repair) as a “raw” coin without mentioning the repair.



Somewhat less egregious damage has been inflicted on this 1876 shield nickel. The ANACS holder in which it resides says “whizzed”. I’m thinking that its market value might be in the range of 50% of the value of an unimpaired piece.

Not mentioned on the slab tag (sometimes they only call out the “worst” thing they see if multiple problems are present), is that this one smacks of artificial toning. This treatment makes some sense, as there would be a desire to try to hide the hairlines left by the motorized wire brush under some color if that were possible.

While the whizzed surfaces are definitely unnatural, this one was not attacked with enough enthusiasm as to



BAD, THE UGLY

pile up waves of moved metal against the rim or lettering near the rim. See if you can see the myriad parallel lines in the fields.

Next up is an 1838 Bust Quarter which bears lots of evidence of harsh cleaning with an abrasive substance or cloth in the fields and over the devices. The coin is also unnaturally white for a 180 year old silver piece. This will get a tag saying "cleaned" almost every time from competent Third Party Graders. The seller will have to knock down the price by maybe 35 to 40% from an unimpaired piece for "cleaning" this bad. But cleaning evidence is not always this obvious, and in fact the damage comes along a continuum from "harsh" to "almost imperceptible" to "straight grade acceptable".



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The 1853 Half Dollar is such an example. It is in a straight graded MS-63 holder. But in your editor's opinion, it HAS been cleaned. There are no hairlines to point to, but the overall white, flat look is the result of repeated dipping in silver sulfide removing solutions. I'd much prefer a



darker and more original look. This kind of coin trades around 90% of full grey sheet value.

There is an important exception in which 19th century silver coins can be bright white today but without ever being dipped. This exception applies to pieces which have spent the decades in storage conditions where temperature fluctuations and air movements were small. This describes mainly Morgan Dollars from Treasury bags which were not moved for decades from homes deep under other bags in mint vaults. For these, "Bright is Right", and they face eager markets to mainstream collectors.



Finally, we come to premium coins which have never been abused now show the evidence of careful (or just lucky environment) storage. Silver coins will usually have some darker coloration.



Copper coins are usually brown or red-brown, but with plenty of luster. The 1877 Twenty Cent Piece is such an example. It would be a treat to form a collection in which every coin looked like this, but indeed that is not possible. Aspirations and upgrading continue.....

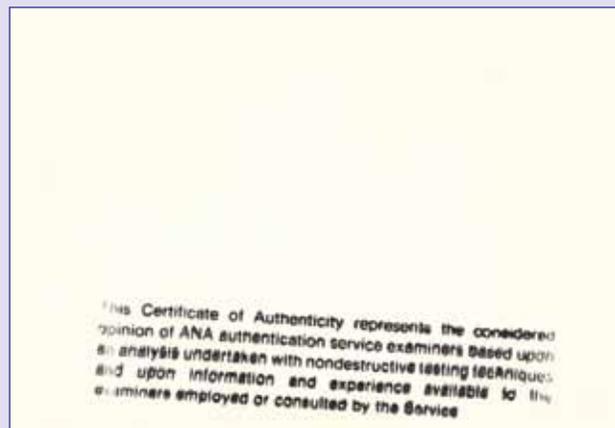
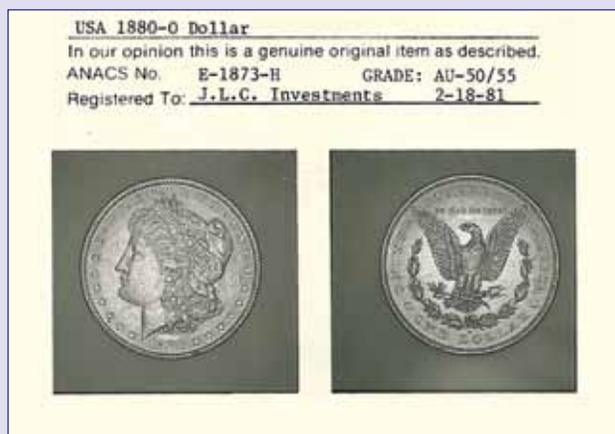
GRADING FOR A BRIEF HISTORY

PART SIX-GRAD

Third party coin grading grew in popularity and importance as the 1970s came to a close. The American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS) was charged by the American Numismatic Association's Board of Governors to start a six-month experiment. To address requests from collectors and dealers and to address the changing marketplace, ANACS was to grade coins that were submitted for authentication. The experiment was successful and submitters from then on enjoyed grading and authentication when coins were submitted to ANACS.

The way ANACS assigned a grade for a coin was different than the practice of today. At present most collectors and dealers are comfortable with assigning a single grade to a coin. In the late 1970s and early 1980s ANACS approached grading somewhat differently. The obverse and reverse were graded separately and both grades were listed on the certificate. This "split grade" was useful in that it provided a greater level of grading detail. However, it did provide some confusion in the marketplace, especially for novice collectors.

During the first few years of the 1980s, the demand for professionally authenticated and graded coins increased. As a result, the backlog at ANACS was becoming longer and longer. This backlog was compounded by a relatively high turnover of personnel due to the frugality of wages at ANACS. In the midst of these troubles, ANACS confirmed that counterfeit ANACS certificates were being used to sell coins at inflated grades. ANACS was the leader in the professional third-party grading services and they were in trouble. The marketplace was ready for new companies to try and remove the king from his throne.



An early certification from ANACS that provided a grading opinion on the coin. Note the "split grade" for the coin and hand-stamped guarantee on the back of the certificate.

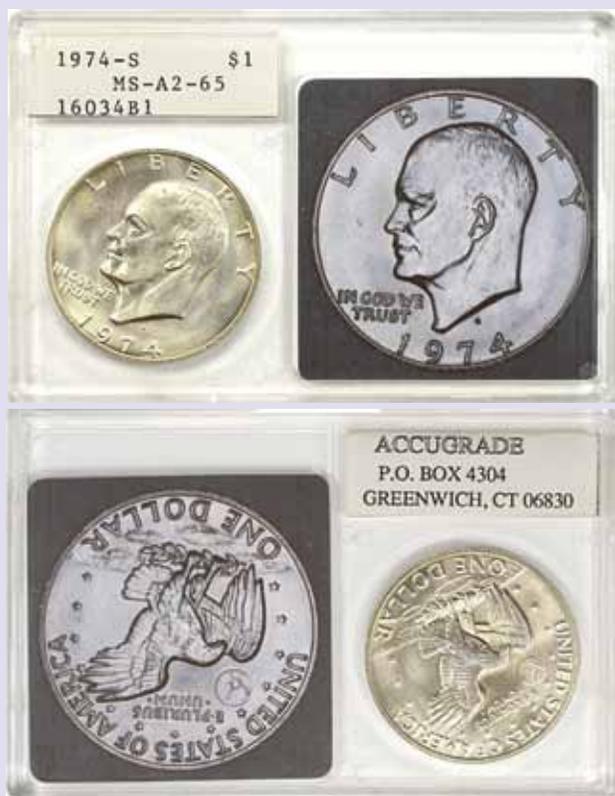
In 1984 the world of coin authentication and grading took a major leap forward and changed the face of third-party grading forever. Alan Hagar started the company, Accugrade, and his company authenticated and graded coins. In that sense, Accugrade was just like ANACS and the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau (INS), the two largest third-party grading organizations at the time. What his company did that the current market leaders didn't do was encapsulate coins into

THE REST OF US OF COIN GRADING

ING INTO THE 80's



Lane Brunner

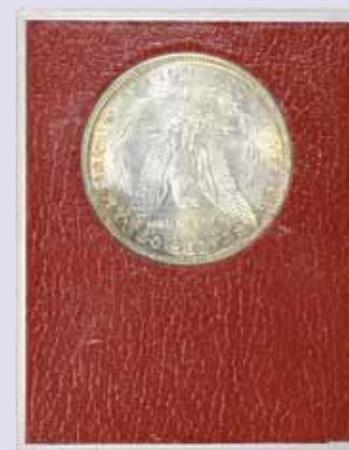
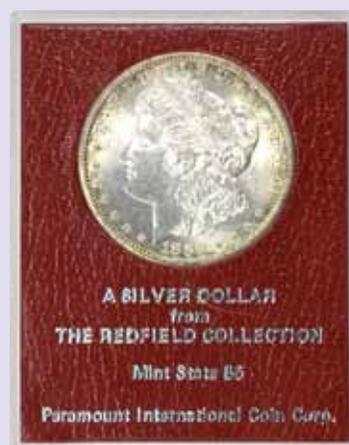


The first encapsulated coin authenticated and graded by Accugrade. Note the single grade and incorporation of a photograph.

plastic, tamper-resistant, holders. The modern slabbed coin was born.

Alan Hagar of Accugrade patented the concept of encapsulating third-party graded coins and would later license this technology to other grading companies. Accugrade also took the unusual approach of using their own grading system for coins submitted for grading. Accugrade used qualifiers to grade coins (note the grade in the image above) which was confusing to many collectors and would later necessitate adding their grading system to their slab inserts.

The idea of encapsulation was not novel. In the mid-1970s, Paramount International Coin Corp. marketed the LaVere Redfield hoard of over 600,000 silver dollars. The company used sealed plastic holders with printed cardboard inserts. The coins, graded in-house by Paramount, were sold to collectors and investors directly. While it would be a stretch to consider these coins as independently graded by a professional third-party



A Morgan dollar from the LaVere Redfield hoard graded and marketed by Paramount International Coin Corp. Coins were initially offered as MS-60 (with black inserts) or MS-65 [with red inserts].

grading company, the coins do represent the first commercial use of encapsulated, graded coins.

The early years of the 1980s was an interesting time for coin grading. It was the dawn of the modern era of professional third-party grading. A growing marketplace where the leading companies were starting to lag behind offered opportunities for those visionaries who saw a new approach to reach more collectors, dealers and investors.

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Are all U.S. coins struck with "coin turn" die alignment? What about British coins?
- 2) When were the last U.S. gold coins issued for circulation at face value?
- 3) What was the U.S. Mint original packaging for 1936-1955 proof sets?
- 4) When was the first U.S. commemorative silver half dollar issued?
- 5) What dates (years) of U.S. "nickels" have no nickel in the composition?

1) All regular issue U.S. coins since 1793 have been intended to be struck with the die axis at 180 degrees ("coin turn"), which means the top of the obverse is aligned with the bottom of the reverse. Starting with the obverse upright, rotate the coin about a horizontal axis to bring the reverse up for right-side-up viewing. There have been a few instances in which dies which became loose in the press and vibrated to different alignments, including clear to zero degrees. It is Great Britain and former Commonwealth areas that have coins struck in "medal turn" alignment. On these, rotate the coin along a vertical axis (like flipping pages in a book) to bring up the reverse for right-side-up viewing.

2) The most recent U.S. gold coins issued for circulation at face value came in the first part of 1933, when \$10 eagles made in Philadelphia were available to the banking system. The government contends that the \$20 gold double eagles made in the same time frame were never released. Bullion gold coins in the modern era and commemoratives carry a face value, but it is well below the issue price and even the melt value.

3) The Mint made proof sets available to collectors again in 1936 after two decades of non-production. The coins were placed in individual cellophane sleeves. The sleeves were assembled in denomination sets and stapled, with the whole works placed into gray cardboard boxes roughly two inches on a side and mailed to collectors. Over time, especially in humid storage conditions, the staples rusted and the cellophane degraded, leaving many coins with black spots or unattractive toning. The flat pack "Plio-film" packages introduced in 1955 were a big improvement. Allegedly unopened 1936-1955 boxes are still sometimes seen, but it is risky buying one without being able to verify the condition of the contents. The chances of getting a big payoff with finding a "cameo" seem outweighed by the chances of finding storage damage.

6) Has the U.S. Mint ever made coins denominated in centavos?

7) Is this piece a U.S. coin? _____

8) Who was the first living woman to be portrayed on a U.S. coin? What was the coin? -- Think modern, not allegorical Miss Liberty.



DR. COYNE

4) The first U.S. government issued commemorative half dollar is the 1892 Columbian Exposition piece showing a fanciful depiction of Christopher Columbus on the obverse and a "two worlds" reverse. The first U.S. gold commemorative is generally held to be the 1848 CAL. counterstamped quarter eagles.

5) The Jefferson War Nickels of mid-1942 through 1945 contain no nickel. The metal was needed for use in war materiel. The War Nickels were 60% copper, 35% silver, and 5% manganese. They proved to be unsatisfactory in use as they turned very dark and were dirty looking. While occasional stragglers can still be found in circulation they were mostly replaced by the regular composition before all silver coins rapidly disappeared from everyday circulation in the mid-1960s.

6) The branch of the U.S. Mint at Manila, The Philippines existed from 1920 to 1945, and coined bronze and silver coins in various denominations. Most had an "M" mintmark and legends saying UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Additionally, after The Philippines were overrun by the Japanese in WWII, our Denver and San Francisco mints produced centavo coins in five denominations. Earlier Philippine coins, 1903-1924, were struck at Philadelphia and San Francisco. The Panama fractional coins of less than one Balboa denomination were made at Philadelphia from 1908-1980. Coins for Puerto Rico and Cuba are also noted.

7) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin. It is a cent-sized substitute for a Large Cent and is part of the Hard Times Token series. Note how the engraving quality is not really up to the standards of the U.S. Mint, including the backwards "N" in "UNITED".



9) Why were early U.S. gold coins 11/12 fine when the silver coins were less than 90%?

10) When did the Philadelphia Mint cease making all the dies for the Branch Mints?

11) When was the first U.S. commemorative silver dollar issued?

12) How many coins are needed for a type set of nickel three cent pieces?

13) What is the difference between "hairlines" and "haymarking"?

14) Is this piece a U.S. coin? _____



12) There is only one coin needed for a type set of Three Cent Nickels; only one design was used for the entire run from 1865 through 1889. There were proof-only issues in 1877, 1878, and 1886, and the circulation-strike issues of 1883-1885 were coined in low numbers and are scarce today.

13) Hairlines are post-strike damage to the surface of a coin, inflicted by careless handling, circulation, or cleaning. These small scratches go into the surface of the coin and are visible in reflected light by tipping the coin. Haymarks are planchet defects which result from inadvertent inclusions (debris, such as charcoal or dirt) in the metal at the time of rolling out the strip. They seem particularly prominent and common on a range of British coins around the time of Queen Anne in the early 1700s. The haymarks show as dark streaks or minor fissures on the surface of silver coins of the time. Hairlines lead to important reductions in grade (indeed they are the main determinant among Proof-63 to Proof-68), while haymarks are not really part of grading (except that their presence does reduce eye appeal).

14) The illustrated piece is purports to be a U.S. coin. If genuine, it would be Judd-1212, a pattern commercial or trade dollar of 1872. But this one is a poorly executed recent Chinese fake. Note the mushy details and the inconsistent rims. The toning is fake, and the fineness of the silver is also suspect.

8) The first time a real woman was portrayed on a U.S. coin seems to be in 1995, when Eunice Shriver, a Kennedy family member, appeared on a commemorative silver dollar supporting the Special Olympics World Games. These were coined at the Philadelphia and West Point mints.

9) U.S. gold coins of 1795 to 1834 were of 11/12 fineness (.916, or 22 carat), as this was the British standard at the time, and fit with the 1792 Mint Act presumption of the gold/silver price ratio. After a brief departure to .8992 in 1835-36, the 1837 issues adopted the .900 fineness which prevailed until the end of gold circulation issues in 1933. Silver issues after 1836 also were .900 fine, but after 1853 were coined with reduced overall weight so they would remain in circulation and be less subject to export/melting as world gold/silver price ratios fluctuated. The short way to say it is: silver issues became subsidiary coinage.

10) The mother mint (Philadelphia) made all the dies until the Denver die shop was opened about 1995. Dies would be completed for branch mints, usually including the punching of appropriate mint mark, and then shipped to the branch toward the end of each year, in order that they could be in place at the start of the new year. Additional dies were sometimes sent during the year, if needed. At the end of the year, dated dies were supposed to be returned to Philadelphia for destruction, but this was not always done.

11) The first U.S. government issued commemorative dollar is the Lafayette Commemorative silver dollar showing the date 1900. These were actually all coined in a single day in December, 1899. Curiously, six sets of dies were hand-finished by Charles Barber and used for this small issue (36,000 coins). Many of the coins did not sell at or soon after the event, and the Treasury had bags until they were finally melted about 1948.

RESPONDS



*Frank Galindo
District 7 Governor*

NATIONAL COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES IN DISTRICT 7



NATIONAL C CONFLICT AND COURAGE

Participating in ANA'S National Coin Week provides an opportunity for all TNA members and officers to help promote our hobby and to guide and motivate both young people and adults into our ranks. I like to encourage youngsters and to mentor and teach them about numismatics. NCW helps to open the door and is an excellent way to convey the message.



Cynthia Cowles, wearing her National Coin Week badge, holds her ANA medal presented to her by TNA District 7 Governor Frank Galindo. She was very pleased with her National Coin Week ANA medal.



Matthew Burek, Junior Member and Gateway Coin club auctioneer, poses holding his promotional items from ANA's National Coin Week.



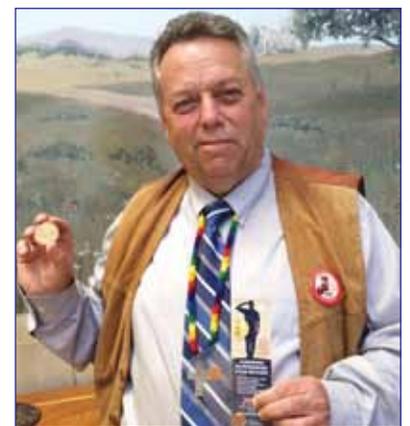
David and his sister, Nan Shelden, smile as they help to publicize ANA's National Coin Week. They hold items they received from Governor Frank Galindo, courtesy of the ANA promotional package. Both cheerfully expressed appreciation for their numismatic gifts.



Gateway Coin Club's Junior Member Luke Burek proudly shows his ANA National Coin Week medal and commemorative coin for the program he gave at the Gateway Coin Club.



Dyego Madrigal holds a Presidential Dollar Album and other numismatic items promoting NCW, while his father, Eddie Madrigal, proudly smiles.



Medal collector John David Griffin, holding a NCW bookmark, adds his new ANA medal he received during National Coin Week to his collection.



COIN WEEK 2017

THEME: MONEY AND THE MILITARY



Max Healy participates by helping to support ANA's annual National Coin Week and is shown holding items promoting the event. Max was very pleased to endorse this year's event.



Young numismatist Molly Myers smiles as she holds a colorful 1794 silver dollar puzzle. This coin has been called "America's First Silver Struck." She was delighted to receive this superb numismatic item.

JFITZ SHOWS



AUSTIN COIN & CURRENCY SHOW
DECEMBER 1-3, 2017



LUBBOCK COIN & CURRENCY SHOW
March 30-31, 2018



AMARILLO COIN & CURRENCY SHOW
July 13-15, 2018



ALL SHOW HOURS & INFO

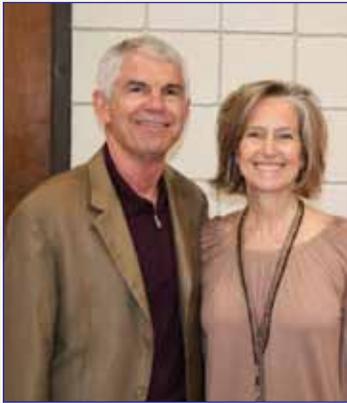
FRIDAY, 2PM-6PM
SATURDAY, 10AM-5PM
SUNDAY, 10AM-3PM

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES
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2017 TNA CONVENTION AND



Doug and Mary Davis succeed in putting on a great show for the TNA in 2017.



Many thanks to volunteers who worked to make sure Registration went smoothly.



John Post, Convention Chair & Frank Hezmall, Registration Chair keep things running smoothly.



Matthew Burek of Matthew's Coins and Collectibles, with his Dad, Todd at the Young Numismatic Booth.



Frank and Karla Galindo with 2017 Convention Medals



Convention pages help keep the dealer display cases clean and take lunch orders for dealers.



Members of Texas Coin Clubs provide information about area club activities.



Jackie Tomko takes care of Raffle Ticket Sales

2017 RAFFLE WINNERS	
Katy M. Salado, TX	Debbie W. Roanoke, TX
Greg L. Arlington, TX	Steve G. Plano, TX
Gary A. Azle, TX	Gabriel K. Keller, TX



D COIN SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Dealers on the Bourse Floor Ready to do Business



Jackie & David Carruthers
Grand Gold Coin & Investments



Jim Fitzgerald & Gene Wheeler



R.J. Peed Enterprises provide
supplies for the show.



In God We Trust Coins



Gary Andrews, Andrews Antique Coins



Derek Vinson, American Coins &
Collectibles



Auddie Neisler and James Miers
Paris Gold and Silver



Ed Lasko and Richard Wallace
enjoy the show.

Seminars



Kim Groves with seminar speakers, Dick Hyde: "Guerilla Collecting: Stalking the Wild Collectable" & Lane Brunner: "Gold, Silver, Numismatics & the Wizard of Oz"



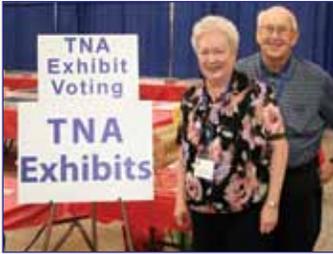
Book Auction



Doug Hershey and Tom Bennington get ready for the
final countdown to end auction.

2017 TNA CONVENTION AND

Creative & Educational Exhibit Displays



Judy & Gary Dobbins welcome attendees to exhibit area.



Michael Ross gives a presentation on "How to Make a Winning Exhibit".



THE 2017 EXHIBITS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS!

There were 19 exhibits this year. Ten of those were competitive exhibits, 7 were non-competitive and 2 were on loan from the ANA.

The Competitive Exhibits were judged according to TNA Guidelines and prizes awarded to the following: U.S. Coins

- 1st Place - John Barber, "Seated Liberty Dollars"
- 2nd Place - Edward Arrich, "Proof Franklin Halves"
- 3rd Place - Ron Burns, "109 Years of Lincoln Cents"

World Coins:

- 1st Place - John Barber, "Countermarked Mexican Dollars"
- 2nd Place - Eugene Freeman, "Selected Leper Colony Coins of the Americas"
- 3rd Place - Eve Barber, "El Caballito" (The Horse Peso)

Texas or Local Theme:

- 1st Place - Eugene Freeman, "The 1/2 Reales of San Antonio 1817-1818"

The judges also selected the "Best in Show" Award, which was presented to John Barber for his "Seated Liberty Dollars" exhibit.

Rick Ewing and George Morris also placed exhibits in the Competitive Category. Non-Competitive Exhibits were submitted by Byron Behrens, Ron Burns, Richard Laster, Michael Ross and Ralph Ross.

Special Appreciation goes to the three judges: Stewart Huckaby, Richard Laster and Michael Ross. Michael Ross also gave a special presentation on "How to Make a Winning Exhibit".

In an effort to create more interest in the exhibit viewing, visitors were encouraged to vote for the "People's Choice Award". As an incentive, those that participated had their name entered in a drawing. There were a total of three drawing winners, each taking one of the beautiful silver bullion coins. Over 175 people viewed the Exhibits and 160 voted for their favorite and registered to win one of the prizes. The "People's Choice Award" winner was John Barber for his "Seated Liberty Dollars" exhibit.

Exhibit Co-Chairs Gary and Judy Dobbins have already begun making plans for the 2018 Exhibits.

Exhibit Awards Presented by Gary and Judy Dobbins, Exhibits Chairs



John Barber brought a remarkable exhibit performance to this year's convention. John won First Place Awards in the U.S. Coins and World Coins categories. He also won the Best of Show Award for "Seated Liberty Dollars", while garnering the People's Choice Award for this same exhibit. Congratulations, John, for this well deserved recognition.



Eve Barber received Third Place in the World Coins category for her exhibit, "El Caballito"



Special recognition was given to this year's exhibit judges: Stewart Huckaby (top), Michael Ross (bottom) & Richard Laster (not shown)



D COIN SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

TNA Annual Meeting & Award Ceremonies

Special Awards Presented by President Debbie Williams



Lewis Reagan Award
Kim Groves



Mac Kennedy Award - John Post and Jack Gilbert



2016 VIP Award
Russell Prinzing



TNA
Hall of Fame
Award
Steve Ivy and
Jim Halperin
Heritage
Rare Coins



Joe Olson Outstanding
Volunteer Award
Dalia Smith & Jimmy Davis



Governor of the Year Award
John Barber



Special Presidential Award - Carl Stang and Ron Kersey

Literary Awards Presented by Ron Kersey, TNA News Editor



Kalvert K. Tidwell Award
First Place - Garry Moore



Kalvert K. Tidwell Award
First Runner Up
Mike Ross



Kalvert K. Tidwell Award
Second Runner Up
Rob Robinson



Best Club Newsletter
Tyler CC, Your Two Cents Worth
Richard Laster, Editor



Debbie Williams
passes the gavel to
incoming President,
Richard Laster &
receives a Token of
Appreciation for her
service to TNA.



Karla Galindo performs Installation Ceremony
for incoming TNA Officers and Board Members

YOUNG COLLECTORS ENJOY THE BIDDING

Registration Desk is Busy



Volunteers welcome young collectors to the auction.



Ellen Dibler taking a break between auction registrations.



Youth Auction Coordinators, Dalia Smith and Jimmy Davis enjoy another successful you auction day.

Morning and Afternoon Sessions Ready to Go!



Drawing to Break Tie Bids...

Thank You!
 Ed Lasko
 Walter Fabisiak
 James Van Daele
 Ben Ratskoff
 Charles Moore
 Fort Worth Coin Club
 Dallas Coin Club
 Jack Gilbert
 Ken Schlosser
 Jeff Nolen
 Bob Foster Rare Coins
 Wayne Miller
 Johnny Tucker
 Jim Jeska
 Tom and Sandy's Coins
 Raymond Franco
 Chris Gristina
 Arlington Coin
 Jimmy Davis
 Frank Hezmall
 John Meinast
 Al Garrity
 T.N.A.



Lucky winners of mystery boxes.

If we have missed anyone who has contributed, we apologize and offer many thanks to you.

EXPERIENCE AT YOUTH COIN AUCTIONS

Winning Bids Bring Many Smiles



A happy auction winner.



Proud Dad enjoys his son's winning bid.



"Mom, look what I won!"



Larry Dibler with a happy auction winner.



Never too young to win!

Auctioneer, Charlie Mead, With Lucky Door Prize Winners



SCOUT COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP



Kevin Kell, Troop 336 Scoutmaster, and other Scoutmasters had a large turnout at the Workshop on Saturday. Scouts are expected to complete requirements when they organize and present their collections.





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

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

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

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



DISTRICT ONE

FWCC MAY MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with other officers attending: Vice President Frank Hezmall, Director Kevin Guiles, Treasurer Walter Fabisiak, and Directors Smith and Davis were present. Secretary JC Drake was absent due to illness.

New Business: Since the club will not be putting on a coin show in 2018, future revenue raising activities were discussed. A donation auction similar to what several other area clubs do was a possibility. Nearly all club members indicated that would be willing to donate an item or items valued between \$20 and \$50.

Program: Carl Stang discussed the art of Laura Gardin Fraser including her medals, coins, and statues. Carl's presentation was exceptional, as always, and he had quite a selection of Fraser' medals for members to view.

JUNE MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with other officers attending: Vice President Frank Hezmall, Director Kevin Guiles, Treasurer Walter Fabisiak, and Directors Smith and Davis were present. Secretary JC Drake was absent due to illness.

New Member: Erik Peace. **Guests:** We were pleased to have guest Jim Floyd attend the meeting.

Education: Gardiner's Island medal (presented by member John Neinast). John's educational program was on the Gilroy Roberts-designed Gardiner's Island medal. Roberts was the former chief engraver for the U.S. Mint and designed the Kennedy half-dollar. The medal was distributed in a three-piece set of dollar-size pieces called "Pattern Trial Proofs." John's example was made of platinum. Interestingly, Gardiner's Island, which is located near the eastern tip of Long Island, New York, was settled in 1639 and has remained in the Gardiner family to modern times. It is the longest held piece of real estate in the entire United States.

JULY MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with other officers attending.

Education: Carolingian Coinage (presented by Mike Ross) Mike's very educational program was on the reintroduction of coinage after the Dark Ages, around the time of Charlemagne (742-814). Comments heard from the membership included, "very interesting program" and "best presentation I've seen in this area of coin collecting". Very well done presentation, Mr. Ross.



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES JUNE MEETING - Bill Kiblinger spoke about two-cent piece which was produced for circulation from 1864 to 1872 and for collectors in 1873. Designed by James B. Longacre, there were decreasing mintages each year, as other minor coins such as the nickel proved more popular. The 1864 large motto and the 1865 as the least expensive two-cent pieces, in good (G-4) condition at \$15, though every issue by year through 1871 lists for \$40 or less in that condition. Despite the high mintage, it is the 1864 date that has one of the more highly valued varieties, the "small motto". Yeoman lists the 1864 small motto in Proof condition, at \$20,000 and in Very Fine (VF-20) it is \$600. In 1872, only 65,000 two-cent pieces were struck for circulation and is unclear why they were struck at all.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC JUNE MEETING - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 72 members and visitors present.

Visitors recognized: 24 total, all tied to Youth Night. **New members:** Bill Proenza, Bruce Brinick.

Volunteers who worked the TNA show were recognized by Frank Hezmall. Our Club as usual provided a disproportionate share of volunteers to help with setup, teardown, registration and raffle activities.

The Club also had a table on the bourse floor at the TNA show that was continually manned. This gave the Club an opportunity to talk to many collectors and to have interested folks sign up for more information about the Club. In addition, the Club was able to effectively promote its Youth Night. Cheryl Rybka produced an eye-catching flyer which helped attract 24 NEW folks to our June meeting.

Carl Stang was given a special TNA award for his efforts in numismatic education. Carl has conducted a coin seminar at the TNA for the past two years, as well as leading the Grapevine show seminar series for several years. He has also taught at the ANA summer seminars.

After a short business meeting, the kids in attendance departed to other rooms to participate in this year's Kids Night for



youth 17 and under. The kids were divided into two age groups of roughly equal size.

The younger group of kids 10 and under enjoyed a program focused on Proof coins. The kids not only learned the difference between circulating and proof coins, but also how to identify them by their mintmarks. Each participant received numerous examples including a set of proofs issued in a particular year. This group was led by Richard Wallace.



The older kids 11 and older were led by Carl Stang who spoke on error coins. They first watched a video on the minting process and how errors can be produced at each step. Next, Carl discussed different types of common errors, and handed out examples. Makes you wish you were a kid!



This year's Kids Night was both interesting and educational for the 18 kids who participated. The kids also walked away with lots of fun and valuable giveaways.

While the Club focused on Kids Night at the June meeting, the adults were not forgotten. Charlie Bathman spoke about the US Coinage Acts and the effects on coin availability and economic commerce. The session went long due to the numerous questions and discussion at the end of the presentation.

The door prizes were won by Jack Gilbert, Kevin Kell and John Neinast. The progressive door prize was not won and will be added to the May and July prizes.

The usual auction of approximately 40 items was conducted. Because of the auction popularity, each member will be limited to four submitted items in the future to give all members a chance to submit.

JULY MEETING - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 66 members and visitors present at 7:19. The delay was due to everyone lining up to feast on the tasty hot dogs.

While the meeting was being conducted, everyone was feasting on the many scrumptious desserts brought by volunteers. Other volunteers had brought side dishes such as deviled eggs, macaroni salad and potato salad, but these had long disappeared into member stomachs.

Special thanks goes out to Kenny Smith who arrived early to cook the dogs, as well as the ladies who helped serve and the volunteers who brought all their special dishes.

Russell Prinzinger was admitted to the hospital CCU yesterday. Russell is a founder of our Club and an integral part of what goes on. A card was passed around for members to express their prayers and concerns.

The August program will be given by Sam Fairchild on Standing Liberty Quarters. The September program will be our annual "Show n' Tell Night; expect to see some usual numismatic displays that night.

It was announced that the Grapevine seminar for this year will be held September 22.

Visitors recognized: Andy Mesaros (who joined), Ken Horn, J.D. Folk, Nathan Folk, Steve Hatchett, Jeff Erickson. New members: Andy Mesaros.

The program was given by Carl Stang on the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893. He explained the history of the exposition, as well as stories about the event.

He discussed not only the two coins produced by the US Mint, but also some of the medals, medallions, so-called dollars, passes and postage stamps associated with the event. Carl also displayed a wide variety of these items.



The door prizes were won by Charles Moore, Lucky Michniewski and Collin Parkes. The progressive door prize was not won and will be added to the May, June and July prizes.

The usual auction of approximately 40 items was conducted.

DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY MEETINGS, MAY & JUNE - The May meeting brought in a couple new members. Mitch showed off the new club business cards which gives the clubs info and meeting location and time. They will be distributed to local coin shops to display to help garner some new members. Hal brought in some of his collection of cherry picked coins. Many of which he gets from coin shows but also at shops where he is known to spend quite some time sifting through bowls.

The June meeting had some interesting items up for discussion. First off, the TNA Convention was the upcoming weekend. A number of members said they were going. The clubs 50th anniversary will be in 2019 and some ideas were discussed about how to commemorate it. Ideas ranged from having custom 'coins' made with the club logo, to a less expensive wooden nickel, which the club has done in the past. The middle ground has the officers looking into 'challenge coins' as an idea that would be less expensive than a full coin and more durable than wooden nickels.

The program was on coin holders and how they can be beneficial or detrimental to the condition of your coins. Some examples of coins devalued because of how they were stored were passed around. Finally, Mitch brought in a 5 roll set of 1959-D nickels that were wrapped in foil, then in a paper tube then again wrapped in paper and sealed. The idea behind the foil was to preserve the edge of the coins. A camera caught the unveiling of one of these rolls being opened for the first time since 1959! The video can be seen on you tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmH4yBsIX7M>.

DISTRICT FIVE



DALLAS MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Mike. There were in attendance 28 members and 2 guests. Bill S. a friend of Guillermo and Chris, Ron B.'s son.

Show and Tell had many interesting items. There were happy winners of door and raffle prizes. The auction had 58 lots sold.

PROGRAM: 1861 O Half Dollar & Pattern: Special Reverse (Bill Bugert program: Liberty Seated Collectors club) Ron B. gave a detailed review of Mr. Bugert's program..

JUNE MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Mike who began the meeting with an announcement of spot prices for gold and silver. There were in attendance 29 members and 4 guests. Guests: Vernon, Linda, David, and David.

Frank thanked the Dallas Coin Club members for volunteering at the TNA. A young numismatist (15 years old) won the raffle for a gold coin.

PROGRAM: Military Payment Script: by Frank H.

Frank, a veteran, presented the program on MPC (or to those not in to military initialisms Military Payment Script) and how it developed. There was a real need for script not only for the troops but to protect the country's currency. MPC's were only used in an occupation zone such as Libya or Japan. Typically an MPC was made and used but as problems ensued new MPCs were issued. In the POW camps of Germany and Japan prisoners mainly used the bills for gambling.

Before shipping out a typical soldier would convert his dollars to MPC. In Vietnam if it was discovered he had dollars he could be court martialled. Upon return the MPC's could be exchanged again for dollars. Troops had American military script in their pockets in France, Austria, Italy, France and Germany during WWII. In 1948, they were issued in an emergency during the Italian and Austrian occupation.

DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE JAY MEETINGS - May 15 -

There were 18 people at the meeting.

Garth C noted the last meeting Rupert S was presented with a certificate and gift cards. Garth C presented an updated order for the business card.

Garth C discussed his career as a chemical engineer. Garland S discussed the need for insurance during the August

three-day show. The August show is a new location. The high valued items would be going through the Shriner's building. Michael W noted that in the American Numismatic Association's Numismatist for May 2017. There was a recruitment idea about the Bellaire coin club's business card. The club has only been a national member for a month. The following members presented a Show and tell, Karl B, Garth C, Wendy R and Alvin S. Karl B won the Show and tell prize. Bill W won the auction prize. Bill decided to donate the prize to Donnie F, the only Young Numismatic attending.

JUNE MEETINGS - June 5 - Stories about the TNA Show: June 2-4, 2017. Reminder: green trunk with books. d Stephen's Coin Show: June 30-July 1, 2017. Bellaire Coin & Collectable: August 5-6, 2017.

June 16 - There 22 people at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly for Garth C's program about Mexico: Tale Of Two Coins. Garth C brought the updated business cards. The secretary, Michael W, found space for extra notes. Garth C discussed the show reminder cards still need to be labeled and stamped. There are only two library meetings. July 3 the library would be open, Independence Day is Tuesday. July 17 is the last official meeting before the show. If there were any leftover reminder cards, the club would need a special meeting. Richard H has more show flyers. Bill W thanked Richard H for having flyers at each meeting. Richard H continued with his show notes. The Shriner's ballroom has an estimate of 68 sold tables out of 72 available, 4 tables left. The current suggestion is one of several club tables. The following members know they can volunteer at the show. Gene Mc would work the children's auction. Garth C and Paul K would work the scout workshop. Gayland S and Michael W would work the visitor registration. Gary O announced that he has presented flyers to police stations. It is noted that the "We By Gold" stores have received the show flyers. There was no show and tell drawing. We had a program on Mexico: Tale Of Two Coins.

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GHCC MAY MEETING - Jack D. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wendy R. and Alvin S. are thanked for attending San Jacinto Day and putting up of the numismatic table and display. Called for Visitors: Sue S. attending second time, Rodney G. and Bob G. attending for their first time

Recognitions: Melvin Neal, a certificate was awarded for his Life membership in the GHCC. Gail Brichford was presented a certificate being recognized for his achievement of 70 years as a member of ANA.

Show & Tell: (Tom S., Chairman) There were 7 members presenting. Show and tell Winner - Ricardo

Monthly Quiz passed out and winner determined. Paul P. got three questions right.

Monthly Program: Bill W. introduced the monthly program.

Panel of Three (Experts?) from the GHCC to handle numismatic questions from the membership in attendance: John B. U.S. - coin expert, Ricardo D.L.T. - South of the border expert, and Chuck B. - European coin expert

The panel fielded questions from the membership in attendance.

Included nickels, English coinage, US currency; answers or opinions were offered. A well-handled and orderly discussion was presented.

Summary - Collect what you like, organize as a hobby you enjoy, don't expect profit.

Business Meeting: Two New Members - Israel L. and Carl B. voted and accepted for membership.

Chuck B. is appointed the ANA representative, replacing John B. who is stepping down. Paul P. is thanked for taking on the refreshment duties.

John B. is to continue as Double Shift editor, Eve B., to continue as Coins for A's chairman. Eve B. to take on the Coins for A's temporarily for the TNA while Richard L. is President of the TNA, Richard is the current TNA Coins for A's Chairman.

The 100+ lot auction was capably called by Sebastian F..

JUNE MEETING - Jack D. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. TNA - Thanks for GHCC members for being present and representing our club. John B. (won best in show & class, governor of year award); Eve B. and Rick E. also had very good exhibits.

Visitors: Adari R. - Melvin's granddaughter. Rudy & Maria - and Donnie applied for membership. Frank C - applied for membership

Show-And-Tell: had six members presenting items.

Numismatic Quiz for the month was distributed and winner determined to be Bill W. with 4 right answers; tied with Al S. Tie breaker was called by randomized number #1.

Neil R. presentation on German Coins after 1871.

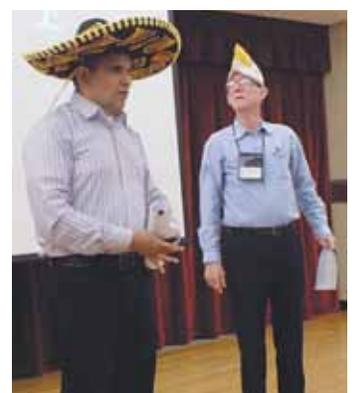
Melvin N. is working on the history of the GHCC. If anyone has old pictures of important events or of members who no longer with us, we would like to include them in the history of the club.



The GHCC awarded three full or partial scholarships to ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs Here are some of our folks enjoying the experience during the second week.



Joe Paonessa and Roxanne P.



"Duel of the Eagles"
Ricardo and John

DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY MAY MEETINGS - May 4 – The meeting was opened with twenty-six members in attendance, including all officers.

The TNA medal for the fifty-ninth annual convention to be held June 2-4, 2017, will honor the First Texas Navy. This coin was designed by Frank G. and features the ship, "The Invincible."

Paul R. volunteered to be the official GCC greeter, filling the position vacated with the death of Tom B.

In the absence of LeRoy M., the Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A. with several items presented.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W.,

GCC Registry Set: At tonight's meeting, James W. was the only person with an entry in the Flying Eagle Cent category. His 1858 coin in VF-30 condition won him the championship in both the best condition coin category and the most valuable coin category.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Junior Auctioneer Matt B., who were assisted by Frank G.

May 18 – The meeting opened with two visitors and twenty-seven members in attendance, including all officers. The visitors were William and Antonia S., the son and daughter-in-law of members Bill & Susan S.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several interesting items shown.

GCC Registry Set: James W. was pleased that a record number of members brought coins to enter into the GCC Registry Set competition.

The Ask the Expert session was led by James W. We discussed the greatest trading company the world has ever known: the British East India Company.

Fernando R. presented this month's numismatic educational program, "Nuevo Peso Reform." His presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Junior Auctioneers Matt B. and Luke B., assisted by Frank G.

JUNE MEETINGS - June 1 – The meeting opened with sixteen in attendance, including one visitor and one new member who joined at our recent coin show, and two of the four officers. The visitor was Bob A. and our new member was Merryl L. Under Old Business, Frank G. and Karla G. thanked all the members who volunteered to work at the coin show. Six members helped set-up on Friday afternoon, fifteen members worked at the registration table throughout the day and seven arrived early at 7:00 a.m.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. The Auction was conducted by David A. and Frank G.

June 15 – The meeting opened with twenty-two members in attendance, including all officers.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several members show interesting items for discussion.

The Ask the Expert session was conducted by James W. He asked us to name the US coins issued in commemoration of the Civil War. We came up with the following: the 1922 Grant half dollar, the 1922 Grant gold dollar, the 1925 Stone Mountain half dollar, the 1936 Gettysburg half dollar, the 1937 Antietam half dollar, the 1995 Civil War Battlefields silver dollar, and the 2009 Abraham Lincoln silver dollar. Raffle Winners were Cal B., Ray T.(twice), Gene F., James W., Leon W., and Robert J. Due to illness, Stan M. was not able to attend the meeting and present his numismatic educational program.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Cal B. They were assisted by Frank G.

The Attendance Prize, a copper round that commemorated the 1883 Liberty Head nickel, was given to Bill J.

DISTRICT TEN



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO JUNE MEETING - President John Grost opened the meeting with 35 members and 2 guests present. Guests Steven Frank and Lloyd Gibson were introduced and asked about their numismatic collections.

Don, District Governor for District 10, reported on the TNA Coin Show in Arlington. He told about the differences in their show and our show. Also, he described the different TNA program support, such as Boy Scouts.

During program presentation, John presented the Sacagawea Dollar. From 2000-2008 there were no changes in the design. He described the reverse changes from 2009 to date.

Interesting note: In 2000, the Mint began a partnership with the General Mills Company, in which 10,000 boxes of Cheerios Cereal would contain a 2000-dated Lincoln cent as a prize. One in every 2,000 boxes would contain a new Sacagawea Dollar and one in every 4,400 would hold a certificate redeemable for 100 Sacagawea Dollars. It was later discovered that the dollars included in every 2,000 boxes were, in fact, early strikes, differing from those ultimately issued for circulation by the number of tail feathers on the eagle. Approximately 5,500 of the coins were included in the boxes of cereal. According to the 2016 Red Book one of these dollars graded MS65 is worth \$2,500.00.

A really fun, lively auction was conducted by Steve, Bob, and Willie. Numismatic prizes were won by Bob, Jerry, Bruce, Adrian, and Jim..

JULY MEETING - President John Grost presided over the meeting. with 38 members and 2 guests present. Guests Denise and Phillip Cullen were introduced.

John announced the ANA Show in Denver August 1-6. We will be having a board meeting soon for our coin show to be held in February. It was announced that Brian, a member of the coin club, will be having another numismatic book published sometime this year. It will be 400-450 pages in length.

Jason gave a very interesting presentation entitled "Coins in Space." He talked about how a 1909 VDB cent was placed on the Mars Rover and used as a calibration tool. He also talked about the placement of a Florida quarter and a Maryland quarter placed on the New Horizons Spacecraft that had flown past Pluto. He mentioned how a 1923 Peace dollar, owned by Buzz Aldrin, had been on the Apollo Moon Mission.

The auctioneer team – Steve, Bob and Willie – conducted an entertaining auction. Numismatic prizes were won by Denise, Roger, Armando, Adrian and Bob.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD JUNE MEETING - The meeting was called to order and was attended by A. Paul Otts, Norman Goodfellow, Tommy Tompkins, Chuck Michael, Michael Eklund, Chuck Freas, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Doug Hershey, Kelly Archer, and Curt Gehring. .

Once again, keep in mind we will be hosting the Amarillo Coin and Currency Show on July 14, 15, and 16, 2017. Our next meeting will be held July 10, 2017 due to Fourth of July Holiday. Note: It is unsafe to inspect your coins by sparkler light. And to all the Fathers, Grand Fathers and of course the Great ones, Happy Father's Day!

The ANA is holding it's 2017 election of officers. If you are a member, please submit the ballot you received in the mail. Mike Nowak guided a discussion of the candidates and comments were passed back and forth regarding the candidates known by members present.

Doug Hershey gave a report on the status of the TNA and on the coin and currency show presented this year. Members were urged to join the TNA if they haven't already. Be sure to either submit your application with

Doug or mention him when joining so he gets credit for bringing in new members.

Chuck Freas gave us a very interesting presentation on the Castine Hoard.

Show and tell was well attended with many interesting items..

Drawing: This month's drawing was for a Bureau of Engraving "Women of the Mint" document, a President Nixon Inaugural Medal, a President Tyler Peace coin, and a President Pierce Peace coin. The gift certificate of \$10 was not won, Next month it will be \$15.

JULY MEETING - The meeting was called to order and was attended by A. Paul Otts, Tommy Tompkins, Michael Eklund, Chuck Freas, Norman Goodfellow, Karl Nash, Jeff Web, Rick Morie, Kelly Archer, and Mike Nowak, with guest C.E. Roberts.

We started the meeting with a discussion about "holed" and flawed coin value. Our annual Coin and Currency Show will be held on the 14th through the 16th, and all able bodied members were asked to show up and help with the set up for the show.

Chuck Freas gave a program entitled, "Lost Treasures Waiting to be Found"

For Show and Tell, several members shared items of interest..

Drawing: This month's drawing was for a Bureau of Engraving "Women of the Mint" document, a President Nixon Inaugural Medal, and a President Grant Peace coin. The gift certificate of \$15 was not won. Next month it will be \$20.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER MAY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight S. with pledge to the flag
Attendance: Members: 34 Visitors: 0 New Members: 0 Total: 34
Discussion of Agenda Items

(Dwight)

- The club was lead in prayer by Richard G.
- Please keep Howard, Dutch, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of May.
- Dwight updated members on the ANA National Coin Week Club Trivia Challenge.
- The ANA sent 10 additional free memberships to the club. Some of these will be given as door prizes.

• Barry provided update on the June coin show.
• Members critiqued an exhibit by Larry V. that will be entered in the TNA show.

Club Auction (Tom)

- 20 auction items sold - \$398.00

Door prize winners

- ANA Memberships: Ray, Horst, Kay
 - Allen, Andrew, Bruce, Davis, Ed, Harvey, Howard, John, Lane, Sherry
- Refreshments
- A big Thank You to Howard for providing refreshments!

JUNE MEETING - Meeting called to order by Vice President Howard W. with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members: 34 Visitors: 5 New Members: 1 Total: 39
Discussion of Agenda Items (Howard)

- The club was lead in prayer by Curtis
- Please keep Dwight and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Next meeting is July 11th.

Club Auction (Tom)

- 19 auction items sold.

Door prize winners

- Cadience, Chase, Curtis, Howard, Ray, Randy.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Sweitzer. Eleven members were in attendance, and one visitor, Jeff Garrett, son of member Ollie Garrett.

Old Business. Club members welcomed the return of former club President, Ollie Garrett, who had been absent from meetings during the last couple of years due to complications from a fall in his home. Ollie is now getting around pretty well with the use of a walker. He made up for lost time by buying several lots on tonight's auction. Welcome back, Ollie. We were also glad to meet your son, Jeff.

Program. Tony Zupkas gave a very interesting program about Queen Victoria of England. She was born on May 24, 1819, daughter of the 4th son of King George III. At the time of her birth, she was 5th in line for the throne, which would make it appear unlikely for her to attain the throne. Fate, however, had other plans. Her father passed away only one year after her birth, and George the 4th succeeded him from 1820 to 1830. He passed away leaving no heirs, and Victoria's uncle, William the 4th, then took over at age 64. Since William the 4th also had no children, it was understood that Victoria was next in line, so she was schooled accordingly. William served from 1830 to 1837 and died shortly after Victoria's 18th birthday. Shortly after becoming Queen, Victoria was pressured to marry and produce heirs to the throne. As a result, she married Prince Albert and the union produced 9 children. He died after 21 years of marriage. Upon her death in 1901, Queen Victoria had served as Monarch for a total of 63 years, 7 months, and 2 days. This was a record for many years until surpassed by current Queen Elizabeth who has now served for over 65 years. As an interesting note, Queen Victoria was the first of England's Monarchs to reside in Buckingham Palace. Her likeness has appeared on a great many British coins. Tony passed around an almost-complete type set of Victorian coins for members to see.

Drawings were held and Dan Gary, sitting in his lucky seat, was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1982-S Proof Washington half dollar. Raffle prize winners were Rob Robinson - a 2017 Silver Eagle; Don Vanadore - a 1985 Proof Set; Del Shumate - a 1999 Proof Set; Don vanadore - a 1999 Mint Set; and Dan Gary won the bonus prize - a 1922-S Peace Dollar.

WICHITA FALLS AY MEETING - The meeting was called to order with 20 members were in attendance.

New Business: Rob Robinson said that he is a member of the Flying Eagles Club and receives a copy of Longacre's Ledger put together by Richard Snow that talk's about Flying Eagle's cents and Indian Head cents.

Rob said that the membership in Richard Snow's club costs \$25 a year. Rob passed around applications for those that may be interested in joining the club.

Program: Rob Robinson said that Coinage Magazine had an article about the year 1957. Rob Robinson said that 1957 was a year that had a coin collecting craze. He said that the population of the United States was about 172 million people in 1957 and about 15 million people were collecting coins. Rob Robinson said that a Bel Air cost \$2,434. Rob explained that the price of gas was about \$0.24 a gallon, and a Philco Black and White TV for \$229.95. Rob said that the median house sold for about \$12,999. President Eisenhower was sworn in to begin



his second term as president in January of 1957. The Russian satellite Sputnik was launched in October of 1957. Sputnik was 24 inches in diameter, and weighed about 44 pounds. In 1957, Elvis Presley had records of brought Graceland Mansion for \$102,500. Rob said that the hit shows in 1957 were Ozzie and Harriet, Dragnet, and Wagon Train. The show American Bandstand hosted by Dick Clark started in August 5, 1957. In 1957, 1.33 billion Lincoln cents were minted. Rob said that the open sale of altered date coins began to become a problem in the coin collecting community. He said that a coin writer named B. Max Mehl brought a lot of interest to coin collection. Mehl said that the 1804 silver dollar was the king of all American Coins. Rob said that in 1957 a 1793 cent sold for \$57 dollars. In 1957, the value of an 1883 silver trade dollar was about \$15. Whitman Coin albums sold for 35 cents in 1957. Rob said that in 1957 a one cent Lincoln coin actually had buying power.

Membership Prize: 1982 George Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar Proof: Tony Zupkas

Auctioneers: Rob Robinson, # of Consigners 8, # of lots 61.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO JUNE MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 35 members present plus 1 visitor. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC has 97 members as of this meeting. We start brand new every year with previous members renewing their memberships. 7 door prizes were given out of which 4 were the 2017 T.N.A. copper medals from this year's State Convention and Show.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as always. At this meeting, over 100 coin lots were auctioned off with Sam Rodio and Michael Hecht serving as the auctioneers and Rene de la Garza and Dennis Heidick as the money runners.

The HCC has a new District 14 Governor. Secretary Rene de la Garza was appointed for this position at the State Convention and Show. He has served as our Secretary for the last 3 years and has been very instrumental in keeping our club active with the coin collecting community of South Texas. He will now be representing our club as well as our district. Congratulations to Rene!!



The Hidalgo Coin Club would also like to express a special 'Thank You' to outgoing District Governor, Robert 'Ski' Kurczewski and his wife Kay for representing our district for many years at all State Conventions and Shows. Thank You Ski!!

The Youth Club is currently working on a 'Coin Design' project. Their objective is to create a Commemorative Coin with the subject matter of 'Space'. All students and adults are participating in this endeavor and are receiving pointers at every meeting from Mr. Gonzalez. The design project will be due on July 22, 2017 and will be judged by the HCC membership during the August Monthly Meeting. Every designer will be awarded for their efforts.

JULY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez. This seventh meeting of 2017 was attended by 35 members. The new members that applied have been accepted. The Hidalgo Coin Club is off to a tremendous start to the new year. We have reached 100

members already for the year 2017. Every year, we start from scratch as members renew their memberships and new ones apply. 7 Door Prizes were given out of which 4 were the 2017 T.N.A. copper medals.

Congratulations are in order to our 100th Member - Charlotte Janelle (C. J.) Rodio, wife of our Show Chairnan, Sam Rodio.

C.J. received a 2017 American Silver Eagle for being this year's 100th member.

Our membership with the McAllen Chamber of Commerce is beginning to pay off. Our officers have attended 3 luncheons and a breakfast sponsored by the Chamber in which we were able to promote our club as well as our shows.

This partnership is poised to be very fruitful as we get ready to move our popular Friday Night Shows to the Conference room of the C of C in down town McAllen. These shows will begin on August 18th with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

The Youth Coin Club has been working on a coin design contest this year. The subject is 'Space' which entails anything to do with planets, astronauts, the universe, NASA, space vehicles, etc. All coin designs will be due in July and will be judged by the HCC members at the August Monthly Meeting to be held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. All designs will be viewed on a large screen via a projector. Each student will also turn in 2 paragraphs describing the obverse and reverse. The winners will receive special silver coins of which most commemorate NASA's space program.

We have held 5 'Penny Search' exercises with the Youth Club in the last 2 months. All of the students and adults really enjoyed looking through hundreds of Lincoln and Indian Head Cents. Each student now has been given approximately 500+ pennies with about 10% of them being red.

The July meeting ended with a lively auction of about 100 coins with Auctioneer Michael Hecht and 2 Money Runners - Rene de la Garza and Brent Garza.



DISTRICT FIFTEEN



BEAUMONT MAY MEETING - There were 11 members and 3 guests in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President John W. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John W.

The Treasurer's report was received. The Show committee updated on advertising progress for the show.

In lieu of a speaker, we watched a portion of the DVD "History of the Americas Through Numismatic Eyes"

Door prizes were distributed, and a fun auction was led by Tim B.

JUNE MEETING - There were 13 members and 4 guests in attendance, resulting in 3 new members. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jana W. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara W.

The Treasurer's report was received. The Show committee updated on table confirmations for the show.

In lieu of a speaker, we watched a portion of the DVD "History of the Americas Through Numismatic Eyes"

Door prizes were distributed, and the auction was led by Jerry W..

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO MAY MEETING - Tom called meeting to order. 15 members, 2 visitors (Mrs Wood, Noryce Caraway) were present.

Raffle prizes: Tom Campbell, John Merkledove, David Lindeman, James Haneys. Door Prize: Steve Uselton

Cash prize: Joyce McCall was not present \$65 next month

The spring show was a money maker for the club. The attendance was not as high as we would like (about 185). The dealers had some good, some so-so, some less for the show.

The club voted to continue scholarships of \$600 to MCC, TSTC, and Baylor each year.

Bob had forms for free one year memberships to ANA.

It was discussed whether the club should pay for a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. It was suggested that a dealer with help with the scholarship to the summer seminar.

ANA members can go to an ANA show free, nonmembers \$6. TNA members can go to a TNA show free. Everyone is encouraged to join. For \$20 you can receive the TNA magazine every other month. The national ANA show will be in Dallas in 2016.

JUNE MEETING - Tom called meeting to order. Cash prize: Joyce McCall was present in May

Bob Schutze was present in June \$25 next month

Business: Tom gave a governors report

Our fall show is Sept 9.

Our spring show will be last weekend in March.

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By Lorie Ann Hambly

Vetranio (we do not know first or family name) was born to humble parents in Moesia, probably in the AD 290s. He entered the army and served with distinction under the mighty Constantine I (AD 306-337), the first Christian ruler of Rome, who even during his lifetime came to be called "Magnus" -- The Great. Upon Constantine's death, the Roman Empire was split between his three surviving sons, Constantine II, Constantius II, and Constans. In AD 340 a spate of sibling bloodletting eliminated Constantine

II and the survivors divided up the spoils, with the West going to Constans, who late in his reign made Vetranio master of infantry (magister peditum) for Pannonia.



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However, a coup toppled Constans early in AD 350, replacing him with the Frankish-born Magnentius, who had no blood connection to the Constantinian dynasty. Magnentius quickly consolidated his power base in Gaul and Italy, and set about preparing for the inevitable response of Constantius II, Emperor of the East. Commanding a large army at a critical crossroads between the two rivals, Vetranio was unsure whether to remain



HOC SIGNO VICTOR ERIS

loyal to the house of Constantine, which he had served for three decades, or to back Magnentius, who was closer and already making overtures to his troops.

At this point Constantia, the eldest sister of Constantius, enters the picture. She persuaded Vetranio that he could best support her brother by temporarily claiming the Imperial title for himself, thus



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keeping the Pannonian army from backing Magnentius. On March 1, Vetranio's soldiers duly proclaimed him Augustus at Mursa. Constantia sent her brother a letter explaining the situation, which

he received at Edessa in Syria. He responded as she wished, by recognizing Vetrano as a fellow "legitimate" ruler opposed to the "usurper" Magnentius. He sent along a diadem, an imperial purple cloak, and large sum of money to pay the Balkan troops. Constantius also instructed Vetrano to block Magnentius' eastward advance until he could deal with the situation in person.



GLORIA ROMANORVM

For 10 months, Vetrano played the man in the middle, alternately professing loyalty to Constantius and telling Magnentius he might be open to negotiating an alliance with him. In December of AD 350, Constantius marched west and met Vetrano at Naissus in modern Serbia. On Christmas day, both emperors mounted a platform before the assembled armies, where Vetrano formally abdicated the throne. Constantius praised Vetrano's loyalty (although he also ridiculed him as an "old fool" for thinking he could hold onto power for very long) and pensioned him off to an opulent estate in Bithynia. "Old fool" he may have been, but Vetrano had brilliantly played the difficult hand dealt him, had briefly been counted among the rulers of the Roman world, and enjoyed a far more sanguine fate than most other men who claimed the deadly purple.



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Having two mints under his control, Siscia and Thessalonica, Vetrano struck coins both in his own name and that of Constantius II. His bronze coinage is scarce, the silver rare, the gold exceptionally so. Interestingly, his obverse portraiture eschews the by-now usual imperial diadem in favor of an old-fashioned laurel wreath, perhaps a visual clue of his subordinate status. The reverse shows Victory crowning an Emperor (Constantine the Great) in military dress, along with the inscription, "HOC SIGNO VICTOR ERIS" ("In this sign, conquer"). This is a direct reference to the "divine vision" that supposedly convinced Constantine the Great to support the

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