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From your TNA News Editor,  
Ron Kersey



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Rain, rain, rain! We've had our share here in the Fort Worth area. It has been much needed. The temperature has cooled a bit so it's much nicer to get out.

Here's hoping you are getting out to some coin club meetings and coin shows in your area. If you aren't a member of a club you are missing out on a lot of fun. And a lot of numismatic education. Local club members can provide the newcomer with much needed information as they jump into this exciting hobby. Of course, none of us are too old to learn, so there is plenty of advanced education to be had from experienced collectors.

At this time of the year, several clubs honor our Veterans for their service to our country with speakers who have served as far back as WW2. Numismatics has a legacy of historical education putting into context the times and places of the material we collect. I believe history taught through numismatics to be more comprehensive than that taught in formal education. We can actually hold history in our hands.

Attending coin shows offers another opportunity to enlarge our numismatic experience. The educational seminars provide an in-depth perspective on selected areas. Another source of information can be found in talking with bourse dealers. There is an enthusiasm to talk about their offerings, not just to make a sale, but also to share their knowledge of their product.

Coin collectors generally like to "buy, trade and sell" - as we all know, show flyers usually include this phrase. It is fun using the barter system. I found out early on there is usually "room to negotiate". No scanning the items at the checkout counter, but one-on-one, an opportunity to learn and make new friends. We are truly blessed to be in the numismatic community.

We have some educational and interesting articles in this issue and lots of club news, so have fun reading.

The next issue will be my last as editor, however, I will still enjoy the fellowship of friends I've met and those I hope to meet in the future.

Now it's time to send this issue to the printer!

## 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.

Send your information via email to:  
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*Richard Laster*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends . . . as many of y'all know, for two and a half TNA full presidential terms - meaning ten years - I had the privilege to serve as the one responsible for *Coins for A's*. This program of the Texas Numismatic Association, now ably chaired by a caring, willing and experienced volunteer, is available to any child or youth in our great state. Back in the day I, in your name, received requests from younger ones along with some proof of, through report card or in other ways, at least one "A" in a given grade cycle. What followed via U.S. mail was some sort of a numismatic item for the new collector's coin cabinet. When this program was at its strongest I'd acquire a roll of something, such as a roll of proof state quarters from Texas, or some classic coins such as Indian Head Cents, "Buffalo" Nickels, "Mercury" and Roosevelt Dimes. On occasion I'd receive a gift of some sort which might even include an old school silver dollar or perhaps a Barber Half Dollar. I always had in my office a bucket of world coins for those interested in a specific location of our earth's geography. The most interesting world coin request, nationally speaking, was through a letter of one interested in a coin from the "country of Alaska." A happy thought anyway. Suffice it to say that working with children was my joy and also an honor and I recognize that the same stands for all of us when we choose to take a stand with the youngest among us.

I am aware, from a variety of conversations, of a variety of such programs which exist within the clubs of our state. In this limited space I offer three examples of many. The Greater Houston Coin Club maintains a *Coins for A's* program, one which the ANA mirrors in their relatively new *Coins for A's* national effort. Greater Houston, as with many other clubs in our state, has a designated "Children's area" on the floor of their show. In this area GHCC's more diminutive guests can grab and then discuss a handful of world coins, and also "put a 'penny' in the slot" using one of the familiar Whitman blue books for the purpose. In years past my own Tyler Club has done the same. We, at least, have gifts at the door and in our case, I am sure at most every other coin show there is a welcome for those who are just getting started.

The second club I note is the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club. Even though your president has yet to attend, I understand from friends in the club that several times a year they have child/youth specific evenings. I have seen a few pictures and note a great crowd which comes because the NETCC folks are proactive in inviting and hosting such as these.

I suppose I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the children's auctions which are part of the order in a number of coin shows in Texas. Our own Texas Numismatic Association has a two-session auction at the annual TNA Show and Convention. I am aware of several other auctions from personal experience and from the insight offered through the TNA community.

All the above is stated to serve as a statement of thanks for the ways in which we reach out to children and youth. If space allowed I could list several pages of examples more. I thank you for your good work in so many ways. We have a strong and remarkable numismatic presence here in the Great State of Texas. I'd enjoy and appreciate hearing from those who have success in working with children and youth. For example how TNA works with Scouts through merit badge presentations and fairs (TNA is a strong example).

Being an educational organization at our core, it is good for us to see who we can touch with the opportunities numismatic knowledge can inspire. I wish the best to you and yours. Thanks for your good work with people of all ages as you welcome, encourage, befriend and inspire as Texas numismatists.

One more thoughts . . . as you probably already know, our 2019 Show and Convention will be Friday to Sunday, May 31, June 1 and 2. Same place: the Arlington Texas Convention Center. Make plans now to attend. It is always an experience of the highest order. Mark your calendar NOW. Invite and brings friends, especially those who are getting their "feet wet" in the waters of the hobby.

Regards and God Bless . . . Richard (tnacfa@yahoo.com)

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By Lawrence Herrera

# Secretary's Report

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

## WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-7707 to R-7733. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on September 1, 2018.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on November 1, 2018.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
C-236	Albuquerque Coin Club	none	22
R-7734	Michael Marotta	website	4
R-7735	Terry Gene Smith	none	10

## TNA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

*Membership Application is on page 39*

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

### PURPOSES

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

### ADVANTAGES

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

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

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

### CONVENTIONS

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

### MEMBERSHIP

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

### APPLICATION

Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with an additional person known as a voucher. A voucher for an applicant for regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A voucher for an applicant for junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applicants for chapter membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application should be given.

Chapter membership applicants should furnish the additional information;

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

### APPLICANTS

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

### DUES

Regular & Chapter	20.00
Junior	8.00
Associate	8.00
Life	300.00

*Mail applications to:*

Lawrence Herrera, TNA Secretary  
4717 W. Lovers Lane  
Dallas, TX 75209

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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# TREASURER'S

## TNA FINANCIAL ASSIST

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: JACK GILBERT -

### **2019 FUND YOUR LIBRARY DRAWINGS AND DRAWINGS TO ATTEND THE 2019 ANA SEMINAR**

I have started accepting entries for the next drawings that will take place in December or January. Individuals and clubs who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing for one of five grants of up to \$125 to improve the member's numismatic library. Individuals (not clubs) who have been members for two years (and have not been a winner in the last two drawings) are eligible to enter the drawing for one of two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the 2019 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

Entries should include all the member's contact information and may be submitted by email (preferred) or by U. S. Mail.

Please send one entry for each drawing to be eligible! 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  
1093 Sunset Ct.  
Keller, TX 76248

### **COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested funds from the TNA to defray expenses for presenting an educational program in conjunction with the September Texas Coin Show on Saturday, September 29th at the Grapevine Convention Center, Grapevine, Texas.

*Lineup for the three seminars are:*

10:30 - Kevin Kell  
"Two Cent Pieces"

12 Noon - John Barber  
"Evolution of the Small Cent"

1:30 - Carl Stang  
"World of the Barbers"

Make your plans to attend one or more of these interesting and informative sessions..

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# REPORT



JACK GILBERT

## ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

DAVID BURKE – KARLA GALINDO – LARRY HERRERA

### NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRY FORMS

#### GRANTS TO PROMOTE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

**Now is the time for your Coin Club to start planning Programs to help promote Coin Collecting and/or promote Young Numismatists.**

#### 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.

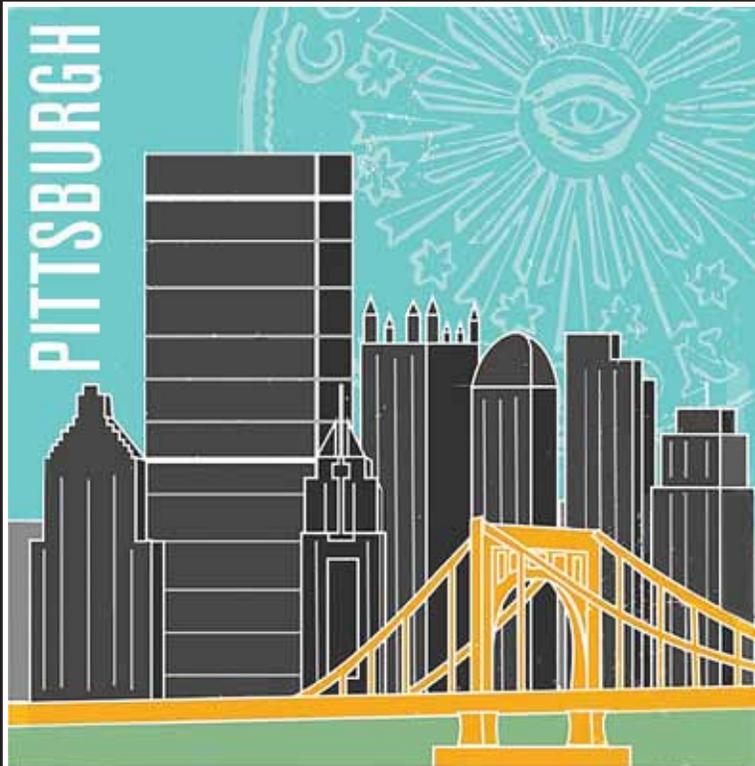
All of these Programs are open to all members and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online - [http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna\\_news\\_sept-oct\\_2013.pdf](http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna_news_sept-oct_2013.pdf) )

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](mailto:gilbej@yahoo.com), one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

#### TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2018

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$22,046.24
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt.	\$68,525.90
PBOT (Mat 4/5/2019)	\$25,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19)	\$60,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$175,572.14
Long Term Assets	
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00
Endowment	
Lifetime Member Fund (Intermingled other CDs)	
PBOT CD McFadden Fund (mat 10/19/18)	\$70,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$130,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$305,572.14
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2018	\$307,244.84
Income (Plus)	\$45,354.00
Expenses (Minus)	-\$47,026.70
Surplus	-\$1,672.70
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by Sam Fairchild

## LIBERTY “V” NICKEL

The Shield nickel striking difficulties through its life due to its intricate design. Modification to the design failed to solve the technical problems, and the mint had considered replacing the design as early as 1867. Nevertheless, the Shield nickel remained in production.

In 1882, Mint director Snowden ordered Mint Chief Engraver Charles Barber to produce uniform designs for new cent, three-cent nickel, and five-cent pieces. Barber duly produced the required designs with a fairly large numbers of pattern coins being struck. Barber’s design for the nickel showed a portrait similar to that eventually adopted for the obverse, with “United States of America” and the date. The reverse



featured the required wreath surrounding the “V”. Mottos “In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum” were added to the reverse. Snowden decided that the proposed cents and three-cent pieces would be too small for effective use.

One variant that was struck as a pattern, but was not adopted, was a coin with five equally spaced notches in the rim of the coin. This “Blind Man’s nickel” was struck at the request of Congressman and former Union General Rosecrans, who stated that many of his wartime colleagues had been blinded by combat or disease.

A final review by the Treasury Secretary revealed that the law required “United States of America” to appear on the reverse, not the obverse. The design was modified accordingly (by removing “In God We Trust”), and the coin was ready for striking in early 1883.



It had not been thought necessary to inscribe the word “cents” on the nickel; the silver and copper-nickel three-cent pieces had circulated for years with only a Roman numeral to indicate the denomination. Enterprising fraudsters soon realized that the new nickel was close in diameter to that of the five-dollar gold piece, and if

the new coin was gold-plated, it might be passed for five dollars. They soon did so, and had success in passing the coin. Some coins were given a reeded edge by the fraudsters, to make them appear more like the gold coins. A widespread tale is that one of the perpetrators of this fraud was a man named Josh Tatum, who would go into a store, select an item costing five cents or less, and offer the gold-plated piece in payment—and many clerks gave him \$4.95 in change. According to the tale, the law had no recourse against Tatum, as he had tendered the value of his purchase and had merely accepted the change as a gift. Tatum could not have misrepresented the coin’s value as he was a deaf-mute.



The plating of the nickels caused consternation at the Mint, and brought production of Liberty Head nickels to a sudden stop. Barber modified his design, moving other design elements to accommodate the word “cents” at the bottom of the reverse design. The revised nickel was issued in June 1883. The public responded by hoarding the “centless” nickels, egged on by reports that the Treasury Department intended to recall those nickels, and that they would become rare.

After heavy mintages of the nickel in 1883 and 1884, production was much lower in 1885 and 1886. This was due to an economic downturn which lowered demand for the coins. The 1886 production was also depressed by the Treasury’s decision to reissue large numbers of worn minor coins. The turn of the century saw unprecedented demand for nickels, due to a booming economy and the use of nickels in coin-operated machines. This demand in turn required branch mints at Denver and San Francisco to mint nickels in 1912.

Production of Liberty “V” nickels stopped in 1912, with Buffalo nickels to start in 1913. The Mint’s records show no production of 1913 Liberty head nickels, and none were authorized to be made. Nonetheless, a former mint employee sold the five known pieces in 1924. Today each example is worth more than \$3 million.

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# QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) What are the years in the twentieth century that the U.S. Mint used no mint marks?
- 2) In the early years of the U.S. Mint, when did steam power first come to the Mint?
- 3) Where are the coins of Canada struck?
- 4) Who is the first real woman portrayed on an issue of U.S. currency?

1) The U.S. Mint, working on a nation-wide coin shortage and blaming part of it on "coin collectors" issued all coins for 1965, 1966, and 1967 without mint marks. Coins from Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, and West Point all looked like Philadelphia (no mint mark) issues. There were also no proof sets made, though there were "Special Mint Sets". The 1968 issues saw re-introduction of proof sets and resumption of mint marks on circulation issues.

2) The first U.S. Mint (under David Rittenhouse's Directorship) used animal or human power for all operations until 1816. A five horsepower steam engine to drive the rolling mill was the first update. The human powered screw presses continued in operation until three years after the move to the Second U.S. Mint in 1833. The first steam coinage is commemorated on a large cent-sized copper medal of March, 1836. The reeded edge 1836 half dollars were the first regular coins struck on the new steam presses. The initial batch of Gobrecht silver dollars in December 1836 were reportedly made on a new press, but it was being hand operated at the time. This press later passed through multiple hands and was rebuilt for electric motor power. It is now on exhibit inside the ANA Museum in Colorado Springs.

3) Until 1908, the coins of Canada were made in England. In 1908 Canada's first mint was opened in Ottawa. That mint continues to produce the special collector coins of Canada, but a modern mint for circulation issues was opened at Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1976. From 1872 until 1908, circulation issues were largely made at the private Heaton Mint in Birmingham, with some issues produced at the Royal Mint in London.

4) The first real woman (non-allegorical) was Pocahontas on the back of an 1865 \$20 issue. She is among many other figures there at a perhaps-real ceremony honoring her actions in saving the English Colony in Virginia and marrying John Rolfe. The next woman to appear would be Martha Washington on the face of the Series 1891 \$1 Silver Certificate. In this appearance, she

5) What does the "Eagle Eye" sticker on a slab mean?

6) Which denomination(s) of gold coins of the Old West are known as "slugs"?

7) Is this piece a U.S. coin? \_\_\_\_\_



is the focus of the engraving. Another appearance by Martha (much smaller this time) is on the back of the Silver Certificate \$1 of Series 1899. This is the famous "Educational Series" with superb engraving.

5) The "Eagle Eye" sticker is the proprietary mark of Rick Snow who applies it on request and submission to him of Flying Eagle and Indian Cents which meet his standards for "solid for the grade" and in a slab from PCGS or NGC.

6) The primary coins of the Old West that were known as "slugs" were the \$50 gold pieces of California. These historic and impressive coins were made by pioneer private mints not under direct federal control, though certain of their operations were ultimately purchased by the U.S. government. The coins, with gold content quite close to federal standards, weighed in at a hefty 2.5 ounces.

7) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin. It is a congressionally authorized commemorative medal from the 1898 Trans Mississippi Exposition held at Omaha Nebraska. This one is struck in brass, but they also come in silver and in bronze. Hibbler and Kappen have listed it as So Called Dollar # 281. The western scene of an Indian spearing a buffalo is a favorite. Design is by T. R. Kimball of Omaha. Listed mintage was 25,000. They were struck in the mint exhibit at the exposition. Dr Coyne is researching the possibility that they were struck on the recently-retired "first steam press" initially used in 1836 at the Philadelphia Mint.



8) The U.S. Mint began using mintmarks when the branch mints were established at New Orleans, Dahlonega, and Charlotte. The first coins were the 1838-0 half dollars from New Orleans. As other branch mints joined the system, they used a mintmark appropriate to their city. The "D" was recycled

- 8) When did the U.S. Mint begin using mint marks?
- 9) Does the U.S. Mint prepare any of the planchets it makes into coins?
- 10) Where are the coins of Mexico struck?
- 11) Who is the first real person portrayed on a circulating U.S. coin?

- 12) When did ANACS switch from issuing certification photos to issuing slabs?
- 13) Which denomination(s) of U.S. coins are known as "trimes"?
- 14) Is this piece a U.S. coin? \_\_\_\_\_



## RESPONDS

for Denver in 1906, as by then the Dahlonega mint had long since ceased production. For the coinages of 1965, 1966, and 1967 all the mints suspended use of any mintmark.

9) The U.S. Mint no longer refines any metal or rolls any ingots to make planchets in its own facilities. As of early 2018, the mint was still buying some rolled strip which had been rolled to coin thickness by outside suppliers. The annealing ovens used to soften the punched blanks are nearing the end of their design lives. Cent planchets intended for circulation strike issues are now made by contract suppliers and delivered to the mints in large containers. Precious metal planchets are purchased from specialty suppliers. The choice to avoid melting and rolling operations in the mint buildings (which are in downtown areas) was an environmental one as well as an economic one.

10) The mint at Mexico City was the first mint in the Americas (1535) and has been Mexico's main mint for most of the time since then. During the Republic period, beginning 1822, the Mexico City facility has been assisted by some 13 additional federal branch mints. During times of turmoil in the early 1900s, there was also some coinage in temporary or provincial mints. After 1990, minting operations were relocated to a modern facility in San Luis Potosi, some 200 miles north of Mexico City. The historic mint structure is now the Museo Nacional de las Culturas in Mexico City.

11) The first real person on a circulating U.S. coin would be our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. Though there are pattern coins galore from the 19th century, including ones showing George Washington and others, and commemoratives including the "1899" Lafayette silver dollar, it would be 1909 and the appearance of the humble cent to bring the first circulating one. It has since become the most reproduced piece of artwork in mankind history. There might be debate on the 1892 Columbian commemorative, but the portrait on that issue is likely a fantasy, and the coin was originally intended as a commemorative, despite many pieces reaching circulation.

12) The American Numismatic Association Certification Service was a pioneer in bringing Third Party Grading / Authentication to numismatics. Initially they used a Photo Certificate to accompany the coin. The Professional Coin Grading Service was the first to bring a sealed plastic slab to market in a big way in 1986. The Numismatic Guarantee Company followed with their slab a few months later in 1986. ANACS ceased issue of the Photo Certificates shortly thereafter and introduced their version of the plastic slab shortly thereafter. The old certificates are still occasionally seen in the market. One must inspect closely to verify that the coin portrayed on the certificate is the same one currently accompanying the certificate.

13) It is the three cent silver pieces of 1851 to 1873 that are informally known as "trimes". The name plays on the denomination of three cents and the silver composition. The nearly contemporaneous three cent nickels are a different coin and have no such nickname. The trimes are also sometimes called "fish scales".

14) The illustrated piece is a U.S. coin. It is a congressionally authorized commemorative half dollar sold to honor the westward movement and the role of the Oregon Trail. It features one of the best designs of the classic commemorative series. Designer was Laura Gardin Fraser (wife of Buffalo Nickel designer James Fraser). They were issued 1926-1939 from up to three different mints. The 1933-D piece shown is an example of the first commemorative half dollar from the Denver mint. The Oregon Trail commemorative comes well struck and with good luster and is available for modest cost.





Ralph Ross  
Youth Chair

# TNA YOUTH

The Spartans Coin Club, the only registered high school coin club in the nation, (Texas Numismatic Association – TNA C-235 and American Numismatic Association – ANA - 5004475) is off to a grand start.

The Stafford High School /College and Career Center opened the fall semester on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. The club sponsor, Dr. Ralph Ross, also a member of the Board of Directors of the ANA. Dr. Ross attended the ANA 127th ‘World’s Fair of Money’ Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 14 – 18, 2018.

The Spartans Coin Club happily announces its participation in the new “Adopt A School Program” introduced by the ANA to give teachers and administrators the tools and strategies to educate students on the hobby and discipline of numismatics. The education department of the ANA designed a learning kit that includes lesson plans and curriculum materials to teach numismatics to elementary, middle, and high school students providing unique and fascinating insights into core foundation classes: science, technology, engineering, mathematics (“STEM”), arts and humanities. Introducing students to the world of numismatics and an understanding of how currency systems are developed around the world and how varied cultures recognize and accept standards that are converted into property ... this is what the kit is all about.

The study of numismatics leads to the investigation of commerce, barter and trade. Educators and teachers can use coins and other numismatic items as learning tools to develop educational programs for their students. The objective is not to develop future coin collectors; while that result may be a wonderful corollary benefit, the true focus is the use of coins as a means for students to learn more of the world around them. As many already know, coins provide an outstanding platform for discussing art, archaeology, chemistry, economics, finance, geography, history, mathematics, politics, religion, social science, sports, and a host of others disciplines. Combine this learning diversity with inquisitive minds and you have a formula for success.

“Knowledge is like money: “the more [one] gets, the more [one] craves.” At the Stafford College and Career Center money is used in the classroom to help students crave learning and appreciate rich connections between mathematics and numismatics; disciplines that have been intertwined since ancient civilization. One of many stories about the marriage of

the disciplines goes like this: A student studying GEOMETRY under Euclid (the iconic father of Geometry) questioned what he would get from learning the subject, whereupon Euclid ordered the student be given a COIN, “*since he must make gain from what he learns*”.

The origin of coinage as a medium of exchange goes back to antiquity where coins were used around 700 B.C. Understanding the evolution of coins leads to the natural question as to what pre-dated coins as an exchange for goods and services. Thousands of different types of ‘traditional’ money have been documented since the dawn of time. Pythagoras, in whose school, the word “mathematician” is believed to have originated (coined), around 640 B.C. is credited as the inventor of the matchless theorem which goes by his name: “ $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ”, which treats the relationship to right triangles and trigonometric concepts to the world of geometry. The relation of master and pupil is acknowledged as in an unbroken chain, just in the same way as you ‘must make gain from what you learn’, the humble representatives from schools of thought and centers of real intellectual cooperation pass ‘tokens’ around symbolizing a spiritual and lifelong tie, connecting successive generations of great thinkers. In Dr. Ross’s classroom students receive a coin for receiving A’s on certain tests..

Dr. Ross use coins/money in a similar fashion to enrich students’ minds and reward success, big and small. The



students are given Eisenhower Dollars, Kennedy Halves, and Booker T. Washington Halves when they make A’s

on classroom exams. Most students have never seen these coins before, so students discuss the historical significance of these two Presidents; the first African-American man on a U.S. fifty cents piece and their connection to the civil rights movement, among other information.

This “hands-on” learning is fun and motivates students to broaden their knowledge in an unexpected methodology. Some of the students in Dr. Ross’s class thought that the first African-American on U.S. coinage was “50 Cent”, an African-American



Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson

# CHAIR REPORT



*Booker T. Washington*

actor, entrepreneur and rapper whose real name is CURTIS JAMES JACKSON, III. The students learned however, that Booker Taliaferro Washington was actually the first African-American on U.S. Coinage where the 1946 Commemorative half-dollar celebrated his life as an educator, author, and civil rights leader.

*The following students received Booker T. Washington Commemorative Half Dollars:*



*Justin Bonares and Kayla Alexander*



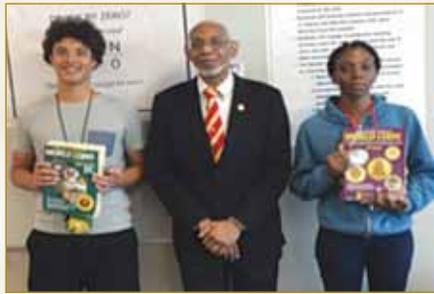
*Danny Cao*



*Cherish Wilson, Calvin Boniaby and Jasmine Equia*



*Timothy Jackson & Aaron Espinosa*



*Kyle Oliver, Dr. Ross, and Sharon Ajayi*



*Typical coin club meeting ... coins in the classroom ... education thru numismatics. Melly Flores describes the Coin's For A's Program and instructs students to view the Coins for A's Presentation on YOU-TUBE: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=JCHE42HVMH8&FEATURE=YOUTU.BE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCHE42HVMH8&feature=youtu.be)*



*2018 Honor Graduates and Members of the Spartans Coin Club. Left to right: Imaobong Esiere, Gerald May, Valedictorian Dung Trinh, Salutatorian Bryan Burman, Marcus Risen, Correna Feimster, Sponsor, Dr. Ross, Frances Ros, Brittney Kiet, Diana Gonzalez, Jackie Yang, Marco Mireles, Vi Dinh, Anton Tran, and Ariya Chotiwat.*

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*Jacqueline Martinez, Meija Merary and Nathaniel Ewest*



Gary & Judy Dobbins  
Exhibit Co-Chairs

## TNA EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS 2019

### LEARN, SHARE, INSPIRE, CREATE, EXHIBIT!

The Educational Exhibits at the TNA Shows have been growing. If you attend the annual show, we hope you take advantage of visiting the Educational Exhibits and voting on your favorite for the People's Choice Award. TNA is very fortunate to have some experienced exhibitors who frequently place exhibits at local, regional and even national coin shows. Even the most knowledgeable and experienced numismatists started at a beginning level. For the 2019 TNA Show, we hope to have some exhibits by these expert numismatists, but we also hope to have some presentations by new exhibitors.

Have you ever given a presentation at a local coin club? Do you have a favorite coin? Are you interested in learning more about a certain coin or a particular numismatic topic? Have you wondered about money as it relates to history (after all, almost all of it does)? Whether you are an experienced numismatist or a novice at a new hobby, creating an educational exhibit is a wonderful way to learn more about your coins or paper money. At the same time, you will be sharing your knowledge with others.

A consideration for our Texas Coin Clubs, even clubs can enter an exhibit. Making a Club Exhibit might provide an opportunity for club members to get better acquainted and share their hobby with others.

The first step to making an exhibit is deciding on a topic. After choosing your topic, do the research. Learn all that you can about the numismatic item or series. You will need basic numismatic information (mint, mintage, composition, designer, etc.) along with historic, geographic, biographical and economic information.

When you have done the research, decide how you are going to share your findings. The exhibit should be neat, well-designed and eye catching. TNA provides lockable exhibit cases which are uniform in appearance.

Many think of Numismatics as a hobby for "old folks". We have seen a recent surge toward getting the next generation interested and involved in Numismatics. This will help answer that age related question: "Who will continue with my collection?" When you create an educational exhibit, not only are you sharing your research and love for the hobby, you are inspiring the next generation of Numismatists to learn and get involved.

So if you want to learn more about a numismatic area, share a favorite coin or currency topic by revealing its history, and inspire others in numismatics, the TNA Educational Exhibits Are For You.

Co-Chairs Gary and Judy Dobbins will be happy to answer questions or help you get started in the Exhibit Process. Exhibits can be entered in Competitive or Non-Competitive categories. Exhibit applications, rules and judging guidelines can be found on the TNA website. Take a look at these rules and judging guidelines. You might get "hooked"! Remember - Exhibiting is easier than you think!

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# THE LARGEST SHOW IN HOUSTON, TEXAS WITH 1500+ VISITORS



The 2018 Bellaire Coin and Collectibles Convention was held at the Arabia Shrine Center, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston, Texas 77036 on August 4

and 5, 2018. The convention was well attended, with more than 1500 people attending. The venue was beautiful with 12000 square feet of floor space, chandeliers, hardwood floors, plenty of free parking, and easy accesses.



The bourse security was very good with two armed police officers and video surveillance. Bellaire Coin Club members donned Staff Uniforms to police the area as well. All Patrons and Dealers were heard saying they felt secure in a very beautiful venue.

The Bellaire Coin and Collectibles Convention offered U.S. & Ancient Coins, Gold Bullion, Paper Money, Stamps, Historical Documents, Comics, Jewelry, Stock & Bond Certificates, Ceramics, Glass, and Supplies. The Houston model railroad collectors associations setup a running and beautiful model railroad display for viewing; it was a hit with the kids.

The Children's Auction was well attended with more than 60 kids participating with their Monopoly money to bid and buy real numismatic items; such as Morgan silver dollars, ancient Roman coins, gold coins and of course, COMICS. Many types of collectible were offered at the auction which was 100% free for the

kids. A workshop for the Scouts from the Sam Houston Area Council was held after the Children's Auction with 30 scouts participating in getting their Coin Collecting Merit Badge.



The Bellaire Coin Club is very active in outreach for kids to become interested in coin collecting through the Children's Auction, supporting the Scouts with the Coin Collecting Merit Badge, and giving information and coins to children at the San Jacinto Day celebrations in LaPorte, Texas. The Bellaire Coin Club shares their revenue with the Bellaire Public Library and the Shriner's Burn Hospital each year.

The show is now the largest show in the Houston Area with more than 100 tables and 80+ local and national dealers setting up booths. More pictures and videos of the 2018 Convention and the Children's Auction can be seen at [WWW.BELLAIRECOINCLUB.COM](http://WWW.BELLAIRECOINCLUB.COM). Follow us on Youtube and Facebook to keep up with the 2019 Convention which will be bigger and better.





by Mark Benvenuto

# BRINGING A NEW METAL INTO

In the past in the pages of TNA News we have discussed bullion coins of various stripes. There are obviously gold and silver bullion coins, some series of which have decades-long histories. There are older gold and silver coins that have acted the part, long before the modern series have popped up throughout the world. Silver Maria Theresa thalers and British gold sovereigns are two such issues that might qualify in this case. There have been platinum coins from different nations, and more recently, even a few palladium bullion coins. But now there is a new player in the arena, as it were. There is now a rhodium coin.

We can give you the quick details, but they raise more questions than they answer. They are: rhodium is a transition metal element, number 45 on the periodic table of the elements; the coin is issued by Tuvalu; and the face value of it is \$100. There, that's clear as mud, now isn't it?

Delving into all this in somewhat more detail, first let's find out a bit about rhodium. It is considered one of the platinum group metals, often abbreviated PGM, and is found in ores of other metals such as platinum or of nickel.

Its placement on the periodic table is vertically between cobalt and iridium, pretty close to the middle of everything. It was first discovered in 1803, and is one of quite a few metal elements that were isolated and determined to be separate elements in the nineteenth century. Today it has a few niche uses, but its major use is in automobile catalytic convertors. The United States Geological Survey's book, "Mineral Commodity Summaries," which is printed each year and downloadable for free indicates that about 11,000 kilograms of it have been imported by the U.S. each year for the last few years. Not tons or kilotons mind you, just kilograms. This is what we can definitely call a rare metal.



Curiously, the Mineral Commodity Summaries indicate that Canada, Russia, South Africa, the United States, and Zimbabwe are the major producers of PGM, with South Africa leading the pack, in the area called the Bushveld Igneous Complex (sometimes called the BIC by mineralogists and miners). One country definitely lacking from this short list is Tuvalu – which brings us to our second area of interest concerning this coin.

For those of us who are not experts on the geography of the Pacific, the whoppingly tiny

# THE COINAGE COMMUNITY – RHODIUM

nation of Tuvalu is often shown as a speck on the map of the South Pacific, although it is actually composed of three reef islands and another six atolls. It is north of New Zealand, and northwest of Australia, and is perhaps halfway between Australia and Hawaii. When it was under British rule, it was called the Ellice Islands. Today it has a population, according to a recent census, of 10,640 people, all of whom are jammed into about 10 square miles of land. Since the recent advertisements for this rhodium coin indicate that only one thousand will be made, it looks like nine out of ten Tuvaluans will have to go without – if it were actually made to circulate!

It's different parts of the history of Tuvalu that appears to dictate both the obverse and the reverse of this new rhodium coin. The obverse is the most recent numismatic image of Queen Elizabeth II, surrounded by the words: "QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1 oz 999 RHODIUM 2018 TUVALU 100 DOLLARS." The reverse is apparently a south sea dragon that is apparently part of an older Tuvaluan lore that is probably familiar to the natives, as the rather beautiful image appears with no words or legends around it. Overall, it is a very good looking coin.

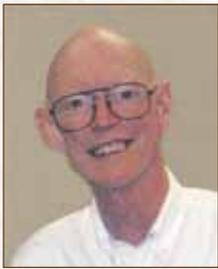
So now, assuming we can get our paws on one of these rhodium one-ounce beauties, a final question worth asking is, just where it might fit in with any collection? Well, if you are an avid collector of Tuvaluan coins and currency

(I suppose there have to be a few such folks out there!), it's probably worth putting this piece next to circulating coins of Tuvalu, and some of their other, previous bullion issues and colorized coins, such as their 1-ounce silver \$1 coin honoring the recent Black Panther movie. But if you are a collector of all sorts of bullion coins, well, one of these might take its place next to the much more common gold, silver, platinum, and now palladium Eagles of the

United States, or the Maple Leaves of Canada, or of any of the many other countries that now issue bullion coins in one form or another. The question is one we basically have to ask of all coins that appear to fall into a completely new category.



Finally, as to how much it might be worth to add one of these to any collection of precious metal coins we might already have, bullion-based or otherwise? Well, at least one company is willing to sell these rhodium newcomers at \$2,467.39 – and that's in U.S. dollars, not Tuvaluan. That's significantly more than an ounce of gold or even than an ounce of platinum, even in bullion coin form. But it is a coin that may end up being the first of many – if it does not turn out to be a one-year flash in the pan. We'll leave it up to each of us to determine if this one is worth it.



by John Barber

# AU-

Your editor is concerned about an emerging trend that seems to be increasingly prevalent in the grading of classic U.S. coins. It is a subset of the recognized problem of "GradeFlation". It seems that not only have the standards at leading Third Party Graders become looser in recent years among top-end uncirculated pieces and middle grades of 18th and 19th century type coins, but there has been red-flag violation of what used to be the important line-in-the-sand of Uncirculated vs. Used. That is to say: we see more coins in slabs with grades of MS-61 and MS-62 that show actual circulation wear. How can this be?

For all of our time in the hobby, the grades of Good through About Uncirculated (shorthand G-4 through AU-55) denoted a coin that had entered circulation and had details worn down by hand-to-hand and coin-to-coin contact in actual use. Thankfully, those grades still mean the same thing today. Conversely, the grades of MS-60 and above were for coins that showed NO WEAR from circulation. About ten years ago, we began seeing increasing use of AU-58 (choice about uncirculated), meaning just the slightest touch of wear on an otherwise very nice coin with good surfaces and color. No trouble in this for your scribe, but others noted (particularly the Third Party Grading companies and marketing companies targeting "investors") that the real market prices on these pieces were often ABOVE the prices of low-grade Uncirculated pieces, such as MS-61 and MS-62. This was hard for newcomers and more casual collectors to understand. How could a

"58" be worth more than a "61"? – the number 61 is higher than 58. The 61 coin, while not commercially used, could be expected to show heavy bag marks, some mint-handling scratches, or ugly toning. That is why prices for those old 61 and 62 coins were lower than many 58 coins.

Unfortunately, in the eyes of your editor at least, the "solution" by the TPGs seems to be to begin marking a lot of the former accurately graded 58 coins as 61 or 62, EVEN if they show some wear. This, of course, would seem to restore an always-rising price curve as you go up in grade over the formerly inviolate line of MS-60 as the demarcation between "used" and "new". Could this be the outcome on the 1836 Lettered Edge Half Dollar by NGC as a "61"? Clearly



# 62?

the coin shows actual wear on the cheek, on the bust, and in the fields, but yet it does have attractive color.



In the opinion of many experienced people, this 1836 Reeded Edge Half graded by PCGS as AU-58 is an accurate call, and more attractive than the NGC coin above.

Other examples can be shown, including the 1859-O silver dollar NCG-58 (upper right), as an accurate call, but notably in an older NGC holder (of a type used perhaps 12 years ago).

BUT older holders are not necessarily any protection against blatant overgrading. Consider if you agree that PCGS was overly generous in calling the 1859-S dollar (lower right) "58" even back in the pre-prong holder era.



*All this goes to show that the old adage "Buy the coin and not the holder" is still alive and well.*



by Richard Laster

# YOU NEVER

*As you all might have recognized through the years your editor has more interest in things which are flat, rectangular, and made of paper than in things that are round and made of metal.*

This doesn't mean that I am devoid of coins, only that my emphasis is devoted to other areas (currency, bonds, warrants, and the like) when I am involved in a specific search, whereas coins, when they come along, are a touch of lagniappe.

One such U.S. coin came into my life a few years ago and quite by accident. I had the opportunity to purchase a small coin collection which held some common U.S. paper along with rather unexciting mixed date Morgan



dollars. Even though the vast majority of pieces in this small collection were of the before mentioned categories, there were a handful of other items including the one pictured just above. As you can see it is a 1917 Type I Standing Liberty Quarter. I can't speak to the condition except to say that my piece is better than some but by no means the top of the heap as far as grading is concerning.

Now, for just a brief while back in the day a few years ago, this coin drew my attention to Standing Liberty Quarters. I invested in a few later examples and took some quality time to study the details and history. I found, as you all know, that the key to the series is the one dated 1916, with a mintage of only 52,000. Even in the most modest of grades collectors are called to pay in the low thousands for a 1916 with the top prices in mid five figures. For sure when any 1916 comes up for grading there is time for celebration, especially when the determination is MS 60 plus. But what if even the best of expert judges misses the mark? One might be able to say something like "you never know!!"

I bring this up because of some information I heard at a local coin club. One of the clubs



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I have been attending in the Metroplex is frequented by members of the staff of Heritage auctions. Discussion came from such a source related to a 1916 third party graded Standing

# ER KNOW!!

Liberty Quarter which was designated for their auction at their upcoming national ANA event in Philadelphia on August 16. Bottom line is this, one of the Heritage appraisers took a look and realized there were several things inconsistent with the coin in the slab. Here are the most obvious three; there were more leaves on the olive branch than known, the design of Liberty's face wasn't quite correct, and the



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"M" which was present on the finished coin, honoring designer Hermon MacNeil, was absent. All of this led the Heritage expert to conclude that what he held in his hand was something remarkable, and more than scarce.

So, when the coin goes to hammer down on August 16 it will go with a new identification: Judd – 1989, a specimen of which only one is previously known to exist. This original one is graded at PF 65, whereas the current is designated PF 61 by NGC. The primary piece sold for \$312,000 in 2004. It'll be interesting

to learn how high the second example will go. And to think that the opportunity for a seller to make a few extra bucks might have been missed because the original diagnosis was incorrect.



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Just goes to show you that you never know.

If you are interested in seeing the coin, head to the Heritage Auctions website. It is featured front and center on page one.



*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](mailto: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 1 - RUSSELL PRINZINGER, GOVERNOR



**FWCC JULY MEETING** - President Dalia Smith called the meeting to order with 30 members and 4 guests., in attendance. Guests: Heather Peace, Erik Peace's wife and John Davis' grandson Luke from Denver Colorado, were first time guests. Fil Peach was a second time guest and asked to join the club. Special Guest Richard Laster, President of TNA, was present.

President Dalia Smith announced our newest retiree, Ed Lasko. She also reminded members and guests that interested guests are eligible on their second visit to a FWCC meeting and by payment of \$20 annual dues. Young guests are always welcome as Junior Members at their second visit with a payment of \$10 annual dues.

Dalia introduced Richard Laster, President of TNA as a special guest. Richard recently retired and moved to Denton from Tyler. Richard talked about the recent TNA Convention in Arlington, the TNA magazine, "TNA News" and the Coins-for-As program that he turned over to Eve Barber from the Greater Houston Coin Club. Coins-for-As is a report card rewards program that allows students grades 3 thru high school to receive collectable coins by sending copies of their report cards.

Richard has been a collector for about 35 years and collects paper money from the Republic of Texas and Civil War periods.

Dalia asked for volunteers to help with the FWCC Coin Show on August 17 & 18th. Gary Andrews passed out 11 Collector's Price Guides (from the Gray Sheet) for members to use. Gary said they would be available free for a limited time before a \$30 annual subscription is required for this valuable tool.

Show and Tell had many interesting items by members.

Program: Gary Andrews gave a fascinating illustration from an auctioneer's receipt in 1897. The receipt for the 19 or 20 items or lots showed a total cost of the items listed as \$15.07 in December 1897. Gary estimated the value of the items on the

receipt would increase 6,788 % in 120 years and today would be worth approximately \$101,000.

Raffles: Frank Hezmall conducted the raffle of 4 items. Dalia Smith conducted the 50/50 raffle. The club and winner each received \$21.

Auction: Frank Hezmall conducted a lively auction of about 30 lots, including a jar of homemade Red Plum jam, which sold for \$7.



## MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



**MID-CITIES JULY MEETING** - President Frank Hezmall opened the meeting with 25 Coin Club Members present.

We had 2 guest speakers. Ray E. Cartier began collecting at age 8 after finding stamps showing exotic animals and places being sold by his barber. His interest waned in his late teens but returned in his mid-twenties when he found his interest in manned space exploration to be available as a postmarked history of space events on covers. Later the topics of aircraft, Jules Verne, and Jacques Cartier were added to that interest as he sub-specialized in Primary Recovery Ships, NASA VIP cards and the planet Mars among others. He has been awarded Gold medals for several of his exhibits of Man in Space, VIP Cards and Primary Recovery Ships, along with several "Most Popular" awards.

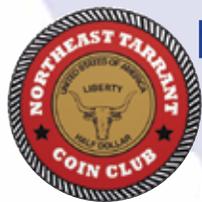


Ray was very informative & shared with the group about the various ways to collect, the rarities, errors, freaks, oddities, double impression, various types (there is even a scratch & sniff ice cream), commemoratives, sheets, comic strip classic, etc. He spoke about how the stamp design goes from art work, to essay, to proof, to final sheet. There are different sizes & formats (perforated, round, animal, etc)

Ray & his wife, Karen, founded the Mid-Cities Stamp Club in 1973. Ray has given seminars on both Astrophilately and on the American Topical Association (ATA) at several shows, along with speaking on planetary exploration at several grammar school science classes.

Karen Cartier has also written several books. She has spent many years traveling to various countries researching the stamps, and sharing those stories in her book, *Tales by Mail-Book 1*, so the reader can truly enjoy the beauty and intricacy of detail that inspired the stamps. Her second book, *In the Land of Make Believe: Fairy Tales, Folktales, Legends, Fables, Children's Stories & Disney Depicted on Postage Stamps of the World*, children can learn about stamps & geography.

In closing, Ray & Karen Cartier invited everyone to 2018 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo (the 31st Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club) at the Grapevine Convention Center (1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX) on November 9th Friday (10a.m.-5p.m.) & November 10th Saturday (9 a.m.-4p.m.). Free Admission & Free Parking



## NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

**NETCC JULY MEETING** - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 69 members and visitors present.

The opening was delayed due to members lining up to feast on hot dogs and fixin's. So many members arrived early, so serving began at 6:40. While hot dogs and all the fixings were provided by the Club, members brought tasty side dishes and salads, as well as a cornucopia of delicious desserts. By the time the meeting started, members had put a sizeable dent in all the food available. With stomachs filed, members were ready for the night's festivities.



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.

Jesse Owens reminded members who haven't already done so to pay their 2018 dues. This is a major

source of funds for our Club.

Visitors recognized: Chris Dykstra, James, Sarah, Leah & Allie Hadley, Zachary & Hayden Swartz.

New members: Chris Dykstra.

Merle Owens then presented an award to one of our graduating seniors and long-time Youth members, Duncan Parkes. Merle relayed his memory of a young Duncan running the sweeper at the end of each meeting. Duncan was this presented with a stipend to assist him in college next year

It was announced that the Grapevine seminar for this year will be held September 29.

Carl Stang gave the July program on George Morgan. George emigrated from England and soon thereafter became an engraver for the Mint. He is best known for his namesake silver dollar, but designed many other coins of note. These included the Columbian half dollar and the unusual, but never



released \$100 Grand Union. He also designed a wide variety of medals and medallions as shown on the left.

Every youth in attendance was awarded a door prize of a proof Lincoln from the 1960's, so that no kid went home empty-handed.

The door prizes were won by Alan Bruns, Cheryl Rybka and Jerry Ozdych. The progressive door prize of a 50th anniversary Kennedy half was won by Roy Hartson.

The usual auction of approximately 40 items was conducted.

**AUGUST MEETING** - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 65 members present. Visitors recognized: Kenneth Miller, Judy Moser, Bill White and Larry Powell. There were no new members.

Jesse reminded everyone of our Facebook and website pages. These sites have a lot of information about our Club and current happenings. He encouraged members to visit the sites frequently and "friend" us on Facebook.

Jesse also gave special thanks to Kenny Smith who arrived early to cook the dogs for our annual Weenie Roast, as well as the ladies who helped serve and the volunteers who brought all their special dishes.

The raffle prizes tonight consist of a 1898 Morgan, a 1921 Mercury, a West Point Silver eagle and a bonus 1940 Mercury.

Carl Stang and Kevin Kell gave the August program on the Barber father and son team. Father William immigrated to America in 1852. He is best known for designing the Trade Dollar and adapting the Seated Liberty design to the short-lived 20 cent piece. Barber was a prolific pattern designer, and for a time engaged in a "pattern war" with fellow coin designer and future Chief Engraver George Morgan.

Charles Barber succeeded his father as Chief Engraver. Barber's best known designs are the Barber dime, Barber quarter, and Barber half dollar, as well as the so-called "V" Liberty Head nickel. Some lesser known pattern coin designs include the trial copper-nickel cent, trial three-cent piece, and the \$4 Stella "Flowing Hair" pieces. He also designed a wide variety of commemoratives, medals and medallions as shown on the right.

All six youth in attendance was awarded a door prize, so that no kid went home empty-handed. The prize was a nice type set of dimes - Roosevelt, Mercury and Barber.

The door prizes were won by Preston Cole, Cheryl Rybka and Dave Werner. The progressive door prize was not won and will be added to the September progressive prize.

The usual auction of approximately 40 items was conducted.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING** - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 62 members and visitors present.

NETCC will again be hosting an educational program in conjunction with the September Texas Coin Show. The program will be held on Saturday, September 29th at the Grapevine Convention Center. Lineup for the three seminars are:

10:30 Kevin Kell, "Two Cent Pieces"

Noon John Barber, "Evolution of the Small Cent"

1:30 Carl Stang, "World of the Barbers"

Make your plans to attend one or more of these interesting and informative sessions.

Visitors recognized: Ethan Sears, Tyler Dollarhide.

New members: Judy Moser, Bill White and Kenneth Miller. We now have 112 current members.

Our annual "Show and Tell" was then conducted. Members displayed and discussed items ranging from an 18th century US Type Set, to Medieval and Middle Age European coins, to a quite impressive Mexican coin collection 1905-1964 (also included Spanish colonial issues as far back as 1735), to a nice assortment of Hard Time Tokens. Presentations also included a full set of Draped Bust Halves 1801-1807, and impressive sets of Indian Cents, Morgan Dollars and Kennedy Halves. The fact that it took 35 minutes to conduct the program is testament to the interest members showed in the items displayed.

All seven youth in attendance were awarded a door prize, so that no kid went home empty-handed.

The progressive door prize was not won and will be added to the October progressive prize.

The usual auction of approximately 40 items was conducted.

## **DISTRIC 4 - ROBERT KURCZEWSKI, GOVERNOR**



**CAPITOL CITY AUGUST MEETING** - Meeting Called to Order with Guests: Jose Zuniga and grand-daughter.

New members: Donna and Audie Nelson.

Old Business: Commemorative coin for 2019. Designs to look at in the back of the room. People can vote on what they like and do not like.

Reports: Round Rock Coin Show- Club made \$1307. There were 264 paid door entry fees. Door prizes donated by the Club (Silver Eagle) Mike Marotta, and Ken Cute of the Texas Coin Connection.

Program: Show and Tell. Door Prizes: Donna Nelson, Ben Gillespie. Three Legged: Mark Kubiak.

## **DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR**



**DALLAS JULY MEETING** - President Mike opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and there were 37 in attendance. (4 guests: Susan, Linda, Allen S. wife and Karl). Another full house and limited seating.

Jose: A lot of exciting news to report! He recommended the benefits of NGC and PCGS news emails providing the latest numismatic news for all collectors. The club was informed of the new PCGS "my account" app. There is a very large demand for conditional rarities in Chinese coins. The Chinese market has increased tremendously and recent auction sales show a trend upward. Mike shared a story of a Chinese coin (Junk Dollar) he picked up for a \$1.00 and sold for \$120.00! If you don't look you don't find. Definitely be on the lookout at your next estate sale.

Show and Tell: Members brought several interesting items to share.

Program: "1916 Standing Liberty Quarter Pattern" by Zeke Wischer - (Numismatist: Heritage Auctions)

The Dallas Coin Club was thrilled to learn one of our own identified a rare pattern 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter.

(TNA Newsletter Editor's note: see page 22-23 for President Richard Lasters article on this special numismatic find.)

Dallas C. C. President praised Zeke and "The Dallas C.C. never ceases to amaze me" was acknowledged. What a treat to those members in attendance and quite an amazing presentation.

**AUGUST MEETING** - Vice-President Stewart opened the meeting with 27 people in attendance. Mark D. was a visitor who collects mostly paper money. Two new members were voted in; Carl Nance and Bill Snades. Attendance has been very strong this year!

Jose: Latest TNA magazine has some very important raffle information for the summer seminar and book raffle. There will be a coin show in White Settlement at the new location. The World's fair of money is being held this weekend in Philadelphia, PA. Quite an exciting week in the numismatic community and Zeke was monitoring the live auction. Some very impressive conditional rarities were up for auction.

Old Business: George received a letter last year from the Metallic Art Company. They produce medals in case any club member is interested. He also mentioned Dallasstatesales.net in case any members want to know of the latest sales.

Show and Tell: Several interesting items were brought by members.

Program: "25 Facts about Classic United States Commemoratives"

by Stewart Huckaby (abbreviated for Texas Happenings)

Classic United States commemorative coins were struck from 1892 through 1954, consisting of six denominations: 25 , 50 , \$1.00 Silver, \$1.00 Gold, \$2.50 & \$50.00. The majority (50) are silver types and only 11 gold types were produced. Proofs exist for many types and most are very rare. The Mega Red Book lists examples for both Columbians, the Isabella, both Louisiana Purchase dollars, 1904 Lewis and Clark dollar, Pan-Pac quarter eagle, 1926 Oregon, Hawaii, Maryland, Connecticut, Arkansas (1-2 1938 Sets), and New Rochelle.

Most commemoratives didn't circulate widely with some exceptions. The Lafayette, 1893 Columbian, Isabella, Alabama, and Missouri were widely circulated. A number of issues have never been certified in a circulated grade. The 1892 and 1893 Columbian halves had mintages very close with regular issues of certain dates. While there were plenty of breaks in the Walking Liberty half dollar series in the 1920's, the commemorative series was interrupted during the decade until 1929.

Many coins had an original retail price of only twice face and continued through some of the 1936 issues. 36 people had a hand in the design of at least one issue, with the most prolific being Charles Barber (most of the early issues, often with assistance from George Morgan (6)).

Some Daniel Boone coins are listed as 1935/34. This isn't an overdate, but a reference to a small 1934 that appears on the coin. Other 1935 issues did not carry the 1934.

For gold commemoratives, the obvious keys in any grade are the Pan-Pac \$50s. The Lewis and Clark dollar is literally a two-headed coin, with Lewis on the dated side and Clark on the undated side

## DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR



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### BELLAIRE JULY MEETINGS - July 2 -

Meeting had 26 people attending.

Most of the business meeting was about Your Bellaire August 2018 show. Garth noted last chance to discuss the show, tonight and July 16. Karl plans to have a volunteer

list for Friday's set up. Visitor names would be entered into the 2019 database, during the Bellaire August 2018 show. When a readable email is presented, the visitor will get something special. Ed reminded about a summer coin show at the VFW. Karl noted that last meeting; the club had copies of the Texas Numismatic Association News magazines. Karl would like to have them returned, for the Bellaire library's magazine rack.

The following members presented a show and tell, Garth and Thurman. Garth won the show and tell prize.

July 16 - There were 20 people at the meeting. This meeting had at least two major discussions. The discussions were next month's Bellaire August 2018 show and June's delayed program on Pre Roman Coins. Alvin presented a show raffle. The drawing would be at the end of the show. Alvin noted the security plans. Alvin also stated that Bellaire is the largest show in the Houston area. Greater Houston's Money Show is now in Conroe. Karl confirmed that Bellaire club has brought get-well cards to Gayland S and Bill W. There was no show and tell drawing. We had a program on Pre Roman Coins.

**AUGUST MEETINGS - August 6 -** Meeting had 19 people attending. Most of the business meeting was about your Bellaire August 2018 show. Karl B discussed the number of volunteers. John P announced how most show crimes are done. Karl B presented a raffle idea. Karl B reminded when to advertise the show. Karl B would plan to have an ATM, at the next show. Richard H discussed the show never had an overflow. Garth C is a dealer, works with the boy scouts, and current club president. Alvin S noted the club is like a family. There are about 15 to 20 at each meeting. Richard H, he had his own table. The Bellaire is the largest show in the Houston area. Greater Houston's Money Show is now in Conroe. Michael W noted that children's auction had 42 bidders. Garth C, Gene McP and Tim C were the children auctioneers. Michael W sorted the cash so each bidder would have the exact amount for each bid. The following members presented a show and tell; Paul K and Barbara T. Paul K won the show and tell prize.

August 20 - Meeting had 20 people attending. Garth C reminded that Karl B stated that Richard H noted other clubs are saying the pledge of allegiance. The club said the pledge, and then started the meeting. Karl B noted the your Bellaire show was successful. Karl B noted the club has sold 29 tables for 2019. Some dealers wanted location for next year, but haven't paid. The club presented suggestions for your Bellaire 2019 show. Make sure that the secretary has the information. The newsletter is the best way to tell all active members. Plans to open a savings account. Buy to purchase gold or silver bullion. The show set up needs younger help. One suggestion is to get some from the scouts. Based on the age of dealers and available volunteers. Tim C noted that 25 dealers have paid their fees for both 2018 and 2019 Bellaire shows. Larry W

suggested a program with dealer list. Karl B noted the room is getting updated lighting. The show needs more volunteers. A volunteer sign up sheet during the summer. Michael W was at the show most of the time, but he said didn't do enough work. Karl B received a unanimous yes to plan a special event for the 2018 show volunteers and dealers. The following members presented a show and tell; Garth C, Tim C, Richardo D, Paul K, and Larry W. Garth C won the show and tell prize.



**GHCC JULY MEETING** -The meeting was called to order by President Jack D. Pledge Of Allegiance was led by Donnie F.

President Jack reminded club members about the upcoming local shows and asked that we attend if we can. Roxanne P. was congratulated for her scholarship from the ANA, and Rick Ewing for his winning effort at the golf tournament in Colorado Springs at Summer Seminar.

Visitors and guests are asked to please stand to be recognized. Tyler, a YN, and Tom C. were guests of members.

Show and Tell - Tom S., Chairman

Show and Tell drawing - Jim S.

Monthly Quiz: Handout of Questions & Results determined. Q's passed out by Chuck B. and YN helpers. Five members got 2 questions right, the tie-breaker was used. Bruce B. got the tie-breaker right along with others and won the random draw for the final winner.

ANA Summer Seminar Participants Report

Roxanne P. (7 Weeks of attending), John B. (20 plus weeks attending), Rick E. (19 weeks) gave reports on this year's event.

Monthly Business Portion: New Members election: Linda Johnson and Shavzab Murad, former YN from Stafford HS, were elected without dissent.

Coins For A's: John B. gave the report. We received a letter from a graduating student thanking us for his participation in the Coins for A's program.

Attendance door prize drawing : David M.

50-50 Drawing - \$48 to #785 Odis

**AUGUST MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Jack D. Paul Robinson led the opening of the meeting Pledge of Allegiance - club YN.

Opening Remarks- 50/50 raffle; A special thank you to Eve B., Cheryl D., and Barbara T. for hotdogs and pizzelle cookies.

Latest TNA News has tons of stuff mentioning GHCC and members of our club and their contributions. A lot of great items have been published by or for those in our Club. It makes us proud to have our Club represented so well.

Visitors and Guests: Duncan D - Odis W.'s son-in-law from the UK; Nate S - visiting friend of YN Paul R.

Show-N-Tell - Tom S. Chairman

Show-N-Tell random drawing winner - Bill S.

Monthly Quiz: 7 tied with 2 answers correct; 3 answered the tie break correctly; Paul P. won the tie breaker!

Program - John Barber - "The Transition to the Small Cent"

Drivers in history, economy, designs, metals, from the large cents to current day cents. Introductory designs, replacement

money, fractional currency... changes driven by the need to reduce production costs. Very good presentation walking through the history of the changes in the American cent since 1850.

YN – Andrew C. discussed his summer seminar learnings at grading courses and his participation in the YN Auction.

Eve B. – Coins for A's update. Melvin N.

50/50 - Eve B. won the raffle

Attendance Door Prize - Austin K..

## **DISTRICT 7** - *FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR*



# THE GATEPOST

## GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**GATEWAY JULY MEETINGS** - July 5 - The meeting was opened with twenty-nine members in attendance, including all officers.

Under New Business, David A. reported that he purchased several on-line ads for the September Wonderland show and was inquiring about TNA and ANA on-line advertising. Frank G. will work on the layout for a wooden dollar and will check on prices.

Under Announcements, Bob K. reported that there were several important changes in the new 2018 Red Book. Cal B. said the U.S. Mint is issuing a new San Francisco Mint commemorative coin with a mintage of only 200,000. Karla G. announced that Paul R. received word from TNA that one of the tickets he purchased (in his wife's name) had won a gold coin in the TNA Convention raffle. Finally, we had a GCC winner! Congratulations were extended to Paul!

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Andy G. with several items shown. The Round Table Prize, a set of "Nine Decades of American Nickels, 1910-1990" was won by Steve M.

The Raffle: Mike G. donated a coin as an additional prize in tonight's raffle. The raffle winners were Walter S., Gene F., Ana Maria M., Debbie W., Andy G., David A., Jerry J., and John M.

The Auction was conducted by David A., Matt B., and Gene F. with the assistance of Frank G. Auction lots were donated by Matt B. These lots were purchased by Larry F. and Gene F. for a total of \$12.00. GCC thanks the donor and the purchasers for their generosity.

JUL. 19 - The meeting opened with one guest and thirty members in attendance, including all officers. The guest was Sophia M., the eight-year-old granddaughter of Nancy and Steve M. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Steve M. gave the treasurer's report.

Under Old Business: Members who want to have a space at the September 15th "Antique, Collectible and Coin Show" at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall were reminded to bring their completed application form and money to the next meeting.

Under New Business: Karla G. reported that she had made reservations for the GCC Anniversary and Installation of Officers dinner scheduled for September 20th. Deadline to sign-up for the dinner is September 6th.

Under Announcements: David A. announced that the Round Rock Coin Show would take place that weekend. Karla G. announced that Stan McM. had been hospitalized but would be released soon. She also announced that Gene F. was on

vacation in Arizona and that Luke B. was attending Boy Scout camp.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Andy G. with several members participating. The Round Table Prize, a set of "2002 First Coins of the European Union," was won by Don P.

The Raffle winners were Walter S. (twice), Larry F., Ed B., Jim R., Jim W., and Steve M.

The Numismatic Educational Program. Matt B. presented the numismatic educational program on "How to Detect Counterfeit Slabs." Matt showed the group the differences between authentic and counterfeit one-ounce gold bars packaged in Perth Mint slabs. In another example, he demonstrated the differences in lettering on authentic and counterfeit NGC slabs. Matt warned us that prior to purchasing any NGC or PCGS slabbed coin, we should look for the NGC or PCGS slab number on-line in the company's database. Matt also showed us how to use a gold tester to determine if a gold coin was authentic.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B. with the assistance of Frank G. Auction lots were donated by Ed G., David A., and Frank G. These lots were purchased by Larry F., David F., Todd B., and Steve M. for a total of \$17.25 that was added to our club treasury. GCC thanks the donors and the purchasers for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1922-D Peace dollar, was won by Larry F.

**AUGUST MEETINGS** - Aug 2 - The meeting opened with twenty-nine members in attendance, including all officers.

Under Old Business, members who want to have a space at the September 15th "Antique, Collectible and Coin Show" at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall were reminded to bring their completed application form and deposit to the next meeting. Karla G. began taking reservations for the GCC Anniversary and Installation of Officers dinner scheduled for September 20th. Reservations are required.

Under New Business, Larry F. and Stan McM. were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Under Announcements, several members discussed the untimely passing of former Gateway Coin Club member, Bill Davis who died while traveling to Uganda.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Andy G. Several members had items to share. The Round Table Prize, a set of "Nine Decades of American Nickels, 1910-1990" was won by Steve M.

The Raffle: Mike G. donated a coin as an additional prize in tonight's raffle. The raffle winners were Walter S., Gene F., Ana Maria M., Debbie W., Andy G., David A., Jerry J., and John M.

The Auction was conducted by David A., Matt B., and Gene F. with the assistance of Frank G. Auction lots were donated by Matt B. These lots were purchased by Larry F. and Gene F. for a total of \$12.00. GCC thanks the donor and the purchasers for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1926-S Peace dollar, was won by Todd B.

Aug 16 - The meeting opened with thirty-four members in attendance, including all officers. There were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Steve M. gave the treasurer's report.

Under Old Business, Karla G. took reservations for the GCC Anniversary and Installation of Officers dinner scheduled for September 20th. Deadline to sign-up for the dinner is September 6th. Reservations are required.

Larry F. and Stan McM.,, serving on the nominating committee for 2018-19, recommended that the current slate of officers, who are willing to serve again, continue in their positions.

Under Announcements, Larry F. announced that last week he purchased a number of rolls of half dollars from a local bank. In the rolls he searched, he found quite a few of the 40% silver halves. LeRoy M. said he will be ordering loupes/ magnifying glasses similar to ones he has sold previously. Karla G. announced that Chunk N. was not in attendance because of the death of his former mother-in-law. She also announced that she has GCC business cards advertising the 2019-2020 GCC coin show dates. She urged everyone to take some to distribute.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Andy G. with several interesting items shared. The Roundtable Prize, a 1992 Bulgarian mint set, was won by LeRoy M.

The Raffle: The raffle winners were Pat W., Don P., Walter S., Nancy M., Ana Maria M., Stan McM., & David.

The Numismatic Educational Program: David A. presented the monthly educational program on "The Coins and Banknotes of Palestine." David gave a brief history of Palestine, noting that it once belonged to many different countries. From 1517 to 1917, Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). In 1917, the country came under the purview of the United Kingdom, when the British defeated the Ottoman Turks. Under the British Mandate, Palestine began issuing its own coins and banknotes in 1927 on the eve of the ten year anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. Thank you, David for a fine program.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Gene F. and assisted by Frank G.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923-D Peace dollar, was won by Gene F.

## **DISTRICT 10 - DON TOMKO, GOVERNOR**



# ICCEP

## INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

*EL PASO JULY MEETING* - President Jason opened the meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso at 6:45 with members and 4 guests preset.

Jason presented David with a plaque thanking him for all he has done for the club. Also, there was a plaque for John but he was unable to attend the meeting. Jason advised that mailers will be sent out each quarter. Please update your address.

Because there are so many auction items, we will limit the items four to a member for 25 cents each, with a total of 50 items for the monthly auction. Also Roger must sign your auction sheet.

We will consult an engineer to work on a case rack. The design needs to be easier to transport. After cleaning out the storage, the extra items not needed were donated to La Posada.

We will have business cards – a good recruiting tool for membership.

Bob & Jason went through the books and weeded out those not needed or less appropriate. If you would like a certain book for the library, please put the name of the book in the suggestion box.

Jason presented name tags to new members Bettie and Enrique. Also, he announced that September 10 will be "Bring a Guest" day.

The following new members were favorably voted upon. Kevin S., Barbara, Henry, Kevin L. and Ruben.

Brian talked about the Numismatic World website, an excellent resource for background information. It lists periodicals of all kinds, price data, catalogues and mint reports. It is predominantly US, but ancient coins and foreign currency is also listed.

Chuck gave a report on his recent visit to the Highland Mint. Tours are not ordinarily offered, but he was lucky enough to be able to tour the facility. He met with the President and Vice President who started the company 25 years ago. They have made our dies since 2006.

The business portion of the meeting ended with a numismatic quiz by Roger. It was questionable as to how many correct answers the members knew.

A fun auction was conducted by Steve, Bob and Willie. Numismatic prizes were won by Olga, Don S., Helen, Jim and Reggie. Barbara won the grand prize and the gold bars.

August Meeting - The International Coin Club of El Paso met on August 13, 2018, at 6:45 pm with 46 members present.

President Jason announced that long-time member Ken Price passed away on Saturday, August 11th. No services are planned. Chuck spoke about him to the group. He was an "Unaccompanied Veteran" so there will be a service provided by the cemetery in October. Chuck will let us know about the service.

Jeff King from Alamogordo also passed away.

Name tags were given to new members Kevin and Barbara and Henry Mattingly.

A thank you letter from La Posada Home was read. They were very appreciative of our donations because government grant funding continues to decline.

A mailer will be sent from the club in September. Numismatic businesses or members will be asked for a donation for the mailing. The cost will be about \$40.00 or \$50.00. We need address updates.

It was announced that we need raffle prizes for the coin show. We need to get the tickets out soon.

Our new way of doing the auction worked very well at the last meeting. Remember you will need your bid forms to be initialed with the item numbers before placing them on the auction table.

September 10th will be guest day. We need to build up our membership – more members means extra revenue to do more things.

At the September meeting the library will be open from 6:00-6:45 pm. You can check out books for a month. We need to decide what to do with the older books. The library is a functional one – not a museum. Everyone will get a list of the books in the library. Brian has donated two books to the library.

The Christmas dinner was discussed. It was decided to have the dinner on the west side of town to accommodate our members from Las Cruces.

A motion made by Adrian and seconded by Jackie did not pass. The motion read officers of the club cannot buy auction tickets until all members have purchased auction tickets.

John Y. gave a presentation on coin grading. He submitted 20 coins in rattler holders to be graded. Out of the 20, 2 stayed the same. He stated "What's on the label is not always the grade."

Jason gave a presentation about his numismatic hunt in Corpus Christi. He mentioned that it seemed difficult to find a dedicated coin shop in the area, and how lucky El Paso is in having a great selection of shops to choose from. Jason mentioned that while the coin shops were far and few, he did find two silver dimes and various other foreign coins in the sand while walking the beach and throughout town. He also mentioned touring the USS Lexington (a WWII era aircraft carrier) and how they had military medals displayed and a couple of Japanese war era paper bills.

A lively auction was conducted by the auction team of Steve, Bob and Willie.

Numismatic prizes were won by Kevin, Loly, Brent, David, Steve, and Barbara. Brent won the grand prize.

## **DISTRICT 11 - DOUG HERSHEY, GOVERNOR**



### **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.**



**GOLDEN SPREAD JULY MEETING** -The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm.

In attendance were Tommy Tompkins, Chuck Michaels, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Kurt Gehring, Kelly Archer, Chuck Freas and Michael Eklund. Our guests were Doyle and his grandson Oliver.

Precious metal prices were a little less precious with Gold at \$1240.40, Silver at \$15.84, Platinum \$818.00 and Palladium being \$939.00.

Chuck Freas gave a great powerpoint presentation called "Coopers Treasure" where former Astronaut Gordon Cooper discovered more than 100 anomalies while circling the earth on a 1963 mission. These anomalies were detailed into a possible treasure map of shipwrecks and this is where the adventure begins.

Our monthly drawing was for Polk Indian peace medal replica and was won by Chuck Michaels. The gift certificate was for \$10 and not won by Wayne Peek so next months is worth \$15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Our next meeting will be held in the basement on August 6th at 6:45pm in the Happy State building. You can park in the garage and go to the elevator which will take you to the basement. If arriving after 6:30 go across to the bank itself and upon entering, take the elevator down to the basement. The breakroom is just through the glass portioned panels which is where we meet. So as always bring a friend and of course bring some coins and lets enjoy our hobby together.

**AUGUST MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at 6:53pm.

In attendance were Paul Otts, Norm Goodfellow, Phil Witt, Chuck Michaels, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Mike Nowak, Kurt Gehring, Kelly Archer, Chuck Freas and Michael Eklund. There were no guests.

Committee reports focused on the coin show. Attendance was up as well as the dealer count which is encouraging. Jim has booked the next two years shows and is looking at bringing

in more dealers. We will continue to help promote our regional show and offer him all of our support.

Precious metal prices were weak with Gold at \$1208.10, Silver at \$15.28, Platinum \$820.00 and Palladium being \$910.00.

Chuck Freas gave a great powerpoint presentation called "Augustus Saint Gaudens 1933 Double Eagle". He discussed the history and controversy surrounding this numismatic rarity.

Our monthly drawing was for Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Medal replica and was won by Karl. Kurt won a 2017 59th TNA Convention token. The gift certificate was for \$15, and not won so next months is worth \$20.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Our next meeting will be held in the basement on Sept 10th the Second Monday of the month because of Labor Day holiday. We will meet at 6:45pm in the Happy State building. You can park in the garage and go to the elevator which will take you to the basement. If arriving after 6:30 go across to the bank itself and upon entering, take the elevator down to the basement. The breakroom is just through the glass portioned panels which is where we meet. So as always bring a friend and of course bring some coins and let's enjoy our hobby together.



## **DISTRICT 12 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR**

**TYLER JULY MEETING** - Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members: 33 Guests: 10 New Members: 1  
Total: 44

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane)

- The club was lead in prayer by Tommy L.
- Please keep Tommy, Bruce, 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 July.
- Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report including results from the coin show.
- David H. presented members with results of coin show (see below).
- Allen presented each of our bourse-floor Pages with a Gem Uncirculated note as well as a spendable monetary donation for their hard work and efforts at the coin show.
- Lane thanked Larry V. for his efforts organizing educational exhibits for the show. The exhibits were very well received. Lane would like to increase the number of exhibits for next year and introduce a People Choice award based on attendee voting.
- The club approved a one-year subscription to the CDN Collector's Pricing Guide publication.
- Allen gave a short presentation on large denomination notes which circulated from the early 1930's through World War II.

• Lane addressed educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) encouraging member participation at monthly meetings.

• Next meeting is August 14th at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.

Coin Show (David H.)

• Just under 700 attended the show.

• Over 40 different club members either volunteered or donated something for the show.

• David stated that feedback from dealers was very positive

• Stephen received a letter and several emails commending club members for being so friendly and helpful.

• The 11th Annual Coin Show is June 21-22, 2019 at Harvey Hall Convention Center (only 2-3 tables remain available).

Club Auction (Dudley V.)

• 28 auction items sold - \$2,123.00

Door prize winners

• Allen, Carl, Dudley, Joe, and Larry

**AUGUST MEETING** - Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members: 50 Guests: 5 New Members: 2 Total: 55 (Record Attendance!!!)

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane)

• The club was lead in prayer by Richard L.

• Please keep Sherry, Tommy, Bruce, Jim, 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 August.

• Lane spoke about how fortunate Tyler Coin Club is noting record attendance as well as member participation.

• Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report to club members.

• Lane announced that Aleasha will coordinate the Christmas dinner again this year. The event will be catered at our regular meeting location.

• After member presentations (see below), the value of weakly struck coins, and coins graded with environmental damage were discussed.

• Lane encouraged additional member participation with educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) at monthly meetings.

• Next meeting is September 11th at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.

Presentations

• Carl S. discussed the difficulty collector's sometimes have identifying AU versus BU coins. Members examined an 1888-O Morgan Dollar that Carl recently purchased. The coin was an extreme example of a weakly struck New Orleans dollar that PCGS graded AU55.

• Larry V.'s presentation was a response to a recent Coin World article, "Building a \$20,000 Collection of U.S. Coins." The synopsis of the article was selecting 10 coins that provide an overview of collecting and reflect the diversity of U.S. coins. Larry assembled and presented a much broader set of 10 items representative of the hobby and for well under \$20K. Larry's items included Ancient and Medieval coins, a Spanish 8 Reales, a hard time token, currency, and a third-party graded coin. The progression of production techniques as well as monetary and collector evolution make Larry's 10 items a great representation of numismatics indeed.

Club Auction (Richard G.)

• 49 auction items sold - \$4,465.00

Door prize winners

• Randy, Sherry, TJ, Todd, Tommy

## DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

# GREENBELT COIN CLUB

**GREENBELT SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Bryan Sweitzer. Thirteen members were in attendance.

**Old Business:** A staff member of the college library came in and announced that the library would remain open until 9:30PM each night starting this month. We had previously been told that it would close at 9PM. Evidently, the 9PM closing was during summer months only.

**New Business.** President Sweitzer announced that it was time to nominate club officers for 2019. After some discussion, it was decided that nominations would be taken from the floor at the next meeting. Connolly O'Brien announced the Duncan OK coin show would be held on the upcoming weekend.

**Program.** Tony Zupkas discussed some recent articles in Coin World Magazine, in particular an article about fake Pillar Dollars coming out of China. Per the article, tens of thousands of the coins dated 1741 have been sent to the US. Also, China is producing kits that can be used to make fake PCGS and NGC slabs. You buy the kits and make your own. Another article announced that a 1953-S Franklin Half graded MS-65 with full bell lines sold for \$25,000 recently.

Drawings were held and Bryan Sweitzer won the membership prize, a 1971 Ike Dollar in the blue envelope. Raffle prize drawings were held and Randy Boyd won the 2018 Silver Eagle. Other winners were Bryan who won a 1992 Proof set; Sammy McDonald won a 1984 Proof Set; and Danny Walker, a 1972 Proof set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 64-lot auction of which 26 were sold. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

## DISTRICT 14 - RENE DE LA GARZA, GOVERNOR



**HIDALGO AUGUST MEETING** - The August meeting of 2018 was called to order by President Mike Alaniz with 34 members present plus 1 visitor. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC currently has 95 members. We start brand new every year with previous members renewing their memberships. 7 door prizes were given out.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as always. At this meeting, 80 coin lots were auctioned off after the business part with Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer and Brent Garza and Tomas Marroquin as the money runners.

Plans were finalized at this meeting for our monthly Friday Night Show. These shows are always held 4 days after the Monthly Meeting in the Conference Room of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. For August, the turnout of guests was better than usual for a summer month.

The gold coins and a safe have been bought to be given away at our annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show to be held on Nov. 3 & 4, 2018. The raffle ticket sales have begun. Members may purchase a book of 10 tickets for \$20 or take advantage of the 'member's special' by purchasing 20 tickets with a \$5 discount for a total of \$35.

Past President, Raul H. Gonzalez is now serving as the Interim Treasurer as of this meeting. The club is now looking for a replacement to the Executive Council.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The September monthly meeting was called to order by President, Mike Alaniz. This and all meetings for the year 2018 was held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. The new members that applied have been accepted. The attendance at this meeting was 31 members and 1 visitor. Every year, we start from scratch as members renew their memberships and new ones apply. We have 98 members at this point. 7 Door Prizes were given out.

The coin business was slow in August as is all summer months. The only other activity we engaged in was the monthly Friday Night Show. We had more guests show up. We are utilizing social media more often now to get the word out about our shows.

The Sept. meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 coins with Auctioneer Rene de la Garza and 2 Money Runners - Brent Garza and Tomas Marroquin.

Plans are being finalized for our annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show. The club has purchased a new Security Camera system to be used at all of our upcoming shows. This system comes with 4 cameras and a monitor. If a coin dealer has an item stolen from their table, we will be able to view and catch the culprit.

Pres. Alaniz announced that elections for new Officers will take place at the Nov. club meeting. Anyone interested in running for any position may do so starting now.

Youth Coordinator Raul H. Gonzalez announced that the Youth Club will begin with classes on Sat. Sept. 22nd. The classes are held at the Lark Community Center's Library. The new Beginner class will start at 2:00pm and the Advanced class immediately after at 3:30pm. The Youth Coin Club is starting its 9th year of existence and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month..

## **DISTRICT 15 - BARBERA WILLIAMS, GOVERNOR**



**BEAUMONT JULY MEETING** - 23 members were in attendance along with one guest. The meeting was called to order by President Colby B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara W.

The Treasurer's report was received and June minutes approved. The Show Committee provided an update of reserved tables for the September 29 Coin Show.

Door Prizes were drawn. In lieu of a presentation, everyone shared their Favorite Coin. John W led an interesting auction.

Door Prizes were drawn, Dick H presented on the topic of Auction Savvy. John W led us in a large auction.

**AUGUST MEETING** - 21 members were in attendance along with one guest, who was accepted as a new member. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John W. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry W.

The Treasurer's report was received and June minutes approved. The Show Committee reported all tables for the show are reserved, with only 2-3 pending payment.

Door Prizes were drawn. R.L. F presented on the topic of Proof vs. Business Strike coins.

Auction Savvy. Colby B conducted the auction.

## **GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB**

**GREATER ORANGE JULY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by president Slabugh at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 14 members and 1 guest in attendance. The club acknowledged and congratulated Carlton and Traci on their birthdays

Did You Know? The most counterfeited U S Coin is the Silver Eagle. Number two is Morgan Dollars

Old Business: The one day Silsbee coin show had 88 people in attendance. The venders and customers all had a good show.

The Orange coin club will purchase a 1/10 oz gold coin to be given away at next years coin show.

New Business: There was a brief discussion concerning the gold coin for next years show. Specifically the method of how and when the coin would be presented to the winner. It was decided that the winner would be required to attend the next (march) months meeting to pick up the coin.

Program: Carlton presented an excellent presentation on the Nickel without Nickel. More precisely the 1942 - 1945 War Nickels.

**AUGUST MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by president Slabugh at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 15 members and 3 guest in attendance.

On a sad note, Barbara reported that her briefcase had been stolen recently. And asked for every one to be on the look out for it.

Did you know? In 2022 the mint will produce the nations first square coin. And it will supposedly celebrate the 50th anniversary of integrating Major League Baseball.

Old Business: It was reported that Lake Charles had a successful coin show last month. The Bellaire Coin show was also reported to have been good except for the poor lighting in the facility.

New Business: Beaumont will be hosting their annual coin show Sept 29th at the Holiday Inn Atrium At IH 10 and Walden road. Check the Orange coin club web site for additional details.

This months program was presented by Kemble. He spoke on grading coins and not being taken advantage of during purchases. Number one on his list of suggestions was "buy the book before you buy the coin." In addition he recommends to purchase slabbed graded coins in various conditions to compare with future purchases.

Door prizes were awarded and the auction was held.



## WACO COIN CLUB

**WACO JULY MEETING** - Tom called to order. There were in attendance 16 members.

Show and Tell: James Haney went to the Space Center. He showed a coin to commemorate the Apollo 11 project. The Ike dollar has back as memorial to Apollo 11.

James had gone to the Titanic exhibit at Baylor's Mayborn Museum. There were coins and bills retrieved from the Titanic. He also saw a bank note from a Texas bank.

**AUGUST MEETING** - Tom Campbell called to order. There were in attendance several members and several seem to have a good time swapping at least tales if not coins.

Show and Tell: If you have a Show and Tell, contact Alan Wood. 776-0875.

## HISTORICAL FACTS

**This information is from Heritage Auctions and Coin Collecting Guide for Beginners**

### From Heritage

Authorized in 1792 and first minted in 1793, the half penny was worth something when a daily wage was a dollar. The design was changed in 1794, and in 1800, and in 1809, and after not being minted in 1837 to 1839, was restarted with a new design in 1840. In 1857, the half cent was discontinued. There are no mint marks on half cents as the only mint was in Philadelphia.



As a part of our August 14-19 Philadelphia ANA auction, we are pleased to present a 1796 half cent, With Pole, graded MS66+ Red and Brown by PCGS and assigned an astounding EAC MS67 grade by our own Mark Borckardt. This very coin is considered the finest half cent minted in 1795 to 1797. This stunning Premium Gem exhibits full cartwheel luster with brilliant pale orange mint color and light brown toning that features pale bluish tendencies. The central obverse and reverse design motifs are sharply defined, with weakness at the obverse border and part of the reverse border, as usual for the 1796 half cents.

This issue is famous for its low mintage, recorded as 1,390 coins during the year. That figure is generally accepted as the actual mintage of 1796 half cents. Perhaps seven percent of those coins survive today, including about two dozen No Pole coins, and 75 With Pole examples. Slight die lapping is



evident with the base of the 6 thin and the lower edge of the cap absent. Repunching of the 9 remains visible, and microscopic die artifacts are clearly visible on this exceptional piece. On the reverse, the M in AMERICA is faintly doubled, a die characteristic that is not mentioned in the Manley or Breen references, and probably not visible on lower grade pieces. The reverse die was used for both 1796 varieties, although the order of striking remains unknown.

Our census of the top 1796 With Pole half cents includes 10 examples that grade MS60 or finer. At least four of those, including this example, have appeared in England during the past 30 years.

### From the Coin Collecting Guide

The 1794-1797 Liberty Cap

Liberty Cap, Head Facing Right

Designer: 1794 - Robert Scot



1795 - John Smith Gardner, engraved by Robert Scot  
Edge

1794 - Lettered: TWO HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR

1795-1797 - plain (some 1797 are either lettered or gripped)

Mintage

1794 - 81,600, 1795 - 139,690

1796 - 1,390, 1797 - 127,840

The 1796 half cent is the most valuable date of this series.

The 1793 Liberty Cap Half Cent

Type: Liberty Cap, Head Facing Left

Designer: Undetermined: Probably Joseph Wright, Henry Voigt or Adam Eckfeldt



Years Minted: 1793 only

Edge: Lettered: TWO HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR

Mintage: 35,334

The 1793 coin is a scarce date and was one of the very first coins issued by the United States.



**TRAVELING SUSPECTS  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS- 9/10/18**

The subjects pictured below were in a coin shop in Centrailia,Il today wanting to buy gold and using same MO as other alerts.



**JACKSONVILLE,FL-9/5/18**

The following group was in a pawn shop in Jacksonville, FL and took a tray of jewelry. Two of the female subjects are believed to be the same persons in a recent alert who were involved in a theft in Omaha Nebraska.



**FEDEX THEFT  
SEPTEMBER 14**

The following coin was sent via Fedex from Texas to Illinois. Upon arrival at destination the contents of the box had been removed.

*STOLEN COIN*  
**1887-S \$1 MS68 NGC 1654978-034**

**SUSPECTS HIT IN LOUISVILLE,KY  
SEPTEMBER 12**

At approximately 1pm today a male and female accompanied by a small child went into Cherokee Coins in Louisville,Ky and committed a theft involving approx \$29,000 in gold coins. The suspect asked for silver and then requested to see gold coins. During the transaction the suspects flashed a large amt of cash and wanted the coins put into small bags and then placed in a box. When the total amt was added up the suspects stated they needed to get additional cash and would be back to pick up the coins. At some point, the suspects were able to take the coins. The small child ran around the store as a possible distraction.

"Shop owners should be alert of individuals using the same MO as above"

**COIN THEFT LONG BEACH SHOW  
SEPTEMBER 12**

The following coin has been reported missing/stolen after the recent Long Beach Show.





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

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2019

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