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## Hello!



Ann Marie Avants  
TNA News Editor

Congratulations on a great event, and thank you to everyone involved in the 2019 TNA Convention and Show. It was very well-attended, and the engagement of the Scouts and other young collectors was absolutely incredible. We grew our ranks and signed up many new members! There were lots of wonderful items available for sale, including the cover coin: a PR-67 1894 Morgan Dollar available from Southland Coins & Collectibles, Inc. Check out pages 6 through 11 for more photos of the convention. In addition to the show recap, I hope you will enjoy the educational articles in this issue. James L. Haney encourages you to put your foreign notes under a black light, Mark Benvenuto addresses collecting "perfect" Silver Eagles, Richard Laster reflects on the educational presentations at local club meetings and his Norse American Centennial, Sam Fairchild has great information about the significance of the designs on the 2009 Lincoln Cents, John Barber reflects on an estate he assessed, and don't miss Lane Brunner's fantastic article about Caesar's Elephant Denarius and the historical significance of the symbolism on that coin. If you would like to contribute an educational article to the TNA News, please email me! I would love to hear from you!

### Publication Deadlines



Please email your articles and club news in 2019 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and October to [theTNAnews@gmail.com](mailto:theTNAnews@gmail.com)



Richard Laster

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### *Greetings Friends ...*

Numismatically speaking, your president has “been around” for quite a while. I joined my first coin club back when I was a teenager, making my previous membership in the Bellaire Coin Club one of the earliest of a living person to be found in their books. I am not going to say exactly how long ago that was, except to let you know that the second president of the United States who was actually born in Texas was in office at the time.

Throughout the years, I have attended an untold number of coin shows and numismatic conventions and auctions. Most of the regional and local shows I viewed took place in my home town of Houston. I remember, now more than thirty five years ago, when I started collecting currency. What a treat it was to shake hands with one of the icons in the “ragpicker” community, the one and only Grover Criswell. Grover, along with many patriarchs of the Twentieth Century currency Collector boom, is no longer with us. But, as my mother was wont to say, “thus is life.” We are all thankful for those who helped form us and encourage our interests in life. Coin clubs and shows helped me move from a metaphorical toddler into an educated collector. I am thankful I was able to explore the possibilities and be present in the shadows of those who went before.

After all these years as a collector, I can affirm what a “good” show looks like. Well, friends, we had more than just a “good” TNA show. Our event in Arlington from May 31 to June 2 was spectacular! From my standpoint as one who was present nearly the entire time the doors were open, it appeared that the crowd was larger than in past years. Also, folks seemed to stay longer and were more actively involved with our dealers. I spoke with a number of sellers, and the vast majority noted that ours was a wonderful show.

For our part, the leadership team was front and center offering a welcoming experience and a variety of opportunities. I looked in on the children’s auction and the scouts’ merit badge seminar, and both groups were large and engaged. Our book sale was quite successful and hosted a vast, and noisy, collection of buyers. Speaking of numbers, the exhibit area held more cases than I recall seeing at any show, anywhere. There is even more ... the sold-out raffle, a couple of tables of Young Numismatist dealers, the presentation and sale of the TNA’s outstanding annual medal set (featuring General Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross). I know there is more, but for the moment I can affirm that we hosted a world class numismatic event. It was a joy to see the presence of members of various local coin clubs who offered material and invitations to their meetings and other events. Suffice it to say that the number of people involved was strong, spirits were high, and enthusiasm abounded. And the best news is: there will be another show / convention in 2020! This upcoming one will mark TNA’s 60th anniversary. Seems like only yesterday!

The final thing to say is “thank you” to all those who made this time in our history so wonderful. Not only did we enjoy the show, there were also a couple of important board meetings, one for the board of directors and the other annual “Association” meeting. These were strong in their intent as well. Incidentally, please take a look at the officer and volunteer page near the end of this magazine. There are a few new faces to be found there.

Thanks to all. I look forward to visiting with you in the near future. Let me know how I can be of service to you.

*Regards and God Bless.*

Richard Laster  
TNA President  
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Lawrence Herrera

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

MAY-JUNE 2019

## WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-7742 to R-7752. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on June 1, 2019. The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on August 1, 2019.

Number	Name	Proposer	District	Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7753	John Graboski-Hedden	Website	22	R-7780	Calvin Hartzog	Show	1
R-7754	Elizabeth Coggan	Show	22	R-7781	Kerek Hogg	Charles Moore	1
R-7755	James Pettigrew	Show	22	R-7782	Kirk Jackson	Charles Moore	1
R-7756	Joe Linford	Show	22	R-7783	Corwin Jossell	Show	1
R-7757	Marc Tancer	Show	22	R-7784	Jeff Leichsenring	Show	5
R-7758	Jerry Fochtman	Gary Dobbins	6	R-7785	Ulrich Leutwyler	Charles Moore	5
LM-286	Hal Cherry	Conversion	5	R-7786	Phil McLain	Charles Moore	1
R-7759	Larry Brooks	Website	6	R-7787	Tim Meesey	Charles Moore	1
R-7760	Louis Contreras	Show	22	R-7788	Matthew Miller	Charles Moore	1
R-7761	David Libmar	Show	22	R-7789	Michael Morrow	Charles Moore	1
R-7762	Tom Poole	Show	22	R-7790	John Morse	Frank Hezmall	1
R-7763	Mike Boyer	Show	22	R-7791	Tom Novy	Charles Moore	5
R-7764	Chad Caldwell	Show	5	R-7792	Marty Ottwell	Charles Moore	5
R-7765	Robert Griffiths	Show	22	R-7793	Fil Peach	Charles Moore	1
R-7766	Brad Smith	Show	22	R-7794	Thomas Petrosie	Charles Moore	1
R-7767	Harlan Berk	Show	22	R-7795	Adam Raschio	Richard Laster	1
R-7768	James Pietz	Show	22	R-7796	Thomas Sims	Charles Moore	22
R-7769	Mike Bloodsworth	Show	12	R-7797	Trent Schwartz	Frank Hezmall	4
R-7770	Larry Adams	Richard Laster	22	R-7798	Clyde Smith	Show	5
R-7771	Steve Amrhein	Charles Moore	22	R-7799	Craig Sparks	Charles Moore	1
R-7772	Darrell W. Armstrong	Charles Moore	16	R-7800	Zane Sturgeon	Frank Hezmall	5
R-7773	Jaime Barnes	Jim Taylor	1	R-7801	Bill Walker	Show	5
R-7774	Robert Barron	Frank Hezmall	16	R-7802	Adrian Waller	Charles Moore	6
R-7775	Daniel Braswell	Charles Moore	5	R-7803	David Waterstraat	Charles Moore	12
J-7776	Todd Burek	Charles Moore	7	R-7804	Lance Wetherill	Frank Hezmall	5
R-7777	Clayton Christiansen	Charles Moore	1	R-7805	Kevin Wilson	Kevin Guiles	1
R-7778	Duc Dao	Charles Moore	5	R-7806	Otto Sonnenberg	Charles Moore	3
R-7779	Roger Gaiha	Frank Hezmall	5	R-7807	James Robertson	Charles Moore	1

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$25  
and should be mailed to:  
Lawrence Herrera  
TNA Secretary  
4717 W. Lovers Lane  
Dallas, TX 75209

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

### TNA COINS FOR A'S

Please contact our Coins for A's Administrator for information on this important program for young collectors: Coins for A's, P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393  
Email: Coins4As@gmail.com

# TREASURER'S REPORT



Jack Gilbert

## TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

### Library Improvement & ANA Summer Seminar Grants

Mark your calendars for August 1. That is when I will start accepting entries for the next drawing 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 are eligible to enter the drawing for one of two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the 2020 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

Entries should include all of the member's contact information and may be submitted by email (preferred) at gilbej@yahoo.com or by U. S. Mail at Jack E. Gilbert, 1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248.

Please send one entry for each drawing to be eligible! Please include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. **Include the following contact information: Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and Email**

### COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

In mid-April, the Program Oversight Committee received three requests from two clubs for financial assistance in support of Young Numismatists and Promoting Numismatics programs. The Committee unanimously approved all three requests.

Fort Worth Coin Club requested \$250 to assist in funding a Coin Grading Seminar to be held in early September. To request more information, please contact Carl Stang or the Fort Worth Coin Club.

Northeast Tarrant Coin Club requested \$250 to assist in funding its annual Youth Night held the 2nd Thursday of June each year. The Club also requested \$250 to assist in funding the presentation of several numismatic educational programs to be presented at the Grapevine Coin Show later in the year. The TNA has supported these two events for several years.

If your Coin Club has, or would like to plan, programs to promote the hobby or to promote Young Numismatists, put your plans together and contact a member of the committee listed above.

### 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 (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online at TNA.org).

Clubs interested in the TNA Assistance Programs should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

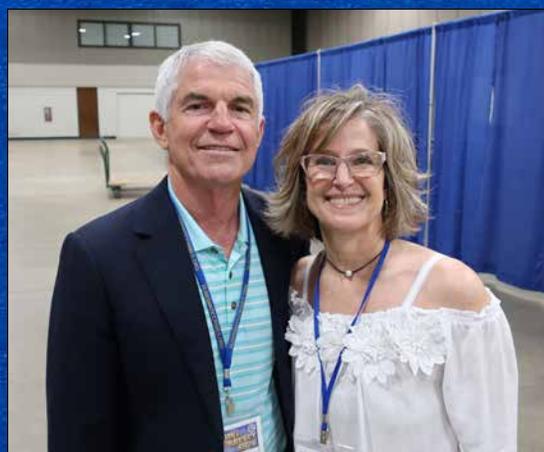
### TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF MAY 31, 2019

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$28,978.19
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$129,362.19
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$218,340.38
Long Term Assets	
PBOT CD (Mat 10/5/2020)	\$25,000.00
PBOT CD (Mat 10/26/2020)	\$25,000.00
PBOT CD (Mat 10/19/2021)	\$25,000.00
Endowment (Intermingled other CDs)	
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000	
McFadden Fund - \$70,000	
Total Long Term Assets	\$75,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$293,340.38
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2019	\$301,655.48
Income (Plus)	\$13,540.89
Expenses (Minus)	-\$21,855.99
Surplus	-\$8,315.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$293,340.38

# 2019 TNA CONVENTION & SHOW



Volunteers checking in attendees on Saturday morning



Thank you to Doug and Mary Davis for putting together an excellent show



Frank and Karla Galindo sold many 2019 Convention Medals

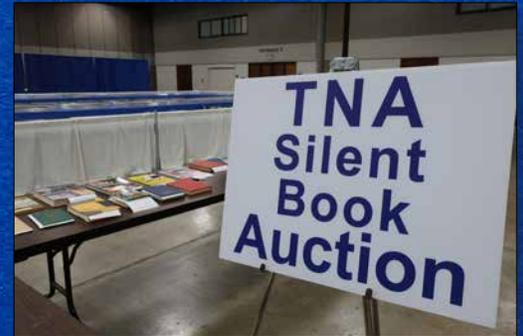


Long-time TNA News editor Ron Kersey with the new editor, Ann Marie Avants. Thanks for your years of service, Ron!

# SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



**YN Dealers Matthew and Gabriel negotiating with a discerning buyer**



**Former TNA YN and Coins for A's alumna Roxanne selling for Southland Coins on the bourse floor**



**Convention Pages help dealers keep their cases sparkling clean**

# 2019 TNA CONVENTION & SHOW

Thank you to the volunteers and generous donors who made the morning and afternoon youth auctions so successful! Each child used their pretend \$20 to win some truly special items. Special thank you to auction coordinators Dalia Smith and Jimmy Davis, auctioneer Charlie Mead, and Ian Williams who donated the two Remembrance Day commemorative coins - the most valuable Grand Prizes the TNA Youth Auction has ever had.



## Happy Youth Auction Winners



# YOUTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Scouts attended a Merit Badge Workshop and completed a worksheet that took them all over the bourse floor and into the educational exhibits. We had an unprecedented amount of participation this year!



# 2019 TNA CONVENTION & SHOW

The 2019 TNA Educational Exhibits featured 15 Exhibits (11 Competitive and 4 Non-competitive) across 61 cases!

*Thank you to Judges  
John Barber, Rick Ewing, & Allen Scott*

## NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

**John Barber:** You'd Pay for This?

**Gary Dobbins:** Honoring Music Through Paper Money

**Judy Dobbins:** Vienna Philharmonic Coins

**Ralph Ross:** Moon Landing

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

### CLASS 1 - UNITED STATES COINS

**(A) FIRST PLACE: Jack Domurat:** U.S. Silver Commemorative Type Set 1892-1954

**(B) SECOND PLACE: Jack Gilbert:** World War II Special Coinage

**(C) THIRD PLACE: Rene De La Garza:** Low Ball Coin Collecting

**Ron Burns:** Date Set Circulation Strike 2 Cent Coins 1864-1872

**Jerry Honeycutt:** Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1969 U.S. Cent

### CLASS 2 - UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY

**(D) FIRST PLACE: Jerry Fochtman:** Starting Your Own Postage and Fractional Currency Collection

**(E) THIRD PLACE: Frank Clark:** The First National Bank of Fort Smith

### CLASS 5 - FOREIGN COINS

**(F) FIRST PLACE AND BEST FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR: Kevin Kell:** Silver Libertads of Mexico

### CLASS 7 - MEDALS/TOKENS

**(G) FIRST PLACE, PEOPLE'S CHOICE, & BEST IN SHOW: Michael Ross:** Jacques Wiener's Greatest Edifices of Europe

### CLASS 9 - THE VARIETIES

**(H) FIRST PLACE: Jerry Fochtman:** Dr. Daniel W. Valentine: Profile of a Numismatic Pioneer

**(I) SECOND PLACE: Larry Herrera:** U.S. Coin Scales and Counterfeit Coin Detectors



**Congratulations to Exhibit Chairs Judy and Gary Dobbins on another successful show!**

**Thank you to the following Exhibit Sponsors for their support:**

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Ft. Worth Coin Club and Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

Bronze (\$25)

Judy & Gary Dobbins and John Post



# EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS & TNA AWARDS



Many members of TNA Leadership

## TNA Awards, presented by President Richard Laster

1. **Charles Moore** - TNA VIP Award
2. **John Post** - Presidential Service Award
3. **Dr. Ralph Ross** - Mac Kennady Memorial Award
4. **Frank Clark** - Lewis Regan Award



## Calvert K. Tidwell Literary Awards, presented by TNA News Editor Ann Marie Avants

5. **Allen S. Brown, Jr.** - First Runner Up for "Genuine & Replica Confederate Bank Notes" in the 2018 March/April Issue
6. **John Barber** - Second Runner Up for "The Good, The Bad, The Greedy" in the 2018 March/April Issue
7. **Sam Fairchild, Editor** - Best Club Newsletter, Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

### Congratulations to these other winners:

- Lane Brunner - First Place, Tidwell Literary Award for "Grading for the Rest of Us: Originality" Parts 1 & 2 in the 2018 March/April & May/June Issues
- Ann Marie Avants - Newcomer Award
- Eve Barber - Joe Olson Outstanding Volunteer Award
- Hal Cherry - Honorary Life Member
- Doug Davis - Presidential Service Award
- Russel Prinzing - Governor of the Year

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▶ **Two Silver Eagle Door Prizes**

▶ **\$1 Raffle for Gold and Silver Coins and Notes**

▶ **Free Children's Coin Auction on Saturday at 1PM**

▶ **Boy & Girl Scout Collecting Merit Badge Workshop on Saturday at 2PM**

▶ U.S. & Ancient Coins

▶ Historical Documents

▶ Jewelry

▶ Gold Bullion

▶ Glass

▶ Ceramics

▶ Paper Money

▶ Comics

▶ Military Memorabilia

▶ Stamps

▶ Stock & Bond Certificates

▶ Supplies



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[www.BellaireCoinClub.com](http://www.BellaireCoinClub.com)

# 2009 LINCOLN CENTS

By Sam Fairchild



The year 2009 marked the bicentennial of the birth of President Lincoln and the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln cent. The first 50 years of the Lincoln Cent saw the “wheat ears” reverse; beginning in 1959, the reverse reflected an image of the Lincoln Memorial. Curiously, this was also the first time a business strike US coin had an image of the same person on both sides (statue of Lincoln seen within the Memorial).

To commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln’s birth, the Mint decided to issue a series of four motifs on events in Lincoln’s life on the reverse of the Lincoln Cent. These motifs were to be released in roughly three-month intervals.

The first motif celebrated Lincoln’s birth. A representation of a log cabin located in Hodgenville, Kentucky purported to be symbolic of the style in which Lincoln spent his early childhood graces the reverse.

The second motif, styled “Formative Years”, reflects a young Lincoln sitting on a log intensely reading a book. To his side is a mallet, suggesting that Lincoln was taking a break from rail-splitting during his time in Indiana. However, Lincoln’s reputation as the “Rail-splitter” was more of a campaign gimmick for the 1860 presidential election rather than a serious personal description.

The third motif styled “Professional Life” has Lincoln in front of the Illinois state capitol. In addition to a term

in the US Congress, he served three terms as an Illinois state representative. He also campaigned for the Senate, best known for the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Finally, the fourth motif styled “Presidency” has an image of the Capitol building in 1861 with its unfinished rotunda dome. This project was completed during the trying times of the Civil War.

In addition to the Bicentennial 2009 pennies, U.S. Mint released the 2009 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial silver dollar — currently worth about \$30 to \$40 in proof or uncirculated condition.

While there were billions of 2009 pennies to go around, the Mint also issued special collectors’ editions of the 2009 Lincoln cents. Among these are San Francisco S-mint proofs and satin-finish collector Lincoln cents that were made with 95% copper, 5% tin and zinc — which was the same composition as the first Lincoln pennies in 1909. These became the first copper cents made since 1982. While the 95% copper satin-finish 2009 Lincoln cents have much lower mintages than business strike counterparts, they are not considered rare coins.

At the end of the 2009 Lincoln bicentennial series, the cent’s reverse was changed to a shield design, emblematic of the Union during Lincoln’s time. Shields had graced several coin designs 1864-66.

Article originally appeared in the NETCC Newsletter  
Images courtesy of Heritage Auctions

# THE CELEBRATED ELEPHANT DENARIUS

## of JULIUS CAESAR

By Lane Brunner

Images on coins have meaning to the coin's designers and are crafted to deliver a message to those who use the coins in commerce. American coins are rife with images that represent values, beliefs, and even warnings. Lady Liberty, found on a great many 'classic' United States coins, represents a society free from oppression imposed by authoritarian rulers and supports the philosophy that citizens are free to live their lives as they see fit.

The Eagle is symbolic of strength and can be viewed differently depending on what the Eagle holds in its right, or dominant, talon. If the Eagle is holding an olive branch in its right talon, the message is one of peace. If the Eagle is holding arrows in its right talon, it's a warning that the country is ready to fight.

Symbolism on coins is not new. In fact, symbolism has been on coinage ever since the first coins were struck in Lydia (around 2600 years ago). A symbol commonly found on these first coins was a lion, symbolic of the king who issued the coin. A few hundred years later, the Romans would use symbols on their coins to send messages of celebration and conquest, marriage and death, political posturing and fake news.

Gaius Julius Caesar is one of the best-known Roman citizens, whether it's for his military campaigns, creation of the Julian calendar, or his brutal assassination on the Ides of March in 44 BC. For those numismatists who collect ancient coins, Julius Caesar is known for creating one of the most important coins ever struck by the ancient Romans. It is also one of the most audacious coins ever struck.

During the period of the Roman Republic, images on coins were of personification of gods and goddesses, mythical scenes, and ancient legends.

What was not found on coinage was images of living Romans. To have one's own image (or name) on a coin was considered the purview of the gods and the antithesis of Roman values of the time. In other words, to place one's name or one's image on a coin was the height of hubris and an overt act of self-deification. It would be the ancient Roman equivalent of a sitting United States President issuing coins with his/her own image.

Julius Caesar was a great military leader and an adept politician. In 50 BC, the Roman Senate led by Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus, feared the growing power of Julius Caesar and ordered him to lay down his army and return to Rome. However, Caesar was convinced if he returned to Rome without his army he would be arrested. So, in early January 49 BC, Caesar defiantly crossed the Rubicon river into Italy with his 13th Twin Legion (Legio XIII Gemina), one of his important legions in the Gallic Wars. It was at this crossing that Caesar was attributed to saying, "the die is cast," indicating that events have passed the point of no return. And he was correct as his crossing precipitated the Great Roman Civil War, also known as Caesar's Civil War. Over time Julius Caesar would eventually defeat his rivals and be appointed dictator. Along the way, he struck coins that sent a clear message to the Roman citizens, the Roman Senate, and his rivals. Julius Caesar was the new leader of the Roman people. The first of these coins struck with his name is believed to be the Elephant Denarius.

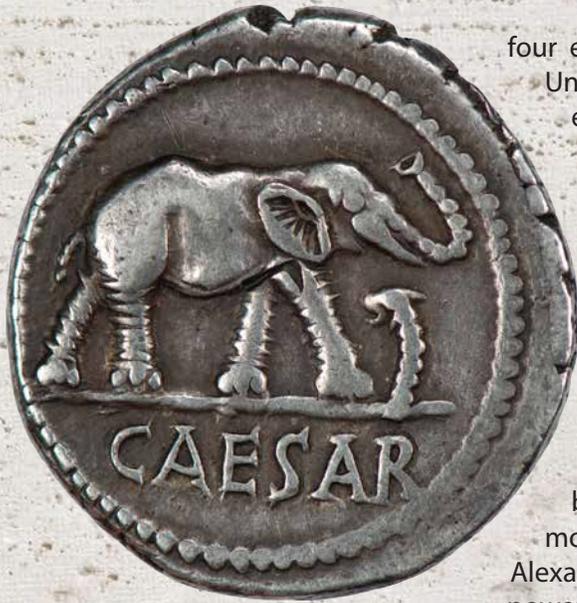
The iconography of the coin is quite interesting. The obverse of the coin depicts implements of the pontifex maximus, or the highest priest of the Roman state religion. The tools are the culullus (vessel for holding milk or



Struck by Julius Caesar in 49 BC, this coin is approximately 19 mm in diameter and weighs 3.9 grams. It is estimated to be the third-largest issue of all Roman republican coinage, with a mintage of approximately 22.5 million (based on about 750 obverse dies each striking 30,000 coins). Attribution: Crawford 443/1

wine), aspergillum, (stick with long horsehair for sprinkling holy water), apex (skull cap worn by priests), and axe. Each of these had a specific function in priestly rituals and inclusion on the coin signified the issuer's important role as a religious leader. By the inclusion of these implements of the pontificate on the coin, Julius Caesar represented himself as the most important priest in the Roman world. The prominence of these religious symbols on the coin, namely as primary images and not subordinate to another image such as a god or a muse, is consistent with Julius Caesar wishing to represent himself as having a close relationship with the gods. This statement is quite bold considering up until this time in the history of Roman coinage, rarely did such religious symbols appear on coinage.

The reverse, for which the coin is nicknamed, is dominated by the image of an elephant with a snake being trampled underfoot. The elephant was an interesting choice for Caesar's coin as



there was no clear connection between Julius Caesar and the image of an elephant. While the Latin name Caesar does resemble the Punic word for elephant, the reference would likely be too obscure for the Roman populace to make a strong connection to Julius Caesar. Thus, Caesar being aware of the power of imagery, would choose an image that could have an immediate impact, albeit in a way that was damaging to his foes.

Caesar's motive for choosing an elephant may not have been self-glorification, but rather public humiliation of his enemies. The most well-known of these enemies was Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus, otherwise known as Pompey the Great. And the elephant would have significant meaning to Pompey and his followers. Pompey had styled himself as a new Alexander the Great, the King of Macedon, who died nearly 300 years earlier. Alexander the Great had a strong connection with elephants and as such, the elephant would have been a well-known symbol in the Roman world. As a self-styled new Alexander the Great, Pompey paraded into Rome following his first triumph in 81 BC. To add to the spectacle, Pompey was brought to the gates of Rome on a chariot driven by

four elephants he captured in Africa. Unfortunately for Pompey, the elephants would not fit through the gates no matter how he tried to maneuver them. Ultimately, he was forced to enter Rome on a chariot driven by horses. Word of his failure quickly spread, and the embarrassing incident was soon well-known among Romans citizens. The elephant on Caesar's coin would have been readily seen as directly mocking Pompey's allusion to Alexander the Great and adopting the powerful image of the elephant as his own. For supporters of Julius Caesar, this would be a marvelous twist.

The image of the snake is less clear. A common interpretation is that the snake represents evil or the enemies of Rome. And of course, Julius Caesar would infer that enemies of Rome and enemies of Caesar are the same. Thus, the elephant trampling a snake symbolizes good conquering evil or Caesar defeating his enemies. The image of the snake and elephant together may also allude to the traditional story of the perpetual discord (*perptua discordia*) between the elephant and the snake. As the story goes, a snake and an elephant are embroiled in an epic battle which has them locked in a mortal embrace where both are doomed to die. The victorious snake fatally wounds the elephant and is then crushed by the dying elephant. The image on the coin's reverse depicts the moment before the battle and thus the outcome is yet to be determined. The centrality and size indicate the elephant represents Julius Caesar and the snake, the enemies of Rome.

As interesting as the elephant and serpent are, it's nothing compared with what is written in the exergue (the lower part of the coin, divided by the horizontal line). Julius Caesar went

against all convention of coinage issues of the Roman Republic by placing his name on the coins he struck. With the act, Caesar is elevating himself to a living deity. And such a self-proclamation would not have gone unnoticed by the Roman Senate.

As an aside, there is disagreement as to which side of the coin is the obverse and which is the reverse. Some numismatists and historians refer to the elephant image as being the obverse since it is a dominant image of the coin and, combined with Caesar's name, also represents the subject and issuer. However, traditional understanding of ancient Roman coinage holds that the elephant is on the reverse. The key to this interpretation is Caesar's name in the exergue, that horizontal line on which the elephant is walking. A name below an exergue is indicative of the reverse of the coin.

Regardless of which side is declared the obverse or reverse, the entire coin is filled with powerful images that send a meaningful message to the citizens of ancient Rome. Coinage would become a powerful tool for Roman political propaganda. Caesar's elephant denarius was struck near the end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of Rome's Imperial Period. Soon Roman coinage would have images of emperors, something unthinkable only a generation earlier.

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# Questions for Dr. Coyne

1) Is this Roman piece a rare coin?



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This is one of the most famous Roman coins. It is the Ides of March Denarius, commemorating the March 15th stabbing of Julius Caesar by Brutus and others on the steps of the

Roman Assembly. There are about sixty genuine original examples of this coin in collector or modern museum hands. The example pictured was sold by Heritage in 2011 for \$546,250. Beware of reproductions of this coin in the market!

2) What is the difference between “haymarks” and “hairlines”?

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“Haymarks” is a mainly European term describing marks on a coin as a result of incomplete mixing of the alloy or stress marks due to annealing shortcomings in the planchet preparation. They manifest mainly as cracks, often radial, and more often near the edge of the coin than in the center. They come mainly on silver coins and appear as short, dark lines. Reflecting progress in minting technology, haymarks are found more typically on 18th century issues or on issues of less sophisticated mints in remote areas in more recent times. “Hairlines” are the marks of damage to the surfaces of any coin as a result of rubbing. The hairlines can come as a result of slight circulation, or they can be put there, unfortunately by careless handling of uncirculated pieces by collectors. Experienced collectors and the grading services are accomplished in spotting hairlines as a result of improper cleaning of coins as well.

3) When did the U.S. Mint begin selling proof coins to collectors?

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The Mint began selling proof coins to collectors on a regular basis in 1858. Before that, the mint produced ‘master coins’ on an irregular basis, and mainly marketed them to favored collectors on a confidential basis. Annual sets were not popular until much later. During the second half of the 19th century, the mint made available “minor sets” and “silver sets”. Gold proofs continued to be sold singly. The first “modern” sets of five circulating coins came in 1936.

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6) What is the first U.S. regular issue coin to include the dollar sign (\$)?

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9) Which coin in the history of the U.S. mint has the highest mintage?

#### 4) Do any coins have portraits of real American Indians?

All sources agree that the female figure on the obverse of an "Indian" cent is not an American Indian. Some say it is the face of engraver James Longacre's daughter, dressed up in an Indian headdress. The main obverse device on a "Buffalo" nickel is at least a composite of real Indians. Three chiefs modeled for James Fraser at various times, and he incorporated elements of each one. The Indian on Augustus St. Gaudens' \$10 gold piece (originally intended for use on a \$20 piece) cannot be traced to any single individual Indian. It is similar to a figure St. Gaudens had used on a statue earlier. Similar to the image on the nickel, BL Pratt used a collection of photographs of Indians he had met to engrave a composite on the Quarter Eagle and \$5 pieces. Since there are no known portraits of Sacagawea, the modern Sacagawea Dollar had to be an original design. Sculptor Glenna Goodacre created the design of the obverse based off of model Randy'L He-dow Teton, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock/Cree tribe in Idaho.



the republic, its first appearance on a circulating coin came only recently. It is prominently featured, along with the statue of liberty on the reverse of the 2007 presidential dollars.

#### 7) Why is there a big "hole" in the production years of Morgan Dollars?

Morgan dollars were coined in large numbers from 1878 through 1893 as a result of the Bland-Allison Act, obligating the government to buy silver every month in quantities which turned out to be well in excess of commercial demand for coinage. This doubtless supported the market price of silver. After millions of unused dollars had built up in Treasury vaults, Congress terminated the support, and 1893-1895 mintages were quite small. The stored dollars did not move. Coinage stopped in 1904. Under the terms of the Pittman Act in 1918, hundreds of millions were melted (no records kept of which dates or mints), but mandated new mintage in 1921 made that the most common date of this illustrious series. Despite the "hole" in mintage from 1905 through 1920, some say this series forms the backbone of the hobby in the U.S. today.

#### 5) Why did the flying eagle cent design last only two years in production?

The flying eagle cent, made for circulation in 1857 and 1858, represents the transition between the old large copper cent of 1793-1857 and the modern-size small cent, first made in bronze in 1864 with the familiar and long-running "Indian" obverse. A smaller cent was sought to relieve the cumbersome handful that several of the old large coppers presented. The mint also sought to reduce production cost. But in a move to partially placate those who sought some intrinsic value, even in their lowest-denomination coins, the flying eagle (and 1859-early 1864 Indian) cents contained 12% nickel. They were in fact first called "nickels." There was no 5 cent nickel until 1866.

#### 8) Which U.S. coins contain platinum?

There are no U.S. coins containing the metal platinum made for regular issue and circulation. In each year since 1997, the U.S. Mint has coined a bullion investment medal in four sizes under the name "American Eagle" and bearing nominal face values up to \$100. No one would spend one of these! There is also a scarce 1814 half dollar from the regular dies of the year (but incuse-stamped with "P" in many places), but these were not for circulation, either.

#### 9) Which coin in the history of the U.S. Mint has the highest mintage?

The U.S. coin with the greatest original mintage is the 2000-D Lincoln Cent. Over 8.7 billion were struck. In fact, the Lincoln Cent obverse is the world's most-reproduced piece of artwork. Mintages in recent years have been so astonishing that it is rumored that the total production of Lincoln Cents in the last 15 years exceeds the total cumulative output of coins of all nations from the beginning of coinage through 1985. Sounds reasonable to Dr. Coyne, but this assertion is untested.

#### 6) What is the first U.S. regular issue coin to include the dollar sign (\$)?

While the dollar sign (\$) has been in use in published and hand-written documents since the early days of



# Fun with Black Light

By James L. Haney

I first learned of hidden features on banknotes while taking a summer seminar class in 2012 on Military Numismatics Since 1930. One day, Joe Boling placed some notes under a hooded blacklight to reveal glowing features on the faces of Military Payment Certificates that you could not see under regular light. I knew a black light could be used to detect counterfeit notes, as they typically fluoresce if printed on regular paper, but I had never considered that fluorescent features could be hidden on a note for security reasons. Several years went by before I finally purchased a cheap, battery operated hand held black light on Amazon. That was probably the best \$7.99 I have spent in a long time! It was comparable to buying a good loop, which will set you back much more for viewing your favorite coins.

I took the Military Payment Certificates I had collected over the years into a dark closet, turned off the overhead light, and let the glow of the black light bathe the notes to reveal their hidden security features. As expected after seeing Joe's example years before, some of the Military Payment Certificates' UV printing were more dramatic than others. I have to say my personal favorite in the MPC is series 471. When exposed to UV light, the blue serial numbers almost go away and appear in a reflective gold instead. Not what you would expect at all! As all boys with their toys, the newness wore off and other than for making my Nightmare before Christmas Niue coin box glow, the hand held black light sat unused for a few more years.

My daughter brought back some notes from Kenya recently, and out of curiosity I closed the closet door and

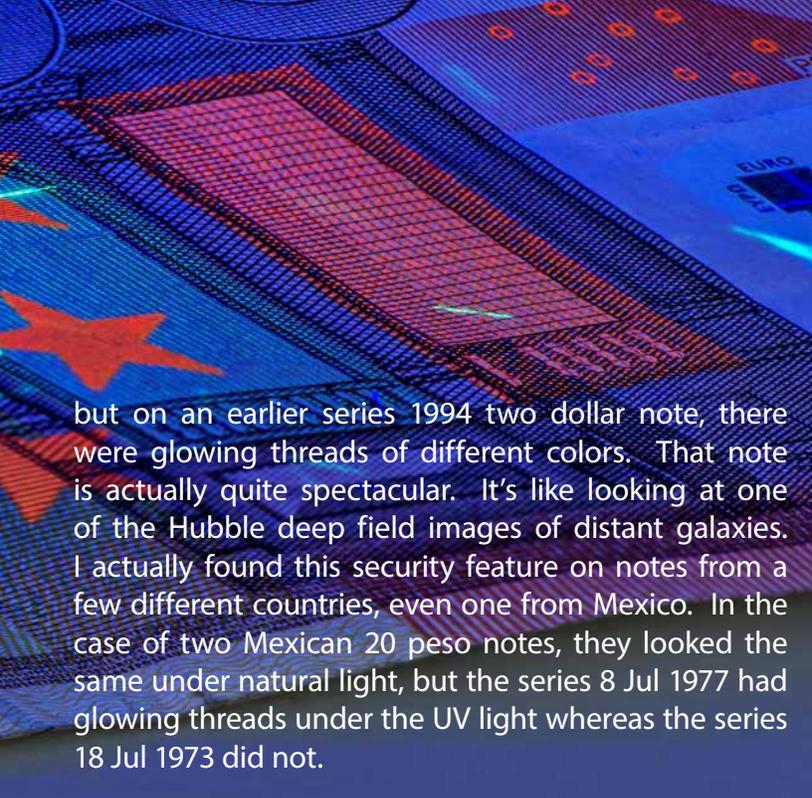
switched on the hand held black light again. This time it was more than just glowing areas or serial numbers changing – there was a printed denomination glowing on the note. This appeared on notes from the 50-1000 shillings series 16th July 2010. Next I checked out some notes my wife brought back from a trip to Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. They were wilder still! Not only was the denomination glowing, but a bird showed up on the face of the Bank of Jamaica \$50 note series 01.06.13. On the \$100 note series 01.06.2018, there was a strange, monkey-like face on the face of the note with some additional designs on the back. Even more interesting was the \$1 note 2014 series from the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority that featured a glowing crab right over the portrait of the Queen of Elisabeth.

Turn on the overhead light, no crab, turn off light and the queen has a crab on her face! Feeling like a kid again, I am reminded that growing old is inevitable while growing up is optional. In addition to the UV printing on the face, this note also included UV printing on the back. The seashell glowed in two colors, and there was a glowing design enhancing the line work.

Now the hunt was on for more hidden features. My daughter had brought back notes from China and her friend gave me some notes from Qatar. I had some foreign notes that I had collected on my own from our neighboring countries to the north and south during vacation trips. I was instantly rewarded for my effort when I first passed the black light

over some notes from Zimbabwe. I am sure everyone has a 100 trillion dollar series 2008 note laying around somewhere as a novelty item. There was the glow on the serial numbers along with part of the design,





but on an earlier series 1994 two dollar note, there were glowing threads of different colors. That note is actually quite spectacular. It's like looking at one of the Hubble deep field images of distant galaxies. I actually found this security feature on notes from a few different countries, even one from Mexico. In the case of two Mexican 20 peso notes, they looked the same under natural light, but the series 8 Jul 1977 had glowing threads under the UV light whereas the series 18 Jul 1973 did not.

The Qatar Central Bank note I had received included elaborate printed designs in UV inks both on the face and the back of the 1, 5, and 10 Riyals. This was in addition to the glowing threads and denomination on the face of the notes. Then there were three Ten Dollar notes I had from the The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation series 1st January 1987 and 1st January 1988 that I found once during one of my afternoon walks. These incorporated two '10' on the face and a nice glow to compliment printing on the back.



China, not to be out done, likewise used a UV activated numerical denomination on the front of their series 2005 5, 20, 50, and 100 Yuan notes in addition to accented glowing areas on the back for some denominations, while other notes featured discernible patterns. My favorite of these Chinese notes being 20 yuan back where a green glow adds a shimmering affect to the engraved image of a small boat passing through jagged island peaks, reminiscent of the plates on the back of a stegosaurus.

As for our neighbor to the North, they seemed to have adopted a UV



security measure at one point, but the notes current to my visit a few years ago are not quite as dramatic. The series 1989 Bank of Canada ten



dollar note has nothing, but on the series 2005, the denomination and the Bank of Canada glows in both English and French across the portrait of Sir. John A. MacDonald. On the latest ten dollar note I had (series 2013), there was nothing other than a slight orange glow in the clear area – nowhere near as elaborate as the 2005 note. That is okay with me, as the note features a very nice vignette of a Via Rail Train. Sorry, I digress as I still play with trains, too.

What about the elephant in the room: that new, super high tech \$100 note with Benjamin Franklin's face practically busting out of the boundaries of the printed surface? I'm sorry to report that there is nothing of interest on that or any of the other US notes, other than a single glowing fiber in different colors based upon denomination. Despite first encountering this neat security feature on a United States Issued Military Payment Certificate, you will not find any spectacular printing on our modern notes. Maybe there is a problem with the inks, as I have noticed on many well circulated MPC it can be hard to spot the glowing areas. The 20 Yuan note I mentioned before suffered in the same way, as I compared one practically crisp example to another that has seen some use. Perhaps the Federal Reserve Bank ruled out its use on our notes for that reason. Still nothing to cry about, as those green backs in your wallet can pick up a lot of other colorful foreign notes. I imagine if you found notes cheap enough, you could plaster them on the walls of your office, then turn on the black light and enjoy that 60's glow. You could even find a velvet Elvis print for the non-collectors to admire. Then again,

maybe try something less ambitious just go out and see how many hidden UV images you can discover.

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# Insights into a Bygone Age of Collecting

## *Evaluating an estate assembled in the 1960's*

By John Barber

Recently, I was called to evaluate the inherited collection of a former co-worker following the death of her father. The trip was made in an attempt to educate the heir and provide advice on how to proceed. The heir said at the outset that she had no interest in becoming a collector; her interest at this point was financial. Situations of this sort provide an opportunity to provide a real service of education and prevent disbursement of a lifetime of collecting activity for a 'song'. Appearances of a conflict of interest were avoided by stating at the outset that I would not be a direct buyer for the collection.

The evaluation, which took more than five hours and involved both the heir, her husband, and the consumption of a full pot of coffee, took place in the dining room of their Houston Heights home. This viewing provided interesting insights into how collecting has changed over the years since this holding was put together. Collectors now simply don't have the same opportunities.

Part of this holding was U.S. proof sets. Our departed collector was on the Mint mailing list, and apparently he was a good customer, ordering no fewer than 10 and more often 25 sets of each year from 1955 through 1964 (at \$2.10 per set, delivered). But when he got them, he seems to have only opened one or two sets, the manila envelopes of the flat packs remaining sealed on the rest. Perhaps our departed collector believed that the sealed manila envelope would somehow result in a higher market price. Who among us would not break into the packages now to examine every coin hoping for a "cameo" which could be slabbed and sold at hundreds of times its cost?

A second part of the holding was a vast array of plastic tubes, each partially filled with coins taken from circulation and sorted by date but not mint! The tubes were the stiff plastic kind with tops that become yellow and shrink so tightly to the tubes that they seem to be welded shut. We cut a number of them open. Coins were mostly in XF/AU, but at least half of them had been "improved" by some sort of a bath – perhaps ammonia or baking soda. Older tubes, such as those holding Mercury dimes, were arranged by decade, and these coins were not cleaned. We looked at the 1920's and pulled out seven specimens of 1921 in just a few minutes. Why would a collector be keeping these mixed in with and undistinguished from the common issues of 1927-29?

We found our departed collector was an aficionado of Lincoln Cents and seemed to aspire to filling holes. There were original-style boards (the non-folding kind), and two 1914-D cents (too bad only one was real). But this guy was looking at some coins very closely – there was about a half roll of 1955 Franklin Halves, each one was the "Bugs Bunny" variety. He must have been active in 1960-1961 when the "small date" 1960 Lincoln Cent came out. There were at least 40 rolls (mostly "D"). I bet he would be disappointed in his investment in these if he was still with us today, but they were exciting for a time and it is fair to say their existence ignited a boom in the hobby in the early 1960's.

World coin collectors would be disappointed to hear that our departed collector threw his non-U.S. holdings together in a small box without any attempt at identification or classification. These were partly the spoils of pocket change leftovers from a trip to Europe in the 1960's and partly real collector coins, mainly from the Spanish Colonies in America before 1821. Such was the mind-set of the average U.S. collector of his time. Interest in world coins in the U.S. has been a phenomenon of our own time.

As my time in her dining room drew to a close and we packaged the best pieces into envelopes and non-PVC flips brought along for the purpose, my hostess asked if I would take anything for my trouble. I said it wasn't necessary, but as a collectible fitting my new interest, she gave me a 4 Reales of Potosi, date 1776. The coin was nice, but the insights I got into collecting in a bygone era were even more satisfying.

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# Perfect One-Ounce Silver Eagles

## *Just What Are We Paying For?*

BY MARK BENVENUTO

The United States silver and gold bullion coin program is now more than thirty years old, and it is fair to say that a generation of collectors have grown up with these big guns as one of many collecting choices. At roughly the same time, the third party grading services came into existence and matured to become a regular facet of our hobby. It's probably no surprise to anyone that these services have moved long ago from their roots of grading classic U.S. coins to the silver and gold Eagles as well. Since our bullion coins have been made to rather exacting standards, it's also probably to be expected that there are some coins which have been awarded the coveted MS-70 or PF-70 grade – the technically perfect coin. There's something to be said about owning a piece that qualifies as "perfect." There's a rather amazing dream to think we could put together an entire series of MS-70 pieces of the one-ounce silver Eagles, for example. Yet a person has to wonder: just what are we paying for perfection? Let's do some comparison shopping – as armchair shoppers, of course—and see just what the high end of the silver Eagle series has to offer.

We mentioned that our silver Eagles had their debut over thirty years ago (our gold ones, too), in 1986, to be exact. The first year was hardly a small one, with over 5.3 million produced. In addition, there was a healthy contingent of proofs along with what could be called those regular issues, over 1.4 million proofs, just to give some idea of the initial size of the program. Looking from the mintages to the prices we find several intriguing numbers. First, the regular issue will run about \$1,250 as a MS-70 example, while the PF-70 is closer to \$350. As we said, intriguing, although perhaps not surprising. After all, the proofs were made for collectors, struck with extra care, and not clanked around as the regular issues might have been. The 1986 regular issues may have seen a significant amount of trading in the last three decades.

But what happens when we compare the MS-69 or the PF-69 values for the 1986 silver Eagle to their perfect brethren? Well, the MS-69 costs a whopping \$55, and the PF-69 all of \$65. As someone once said, "Okay, what gives?" The answer to this lies not just in price lists but in population reports – the lists compiled by the third party grading services. Without even looking, we can surmise that the MS-69 or PF-69 grade is probably not all that hard to get, while that extra point is much scarcer. The total number of coins slabbed with the MS-70 or PF-70 grade must constitute a rather small, elite squadron.

In looking at those four grades, and that first year, it doesn't take too much imagination to do the entire comparison again, this time with something much more modern. Let's see just what happens when we look at the upper flakes of the upper crust for the 2018 silver Eagles.

Well, right off the bat, we can't help but notice that there is somewhat more choice among the 2018 silver Eagles than there is among the older hatchlings. For 2018 we have an 'S' and a 'W' piece that can be obtained as regular issues. We also have a burnished uncirculated version of the 'W' coin, produced at West Point, New York. In addition, both the 'S' and the 'W' coins can be obtained as proofs. Whatever the grade, a serious collector – someone we might call a "complete-ist" – will have to land five coins for this one year. Ignoring the burnished proof, the major price lists now tag the proof, no matter the mint mark, at about \$100 in PF-70. That's certainly not bad, especially when compared to the price of the 1986. If we want the uncirculated version that was made to trade, as it were, a MS-70 version costs about \$75. And if we drop down to PF-69 the price slips to \$85, while the MS-69 version is only \$45.

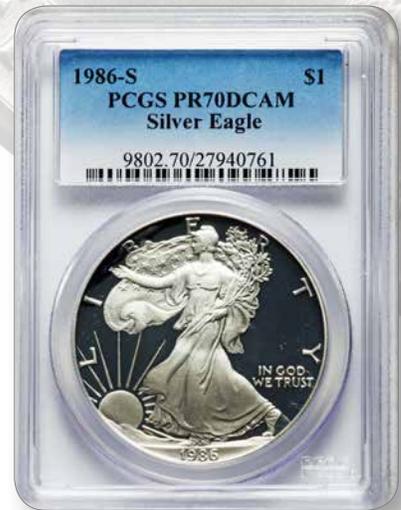
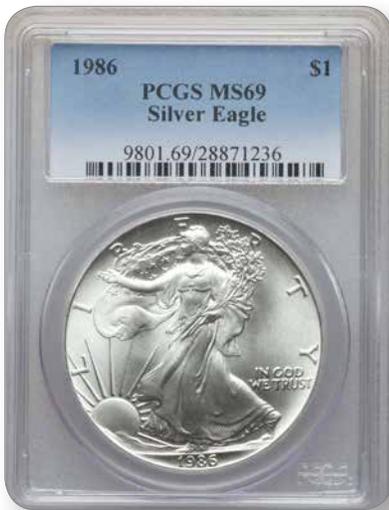
Once again, these prices give us a bit of pause, really just to consider just what we are getting. Perhaps the obvious is that all the prices we just mentioned are far

easier on the wallet than the earlier high points, all for coins that will still be easy on the eyes. Just as obvious is that the MS-69 has dropped to a wonderfully low price. So it seems that some of the more recent years of silver Eagles are quite affordable. For anyone who really likes these comparisons, the trick now might be to see how far back we can go before the prices start their climb to lofty and expensive heights.

But prices aside, this whole set of comparisons begs a pretty big question: just what are we getting for the extra money and the technically perfect coin? More simply put, is it worth it? After all, those MS-69 or PF-69 coins are hardly going to be considered ugly ducklings by anyone. They are beautiful in and of themselves. Yet some of us want to collect the absolute best of the best, and may seriously be eyeing those perfect versions.

Okay, okay, for those of us who proudly proclaim that we are cheapskates – frugal collectors, among polite company – this entire discussion and the comparisons of the uppermost grades might seem a bit silly. After all, a person can still form almost a full silver Eagle collection from regular issues that have never been slabbed. The cost is never much more than the price of the precious metal. Yes, such thinking will omit the rarities, like the 1995-W, or the 2008 with the reverse of the 2007, but will still land us a gorgeous collection if we have some patience. And we can do it just by looking through well-stocked dealers' inventories.

Ultimately, whether we shoot for the stars or keep our wallet on a tight leash, it looks like there are plenty of possibilities out there for some great silver Eagle collections. We just have to decide what we are paying for.



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# THE NORSE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

BY RICHARD LASTER

This article is a bit of a no brainer from the numismatic perspective. It is evident from the picture that my focus is a medal known by the simple title "Norse American."

The medal itself came to be back in 1925 to mark a major immigration thrust of individuals from Norway who chose to settle in the United States. At the point of the travelers' centennial, a Minnesota congressman named Ole Juulson Kvale presented a bill before the House of Representatives for the creation of a commemorative coin. When his vision was turned down, he accepted the idea of a medal instead. The finished product was struck at the Philadelphia mint. The "Norse American" medal exists in four different forms: gold (47 struck), silver "thin" (6,000), silver "thick" (most common with 33,250), and bronze (no more than 75 pieces). The thick and thin examples of the silver medal are readily available in the marketplace. There is a noticeable premium for the thin over the thick variety.

It was back during my years as an active member of the Greater Houston Coin Club that I came to appreciate importance of educational presentations. I vividly remember a program offered by Rollie Finner of Iola, Wisconsin. Rollie, a numismatist of the highest order, brought along his collection of "Norse Americans" and gave a remarkable talk on the subject. At some point in the evening Rollie asked how many in the crowd had at least one. I raised my hand, being sure that I wasn't stretching the truth.

From that night more than a decade ago until just the other day, I began to question the choice to raise my hand. I wondered if I, in fact, really did own an example. Then, with no particular thought or expectation, I opened a box that has been stored in several different closets across two moves. There, along with a few other items, was my medal! It is good to know that it is present and accounted for.

The Norse American Medal is one of those interesting side lights to our hobby. It is counted by some as a must have when dealing with U.S. commemoratives. I can't say for sure, but I am aware that the medal type has a strong history. I thank Rollie, all these years since, for taking time to come to Houston in order to share a few thoughts which remain with me after all these years.

As I have said before, it is great to be in association with people who know so much more than I and who are willing to take time to open doors of insight and education.



Medal photos courtesy of Heritage Auctions

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Ralph Ross  
Youth Chair

## Adopt-a-School Program

I challenge Officers, Governors, and Chairs to “Adopt-a-School” (get involved at the grass roots level). Find a school in your community, perhaps one attended by your family (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren), friends, neighbors, or club members’ children and then ADOPT IT! The Adopt-a-School Program is sponsored by the ANA, moreover, TNA members can facilitate the activities and develop a robust, dynamic program in the Texas Education System.

See a template letter below:

Dear Educator(s):

Congratulations! Your School/District has been selected to participate in the Adopt-a-School Program sponsored by the American Numismatic Association (ANA). The ANA, the World’s largest organization of coins, tokens and paper money, has developed this ambitious program to improve academic scholarship with multi-disciplinary learning modules; hands on interactive activities and instructional objectives primarily related to lessons plans that increase student performance and achievements. The educational numismatic kits we will provide your schools will use coins and currency to stimulate student interest in learning in core foundation classes, including, but not limited to: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, arts and the humanities, by reinforcing the connection between abstract learning and its application in the ‘real world.’

This unparalleled program will not only improve academic scholarship but will offer great insight into the hobby of coin collecting that can enrich students’ lives and enhance important interpersonal and critical thinking skills. The study of money is a natural vehicle for multi-disciplinary instruction into art, culture, history, religion, politics, economics, and numerous other disciplines which will provide an opportunity for fresh, novel and stimulating learning. The study of coins, currency, barter, medals, and tokens can arouse student motivation, initiative and creativity, exposing them to the distinct contributions and achievements of varied cultures and nations throughout history.

There are few educational programs with the potential to expose students to enduring appreciation of mathematics, chemistry, art, history, geography, civics, economics, finance, foreign languages, reading, and writing ... education thru numismatics!

Some suggestions for the TNA Officers, Governors, and Chairs on starting an Adopt-a-School Program:

- Survey to identify TNA Educators
- Encourage volunteers at schools
- Disseminate the Adopt-a-School Kit to the volunteers
- Volunteers must have the means, be motivated, and willing to monitor the adopted school
- Volunteers must have the passion to continue encouraging
- Encourage local club members to invite educators to meetings
- Suggest the ‘Coins in the Classroom’ professional development course for teachers from the ANA and US Mint
- Provide free admission for educators at the TNA Annual Coin and Currency Show (guided tours)
- Offer free membership for teachers that use education thru numismatics in the classroom; including Coin’s for A’s and National Coin Week activities
- Free “chapter membership” to kindred school coin clubs

## From the Spartans Coin Club

By Andrea Patino



The theme for the 2019 National Coin Week (April 21–27) was “Discover the Past, Envision the Future.” National Coin Week has always been a great time to spark a scintillating interest in coin collecting from the casual collector to the serious collector. The members created a MOON LANDING exhibit to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing.

The Native American Dollar Series 2019-P features Mary Golda Ross of the Cherokee Nation; the first known Native American to work in the U.S. Space Program. She was a mathematical engineer at Lockheed Corporation and was contracted to NASA. She was the only woman on the design team for reconnaissance satellite that figured out how to launch a manned craft into space, leading to Apollo 11 and the first moon landing 50 years ago in 1969.



The 2019-S America the Beautiful Quarter (Lowell National Historic Park in Massachusetts) Series features a “mill girl”; the Lowell site is a monument to American textile manufacturing during the Industrial Revolution. The ‘Lowell’ coin was the give-a-way for National Coin Week ... thanks to encapsulation by ANACS. It was a GRAND hit; everybody wanted one during National Coin Week.

We also gave wooden nickels to celebrate the 96<sup>th</sup> annual NCW. This is our third year to distribute wooden nickels during National Coin Week. This year, one side celebrated NWC and the other side supported Dr. Ross (our club sponsor) for his campaign for ANA Vice-President. Dr. Ross has been an American Numismatic Association Governor for the past 3 terms (6 years); with an election being held every two years. Dr. Ross created a pop quiz on how long he has collected coins and the right answer got you a wooden nickel.



The Spartan Coin Club is happy to announce bragging rights for intelligence...because club members Paul Phung, Valedictorian and Hira Ahmed, Salutatorian have a complete wooden nickel set (2017, 2018, and 2019) since they joined in their sophomore year.

Class of 2019! Some of the Spartan Coin Club members that received the Ross Dollar (L to R): Daniel Moreira; Hira Ahmed, Salutatorian; Mashal Zaidi; Dr. Ross; Halley Pham; Paul Phung, Valedictorian; Mohammad Shihab; and Ayanna McKenize.





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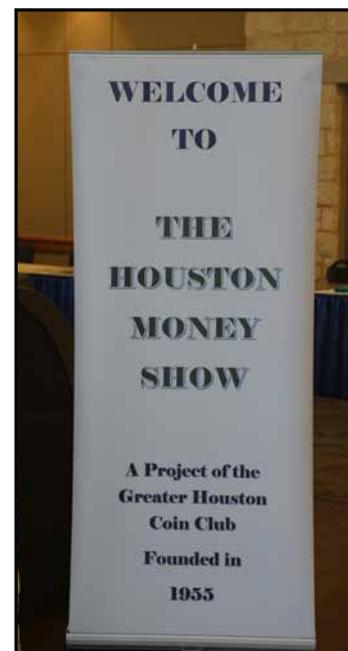
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Please enjoy this selection of meeting minutes and educational talks from coin clubs across our state. We encourage all of our member clubs to send us news and photos to share with the TNA membership.

**For the next issue, please email your reports by July 15.**

Please note the quarterly reports schedule below. Feel free to send your information early by emailing it after each meeting, if that would be more convenient for you.

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**DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR** —



FWCC MARCH MEETING – President Dalia Smith called the meeting to order with 30 members and two guests present. Guests included Sim from Mansfield who collects US Currency, and Jeremy from Fort Worth who collects obsolete coins.

Dalia presented appreciation certificates that just arrived from the ANA to several members who volunteered last year.

Announcements: Dalia announced that Walter is taking payments for membership dues during the meeting. 2019 Membership Cards are available for those who have paid. Dalia announced the Fort Worth Coin Club would contribute \$50 (Silver) to be a sponsor for TNA Exhibits. Donation tiers are: Gold \$100, Silver \$50, Bronze \$25. Jack Gilbert gave the information about how to present an exhibit for the TNA Show. Anyone interested in making donations or presenting exhibits should talk to Jack. Dalia said the Fort Worth Coin Club will have a table at the TNA Coin Show and we need volunteers to sit at the club table to give out information to guests. Frank Hezmall asked volunteers to sign up to help at the TNA Show May 29 – June 2. Volunteers will get free raffle tickets for the TNA drawing. Frank passed around a sign-up sheet for TNA Show volunteers and our club table volunteers. Dalia presented a very nice set of items contribution contributed by Gary Andrews for the TNA Youth Auction. Thank you Gary for a beautiful contribution. Carl Stang announced a coin-grading seminar coming in September.

Show & Tell: Walter showed a Morgan dollar where only the gold eagle was plated.

Educational Presentation: Robert Schultz - Part 3 of the 3 part series on Gold Coins, CORONET LIBERTY HALF EAGLES Robert's Mintmark Type set:



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Refreshments: Jimmy Davis and Dalia Smith provided refreshments for the meeting.

Raffles: Frank Hezmall conducted the raffle of three items.

Auction: Frank Provasek conducted the auction of about 40 lots. Walter collected payment from auction winners after the auction ended.

FWCC APRIL MEETING – President Dalia Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 25 members and two guests present. Guests included Sim Chatha, here on his second visit, and Bobby Lane, a previous member, who is retired from Fort Worth ISD. Dalia asked for a vote to accept Sim as a member and he was approved unanimously. Dalia asked if there was any objection to forgoing a second visit from Bobby Lane to be accepted for membership. There were no objections and the club approved Bobby unanimously.

Announcements: Dalia announced that one of our members, Michael Walczyk, has moved to Omaha, Nebraska, and sent her an email saying he really enjoyed being a part of the club. Dalia announced a Grading Seminar on Saturday, September 14, 2019 in Bedford. The fee is \$15 and the seminar is open to the first 25 people who apply. Payments may be made to Jerry at tonight's meeting or Walter when he returns. Dalia announced that Gary and Judy Dobbins, the TNA Exhibit co-chairs, sent an email of appreciation to the club for our donation to the TNA Exhibit. Jack Gilbert added that anyone interested in making an exhibit for the TNA Show talk to him and he has an application available for those interested. Dalia said she is still looking for volunteers to work at our club's table at the TNA Coin Show. Volunteers will receive an At-A-Boy for their help. In addition, Dalia said that anyone who volunteers to work at the TNA Coin Show would receive a free ticket for the TNA Raffle for a chance to win a gold coin. Frank added that our club receives about \$10 from the TNA for each volunteer. Frank passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at the TNA Show May 29 – June 2. John Post will be selling TNA Raffle tickets during the meeting.



Educational Presentation: Part 1 of 2: by Ed Lasko, THE LAST VOYAGE OF S.S. CENTRAL AMERICA. Ed gave a fascinating presentation on the sinking of the S.S. Central America in September of 1857. Part 2 will be

on finding the ship and recovery of the gold. Captain of the S.S. Central America, William Lewis Herndon pictured.

Refreshments: Jimmy, Dalia and Jerry provided refreshments for the meeting.

Raffles: Frank Hezmall conducted the raffle of three items. Dalia conducted the 50/50 raffle. The club and the winner each received \$6.

Auction: Frank Provasek conducted the auction of about 32 lots. Jerry recorded the winner's names and bid amount. Kevin collected payment from auction winners after the auction ended and paid those who submitted the items. Jimmy was the runner.



## NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC APRIL MEETING – President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 55 members and visitors present at 7:01.

Announcements: The TNA show will be conducted May 31 – June 2. The success of this show is dependent on the involvement of volunteers to perform many support functions, including set up and tear down, guest registration and greeting of visitors. Frank Hezmall is recruiting a total of 90 volunteers to assist with these efforts. A sign-up booklet was circulated, giving volunteers a chance to sign up for a task of their choice. Volunteers also receive 5 free raffle tickets. Our Club has led the TNA in volunteerism, and it is expected this year will be no different. John Post announced he has TNA raffle tickets for five American gold coins available for purchase. Speaking of the TNA, the Club will have a table on the bourse floor, so stop by. Also, the TNA will require picture ID for sign up due to security concerns. Quiz Night has been moved to May. Since Kevin is now President, his son Tyler will be asking the questions. He will be assisted by Gabe. We will need volunteers for presentations later in the year. We need presentations for the summer months on anything numismatic related. See Kenny Smith if you can help out. Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will again be conducting a grading seminar on September 15. Class is limited to the first 25 to sign up, so don't tarry! Cost will be \$15, which will cover of breakfast items, lunch and refreshments.

Due to the length of the donation auction, all other normal business was suspended. We then conducted our annual donation auction consisting of over 100 items. Late arrival donations were placed near the end. Bidding was quite spirited, with Richard Wallace putting a standing \$5 opening bid on EVERY item, and also bidding lots higher. The final lot, consisting of about 25 pieces probably saw the most action. Bob Foster called the auction in his unique and lively manner – causing in many cases bidding wars well over estimate on many lots. When the smoke had cleared, the Club had raised \$3,575! While most of the proceeds will be utilized to pay operating expenses of the Club, a portion of the proceeds can be earmarked for youth activities and scholarships. In addition to Bob Foster, special thanks go out to Kenny Smith who organized the process (again providing a PowerPoint display of each auction lot), and to all those who contributed such great auction items.

All kids present received a proof set. The adult door prizes were awarded to Lucky Michniewski, Kenny Smith and Roy Harston.

NETCC MAY MEETING – President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 53 members and visitors present at 7:03.

Announcements: Kevin gave thanks to everyone contributing to last month's donation auction. A special thanks goes to Kenny Smith who assembled lots with PowerPoint listing, and Bob Foster who called the auction. John Post announced he has TNA raffle tickets for five American gold coins available for purchase. The next big coin show, the TNA annual show in Arlington June 1-3 again need volunteers to assist in set up, registration and tear down. Frank Hezmall again made available sign-up sheets which allow members to volunteer for service. Participants receive five raffle tickets for the five gold coins that will be given away. Speaking of the TNA, the Club will have a table on the

bourse floor, so stop by. Also, the TNA will require picture ID for sign up due to security concerns. The June meeting will focus on kids. As usual Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will conduct this worthy program for our kids. Members were encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren. We need presentations for the summer months on anything numismatic related. See Kenny Smith if you can help out. Jack Gilbert will have discounted Red Books available at the June meeting. Regular issues will cost \$8.78. Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will again be conducting a grading seminar on September 14. Class is limited to the first 25 to sign up, so don't tarry! Cost will be \$15, which will cover of breakfast items, lunch and refreshments. Visitor recognized: Ken Hill.

Tyler and Gabe conducted Quiz Night. Members were divided into eight teams of 5-7 members. Each team had one minute to formulate an answer to a series of 10 questions. Questions ranged from the year of the number of mints producing Philippine coinage (4), to the mint producing 1964 Peace Dollars (Denver), to the first mint director (Rittenhouse), to the number of US coins portraying Jefferson (7). Questions overall were tougher than previous years (and with less controversy!). While there was a clear winning team, there was a fight for second place with a tie breaker question required to determine second and third place. The pictured team of Jack Gilbert, Ron Suprenant, Kent Lyles, Frank Hezmall, Charlie Bathman and Jim Waggoneer took first place. Each member of the top team received five TNA raffle tickets; members of the second place team received two tickets; the third place team received one ticket each.



All kids present received a proof set. The adult door prizes were awarded to David Popovich, Mark Johnson, Sam Fairchild, Mike Larson and Dave Werner. The monthly progressive prize was not won; it will be added to next month's prize.

The usual auction of 40 items, as well as the silent auction was conducted.

## DISTRICT 4 - ROBERT KURCZEWSKI, GOVERNOR



CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB MAY REPORT – The Capital City Coin Club has been working hard on our 50th Anniversary Coin, as well as some other projects. One of which was completed this past month. The club made a small display to be shown in one of the cases at the library where they meet. Sadly, two weeks or so later the case was broken into and 12 \$1 bills were stolen. The bills were nothing rare, just one of each of the 12 Federal Reserves. More care will be taken to what is put in the case in the future. The club is also having some special wooden nickels made for their 50th. Another mishap, most of the coins obverse was incorrect and the others had the wrong reverse. Apparently a couple of orders got mixed up in printing.

Hopefully nothing like that will happen to the real coin the club is trying to have made, which will be a 1oz silver coin with Austin features highlighted. This coin will be more expensive as the dies alone are hundreds of dollars. This will truly be a special keepsake.

The Club awarded two of its own members Lifetime Memberships for their service to the club for many, many years. A big thank you to Christian and Kelly Merlo for the years of running the club's coin show and for starting our very own club website as well as all the offices you have held! The program for the next meeting will be especially interesting as a years long project to get a representative from the local Secret Service to come down and give a talk on counterfeit



paper money! This should prove to be an exciting program! Keep on Collecting!

## DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR



**DALLAS COIN CLUB MARCH MEETING** – The March meeting was called to order by Secretary Jose with 25 members present. Judy passed out the ANA Trivia questions for the April program. Members were encouraged to do some research before the next meeting, so that we could send in our answers to the ANA. The Club was commended on their donations to the TNA Youth Auctions last month. A few more members brought donations tonight for the Youth Auctions at the TNA Show.

A wonderful program was presented by Allen on collecting U.S. half dollars. He told the history of half dollars from the beginning of the U.S. Mint in 1792. It was quite an impressive program on our nation's 50¢ coinage.

The evening continued with many Show and Tell items, door prizes, raffle, and a large auction.

**APRIL MEETING** – Club President Mike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 30 members and

5 guests present. Officer reports were given. Vice President Stewart asked that anyone interested in presenting a program please contact him. Judy reported that the Club is in good financial standing and all required government filings have been made. Under old business, Frank is still seeking volunteers for the TNA Show which will be held at the end of May. For New Business, Tony H. made a plea for club members to support the smaller, one day coin shows. The local dealers are interested in what you collect and the smaller shows are a great place to mingle and to get to know one another.

Before the Program, members enjoyed a large number of Show and Tell items. The program for the meeting was the ANA Club Trivia contest. Members discussed answers to the 15 ANA Trivia Questions and Judy was going to send the answers to the ANA. Special thanks went to Zeke and Jim who had done some research in advance of the meeting.

After the Program, a drawing was held for Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes. The meeting concluded with a large auction, called by Stewart.

**MAY MEETING** – President Mike called the meeting to order with 30 members and two guests present. This meeting celebrated the 91st Anniversary of the Dallas Coin Club. How amazing that the club has met every single month since May, 1928!

Plans for the TNA Show were discussed. Frank gave a report on volunteers needed to run the annual show. Gary gave an update on the Educational Exhibits and encouraged all show attendees to visit the exhibits. Judy reported that the Dallas Coin Club got a perfect score on the ANA Trivia Contest. Many clubs also received a perfect score, so there was a drawing for prizes. Unfortunately, we were not one of the lucky winners.

Vice President Stewart gave a presentation on California gold – quite an interesting history. Prices for the California gold are much higher than other gold coins.

## DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR



**GHCC APRIL MEETING** – Called to order by President Jack D. at 6:15 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack D.

Visitors and Guests: Alonzo G., Gaylynn S., and Hussan P.

Show-N-Tell: Tom S., Chair, was ill, so Jack D. substituted. Many interesting items were shared and the Show-N-Tell random drawing winner was Sebastian F.

Program: Introduction by Jack D. "Annual Financial Report" by Claude M., Jack D., Melvin N. Presenters led us through the financial report of the Money Show, Membership, Consolidated cash flow, and Budget statements for the fiscal year. This discussion is required to maintain our 501(3)c status. Motion to accept budget- Richard H. Second Paul P.; membership approved on voice vote.

**National Coin Week:** We are in the midst of collection of possible information for GHCC participation in National Coin Week. There is some urgency as the answers are due May 5th at ANA HQ. Prizes are available to clubs scoring well.

**Business Meeting:** YN Scholarship status: Andrew C. has received a one-week scholarship from ANA (National) and the GHCC (local) one-week stipend giving him a 2-week scholarship to the Summer Seminar of the ANA. Special Recognition to Chuck, Bill W., John T., for past service to the GHCC as each is retiring from service on the EC. Each was presented with a certificate of thanks.

**Coins for A's:** Three donated items are in the auction for fund raising.

**Money Show Reports:** Melvin says the table pace is on schedule. There were favorable comments on the move from GRB (Houston) to LSC (Conroe). Public attendance actually improved. Dealer comments have been very positive, too.

**Attendance door prize:** Tom Schwartz.

**Auction to follow after break.** Auctioneer this evening is Sebastian F.

## DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR



**GATEWAY MARCH 7 MEETING** – The meeting was opened with 43 members in attendance, including all officers. There were no visitors in attendance.

Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

**Old Business:** This meeting was held at the International House of Pancakes because the club had been informed that we could

not meet at the Denny's location on this date. David A. moved that the club permanently relocate our meetings to the IHOP location. This was seconded and a vote was taken. Except for two members, the club voted to approve the relocation. Karla G. gave an update on the GCC Coin Show held February 23 in Schertz. David A. asked members to volunteer to present programs in April, May, June, July, and August.

New Business: David A. and Matt B. will be participating dealers at an Easter event at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on the first and second Saturdays in April.

Announcements: Karla A. announced that she had emailed all members the dealer forms for the July 6 "Antique, Collectible and Coin Show" at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall. Steve M. announced that Mike G. had donated two coins for the evening's raffle prizes: an 1893 Columbian half dollar and a 1987 Liberty half dollar. Cal B. announced that the US Mint will be releasing a special "Rocketship 2019" set designed to interest children in coin collecting. LeRoy M. announced that with the new mintages of the Kennedy half dollars, the old albums do not have enough spaces to display them. Steve M. announced that he will be purchasing six copies of the 2019 edition of the Red Book U S Coin Price Guide to use as raffle prizes.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the evening's Roundtable. Many interesting items were shared, and Nancy M. won the Roundtable prize, a 1962 Washington quarter graded PR68 by PCGS.

GCC Raffle: With the addition of two items donated by Mike G., there were ten raffle prizes. The raffle winners were Robert J., Andy C., Leon W., Angie L., Mike G., Luke B., Fernando G., Pat W. (twice), and Chuck N.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B. with the assistance of Luke B. and Frank G. The first auction lot was donated by Mike G. and purchased by Don P. for \$5. Thanks Mike and Don for your support. The Attendance Prize, a 1923-S Peace dollar, was won by LeRoy M.

MARCH 21 MEETING – The meeting was opened with 34 members and one visitor in attendance: Susan G., daughter of member Arturo G.

Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared.

GCC Raffle: With the addition of one item donated by Mike G., there were nine raffle prizes. The raffle winners were Andy G., Robert J., visitor Susie G. (twice), Larry F., Paul R., Ray T., and Karla G. (twice).

Numismatic Educational Program: This month's program was presented by David Fe. on "The Coins of Panama," the second part of his educational series on Panama. It was a most interesting program. Thank you, David for your presentation.

Auction: The GCC auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B. with the assistance of Frank G. Two auction lots were donated by Larry F. These lots were purchased by Don P. and Robert J. for a total of \$2.50. GCC thanks Larry, Don, and Robert for their continued support.

The Attendance Prize, a 1928-S Peace dollar, was won by Jim M.

APRIL 4 MEETING – The meeting was opened with 32 members

and one visitor in attendance. Our visitor was Susan G., daughter of member Arturo G.

Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Announcements: Karla G. announced that TNA Raffle Tickets are now available for sale. Vice-President David A. reminded members that he needs programs for the next few months and requested that the members see him during the meeting to select a date to give a program.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable and many interesting items were shared.

David A. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 2010s PCGS slabbed James Buchanan presidential dollar.

GCC Raffle: Raffle winners were Steve W., Andy C., Gene F. (2), Larry F., LeRoy M.; Leon W., and Karla G.

Auction: The GCC auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B. with the assistance of Frank G. Four auction lots were donated by Larry F. and Mike G. These lots were purchased by Robert J., LeRoy M., Ed B., and Arturo G. for a total of \$8.00. Thanks to all the participants, donors and lucky bidders.

The Attendance Prize, a 1922 Peace Dollar, was won by Ed B.

APRIL 18 MEETING – The meeting was opened with 37 members and four visitors in attendance: Edward W., Barbara H., Johnell H., and Aseina V. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The treasurer gave the treasurer's report as of 4 April 2019.

Old Business: David A. reminded the club members that he still needs volunteers to present Educational Numismatic Programs.

Announcements: David A. announced that there would be a coin show in Round Rock on Saturday, April 20.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable and many interesting items were shared. Evangelina L. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1909 VDB cent graded by PCGS.

Numismatic Educational Program: David A. presented April's program on "Railroad Stock Certificates." He showed several examples of these highly collectible certificates that featured striking images of railroad scenes. One was a certificate issued in 1904 for ten shares of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company. He showed a second Missouri-Kansas-Texas certificate that was issued in 1904 for one hundred shares.

Steve M. gave a brief description of the European river cruise he and Nancy had recently taken. The tour ended with two nights in Paris, France. Steve said they were disappointed that they couldn't visit any coin shops during their trip.

Auction: The GCC auction was conducted by David A. and Gene F. with the assistance of Frank G.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923-S Peace Dollar was won by Chuck N.

## DISTRICT 10 - DON TOMKO, GOVERNOR



# ICCEP

**INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.**  
(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO APRIL MEETING – The April 8th meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso was opened at 6:45 by President Jason. There were 42 members present with 1 guest. Steve Nordberg was introduced and asked to tell about his numismatic interests. He said he has a penny collection for his grandchildren.

In May we will have election of officers. Juan Romo is interested in being a director. Steve and Terry will be leaving the board.

Membership badge was given to Edmanuel Ferrer Lebron. Applications were voted upon favorably for Natalia Sarchenko and Carmen Teresa Brewer.

Another welding shop has been contacted to complete the cart.

Brian talked about “The Story of Silver” tracing the price of silver from 1792.

Coin Club members have been invited as special guests to the Train Show on May 18 and 19 from 12:00-4:00 each day.

Jason did a presentation on the biggest coin release in U.S. Numismatic History – The Great American Coin Hunt. He explained that it was a grassroots movement to get the public to check their change. Collectors, dealers and anyone else would be releasing collectible coins into circulation during Coin Week. He gave examples such as Wheat pennies and Buffalo nickels. He also showed a website that people can see where coins would be released in their area. National Coin Week was April 21-28.

Our auctioneer team of Steve, Bob and Willie lead a lively auction.

Numismatic prizes were won by Armando R., Brent, Jerry, Don S., Abe (twice), and Jason. Don S. won the 2020 Red Book.

## DISTRICT 11 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR



### Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD MAY MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were nine members and two guests: Roxie W. and John J.

The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer’s report were approved.

Birthdays this month: Rick on May 8th, Michael on May 31st. Anniversaries: Chuck celebrates his on May 29th.

Precious metal prices showed a mixed performance from the prior month with Gold at \$1281.60, Silver at \$14.88, Platinum \$876.00 and Palladium being \$1320.00. Platinum continues to be the most volatile.

Show business: We discussed finalizing our door prizes and should have them by the next meeting. No motion was made for this and the topic tabled until the next meeting.

Chuck gave a great Powerpoint presentation called “Rare Recent Finds and Sales”. The focus of the program began with the Hamblenden hoard of hammered coins. After discussing the laws and rules pertaining to British finds, the focus then turned

to Asian finds including the Elixir of Immortality (something that should be given to our life members). A great program that showed us how history is continually discovered every day.

Our show is also quickly approaching at the Amarillo Civic Center July 12-14th.

Chuck brought a great pair of Bust halves: one was an 1833 O-112 and the other an 1830 O-116 variety. Kelly brought a pair of 2004 Proof Nickels with both the Keel boat design and peace medal reverse. Mike brought a 1903 Morgan with misaligned dies on the obverse making for an interesting rim.

Michael won a 2017 TNA Presidential William Taft peace medal in our drawing. The gift certificate for \$15 not won by Phil W. so it will be \$20 for the next meeting.

## DISTRICT 12 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC APRIL MEETING – Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. 44 members and five guests in attendance.

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane): The club was led in prayer by John D. Royce presented a brief Treasurer’s report. He also noted that additional volunteers are needed for refreshments and to lead prayer at our monthly meetings. David gave an update on preparations for the 2019 coin show (June 21-22). Dealer tables are sold out. Lane announced availability of raffle tickets for the Texas Numismatic Association’s show scheduled for May 31 to June 2 at the Arlington, Texas, Convention Center. Lane encouraged additional member participation with educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) at monthly meetings. The Photographing Coins workshop originally scheduled for Saturday, May 11th will be rescheduled for later this summer. Lane discussed new membership levels including a family membership and lifetime membership. Members discussed. Officers will discuss further and make a final recommendation. The new membership levels would be effective starting January 2020.

Presentation: Lane gave a quick presentation on an 1893-S Morgan Dollar sealed in a GSA Soft Pack.

Club Auction (Richard G.): 39 items sold - \$1,342.00

Door prize winners: A.J., Bob, Kay, Paul, Zina

Refreshments: A big Thank You to Ray S. for providing refreshments!

## DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

# GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT APRIL MEETING – The April 2019 meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held at the Vernon College Library in Vernon TX on April 1, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Bryan Sweitzer. 19 members and two visitors

were in attendance: Joshua and Larissa Bradley who joined the club. George Woodburn provided the Treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$1,156.60 and petty cash of \$101.20 for a grand total of \$1,257.80.

Old Business: Rob Robinson let everyone know that he still had tickets available for 4 gold coins to be given away at the TNA Coin Show to be held May 31-June 1 at Arlington.

New Business: Tony Zupkas announced that Jason Davidson will be closing the Wichita Falls Coin Shop in May.

Program: Tony Zupkas told about an interesting article that appeared in Coin World Magazine about a counterfeit \$500 Treasury note from 1847 that recently entered the market. These fake notes were quickly identified as counterfeit in 1847 and were basically forgotten after that. However, the note was erroneously included in Gene Hessler's 1988 reference work entitled "An Illustrated History of US Loans." When one of these notes was submitted to a third-party grading service for authentication, the service evidently consulted the Hessler reference, declared the note authentic, and graded it VF-25. The note was offered in a Jan 2016 Heritage auction and realized a bid of \$199,750. According to the Coin World article, "It took more than 160 years for this phony \$500 to find a new audience to deceive."

Drawings were held and Bryan Sweitzer won the membership prize. Raffle prize winners were Tom Robinson, Ollie Garrett, and Jean Sweitzer.

Rob Robinson conducted the 69-lot auction.

**MAY MEETING** – The May 2019 meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held at the Vernon College Library in Vernon TX on May 6th. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Bryan Sweitzer with 16 members in attendance. George Woodburn provided the Treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$1,153.16 and petty cash of \$209.20 for a grand total of \$1,362.36.

Old Business: Rob Robinson reminded everyone that he still had tickets available for 4 gold coins to be given away at the TNA Coin Show to be held May 31-June 1 at Arlington. Connolly said that he had a table at the Grapevine show last weekend, and that the show was very slow. Part of the problem was that the ONA show was scheduled the same weekend. 20 dealers who normally have tables at Grapevine attended the ONA show instead.

New Business: Tony Zupkas announced that Al Villalobos' coin shop on Scott Street in Wichita Falls is scheduled to open in July.

Program: Tony Zupkas told about an interesting article that appeared in Coin World Magazine about old desks from the 1800's called Wooten Desks. They were the desks to have back in those days. They had lots of drawers and compartments and would fold up. According to the article, a woman in England inherited a Wooten desk and consigned it to an auction house. A member of the auction house searched the desk and found a French gold coin valued at \$1,500. The coin was sold for \$1,100 and the desk sold for \$330.

Drawings were held and Bryan Sweitzer won the membership prize. Raffle prize winners were Tom Robinson, Sammy McDonald, Julio Cuellar, and Josh Bradley.

Rob Robinson conducted the 60-lot auction.



**WICHITA FALLS MARCH MEETING** – Called to order at 7:36 pm with 18 members and two guests present: Sawyer and Patrick Kemp (Sawyer Kemp joined).

Treasurer's Report: Connolly O'Brien gave the Treasurer's report and said that there was \$769.64 in savings, \$904.14 in checking, \$984.35 in treasurer's cash, and \$790.10 in President's cash for a total of \$2,658.13.

Announcements: Tony Zupkas said that the Wichita Falls Coin Shop is closing. Jason Davidson is selling his inventory of coins at a 30% discount. Connolly O'Brien said that the "W" 2019 Lincoln cents are available from the U.S. Mint.

Old Business: Connolly O'Brien said that he talked to Jim Fitzgerald about the next coin show. Connolly said that Jim thought that he would schedule a coin show in the fall, and the coin club would need to help with the set up for the show. A question was asked if the club would lose money from a coin show and Connolly said that making an agreement with Jim Fitzgerald would ensure that the club would not lose any money. Connolly said that the club would sell raffle tickets for a drawing, which has been profitable in the past.

New Business: Rob Robinson said that the club could change how we run our monthly drawings. Rob said that we could charge \$5 for one ticket, or charge \$3 for the first ticket and \$5 for the first and second ticket. Rob said that the odds will be close to what we have seen and the number of tickets used will decrease. There was some discussion, but no agreement was reached.

Program: Tony Zupkas said that he was born in 1951. Tony passed around his collection of 146 coins from 46 foreign countries minted in 1951. Tony said that Harry Truman was the president of the United States. He stated that Pius XII was the Pope of the Catholic Church. The first hydrogen bomb was exploded at the Nevada Test Site begins with a one-kiloton bomb dropped on Frenchman Flat. The book, "The Catcher in the Rye", by J. D. Salinger was published for the first time by Little, Brown and Company. Tony said that General Douglas McArthur was fired by President Truman. McArthur said his famous saying that, "Old Soldiers never die they just fade away." He mentioned that Sugar Ray Robinson defeated Jake Lamotta to become the Middleweight Champion of the World. The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting President of the United States or Presidents to two terms, is ratified. There were 10,320,000 television sets in 1951 in the United States. The "I Love Lucy Show" was on TV. Wichita Falls didn't have a TV station in 1951. Mark Snyder mentioned that the new Basel III standards for international banks go into effect on 1 April 2019. Mark said that Basel II revised the international banking regulations, which are developed by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) is located in Basel, Switzerland which develops the standards. The purpose of Basel III rules is to reduce the ability of banks to damage the economy by taking on excess risk. The Basel III standards require international banks to maintain minimum reserve amounts. Basel II changed the assets classified a Tier I assets that are a part of the bank's reserves to accounted for as 100%. Basel II counted gold as a Tier 2 assets at a 50% amount. Basel III changed to include: (1) Cash on deposit with the banking organization (including

cash held for the banking organization by a third-party custodian or trustee); (2) gold bullion. In 2018 the international banks bought more gold for their reserves in 40 years.

Membership Prize: 1971 Eisenhower Uncirculated Silver Dollar: Bryan Sweitzer

Raffle Prize: 2019 Silver Eagle: Bill Kaufhold, 1911 "V" Nickel and 1939 "P" Mercury Dime: Dan Gary, 1985 Mint Set: Rob Robinson, and 1986 Proof Set: Mark Snyder

Auctioneer: Rob Robinson, 6 consigners, 52 lots

APRIL MEETING – Called to Order at 7:30 pm with 20 members and 6 guests present:

Dennis & Karen Morgan, Trisha Parkinson, Bree Watkins, Carson Saenz, and Sylvia Cuellar (who joined).

Treasurer's Report: Connolly O'Brien gave the Treasurer's report and said that there was \$769.71 in savings, \$904.14 in checking, \$194.25 in treasurer's cash, and \$822.60 in President's cash for a total of \$2,690.74.

Announcements: At the end of the last meeting Duane Palmer had an 1899 "O" Morgan silver dollar for sale on the auction. Sammy McDonald had the winning bid for the coin but the coin was not there when he went to buy it. If you inadvertently took the coin by mistake please return it. Rob Robinson said that the TNA's show is scheduled for 31 May-2 June. Rob said that the TNA is raffling \$1 chances for four gold coins: 1851 Gold Dollar (2), 1911 \$2.50 Gold Piece, and a 1915 \$2.50 Gold Piece.

Program: Connolly O'Brien passed around two different 2009 Lincoln cents to each person at the meeting. Connolly asked why the Lincoln cent series was started in 1909, and the answer was that it was the 100-year anniversary or centennial of Lincoln's birth. Connolly asked why the series was changed again in 1959, and the answer was that the 1959 was the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, and the reverse of the coin was changed to a picture of the Lincoln Memorial. In 2009, the two hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth, four different Lincoln cents were minted. The first coin in the series was called the Log Cabin, which celebrated the birth of Lincoln. The second coin in the series was called the Formative Years and the rail Slitter in which Lincoln grew up. The third coin in the series was called the Professional Life in Illinois which represented Lincoln's time as a lawyer and state representative. The fourth coin in the series was called the Presidency in Washington. Connolly said that in 2010 the obverse was return to the profile of Lincoln and the reverse was changed to a shield that represented "an image emblematic of President Lincoln's preservation of the United States of America as a single and united country."

Tony Zupkas announced that a limited quantity of the 2019 America the Beautiful Washington Quarters are being produced at the West Point Mint and would sport the "W" mint mark, a first for Washington Quarters. It has been reported that approximately 2 Million of each of the upcoming designs will be produced starting with the Lowell National Park of Massachusetts design. The mint is doing this to promote interest in coin collecting and in the America the Beautiful program. Tony also reported on a recent article in Coin World wherein, in 1847, a man claiming to be from the Eagle Mining man visited the New Orleans mint. The man requested that the New Orleans mint produce \$500 notes for the Eagle Mining Company. The mint began producing the notes and the man said that he had to leave early and asked for the plates for the notes so that he could have the notes produced when he returned to the company. The man changed the plates and made counterfeit U.S. Government bills. Years later PCGS graded a counterfeit bill as authentic. The PCGS graded bill sold for \$200K. Later it was discovered that the bill was counterfeit.

Connolly O'Brien passed around a Franklin Half Dollar for the members to grade. Ollie Garret won the grading contest and won a certified Lincoln cent from 2009.

Membership Prize: 1982 Proof Washington Commemorative Half Silver Dollar: Bill Kaufhold. Raffle prize winners were George Woodburn, Rob Robinson, Ollie Garrett, and Pam Mustico.

Rob Robinson conducted the auction consisting of 65 lots.

## DISTRICT 14 - RENE DE LA GARZA, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO MAY MEETING – The May meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. There were 30 members present and 7 door prizes were given out. This brings our total membership for the year to 78 paid members. Our coin club begins fresh every year with renewals and new members. Membership dues are \$25 for the year.

Our 9th Annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show is moving locations. We are now going to a smaller venue in downtown McAllen, TX to a building owned by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. The Old Church Winery is a newly renovated banquet hall on Main St. There will only be 26 tables available for dealers. The table price has been reduced because our rent is now much lower than before. The dates for this show are Nov. 2 & 3, 2019. This move was prompted because we have been experiencing less dealers attending and fewer customers showing up. The previous hall became too large and expensive to continue. We feel that purchasing coins on the internet is becoming more attractive to collectors instead of attending an actual coin show in person.

Sec./Treas. Raul H. Gonzalez has been busy updating our web site - [www.hidalgocoinclub.com](http://www.hidalgocoinclub.com). There are new auction forms that have been updated and has added a Special Auction Item Form. After working with the web site company, HCC Members will now be able to feature higher valued coins for an upcoming monthly meeting. Members will be able to view these rare or scarce coins online before the next meeting in order to come prepared monetarily to the meetings.

The May meeting was the first one to feature Special Items in our auction. 4 out of the 5 coins displayed on our web site were sold. Member, Ed Jackson was the first one to bid and win a Hungary Gold 20 Koronas coin. He is pictured here on the left as District Governor Rene de la Garza presents him with the gold coin.



Our Youth Coin Club has been busy learning the difference between Absolute Rarity and Condition Rarity. They used the Red Book to find examples of these. Each student was assigned a certain coin series to look up and report their findings. The Absolute rarity coins were easy to spot because they are the ones with low mintages such as key and semi-key dates. Condition rarity coins were more of a challenge. These are coins with higher mintages, but are scarce to find in uncirculated condition. Such is the case with the 1886-0 Morgan Silver Dollar.

The general meeting of the HCC ended with a lively auction of about 80 coin lots with the Special Items embedded within it. District Governor, Rene de la Garza served as the Auctioneer and the money runners were Edgar Navejar and Mike Tidwell.

Please visit our web site to learn more and view the next Special Items up for auction at [www.hidalgocoinclub.com](http://www.hidalgocoinclub.com)

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

**SILSBEE APRIL MEETING** – The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry presented the treasurer's report. A \$15.00 check was issued for the door prizes. Also issued was a check for \$134.50 to cover the cost of 250 postcards and stamps for our July 13th Coin Show. Future expenses for the show will be the ads in the Silsbee Bee.

**Old Business:** Jerry said that all ten (10) tables for the show have been sold (or at least committed). More tables could be set up in front of the stage but we would have to rent these tables. Jerry will get in touch with Leon and Jannette to see if they can take care of the admissions desk. The Silsbee Coin Club Show will be held on July 13, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Silsbee Community Center. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults. Dealer eight (8) foot tables will be \$90.00 each.

**New Business:** The annual TNA meeting in Arlington, Texas will be held from May 31st through June 2nd, 2019.

**Program:** Dale's program was on large cents. Large cents and half cents were the first coins struck by the U.S. Mint in 1793. Both are composed of copper with the large cent weighing 13.48 grams and the half cent exactly half that weight at 6.74 grams. Both were struck until 1857 with the large cent issued every year except in 1815 due to a copper shortage. (The half cent had many skips in dates during this period.) All these coins were minted in Philadelphia. In 1793, there were three (3) varieties of large cents struck. The first was the flowing hair design with a reverse having a linked chain around "ONE CENT". This variety had two (2) different reverse legends, one spelling

out America as "AMERI" and the other spelling it out completely as "AMERICA." Both of these coins are very expensive. The second variety also had flowing hair but instead of flowing basically downward, it looked like separate locks of hair were being blown backward by the wind. This second variety replaced the linked chain on the reverse with a wreath with "ONE CENT" still in the center but a 1/100 added below the wreath. This coin also had two (2) varieties, that with a Vine/Bars edge (as was on the linked chain reverse variety) or with a lettered edge of "ONE HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR", followed by one (1) or two (2) leaves. The third and final type of 1793 large cent had a detached liberty cap behind the head. The Liberty Cap type coins were only struck in 1793 through 1796 with multiple varieties. Along with the Liberty Cap minted in 1796 was also the first Draped Bust pattern which got its name from the cloth/garment along the bottom edge of the bust. The Draped Bust pattern was struck from 1796 through 1808. This pattern was replaced in 1808 by the Classic Head large cent which was minted through 1814. Unfortunately, the pattern was not sharply struck as the copper was not good during this period and these coins average \$400 in just fine condition. After a year of no production, the first Liberty Head large cent was struck in 1816 with the Matron Head produced from 1816 through 1835 followed by the Modified Matron Head (the Young Head) minted from 1835 through 1839, and finally the Braided Hair design minted from 1839 through 1857. Two rare dates in the Liberty Head series (1816 through 1857) are the 1821 and 1857 coins with only 389,000 and 333,546 minted, respectively. By 1857, the cost of copper had risen so the smaller Flying Eagle cent was minted to replace it. (2,000 Flying Eagle pattern coins had been produced in 1856).

Door prizes were as follows: Rick won a 1907 D (Good) Barber Half Dollar, Barbara won a 1981 S Sacagawea Proof Dollar, Dale won a 1912 D V-Nickel, Jerry won a 1945 S Silver War Nickel, circulated, Jerry won a 1937 P Buffalo Nickel. The coin auction was held.

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## STOLEN/MISSING PROOF SHIELD NICKELS

**MARCH 3**

The two coins pictured below have been reported stolen/missing. The victim advises the coins were last seen at the Feb. 28-March 3, 2019 Baltimore Coin Show.



## \$500 NOTES MISSING/STOLEN

**APRIL 16**

The following notes have been reported missing/stolen. It is believed the incident occurred at the recent PCDA show in Chicago.

Missing Notes (All are Circ F/VF):

- Fr. 2201-G 1934 \$500 G00087030A
- Fr. 2201-A 1934 \$500 A00012203A
- Fr. 2202-C 1934A \$500 C00031296A
- Fr. 2202-E 1934A \$500 E00031425A
- Fr. 2211-G 1934 \$1000 H00014566A
- Fr. 2211-H 1934 \$1000 G00144864A

## MISSING/STOLEN COINS-FEDEX

**APRIL 20**

Rare Coin Company of America (Rarcoa) recently had a package with 6 coins routed to Wisconsin fall off the shipping grid. The package was sent via FedEx and its original destination was Houston, Texas.

Missing/Stolen Coins:

- 1927 \$20 SAINT MOTTO PCGS MS-64 (04133947)
- 1925 \$20 SAINT MOTTO PCGS MS-64 (05428648)
- 1927 \$20 SAINT MOTTO PCGS MS-64 (03415912)
- 1925 \$20 SAINT MOTTO NGC MS-64 (17087136)
- 1924 \$20 SAINT MOTTO PCGS MS-64 (12043879)
- 1908 \$20 SAINT NO MOTTO NGC MS-64 (32582831)

## COIN SHOP BURGLARY

**APRIL 7**

In the early morning hours of April 7, 2019, GSA Coins and Jewelry in Corinth, Texas was burglarized.

The following is a partial listing of stolen coins:

- Capital Plastic Set 1921-1935 Peace Dollars
- 75+ ICG Morgan Dollars MS63-MS65
- 1918/1930 ICG Standing Quarter AU58
- Cert:10801/10901
- RED Capital Plastic Set O Dollars 1898-O-1904-O
- Full Sets: Barber Half Dollars, Walking Liberty Half Dollars, Franklin Half Dollars, Kennedy Half Dollars
- Partial Morgan Dollar Set
- Hundreds of Circulated pre 1921 Morgans and Peace Dollars
- Bermuda Silver .925 Coin in Case
- South American Shipwreck Silver Coin in Case
- Hundreds of Ounces of Junk 90% Silver
- Misc: Proof Silver Eagles, Silver Proof Sets
- Semacon Roll Crimping Machine

## UPDATE: SUSPECT ARRESTED

**APRIL 22**

The subject pictured below was identified in several NCIC alerts involving thefts of gold coins from shops in Ohio and North Carolina. He was arrested for outstanding warrants in Toledo, Ohio. The suspect (pictured in the cap) and the second man in the photo were involved in several thefts of gold coins.





## FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, INC.

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Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 pm

Denny's Restaurant.  
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Dinner at 6:00 pm, Optional

*Visitors Welcome!*

**Upcoming 2019 Show Date:  
May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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## GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, INC.

PO Box 79686, Houston, Texas 77279-9686

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**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:45 pm**

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**Guests are Always Welcome**

## GREENBELT COIN CLUB of Vernon, Texas

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each Month  
at 7:00 pm

(no meeting in January)  
at the Vernon College Library

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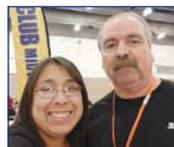
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