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Hello!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

I hope you had a great summer! This issue is stuffed with information and interesting stories, so grab an iced tea before you get started! Mark Benvenuto kicks off the articles by reflecting on the low mintage of "common" \$3 gold pieces, and he follows up with a great article about the subtle differences in grading resulting in significant differences in pricing on Walking Liberty Half Dollars. John Barber makes sure you can identify hairlines, die polish, haymarks, and whizzing like a pro. Michael Marotta brings us a fascinating tale about a mutiny in the Texian Navy and uses numismatic items to back up the story, while Frank Galindo brought together WW II veterans and teaches us about "short snorter" notes. Frank had a busy summer, so don't miss his other report about National Coin Week and his efforts to inspire the next generation of collectors in his district. Jason Elwell won one of the TNA grants to attend the ANA Summer Seminar and provided some great pictures and reflections from his experience. Sam Fairchild brings us some neat information on a Virginia Commemorative, and Richard Laster has finally completed his Royal Maundy collection. As always, Dr. Coyne answers some questions, and don't miss a cautionary tale about coin storage in a new feature called "Coin Care." 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 by the 15th of October and January to theTNAnews@gmail.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Richard Laster
TNA President

Greetings Friends ...

Recently, I came across a handful of old copies of the TNA News. These date from the mid 1960's during the formative years of our Association. As I glanced through each issue, I noted the names of people I have heard of but did not have the privilege of knowing. I marveled at the number of coin clubs which appeared in "happenings" section. Clubs existed not only in the larger

communities but in dozens of smaller places, which is not the tradition in our times.

In giving this some thought, I came to realize that those years were the time when numismatic fever was high and quite a few younger folks took up the hobby through the use of the familiar "coin in the slot" method. These were the days when a new collector could still pull something interesting out of change. For example, when I was about ten years old, I scored a 1908 Barber Half in change. I am also aware that in our fast paced world, where travel is graded in time and not distance, the regional club is the place to be. In my home club, the Tyler Coin Club, there are a variety of folks who come in from near and far. There are several members who come in from Palestine, and others who live in Winnsboro, Troup, Nacogdoches, Longview, and even someone who drives in from DeQueen, Arkansas. Today the "mega regional club" can serve an area that was not possible in the 1960's.

What came to my attention, as I thumbed through those old newsletters, is that things change. No question there, right? Today our hobby is strong. Even though there are too few local shops for my liking, sales of numismatic material remain strong. Local coin shops and shows create a venue for the up close and personal purchase. And there is the good ole' internet. I know that when we contemplate the World Wide Web, there are those who love it and those who don't. I am in the middle, I'll admit.

So . . . where am I going here? As president of the Texas Numismatic Association, and a long time backer of the same, I often contemplate how the TNA can be a greater presence in this great state of ours. Obviously, one of the challenges is absolute size. There is nothing I'd like better than to be able to attend every coin club meeting in Texas during my four years as President. Sadly, time and space won't allow.

My challenge here is for you to think over the issue of visibility, too. ***How can the TNA be of service to you where you are?*** What do you need that a statewide organization might assist in ways of presentation, supply, motivation, material, or leadership ideas? I know these are broad areas, but perhaps they'll get you thinking.

I have given some thought to the question myself. First off, we have several places of viability already in place. There is this wonderful, award-winning publication, the one you are holding in your hand or viewing on the TNA website (TNA.org). TNA sponsors a top tier annual show and convention, now the largest in the region. At the show there is a chance to visit, to acquire a unique and historic medal honoring someone or something thing in Texas history, we have the privilege of serving children and youth, and offering and learning from each other's numismatic passion through exhibits and educational presentations. As for further viability, our website is full of great details about who we are and what we do, and the TNA Facebook page is an open forum for idea exchange. Again, I encourage you to give this some thought: How can the TNA be more viable as we approach our 60th anniversary?

For now here are a few ideas: if you haven't already done so, find yourself a club and attend. Invite someone to attend a club meeting with you. Publicize the club's efforts. Sponsor, or at the least attend, local coin shows, and, if you are able, make the trek to Arlington in May for the TNA show. Submit an article to the TNA News or share your magazine with other collectors. Post something related to your numismatic interest and experience on the Facebook page. Place articles and invitations in your local news outlets. Use the TNA grant programs to expand the offerings at your club. We have many opportunities for youth, including our outstanding Coins for A's program. Contact your district governor, and invite them to come to your meetings and do a bit of brainstorming.

Which brings me to one more thought: Governors! I have a challenge for you! Please look around your district and detail what clubs are currently functioning. Some you'll know, but there may be others, with or without TNA affiliation, which are quite active. Give some thought to starting a new club. I'll have to research the possibility, but there may be some funds available for startup activity. It is my plan and hope to have an exhaustive list of clubs in the TNA News and on the website.

Thanks for your time and allowing me to verbally wander about on behalf of our wonderful Texas Numismatic Association as we approach year 60. We show some wear, but we don't look our age. I look forward to hearing from you with your ideas.

Regards and God Bless,

Richard Laster
TNA President
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Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary

TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

JULY-AUGUST 2019

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-7753 to R-7807. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on August 1, 2019.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on October 1, 2019.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7808	James Andrews	Website	9
R-7809	Steve Barnett	Website	1
C-237	Central States Numismatic Society	Website	22
J-7810	Stephen Park	Website	1

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Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
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Email: Coins4As@gmail.com



Jack Gilbert
TNA Treasurer

TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

ANA SUMMER SEMINAR & LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Entries are now being accepted for the next drawing for two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the 2020 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Individuals (not clubs) who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing. The drawing will take place in December or January. Additionally, 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.

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

Fort Worth Coin Club requested \$250 to assist in funding a Coin Grading Seminar to be held in early September. Contact Carl Stang or the Fort Worth Coin Club for more information and to enroll.

NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested \$250 to assist in funding the presentation of several numismatic educational programs to be presented at the Grapevine Coin Show (September 27-29), with the Educational Seminars on the 28th.

NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested \$250 to assist in funding its annual Youth Night, held the second Thursday of June. Jack Gilbert was asked to present a discussion on coin collecting and collecting Lincoln Cents to a group of kids younger than 12. The kids showed great enthusiasm and went home with coin books, albums, magnifying glass, and hopefully a desire to continue collecting.

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

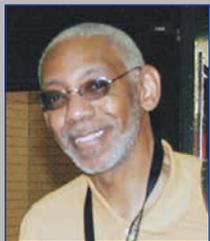
During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included: Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and Grant 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 JULY 31, 2019		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash		
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$25,293.11	
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$129,632.58	
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$25,000.00	
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year		\$179,925.69
Long Term Assets		
PBOT CD (Mat 10/5/2020)	\$60,000.00	
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		\$110,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$289,925.69
Total Liabilities		
		None.
SURPLUS		
Beginning Balance 3/1/2019		\$307,244.84
Income (Plus)	\$21,599.71	
Expenses (Minus)	-\$33,329.50	
Surplus		-\$11,729.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$289,925.69

TNA YOUTH CHAIR REPORT



Ralph Ross
Youth Chair

Take a look at your new ANA Vice President!

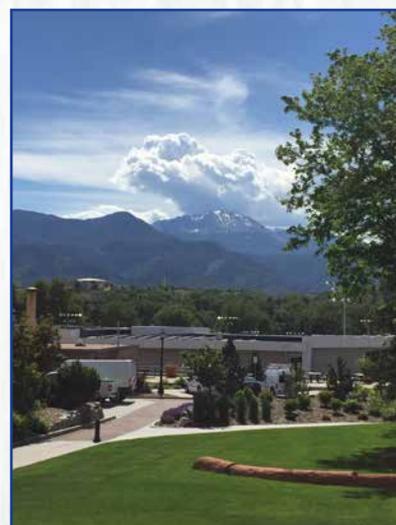
Thanks for your support and kind words of numismatic wisdom. On July 2, 2019, I received a call from the American Numismatic Association (ANA) around 3:00 pm ... the called was to announce election results for the 2019 – 2021 ANA Board. I ran for Vice President of the World's largest organization of coins, tokens, medals, and paper money collectors campaigning to help lead the organization into the next decade. I was asked, "What are you promising?" I replied, "Increasing youth membership, expanding Coins in the Classroom, expanding the Adopt-A-School Program, and bringing numismatics into the mainstream of historical studies."

I won! I was so elated, jubilant, happy! Your TNA Youth Chair now has another feather in his numismatic cap. I want to also thank the TNA for giving me the opportunity to serve the numismatic community of Texas.

I am not retiring as a mathematics instructor yet, as initially thought, moreover, my plans are to get much more involved. I plan to become more engaged with the Stafford Municipal School District (SMSD), the only municipal district in the state that is part of the Adopt-A-School Program. I challenge you to get involved in numismatics with a school/educator in your neighborhood/community. The Stafford High School, Spartans Coin Club is the only high school member club in the ANA and the only high school coin club registered in both the ANA (National) and TNA (State).

I attended the 2019 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado, thanks to a grant provided by the TNA education program. I won a scholarship to enjoy one week (Session #1 June 15 to June 20). This photo was taken on the scenic campus of the Colorado College, with a beautiful view of the snowcapped Rocky Mountains appearing to touch the clouds.

You may now pop quiz me on "The Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents." I have a Certificate of Completion from the ANA Summer Seminar. My course instructor was Richard E. Snow, author of "The Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide 3rd Edition." I now have a complete volume 1 and volume 2 set signed by Rich Snow, Summer Seminar 2019.



Here I am with Ricardo de Leon Tallavas at the 2019 Summer Seminar. Let me introduce you to Ricardo de León Tallavas, a dedicated elementary (2nd grade) school teacher in the SMSD who incorporates his love of coins into the students' curriculum. Mr. Tallavas is a passionate, leading authority on Mexican numismatics, as evidenced by his recurring role as an ANA Summer Seminar instructor. At the ANA's 128th Anniversary of the World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, IL this year, the ANA is honoring Ricardo de Leon Tallavas with the "Outstanding District Representative Award" for 2019.

Here I am as drawn by a former Clements High School coin club member/student in 2003. I cherish the memorabilia collected from years of working with students collecting coins and currency. Many of my former students continue to collect coins and still have the coins that they received during coin club meetings and classroom presentations.



JERRY AND BARBARA WILLIAMS

WINNERS OF THE 2019 TNA MAC KENNADY AWARD



Jerry and Barbara Williams are a strong presence in the TNA. Both have offered their time, personality, insight, skills, and talent to clubs in their local area in addition to the TNA. Jerry served the TNA as Vice President and President. As President, he ushered us into the twenty-first century and aided in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Association. Barbara spent nearly

twenty years as governor of District 15, which includes the Golden Triangle of Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Orange. Jerry and Barbara continue on as representatives of the American Numismatic Association to the TNA. At the point of their retirement from on the line leadership in the TNA, we offer our heartfelt thanks for their good work.

|| *TNA President, Richard Laster*

Who was Mac Kennady?

Stanford "Mac" Kennady was an early leader in the Texas Numismatic Association. Mac and his wife Eleanor lived in Austin and were active in the Austin Coin Club. Mac served for many years as an officer in the TNA. He served as Treasurer from 1965 until 1984. His 19 years of service was more than any Treasurer we have ever had (sorry Jack!). Mac also served as President from 1986 to 1989, First Vice President from 1989 to 1993, and Second Vice President from 1993 to 1996. In total, Mr. Kennady served the TNA as an officer for 30 years,

with one year taken off to rest. Eleanor was also very active with the organization and served as Secretary for 13 years. Mac Kennady was given the Lewis Reagan award in 1975, the Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award in 1991, and the TNA Hall of Fame award. The Mac Kennady Memorial Award, named after him in 1996, is given to a Board Member or Officer serving at least 10 years for outstanding service.

|| *TNA Historian, Kim Groves*

TNA EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

What time is it? How often do you hear that question? For us, it's time to say **Thanks!**

* Thanks to those TNA members who shared their great Educational Exhibits at the 2019 TNA Show. The wonderful presentations of numismatic research were enjoyed by many visitors to our exhibit area.

* Thanks to the Exhibit Judges: John Barber, Rick Ewing, and Allen Scott, who spent many hours reading and scoring the competitive exhibits. This was an especially challenging job this year considering the exceptionally high quality of all of the exhibits.

* Thanks to our exhibit sponsors who made the awards and prizes possible. This was the first year for Exhibit Sponsorships, which allowed us to offer better prizes and attract more exhibitors.

* Thanks also to TNA's Editor, Ann Marie Avants, for great coverage of the Exhibits in the July TNA News. Prior to the Show, Webmaster David Burke kept the Exhibit information updated on the website. Convention Chair John Post made sure that our need for tables, cases, and space was met.

We have heard from several TNA members that this was, indeed, a banner year for the exhibits. Many of these exhibits were of the type and quality most often found at National Shows. Further, this was a good experience for all involved: the exhibitors, judges, and, of course, the audience. More people are viewing the Educational Exhibits each year. Many are considering ways that they might become involved with an exhibit. You may recall that we had several first time exhibitors this year. We are very grateful to our seasoned exhibitors and others who promote the exhibits by helping us identify and recruit new exhibitors. Keep up the great work, and thanks for your help in the public relations department!

So, again... **What time is it? It's time for you to consider being an exhibitor or exhibit sponsor for the 2020 TNA Show.** If you are interested in making an exhibit, we will be happy to help you get started. If you or your coin club is interested in being an exhibit sponsor, we can also help you with that. Contact Exhibit Co-Chairs Gary and Judy Dobbins at: g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net



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UNCommon Collecting

Many of us have memorized the key dates and mint marks of certain U.S. coin series. For example, the 1909-S VDB is a key to the Lincoln cents, with only 484,000 minted. Likewise, the 1916-D is a coveted key to the Mercury dime series, with 264,000 produced. Yet there is one series for which the common dates all have lower mintages than those two – the \$3 gold pieces. The most common of the entire 35-year run of them is the 1854, with only 138,618 as its official tally. The runner up in the series is the 1878, with 82,304 to its name. Overall, the \$3 gold pieces are a series that is incredibly hard to collect – even leaving out the unique 1870-S (only one known example) – there may be some “common” pieces we can gather to make a handsome collection. || **Mark Benvenuto**



1854 \$3 Gold - 138,618 minted

1878 \$3 Gold - 82,304 minted

Pay Warrants of the Texian Navy

and the Mutiny on the San Antonio

By Michael E. Marotta, R-7734

The Republic of Texas survived on serial issues of paper money, each of which quickly lost value. The “red back” notes are well known today. The pay warrants of the Texian navy are less visible. At most, only \$100,000 worth were issued, and only \$75,000 of that can be accounted for. Unlike the red backs, they were not authorized by Congress but were ordered by Commodore Edwin Ward Moore. Close inspection of surviving examples may shed light on some details surrounding the mutiny aboard the *San Antonio* on the night of February 11, 1842 when she was docked in New Orleans.

According to the history books, when the *San Antonio* was berthed at Slaughterhouse Point, Marine Sergeant Seymour Oswald, Marine Corporal William Simpson, and Marine Private Benjamin Pompilly led a group of drunken seamen who demanded shore leave. When Lieutenant Charles F. Fuller denied them permission, they shot and bayoneted him and made off in two boats. In addition to the three marines, the deserters were Isaac Allen, William Barrington, James Hudgins, Edward Keenan, Antonio Landois, Thomas Rowan, Frederick Shepherd, and John Williams.

The mutineers were quickly captured by New Orleans police and U.S. Marines. Pompilly died in prison. Oswald escaped prison and was never recaptured. A year later, the others were taken aboard the flagship *Austin*. On April 21, 1843, Barrington, Keenan, and Rowan were flogged. Williams was sentenced to fifty lashes, but Commodore Moore pardoned him. Shepherd was found not guilty. Landois, Hudgins, Allen, and Simpson were hanged.

For context, it may help to consider the case of the U.S. Navy brigantine *Somers*. On December 1, 1842, the captain of the ship, Commander Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, ordered the execution by hanging of three sailors on the charge of mutiny. He had held no court-martial. The leader of the mutiny was Philip Spencer, the son of the Secretary of the Navy.

The accepted histories make Sgt. Seymour Oswald the ringleader of the Texian mutiny. He held the senior rank. According to testimony, he struck the first blows. However, I believe that the numismatic evidence supports charging William Simpson as the central figure of the mob.

On two pay warrants of April 23, 1841, his endorsement is William Simpson Boatswain’s Mate. From the Texas Adjutant General’s archives, I found two receipts, one earlier, the other later than this. In neither case is his rank or rating

given. Simpson’s endorsement appears on the warrants originally issued to three other men (not mutineers). Simpson then signed over all nine notes to Galveston store owner Christopher Fox (see images). Social psychology and group dynamics suggest that Simpson may have been the instigator and ringleader.

The historians agree that Simpson was a Marine corporal at the time of his execution. However, his endorsements on the warrants all say “Boatswain’s Mate” and sailors are not marines. I believe that while he was imprisoned with Sgt. Oswald, Simpson affected some kind of transfer to avoid the harshest sentences or perhaps—we can only guess—to be hanged as marine, rather than as a common sailor.

The other evidence we have is all second hand. Commodore Moore was at sea at the time of the murders. Lieutenant William Seegar, commanding officer of the *San Antonio*, was ashore buying supplies. Seeger and the other surviving victims, Lieutenant M. H. Dearborn, Midshipmen T. H. O’Dell, and Midn. Alden, were lost at sea when the *San Antonio* sank in October 1842. Cdre. Edwin W. Moore published his personal history of his service with the Texian Navy in response to published criticism of his command. His summaries of the mutiny and court martial are direct but terse.

On May 7, 1842, the entire Texian navy officer corps resigned for lack of pay. In fact, the ships’ crews had been paid only three times: November 1839, May 1840, and May 1841. And that last payment was largely the promissory notes created at the request of Commodore Moore. All dated April 23, 1841, they were repudiated when President Sam Houston began his second term on December 21.

Pres. Sam Houston had no faith in the navy and nothing but scorn for sailors. Houston occasionally flapped with the prevailing wind, but he issued contradictory orders, authorizing actions and then withholding the funds for them. At one point, he declared Captain Moore and his flotilla to be pirates and authorized any lawful ship to seize them and return them to Galveston for trial.

For that and other reasons, Sam Houston is not highly regarded among all Texans. The main thoroughfare in the state capital is Lamar Boulevard. The road from the north into town is named for David Burnet, Lamar’s vice president. Houston Street is a half-mile long residential secondary passage between Burnet Road and Lamar Boulevard.

I learned of the warrants by browsing dealer inventories at local Austin coin shows. I serve as a petty officer in the Maritime regiment of the Texas State Guard. The promissory note from the Texian Navy stood out in dealer Barry Tatum's case. I asked Barry to set it aside for me, set a price, and have it authenticated. He found another, so I bought them both and donated them to the Brigadier General John C. L. Scribner Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry.

Of course, I made high resolution scans for myself. I also began assembling all of the images I could find of other notes in the series. I found a few here and there, but most came from Heritage Auctions. I got books from the UT Austin library about the Texian Navy and visited the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. I also found online resources from the Texas State Historical Association. I spent four days reading and scanning original documents at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. From those archives, I began building a spreadsheet to correlate the names from the backs of the pay warrants with their places in the history of the Texian Navy. Much has already been written. More could be said.

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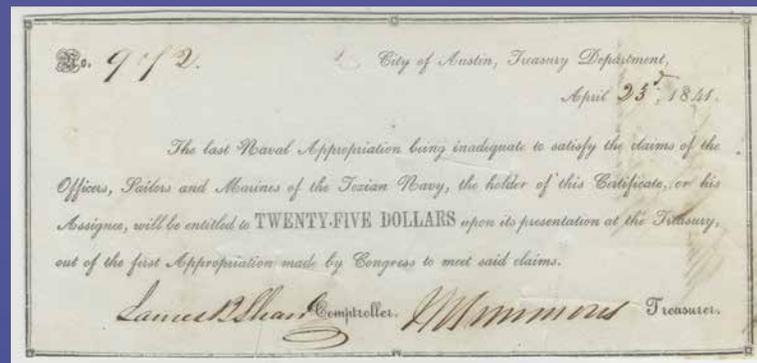
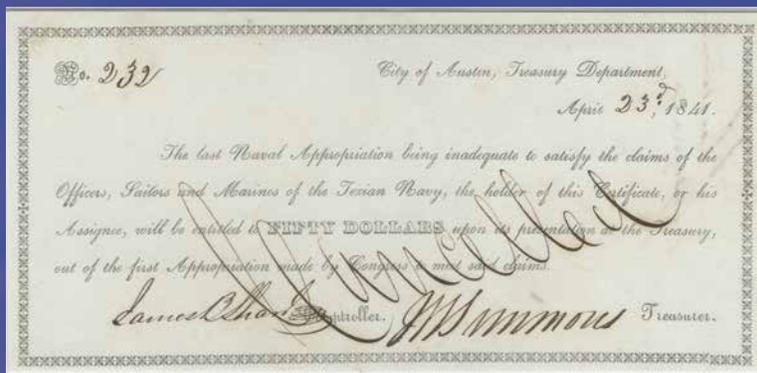
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(Above) Typical surviving twenty-five dollar and fifty-dollar examples of Texian Navy Warrants. The notes read: "The last Naval Appropriation being inadequate to satisfy the claims of the Officers, Sailors and Marines of the Texian Navy, the holder of this Certificate or his Assignee, will be entitled to FIFTY DOLLARS upon its presentation at the Treasury out of the first Appropriation made by Congress to meet said claims." Notes were printed three to a sheet, one fifty and two twenty-fives. They were immediately passed out to the men at the Galveston navy yard and aboard the TN Austin.

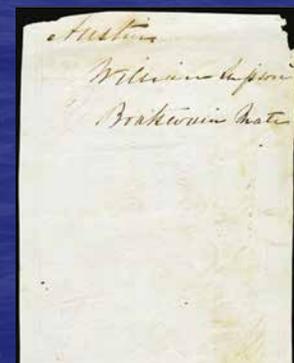
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(Above) Endorsement of Boatswain's Mate William Simpson shows that he signed over notes received from other men to Christopher Fox, a Galveston baker

(Right) Endorsement of Boatswain's Mate William Simpson

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Die Polish or Hairlines?

Identifying mint-caused and post-striking defects

By John Barber

This article relates how your author was embarrassed at a coin club meeting by not taking time to look carefully enough. Hopefully my experience may help train your eye in knowing what to look for in distinguishing post-striking impairments from mint-caused marks, which can appear similar.

At a meeting of the Denver Northside Coin Club in Colorado, the program chairman decided to use audience participation as a way to highlight subtle grading differences. He arranged three tables with ten coins each. Audience members cycled from table to table, writing down their opinion on each coin (simply Uncirculated or Not Uncirculated). Then results were tabulated and each coin discussed briefly. It was a good exercise, and perhaps worthy of repeating sometime at your local club.

Your author may not have the eyes he once did, but he still thought he could pick out the AU coins from the truly Uncirculated ones. A surprise ensued when it was revealed that the program chairman had included some ringers which required more careful examination.

When examining the surfaces of business strike coins in near-new condition, it should be borne in mind that lines and marks can be either mint-caused at the time of striking or can be post-striking damage incurred either inside or outside of the mint. The balance of this article discusses sources of marks that are made part of the coin at the moment of striking (die polish and die cracks) and two sources of marks that come after the coin leaves the mint (deliberate cleaning and ordinary circulation).



Hairlines

Coins with hairlines are the bane of collectors of mint state and near mint state pieces. The market knocks the heck out of the value of such pieces compared to unimpaired examples of the same issue. The hairlines can come from deliberate cleaning, or they can come from brief, actual circulation. The key distinguishing feature of these marks is that they are scratched into the surface of the coin. Visualize the furrow made by dragging a stick across soft earth. There may be some disturbed metal alongside the scratch which stands higher than the undisturbed field, but the center of the scratch is into the coin. No two coins will have the same pattern of scratches. This also helps distinguish this disfigurement from mint-caused die polish, where the marks can be documented to show up in the same spots on multiple examples of the coin. This 1837 Half Dollar has been subjected to an unfortunate cleaning sometime in its past. Notice how the fine scratches sometimes start in the field and go in a continuous flow up and over certain stars or parts of the Liberty head. This type of scratch does not happen with die polish.

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1837 Half Dollar and 1835 Quarter photos provided by John Barber

Franklin Half Dollar photo provided by David Francis

1877 Treasury Dollar photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions

Die Breaks

Die breaks are (usually prominent) lines that appear on coins struck from a cracked die. All the coins struck subsequent to the breaking of the die have the marks in the same place. The die crack lines are raised from the surface of the coin and may cross open fields, lettering, or the main device. The 1835 quarter shown here is also known in an uncracked die state, and this one, with such prominent cracks, is likely its terminal die state (with the die falling apart soon after this particular coin was struck).



Die Polish

Die polish marks are created on the surface of the working die, usually before it is first placed in service. The Franklin Half Dollar pictured here is the one that fooled your author. Notice how the lines in the right field are ONLY on the field and not on the raised portion of the design. This is because the mint's polishing tool is flat or almost flat and only touches the highest parts of the die (that would be the field of the coin). Die polish lines are not visible on the lettering or the figure of Franklin. Once the die is polished and placed in service, each coin initially struck from this die will show the same marks. The die polish lines are raised on the coin. Gradually, the marks are worn down as the die strikes more coins, and coins from later in its life do not show such prominent (or any) polish marks.

Whizzed

A particularly egregious subset of post-mint damage to coin surfaces comes in the case of "whizzed" coins. The surfaces of these unfortunate victims have been worked with a motorized wire brush (sometimes brass or fiber bristle) in an effort to clean them and simulate mint luster. The action creates a series of fine scratches and sometimes moves enough metal to have the field appear to "pile up" next to the rim or next to lettering. The fine scratches are not radial – they are more random. They do not reflect light in the same way genuine flow lines created in normal striking do. A moderate 5X glass is usually sufficient to unmask whizzing.



Walking Liberty Half Dollars

The Best Our Money Can Buy

By Mark Benvenuto

Walking Liberty half dollars have had quite a colorful history. Based on the number of them we can find in heavily worn condition – whether at a big show or a well-stocked shop – we can deduce that these fifty-cent pieces definitely saw some heavy duty circulation back in their day. As well, based on the number of mint state specimens that are still on the market, we can surmise that the folks who used them also squirreled many away whenever they could. And while collector interests wax and wane over the years, one that has stayed high for decades is the desire to collect the best possible coins we can. So, with that wind up, just what is the best of the best when it comes to a Walking Liberty half dollar collection, and what could we actually own?

High end mint state examples



Sold for \$3,290

When it comes to mint state examples of the Walking Liberty halves, there are plenty, and there are plenty which are at the MS-66 grade or higher. Unfortunately, the prices for these prestige grades are equally high. Any of us who want to see just how much these top tier coins cost can troll through several web sites of auction houses, as well as the sites of the major, third party grading services to get an idea of the price range. If there is a problem with this, it's that the price range is absolutely huge. There are for example, some dates in MS-66 that cost around \$3,400. But there are also pieces in this grade or higher that cost as much as a nice car.

So, let's look at the mint state Walking Liberty halves with a price point as our guide. We're going to spend

no more than \$500. What will this more modest number get us?

Perhaps the logical place to find the answer to this is the tail end of the series, as this is where the mintages were the highest. The years from 1942 until 1947, all have price tags of about \$150 when pegged to the MS-66 grade. That's very good news.

Now, if we go to grades such as MS-67 or MS-68, that's when the lid pops off the kettle, as it were. Most price guides do not track any coins at that grade because there

are so few of them. The third party grading services are painstaking in keeping track of how many coins they have graded at those levels, but have no real need to track prices as well. And so the Wild West of prices appears to start at the MS-67 grade as a minimum. Any of us with the money to spend have to ask just what we are paying for if we want coins at this highest of grades.

Despite all these high prices, or maybe because of them, we might want to keep in mind that Walking Liberty half dollars in grades such as MS-62 or even MS-60 are not



Sold for \$149.50



Sold for \$21,150

Sold amounts and photographs courtesy of Heritage Auctions

exactly ugly, beat up chunks of silver. It doesn't look like someone has rubbed them in the dirt or walked on them



Sold for \$36



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become common. And when it comes to prices, those for this limited number of proofs may not be as wide in spread as those we just looked at for the high end mint state pieces, but there is still a hefty range from the low to the high end.

Curiously, quite a few of the major price lists contain a PF-63 grade for the Walking Liberty half dollars. This is the result of two different conditions. First, the coin may simply not have been struck up as well back then as they are today. Second, and perhaps obviously, these proofs are at least 75 years old, and may have

with hob nailed boots. It's simply that their details are not struck up quite as crisply as those with grades higher up on the totem pole. And if the \$150 price tag mentioned earlier still seems too high, then there is some good news here: In the MS-63 grade, the common date Walkers can cost as little as \$50. That's a good coin at a great price.

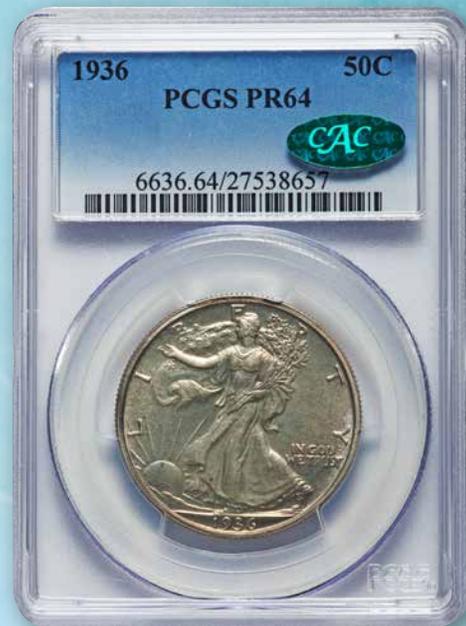
Proofs

The Walking Liberty half dollar series does have a few years of proofs towards the end of the series. Issued from 1936 to 1942, there were never many for any particular year, certainly not when we compare them to the multi-million issues that have

suffered what we call benign neglect over the course of those years.

The 1936 is the rarest of these proofs, and the lowest price tag, even for a PF-63 specimen, is more than \$1,500. But examples for the latter years, in which the mintages were somewhat higher, cost about \$450 in a grade like PF-63 or PF-64. Now we are very close to the \$500 point we chose to focus on a moment ago. It's interesting to think that if we can find them, it might be possible to assemble something like a date run of proof Walking Liberty halves, possibly six years long, at \$500 per coin – for a total of \$3,000. We've left off the 1936, since that is the most expensive by far. But the 1937 through and including the 1942, could in theory cost no more than that. It's certainly not pocket change, but a collection like this would be amazing, and it could certainly go up in value over time.

We might not be able to own the absolute highest graded Walking Liberty half dollars, since the extremes of prices do indeed seem to be extreme. But when it comes to great looking coins in grades like MS-65 or MS-66, or coins such as the PF-63s, it seems that there are some great buys waiting out there for the smart, savvy collector.



Sold for \$1,997.50



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Questions for Dr. Coyne

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The 1909-S VDB cent is a prime example of a coin that should be bought in a top-tier third party grading "slab" in today's market.

There are too many "raw" counterfeit or altered examples in numismatic circulation to take a chance on risking the substantial premiums these coins bring. The 1909-S VDB shown is genuine and PCGS certified. It shows one of the known mintmark positions and styles. The "S" mintmark shows the little notch in the top loop, and the serifs are the correct vertical styles. It is best to acquire one of these that has been reviewed (and guaranteed) by a knowledgeable observer.

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While many issues of the Carson City, Nevada mint are very expensive in uncirculated condition, the Morgan Dollars, particularly of 1882, 1883, and 1884, remain affordably priced. Most of the original mintage of these pieces did not enter commerce and were saved in bags until the 1960's. Many of the pieces available today entered the numismatic market through the General Services Administration sales of the 1970's.

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Collectors of U.S. fractional currency (denominations under \$1.00) acknowledge five distinct series of these interesting pieces. They were issued from 1863 to 1876 with increasing levels of refinement. Earliest issues were contract-printed in New York City; some issues in the third series were partially contract printed (front or face) but with a back

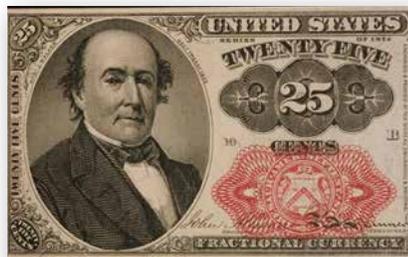
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printed by the young Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Washington DC. Later series were done entirely in-house by the BEP.

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The first coins issued for use in the United States bearing the word "Cent" would be the Half Cent and Cent of 1787 issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was during the period in which the United States operated under the Articles of Confederation, and states had the right to issue their own coinage. This period ended in 1789 with the adoption of the Constitution. The first U.S. mint began operations in 1793 with issue of the Chain Cent.

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Discussions raged in the 1970's about the potential for restarting the U.S. commemorative coin program. There were the regular-issue Bicentennial issues of 1975-1976, but no traditional half dollar commemoratives until the 1982 George Washington issue, showing the Father of Our Country on horseback on the obverse and Mt. Vernon on the reverse. Proof and circulation-quality issues exist; both come in special mint packaging.

6) What is the date on the earliest piece of silver coin struck in the area which became the United States?

The first silver coins struck in the United States were the NE and "Tree" coinages of John Hull in Boston, Mass. He issued coins of three pence, six pence, and shilling denomination, with all except a few dated 1652. The date was chosen to coincide with the time England was operating under Cromwell's Commonwealth, therefore there would be no king on the throne to object to colonists issuing their own money. Issue of the "1652" pieces continued for about 30 years.

Today, a Pine Tree Shilling is an important coin in a collection of American Colonials (Note: Though the Oak Tree variety was technically minted first, its rarity and price tag make it an aspirational rather than essential buy for most collectors.)



7) What U.S. mint was the first east-of-Rockies branch mint to use the "D" mintmark on its coinage?

The first U.S. branch mint established east of the Rockies was in Dahlonega, Georgia. This mint began turning out gold coins in 1838. No copper or silver was ever struck there. Coinage operations at Denver (also with a "D" mintmark) did not begin until 1906. There was an earlier government mint in Denver, purchased from Clark, Gruber and Co. in 1863, but no U.S. coins were struck there.

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The scarcest U.S. Seated Liberty Dollar in collector hands is the 1870-S. There seem to be about a dozen specimens in various states of preservation extant. The coins were not listed on mint records, and some have been sold at auction for more than \$500,000. The 1851 and 1852 issues seem about equally scarce and would come in second with auction appearances of a few coins per year and retail listings of several different coins per year. The 1873-CC is the most difficult of the four Carson City issues. Formation of a set of Seated Dollars, even without the 1870-S, is a multi-year undertaking.



Top Left: 1870-S sold for \$503,125

Top Right: 1851 sold for \$41,125

Bottom Left: 1873-CC sold for \$37,600

Bottom Right: 1852 sold for \$29,900



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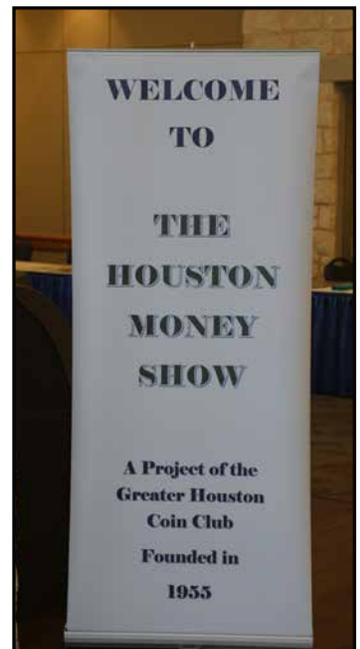
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THE LYNCHBURG COMMEMORATIVE

BY SAM FAIRCHILD

The year 1936 saw the authorization of 15 new commemorative coin issues, in addition to several previously authorized designs being struck again and dated 1936. Some of these new issues, like the Cincinnati Musical Center half dollar, had no historical significance but were controlled by insiders for private profit. The Lynchburg piece, on the other hand, would defray the cost of its anniversary celebrations and was motivated by pride in the city and its history.

Lynchburg, Virginia is located in the center of Virginia in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. John Lynch started a ferry service at the site across the James River in 1757. As one of the few spots where the James River could be crossed, the spot soon became a shipping center and hub for the tobacco trade. Lynchburg received a city charter in 1786.

Lynchburg was also a supply center for the Confederacy during the Civil War and survived Union attempts to take it. For a brief time, it was also capital of the Confederacy. To celebrate the 150th founding anniversary, the Lynchburg Sesquicentennial Association was formed. To help defray celebration costs, this association lobbied Congress for a commemorative coin. Carter Glass, a senator from Virginia and longtime resident of Lynchburg, introduced the legislation for the half dollar which easily sailed through Congress.

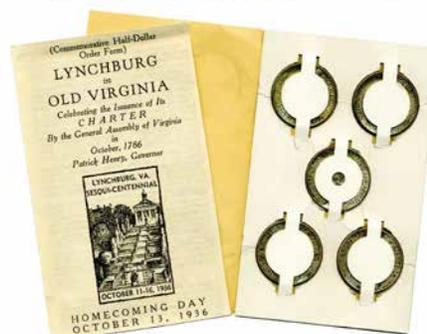
Upon review by the Commission of Fine Arts, it was proposed that the coin should bear the portrait of John Lynch, founder of Lynchburg, on the obverse; however, no portrait of him

was known. Instead, the Lynchburg Sesquicentennial Association decided Senator Glass should be on the coin. Despite his opposition, Glass became the third living person to appear on a U.S. coin, and the first to be shown alone.

Charles Keck was appointed as the designer for the coin, having previously designed the Panama-Pacific Gold Dollar (1915) and the Vermont Half Dollar (1927). Above the portrait of Glass is UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, behind him is IN GOD WE TRUST, and in front is LIBERTY. CARTER GLASS is near the bottom rim. The reverse depicts a statue of the Goddess of Liberty with Lynchburg sites behind her, including the Old Courthouse and the city's Confederate monument.

The entire 20,000-coin issue sold well when placed on sale for \$1, despite limited sales to out-of-towners. Because of its limited mintage and apparently wide distribution, Lynchburg half dollars have never been found in large quantities on the coin market. Lynchburg halves are nearly always in mint state, since most went directly to collectors rather than the general public. The typical example has satiny surfaces, with the reverse occasionally appearing semi-prooflike. This issue is often found not fully struck, the highpoints of its design looking grainy as the result of planchet's natural texture still being in evidence.

The Lynchburg Half Dollar was distributed in a buff-colored cardboard folder with spaces for five examples. This original folder is highly prized by commemorative coin collectors, especially when housed in its mailing envelope.



Collecting Autographs on “Short Snorter” Notes

By Texas Navy Admiral Frank Galindo



The history of collecting one-dollar “short snorter” notes has an interesting story. I had heard and believed that this tradition was started by pilots during World War II. At the time, I didn’t know the true origin of this tradition or how it got started. Since I had an interest in WW II collectibles, I began to search for information about this area of collecting. To my knowledge, not much had been written in numismatic publications that dealt with “short snorters.”

Much later, I read an article about “short snorter” notes and learned that the tradition of this custom of signing dollar notes was begun by bush pilots in Alaska during the 1920’s. Only civilian pilots held membership in that exclusive club. The custom later spread to commercial pilots. During WW II, Army Air Corps pilots adopted the tradition. Soon it led to many more service men to join the “short snorter” custom of signing one-dollar notes. These notes serve to preserve and help document important events in our military history. All these “short snorters” have stories to tell and are a remembrance of our past.

Varying rules for “short snorters” were adopted by different groups, but there were some that were generally accepted. A “short snorter” must have at least one signature, but most have multiple autographs and were signed by servicemen and renowned personalities. The custom declares that one-dollar notes must be signed by the participants and they must always

keep the notes with them. This served as a kind of membership card. The term “snort” is defined as a strong drink and “short” as a small portion less than a full glass. When drinking at a pub, soldiers would challenge each other, and if one could not comply and failed to produce the “short snorter,” he had to buy a round of drinks.

During the 1980’s, I used to frequent a military library to do research and read the latest hobby magazines. A library patron saw what I was reading and asked what I collected. I responded that I collected different collectibles including autographed currency. He then told me he had saved a publication from the 1940’s that mentioned “short snorter” notes and said he would make a copy of the article if I wanted. I remember that I could not say “yes” fast enough. The article was written in a military magazine that stated that prominent movie actor and numismatist Adolphe Menjou may have had one of the longest collections of “snorter notes” in Hollywood, stretching about 35 to 40 feet and with about 7,000 signatures, including one signed by Hermann Goering, Commander-in-Chief of the Luftwaffe and founder of the Gestapo.

I also read that leading actress Marlene Dietrich had her own “short snorter” collection. Many renown world leaders, movie stars, pilots, soldiers and numerous celebrities of the 1940’s signed “short snorters” during the war years and collected their own “short snorters.” Signatures of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Chester W. Nimitz, Winston Churchill, George Patton and movie stars Bob Hope, Ann Sheridan, Paul Douglas, Dorothy Lamour, John Wayne, Dinah Shore, Pat O’Brien, Jan Sterling, and Joe E. Brown are just a few of the many names that are written on “short snorters.”

A collection of “short snorters” owned by Captain J. L. Gillen was described as 100 feet in length. Coin dealer Grover Criswell is reported to have had a 200 foot-long group of “snorters” that had about 500 notes. The notes are taped end to end forming a long streamer. Foreign currency was also signed and added to the streamers; thus, the

Top: This Philippines five-pesos Short Snorter note has 8 signatures.

Bottom: This Silver certificate Short Snorter note is dated 10-12-42 and has 21 signatures.

streamer collection may have U.S. currency and a mixture of notes from many different countries. This, I believe, makes the "short snorter" a colorful and interesting WW II memento. I have been collecting autographs for many years. Some of my celebrity autographs were signed on postage stamps, posters, playing cards, comic books, movie lobby cards, baseballs, index cards, arcade cards, celebrity photos, sports cards, books, and other items. I consider the autographs on "short snorter" dollar bills and those on arcade cards my favorites.

On June 6th, I had a great opportunity to acquire "short snorter" notes signed by WW II veterans at a special D-Day luncheon sponsored by the Samuel May Williams Squadron of the Texas Navy Association. At the event, I was tasked to take photos and to greet and welcome the Veterans. Despite the large attendance of 112 guests, twenty of whom were WW II Veterans, I managed to acquire autographs before and after the luncheon. One of the wives was reported as saying, "Thank you for doing this. My husband has never been recognized for his service before today."

All the Veterans I spoke to at the luncheon expressed their gratitude for the D-Day event, which was specially organized to recognize and honor them for their service. Not only were the Veterans elated, so were their families and friends. Texas Navy Admiral Richard Weitzel, Commander, Admiral Amy Jo Baker, Deputy Commander, and Admiral Karla Galindo, Secretary-Treasurer, worked tirelessly to coordinate, arrange and host a most memorable event that honored all our WW II Veterans. These World War II Veterans are remembered and honored as part of "The Greatest Generation." I feel honored to add all these "short snorters" to my collection.

From top to bottom: Michael Galindo, U.S. Navy WW II Veteran (standing) poses with Don Garrido, WW II Merchant Marine, at the Texas Navy Luncheon.

Col. Doris Cobb, WW II U.S. Army Nurse holds an autographed Short Snorter one-dollar bill she signed.

TNA Governor Frank Galindo greeting the WW II veterans at the luncheon.

Sam Smith, WW II B-17 pilot holds a Short Snorter note he signed for TNA Governor Frank Galindo.

WW II veterans sit together for a group photo.





ROYAL MAUNDY AND ITS COINS

BY RICHARD LASTER

As I have declared more than a few times in these ramblings, I am not a conventional "coin collector." My tastes run along the lines of exnumia and primarily spill over into things paper. I started years ago with the general coin "fill-the-hole" books but moved on from those soon after. I also have the habit of being a "binge buyer" and finding something which I like and purchasing a few before moving on. For a recent example, I decided to invest in a Bryan Dollar, resulting in the purchase of three. Just before that my focus was upon locating Norse American medals, finally moving forward after finding, and purchasing, four copies (two "thin" and two "thick" varieties).

Three or four years ago, I decided to acquire Royal Maundy Coin sets from the most recent British monarchs: Victoria (three designs), Edward VII, George V, George VI, and Elizabeth. When I started the process, I lost my focus about two thirds of the way through when I wandered over toward other pursuits of interest. My news here is that the Royal Maundy set experience is now complete! I just received the last of the seven sets from my focus period. The final piece of the puzzle was a set from the years George VI was in Great Britain's royal office. It is a high quality four-piece collection of four lower denomination coins. There is a proof or at least proof-like look about it.

The history of the set of small coins, traditionally referred to as "Royal Maundy Money," is an interesting story. The word "maundy" comes to English from the original Latin "mandatum." Mandatum in its original translation simple means to "follow a commandment." The tradition of an official "Maundy" goes back in Christian history. It is the title given to the day just before Good Friday, the time Christians remember the cross of Christ. Maundy Thursday, the day preceding Good Friday, is so named in honor of the "Last Supper" when, the Gospels tell us, Jesus shared a "new commandment" with his disciples. During this time Jesus is reported as saying, "a new commandment (mandatum) I give you . . . to love one another." This last plea encouraged people of faith to recognize not only things of the head but also of the heart, ways of believing and sharing, even with the least and the lost, those in the greatest need. Of following the way of the Lord in sacrificial living faithfulness.

(Right) Example of the reverse design common to all Royal Maundy Coins for nearly 200 years.





Above from left to right:

- a) Victoria Young Head type – issued from 1838 to 1886
- b) Victoria Jubilee Head type – issued from 1887 to 1892
- c) Victoria Old Head or Mature Head type – issued from 1893 to 1901

- d) Edward VII type – issued from 1902 to 1910
- e) George V type – issued from 1911 to 1936
- f) George VI type – issued from 1937 to 1952
- g) Elizabeth II type – issued starting in 1953

The tradition of Royal Maundy coinage began several hundred years ago when it became the practice of the seated monarch in Great Britain, on behalf of the nation, to donate to people in whatever way would enhance their lives. The first gifts were tangible things such as food and clothing, but in time, generally considered to be near the end of the Seventeenth Century, money was given instead. Each recipient was gifted four coins, all silver; "One Pence, Two Pence, Three Pence, Four Pence."

Even though the practice of giving Royal Maundy Coinage continues into our times, the act has become more of a thanks for service over a one-time offering to the needy. Since the total face value amount of each set is so small, only ten pence, and the content of silver in a set is limited, combined at only 4.8 Grams (.150 Troy Ounce) the coins are given today by the queen to those who are leaders in service as simple signs of the Kingdom's appreciation. In our times, Queen Elizabeth II has the honor of making the presentation on Maundy Thursday or appoints someone to do so on her behalf. The sites where the gifts occur is always a cathedral, though the exact location varies annually.

My focused collection, just complete, focuses on Royal Maundy Coins beginning with the time of Queen Victoria. This is a specific starting point because up until that spot in history the coins for the Maundy sets were simply pulled from circulation. From the time of Victoria forward into our own time, coins for Maundy sets are specifically created and are generally limited to amounts of around 2,000 sets. Most are found in uncirculated to proof-like state. You can see examples of the obverses of each type in my newly completed collection above. A set from my personal collection is below for you.

It is interesting to note that even though the bust on coinage of the realm minted during Elizabeth II's time has been modeled in three different styles during her years as queen, official Royal Maundy Coins continue to be minted with the original Youth Head design, which dates back more than 60 years when Elizabeth II came to the throne.

I am delighted to have this set complete, and now I can move on to something new. Any ideas?

(Below) Personal set of Maundy Coins sharing the "Jubilee" image of Queen Victoria. The complete set at the time of earliest issue, as today, contains silver coins of four different denominations. Total weight in silver, for the four coins combined, is only 4.80 Grams. The One Pence coin is particularly small at only .047 Grams or .014 Ounce Troy.



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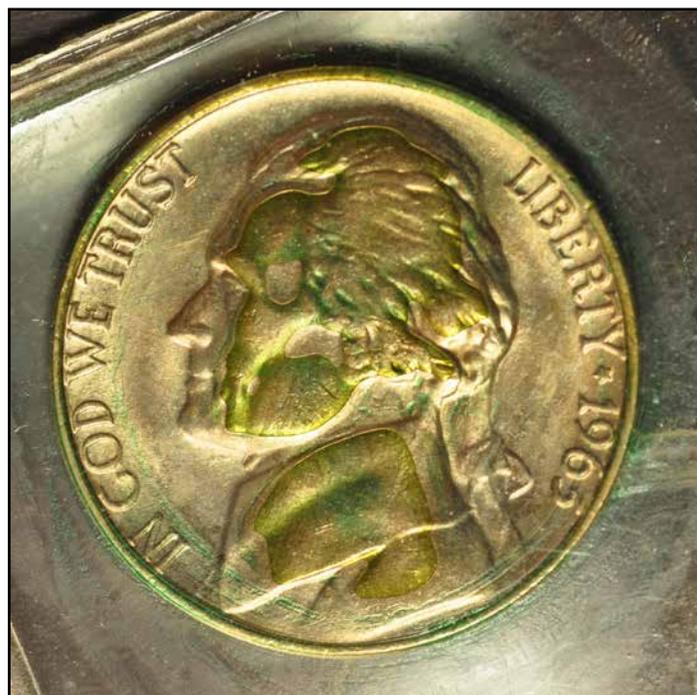
PVC plastic “flips” have been in use by coin collectors for decades. They are a convenient and inexpensive way to store individual coins. However, the downside of their use has become apparent as better plastics have become available. PVC stands for polyvinyl chloride, a chemical made from ethylene and chlorine and formed into sheets, films, pipes, and other forms. PVC by itself is a clear, hard solid. If formed into films or sheets without an added plasticizer, the resulting film is stiff, hard, and fragile. The most common plasticizer added is di-iso-octyl-phthalate, which found early use in the “vinyl” on automobile dashboards in the 1970’s.

In coin flip use, this plasticizer oozes out of the surface of the flip onto the coin inside. At first, the coin appears to lose some flash or reflectivity. If liquid plasticizer is allowed to remain on the coin, there can be a reaction (particularly with the copper in the alloy of the coin), and a “green slime” appears. This can be removed with a solvent such as acetone (with no rubbing!), but if the slime has remained on the coin too long, there will be pits and permanent damage. Like all chemical reactions, this process goes faster with heat, and humidity also seems to play a role. Texas has one of the worst environments for coins in PVC holders, especially in areas closer to the coast.

You don’t have to put all your coins in non-PVC holders – just the ones you want to keep!

The unfortunate Jefferson nickel pictured below has been in its holder for 54 years. For most of that time, the PVC plasticizer has been exuding onto the surface of the coin and is visible as a semi-liquid green slime that oozes around when touched.

The Wyoming quarter from the State Quarter series has obviously been in its holder for a far shorter time. However, we can see that if the coin is moved within the holder, its former place is marked by a hazy green ring and some design elements are even visible in the residue left on the plastic.

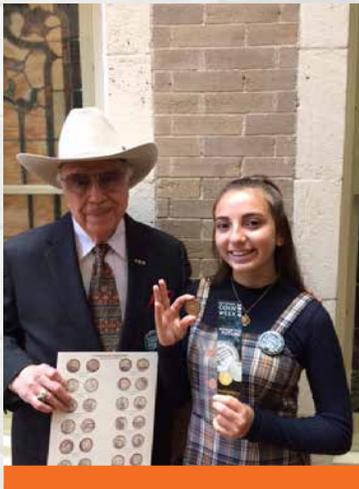


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NATIONAL COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES

District 7 Governor, Frank Galindo:

During the ANA'S National Coin Week, I had the privilege and opportunity to share information about the facets of coin collecting to many young collectors, as well as introducing a few adults to our hobby. I am thankful to the ANA for sponsoring this wonderful annual event and for the promotional package they sent containing several numismatic items which were shared with the young students with whom I met and spoke. This event affords all TNA members an opportunity to promote the TNA, recruit new members, as well as motivate seasoned collectors. It also offers a basis to continue to encourage and mentor prospective members.



Cynthia Cowles and Frank Galindo hold promotional numismatic items to support NCW activities.



Cora Christensen smiles happily as she holds her numismatic book and NCW freebies.



Young collectors **Alex and Logan Deras** smile as they pose for a photo during NCW.



David Shelden helps Frank Galindo in promoting and encouraging coin collecting during NCW.



Junior numismatist **Dyego Madrigal** holds the commemorative coin and bookmarks he was given by Frank Galindo.



Gustav Nikolai, a student from Denmark, was very pleased to receive a medal and other NCW items.



Christian, Erika, Celestino and Tina Rodriguez join Frank Galindo in promoting the ANA's National Coin Week.



District 7 Governor and Medals Officer Frank Galindo inspects a new TNA 2019 medal before assembling the medal set.

Sacha Mitchell wears a promotional NCW badge and holds items she received during NCW events.



Molly Myers, eager to promote National Coin Week, flashes a big smile as she endorses coin collecting.



SUMMER SEMINAR EXPERIENCE

By Jason Elwell

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to the Texas Numismatic Association for sponsoring a grant to the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar. This grant paid for airfare, ANA Summer Seminar classes for one week, lodging at the Colorado Springs Community College campus, and an educational experience that would be hard to replicate in any other way. Out of all the TNA members in Texas, I was one of the two people chosen for this grant. When I first heard the news, I was hosting the International Coin Club of El Paso Christmas party. I saw the email, but I didn't believe it at first. To win something like this was not in my usual luck. I looked through my latest TNA magazine to find a point of contact. Sure enough, the winning announcement email was real...I won!

Six months later, I'm on a jet from El Paso, Texas to the ANA Summer Seminar. This was my first time to the ANA headquarters and my first time to Colorado. It was fascinating to still see snow on the caps of some mountains as I flew over. Back in El Paso, the sun was doing its work, but in Colorado, it seemed as if you could experience several seasons at once.

I land in Colorado Springs, and the ANA has a shuttle waiting for all us numismatists ready for the week's seminar. The drive takes about 15 minutes, and I arrive to the check in on campus. At check in, the ANA gives us a grab bag of miscellaneous items and an aluminum water bottle. Also, there was a buffet with all kinds of high-end meats, cheeses, and breads for sandwiches, as well as fruits, tea, and lemonade. It was really a nice spread for welcoming people. By the front door, there was a plaque designating McGregor Hall as a historical building. Walking down the wooden floored hallway, I find my room and place my belongings. I decide I will go try to see the ANA Money Museum before the opening ceremonies.

The ANA Money Museum is an amazing place. In some ways, there is just no way to take in all the displays and knowledge at once. It seemed everywhere I looked there was a different coin I wanted to study. I did get to see one of the 1913 V Nickels, and I saw some beautiful Morgan Dollars with unbelievable toning. There was paper money, ancient coins in gold and silver, and even a children's museum that would rival some modern museums' main displays. I hurried back for the opening ceremonies and got ready for the next day.



ANA Money Museum



1879 Silver Dollar "Washlady"
12-15 known examples



1913 Liberty Head V Nickel
5 known examples

For my main four-day seminar, I took the class “The Fourteen Mexican Mints (1536-1910)” taught by Instructor Ricardo de León Tallavas. I chose this class due to my geographical location (El Paso sits at the U.S. Mexico border) and dealing with a foreign coinage that really isn’t all that foreign for the area. To fully understand American history, one must look at what was happening 100 years before Jamestown, VA in Nuevo Spain, which is modern day Mexico and the U.S. southwest. I must say, the teachings of Ricardo de León Tallavas was worth its weight in gold. He was so knowledgeable. His teachings brought out information that was unknown to me. For instance, many Mexican coins were struck on cast planchets and the varieties of a coin’s striking can vary quite a bit. Producing proper weight of silver coinage was the main concern for trade. It’s amazing how wealthy Mexico was in silver. At class, I got to hold all kinds of Mexican coinage. Ricardo even took us to the ANA Library and showed us different books that would help us in expanding our knowledge of Mexican coinage. With this education, I can go back to El Paso and share it with fellow Numismatists in my area.

As a mini-seminar, I took a two-evening course titled “What’s in your Junk?” This was a general class on all those coin oddities people place in that random jar at home or those coins that dealers throw in a junk bin because they don’t have the time for them. He explained how you can tell if it is an error coin damaged from the mint or if the damage happened from post mint production. He also taught us how to be careful about seeing something in a coin that isn’t there. He even gave us some examples of error coins to keep. The

course built my confidence in my ability to judge junk bin coinage.

While taking the mini seminar, a classmate showed the instructor a cruddy, worn coin that appeared to be a 1909-S VDB. He recently found it at his work in a cash drawer, and he wanted to know if it was real. The teacher looked at it, said he needed a second opinion. A couple other guys looked at it and thought it could be a genuine 1909-S VDB cent. I mentioned the National Coin Week Coin Hunt, and it is very possible someone released it back into circulation. The gentleman said he would send it in for grading. I gave him my email, as I want to know how this story unfolds, too.

Throughout the week, there was an option to buy used and overstocked books from the ANA Library. There was also a fundraiser auction that I donated to. Every single meal was top notch. A person could eat as little or as much as he or she chose. The choices seemed endless.

At the graduation dinner, placed at each person’s plate was a 2019 Summer Seminar bracteate medal struck in .999 fine silver. This was another little thank you bonus for completing the week seminar.

Throughout the week, I got to personally meet several major Numismatic greats that we all read about in the major coin books and magazines. I got to learn about many things’ coinage and the history that they tell, and I was able to do it under the grant provided by the Texas Numismatic Association.

Thank you for everything. This trip would not have been made possible without your assistance.



Summer Seminar Bracteate Flip Insert



Seminar Bracteate



Seminar Goodie Bag



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 October 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.

Please send your reports by the 15th of January, April, July, and October to: theTNAnews@gmail.com

DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR



FWCC MAY 2 MEETING: President Dalia Smith called the meeting to order with twenty-five members and one guest present. The guest was former member Robert Anderson who collects a variety of coins.

Walter announced that all club members with dues paid up for 2019 would receive a raffle ticket for the TNA raffle. Dalia announced that anyone who would like to donate to the TNA Youth Auction should see her. Also, anyone who would like to contribute to the TNA Exhibits should see Jack Gilbert. 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. John Post will be selling TNA Raffle tickets during the meeting.

Educational Presentation: Part 2 of 2: by Ed Lasko, The Last Voyage of S.S. Central America: Ed gave the conclusion of the Last Voyage of the S.S. Central America in September of 1857. Part 2 was about finding the ship and recovery of the gold. The ship was discovered in 1988 by Tommy Gregory Thompson and the gold recovered was estimated from \$100 – 150 million.

(Pictured) Gold from the S.S. Central America and Tommy Thompson



Refreshments: Ruth and Felix provided refreshments for the meeting.



Raffle: Frank Hezmall conducted the raffle of three items.

Auction: Frank Hezmall conducted the auction of about 40 lots.

FWCC JUNE 6 MEETING: Jimmy Davis called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting in President Dalia Smith's absence due to illness. Walter Fabisiak gave the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$8,315.68 in checking and \$153.65 in petty cash. Walter also said that, with American Numismatic Association elections coming up, the Club had received several communications from candidates requesting the Club's vote. After discussion, the membership decided not to endorse or vote for any candidate, leaving it up to each member to decide on his/her own for whom to vote.

We were pleased to have guest Jim Taylor join us. Jim is a member of Mid-Cities Coin Club and is a general collector with no specialties.

Richard Laster, President of the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and a Club member, thanked everyone who participated in the recently held TNA show. John Post reported that it was as good a show as any the TNA has had in the last twenty years. Frank Hezmall said that the Fort Worth Coin Club was one of the leaders in providing volunteers to help at the show. The TNA show exhibits were outstanding and included exhibits by Club members Jerry Honeycutt and Jack Gilbert.

Walter told the membership that board members had toured the Corporate Employee Recreation Association (CERA), the old Lockheed-Martin facility, as a possible alternative to the Botanic Garden club meeting location. The City of Fort Worth is still discussing instituting an admission fee to the Botanic Garden and it is not known how this would impact club members or guests attending meetings. The building has been completely renovated and everyone was impressed with one of the meeting rooms in particular. The monthly meeting room charge would be only slightly more than what the Club is paying now at the Botanic Garden. There is also a banquet hall that is roughly the size of the White Settlement Convention Center room where the Club puts on its annual coin show. It might be an attractive alternative venue for our show with price and details to be negotiated. (see picture of CERA Gateway meeting room)



Because the date for the next regularly scheduled Club meeting falls on July 4th, the next Club meeting will be the following Thursday, July 11th. This is the same day as the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club (NETCC) meeting. Kevin Kell, the President of NETCC, and coincidentally, the evening's program presenter, suggested that next year the clubs have a joint meeting at the NETCC location in Bedford.

Educational Program-Twenty Cent Pieces: Kevin Kell gave a well-illustrated presentation of the shortest-lived denomination in American coinage history, the twenty cent piece. The denomination was designed to alleviate the shortage of small denomination coinage in the west and to eliminate fractional currency. Unfortunately,



it had the same obverse design (seated liberty) as all other silver coinage above 20 cents and, because of its size, was easily mistaken for a quarter dollar in much the same way Susan B. Anthony dollars were mistaken for quarters many years later. Partly because of this confusion, it was only issued from 1875 to 1878, four years. There were no circulation strikes in 1877 and 1878, only proof coins. Over 1/3 of twenty cent piece circulation coinage was melted between 1895 and 1959 with most of it happening in 1933. Interestingly, the 1873 Coinage Act required coins to include "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust" on all coinage, but neither appeared on this denomination.

Jimmy Davis brought the refreshments.

Frank Hezmall conducted the evening's raffle and acted as the evening's auctioneer.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC JUNE MEETING – President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 55 members and visitors present. Kevin gave thanks to everyone contributing to success of the recent TNA Show.

This not only includes the large contingent of volunteers to carry out the various show duties, but also the three exhibitors (Jack Gilbert, Kevin Kell and Mike Ross). TNA awards were given to all three exhibitors, including Mike Ross for Best of Show. Several of our members received other TNA awards, including a special presidential award to Russell Prinzinger for his many years of service to the TNA.

Frank Hezmall succeeded Russell Prinzinger as District 1 TNA Governor.

The July meeting will be our traditional weenie roast. As usual, the Club will provide hot dogs, buns and all fixins'; members are asked to provide side dishes, salads and desserts. To prevent members from bringing duplicates (for example, all desserts), member volunteers will be divided by last name in July's newsletter.

We need a presentation for August on anything numismatic related. See Kenny Smith if you can help out.

Jack Gilbert has discounted Red Books available at \$8.78 (about 60% of retail). He also has a limited supply of Deluxe Red Books with a similar discount.

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.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be conducting an Employee Craftsmanship Demonstration. This event will include currency design, engraving, plate-making and printing process. Dates this summer are daily, June 25-28 and July 23-26.

Visitors recognized: High Hillaker, Jim Taylor, Luke and Ryan Simonak.

New members: Angela Micheli, Bill Kinkade.

After a short business meeting, the kids in attendance departed to other rooms to participate in this year's Kids Night for youth 17 and under. The kids were divided into two age groups of roughly equal size.

The younger group of kids 10 and under enjoyed a program focused on Lincoln cents. The kids were given a loupe to keep and shown how to use it. They were shown the difference in the three design types (wheat-back, memorial, presidential), as well as how to identify coins by date and mintmark. Each participant received two folders packed with nice examples and were able to choose even more examples to fill some of the remaining empty holes. This group was led by Jack Gilbert.



The 11 and older kids were led by Carl Stang who spoke on Buffalo Nickels. Again, the kids received examples of different dates/mintmarks and discussed the grading and selection of coin examples.

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



While the Club focused on Kids Night at the June meeting, the adults were not forgotten. Frank Hezmall spoke about various colonial, federal, Texas and Confederate currency. He outlined federal-era types such as legal tender, silver certificates, fractional and obsolete bank notes. He displayed a well-represented collection of all types discussed.

The adult door prizes were awarded to Kathy Fairchild, Natalie Owens and Frank Hezmall. 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.

JULY MEETING: President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 66 members and visitors present. The meeting was slightly delayed due to members lining up to feast on hot dogs and fixin's. While hot dogs and all the fixings were provided by the Club, members



brought tasty side dishes and salads, as well as a cornucopia of varied and scrumptious desserts. By the time the meeting started, members had put a sizeable dent in all the food available. With stomachs filed, members were ready for the night's festivities. Special

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

Russell Prinzing relayed his experiences when he attempted to go through airport security with a roll of Silver Eagles. Evidently, TSA agents were very wary of this "metal" tube and delayed Russell for quite some time. Other members have had similar experiences and made the excellent suggestion that members carrying coins or bullion ask for a special private screening to avoid conflict or possible seizure of numismatic items.

Kevin Kell previewed information concerning the Christmas party. Because of the success of the April donation auction, we will again be able to offer the meal for FREE to all members and youth with a \$5 fee for adult non-members.

We need a presentation for August on anything numismatic related. See Kenny Smith if you can help out.

Frank Hezmall, who succeeded Russell Prinzing as District 1 TNA Governor, presented Russell Prinzing an award for TNA Governor of the Year, on behalf of the TNA.



Roy Harston, our resident metal-detecting guru, found a plethora of interesting items, including a silver pendant.

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23-26. This event will include currency design, engraving, plate-making and printing process.

Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will 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.

Visitors recognized: Jim Taylor.

New members: Hugh Hillaker, Jim Taylor, Mark Gisclair.

Sam Fairchild gave a presentation on how politics has influenced the production of US coins and currency. This covered the period from the earliest colonial days to current controversies.

Every youth present received an assortment of modern proof coins. The adult door prizes were awarded to Burton Strauss, Barbara Gallagher and Jim Waggoner. The usual auction of 40 items, as well as the silent auction was conducted.

DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR



DALLAS COIN CLUB JUNE MEETING – President Mike called the 1,093 consecutive meeting to order with 26 people in attendance and two guests. (Jim T. and Alberto). It's the last day of spring and hopefully everyone survived the recent weather. Rex was in the Home Depot in Greenville when the tornado passed by. Gold closed at \$1,389.40 and Silver \$15.43.

Officer Reports: Stewart: Presenting on 1883 Nickels tonight and has several very nice examples he would like returned. John P. will present in July, Judy in August and Mike R. in September. David S. may have a program later this year.

Jose: French Billionaire Patrick Drahi is buying Sotheby's for \$2.7 Billion. It's currently a public company and often trailed its larger privately held rival Christies. NGC has recently updated their App and it's much easier to manage inventory/registry sets. The recent Long Beach Expo Auction

in June generated \$8.4 Million without any big-name collections.

New Business: Frank has Redbooks for sale: 2020 Redbooks retail for \$20 and \$12.00 today. The Mega Red Books retail for \$50 and are \$35.00 today. Has a Large Print Red book for \$22.00.

The TNA has issued a grant to the Dallas Coin club and a check should arrive shortly.

Hal: The parent company of Numismatic News and other hobby publications has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The internet and eBay have really reshaped the numismatic hobby.

Frank H.: Recalls an article by David H. that by 2020 Numismatic news would not be in existence.

John P. (General Chair for the TNA): Thanked the Dallas Coin Club and all the volunteers for a great show. The volunteers made the show go very smoothly. Thirteen members from the Dallas CC volunteered and the club will receive \$194 from the TNA. We'll be asking next year for volunteers!

Program: "1883 Liberty Head Nickel" by Stewart H.: Stewart shared some insight into the 1883 Liberty Head 5¢. He has a set of 1883 nickels which was passed around the room. He also brought an 1883 5¢ AU 50, 1883 AU 5¢ gold-plated, 1883 5¢ without cents, and an 1883 5¢ with cents, uncirculated. Three different types were issued in 1883: Shield 5¢ (1,451,500 mintage), Liberty Head without cents (5,474,300 mintage), and Liberty Head with cents (16,026,200 mintage). The 1866 Shield Nickel was also made in 1867 both with rays and without. The US Mint knew they needed to replace the shield design because the rays caused problems with the dies. The 1881 5¢ patterns had the new 5¢ design. The new 5¢ version in 1883 is 75% Copper and 25% Nickel. Both varieties have stars on the obverse and a "V" on the reverse. At the time the US Mint was making a 3¢ coin with a "III" on the reverse. The new nickel with a "V" didn't go so well as it lacked a "cent" on the coin. Many unscrupulous people gold plated these coins and tried to pass them off as a \$5 gold coin. The coins were essentially the same size and thus the confusion. The US Mint realized this was a problem and made a change to add "Cents" to the bottom reverse. Today the plated coins are sometimes called the "racketeer's nickel". The 1883 5¢ is a very common date and very affordable in AU condition (About \$100). Nickels with "No Cents" can be obtained for \$10-\$12 in AU. They are very common and affordable. An 1883 5¢ with "Cents" is tougher to find and is about \$150. They can be found in very nice grades and aren't too much. Josh Tatum passed many gold-plated fakes and never said a word. He was never prosecuted and the first reference concerning him was in 1950. The question was asked as to any die varieties? The 1883 Shield Nickel Overdate shows a 3 Over 2. It's a very expensive coin compared to the regular strike. Liberty Head 5¢ are very well struck compared to Shield 5¢. Frank shared that some shield nickels with die cracks are popular with the right audience. The 5¢ also had rotated dies and die cracks just like many Morgan dollars of the time.

Very full auction tonight and a notable toned 1875 S 20¢ in Good condition found a new home. Thank you to Zeke for bringing in the club lots tonight!

DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR



BELLAIRE COIN CLUB MAY 6 MEETING: Meeting had 21 people attending. Karl B. announced that Garth C., President, would not be able to attend. Karl. B. presented another Bellaire August 2019 Shriners show report. It is confirmed that 53 dealers are paid in full with 77 tables sold. Karl described an updated

table layout, noting the postal stamp section. Donations needed in June for the young numismatist auction and registration gift grab. Currently, there are no changes with the 2019 Bellaire Coin & Collectable Show. Karl B. noted that the new Bellaire civic center would be finished in July 2019. The club wants to create a November "test show" to confirm the table

layout. If the Bellaire civic center expenses are more, the 2020 show will remain on Harwin. A member asked that the club bring more business cards to meetings. Richard Del announced that his 2019 Colorado Springs summer seminar classes are sold out. Many members presented at show and tell, and Donnie F. won the prize.

MAY 20 MEETING: Meeting had 23 people attending. President Garth C. discussed Coin Star machines. The machine rejects selected coins. Most ejects go in the coin return, but others go into a special reject box. If you notice the machine is being emptied, ask if you can check the reject box. Richard H. did similar Guerilla collecting of bankrolls program in May 2016. John B. presented more Texas Numismatic Association raffle tickets. The club counted attending members and bought more tickets. Each ticket was filled out as Bellaire Coin Club. Then members signed their name and contact information. Karl B. noted a couple of items from the mailbox. Silsbee, north of Beaumont, is having a show on July 19. The TNA sent a reminder letter about elections. Karl B. presented another Bellaire August 2019 Shriner show report. The show needs volunteers to help set up the food stand, tables, and security. The show needs more collectible dealers, specifically trains and classic toys. Karl described another updated table layout, noting more collectibles into the main table area. Richard H.; and Garth plan to attend the TNA in Arlington. John B. noted the TNA has a new magazine editor and the TNA News has adjusted when to send the paper copies. John has asked for more items from the Houston area. Many members presented at show and tell, and Richard H. won the prize.

JUNE 3 MEETING: Meeting had 25 people attending. Garth C. presented a report about the TNA show. Garth bought a book and had it autographed by show dealer Harlen Burke. Karl B. presented a report on the Bellaire August 2019 show. The show tables are sold out, but they would like more dealers. Some dealers use the table for the first day but not the second day. Richard H. noted a video clip from the 2018 show. Garth C. stated the need for more volunteers. He 2018 volunteers received a special numismatic item and a Ruby's Bar-B-Que dinner. Karl B. checked for the library's new document camera again. This camera is part of the recent \$1,000 donation. Karl B. is suggesting food trucks during the show. Karl B. motioned to use \$500 to buy more coins for the club prizes. The plan is to use \$300 for young numismatic activities and \$200 for meeting door prizes. The club voted yes unanimously for both suggestions. Selection dealers have always donated to our young numismatic activities. Karl B. has an ammunition box filled with foreign coins. Kristi H. wondered about set up volunteering. Some members would wait until around 2PM, Friday, August 2. The doors would be open for set up at 5PM. The 2018 volunteers had to rearrange all of the tables because of a wrong layout. The hardest part is under the tables to place the lights. Garth C. has made these suggestions for the 2020 show: keep Freeman Decorators to set up the tables and get a new shirt or item to identify the club members. Gene McP. noted what if the club changed to a non-profit. Gene McP. reminded everyone that Ed Stephen is having a show on June 21-22. Many members presented at show and tell, and Alonzo G. won the prize.

JUNE 17 MEETING: Meeting had 23 people attending. Karl B. and Garth C. presented a report on the Bellaire August 2019 show. All of the tables are sold out. The postal stamp area is also sold out. A member with a train set, but was not used last year, but planned to be at the show. A dealer that is a collector supplier. The extra tables for member rental would be in the back of the room. Final activities for the Shriner are security and other items. The club planned to use Freeman Decorators when we use the Shriners ballroom. Karl B. requested volunteers to help older dealers move items between their vehicles and the show tables. Gary O. requested more flyers for distribution. Karl B. noted that the library has received the new document camera. The Epson camera still needs to be installed into the library projector in the meeting area. This camera is part of the recent \$1,000 donation. Many members presented at show and tell, and Gene McP. won the prize.



GHCC MAY MEETING – Called to order with 48 attendees, and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack D.

Announcements: There is a need for volunteers to help run the money show. There is a plan for GHCC members to go out to dinner at TNA Arlington. Please sign up for contact. Please use the mic during the presentations so the ones in the back can hear.

Visitors: Grace and Steve (previous member)

Show and Tell was chaired by Tom S. Many interesting items were shared, and Jeff B. won the coin prize.

Monthly Quiz (Chuck B., Chair) YN's distributed the quizzes and pencils. Two quizzes were given because Paul Pearson declared the winner for April. May Quiz winner – two members tied with 2 right – tie breaker – Adam Spikes.

Program –“National Banknotes” by Chuck B.: He gave an extensive recap of the history of the financial conditions leading to the national currency. Then gave a type-set history of the issues of the National Bank Notes to 1929. He used good photos and clear arrangement showing careful preparation of the talk.

Business meeting: New members Hurst Barbee, Alonzo Gonzalez, Gayland Stehle were elected by the members present. New members were presented with certificates of membership.

Coins for A's - Eve B. is catching up on the last reporting period for the students.

Money Show Reports - Jim Sandy reported to the club that US coins has offered to sponsor a children's auction. There was a discussion and no action taken at this time. This will be discussed at the Money Show Meeting. Odis has secured money show souvenirs for all participants of the money show.

Three members were recognized for past service in the GHCC EC and were given appreciation certificates.

Rick E. was presented the permanent mementos a plaque and panoramic picture of all previous recipients of the Townsend Award.

The Club also has been awarded a perfect score for its participation in National Coin Week, the prize is in the mail.

Attendance door prize: John B.

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

JUNE MEETING – Called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack D.

Announcements: Reminder to vote for ANA members; TNA show was a good show; unfortunately no one from GHCC was a winner this year; two coins shows this weekend – Houston Summer Show in Houston and Tyler Coin Show in Tyler. We will need auction help after meeting is over. Jack wanted to celebrate Cheryl's birthday today as well. Happy Birthday Cheryl!

Visitors: John M., James S., and Eva S.

Show and Tell was chaired by Tom S. Many interesting items were shared, and Sebastian F. won the coin.

Monthly Quiz (Chuck B., Chair): Winner this evening was Albert S.

Monthly Program: “Auction Savvy” by Richard H.: Discussed several different types of auctions, auction behavior, things to be aware of at auctions, etc. Really nice summary of terms, what happens during an auction, as well as some of the pitfalls.

Business meeting: Coins for A's - Eve B. Eve says thank you for the \$130 for the book sales. Money Show Reports – Jack D. show is shaping up. Promotions going well; 7 tables waiting on a contract.

Jim S. won the attendance award.

Auction to follow after break with Alvin S. as Auctioneer.



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY MAY 2 MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 37 members and 5 visitors in attendance, including all officers. Our five visitors become members of the club. We welcome new members Barbara H., Johnell H., Joan C., Tim C., and Larry L.

Old Business: David A. reminded the club members that GCC will be hosting a coin show on Saturday, May 25, at the Schertz Civic Center. David A. also reminded members about the next “Antiques, Coins, and Collectibles Show” at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on July 6. David said that a dealer has signed up for the Wonderland show and that he will be bringing 8-10 additional dealers with him. David A. also reminded members that he still needs volunteers to present Educational Numismatic Programs in May, June, July, and August.

Announcements: Karla G. said she will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting so members can volunteer their services for the GCC Coin Show on May 25. Nancy M. reminded members to bring in large paper shopping bags to be used as litter bags by the dealers at the Schertz show. Karla G. announced that she still has TNA Raffle Tickets for sale at tonight’s meeting and at the next meeting on May 16.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. Stan McM. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1961 US quarter graded PF67 by NGC.

GCC Raffle: Mike G. graciously donated an additional prize to the evening’s raffle. The raffle winners were Larry F. (twice), Mike G., Nancy M., David A., LeRoy M., Pat W., Paul R., Gene F., Robert J., and Johnell H.

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

JUNE 4 MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 33 members and 2 visitors in attendance, including all officers. Our visitors were Mary H. and JoAnne B. Mary H. became the newest member of GCC.

Old Business: Karla G. said that Ray T. would not be attending the meeting, because his wife, Shirley, is recovering from a stroke. Karla gave a report on the GCC Coin Show held May 25 at the Schertz Civic Center. Thirty-nine dealers paid for tables. Two “early birds” paid \$25 each to enter the show early. A total of 274 adults paid the \$2 entrance fee and twenty minors attended the show for free. The club members who worked at the show and the other members who attended the show had free entry to the show. David A. also reminded members about the next “Antiques, Coins, and Collectibles Show” at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on July 6. Thirty-two dealers had paid for spaces. Dealer spaces are still available for \$20 for an 8’ x 10’ space. David A. reminded members that he still needs a volunteer to present an Educational Numismatic Program in August. Larry F. will give a presentation on “Military Coins” at the June 20 meeting and Chuck N will give a presentation on “East German Numistry” at the July 18 meeting.

Numismatic Roundtable: David A. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. LeRoy M. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1962 US quarter graded PR68 by PCGS.

GCC Raffle: Mike G. donated two prizes and Walter S. donated one prize to the evening’s raffle. The winners of the eleven raffle prizes were David A., LeRoy M., Jim R., Barbara H., Robert J. (three times), Paul R. (two times), Steve M., and Ed B.

Auction: The GCC auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B., with the assistance of Frank G.

The Attendance Prize, a 1922-S Peace Dollar, was won by Frank G.

JUNE 20 MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 41 members and 1 visitor in attendance, including all officers. Our visitor was Susan G., wife of member Ernest G.

Old Business: Karla G. gave an update on the “Antiques, Coins, and Collectibles Show” that will take place at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on July 6. To date, fifty-eight dealers have paid for spaces including eight club members.

New Business: The club discussed the GCC meeting scheduled for the first Thursday of July, which will fall on July 4. After discussing the issue, the majority of members present voted against holding a meeting on July 4. So the next meeting of GCC will occur on July 18.

Announcements: Fernando R. announced that the June 27 meeting of the Alamo Coin Club will be at the 410 Diner on Broadway.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. Debbie W. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1962 US quarter graded PR68 by PCGS.

GCC Raffle: Mike G. generously donated two prizes to the evening’s raffle. The winners of the ten raffle prizes were Don P. (twice), Barbara H., Jerry J., Fernando G., Arturo G., Larry F., Leon W., Gene F., and Jim R.

Numismatic Educational Program: Larry F. gave a presentation on “Military Challenge Coins.” Larry told the club that military challenge coins have become a popular tradition for the armed forces. These military tokens or medallions come in a wide range of sizes and designs. The coins typically feature an organization’s insignia or emblem and motto and are carried by members of the organization. There are three types of these military tokens: the unit coins, the recognition coins, and the challenge coins. Larry said the earliest military token is thought to be the Rhode Island Ship token issued in 1779 to commemorate Admiral Howe’s victory in the Battle of Rhode Island. This is an example of a unit coin which is given to members of a military squadron to give them the sense of belonging. During the Boer War, the British hired many soldiers of fortune, who were ineligible to receive medals of valor. Often the commanding officer of such mercenaries would receive the award instead. A non-commissioned officer would often sneak into the tent of the undeserving officer and cut the medal from its ribbon. Then during a public ceremony, the officer would call the deserving soldier forward and, palming the medal, shake the mercenary’s hand and surreptitiously pass the medal on to him, as a way of thanking him for his service. This may be the beginning of military coins presented for a job well-done. In September 2000, the USAF awarded a military coin to each airman completing training during Combat Week. This type of military coin gives the recipient a feeling of accomplishment. The third type of military coin is the “challenge coin.” The challenge coin is a military coin passed out to members of a squadron or other unit. The challenge occurs when one member slams the challenge coin onto a bar. Any person caught without their challenge coin, has to buy the next round of drinks.

Auction: The GCC auction was conducted by David A., Gene F., and Matt B., with the assistance of Frank G. Robert J. donated two items to the evening’s auction. Don P. and LeRoy M. purchased these lots for a total of \$4.25. GCC thanks Robert, Don, and LeRoy for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923 Peace Dollar, was won by David A.



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO MAY MEETING – The meeting was opened by President Jason with 45 members and 1 guest present (Roger K.). President Jason wished a Happy belated Mother’s Day to all the mothers at the meeting. Roger’s wife was not well so he could not make the meeting. F&W Media declared chapter 11 bankruptcy, relating to Krause Publications.

George thanked the club for the get-well card he received. Bettie's father passed away. Application for Tim was read and will be voted upon at next meeting. Application fees for Tim were waived due to being active duty.

Under old business, Chuck was asked to keep up with the status on the rack being built for club storage. On May 18 & 19, the ICCOEP will be a guest at the Train Day Show celebrating Engine 3420. Don, Kevin, Jason and Juan will lend train related numismatics for the club to display. President Jason asked if everyone would update their email addresses. Juan and Brent were elected as board members by acclamation. Juan will take over the library. Brent will take over the computer.

For new board members, on July 27, there will be a board member meeting. Thank you to Willie for allowing the club to host their meeting at his restaurant.

Jason did a presentation on German Inflation Notes and the events that led up to their existence. He explained how prior to the Great War, there had been trouble in Europe which eventually led to a World War. After the war, Germany was left with debts and could not pay. Ultimately this led to a broken German State. Forced to pay for the war, the country of Germany kept printing money until the money became super-inflated. Examples were given such as people literally burning money for heat, being paid twice a day and even using it as wallpaper. Our auctioneer team of Steve, Bob and Willie lead a lively auction.

Numismatic prizes were won by Don S., Hellen P., Richard and Lloyd. Don S. won the grand prize: a slabbed Native American dollar.

JUNE MEETING – The meeting was opened by President Jason with 35 members and 2 guests present. Don gave an overview of the recent TNA show; they sold out of raffle tickets (4,000 tickets), 150 – 200 numismatic related books auctioned at the show, TNA will raise their annual dues to \$25/year, they have a new magazine editor and will publish 4x per year, TNA donated \$500 towards NCIC (National Crime Information Center).

EPEC Storage has increased their monthly rent to \$85/month (increase of \$10/month). Members are encouraged to purchase the club medals. The Club Summer Newsletter will be sent out in coming weeks. A copy of club Constitution and By-laws now available in club library. Juan is the new club librarian. Jason will be attending the ANA seminar this summer/ funding provided by TNA. The August meeting is planned to be a "Trade Day"; no presentation(s), bring your items to trade/sell, pizza provided. A possible field trip to El Paso Federal Reserve in the Fall; details to follow. Brian has a new book about coin mintage for Peru; will bring book next few meetings in case interested.

Willie suggests club publish quarterly financial results; will be discussed at July Board meeting

Jason reminded membership to update him with your emails.

Train event was successful; club sold \$350 worth of train medals. Jason suggests people be thinking about location and date(s) for 2019 Christmas dinner. Applications for: Eric D will be voted on in July. Tim H. and Andy W. approved. Guests were Luis and Isabela L.

Jason gave a presentation about Beautiful American Currency; more specifically, he talked about large size notes also known as saddle blanket notes. Examples given were a \$20 gold technicolor note, a bison note, and some of the educational series notes.

Auction conducted by Steve, Bob P., and Willie. Raffle winners include Jerry K., Barbara M., Tim H. (2x), Juan R., Mario A., Keven S. (2x) with the grand prize going to Richard M.

DISTRICT 12 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC MAY MEETING – Meeting called to order by President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. 35 members and 2 guests present.

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane): The club was led in prayer by Richard L. Please keep Tom, Alan, Mark, John and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report. Royce also noted additional volunteers are needed for refreshments and to lead prayer. David gave an update on preparations for the 2019 coin show (June 21-22). Donations for the raffle are needed. Volunteers for the show are also needed. Larry V. updated members on exhibits planned for the coin show. Lane announced availability of raffle tickets for the TNA show scheduled for May 31-June 2019. The Photographing Coins workshop has been scheduled to Saturday, July 13th, 9am. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Lane encouraged additional member participation with educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) at monthly meetings.

Presentations: Ray S. gave a presentation of the Racketeer Nickel. Ray also asked members to donate usable coin folders/albums each containing a few coins for youth at the upcoming show. Larry V. discussed a recent Coin World article, Collecting Nothing but Junk. Collecting junk initially can often be a gateway into more serious collecting. Mike B. discussed the completion of a new book; They Took A Chance on Texas – The Story of The Consolidated Fund of Texas. The book is available in Amazon and at the local coin shops.

Club Auction (Richard G.): 27 items sold - \$1,879.50

Door Prize Winners: Alan, Mike, Ray

Refreshments: A big Thank You to John and Sandra for providing refreshments!

JUNE MEETING – Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. 40 members and 2 guests present.

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane): The club was led in prayer by Larry V. Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report. Royce also noted additional volunteers are needed for refreshments and to lead prayer. Larry V. updated members on exhibits planned for the coin show. The Tyler Coin Club won two of the four raffle coins at the 2019 TNA Convention & Show. According to TNA President, Richard Laster, this is the first time in TNA history an organization or person has won two raffle coins at the yearly convention. The two coins include an AU 1911 Quarter Eagle and XF 1851 gold dollar. The Photographing Coins workshop has been scheduled to Saturday, July 13th, 9am. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

Presentations: Mark P. gave members a sneak peek at the educational exhibit he will display at the Tyler Coin Show. Allen presented Lane with the TNA's First Place Tidwell Literary Award. The award was originally announced at the 2019 TNA Convention. First place was awarded to Lane for his two-part newsletter article "Grading for the Rest of Us: Originality." Allen was awarded the TNA Tidwell Literary First Runner-Up Award for his article "Genuine & Replica Confederate Bank Notes."

Club Auction (Richard G.): 16 items sold - \$429.00

Door prize winners: Alan, Debbie, Jeff, Jim, and John

Refreshments: A big Thank You to Royce for providing refreshments!

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT JUNE MEETING –The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Sweitzer with 16 members in attendance. George Woodburn provided the Treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$1,299.69 and petty cash of \$125.20 for a grand total of \$1,424.88.

New Business: Connolly O'Brien reported that he had a table at the TNA show held in Arlington over the last weekend. He said that it was a pretty good show, but he felt it was not as well-attended as last year. He reminded everyone that shows were coming up in July at Grapevine and Amarillo.

Program: Rob Robinson gave a program on large cent errors of the early 1800's. Unlike today, coin dies back in those days were made by hand, and letters and numerals were punched individually into the die so that no two dies were alike. This led to numerous errors. In particular, Rob talked about the 1801 large cent with the three-error reverse. He passed around pictures of the coin's reverse to see if members could find the errors. Then he passed around a real coin for everyone to see. The three errors on the reverse of the coin were: 1) the fraction read 1/000 instead of 1/100, 2) one of the stems was missing from the wreath, and 3) The "U" in United had been punched upside down, then repunched correctly so that the "U" on the coin looked more like "11".

Drawings were held and Jean Sweitzer won the membership prize. Raffle prize winners were Randy Boyd, Jean Sweitzer, and Danny Walker.

Rob Robinson and Connolly O'Brien conducted the auction consisting of 103 lots from 7 consignors.

Note: After the meeting was closed, the officers met and decided to limit the number of auction lots to 15 per consignor. This decision was made to help the meeting get done by 9:00 PM, the Library's closing time.



WICHITA FALLS JUNE MEETING – Called to order with 18 members and 1 visitor present

Treasurer's Report: Connolly O'Brien gave the Treasurer's report and said that there was \$1,325.96 in savings, \$904.14 in checking, \$194.25 in treasurer's cash, and \$311.00 in President's cash for a total of \$2,735.35.

Announcements: Connolly O'Brien said that he attended a Muskegon Coin Club meeting. He said that they have around 100 members and a good number of young members. Connolly said that the coin club has a picnic and sponsors dinners for the members to attend. He said that the club begins each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Additionally, the club sponsors a 50/50 raffle, in which the members buy tickets for \$5. The tickets sales are placed in a pot or pool, and the total is divided in two. One half goes to the club and the other half goes to the holder of the winning ticket. Connolly said that this raises a lot of money for the club.

Old Business: Connolly O'Brien confirmed that he still has not heard anything from Jim Fitzgerald about the next coin show. Doug Barber asked if Duane Palmer's missing 1899 "O" Morgan silver dollar that was sold in the auction to Sammy McDonald has been found? The response was that the silver dollar has not been found. Connolly said to watch the coins you place up for auction closely.

New Business: Jeff Hogue asked about the planning for the upcoming Coin Club Christmas party. After some discussion it was decided to host the Christmas party on the second Thursday in December. Jeff

volunteered to reserve the date at Luby's for the Christmas party.

Program: Rob Robinson talked about the 1801, Draped Bust, One Cent Coin Three Error Reverse. Rob said that the mint in the early 1800's made the coin dies by hand, which prompted various errors in the mintages of coins. He passed out a picture of the reverse of the error coin for the members to see. The first error was inscription minted on the coin instead of "1/100" the coins were minted with "1/000". The second error on the reverse of the coin was on the wreath around the words "One Cent", which was missing a stem. The third error was the "U" in the word "United" which was minted in a way to make it appear as "11" instead of a "U".

Membership Prize: 1982 Proof Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar: Steve Clark

Raffle Prizes: 2019 Silver Eagle by Mark Snyder, 1992 Proof set by Steve Clark, 1987 Mint Set by Jean Sweitzer, and 1972 Proof Set by Jean Sweitzer.

Auctioneer: Rob Robinson, 6 Consignors, 48 lots

DISTRICT 14 - RENE DE LA GARZA, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO JUNE MEETING – The June meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. There were 32 members and 2 guests present, and 7 door prizes were given out. This brings our total membership for the year to 79 paid members. Our coin club begins fresh every year with renewals and new members. Membership dues are \$25 for the year.

The June meeting was the second one to feature Special Items in our auction. 3 out of the 4 coins displayed on our web site were sold. This is still a new concept that is catching on with the membership. HCC members that have coins with a book value of \$75 or more have the opportunity to showcase them on our web site before the regular meeting auction. This allows our members and the general public to view the Special Coins ahead of time in order to come monetarily prepared to our monthly meetings.

District Governor, Rene de la Garza gave a report about the happenings at the TNA Convention and brought back several tokens to sell and give away to our members as door prizes. We were proud to be one of four clubs from Texas that donated \$100 towards funding the Exhibits at that convention. We gave Rene a nice applause for representing us so well.



Our Youth Coin Club has started the annual summer ritual of participating in a 'Penny Search'. Every year, their mentor, Raul H. Gonzalez, hands out approximately 250 Lincoln Wheat Cents to every student to search through. He does this for 3 weeks in the summer months. At the end of the 3 classes, each student would have received anywhere from 750 to 1,000 cents.

Special charts containing a square of years from 1900 to 2004 are given to the students to plot down as shown in the pics. After all cents are down, we methodically go through each year to see if someone found a low mintage coin or errors.

It's a fun exercise and the kids get a great kick out of it. Many



interesting coins have been found and students have been instructed to keep those separate from the others.

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 hidalgocoinclub.com.

DISTRICT 15 - RICK EWING, GOVERNOR

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

SILSBEE MAY MEETING – The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jerry presented the treasurer's report. A \$15.00 check was issued for the door prizes.

Old Business: A discussion was held about our upcoming coin show. Jerry said that all ten (10) tables for the show have been sold. 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 Janette 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. Eight foot tables for the dealers will be \$90.00 each.

New Business: The annual Beaumont Coin Club Show will be held on September 16, 2019 at the Holiday Inn on Interstate 10 at Walden Road. There was no other new business.

Program: Jerry presented a program on specialty coin holders. When we think of coin holders, the first thing that comes to mind is the 2" x 2" cardboard holders or slabbed coins from certifying agencies. There are also specialized holders to display series or types of coins. These are hard plastic slabs consisting of three layers with the center layer drilled to the size of the coins to be displayed and labeled as to the significance of the collection. Examples presented for viewing included different mint mark examples (mints) of gold coin denominations. The United States \$20 gold pieces minted had five different mints producing them, so a holder displaying examples of those five mints was manufactured. The \$10 gold piece mint holder also displayed five different mints, while the \$2.50 gold piece mint holder displayed six. The \$5 gold piece mint holder had spaces for eight mints that included Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dahlonega, Georgia; New Orleans, Louisiana; San Francisco, California; Carson City, Nevada; Denver, Colorado; and West Point, New York. Examples of other holders presented were of all coins minted in the 20th century, type sets, year sets, commemorative coin sets (pre 1982), and denominations minted, including two cent, three cent, half dimes, and twenty cent pieces. There is a wide variety of these type of holders available giving each collector a unique way to display his special interest.

Door prizes were as follows: Jerry won a 1945 D Walking Half Dollar, Dale won a 1912 D V-Nickel, Rick won a 1985 S Full Step Jefferson Nickel, and Barbara won a 1990 S Proof Penny and a 1936 P Buffalo Nickel, full horns. The coin auction was held.

JUNE MEETING – The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jerry presented the treasurer's report. A \$15.00 check was issued for the door prizes.

Old Business: A discussion was held about our upcoming coin show. Jerry said that all ten (10) tables for the show have been sold. Ads will be placed in the Silsbee Bee for our show. Also, signs will be posted around town advertising the show. Leon and Janette will be unable to take care of the admissions desk, so Gaye and Barbara "volunteered." We will hopefully be able to set up tables the night before. 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. Eight

foot tables for the dealers will be \$90.00 each.

New Business: The annual Beaumont Coin Club Show will be held on September 14, 2019 at the Holiday Inn on Interstate 10 at Walden Road.

Program: Rick gave a program on coins with dates that are not necessarily true. The first coin presented was the 1780 Maria Theresa Thaler, a silver bullion coin used in world trade. The coin pattern was actually produced from 1740 through 1780. When Empress Maria Theresa died in 1780, the coin was continued to be minted always using the last date of her reign. There are over 90 varieties of restrikes in circulation. The second coin presented was the Mexican 2 Peso gold coin produced from 1919 to 2009. The dates of the coins were 1919, 1920, 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947. During the period from 1951 through 1972, a total of 4,590,493 pieces were struck most likely dated 1945 but the other dates could also have been reproduced. Then from 2000 to 2009, another 260,000 pieces were struck all dated 1945. There are no differences in the designs, so it is impossible to tell exactly when the coins were actually minted and released. The third coin most closely resembles a Peru EXANO REXANO 1736 8 Reales. It has been reproduced over and over again to fool tourists and novelty hunters and has a cash value of zero! To make it even more attractive, some examples have been painted gold. On close inspection, it comes close to the original Peruvian design but does have differences.

Door prizes were as follows: Dale won a 1945 D Walking Half Dollar, Barbara won a 1967 S Proof Quarter and a 1987 P Unc. Penny, Jerry won an 1898 Indian Head Penny and a 1963 S Proof Nickel, and Rick won a 1936 P Buffalo Nickel and a 1999 D Unc. Dime. The coin auction was held.

DISTRICT 17 - TOM CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO APRIL MEETING – Club Member Walter Seeger is looking to sell his collection of Mexican coins dating back to 1905. If you are interested in any of these coins, please contact Walter Seeger.

Business: The previous minutes were approved, Alton Hassel gave the treasures report, and all attending club members received their newsletters.

Show and Tell: Tom Campbell, club president, showed a variety of counterfeit coins for the education of the club. He had a showed an altered 1909 S VDB Lincoln cent, a gold plated 5 Gulden from the Netherlands, 1909 S Lincoln cent with an added S, and 1877 counterfeit trade dollar (likely a Chinese counterfeit), a 1943 copper cent that had been plated, and a few altered 1914 D altered date cents. Tom also brought an 1854 O half dollar that he found outside Fort Griffin while digging for arrowheads in 1981. This half dollar featured a whole drilled in the top as if to be worn on a necklace. This area was inhabited by Native Americans during the 1850's and it is possible that this was made into a necklace by a Native American and lost at that time.

We encourage all of our member clubs to send in news and photos to share with the TNA membership.

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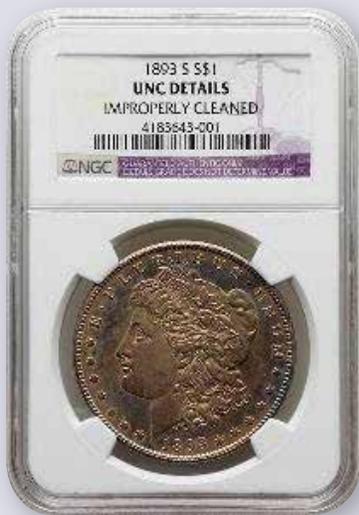
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