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Hello!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

Planning for the 2020 TNA Show and Convention in Arlington is in full swing, and I hope you will be attending the event this year. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our organization, exchange knowledge, and add to your collection. This year, there is an opportunity to share your local club information with the attendees as part of the educational exhibits. See page 7 of this issue for more information. Additionally, TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo unveils the 2020 Convention Medal on page 27. Don't miss his great article on the Texas legend depicted on this year's piece.

We have some great club news in this issue, including a milestone by the Dallas club and a lifetime achievement recognition for a member of the El Paso club. The educational articles kick off with a great piece about collecting silver dollars by Mark Benvenuto. Don't miss a fascinating piece on a unique view of ancient coins by Michael E. Marotta. John Barber prepares us to make informed choices before purchasing anything at a show. Richard Laster shares a great story about the challenges of striking coins 15,000 feet above sea level. Finally, Sam Fairchild brings us a neat article about fractional gold in 1850's California.

If you would like to contribute an article to the TNA News, please email me! I would love to hear from you!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Richard Laster
TNA President

Greetings Friends ...

Something I didn't think about when I took on the opportunity to be your president is how my name and contact information would be available to the world.

I have no issue with that and do my best to answer any question that comes my way. In the process I have met some interesting individuals, such as a fellow from London (England not Texas) who was seeking information on a piece of obsolete Texas scrip which he had held in his collection for a number of years. I claimed his communication as an opportunity to do a bit of education and also to sense the way our own beloved Texas is viewed on foreign shores.

The question that comes most often is one regarding the value of an item received by gift or bequest. Most who inquire are wanting to learn about the item and then subsequently sell it at the best possible price. In response I say two things: first, and you'll find this on our website and in other places where TNA has a public presence, we are not an agency that buys and sells but a 501 (c) 3 non-profit collector organization. Secondly, as president of this fine state-wide Association, I cannot suggest one individual or shop over another. It wouldn't be fair to play favorites. My suggestion is usually to take a look online, check out local coin shops, or even better, travel to a show and seek out a reputable source. This is going under the assumption that most of us will be above board and honest – right? I expect and trust this from TNA members.

Which brings me to my official thought of day . . . it seems to me that the best way we can share the numismatic story, creating an opportunity for discussion and education, is to make ourselves available. Through the years I have been part of coin clubs which have sought out specific locations where they can be of service. Here are a few examples: local museum appraisal fair days, school interest nights, recommending our members to clubs and organizations

which have regular speaking presentations (Lion's Club, Kiwanis, etc.), you get the idea. Be creative and make contacts. Additionally, a number of our clubs sponsor shows. If your club doesn't, think about creating one, even a one day affair, or tag along with another club in the area where volunteers are welcome. At least put out flyers or perhaps invest in a table.

Last thing . . . as of this early January writing, we are already well into plans for our 2020 show and convention. John Post and Doug and Mary Davis are constructively and busily recruiting and planning the event. Dates for the show are May 29 through 31. Once again, the location is the Arlington, Texas, Convention Center. At the least plan to be there. Choose to volunteer. You'll find a strong representation of dealers from our region and beyond. Educational presentations and exhibits are open to all. There will be several tables open for your clubs to share information. We'll host a merit badge seminar and a numismatic auction for children. It'll be a day (or three) for you to enjoy. Please go to our website (TNA.org) where you'll find official information, including an application for dealers interested in adding our 60th year annual convention to the docket of good things to do. Oh . . . we have an annual raffle – this year, as in many past, Heritage Auctions will be providing several gold coins. Governors – please make tickets available in your district when the time comes.

All for now. Keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing y'all in May, if not before.

Regards and God Bless,

Richard Laster
TNA President
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Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary

TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

WINTER 2019

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members J-7811 to J-7814 and LM-286. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on January 1, 2020.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on March 1, 2020.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7815	Zeke Wischer	Website	5
R-7816	Lon Kiker	Website	11
R-7817	Alton Hassell	Tom Campbell	17
R-7818	John B. Murray	Frank Galindo	7
LM-287	Richard K. Duncan, Jr.	Website	6
LM-288	Matthew Duncan	Website	6
R-7819	Wayne Andrew Smith	Website	6
LM-289	William Wilkes	Website	6

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Jack Gilbert
TNA Treasurer

TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

2020 TNA GRANT WINNERS

The drawings for the ANA Summer Seminar Grant and for the Improve Your Library Grant were held on January 9 at the meeting of the NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club. TNA Officers Frank Hezmall, John Post, and Jim Jeska were there to witness the drawing. Gabriel Krzywicki drew the tickets and John Post read the ticket numbers. Congratulations to each winner!

ANA Summer Seminar Grant:

Jack Gilbert
Rick Ewing

\$125 Grant to Improve your Library:

Kevin Kell
Jerry Honeycutt
Jose Serrano
NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club
Robert (Bob) Millard



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

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$25,748.39
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$130,132.34
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$25,000.00
 Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	 \$180,880.73
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	 \$290,880.73
 Total Liabilities	 None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2019	\$301,655.48
Income (Plus)	\$44,160.76
Expenses (Minus)	-\$54,935.51
 Surplus	 -\$10,774.75
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	 \$290,880.73

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

The TNA was pleased to assist in funding the Greater Houston Coin Club's request for \$250 to support the Penny-in-the-Slot Young Numismatist Activity in connection with the Club's 2020 Houston Money Show. More than 100 children participated in the program this year.

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

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.

DALLAS COIN CLUB CELEBRATES A MILESTONE



The January meeting of the Dallas Coin Club was the 1,100th Consecutive meeting of the organization. The DCC is one of the oldest Clubs in the South. It became a member of the American Numismatic Association in 1928 and the Texas Numismatic Association in 1960, the founding year of the organization. Since the Club's inception in 1928, the Dallas Coin Club has met on the third Thursday of each month without interruption. This is quite a feat considering historical events which could have caused meeting cancellations: the Great Depression, WW II, Cuban Missile Crisis, JFK Assassination, multiple weather events, and a fire which destroyed one meeting location. From 1928 until 1979, the Club held meetings at the Baker Hotel in downtown Dallas. Several other hotels and meeting rooms have served as monthly meeting locations. Since 2001, the DCC has met at La Calle Doce Mexican Restaurant in the Lakewood Area of Dallas.

On May 21, 2020, the DCC will celebrate its 92nd Anniversary. Current members range from novices to professional numismatists. As in the early years of the DCC, several members currently hold offices and appointed positions in the TNA, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and are avid volunteers with the TNA and the ANA.

THANK YOU TO THE 2020 TNA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Did you ever wonder who makes the TNA Annual Convention and Coin Show run so smoothly? Who puts in all those hours to make the event flow as seamless as possible? It could be anyone, but these are the people actually responsible in 2020. In no particular order:

Doug & Mary Davis
Show Producers

Frank Hezmall
Registration

Doug Hershey
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Silent Book Auction

Dalia Smith & Jimmy Davis
Youth Auction

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Exhibits

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Scouts

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Medals

Kim Groves
Education

Gabriel Krzywicki
Pages

Cheryl Rybka
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Ann Marie Avants
Show Guide

Jack Gilbert
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President

John Post
1st Vice President

Joe Lopez
2nd Vice President

Special thanks to the committee and all of the convention volunteers for their extra effort!

TNA MEMBER HOSTS MONTHLY LEARNING SEMINAR IN HOUSTON

More than 20 people attended the first monthly class of 2020 for the Texas Numismatic Study Group in Houston. For the past six years at Rarities Room Auction/Appraisal, TNA Member Alvin L. Stern, AM (ASA) has provided an evening program devoted to various areas of numismatic study, as well as industry news and views. Stern's long history as a collector, dealer, and certified appraiser brings vast knowledge from ancients to modern pieces to his attendees. Having given more than 200 classes, award winning articles, and a number of ANA education videos, Stern offers these classes (at no cost to the attendees) on the last Wednesday of each month.

For more information, visit www.texasmoney-raritiesroom.com or email coinvalu@yahoo.com.



TNA EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS



Gary & Judy Dobbins
TNA Exhibit Co-Chairs

In our last article, we gave some hints for the preparation of your exhibit. In this article, we will try to answer some other frequently asked questions. One such question is *“What is the difference between Competitive and Non-Competitive Exhibits?”* The answer: there is no difference, except the Non-Competitive Exhibit is not judged. Some people might not want their exhibit to be judged. Sometimes, the Non-Competitive Exhibit belongs to a Judge or Exhibit Chair, so it would be unfair to judge your own or a family member’s exhibit. *“Why didn’t my exhibit receive a higher score?”* The judges use a score sheet that is very similar to those used at other Numismatic Shows. Reading the Score Sheet and understanding all

the scoring components will help an exhibitor know exactly what numismatic information should be covered. In order for an exhibit to qualify for a certain “place” it should receive a certain numerical score. For example, a First Place Award should receive a minimum score of 90. Remember that the exhibit is both a “Show and Tell”. Having a case full of beautiful coins is not enough - it needs numismatic information to tell about the coins. There must be a balance between the numismatic items and the information about those items. More information about Scoring and Judging Guidelines is available on the TNA website (TNA.org).

Celebrate TNA’s 60th Year with Club Exhibits: Each TNA Club is invited to have an exhibit case at the Show. These cases can be filled with pictures, memorabilia, medals, etc. Your Club’s Exhibit can serve as an introduction to your club as well as a vehicle for talking about your club’s activities over the years. Please join us in honoring the TNA with your local or regional club exhibit. The inside case dimensions are 32 ½ x 20 ½ and the cases will be lockable. Members of all Clubs can join in on the fun. To reserve your Club’s case, please contact the Exhibit Co-Chairs.

One Case Exhibit Category: We have added a new exhibit class for 2020. Exhibit Class 10 will be a “One Case” category. This Exhibit Class is for any numismatic topic that fits in classes 1 through 9, except it is smaller in scope and limited to only one case. This One Case idea has become popular with other Numismatic Shows. We are hopeful that a One Case exhibit would be appealing to a first time exhibitor. All one case exhibits will be judged together, with the First Place winner being eligible for Best of Show. For any exhibitor who has a One Case Exhibit, but prefers it to be judged in the regular class (US Coins, Foreign Coins, US Paper, etc.), that will be fine, too. Also, all exhibits are eligible for the People’s Choice award.

Exhibit Sponsors: We are seeking sponsors for our Exhibit Awards. Last year was the first time for the Educational Exhibit Sponsors, and it was very successful. Having Sponsors allows us to offer better prize awards which brings in better exhibits. It’s a win-win situation. Sponsorship levels are Bronze (\$25), Silver (\$50), and Gold (\$100). We seek Sponsorships from Clubs and Individuals, and all donors will receive recognition at the TNA Show, the Show Guide, and the June issue of TNA News.

Exhibit Rules, Rating Sheet, and Applications are available on the TNA website (TNA.org). For questions about Making an Exhibit, Becoming an Exhibit Sponsor, or Reserving a Case for your Coin Club, please contact Gary or Judy Dobbins by email: g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net



Dr. Ralph Ross
TNA Youth Chair

TNA YOUTH REPORT

On Friday, January 17, 2020 with 19 educational exhibits in tow, 40 Spartans Coin Club members boarded a big yellow school bus en route to the 63rd Annual Money Show sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club. The Houston Money Show located at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, Texas was the sight for numismatic action in the area.

Many of the students had never been to a coin show, and it was quite an experience for them. The focus of the field trip was to give the students an opportunity to expand their IQ in Numismatics. The study of numismatics leads to the investigation of commerce, barter or trade. The purpose of this field trip is to introduce students to the world of numismatics and how currency systems are developed around the world and what cultures do to recognize and accept standards that can be converted into property.

The true intent is to use coins (currency) as a means for the students to learn about the world around them. As many readers know, coins provide an outstanding platform for discussing art, archaeology, chemistry, economics, finance, geography, history, mathematics, politics, religion, social science, sports, and a host of other disciplines. Combine this learning diversity with inquisitive minds and you have a formula for success. What was once the hobby of Kings is now the hobby for everyone!

Of the 19 members who created educational exhibits, only three were experienced exhibitors and the other 16 were first time exhibitors. The top three numismatic exhibitors received a 2020 One Ounce Silver Eagle from the GHCC and they each also received a 4-coin presidential dollar set. All exhibitors received a special certificate and a Two Lincoln Cent (Philadelphia and Denver Mint) presentation case describing commemorative events from that year.

The Spartan Coin Club is getting ready for National Coin Week, April 19-25, 2020. The 97th Annual National Coin Week theme is: "Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change." Members are creating a wooden nickel and brain storming plans to distribute them at a table set-up around Barnes and Noble bookstores. The Numismatist (ANA) magazine is now on sale at the local Barnes and Noble stores. The Spartans Coin Club is lead by some Remarkable Women and they are using National Coin Week as a great opportunity to promote women and coin collecting to the community and the general public. For the first time, The Spartans Coin Club has an all female slate of officers for the school year 2019 – 2020. | **By Divya Paul, Editor/Publisher, The Spartans Coin Club**



A group shot at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, Texas. The students are sporting a Spartans Coin Club T-shirt, the color is Columbia-blue with gold lettering. On the back of the T-shirt is an official copy of the 2004 Texas 50-State Quarter in silver.



Officers: (L to R, Front) Fatema Meem, Data/Records; Lauren Drake, Treasurer; Jasmine Underwood, National Coin Week Chair; Divya Paul, Editor/Publisher; Samantha Sadeghi, Historian (L to R, Back): Destiny Ugo, Parliamentarian; J'Ana Saunders, Convention Coordinator; Mia Webster, Secretary; Taylor Godfrey, Vice President; Alexia Webster, President



The top three winners (L to R): Third place Zoe Schomburg, *The Beauty of Early Silver Dollars*; Second place Jasmine Underwood, *Sacagawea*; and First place Sally Huang, *50 State Quarters*. The winning exhibits are pictured below.





COLLECTING COINS AND A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES: AN INTERVIEW WITH WILLIE TERRAZAS

BY JASON ELWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

At the age of 10, a young El Pasoan by the name of Willie Terrazas would receive the occasional odd coin from his mother or grandmother. These were coins found in regular commerce. An example of an odd coin find would have been a Buffalo nickel. As with most young children, he would often spend it as part of an allowance. Back then, a nickel could buy a lot of different things a young boy might want.

Willie's mom worked as a cashier at the local Piggly Wiggly market. One day, while Willie's mom was sorting through change looking for any interesting coins while a man was cashing out. The man asked, "Are you a coin collector?" She replied "No, but my son Willie is." The man, Charley Goodman, asked if she had ever heard of a "Red Book" for grading coins. She replied no. Later, Charley gave her a "Red Book" to pass along to young Willie. When Willie first received the book, he thought it was just another book to study (that's probably what most 10-year-old children would think). Eventually he decided to look at it. At the time, the "Red Book" listed a 1913 Buffalo nickel to be worth .50 cents. A nickel worth 10 times face value! Now that had young Willie's attention. To this day, Willie still has that same book.

At his father's restaurant, Willie would search through the day to day change and replace whatever he found with a face valued coin. As time went on, his father started getting hip to the idea of coins having more value than face. However, his father never knew which coins were key dates, so Willie continued searching and trading as long as he showed his father first. Young Willie would often take his father's restaurant business cards and make his own 2x2's to protect his coins. The budding of a young numismatist was taking form.

Willie's grandmother would often take him into downtown El Paso to pay bills and go to the post office. Across from the post office was a store called Book Nook. They had magic kits, model car and battleship kits, and collectible coins for sale. In one of those display cases, there was 1950-D nickel for sale. The asking price was \$118. He had been working on his nickel set for a long time and felt like he would never find it in change. He put the coin on layaway and paid it off over many months. About a year later, he found the same coin in change at his father's restaurant.

Eventually, Willie becomes manager of one of his father's restaurants, gets married, and introduces coin collecting to his wife. A health inspector doing a routine inspection of the restaurant noticed Willie searching through coins and asked him, "Have you ever been to an El Paso coin meeting?" The inspector advised him of a local coin club in the area. Willie decided to attend a meeting and met other coin collectors from all kinds of backgrounds. There was Big Guns Phil - the club Sargent at Arms, Felipe Castillo - a Rep for Bacardi Liquor who came across the Mexico border, Marley Hanes - a reporter for KROD News, and Norman White of Lucky Boy Burgers. Norman would later design the first medal for the International Coin Club of El Paso. Willie joined the club and eventually became President in the 1960's.

Willie had many mentors in coin collecting. One major mentor was his Uncle in Chihuahua who inspired him to collect Mexican Revolution coinage. Another mentor from later in Willie's life was Steve Ivy. In the early years, Steve Ivy would set up at local El Paso Coin Shows (then held at the Roadway Inn). Steve would later co-found

Heritage Auctions, the largest numismatic auction house founded in the U.S. He also mentioned how another local club member, John Grost, would provide healthy competition in exhibiting at coin shows and memories attending baseball games together.

Throughout the years, Willie was very involved with the International Coin Club of El Paso (ICCoEP). Other major accomplishments included: winning TNA's Best of Show, ANA's Best of Show, being part of the first ICCoEP coin show held at the Sheridan in 1985, taking guests and club members to Juarez to see the races while the TNA held their regional coin show in downtown El Paso, the first ICCoEP Club Newsletter in 1997, being a founding member and formally organizing the ICCoEP in 1963, and earning the club's non-profit status in 1981.

It was among these milestones that influenced the decision in dedicating the coin club library as the "International Coin Club of El Paso Willie Terrazas Numismatic Library" on November 11, 2019.

With one final statement after the interview, Willie said that the best advice for the hobby of numismatics or any other hobby, "Do something you enjoy and profit from."

Willie, Thank you for a life-long dedication to the hobby of numismatics and the International Coin Club of El Paso. You've touched more lives than you'll ever know.



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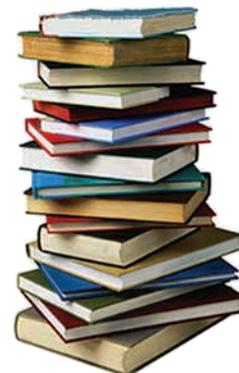


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Tom Bennington:
texican@suddenlinkmail.com



Doug Hershey:
dhco@amaonline.com

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Doug Hershey: (806) 353-3399
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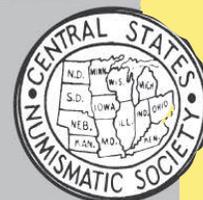
2008-W \$5 Eagle, NGC PF-69
Ultra Cameo, Early Release



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Central States Numismatic Society

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Collecting Trios of Silver

By Mark Benvenuto



As we begin 2020, we can look back on the many coins and issues of the United States Mint and realize we are three decades into the production of one-ounce, silver Eagles, both for the metals market and for collectors. They have captured something of a place in our hearts because they are big, they are a convenient size to figure out how much they are worth at any given time, and with the multitude of them that have been slabbed, collectors have the possibility of assembling sets that are technically perfect. Yet a person might also argue that the size of the complete series is beginning to work against it, since putting one together is becoming costly. Let's take a different approach, and see just what sort of sets of one-ounce silver we might bring together – and let's include our northern and southern neighbors as well.

Regular Issues

The Royal Canadian Mint got into the bullion coin arena before the U.S. did, but they added silver bullion to their offerings a bit later. But both Mints were beaten by the folks south of the border though, where the Onza or Libertad coins were first produced as a one-ounce piece in 1982 (several other sizes have been added since). They have become a major player on the world's silver markets, yet remain somewhat under-collected here in the United States.

Now all three of these silver, one-ounce bullion coins can be purchased in long date runs, but we want to explore assembling a set while keeping our expenses low. So let's simply keep in mind that there are plenty of Maple Leaves, Eagles, and Libertads which are bought and sold near the cost of the metal in them. We'll come back to this.

Proofs

Pretty much right from the start, each of the three nations' Mints recognized that there would be a collector market for these big, silver disks. After all, it's not like the market for the older Canadian silver dollars, or Morgan and Peace dollars, or even 8 Reales from the Spanish colonial time in Mexico have ever been unpopular with collectors. We love big coins, the look and feel of them, their worth, just about everything about them. But when it comes to silver, one-ounce pieces, proofs or proof-like coins are simply the apple of our collective eye.

Some folks have collected the proofs of these big guns right from the time they have been issued, oftentimes right from the Mints. In that way, the premium paid has never made such coins all that expensive. But for anyone who wants to put together an entire set starting right now, well, now the total expense will be substantial. Still, proofs have their allure.



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Collector-themed Pieces

As if a regular issue and some proof version aimed at collectors was not enough, there are now several other options we can explore when it comes to silver one-ounce bullion coins. The United States Mint has pounded out what are called burnished uncirculated pieces at different times, and quite recently has gotten into the area of reverse proofs, meaning the fields are frosted and the devices are mirrored. The Royal Canadian Mint has gone into what can be called privy marks, special marks commemorating events, such as the 20th anniversary of the program. Likewise, there are now reverse proof Libertads, with a rather limited mintage.

Perhaps obviously, all these special feature one-ounce pieces will cost more than just the value of the silver metal in them. They are the best of the best, as far as what a national Mint can do, and it's expected that we'll have to pay more for them. But now that we've seen a bit of what's available, let's talk about collecting without squashing our wallets flat.

Collecting Trios

The simplest way of collecting any sort of set of these one-ounce silver pieces is going to be: purchase one regular issue from each nation. Any dealer from whom you buy will probably charge you a bit more than the price of the silver (hey, he or she has to eat, too!), but for the cost you will have three great coins. And if the price tags are about \$20 per coin, that's not too much of a buy-in to get started. But which ones do you get?

Well, there might be as many answers to that question as there are collectors, but why not focus on a specific date? How about your own birth year, or that of a spouse, child, or grandchild? How about just collecting a trio from a year you remember as being fantastic? Whether it was the year you married or when you got a great promotion at work, there are a lot of events worth celebrating or remembering with some great coins.

But there is more that we might want to do than just collect three

regular issues. Why not see about adding one proof to any trio you are assembling? That will certainly take an already good looking set and make it sharper. And adding only one proof, burnished uncirculated, or reverse proof coin to any trio won't increase the total price much.

For all of us who simply can't stop any collection at three coins, it's not too hard to figure out that any trio of Maple Leaf, Eagle, and Libertad can serve as the jumping off point for a much larger collection. Here the fun might be adding one-ounce silver pieces by trios – meaning buying one of each every time we choose to purchase more.

Good luck to any of us who opt for a trio of Maple Leaf, Eagle, and Libertad. They are great coins that will never decrease in value. And the collecting possibilities are possibly as beautiful as the coins themselves.

TAKING A DIFFERENT VIEW: DO ANCIENT COINS HIDE 3-D IMAGES?

By MICHAEL E. MAROTTA



3-D View of the Emperor Nero from Chimirri-Russell Lecture PDF.

Movies and t-shirts in 3-D are all the rage, but is this the re-invention of a very old wheel? Some researchers believe that some ancient coins—across iron age cultures and into the Middle Ages—also present three-dimensional images. Other experts are not convinced. They say that what you see depends on what you expect.

An Oblique View

The three-dimensional appearance on these ancient coins was first reported by Geraldine Chimirri-Russell of the Nickle Arts Museum of the University of Calgary in “Changing Artistic Perspectives on Celtic Coins,” a paper delivered to the 13th International Conference on Numismatics held in Madrid, Spain, September 15-18, 2003.

Since then, other numismatists have reported similar effects on coins of other

cultures. Among them is John Talbot, author of *Made for Trade: A New View of Icenian Coinage* (Oxbow, 2017).

Geraldine Chimirri-Russell is the curator emerita of the Nickle Arts Museum. The museum became the Nickle Galleries of the Taylor Family Digital Library in October 2012. The museum was named for father and son Samuel Clarence Nickle (1889-1971) and Carl Olof Nickle (1914-1990), early investors in the Alberta oil fields. It was Carl Nickle who brought his passion for numismatics to the public by funding the first privately-endowed building at the University of Calgary.

In 2000, Chimirri-Russell edited *L'Argent/Money*, the complete catalogue of a traveling exhibition on the history of money that was focused on Canadian numismatics. Later, while working with uncatalogued acquisitions at the museum, she happened to hold an ancient Celtic coin out at arm's length to admire it. The distorted features of the face realigned themselves into a realistic, 3-dimensional image. She repeated the process with many other coins from the same cultural context. Not all of them revealed the same *trompe l'oeil* or “trick of the eye” but many did. In addition to the faces of people on the obverse, horses

and other animal images also realigned themselves from two-dimensional distortions into correct three-dimensional presentations.

In the words of her paper for the Madrid conference: “In order to examine the optical effects of the rotation of Celtic coins I examined over 400 coins from various collections. The results of this preliminary investigation were compelling: 85% of the coins examined showed evidence of a more natural face when viewed from an oblique angle, the remaining 15% were nearly all damaged through wear or corrosion. There were seventeen coins in good condition that did not exhibit the effect at all. In general, the better the state of preservation of the coin the more compelling the effect.”



Anamorphic Face on Celtic Coin from Chimirri-Russell Lecture PDF.

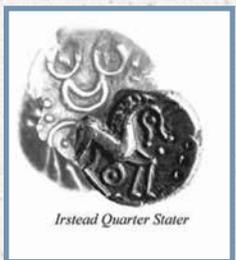
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After the Madrid conference, she presented her findings at the summer conference on Art and Symbolism of Coinage Design sponsored by the British Numismatic Society held at Christ Church University College, Canterbury, on July 3, 2004. She delivered her paper next paper at the 14th International Numismatic Congress in Glasgow, held August 30 to September 4, 2009. The thesis of her slideshow was titled, “Not all these things

are easy to read, much less to understand: new approaches to reading images on ancient coins.”

In her paper for that conference, Chimirri-Russell cited Hans Holbein’s painting, *The Ambassadors*, from 1497. “The complexity of this painting has received a great deal of commentary on the symbolism of the many scientific artefacts it contains. Holbein uses linear perspective for the viewer standing a certain distance in front of the painting for the appreciation of the figures, but he also requires the viewer to stand to the side of the painting to be able to interpret the anamorphic image of the skull that dominates the foreground of the painting. Holbein is using the techniques of linear perspective following geometric techniques, but also by extension using anamorphic images following similar geometric techniques. This painting exemplifies the fact that artists are capable of using more than one approach to the interpretation of their work.”

Chimirri-Russell stopped presenting at conferences after she retired from the University of Calgary. However, her ideas had taken root. “I encountered Chimirri-Russell’s brilliant 2003 paper from the Madrid Numismatic Congress when I was working on the imagery on Icenian coinage during my DPhil research at Oxford,” John Talbot wrote in an email to me. “When I looked at Icenian coins with profile portraits I quickly found examples of ‘the Chimirri-Russell effect’. These were on silver units of [the] early local period, approximately 55 BC to 15 BC. This was a period when complexity of design seems to have been highly valued, coinage was often minted in modest volumes and was distributed sub-regionally within East Anglia.”



Quarter Stater Gold, Icenian culture, Britain, Instead find from Made for Trade: A New View of Icenian Coinage by John Talbot (Oxbow Books, 2017).

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In fact, Talbot used Sassanian coins to illustrate some of the 3-D effects because the phenomenon is hard to capture with a camera. The Sassanian empire was centred in what is now modern Iran, extending into Iraq on the west and Afghanistan on the east. It lasted from 224 AD to 651 AD. So, the 3-D effect was not limited to Celtic people of northwest France and southern England.

It has been found on ancient Greek and Roman coins. It may be that the cultural transference was from the Celts to the Greeks. We know of many Celtic imitations of the coins of the family of Alexander the Great. Those are often from the so-called “Danubian Celts” of the Balkans. Other Celtic tribes known as Lugians inhabited what is today Poland.

Those coins were explored in a 2014 book, *The Unknown Face of the Lugian Federation: Celtic Coinage in the Polish Lands* by Małgorzata Andrałójć and Mirosław Andrałójć. The authors cite the “Chimirri-Russell effect” and use it to show hidden images in both local Celtic and imported Greek coins.

Others are not so easily convinced. Douglas Mudd is the curator and director of the ANA’s Edward C. Rochette Money Museum. At the National Money Show in Irving, Texas, March 8-10, 2018, I asked him about this and he replied by email on April 11, 2018. “It is an interesting theory - but, yes, I believe it is an artefact of modern perception. As I understand it (which may not be correct) 3-D imaging in the way you and your colleagues are using it is a modern concept. We know that the Ancient Greeks (and, by extension the Romans) had developed the use of perspective in art (not sure on the date – 1 cent. BC? - earlier?), but the whole concept of 3-D and oblique viewing would have been alien - it only becomes a thing with photography, in my opinion - but I am not an expert in art history. I do know the

dangers of imposing modern ideas and methodologies on to our ancestors - many things that are ‘obvious’ to us today were not to the ancients - not because they were ‘primitive’ or stupid - but simply because they did not think the way that we do – their world view was wholly different and largely alien to us - as ours would be to them.

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“I find it difficult to believe that there would have been some imperative reason to create an obscure method of viewing utilitarian objects such as coins in a non-intuitive way in order to see something best viewed with magnification (which the ancients did not have, except in very rudimentary form - not eye glasses or magnifying glasses) or still photography (since the exact angle of view is so important) - and it is not clear to me that the images that are claimed to be created are worth the trouble—certainly not works of art—unless they have some occult meaning.

“On the other hand—the subject is really a non-issue for me—it is an interesting opinion, but even if it can be proved, what difference does it make? I do not see some new profound understanding of ancient coinage coming from this...”



3-D View of the Emperor Honorius from Chimirri-Russell Lecture PDF.

An Eye for Value

Economists tell us that money serves three purposes: it is a medium of exchange, a store of value, and a unit of account. Histories of money usually begin

with barter. We easily accept the theory that the most common barter goods—wheat, cows, silver, gold—became the media of indirect purchasing. However, in his book, *Debt: The First 5,000 Years*, anthropologist David Graeber asserts that trade began with mutual gift giving for purposes centered in social status. In fact, says Graeber, anthropologists have found no pre-monetary societies that trade by barter. Instead, people resort to barter when money fails. Therefore, to find the true origins of money, we must look to social gift giving. Gift-giving creates obligation. From that, eventually, came economic calculation and trade for profit.

John Talbot addressed that point in his article on Icenian coinage for *Current Archaeology* for July 12, 2018. “It is often suggested that Iron Age coinage is not money in the modern sense of the word, being rather more analogous to prestige objects – used by societies in various forms of gift exchange – but there was little evidence known to support this theory. To address this question and hopefully learn more about the Iceni in the process, over the course of ten years I studied dies relating to over 10,000 coins.”

Our coins and banknotes are two-dimensional and are used primarily for economic calculations. No one refuses a cash gift, but we also regard cash as crude, not as nice as an object that shows thoughtful respect and admiration for another person’s feelings. So, too, among several ancient cultures, in England, France, Poland, Macedonia, and Iran, were coins considered as gifts, social obligations, and objects of high art to be

held at arm’s length and admired from different angles.

Yet Another View

That changing orientation may also include an “anamorphic” view. In her paper for the 14th International Numismatic Conference at Glasgow, Chimirri-Russell referenced *The Ambassadors*, a painting by Holbein the Younger in which a skull appears when the work is view from the side, rather than the front.

Discussing other views of coins in the E-Sylum email list of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society (Volume 21, Number 10, March 11, 2018, Article 13) art historian Giovanni Lupia III cited Leonardo da Vinci’s portrait of Ginevera de’Benci which now hangs in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. as “the earliest known portrait painted in anamorphic perspective. Leonardo managed this optical trick with finesse by bisecting the face in the three-quarter view on the left and the frontal perspective on the right. However, from any angle the face is seen in perfect three-quarter view.”

Even though we may believe that the vertical orientation of up and down is natural or intrinsic, other orientations may reveal different artistic intentions in some ancient coins. By viewing coins upside down or from other rotations, it is possible to find hidden faces and other figures. The best evidence may be found in John Talbot’s book on the Iceni. There, he offers several examples that he regards as explicit, intentional faces, hidden in the figures and revealed only when the coin is rotated away from true vertical.



Greek Imperial coin of Roman Emperor Phillip II (247-249) Kingdom of Commagene, City of Zeugma. Cited in Chimirri-Russell Lecture 14th International Numismatic Congress in Glasgow. Image from “Roman Collector” on www.CoinTalk.com discussion board, printed with permission.

The Camera Does Not Lie

In her Madrid paper, Geraldine Chimirri-Russell admitted to the difficulties involved in trying to show these 3-D effects in print. “Viewing coins as three-dimensional objects presents challenges as it is difficult to control factors such as the angle from which the coin is viewed and the effects of raking light. However, these very factors contribute to the personal appreciation of the coins, and were probably of high consideration in the design of coins by some ancient craftsmen, particularly in the Celtic communities.” Many images do exist, certainly enough to demonstrate that the technique was intentional and not a modern projection on the past.

Still, for all of the thousands of coins that might be examples, only a small fraction have been photographed. Perhaps we are waiting for a large library of cinemas. Video recordings that allow changes in depth and lighting are possible now that digital technology has given us all movie cameras in our cell phones.

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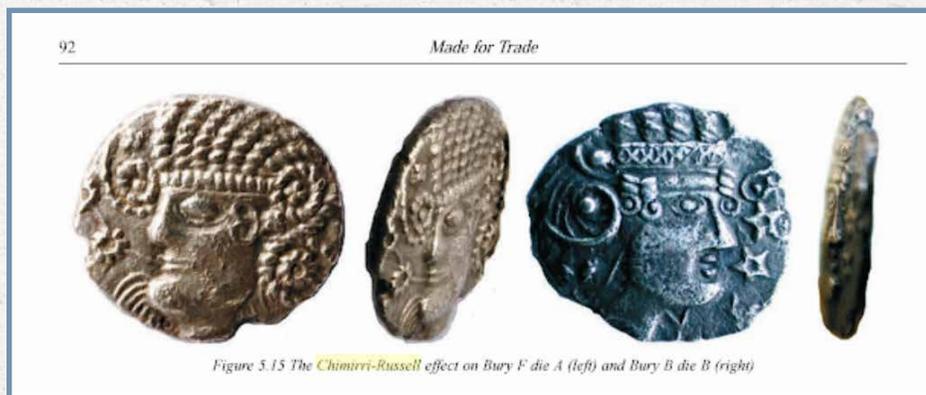


Figure 5.15 The Chimirri-Russell effect on Bury F die A (left) and Bury B die B (right)

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Questions for Dr. Coyne

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This is a pattern for a U.S. one dollar coin. It is an example of William Barber's "Metric" Dollar struck as part of a demonstration of what a line of coins would look like if struck in a "goloid" composition (including gold, silver, and copper) and sized to have intrinsic value similar to popular European gold coins of the time. At the time, this pattern (Judd-1617, Pollock-1813) was struck, the U.S. was officially on a bimetallic gold and silver standard.



2) When was the last 1964 silver quarter struck?

The last silver quarter bearing the date 1964 was struck at Denver in the summer of 1965. You may recall that the 1965-dated coins were made of clad base metal. The initial run of these was struck alongside continuing production of the 1964-style quarters, as a coin shortage was in full swing. The season for 1964 quarters was thus 18 months long. These coins are not rare today, though the issue of 1964 probably led the parade into the melting pots when spot silver prices briefly approached \$50 per ounce in 1980.

3) What is the only coin from U.S. colonial times to be commonly available now in uncirculated condition?

The only coin of the American Colonial Period (i.e. up to 1776) easily available now in uncirculated condition is the Virginia Halfpenny of 1773. These coins were struck in fairly large numbers in England and brought to Virginia to alleviate a shortage of small change there. They also circulated in the other colonies all along the eastern seaboard. A substantial hoard did not reach circulation but was instead stored in new, full red condition until the mid-19th century. The illustrated example came from Art Kagin (father of ANA governor Don Kagin) in the 1960's as the least expensive colonial coin in top condition available for a type set.

4) What is the date on the only branch mint issue of the U. S. three cent silver coin?

The silver three cent series was struck entirely in Philadelphia except for one date, 1851-O at New Orleans. This tiny coin was the first U.S. silver coin to depart significantly from the 90% silver / 10% copper alloy. For 1851-1853, the trimes were coined in 75% silver. Beginning with the Type 2 pieces in 1854, they were 90% silver like the other denominations then being coined.

5) What is the best way to tell a "reprocessed" 1943 cent (which simulates an uncirculated one) from a genuine, original uncirculated 1943 cent?

The genuine original uncirculated cent will have full details – look especially on Lincoln's ear and on the tops of the wheat stalks on the reverse. "Reprocessed" cents are circulated coins which have been mechanically or chemically stripped and replated with a new layer of zinc outside the mint. Thus the "reprocessed" ones may have correct color, but they will also show evidence of wear. Don't pay an uncirculated price for a reprocessed piece. The example pictured here is genuine.



6) Which coins in the whole history of the U.S. mint contained manganese in their production specification?

The U.S. coins containing the metal manganese include the Jefferson "War" Nickels of 1942 through 1945, the Sacagawea Dollars starting 1999, and the run of Presidential Dollars. The metal is non-magnetic, imparts a "golden" color to the coin, and has a hardness and electrical properties useful to the vending machine industry. It is more costly than copper but less costly than pure nickel. Its present use is confined to the outer layers of the "sandwich" for dollar coins.

7) What is the difference between the \$3 gold piece of 1854 and the issues of all later years?

The \$3 gold pieces of 1854 (the first year of issue of the denomination) form a separate type, as the word "Dollars" is in smaller letters than prevailed for the rest of the series. Striking difficulties are very evident on these pieces, and Dr. Coyne thinks it likely that the design was modified in an attempt (mostly successful) to improve the striking characteristics.



8) What are the characteristics to look for on a genuine 1909-S Indian Cent?

The Indian Cent was coined at only one branch mint, San Francisco, and there only in 1908 and 1909. When authenticating this coin, look first for an added mint mark. Look for a seam where the added letter has been added to the field of a common 1909 Philadelphia piece. Carefully look at the shape of the "S" to be sure the serif angles match those of a genuine "S". Additionally, on many of the genuine 1909-S Indians, the mint did not mix the alloy completely, and the resulting coins often have a peculiar streaky or "woodgrain" toning pattern. Philadelphia pieces seldom come this way.



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Buying on the Bourse

What's the best pricing reference to use while looking for collector coins on the bourse?

For even longer than I have been collecting, the one-volume, go-to book to consult on pricing has been the Yeoman/Bressett Guide to U.S. Coins (the Red Book). Generations of collectors have come and gone as this annual volume's reputation for comprehensiveness and consistency has grown. It remains a great first place to look for an opinion of retail prices for the mainstream material it lists. But in active markets, the Red Book is handicapped by its once-a-year publication schedule and by the built-in lag between the time its contributors are surveyed and the time the book can be published. Some say that the Red Book shows "high" prices. Many of its contributors are in the business of running retail shops, so it is likely that the prices include tacit recognition of overheads in running such a retail (storefront) operation. We suspect that prices, on average, are a bit lower on the coin show bourse for many kinds of material, as the sellers there often do not face the same overheads as the storefront retail operation.

What about "wholesale" references such as Coin Dealer Newsletter (Grey Sheet)? This fine publication is used by almost all coin dealers as a guide to dealer-to-dealer transactions and as a starting point to fixing a price to offer a collector.

So while you're cruising a bourse (perhaps at the upcoming TNA show at the end of May), try this rule-of-thumb:

On collector coins with stable value, take 70% of the Red Book price. For example for that 1894 Morgan Dollar in VF (Red Book \$1,400 x .7 = \$980), the Grey Sheet shows \$1,100. Tolerably close. Another example: an 1857 Flying Eagle Cent in Good (Red Book \$28 x .7 = \$19.60). The Grey Sheet shows \$20. For an active collector, a Grey Sheet subscription is a reasonable bargain. It is available monthly as a printed publication or digital download in PDF, or on their website with continuously updated prices.

It is my observation that collectors who go to the bourse with the idea of buying "at Grey Sheet" are going to be offered only bottom-of-the-barrel coins (barely making their slab grade). These unfortunate coins can be had for 0% over Grey Sheet, but who would want them? It is a more reasonable expectation for the collector to negotiate for (or find) attractive examples (solid for the grade) at 10% to 25% over Grey Sheet. For a truly outstanding coin (way better than the average coin seen in that slab grade), premiums of 50% or more over Grey Sheet should not be treated as outlandish.

Keep in mind, seldom-traded rarities or obscure U.S. coins not of regular issue are hard to value precisely. Some of these appear in the Red Book with speculative or optimistic values. On these, the collector must fall back on laborious searches of auction results or on trust in specialist dealers in the relevant material. || **John Barber**

STRIKING CHALLENGES AT CASA DE MONEDA

By RICHARD LASTER



Obverse and reverse of an 1836 Eight Soles from Bolivia. The person featured is Simon Bolivar, the liberator of much of South America. At approximately 8:00 on the reverse, the monogram indicates the mintage at the Casa de Moneda at Potosi. Also, check out the two llamas seated just below the tree. These are significant figures in today's story.



The coin pictured here is an 1836 Eight Soles from Bolivia. The Soles is the denomination which replaced the traditional Spanish Colonial Reales when Spain was “invited” to leave Bolivia and the surrounding region. It is interesting to note that the Eight Soles contains a touch more silver than its predecessor Eight Reales. According to the Standard Catalogue of World Coins (Krause publication), the Eight Reales contained silver at .896 fine, meaning the actual silver in the coin is .7797 oz. The Eight Soles had a slightly higher silver percentage at .903 with a silver presence of .7839 oz. The Soles features a bust relief of Simon Bolivar, the primary liberator of the region and the person from whom “Bolivia” received its name.

Many years ago, I toured the mint facility where this Soles and the earlier Reales were minted. The historic mint, as it stands today, dates back nearly three hundred years and is a dominant feature in the old downtown region of Potosi, Bolivia. This structure, the Casa de Moneda, was in use until the middle of the last century.

What I came to learn during tour of the building was of interest to me, and since that time I have added large silver coins from Potosi to my collection. But there is more: the coin pictured here carries some markings which are specific to an odd bit of history which comes out of the mint’s procedure and a particular challenge which had to be overcome.

Keep in mind that the Spanish officials chose Potosi for the location of a significant Royal Mint because one of the largest veins of silver to be found anywhere in the world was located just

out of town on a mountain known as Cierra Rico (Rich Mountain). In the experience of those in the know, it was more expedient to complete the coining process locally instead of shipping the raw material to another mint in the region, thus adding a useless step in the journey from mining to the marketplace.

However, there was a problem. Because of the city’s altitude, close to 15,000 feet above sea level, the air is “rarified.” This means that the oxygen level in the air is quite low. Obviously this causes trouble with breathing for flatlanders such as myself, but there was something else related to the coining process which was a definite challenge. Because of the oxygen level, getting a fire to burn was difficult. This affected the process of creating planchets because the temperature was not high enough to provide for a thorough melting of the elements in the to-be coin. The lack of fire caused two issues with the raw planchet: an inconsistent structure and a product with a hard striking surface, thus causing “soft” strikes to be present.

I have noted more than a few Bolivian Reales and Soles with imperfections that would give the basic collector cause to hesitate.

For example, both planchet inconsistencies and a weak strike are evident on the coin which is pictured with this article. Here is what I see: The obverse has a tiny indentation at the 7:00 spot. This is not damage; it comes from the weakness in the original planchet from the lack of heat in the melting process. The coin was photographed with a strong light on the reverse to show the beauty of the

field because the coin is soft struck. That is another result of improperly melted silver, and the lack of softening to the planchet.

Adding to the mint’s challenges was the fact that Potosi is above the tree line, thus meaning that natural resources for a fire adequate for the refining of silver, and creating the planchets, was not available. This made the process even more difficult and inconsistent. My guide at the mint museum on the day of my tour took delight in explaining the issue of the lack of fire and the challenge to find useful “fuel.” He noted that the early generations destroyed the few trees which could be found in the area. It wasn’t until the middle of the Nineteenth Century that a boiler was supplied which ran off of coal that was imported from beyond the region. In the time between the passing of the trees and the availability of a strong fuel source, the good folks at the mint used an important natural resource which was fairly abundant in the region: Llama poop!

I know I may have a bit of a warped sense of history here, but I find the thought of a llama poop fire of interest and oddly significant. You see, there was an abundance of brush on the ground, which was eaten by the long necked residents of the region. This consumed raw material was transferred to an out product, yet kept its original combustible integrity. The historical insight, which I just shared, and probably few knew, also shows us how resilient and creative we human beings can be when we are faced with the challenges life puts upon us.

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California Fractional Gold

By Sam Fairchild

In the early years of the California gold rush, there was a constant need for smaller-denominated coinage to satisfy the commercial needs of a booming community which was based primarily on gold dust and foreign silver coins. However, gold dust required a container and weight scales to assess its value, and foreign coins were commonly underweight, confusing denominations, or contained uncertain alloy purity. While many California firms issued coins from \$1 to \$50 denominations, there was still a dire need for coins of smaller denominations.

To help alleviate this problem, the mint established a San Francisco branch in 1854. However, gold coins valued at \$1 or more were mainly produced in the early years. Only \$150,000 in small denomination silver coins were issued in 1855, with most being hoarded or exported.

Starting in 1852 (before the branch mint was established), private firms began producing hundreds of varieties of small gold pieces in quarter, half, and dollar sizes. Over 450 varieties are known to exist, with most bearing dates between 1852 and 1882 and some undated. While most issues are anonymous or identified only by initials, they can be attributed to manufacturing jewelers in San Francisco and Leavenworth (Kansas), and some may have been made in New York and New Orleans.

Most of the fractional coins were made by the hammer method, like the Pacific Company issues. This was a

process of striking where the bottom die was placed on a block, a coin blank was laid upon it, and the top die upon the blank; this top die was then struck by a sledgehammer. Blows of varying intensity would cause portions of one side or edge to be more weakly struck than another. Many varieties are very crude in design. Other pieces were holed and strung on gold or copper wires to prevent loss or to be used for watch fobs, etc. These small pieces ranged in fineness from 22 carats (91.667% fine) to 14 carats (58.333% fine). All contain substantially less gold than their face value, making them a form of token.

By 1860, the San Francisco mint began producing silver quarters and halves to satisfy the market. Therefore, it is generally accepted that the earliest issues (those from 1852 through 1856) were intended for actual circulation and saw some usage at first, while later issues were sold mostly as jewelry. The US Secret Service cracked down on denominated private coinage in 1883, thereby essentially halting the production from enterprising jewelers.

Most varieties of fractional California gold pieces are generally affordable today. However, the market is flooded with extremely common modern replicas (often with a bear in the design), and these have little numismatic value.

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CHARLES GOODNIGHT: THE FATHER OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE

By Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer

The history of cattle ranches, cattle drives and the rugged men who became legendary figures in Texas history is most fascinating. One such rancher was Charles Goodnight, who is known as “The Father of the Texas Panhandle.”

The stories of the early Texas cattle drives and the men who herded cattle are recorded in many documents, court records, correspondence, books and memoirs. The many challenges of the cattle drives, as well as the dangers that the cowboys and the cattle faced, were immense. The life of the men who trailed the longhorns was harsh and exhausting. The usual cattle drive would travel approximately 700-1,000 miles to its destination, usually herding between 1,000-3,000 cattle and traveling eight to fifteen miles per day. The hectic journey could take as long as three months, depending on how far they were traveling. There were many hazards on the trail for both the men and the cattle. They faced many challenges and dangers, including cattle rustlers, prairie fires, predators, inclement weather and the dreaded stampedes. This was the life of Charles Goodnight.

Born in 1836 in Macoupin County, Illinois, Charles Goodnight was the fourth child of Charles Goodnight and the former Charlotte Collier. When his father died, Charlotte married Hiram Daugherty. Goodnight was ten years old when his stepfather moved the family to Milam County, Texas in 1846.

In 1857 Goodnight joined the Texas Rangers and during the Civil War served in the Confederacy. After the war ended, Goodnight met Oliver Loving who was experienced in the cattle business and had prospered during the war by selling beef to the Confederate Army. Their meeting led to a sincere and loyal partnership. Working together, they would eventually establish the Goodnight-Loving Trail, one of the trails most heavily used by ranchers herding cattle to market.

Goodnight and Loving journeyed to New Mexico in 1866 and established a ranch to expand their cattle operation. That same year, they began driving their first herd of cattle from Texas to New Mexico on a route that would become known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail. In ensuing years, Goodnight forged new trails into Colorado and Wyoming.



One of Goodnight's inventions was the chuckwagon, which was used on their initial cattle drive. Other cattlemen began using this new and practical addition for their trail drives, and the chuckwagon then became a vital part of all cattle drives.

On September 25, 1867, Oliver Loving was herding cattle on the third cattle drive when Comanche warriors attacked. Loving was trapped by the hostile warriors and, although wounded, managed to escape and reach Ft. Sumner seeking medical treatment. Although the wounds were not serious, he developed gangrene, but he refused to have his arm amputated, which led to his untimely death. Loving knew he was dying and asked Goodnight to promise him that when he died his body would be returned to Texas. Goodnight promised his friend that his request would be carried out and that he would be buried in Texas. They had a strong bond of friendship and were Masonic Brothers. This evidently had a significant impact on Goodnight's promise.

After Loving's death, Goodnight had a coffin constructed with a tin lining and filled it with charcoal to transport the body back to Texas. In addition, Goodnight also had





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The obverse of the 2020 TNA medal features Charles Goodnight, the legendary cattle rancher, trail blazer, Texas Ranger, scout, soldier, innovator, Master Mason and benefactor. Together with Oliver Loving, they established the historic Goodnight-Loving Trail. He invented the chuckwagon, and to improve his cattle, he cross-bred the buffalo with domestic cattle, which resulted in a new breed called the cattalo, also known as beefalo. The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. The medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

Single bronze medals are \$6.50 each postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one 1 oz. .999 fine silver) are \$39.00 for each set plus \$4.50 per set for postage and handling. If insurance is requested, there is an additional cost of \$2.50 per medal set.

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a wagon built to carry the casket to Weatherford. Oliver Loving was buried with Masonic honors by his Masonic Brothers of Phoenix Lodge No. 275 at Weatherford. Goodnight was also a member of the Phoenix Lodge.

This tragic episode inspired Larry McMurtry to write the novel *Lonesome Dove*, a fictional story based on Goodnight's life that included an account of the return of fictional character Augustus McCrae's body back to Texas. In the novel, McCrae represented Oliver Loving. Goodnight's life was so incredible that many more books based on his life have been written about this most remarkable man, who was a cattle rancher, trail blazer, Texas Ranger, scout, soldier, innovator and benefactor.

In 1869 Goodnight established his Rock Canon Ranch near Pueblo, Colorado. One year later on July 26, 1870, he married Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer, a teacher from Weatherford, Texas. Their wedding was held at the home of relatives in Hickman, Kentucky. After the wedding, the couple traveled to Rock Canon Ranch, which was their home for the next six years.

Charles Goodnight and his business partner, John Adair, established the JA Ranch in the vicinity of the Palo Duro Canyon in 1876, the first cattle ranch in the Texas panhandle. At the time of Adair's death in 1885, the JA Ranch had expanded to almost one million acres, with estimates of over 100,000 head of cattle.

Goodnight was one of the most prosperous and generous ranchers in Texas. Goodnight was involved in many endeavors, including donating money to have a Methodist church built. With Mary Ann's help, he established the Goodnight Academy to help the children of ranchers further their education. The couple, together with the help of the Goodnight Baptist Church, opened the Goodnight College, that operated from 1898 until 1917. Always interested in improving his cattle, he crossbred his bison with domestic cattle. His new breed was called cattalo, also known as beefalo.

Following the loss of his wife, in April 1926, Goodnight become ill. At the age of twenty-six, Corinne Goodnight, a distant cousin and nurse, helped him regain his health. They married on March 5, 1927, on his ninety-first birthday. Goodnight died on December 12, 1929 in Tucson, Arizona. Before he died, he joined his wife's "Two by Twos" church and was baptized shortly before his death. He was buried in the Goodnight Cemetery next to his first wife Mary Ann.

In 1955, the Hall of Great Westerners of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum added Charles Goodnight to its prestigious roll of prominent cattlemen. Notable historian and author J. Frank Dobie said that Charles Goodnight "approached greatness more nearly than any other cowman of history."





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 April 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



Dalia called the meeting to order. There were 24 members and 4 guests present. The first guest was Randy. He collects US Coin varieties. Next was R. Blake Floyd, who retired in 2011. He collects a variety of coins also. Mr. Dickey and Sue Ann were also introduced. Sue Ann is interested in getting coins for her grand kids and learning ways to organize coins. Mr. Floyd filled out an application and the members voted to accept him as a new member. Walter talked about the success of the Coin Grading Seminar in September. Dalia reminded the members that board member elections for President, Treasurer and two Director Positions will be held in the November club meeting. Officers in these positions are Dalia, Walter, Jimmy, and Kevin. Frank has been serving as Vice-President for 6 years, and his position is available if anyone wishes to run for Vice-President. Members who want to run or vote for these positions should be present at the November meeting.

Presentation: Danny M. gave a fascinating presentation on the Tolar Coins. The coins shown are from Danny's collection.



Announcements: Dalia reminded the members of the Cowtown Coin Show October 25 and 26. Jimmy provided the refreshments for the meeting. Frank H. conducted a raffle of three items. Frank P. conducted the auction of 26 items.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Dalia called the meeting to order with 24 members and 3 guests present: Elliot M., Christopher C., and Robert K. Each one was introduced and talked about what they liked to collect.

Walter announced that he booked the Iris and Orchid rooms for 2020 and 2021 at the preferred rate given by the Botanic Gardens. Dalia reminded the members that we will be taking toy and cash donations for the Ronald McDonald House at the December club meeting. A motion was made and passed that the club would donate \$100 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Officer Elections: The four officer positions up for elections are President, current held by Dalia, Treasurer, Walter's position, and two Director positions, held by Jimmy and Kevin. Frank has asked volunteers to take over his duties. Dalia explained the duties of the Vice-President, which are primarily finding speakers for the Educational Programs. Ed said he would fill in Frank's duties until we could find someone to take over the Vice-Presidential job. Dalia asked if anyone wants to run for the President or Treasurer positions. There were no volunteers and no objections, so Dalia and Walter will continue for another two-year term in their current offices.

Two Board of Direction positions are up for election, which are currently held by Jimmy and Kevin. Ian has also asked for a volunteer to fill his position as a Director. Dalia asked if anyone was interested in running for a Board of Directors position. There were no volunteers so Dalia asked that we vote to keep Jimmy and Kevin as Directors and the members approved unanimously.

To summarize the Officer Elections the four members elected are Dalia as President, Walter as Treasurer, Jimmy as Director and Kevin as Director. Until the Board appoints replacements, Frank will continue as Vice-President with Ed as his backup. Frank volunteered to be Ian's backup. Anyone interested in volunteering for a Director position please talk to Dalia.

Educational Presentation: John P. gave a very interesting presentation on Canadian Colonial Tokens from the mid 1800's. Below are pictures of some of the tokens in John's collection.



Raffle and Auction: Frank H. conducted the Raffle of three lots. Frank P. conducted the Auction of about 25 lots.

DECEMBER MEETING: The 2019 December Toy Drive goal was to collect toys and cash from club members to benefit Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth. Dalia sent the club members this message after delivering the gifts: I wanted to Express my gratitude this holiday season and say thank you to each and every one of our fantastic Club members. This afternoon dad and I took all of the toys and gift cards that were donated by Club members to THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES. They were so excited to receive the gifts



and gift cards, they gladly welcomed everything with open arms. As the ladies there greeted us you felt the atmosphere there charged with cheer, enthusiasm, energy and love for what they do. I was proud that The Fort Worth Coin Club Gave with such giving hearts and hands. Without everyone's help this would not have been possible, THANK YOU FORT WORTH COIN CLUB FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS POSSIBLE!!!



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC OCTOBER MEETING: President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 53 members and visitors present. Starting in November, the auction will be conducted slightly differently in order to speed up the process. Only those items with a pre-bid written on the auction card will be up for competitive bidding; all lots with no pre-bid will simply be returned to their respective owners. This month's raffle will be changed to have more items, albeit with different price points. Because of the success of the April donation auction, we will again be able to offer the tradition Christmas meal FREE to all members and youth, with a \$5 fee for adult non-members. The annual election for all officers and three of the six elected directors will be conducted in November as usual. Kevin Kell invited members to give him names of nominees, either in person or by e-mail until November 1. Carl Stang reported on the educational program held in conjunction with the September Texas Coin Show. The TNA partially funds this program for us. Carl also reported on the grading seminar held jointly with the Fort Worth club. A total of 23 members from both clubs participated.

Visitors recognized: Joe Steger and Brian Marianelli.

Mike Ross gave the October program on "Someone Ought to Write a Book". Mike recently wrote and had published a book on Cathedral Metals; his exhibit of such medals at the last TNA show was awarded Best of Show.

Mike originally did not intend to write a book, but his research on Cathedral Medals designed by Jacques Weiner ended up so extensive that the British Art Medal Society encouraged his work and helped lead him through the process. While Weiner only made 41 different designs, his work was so detailed and beautiful that interest in his work has not abated since Weiner's last work in 1870. Mike made several trips to Europe to pour through dusty records and do his original and valuable research.

Every youth present received a door prize consisting of Proof sets. Winners of the adult door prizes of Silver Ikes were Roy Harston, Les Hansen, and Ed Lasko. No one won the monthly progressive prize, which will be added to next month's prize.

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

NOVEMBER MEETING: President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 68 members and visitors present. The November program began with a Boy Scout color guard who brought in the flag, followed by the scouts leading members in the pledge of allegiance. Veterans were recognized

by branch of service. The December meeting will again center around our traditional Christmas dinner and bingo. As in previous years, we will be collecting unwrapped items for Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps program to provide Christmas gifts to children who will otherwise be left without any Christmas gifts. Richard Wallace displayed the uniform of his aunt who served in China as a nurse attached to the famed Flying Tigers.

After a written ballot, Kevin Kell announced the 2020 officers and directors. They are: President-Kevin Kell, Vice President-Allen Scott, Treasurer-Jim Jeska, Secretary-Sam Fairchild, 2020-21 Directors: Barbara Gallagher, Mike Ross, and Kenny Smith.

Visitors recognized: Jose Serrano, Pierre and Philippe Lavedan, Shere Thomas, Tegan and Avery Brennan, Alex Thomas, and Richard Laster.

New member: Richard Laster.

Our Veteran program was given by Terry Theiss, a long-time naval aviator. After graduating from Auburn, he trained as an A-6 Navigator. Because of his class standing, he was able to be in the first crews to test and fly the EA-6B Prowler, an A-6 modified to provide electronic warfare capability to naval aircraft. Its primary objective was to jam enemy radar in Vietnam and was later equipped with anti-radiation missiles to actually destroy such sites. Because the Prowler was usually the lead plane in an attack formation, crews were at great risk of being targeted and shot down. A high stakes game of chicken was frequent, where the loser risked life and limb. Terry was also involved in the last flight of this extremely long combat history. A Veterans group in which Terry participates located the last serving Prowler which was ready to be flown to the aircraft graveyard outside Tucson in March 2019. His group intervened with the Navy and secured it to be displayed at the air museum at Dallas Love Field; Terry was on the final flight crew of the Prowler and had excellent video footage of this final mission.

Every youth present received a door prize. Three adults each won the door prize of a proof Lincoln and a \$1 Trump Fed note: Mark Johnson, Judy Moser, and Angela Micheli. The monthly progressive prize was not won – the prize will be added to next month's drawing.

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

DECEMBER MEETING: As soon as members arrived, members grabbed a plate and served themselves Christmas dinner beginning around 6:30. The meal was catered barbeque beef, sausage and turkey with all the fix-in's. Volunteers also brought many tasty desserts and side dishes. Our wonderful ladies prepared everything else behind the scenes. Even though more than 100 people were served, there was plenty for folks to go back for seconds.



President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 108 members and visitors present. Kevin Kell announced that we will be meeting in a different location beginning in January at Martin United Methodist Church in Bedford. This is the location where the club met during its early days. Kevin announced that it is time to start gathering items for the May donation auction. The auction is a major source of funding for the Club. The 2019 auction was so successful that we were able to make the catered Christmas dinner free for members and kids and \$5 for guests.



Jack Gilbert, assisted by Russell Prinzing, called the bingo game admirably. Nice prizes were given out not only for winners, but also for second and even third bingos. In games that have become a member

favorite, each table competed against other folks at that table – twice; in all, with 28 winners claiming either a silver eagle or a nice centerpiece. All in all, approximately \$700 in coins and other merchandise were awarded.

In addition, one of our youth members, Gabriel K., provided a really nice silver round for each table to be awarded to a bingo winner at that table. Gabriel has recently begun dealing coins, and is very appreciative of the guidance given him by fellow members.

In response to the Toys for Tots campaign conducted by the US Marine Corps, members loaded the table shown with new unwrapped gifts. The Marines are very appreciative of our members' generosity, and it is certain the toys will find good homes with needy kids. As always, Dave Werner volunteered to deliver the gifts to the Marine collection center, Hiley Mazda of Hurst. They were so excited to help me unload my car and were so appreciative, wanting to pass on to NETCC a BIG "THANK YOU".



Membership: We end 2019 with 114 current members.

JANUARY MEETING: President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 53 members and visitors present. Kevin welcomed everyone to our new location. He explained that the church asked that there be no smoking on the campus, and that we shouldn't arrive before 6:15-6:30. Good news is that we do not have to tear down after each meeting. Kevin thanked everyone who helped make the Christmas meeting a success. We had 108 folks attend the Christmas party and dinner. He also thanked those who participated in giving unwrapped toys to the Toys For Tots campaign. It's a good thing Dave Warner has a pickup to carry the overwhelming number of gifts to the collection station. Starting with this meeting, the auction will be conducted slightly differently in order to speed up the process. Only those items with a pre-bid written on the auction card or selected by any member for bid (with a sticker placed on the bid card) will be up for competitive bidding; all other lots will simply be returned to their respective owners. Kevin reminded members to pay their annual dues. As usual, Richard Wallace is paying the annual dues for ALL youth members.

Finds: Roy H. found a gold nugget ring with his metal detecting equipment. Finding various gold and silver items is an ongoing experience for him.

As Treasurer of the TNA, Jack Gilbert conducted the TNA drawing for two ANA summer seminar scholarships and five stipends of \$125 where members can add to their numismatic library.

Visitor recognized: Katie Delgado.

New member: Paul Bolen.

Program: Ed Lasko gave the January program on the SS Central America. The ship made a regular run between New York and Panama with a stop in Havana. A traveler from California in the 1850's would sail to Panama, cross the isthmus by rail and catch another ship in the Atlantic bound for New York. On its last voyage, the SS Central America carried 476 passengers and 102 crew, along with massive quantities of California gold. After leaving Havana in September 1857, the ship soon ran into a class 2 hurricane of the South Carolina coast. The crew fought the storm for several days in vain before sinking in 7,200 feet of water. More than 400 souls were lost. Because of the water depth, the SS Central America was considered unsalvageable. However, by 1988 an attempt by Tommy Thompson resulted in a recovery worth \$50 million in gold coins and bars; Thompson was later imprisoned for defrauding his investors. A 2004 expedition recovered another 15,000 gold and silver coins. The expedition leader remarked that there was still a fortune in treasure at the site to be recovered, but it was somewhat spread out, making it economically unfeasible to recover using present technology.

Every youth present received a door prize. Winners of the adult door prizes of 1982 commemorative halves were Ed Lasko, John Post, and Sam Fairchild. No one won the monthly progressive prize, which will be added to next month's prize.

The usual auction (of less than the normal 40 items), as well as the silent auction was conducted.

DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR



DALLAS CC OCTOBER MEETING: Dallas Coin Club President Mike called to order the 1,097 consecutive meeting, and there were 28 people in attendance with 3 guests (Joshua T., Charlie T., and Mrs. Gonzales). Congratulations to Joshua T. and his son Charlie T. for being voted into the Dallas Coin Club!

Officer Reports: Stewart: Programs for 2020 have been filled as David S. will present tonight, Jose S. in November, December is our annual Christmas party and Frank will start us off in January 2020. Board will discuss further details.

Judy: Club is doing very well and in good standing.

Jose: US Mint to redesign American Silver Eagle for the 35th anniversary and implementing DNA technology like the Royal Canadian mint. ("Every die used to produce the Gold and Silver Maple Leaf coins is laser micro-engraved with an anti-counterfeiting security mark: a textured maple leaf. Our registration process — digital non-destructive activation (DNA) technology — captures images encrypted with a string of codes, and stores these in our secure database.")

The all-time finest collection of Morgan Dollars will be sold intact. It's known as "The Illinois Set" and all 117 coins can be had for \$9.7 million dollars.

New Business: George mentioned ANACS accepted submissions at the White Settlement Coin Show for \$10 a coin (minimum 10 coins or more).

Judy: Our own Gary and Judy will be co-chairs for next year's TNA. Please see them if you are interested in doing an educational exhibit. They are willing to meet with anyone to walk you through the steps.

Show & Tell: Many interesting items were shared.

Program: History of the Five Cent Piece by David S.: Longtime Dallas CC member David S. shared his insight into various types of classic coins. At the beginning of the civil war, banks suspended specie payments. After the civil war there was a low mintage of silver coins. The general public did not like fractional currency, as there was no intrinsic value. Coins did start to come back into circulation after the war. They weren't redeeming currency in coins as everyone was hoarding silver and gold. The United States authorized private issues of encased postage stamps to be issued instead of coins. But those didn't last long. The private sector in turn issued scripts but all were declared illegal. Shortly thereafter small bank notes were issued. They consisted of four issues of fractional currency and one issue of postage currency. As it had no intrinsic value the public still didn't accept it. The first 5-cent Copper coin was produced in 1866 consisting of 25% nickel and 75% copper. The initial issue was a shield design based on the United States Union Shield. An 1868 5-cent Shield No Rays AU 58 was passed around the room and it's similar to the shield on the 2-cent. Many of the early shield coins were very hard to strike resulting in many die cracks. In 1867 the rays were eliminated. The shield nickel was issued from 1866-1883. The Liberty Head 5-cent design began in 1883. The roman numeral "V" on the reverse really threw off people as it was almost the same as a \$5.00 Gold dollar. Because there was no reference to cents on these coins some were gilded and passed off as 5\$ gold pieces. Hence the term "Racketeer Nickel". The 1883 Variety I, without CENTS is the most common. Variety II, with CENTS was produced from 1883-1913. These were produced in Philadelphia until 1912 when San Francisco and Denver also began making them. Only five Liberty Head nickels are known to have been made in 1913. Teddy Roosevelt thought our coinage was atrocious! Augustus Saint-Gaudens was chosen by Theodore Roosevelt to redesign our coinage. It was time due to the law requiring that coinage not be redesigned until it has been in

use for 25 years. In 1905, there were competitions for the initial designs. Three different chiefs posed for the obverse portrait, and Variety I had the buffalo standing on a raised ground. Due to wear problems and the fact that the dies broke or wore out 3 times faster than the Liberty nickel, the five-cent coin was redesigned and Variety 2 has the buffalo standing on a "plain". The 1913 Variety II is more expensive. From 1913 -1938 the Indian Head or Buffalo nickel was produced. In 1938, the 5-cent coin was redesigned with Thomas Jefferson facing left. The reverse has an image of Monticello. The image was taken from a book in a bookstore with a nice view at an angle but the committee did not like the angled view or the lettering and required the present head on view of Monticello. During WW II nickel became a critical war material which required a change in the composition of the 5-cent piece. The wartime "nickel" wasn't nickel at all but was composed of 56% copper, 35% silver and 9% manganese. Because it was planned that after the war the nickels would be pulled out of circulation to recover the silver, a special large mint mark appears above Monticello on the reverse. In 1946 the prewar composition returned and Philadelphia/Denver still had planchets left over from 1941. From 1938-1966 the five-cent coins had no initials and there was an outreach from the numismatic community which resulted in the initials FS for Felix Schlag to be added to the reverse. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition the "Westward Journey" nickels were designed. Four new designs were added. The 2004 versions used the typical Jefferson portrait with a reverse using the Indian Peace Medal design with "Louisiana Purchase" above it on one and a keelboat design on the other. In 2005 Jefferson is facing right with a bison in profile as the reverse of one and "Ocean in View" on the reverse of the other. The 2006 edition has a partial face of Jefferson taken from an 1800 painting and the return of Monticello. The 2004 Virginia delegation made it a federal law that Monticello appear on the coin in perpetuity. There was a lot of politics involved in the composition of some of the coins. The Treasury opposed copper as it's harder to strike during production.

Thanks are due to David S. especially for the many beautiful examples shown tonight! Byron asked what a "Full Steps" designation is and isn't. A five-cent with no break in the steps reflects a "Full Steps" designation. Most coins minted since 1986 have the full sharp steps due a sharpening of the image on the dies.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Mike opened the 1,098 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin club with 30 people in attendance including 5 guests: David B., Jack G., Jerry D., Jillian E. and Robert. Jack G. was voted in and welcomed to the Dallas CC.

NEW BUSINESS: Stewart: December will be the club's annual Bingo night and our Christmas budget this year is \$600.00. The top prize will be a 1/10 oz. gold coin. Our Christmas meeting will be at La Calle Doce dinner will be buffet style like last year. A White Elephant exchange will also be part of the evening. Programs for 2020 are starting to fill quickly. Frank C. will present in January, Judy D. in February and discussions are in the works with Doug D. on an anti-counterfeiting program. April is National Coin Week, and May is tentatively a grader from NGC!

Jose: Your secretary has been traveling and visited the Mid Cities Coin Club and North East Tarrant Coin Club. Great clubs in the area. Remember to promote the numismatic community in the DFW metroplex. David Lawrence Rare Coins is selling coins from the "D. L. Hansen collection" and there are some very nice coins for sale. Noted the recent discovery of 16 original bags of Morgan Dollars. The "Orleans Hoard" was brokered by Jeff Garrett of Mid America. PCGS is launching PCGS Banknote January 2nd, 2020. They have transitioned to in house PCGS currency grading.

Stewart and Judy were up for re-election this year and both were re-elected unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: George: Shared with the club he was robbed at an estate sale set up. Please use caution this Holiday season and with any estate sale that has items of value. Jim: Inquired if anyone had food poisoning at the restaurant last month? Marvin: Created a Numismatic forum on Facebook to discuss with other collectors.

SHOW & TELL: Many interesting items were shared.

PROGRAM: "Collecting Mexican Currency" by Jose S.: Jose shared

information on collecting Mexican Currency from Cory Frampton's book: "Mexican Paper Money" and his article on collecting Mexican Currency. The book is organized chronologically in 6 sections, states, locations and banks in alphabetical order: Imperial & Early Republic 1860-1867; Banks 1865-1914; Pre-Revolutionary Issues 1867-1909; Revolutionary issues 1910-1916 (three types); Military issues (MI); State and Municipal issues (SI); Private issues (PI); Post-Revolutionary issues: 1917-1943; Banco de Mexico 1925 to date.

DECEMBER MEETING: Dallas Coin Club President Mike opened the annual Christmas party with 28 people in attendance including 6 guests (Sharon D, Maurilia G, James N, Alison T, Lu W, and Reuel W.). Annie S. was voted into the club unanimously! Congratulations and welcome to the Dallas Coin Club. December's meeting started early for the Christmas festivities with an open buffet of Mexican food.

OFFICER REPORTS: Stewart confirmed he has programs for January: Frank, February: Judy, March: Doug Davis, April: National Coin month, and May: Alexandria. Judy: 2020 dues should be paid in January or at the February meeting. (\$20.00) by cash or check. If you're an ANA member, please let Judy know your membership number as it gives the club credit that reduces the club membership cost. If you use the number for another club then don't give it to her since it cannot be used twice. Jose: Mentioned NGC has graded over 45 million coins! Also mentioned the upcoming TNA, ANA raffle and library raffle.

Many White Elephant and Bingo prizes were won by all.

DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR



BELLAIRE CC OCTOBER MEETINGS:

Garth C. announced that a test show team visited the new Bellaire civic center. The room is limited to 45 dealers with each getting two tables. Richard H. suggested the possibility of creating a second show. The second show would be changed to a church on Richmond Ave. in West Houston.

Past Bellaire shows have made an appropriate profit for the club and dealers. The club uses some profit for a special get together once a year. A show team member suggested doing a show using two buildings within walking distance. There is a church near the Shriners and both could be used at the same time. The club has been asked to create a committee to visit the Bellaire High School to create a local club. The club has suggested a committee visit with the Scouts and other young numismatists attending the shows. After the business meeting, Karl B. presented a mini program about Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club.

NOVEMBER 4 MEETING: Meeting had 26 attending. Garth C. reminded everyone of the Christmas dinner on December 2 at Jax restaurant. Karl B. noted that the Collector's Coin has officially closed. The merchandise has moved to a store near Webster. Garth C. noted that the library would be closed on December 16 for a computer update. The plan is to try the new civic center for the meeting. The following members presented a show and tell: Vlad A., Bruce B., Alonzo G., Richard H., and Paul K. Vlad A. won the show and tell prize.

NOVEMBER 18 MEETING: Meeting had 26 attending. Garth C. presented a report about countries removing selected denominations from circulation, including Canada removing the one cent coin. The cents are still legal tender, but no new ones are being minted. Karl B. presented about the new library computer projector funded by the Bellaire CC. Karl B. announced that the club needs a new Vice President. Responsibilities of the position would include filling in for the President if he is absent and scheduling programs for the third Monday meetings. Karl B. and Garth C. presented a mini program about how coin values have changed over time. They used PCGS guides for officially graded coins and noted the changes in the market for Morgan dollars and

bullion. The following members presented a show and tell: Bruce B., Ricardo Del., Alonzo G., and Gene McP. Bruce B. won the prize.

JANUARY 6 MEETING: Meeting had 25 attending. Garth C. reminded everyone about the upcoming Houston Money Show in Conroe and presented a flyer about the Bellaire show in August 2020. The civic center will be a smaller location, and original dealers will get first choice on table location in the new space. Some dealers have noted that a smaller show can be better. Karl B. stated that the club needs a new Vice President. Wendy R. proposed and passed a motion to give each board member free membership. There was a discussion about renting a civic center room for meetings at a rate of \$120 per meeting. The civic center and the library have the same audio/visual set-up for presentations, but the library is free. However, the library will soon undergo renovations. Congratulations to Michael W. who celebrates his 25th year of publishing the club's monthly newsletter this year. Kristi H. and Richard H. presented a mini program about reading the dates on Chinese coins. The following members presented a show and tell: Karl B., Kristi H., Richard H., and Alvin S. Richard H. won the prize.



GREATER HOUSTON CC OCTOBER MEETING: Called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President John B.

Announcements: Visitors Sandra and Hailey were recognized. John noted many items on the back table with a donation bucket for the Million Penny project for The Children's Museum in the Conroe ISD.

Show & Tell was chaired by Tom Schwartz and many interesting items were shared. The prize drawings are now sponsored rather than given by the club to avoid being in violation of Texas gambling laws and preserving our 501c3 status.

Monthly quiz chaired by Chuck Bianchi. The initial winners were exempt by reason of a prior win in 2019; the next level of contestants provided a tie. A random draw determined the winner was Wendy R.

Monthly Program: The Crusaders and the Coins of the Crusaders by Gail Brichford. Started with four questions. Why (Save the Holy land of the Middle East)? When (1095)? How Many (9)? Last crusade was 1292 (unsuccessful)? This crisp program featured coins from Gail's personal collection. The centerpiece was a Gros Tournon he acquired as a 12 year old.

Business Portion of Meeting: Townsend Award announcement by Rick E. Reports – Coins for A's just started on the reporting period and getting out the next round of awards. The biggest expense is postage. Please bid liberally on the two fund-raising coins for CFA in tonight's auction.

Attendance Drawing Winner was Alvin S. Auction called by Sebastian F.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack D.

Announcements: We are looking for a videographer to do a promo for the money show. We also extend sympathies to Benton Mc. for his loss of his mother. Jack also showed a few mementoes from the Kennedy assassination from newspapers and magazines.

Guests: Daniel G., Special Guests introduced by Jim S. and Adam S. – introduced a team from TNA that came to help advise us with the Young Numismatists Auction at the upcoming January 2020 Money Show.

Show & Tell chaired by Tom Schwartz and many interesting items were shared.

Monthly Coin Quiz chaired by Chuck Bianchi. Two tied for winner, and Andrew C. won via the coin toss.

Monthly Program: Chuck Bianchi – Roman Origins of the Seated Britannia Coins. A 1955 Franklin Half (by request) was presented as a memento for presenting the program.

Business Portion: Townsend Award nominations solicited by Jack D.

2020 January Club meeting is the 9th due to the Money Show timing. John B. will collect the reservations for the Holiday Party

Reports: The Money Show is sold out. Need a volunteer to drive the truck. Cheryl is calling for volunteers for registration, exhibits and other places, individual shirts for the club will be given.

Coins for A's: We are making plans to contribute a display for the TNA 60th Show.

Attendance Drawing was won by Bill S. and the auction followed adjournment.

DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY CC OCTOBER 17 MEETING: The meeting opened with 35 members and 4 guests in attendance, including all officers. Our four guests for the evening were Ernest & Peggy G., Susan G., and Robert H.

Old Business: David A. is looking for presenters for the 2020 meetings. President Frank G., with the assistance of David A. and Tim C., presented certificates of appreciation to Gene F., who had contributed to the success of GCC throughout the 2018-2019 year, but was unable to attend the Awards Banquet. He was welcomed back after his several month recovery.

New Business: Karla G advised the Gateway Coin club will have ads in the TNA News starting with the next issue. Additionally we have ads pending in Coin World and Numismatic News.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy C. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. Edward B. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a set of four 2007-S PCGS PR69DCAM Presidential Coins.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Jerry J., Debbie W., Art G., Jim M., Matt B., Susan G., Johnell H., and Gloria O. R.

Presentation – Karla G. -- History of the Gateway Coin Club – The club was established in 1962 at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force." The club became a member of TNA and ANA in 1963. In 2012 the club celebrated its 50th Anniversary Celebration. In 2019 we celebrated our 57th Anniversary.

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

The Attendance Prize was a 1926 Peace Dollar.

NOVEMBER 7 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 36 members and 1 guest, Melinda Davila, in attendance.

New Business: Karla G. advised that the Gateway Coin club will host its annual Christmas Dinner the last meeting in December. At the dinner, guests are invited to participate in the gift exchange.

Announcements: Applications for the Gateway Coin Club's January 2020 coin show at the Wonderland Mall are being accepted A copy of the TNA advertisement has been received and includes the information for our 2020 shows.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. Pat W. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1962-PR68-twenty-five cents.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Matt A. (twice), Leon W., John M. (twice), Andy G., and Debbie W.

Auction: The auction was conducted by Tim C. with the assistance of Kate M., Frank G. and Paul R.

The Attendance Prize: Debbie W. was the winner of a 1922 Peace Dollar.

NOVEMBER 21 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 30 members in attendance.

Old Business: David A. is still looking for speakers for future meetings. Collectible, Antique & Coin Show fliers are now available.

Announcements: Karla G. – The club's ANA membership dues are due. The club receives a discount on its membership dues for each of

the club's members who are also members of ANA. Please confirm your membership number and status with Karla ASAP.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy C. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. David A. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 2006 S - PR69 - 25c - Colorado.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Paul R. (twice), Cal B. (twice), Jim M., Andy G., and Tim C.

Presentation: David A. - Bonds of Nazi Germany - was issued up to and during WWII by Reich Bank at varying interest rates. First bonds were issued at 1934 - 4%; 2nd bonds issued 1935-37 - 4.5%. The bonds were issued with a ten-year maturity paying 10% each year paid to the bearer. Many people were not able to collect on the bonds.

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

The Attendance Prize: Tim C. was the winner of a 1922 Peace Dollar.

DECEMBER 5 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 39 members and 2 visitors in attendance. The visitors were JoAnne B. and Dave T.

Old Business: David A. - Applications for spaces at the January 19, 2020 Wonderland Show are available. Presenters for Numismatic Educational Programs are needed for meetings for March 2020 through Sept. 2020. Please let David know if you will present a program.

New Business: Please notify Karla to confirm your membership in ANA. Currently we show ten Gateway Coin Club members are also ANA members. For each ANA member, five dollars was deducted from the Gateway Coin Club's cost of ANA membership renewal. If you should join during the year, please let her know your new ANA number.

Announcements: Andy C. announced that Frank G. wrote an article that was published in the TNA News about the 2019 San Antonio Missions quarter release. The TNA News currently has our ad in the same issue for our upcoming coin shows in February and May, as well as an ad for our Wonderland Shows.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, assisted by Kate M., and many interesting items were shared. Nancy M. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1995-D MS64FS - 5c.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were John M., Mike G. (3 times), Robert J., Tim C., and Melanie D.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Luke B., Matt B., Tim C., and Frank G. David A. donated two-coin albums to the auction with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury.

Attendance Prize: David A. was the winner of a 1922 Peace Dollar.

DECEMBER 19 MEETING: The Christmas Dinner Party and Meeting at Augie's BBQ was called to order by President Frank G. with 37 members and 5 visitors in attendance. The visitors were Wally R., Teresa G., Debbie B., Carolyn B., and Samuel B. The Invocation was given by Andy C. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Ed B.

Old Business: David A. provided an update on the Collectible, Antique and Coin show at Wonderland Mall on January 18th. The deadline to reserve a space is December 27th. David is still in need of speakers for March through August. It is ok if you don't know the title of your presentation yet.

Announcements: Matthew B. announced that there will be a coin show in Austin on December 21st.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the Numismatic Roundtable, and many interesting items were shared. Karla G. won the Numismatic Roundtable prize, a 1995-D MS64FS quarter.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Matt B., David A., Johnell H., John M., Leon W., Tim C. Larry F., and Robert J.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Luke B., Matt B., Tim C., and Frank G. Mike G. donated three lots with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury: an Oakland Athletics Mark Maguire Baseball Card and Medal, purchased by John M. for \$6.50; a Morgan Silver Dollar Collection Book purchased by Johnell M. for \$.25; and a 20th Century Type Collection Book for U. S. Coins purchased by Tim C. for \$1.00. A special thanks to Mike for his generous donations and

to those who bid on the donated lots.

David A. led the gift exchange that was followed by the Attendance Prize drawing. The winner, Jim Rogers, won a 1923 Peace Dollar. The Benediction was given by David A. Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JANUARY 2 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 28 members and 2 visitors in attendance. The visitors were Jose P. and Stephen S. Both joined the club.

Old Business: It was reported that \$872 has been turned in to the treasurer from the sale of vendor spaces and table/chair sets ordered for the Wonderland Collectible, Antique and Coin Show scheduled for the 18th of January. Thanks were extended to Frank & Karla for a successful Christmas Party.

Announcements: The Houston Money Show is January 17th & 18th in Conroe, TX.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Gene F., Robert J., Tim C., Richard G., Mike G., Joan C.

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

Roundtable: Many interesting items were shared.

Donations: John & Kate M. donated two lots with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury: a 1989 U.S. Proof Set, purchased for \$5.25, and a 1993 U. S. Proof Set, purchased for \$5.75. A special thanks to John & Kate for their generous donations and to those who bid on the donated lots.

The Attendance Prize: The winner, Mike G won a 1922 Peace Dollar.

DISTRICT 10 - DON TOMKO, GOVERNOR _____



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO CC OCTOBER MEETING: President Jason opened the meeting with 47 members and 3 guests present. Membership badges were given to Luis and Mark. Memberships were favorably accepted for Lloyd, Enrique, Anna, and Dan. A membership application was read for Nelson to be voted upon at the November 11th meeting. Jason announced the tour of the Federal Reserve Bank on November 22, 2019.

We need to get the rack finished. If not, we will get another person to work on it. Chuck has the new medals and you will need to pay him. Chuck purchased a case which can be used for our prize display at the coin show. On Saturday at our coin show we will give out 50 Roman coins for the first 50 people. Jason talked about the Life Membership proposals. Steve, Roger and Bob P. all meet the criteria. We will vote at the next meeting. The person receiving the highest number of votes will be awarded the Life Membership. Membership cards for coin club members was discussed but voted down. Juan talked to the members about the library and encouraged everyone to use the library. There are some very expensive materials - some valued at over \$200. Remember materials can only be checked out one month at a time.

Jason gave a presentation about the Club Constitution and Bylaws. He discussed changes that Club Officers and Board of Directors recommended. They will be voted upon at the November 11th meeting. His goal is to be able to present each member with a new updated copy for the start of the 2020 year.

Numismatic prize winners were Don S., Jason, Terry, Ran, and Jerry. The Grand Prize, also won by Don S., was 50 state quarters.

NOVEMBER MEETING: The meeting was opened by President Jason presiding with 47 members and 3 guests present. Guests Alex, Eli, and Sebastian were asked to tell about their numismatic interests. President Jason recognized Willie with a plaque for his many years of service and support to the Coin Club. Our Numismatic Library will be named the

Willie T. Numismatic Library in his honor. Nelson was favorably voted into membership in the club, and we will vote for membership for Roger at the December meeting. Discussion was held concerning distribution of the new Bylaws and Constitution. Jackie made and passed a motion to offer PDF file if a member so chooses. Two or three copies will be placed in the library. The Federal Reserve Tour was discussed. The Christmas party will be held at Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet in December, and each member is asked to bring a wrapped numismatic gift. The welder for the new rack says he will have it done in time for the coin show. Raffle tickets are now available. Coin Show tables are available for members. Any member exhibiting at the show will receive a new Red Book. The first 50 people attending the coin show on Saturday will be given a free ancient coin. Voting took place for a Life Membership. Three members qualified for the Life Membership: Bob P., Roger, and Steve P. It was announced before the voting that the member receiving the highest number of votes would be awarded the Life Membership. Bob P. received the highest number of votes – it was announced the voting was very close.

Jason did a presentation on images of money in relationship to Thanksgiving. He showed a silver commemorative silver half dollar that featured a pilgrim on one side and the Mayflower on the other. He talked about why the U.S. celebrates Thanksgiving and how two Presidents, Lincoln and FDR, helped make this celebration a national holiday.

A lively auction was held by Steve, Bob P. and Willie. Numismatic raffle winners were Ran, Lloyd (who won two), David, and Joe. The Grand Prize won by Armando was a 1971 Eisenhower Proof.

DECEMBER MEETING: President Jason opened the meeting with 45 members and 2 guests present. Guests Enrique Sr. and Tommy C. were given an opportunity to tell about their numismatic interests. Application for membership was favorably voted upon for Roger C. Voting for new members Alex and Sebastian will take place in January. Badges were given to Enrique Lerma, Dan K., Alma K., Lloyd, Nelson, and Luis L. Copies of the new Constitution and Bylaws will be distributed in 2020. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Christmas Party at Teppanyaki and bring a wrapped numismatic gift. We have wrapped about 112 gifts for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each. James will take dues and Brent will update members' information. Chuck will have medals for sale at the dinner. Jason announced we have an auction slip in the amount of \$15.25 from April that has not been claimed. Walt Ostromecki and Cliff Mishner will be attending our February Coin Show. Don T. will be their host for the club, such as providing transportation to and from the show and the airport and taking them to dinner. Brian announced his latest article in the Central American Coinage entitled "Central America's Short-Lived Coinage." According to Brian there are a number of factors that contributed to the brief tenure of many countries' coinage. Central America forms a bridge between North and South America and currently comprises seven countries

Jason did a presentation on PCGS Holders and Details Designation. He described the numerical code that each designation represents. He also explained which examples of details designation coins would or would not be slabbed. He talked about considering how an environmental damage designation may be beneficial in adding provenance of a coin, for example a shipwreck piece. However, he did warn about the dangers of improper coin storage and PVC residue damage.

The auction was conducted by Bob P. and Juan R. Numismatic prizes were won by Eli, Willie, Lacy, Jason, and Helen. The grand prize was won by Enrique Sr. It was a 1991 Silver 1oz. Canadian \$5.00.

DISTRICT 11 - DOUG HERSHEY, GOVERNOR



GOLDEN SPREAD CC NOVEMBER MEETING: In attendance were Tommy T., James W., Doug H., Norm G., Rick M., John J., Karl N., Chuck M., Kurt G., Kelly A., Michael E., and Mike N. Chuck gave a wonderful powerpoint on "Coins of the Crusades." It was a history lesson and a

numismatic adventure all in one. For show and tell James brought us a wonderfully matched set of coins from each of the early mints. Doug brought a couple of rolls of Texas state quarters. Our door prize drawing was for a 10th oz silver and TNA medal won by Kelly A. Kurt G won our gift certificate so it will be \$5 at the next meeting.

JANUARY MEETING: In attendance were Chuck F., Bobby C., Kelly A., Tommy T., James W., Doug H., Rick M., John J., Karl N., Chuck M., Kurt G., Kelly A., Michael E., and Mike N. Guest for the evening was Roxie W. New business was the reelection of officers for the current year. Motion was made by Mike N. to reelect the board to a new term, 2nd by Karl and passed unanimously. Birthdays this month include a very special one. Tommy is celebrating his 99th. He has been and continues to be very active in our hobby and we all wish him a very happy birthday.

Chuck gave an informative powerpoint program on "Recent Discoveries." Some recent finds include 1200 year old gold coins found in Israel, 17,577 silver Roman coins from the Beau St. Hoard, curse tablets made of lead and pewter, and the St. Albans hoard of 159 gold Roman coins from the 400's. It is amazing what is being found on a constant basis.

For show and tell Kurt brought a collection of early Cigar labels and an assortment of stock certificates from the early 1900's.

Our door prize drawing was for a 10th oz silver was won by Chuck M. Jeff W. was not present for the gift certificate so it will be \$10 at the next meeting.

DISTRICT 12 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC OCTOBER MEETING: Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag with 46 members, 3 guests, and 3 new members present.

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane): The club was led in prayer by Bruce B. Please keep Alan, John, Richard, Kenny, and their families in your thoughts and prayers. David gave an update on the 2020 coin show preparations including proposed layout of larger room. The show is scheduled for August 7-8. The club received greeting from Barry Tatum, new manager of Texican Coin. Larry V. announced Texarkana show scheduled for November 22-23. The 2020 club officer nominations were opened. Elections are scheduled for the December 10th meeting. The November meeting will include the annual Angel Tree auction as well as the regular auction. Royce invited members to sign up for the 2020 prayer leader list and refreshments list. Lane encouraged additional member participation with educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) at monthly meetings.

Presentation (Bruce B.): Bruce gave a great presentation about a recent trip he took to Japan. Bruce discussed Japanese currency including changes made every few years due to counterfeiting, monetary policy, currency devaluation, and much more.

Club Auction (Richard G.): 44 items sold - \$1,813.00

Door Prize Winners: Larry, Mary, Tony, and Ray

Refreshments: A big Thank You to Larry & Mary for providing refreshments!

NOVEMBER MEETING: Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag and 34 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Discussion of Agenda Items (Lane): The club was led in prayer by Dwight. Please keep Sherry, Aleasha, and their families in your thoughts and prayers. UT Tyler is updating policies regarding organizations that utilize space on campus. Lane is negotiating how the club can use current meeting location. Routine, organized refreshments will now require a cleanup deposit due to contractual obligations. Therefore,

beginning in January, the club will no longer provide refreshments at regular meetings. Dudley nominated the current President, Secretary, and Treasurer for their current respective positions. Lane nominated Larry V. for First Vice President (Larry is currently Second Vice President). Carl nominated Martin L. for Second Vice President. The Christmas dinner meeting is December 10 at W.T. Brookshire Hall on the UT Tyler campus. The officers agreed on a \$10 per person maximum charge.

Angel Tree & Club Auction (Richard G.): Angel Tree items sold - \$784.00; 32 regular items sold - \$652.00

Door Prize Winners: Allen, Bob, Ed, Horst

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

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT CC OCTOBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Danny Walker with 17 members in attendance including newest member, Mike Wimberley.

Announcements: Rob Robinson announced that the Wichita Falls Coin Show will be held at the Multipurpose Event Center (MPEC) on 11-13 October. Tony Zupkas announced that Jason's coin shop in Wichita Falls would remain open through October.

Old business: An election by secret ballot was held to elect a new club president for 2020. Nominees were Jean Sweitzer and Sammy McDonald. Jean Sweitzer was elected by a narrow margin. All other officers were voted to remain the same at last month's meeting.

Program: Tony Zupkas discussed an article in Coin World about the recent sale of a coin called a mule which features a gold dollar reverse combined with a Washington quarter obverse. There are 19 of these mules known, and a New Mexico collector owns 15 of them. Per Tony, somehow the New Mexico collector missed out on the recent sale as the coin was purchased by another collector.

Drawings were held and Del Shumate was the winner of the membership drawing – a 1982 Proof George Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Mike Wimberley, Del Shumate (two prizes), and Tom Robinson.

Rob Robinson and Connolly O'Brien conducted the 73-lot auction of which 42 were sold.

NOVEMBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Jean Sweitzer with 13 members and 5 visitors in attendance. The visitors were Robert, Lee, and Tiffany Jolly, Grady Stowe, and David Thames. All visitors, with the exception of Tiffany, joined the club.

Announcements: George Woodburn reminded everyone that the drawing from the blue tickets for the 2 1/2 gold coin would be held at the next meeting on December 2.

Old business: Tony Zupkas announced that Jason's coin shop in Wichita Falls would remain open at least through November. Rob Robinson announced that the Wichita Falls coin show held in October netted an income of \$167 through raffle ticket sales.

Program: Tony Zupkas discussed an October 21 article in Coin World about the recent sale of an 1859 \$10 Gold Eagle that had been graded MS-64 by PCGS and is now the finest known specimen of the date. The coin had been passed down for generations in a Pennsylvania Dutch family since the coin's direct acquisition from a bank in 1859. Fewer than 12 mint state examples are known. The coin was found in a leather pouch kept in a safe deposit box. A total of 24 gold coins were in the pouch, all from the 1850's. The article stated that the family with the coin pouch consisted of two sisters and one brother, all in their 70's with no offspring among them to whom they could leave the coins. The siblings apparently were unaware of the existence of the coins until discovered in the safe deposit box upon the death of their father.

Drawings were held and Mike Cato was the winner of the membership

drawing – a 1982 BU George Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were George Woodburn, Lee Jolly, Grady Stowe, Don Vanadore, and Ollie Garrett.

Rob Robinson and Tony Zupkas conducted the 60-lot auction.

DECEMBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Jean Sweitzer with 15 members in attendance.

Announcements: Rob Robinson reminded club members who were also members of the club in Wichita Falls, that the annual Christmas party would be held at Luby's Cafeteria on December 12. Tony Zupkas announced that Jason's coin shop in Wichita Falls would remain open at least through December.

New business: The drawing was held for the annual membership prize from the blue tickets. The lucky winner was Jeff Hogue who took home the 1915 Indian 2 1/2 dollar gold coin.

Program: Tony told about a 1963-D Franklin Half Dollar in MS-66 plus which sold in an auction recently for over \$80,000. He also told the club members about a metal detectorist who found a huge hoard of 55,000 ancient coins in a farmer's field in England.

Drawings were held and Keith Smith was the winner of the membership drawing – a 1982 BU George Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Jean Sweitzer, David Thames, and Tom Robinson.

Rob Robinson and Tony Zupkas conducted the 63-lot auction.



WICHITA FALLS CSC OCTOBER

MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Rob Robinson with 16 members in attendance.

Three visitors were in attendance and all three joined the club. These new members are Eddie Morrow, Lee Jolly and son Robert Jolly.

Old business: Results of the coin show held earlier this month were reviewed. Per Connolly, there were 92 admission tickets sold and the club gained \$176 through sale of raffle tickets. Member Mike Wimberley was the winner of the \$5 gold piece.

New business: Jeff Hogue announced that he had secured the room at Luby's for our annual Christmas party in December. Rob explained about the meal and gift exchange to the new members. He reminded everyone that the club will pay \$10 to each member and guest towards the meal. Rob reminded club members that October was the month to nominate officers for the upcoming year. A motion was made and passed to continue with the same slate of officers for 2020.

Program: Connolly read aloud a copy of the club by-laws drafted when the club was formed in 1980 that he had found. He provided the names of charter members that were outlined in the charter. He also read a club history written by Rob Robinson approximately 20 years ago. Tony Zupkas told about several very high auction prices brought recently of modern coins that were featured in Coin World articles.

Drawings were held and Mike Cato was the winner of the membership drawing – a 1982 Proof George Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Rob Robinson, and Ollie Garrett who won two prizes.

Rob Robinson and Connolly O'Brien conducted the 65-lot auction.

NOVEMBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order with 19 members and 1 guest (Alyson Richards) present.

Announcements: Connolly O'Brien said that the Grapevine Coin Show was a great show. He said that collector coins sold well during the show. Usually bullion coins tend to sell more.

Old Business: Rob Robinson reminded everyone about the Club's Christmas Party and gift exchange.

Program: Mark Snyder explained on September 16, 2019 the Department of Justice filed charges against precious metals traders at J.P. Morgan. Mark said that the charges were Racketeer influenced and Corrupt organizations (RICO) and that RICO charges are usually reserved

for organized crime figures and not bankers, but the DoJ charged the JP Morgan traders with allegedly manipulating the silver and gold markets for years. Mark said that he thought this was a water shed moment as the traders at JP Morgan have operated in a bubble for years without getting into trouble from the Commodities Future Trading Commissions (CFTC). Mark explained that the CFTC also filed a civil law suit against JP Morgan in conjunction with the criminal charges made by the DoJ. He suggested that JP Morgan may be implicated in deeper legal trouble as a number of the traders have reportedly agreed to plea deals to turn states evidence. Mark pointed out that Bill Murphy from the Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee (GATA) has been compiling data on the manipulation in the precious metals' markets for decades. He said that Bill Murphy's name is prohibited from being mentioned on CNBC because of the stations sponsors such as JP Morgan were implicated by GATA as market manipulators for years.

Membership Prize: 1971 Eisenhower Uncirculated Silver Dollar by Rob Robinson

Raffle Prizes: 2019 Silver Eagle by Mark Snyder, 1897 and a 1903 Indian Head Cent by Eddie Morrow, 1999 Proof Set by Ollie Garrett, 1988 Mint Set by Alyson Richards, and 1943 Steel Pennies by David Thames.

Auctioneer: Connolly O'Brien with Consigners 6 and 60 lots

DECEMBER MEETING: Instead of a club meeting in December, we had a Christmas party meal at Luby's Cafeteria in Wichita Falls. After the meal we had a gift exchange and a drawing for a Carson City silver dollar. The winner this year was member Ralph Pash who won the 1884-CC GSA silver dollar.

JANUARY MEETING: Meeting called to order with 18 members and 3 guests: Karen Pash, Angela Chitwood, and Parson Saenz.

Announcements: Rob Robinson announced that long time Coin Club Member Mr. Don Vanadore passed away in late November. Connolly O'Brien said that the Grapevine Coin Show is scheduled for the last weekend in January, and the Duncan Coin Show is scheduled for 8-9 February. Connolly recommend considering the Duncan Coin Show as it is usually a nice show and close to us.

Old Business: Rob Robinson said that the Club's Christmas Party was attended by 26 people and was very nice.

New Business: Connolly O'Brien reminded everyone that the front doors of the meeting place were locked each night at 7:00 pm so he encouraged everyone to come early for the 7:30 meeting and to look over the coins available for auction. Connolly also said that we will have a 5-minute break in between the program and the auction to allow folks to look at the coins up for auction.

Program: Rob Robinson talked about the history of Penny Boards. Rob explained that J. K. Post created the Penny Board in the 1930s for an 11" by 14" cardboard with pre-cut holes for pennies of different years and mint marks to be collected by the public. Mr. Post went to the Whitman Publishing Company in Racine, WI, which manufactured cardboard puzzles, and had the capability to make the Penny Boards he envisioned. The first Penny Boards were sold in 1934, which was more than 85 years ago. Rob said that Mr. Post's Penny Boards revolutionized the coin collecting hobby in our country, as prior to the Penny Boards coin collecting was not something people thought about as a hobby. Rob went on to explain that Richard S. Yeoman worked for Whitman Publishing at the time and was intrigued by the demand and interest for the Penny Boards. R. S. Yeoman became a legend in the coin collecting community by creating the Blue Book in 1942, and the first Red Book in 1946. Whitman Publishing Company bought the rights to the Penny Board's from Mr. Post and produced the Penny Boards under the Whitman name. In the 1940s, Whitman used Yeoman's idea to change from producing Penny Boards to a multiple card board page coin folders in a smaller size for coin collectors to store more conveniently. Tony Zupkas added that the 1909 VDB penny generated interest in collecting coins with different mint marks. Additionally, Tony pointed out that the 2019-"S" Reverse Proof Silver Eagle, which sold for \$65.95 from the U.S. Mint, has generated great demand. He said that a certified MS-70 signed

by the director of the mint recently sold for more than \$15,000.

Membership Prize: 1982 Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar by Mike Cato

Raffle Prizes: 2019 Silver Eagle by Samantha Halberg, 1883 and a 1902 Indian Head Cents by Mark Snyder, 1992 Proof Set by Dale Dreher, and a 1990 Mint Set by Mike Cato.

Auctioneer: Rob Robinson with 6 Consigners and 82 lots.

DISTRICT 14 - RENE DE LA GARZA, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO CC NOVEMBER MEETING: The November meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. There were 34 members and 1 guest present. 7 door prizes were given out. This brings our total membership for the year to 82 paid members. Our coin club begins fresh every year with renewals and new members. Membership dues are \$25 for the year.

The first order of business was to hear the Fall show report that took place on Nov. 1 and 2 at a new venue. The Old Church Winery Banquet Hall turned out to be the ideal place for our club to hold a 2 day coin show. It's a smaller venue that accommodated the few dealers that signed up. It worked for us!



Elections were held at this meeting for Officers for the 2020 year. The same ones were elected again. Seated from left: Edgar Navejar-President, Doug Jenkins-Vice-Pres., Raul H. Gonzalez-Secretary/Treasurer and Leo Ris-Historian. Standing from left are the rest of the Council Members: John Gilliland, Mike Alaniz, Rene de la Garza and Servando Farias.

Our Youth Coin Club has been learning about mintages and how they affect value. Raul H. Gonzalez began this young numismatist group in 2010 and are now in our 10th year. These students are also working on designing the reverse of the HCC's commemorative coin to be minted in 2020.

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 Tomas Marroquin. Please visit our web site to learn more and view the next Special Items up for auction at www.hidalgocoinclub.com

DECEMBER MEETING: The December monthly meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. There were 38 members present and 2 guests. The club ended the year with a total of 82 members. This marks the first year since 2011 that the club did not reach 100+ members.

The main topic at this meeting was the Annual Awards Banquet that was held four days later on Friday, Dec. 13th, 2019. It's the most beautiful event the club holds throughout the year. The purpose is to honor those that volunteered their time to help out at our events, especially the big coin shows.



The Outstanding Service Awards are as follow: Seated from Left: Edgar Navejar, Doug Jenkins, Leo Ris, Mike Alaniz, Servando Farias. Standing from left: Nicholas Jenkins, Mike Tidwell, Arlie Reinwald, Brent Garza, James Greenhill, Rene de la Garza, Tomas Marroquin, Rudy Becerra, Doyle Crilow and Raul H. Gonzalez

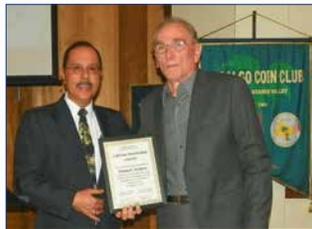


Only 7 HCC Members were able to attend all 12 monthly meetings in 2019. The Perfect Attendance Awards went to : Seated from left - Edgar Navejar, Wayne Miller, Mike Tidwell, Rene de la Garza, Doyle Crilow and Raul H. Gonzalez (not pictured is John Gilliland)

The Young Numismatist of the Year Award was won by Nathan Huerta. He was presented with a trophy with the club's logo by the youth club director, Raul H. Gonzalez



Raul H. Gonzalez (L) presents the Lifetime Member Award to Mr. Ed Jackson for being in the club for many years as well as being a great donor of coins.



The Dec. meeting ended with a lively auction of 80 coin lots with Rene de la Garza acting as auctioneer. The money runners for the evening were Tomas Marroquin and Edgar Navejar.

JANUARY MEETING: The first meeting of 2020 was led by President Edgar Navejar and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. 42 members were in attendance plus 1 guest. 7 door prizes were given out. We will continue to have our meetings and Friday Night Coin Shows at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce building just like last year. We are starting the new year with 58 members already.

Edgar congratulated the members that received awards the previous month at the Annual Awards Banquet and reminded everyone to be sure to renew their membership. The dues for the HCC are \$25 for the year.

Our club that started in 1960 is now celebrating the 60th Anniversary this year in 2020. We will have a commemorative coin minted to mark the occasion. We started a coin design contest last August. Any HCC member in good standing may submit a coin design for the obverse only. The youth club was tasked to create the reverse. All design entries were due at the Jan. 13th meeting. We received 3 from the young numismatists and 3 from the adult club. The HCC members will be shown these 6 designs

at the February Monthly Meeting on a projector screen via a PowerPoint presentation. The members will then vote on which 2 designs to use for the 60th Anniversary coin. Both winning designers will have their initials placed on each side. The adult will also win a Proof American Silver Eagle and the best student design an American Silver Eagle. We're hoping to have this coin in hand by July 2020.

Our longest running show will take place on the weekend of Jan. 25-26, 2020 at the Nomad Shrine Hall in Pharr, Texas. Plans were finalized at this meeting for the 32nd Annual Winter Coin Show. There will be 4 gold coins that will be raffled off. First prize is a Quarter ounce Gold American Eagle, second is an 1883 \$1 Gold Indian Princess coin followed by 2 - 1/10th oz. American Gold Eagles. Tickets are \$2 each.

The meeting had a great auction of about 80 lots. Rene de la Garza served as the auctioneer. The money runners were Edgar Navejar and Tomas Marroquin.

To learn more about our club, please visit our web site: www.hidalgoclub.com or contact Raul H. Gonzalez at 956-566-3112.

DISTRICT 17 - TOM CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR

WACO COIN CLUB



WACO CC NOVEMBER MEETING: Meeting is called to order with 17 members present. The December Meeting will be our annual Christmas party. At this meeting we all bring food and drink and sit and talk! It was decided that for the spring 2020 show table prices will be increased by \$10 to cover rising costs of the show.

Our raffle prizes this month were won by Gloria Lucas (who won two), Daniel Nye, James Haney, and Alan Wood. Door prizes were claimed by Alan Wood and James Haney. Robert Downes was drawn for the cash prize but was not in attendance to claim the money!

James Haney presented a great article from The Numismatist about a Military payment certificate \$10 that he wrote! You should give it a read.

Club president, Tom Campbell showed two counterfeit trade dollars, and a confederate cent token. The Confederate cents were minted much later than 1861, but the exact date is not known. Only a handful of real confederate 1861 cents are around. A few years after 1861 they were restruck, and then restruck again in 1961. Around 22,000 were minted the last time in 1961.

DECEMBER MEETING: December was the 2019 Christmas Party! It was a great event that many attended. We had some great Christmas raffle items and door prizes. Nearly everyone left with something in hand.

The only business that was tended to was to elect officers for the following year. Collin Kubacak was nominated to be the secretary this coming year. Tom Campbell was nominated to be club president, Rusty Garrett was nominated for Vice president. Alton Hassel Was nominated for Treasurer. These nominations will become permanent after the January meeting pending no further nominations.

The January Meeting will also mark the start of a new year for us at the Waco Coin Club. We will be accepting dues for the year starting in January!

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

For the next issue, please email your reports by April 15 to theTNAnews@gmail.com.



MISSING/STOLEN COINS

DECEMBER

A FedEx package being shipped from California to Texas has been reported lost/stolen. The package contained the following coins:

- 1908 Indian \$5 PCGS MS-63
CAC 8510.63/4126426
- 1911 Indian \$5 PCGS MS-63+
8520.63+/36157061
- 1872 Liberty Head \$20 NGC MS-61
4678319-004
- 1889 Three Dollar NGC MS-61
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- 1867 Liberty Head \$20 PCGS MS-61
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9007-63/34662766
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4928937-002
- 1935-D 5 Cent NGC
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STOLEN NOTES

DECEMBER

Jhon E. Cash Rare Currency of Highland Village, Texas has reported that two \$5,000 notes have been stolen/missing in the North Dallas area of Lewisville or Highland Village, Texas in late November or December of 2019.

Jhon E. Cash Currency is offering a \$5,000 reward for each bill or a total of \$10,000 for both bills, to anyone who assists in locating and having one or both bills safely returned. A police report has been filed with the Highland Village police department.

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

DECEMBER

Detectives with the Santa Cruz County, CA Sheriff's office are investigating a residential burglary which resulted in the loss of 90+Englehard 100 oz silver ounce bars.

Anyone with information or who is offered a large number of 100oz bars should refer to case #19-1045 and contact:

Detective Christine Jones
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MISSING/STOLEN COINS

FEBRUARY

An express mail package being shipped from CA to PA has been reported missing/stolen. The package was last scanned in Pennsylvania.

The package contained the following coins:

- 1853 Seated Liberty Half Dime Arrows PCGS MS-65
(CAC Gold Label) OGH (1st Gen) (6013140)
- 1858 Seated Liberty Half Dime PCGS Proof-64 CAC
OGH (1st Gen) (Toned) (2249943)
- 1861 Liberty Gold Quarter Eagle PCGS MS-62 CAC
OGH (9398940)
- 1879 Three-Dollar Gold Piece PCGS MS-64 CAC OGH
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TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, THREE PRIZES!

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Visit CentralStatesNumismaticSociety.org for more information.

APRIL 25 40 TABLES PLANO

COIN SHOW on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Comfort Inn, 700 Central Parkway East in Plano (1 block east of Hwy 75 & Park Blvd. - Exit 29). FREE admission and FREE Parking. \$10.00 Gift Certificates each hour. Buy, Sell, Trade, and Appraisals available. US, World, Ancient Coins, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, Jewelry, and Collectibles.

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MAY 23 50 TABLES SAN ANTONIO

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For Bourse information, contact Ray Tate: P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, retate@msn.com, or (210) 271-3429

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MAY 29-31 200 TABLES ARLINGTON

TNA 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION, COIN & CURRENCY SHOW. Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas. Show Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-6; Sun. 9-3. Dealer set-up and early birds May 28. Convention Center is 15 minutes from DFW Airport. Close to Six Flags Over Texas, Hurrigan Harbor, Rangers Ballpark, Cowboy Stadium, hotels and shopping. 24-hour police security, Educational Seminars, Exhibits, Youth Coin Auction, Book Auction, Scout Merit Badge. Grading on-site for submission. Admission \$3, Kids under 18 Free - Everyone Free on Sunday! Contact Doug or Mary Davis, 817-723-7231 or tnacoinshow@gmail.com.

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For more information, visit BellaireCoinShow.com

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