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Hopefully our members had a fine Christmas and good New Year's celebration. Of course not everyone's favorite college bowl football team won, but it's certain plenty of pizza and beverages were enjoyed.

So what does that have to do with numismatics? Nothing - I just needed to start out with something since this is the time of year when things slow down in our hobby. As we make the transition back from the holiday season, thoughts turn to the next coin show and what's on the acquisition agenda. Maybe it's time to upgrade that uncirculated set and see if we can trade up to MS65 in some areas. This is usually a pretty good step-up which requires some research and budget considerations. There are plenty of price lists out there: the Red Book, magazines, coin newspapers, and the CDN Greysheet. Comparing prices may not be as important as comparing prices difference from the lower grades to MS65. Do the different lists show about the same percentage of increase or is there a significant difference? Of course the latest market information is usually the best, but sometimes "coin hype" or the "coin du jour" may skew the prices.

Let's face it - purchasing coins is fun and can also be an impulsive act. Having good information can keep those impulses from becoming buyer's remorse later. I wonder how I knew that???

TNA member comments about our publication have been very favorable. I appreciate your remarks and encourage your suggestions on new ideas for the TNA News.

It's time to get this edition to the printer.

Thanks,
Ron Kersey

PUBLICATION DEADLINES & CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to publish your educational articles and club news in a timely manner. Please submit your items by the 15th of the following months:

January, March, May, July, September, November.

Send your information via email to: tnews@sbcglobal.net



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello to Everyone in this New Year,

This year has started out looking better than the last six years for coins and for the economy. We have started out with gold and silver going up and some very strong coin shows with happy dealers and collectors. It seems that the euro is not going away as many people thought, and Greece is still on the euro. Our country is still in debt and it does not look like we will be able to get out of this situation at least in the foreseeable future, but this has been the norm for a long, long time.

Our next TNA convention and show will be the last two days in May and first two days in June due to scheduling problems with other shows. We do seem to have a large number of shows around the country. We will hold the show in the same location as the last few years. We have a very strong group of volunteers to help plan the show this year and I am looking forward to a smooth and fun show. Doug and Mary Davis have been working very hard to line up some top dealers from around the country to set up at our show and bring merchandise that will make you sit up and take notice. If you look around our show you will find unusual items also - I found a deck of 24K playing cards that look and feel just like regular playing cards but are pure gold. There will be items in all price ranges from a few dollars to millions - it depends on what you are looking for. I will guarantee one thing about this show - you will have a good time.

Many of you know that we had some oil money come to the TNA from a bequest we received. People have told me their ideas on how to properly use some of the money to promote numismatics. The board has been discussing this subject and will come up with a plan in the near future. The money has decreased dramatically as we knew it would, so there is a finite amount and we do not want to put ourselves in the same position we were many years ago.

We will have a new set of officers this year. At the end of our convention the new officers will take over operations. Some will be reelected and others will start for the first time. I am looking forward to working with these people and helping make the TNA continue to grow. We have a strong team and everyone is trying to improve the organization in every way possible. One of the improvements we can see is with Ron Kersey. He has brought our News Magazine from a newsletter to something that will rival any publication in the country. If you get a chance let him know what a great job he has been doing.

Sincerely,
Mike Grant

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SECRETARY'S RELEASE REPORT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013



LAWRENCE HERRERA

*Welcome
New TNA Members...*

Welcome to new TNA members R-7259 to 7267. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2013.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2013.

R-7268 John R. Capeheart

VIP LEADER FOR 2012

Patricia Mann

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary's office and not the TNA News Editor of any changes of address. Mailing labels for the TNA News are prepared by the Secretary's office from the membership database which must have current information if you are to receive the TNA News.

2013 TNA DUES NOTICE

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!

A 2013 dues notice has recently been sent to all TNA members. According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year. Dues for Regular Members and Chapters are \$20.00/year, Associate Members \$8.00/year and Junior Members \$8.00/year. Dues are payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA.

Please send to the Secretary's Office:

Larry Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, Texas 75209

Thank you!

TNA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 4:00 pm during the TNA Convention in the Amon G. Carter Building at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF

DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$27,633.58
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$27,299.30
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/13)	\$40,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 9/21/2013)	\$35,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$129,932.88

Long Term Assets

CTB CD (Mat 4/3/2014)	\$30,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14)	\$40,000.00
PBOT (Mat 9/21/15)	\$25,000.00
Endowment	
PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017)	\$30,000.00
CTB CD (McFadden - Mat. 1/23/2015)	\$70,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$195,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$324,932.88

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities None.

EQUITY

Beginning Balance 3/1/2012	\$245,970.25
Income (Plus)	\$145,216.48
Expenses (Minus)	-\$66,253.85
Net Income	\$78,962.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$324,932.88

BOOKMARKS

*Compiled by Guy Coffee, Manhattan Coin Club,
guycoffee@hotmail.com*

Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.

American Silver Eagles: A Guide to the U.S. Bullion Coin Program by John Mercanti. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Publishing, 2012. (ISBN 9780794837259; \$23.96). Mr. Mercanti is the Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint.

Confederate States Paper Money by George S. Cuhaj, 12th Ed. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, ©2012. (ISBN: 9781440230868; \$20.48)

Encyclopedia of the Commemorative Coins of the United States; History, art & collection of America's memorial coinage edited and compiled by Anthony J. Swiatek. Chicago, IL: KWS Publishers, 2012. 712 p.: ill. (ISBN 97880981773674; \$150.00 - special price of \$75.00 to ANA and FUN members) 2012 NLG Book of the Year and 012 PNG Robert Friedberg Award.

Guide Book of Morgan Dollars: Complete source for history, grading and prices by Q. David Bowers. 4th ed. Official red book series. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Publishing, ©2012. xii, 287 p.: ill. (chiefly col.). (ISBN 9780794836856; \$13.57).

Guide Book of Peace Dollars by Roger W. Burdette. 2d ed. Atlanta, GA: Whitman Publishing, 2012. (9780794837662; \$13.57).

Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1801-1900 by George S. Cuhaj, et al. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, ©2012. 1294 p.: ill., maps. (ISBN 9781440230851; \$53.55).

U.S. Coins & Currency Warman's Companion by Arlyn G. Sieber. 3d ed. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, 2012. 272 p. (ISBN 9781440230899; \$13.59)

U.S. Coins Close Up: Tips to identifying valuable types and varieties by Robert R. Van Ryzin. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, [2012]. 254 p.:ills. (ISBN 9781440229824; \$13.49).

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC

PRESS ASSOCIATION RELEASE

DALLAS CHOSEN TO HOST 2016 NATIONAL MONEY SHOW

On the heels of a highly successful National Money Show held in Dallas earlier this fall, the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors decided to bring the National Money Show back to Dallas in the spring of 2016 during a special meeting held via teleconference on Nov. 20.

"We had such a great show in Dallas this fall, and the response from those attending was so positive, it made perfect sense to head back to Dallas in 2016," said ANA President Tom Hallenbeck.

The board approved Dallas as the host city on a 7-1 vote, with Gov. Cliff Mishler voting no and Vice President Walter Ostromecki abstaining. The show will be held March 3-5, 2016, at the Dallas Convention Center.

The Board of Governors chose Dallas over St. Louis to host the show, citing such factors as the success of the recent Fall National Money Show and a higher average temperature for the time of year. ANA Conventions Manager Rhonda Scurek noted that only Dallas and St. Louis had availability on the chosen show dates.

"BUFFALO NICKEL CENTENNIAL:BLACK DIAMOND SHINES AGAIN" NAMED THEME OF 2013 NATIONAL COIN WEEK, APRIL 21-27

A century ago, the United States Mint was preparing to release what would become one of the country's best-loved coin designs. A North American bison named Black Diamond likely served as the model for the coin's iconic reverse.

"Buffalo Nickel Centennial: Black Diamond Shines Again" is the theme for the 90th annual National Coin Week, April 21-27.

The American Numismatic Association will host a variety of National Coin Week educational activities online and at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colo. Events, activities and educational content will focus on the Indian Head/Buffalo nickel (1913-1938), including subjects such as Native American history, animals on coins, the "Renaissance of American Coinage" and the famous 1913 Liberty Head nickel.

Activities and resources for National Coin Week include:

- A video treasure hunt. Collectors will be able to watch video clues via the ANA's YouTube page and website to find numismatic objects and answers.
- An ANA club challenge, where member clubs test their numismatic knowledge and compete for prizes.
- A promotional kit for clubs with educational materials, buttons, bookmarks and more.
- An open house at the Money Museum on April 27, which will include free admission, activities for children and adults, and the minting of the 2013 National Coin Week medallion in the museum's Mini-Mint.
- A variety of promotional information at www.money.org/NationalCoinWeek, including a sample press release, proclamation, interactive flyer and exhibit panels.

Prizes for the treasure hunt and club challenge include a 2001 American Buffalo commemorative silver dollar, 1999 Yellowstone National Park commemorative silver dollar and other great prizes. More information on National Coin Week will be made available in the coming weeks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST CLUB PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS,
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**SUNDAY
JULY 7
9AM - 3PM**

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The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA Bylaws and the TNA Board. The 2013 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two (2) year period beginning after the end of the 2013 TNA Convention and through the end of the 2015 TNA Convention. The election is by secret ballot in a method and manner determined by the TNA Board in line with the Bylaws.

The five (5) statewide Officers are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also being elected are the District Governors. Election procedures no longer involve being be nominated for office by another member or club. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from January 2, 2013 until April 17, 2013. A nomination by another member is not acceptable. All candidates must be residents of the State of Texas except as noted and the candidates for District Governors must reside in the district they represent with the exception of District X where residents in the adjacent areas of New Mexico within 75 miles of the Texas border are eligible.

All candidates must be approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws at the time of their filing for office. No member shall be eligible for the office of President until they have served in at least one elected office in the Association. No President or Vice President shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they can not run for any other office. Candidates can only run for District Governor in the district in which they reside. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices.

State Officers of the Association are elected by members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws. District Governors are elected by the Members of the Association, in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws, in their respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no provision for a run-off in the event a candidate does not receive the majority of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event two candidates receive the same number of votes, the election winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent out to those voters where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for office the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to office at a Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership. Ballots will be mailed to Members by April 22, 2013 and must be received (not post marked) by the Secretary by the end of the day May 17, 2013. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. Ballots will only be mailed to approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws. The results of the election will be formally announced at the Annual Meeting of the membership in Fort Worth, Texas on June 1, 2013.

Candidates may also submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the Association's official publication and web site. Candidates names and any biography will be published in all issues of the Association's official publication, the TNA News, prior to the end date of voting and also posted on the web site when received. (Candidates may also purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.)

(From the Bylaws - Section 2.02 APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by the Secretary by the first day of the next month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.)

FOR TNA PRESIDENT - DEBBIE WILLIAMS

During three decades as a numismatist, I have dedicated countless hours promoting the hobby through a wide range of volunteer activities at the local, state and national levels. I am a long-term member of four of the DFW area clubs and have served as the president of both the Fort Worth and Mid-Cities clubs. Additionally, I have assisted the American Numismatic Association in a number of volunteer roles. As the current TNA Second Vice President, I am familiar with the opportunities and challenges facing the organization and that has led me to pursue the office of TNA president. Mike Grant has done an outstanding job serving in that role and I would like to follow his example and continue to move the organization forward. My past TNA positions include two terms as treasurer, numerous committee positions, and most recently three years as Exhibit Chair. Thank you in advance for your vote.

FOR TNA TREASURER - JACK GILBERT

Jack Gilbert was appointed as TNA Treasurer in October 2009 and then elected to that position in 2011. Since accepting this position, he has revamped the Association's bookkeeping system. His responsibilities include: maintaining the TNA General Ledger and subsidiary records; receiving and accounting for all income; distributing payment for all expenses; and managing the Association's investments. He has also been assigned oversight of the accounting of the TNA Show Producer's financial records. All financial records have been subjected to a CPA audit that found no exceptions. Jack is a member, past director, and past president of NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club, and a member of Mid-Cities Coin Club. Jack served for 32 years as a Bank Examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He finished his career as a Senior Examiner - Information Technology and retired in 2008.

**HERITAGE AUCTIONS
ENCOURAGES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Students at Jack Yates Senior High School in Houston, Texas who achieve outstanding performance levels this year on standardized test are awarded silver coins donated by Heritage Auctions of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Ralph Mathematics Department at this Title 1 School, uses coins in the classroom to help students understand history, art, politics, mathematics and science, and he enlisted Steve Ivy to help honor high-performing students.



Steve Ivy, Co-Chairman and CEO of Heritage Auctions, donated 2012-dated silver American Eagles to award high achievers at Jack Yates Senior High School. The 1-ounce bullion coins were given to thirty-two students who achieved the "Commended" level in mathematics on this year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Test. The students received this special award at the 56th Annual Money Show of the Southwest sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC). The presentation was held on Friday, November 30th, 2012 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas.

Heritage Auctions encourages academic excellence and rewards outstanding achievement by giving numismatic awards to students from economically challenged backgrounds. In an effort to encourage and support Young Numismatist and budding authors, Heritage Auctions sponsors quarterly essay contests.

Mr. Ivy knows that many Yates' students perform poorly academically, especially on standardized test, and few enter college. Heritage Auctions is committed to helping students from the greater Houston area think beyond the blighted and colorless environment that envelops the campus. "The coins are a way to encourage unprecedented academic success", explained Dr. Ross. Heritage supports education thru numismatics at Jack Yates Senior High School's "Lion Coin Club" of Houston, Texas.

The Lion Coin Club has two main objectives, according to Dr. Ross: "To advance numismatic knowledge through educational, historical and scientific means, and to promote academic excellence in disciplines such as reading, writing, and mathematics."



JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE 56TH ANNUAL GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB MONEY SHOW OF THE SOUTHWEST; NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 1, 2012 AT THE GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS. STUDENTS WERE PRESENTED A 1-OUNCE SILVER EAGLE FROM JACOB WALKER OF HERITAGE AUCTIONS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ON THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE TEXAS ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS (TAKS) TEST. (PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. ROSS)



BURGLARY HARTVILLE COIN & JEWELRY - DEC. 13

Investigators with the Uniontown, Ohio police department are investigating the burglary of Hartville Coin & Jewelry. Taken was a large amount of jewelry. Two suspects have been identified and warrants have been issued.

Nicholas Anthony Moor Date of Birth 9/16/1989

Arsenio Christopher Smith Date of Birth 2/13/1988 (Wanted for Questioning only)



NICHOLAS A. MOOR



ARSENIO SMITH

The suspects were last seen driving a green 1997 Oldsmobile Cutlass 2dr with Ohio plates ETV6387 and on the run. Moore and Smith are known to be selling items in Allegheny County, PA and Pittsburg, PA as they travel. They were identified in the Chicago area selling items 24hrs ago. The suspects are also wanted for questioning in other coin shop and jewelry store offenses.

500+ pieces were stolen:

- 14K new and estate earrings
- 14K new and estate pendants & Crosses
- 14K new and estate Charms
- Roughly 100 silver chains

Anyone with information on this offense should contact:

Capt. David Brown or Det. Dan Allais, 330-699-6444
Phone# 410-778-1800, Fax# 410-778-1828

or

Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

**SUSPECT ARRESTED IN MAJOR EMPLOYEE THEFT - Jan. 6
ALERT FLORIDA DEALERS**

Dade County law enforcement officials have arrested a suspect identified as Sami Kohen on two counts of Felony Grand Larceny for stealing coins and bullion from Park Avenue Numismatics during his employment. Bob Green, President of Park Avenue Numismatics stated "we alerted authorities after several gold bars were missing from inventory and after a thorough internal investigation we uncovered that more than \$20,000 in rare coins and precious metals had been sold by Kohen to a local coin dealer who identified him as the seller of the stolen merchandise through purchaser receipts and photo ID."

Kohen an Ebay/Marketing employee with Park Avenue from January 2012 - June 2012 stole random gold and platinum items from Park Avenue's inventory monthly until he resigned from the firm after being caught stealing in June 2012 and confessing his guilt to several key employees of the firm. Records indicate that more than \$20,000 in bullion items were stolen from Park Avenue Numismatics and then sold in Dade County to a local coin shop. The suspect may also have been selling the stolen items through Ebay or other Internet sites.

Any dealer who may have purchased any numismatic or bullion items from Kohen or has other information should contact:

Park Avenue Numismatics, 305-535-2262

or

Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

BAD CHECK WRITER WANTED - Jan. 9

The Paducah Police Department in Kentucky is asking for assistance in locating a suspect wanted for writing bad checks. The suspect identified as William Hill is writing checks for silver and gold to coin and antique shops. Hill is very knowledgeable and seeks to gain the confidence of his victims.



The business name on the checks used by Hill is Southern Estate Antiques Gallery P.O. Box 720397 Atlanta, GA. Paducah Police advise that Hill has outstanding warrants in Louisiana, Nevada, South Carolina and Georgia. Losses are in excess of \$30,000.

Hill is described as a w/m, six feet tall and 170 pounds. Hill is reportedly clean cut, well dressed and well spoken. He is known to use multiple aliases - Ben Hill, Charles Woodruff, William Woodruff and Billy Hill.

Anyone with information about Hill is asked to call:

Paducah Police Department, 270-444-8550

or

Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

DEALER'S VEHICLE BURGLARIZED AFTER FUN SHOW - Jan. 14

The Orange County, Florida Sheriff's Department is investigating the burglary of a dealers vehicle which occurred at a fast food restaurant a short distance from the FUN show.

The following is a list of stolen property:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monster box 2013 eagles | 1881 CC \$ NGC MS64 |
| 1798 \$ ICG-F20 | 1876 20c ICG MS62 |
| 1831 10c ICG XF40 | 1880-S \$ ICG MS61 DMPL |
| 1899 \$ ICG unc details/cleaned | 1878 7/8 TF ICG MS61 |
| 2012 NGC proof buffalo | 2006 NGC proof 70 buffalo |
| 1899 2 1/2 \$ Lib NGC 63 | 30 standing lib 10 oz rounds |

A check book with the name of J&R Coin Shop Fort Ogle Thorpe, Georgia was also taken.

Anyone with information on this offense should contact:

Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

COIN DEALER SHOT IN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY - Jan. 15

The owner of Uncle Ken's Coin & Jewelry Shop in Independence, Kansas was shot during an attempted robbery of his business. The suspect was also wounded during a struggle and exchange of gun fire. The suspect ran from the business and was located a block away with multiple gunshot wounds.

Read entire story: <http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/At-Least-1-Hurt-In-Shooting-At-Independence-Store-186208312.html>

Dealers who operate retail locations should have in place policy and procedures that provide guidance to employees in the event of an armed robbery. The polices and procedures should be part of a business risk assessment that should be conducted on a yearly basis covering all aspects of personal and business security.

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MISSING COIN - Jan. 24

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CHAMIZAL SETTLEMENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

RALPH ROSS, PH.D.

2013 BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOMINATION AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Ralph Ross, Ph.D. announced his bid for the 2013 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board of Governors election at the 56th Annual Money Show of the Southwest sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC). Ross announced that he would put his name in the ring at the District Delegates and ANA Representatives meeting on Saturday, December 1st, 2012. ANA members at the Money Show of the Southwest were excited about Ross's announcement to help support the nation's largest coin collecting organization with his spirited insight into the hobby and his proven record of introducing the hobby to a new generation of collectors. Past Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) Presidents James P. Bevill and Jerry Williams were among the first to sign the nomination form.

Ralph Ross is a 35 year member of the ANA, the world's largest organization for coin and currency collectors. Ross is a past president of the GHCC and is well known for his work with young numismatists. A high school math teacher for a quarter century and a coin collector since the age of four, Ross was able to marry the two disciplines, mathematics & numismatics and created the world's largest high school coin club in Sugar Land, Texas using 'coin's in the classroom' as the driver. According to Ross, his objectives are "to advance numismatic knowledge through educational, historical and scientific means and to promote academic excellence in disciplines such as reading, writing and arithmetic".

His campaign platform includes:

- Increasing Youth Membership;
- Coins in the Classroom;
- Families in Numismatics; and
- Bringing numismatics into the mainstream of historical studies.

Ross believes his work with young people can spark an interest in coins and currency that can last a lifetime. He strives to "empower youth with knowledge so they can be the elders of tomorrow".



Supporting Dr. Ross' run for a 2013 ANA Governor are Mike Fuljenz of Universal Coin & Bullion and Johnny Duncan of U.S. Coins.

A medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of the settlement of a 100 year old border dispute between the U.S. and Mexico was recently produced by the International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. The 600 acres of disputed land, known as the Chamizal, was located in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The boundary between the U.S. and Texas was established by the Treaty of Puerto Velasco as the Rio Grande. This treaty, signed on May 14, 1836, recognized the independence of Texas. The

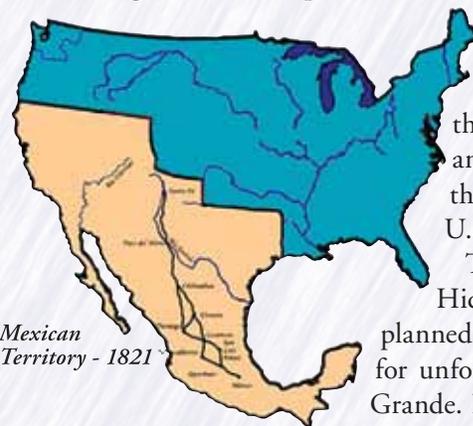


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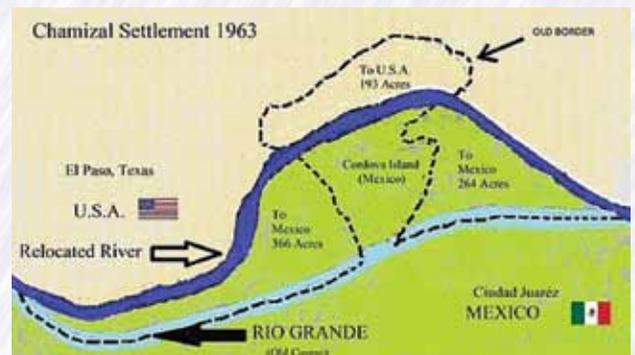
It is impossible to pinpoint the exact date of the beginning of the Chamizal dispute as the river changed course over a period of many years. However, a violent flood occurred in 1864 that dramatically changed the river's course. By 1873 the river had moved approximately 600 acres, cutting off land from Mexico that was in effect made United States territory. The land came to be known as El Chamizal, apparently

Mexican Territory - 1821



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FROM A POWER POINT PRESENTATION
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after a hardy desert bush with the same name. desert and eventually the land was settled and incorporated as part of El Paso. Both Mexico and the United States claimed the land. In 1895, Mexican citizens filed suit in the Juárez Primary Court of Claims to reclaim the land.

The dispute was formally settled on 14 January 1963, when the United States and Mexico ratified a treaty that generally followed the 1911 arbitration recommendations. The agreement awarded to Mexico 366 acres (1.48 km²) of the Chamizal area and 71 acres (0.29 km²) east of the adjacent Cordova Island. (See map.) The United States also received 193 acres of Cordova Island from Mexico, and the two nations agreed to share equally in the cost of rechanneling the river.

On 17 September 1963, the U.S. Congress introduced the American-Mexican Chamizal Convention Act of 1964, which finally settled the matter. In 1964 Presidents Adolfo López Mateos and Lyndon B. Johnson met on the border to end the dispute officially. In October 1967, President Johnson returned to the border in El Paso to meet with President Gustavo Díaz Ordaz and formally proclaim the settlement.

Mexico and the United States produced medals in 1963 and 1964 commemorating the Settlement. The medal produced by the El Paso Coin Club is the first, and possibly the only one to be produced for the 50th anniversary of this important occasion.

45 medals were struck in .999 fine silver; 80 sets contain a copper-nickel and bronze medal; and 100 individual bronze medals. The 39 mm. medals were designed by club members Charles Steward and John Grost. Produced by the Highland Mint. The silver medal is sold out; the 2 medal set is \$31.00 and the individual bronze is \$10.00 postage included. Checks should be made out to ICCEP and mailed to John Grost, 619 E. Crosby Ave., El Paso, Texas 79902. Email inquiries to johngrost@aol.com.



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THE BEST SECURED COIN SHOWS FOR 2012

Colonel Steven Ellsworth of the Butternut Company has announced the annual selection of “The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2012.” COL Ellsworth has personally attended 44 coin shows during 2012 where he pays particular attention and evaluates the various types of security that are provided to both dealers and the public. In addition, he receives numerous reports from across the nation from coin dealers, collectors, and crime-incident reports from the media and law enforcement sources. This is the 16th year a report and a list has been named.

“Last year in my report I predicted that the level of violence perpetrated by criminals would escalate and unfortunately this has come to fruition” COL Ellsworth stated.

Unless you have been living under a rock, our 2013 economy will likely be a repeat for criminal endeavors. We are all very lucrative targets for the criminal, especially since our hobby is advertised in so many local publications, as well as road signs offering to buy gold and coins.

In response more dealers and collectors have rushed out and purchased a gun(s) and applied for a concealed weapon permit (CCW) for their state. Most have done so without any thought to serious education and training. As a Master Certified NRA Instructor I would advise against this approach. Unless the individual involved is committed to continuous firearm instruction and training they are not only putting themselves at risk, but those around them.

Recognizing this dilemma, the American Numismatic Association made a bold proactive step this last year by offering an in-depth 5-day security course during their Colorado Springs, Summer Seminar Sessions. The course was titled “Think Like A Thief:” Security for Dealers and Collectors. The course was taught by Doug Davis of Numismatic Crime Information Center, Sgt. Scott Morgan a Pima County Deputy Sheriff and COL Steven Ellsworth, ret. In addition, during this years ANA Worlds Fair of Money held in Dallas, Doug Davis gave an all day seminar to over 60 Federal, State, County and Local law enforcement officers and how better to investigate numismatic crimes.

All shows listed below were actually attended by our company or our representative. Our list is slightly larger this year which is a good thing as more shows and promoters are taking the safety of the exhibitors and attendees more seriously. In alphabetical order, these are the “The Best of the Best in Coin Show Security for 2012. Our only objective is always to keep security matters on the “front burner” to help dealers and collectors manage the risks posed from theft or worse” said Colonel Steven Ellsworth. All of the shows have been named in years past.

Alabama Numismatic Association, Bessemer, AL.
American Numismatic Association National Money Show, Dallas, TX.
Bay State Coin Show (C4), Marlboro, MA.
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.
Early American Copper Convention, Buffalo, NY.
Florida United Numismatist Convention, Tampa Bay, FL
Georgia State Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.
Houston Money Show, Houston, TX.
Long Beach Coin Expo. Long Beach, CA.
Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN), Monroeville, PA.
Tennessee State Numismatic Convention, Chattanooga, TN
Texas Numismatic Association, Fort Worth, TX
Upstate South Carolina Coin Show, Spartanburg SC.
Virginia Beach Coin Show, Virginia Beach, VA.
Wasatch Winter Coin Club, Salt Lake City, UT.
Weyers Cave, VA.
Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, Baltimore, MD.

COL Steven Ellsworth is a retired Army Colonel with over 32 years of service. His many assignments include serving in the Army’s elite Special Forces (Green Berets) and in addition he has had assignments as a Physical, Intelligence and Communication Security Inspector. He has received highly specialized training in anti-terrorist, physical, intelligence and personal protective security. He currently is a full time coin dealer and a collector and serves on several numismatic boards. He is a master certified NRA instructor and has been an instructor for the American Numismatic Association during the Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs numerous times over the last 15 years.

Colonel Ellsworth has written many articles on coin collector security over the last twenty years. After receiving constant inquiries from collectors and dealers as to what type of security they could expect when attending various shows throughout the country and overseas, Colonel Ellsworth began to recognize those shows that did an outstanding job providing security. This is the 16th year a list has been named. For more information and tips on security, go to his website at www.Butternut.org. Or contact Colonel Steven Ellsworth, email: BUTTERNUT@Butternut.org. Mail: PO BOX 498, Clifton, VA 20124-0498.

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QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) What was the first coin minted in the New World ?
- 2) What is the year date carried on the last 90% silver U.S. half dollar minted for circulation? What is the date on the first mostly-nickel coin issued by the U.S.?
- 3) I have a medal listed as “size 15”. How big is it?
- 4) What is the largest commemorative gold coin issued by the U.S.?
- 5) Are there any proof twenty cent pieces?

- 6) Which dollar coins are supposed to have lettered edges?
- 7) I recently saw some Canadian nickels that had a letter “P” below the portrait of the queen. Does this mean that the Philadelphia mint is striking coins for Canada?



DR. COYNE

1) Most scholars agree that the first coins struck in the New World came from the newly-established Mexico City mint in 1535. They are the Carlos & Johanna “early series” (without waves between the pillars) silver pieces. This is a 2 Reales.



2) The final 90% silver half dollars for circulation carry the date 1964, though they continued to be coined into 1966 using these dies. The second part of the question turns out to be somewhat of a trick question: There has never been a “mostly nickel” issue. The Five Cent coins since 1866 are actually 75% copper and only 25% nickel. Similarly, the outer layers on our current clad coinage are cupro-nickel.

3) Medals are “sized” by different scales in various references. In classic U.S. references, the size is given in sixteenths of an inch. So a “size 15” has a diameter of 15/16 inch (about .978 inch). Europeans use millimeters.



Medal by Charles Barber

4) The largest commemorative gold coins by the U.S. are the round and the octagonal \$50 pieces of 1915 issued for the Pan Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. These massive pieces have a diameter of 44 mm (1.73 inch) for the round and contain almost 2.7 ounces of gold.

5) There are proof issues of all four years of the U.S. twenty cent piece. The 1875 and 1876 issues have circulation-strike counterparts, and the 1877-1878 issues were made only in proof format.



6) The Presidential Dollars of 2007 to 2012 are supposed to have lettered edges (though some error coins exist without them). The Sacagawea Dollars and Native American Dollars of 2000 to 2012 are similarly lettered. In a much earlier era, the 1794 – 1803 dollars have incused lettering “One Dollar or Unit”. No silver dollars from 1836-1999 have lettered edges. Most have reeded edges. The Gobrecht Dollars of 1836-1837 have plain edges.

7) There are two possible logos on currently issued Canadian coins - “P” and the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) logo. The presence of the RCM logo means that the coin is non-magnetic and struck by the mint in the usual alloys. The presence of “P” indicates that coin is magnetic since it has a plated steel core. “P” actually means plated, not Philadelphia. The RCM has been trying to reduce minting costs by utilizing plated steel planchets since 1999.

8) By 1983, all production of the regular annual U.S. proof sets was at the San Francisco mint. Dies were prepared at Philadelphia, however. In the case of the 1983 and 1990 “No S” dimes, it is now thought that one working die of each year somehow missed the mintmark addition step. It is not a case of “filled mintmark”. The coins show no trace of any letter in

8) Are the "No - S" proof dimes of 1983 and 1990 examples of grease-filled dies?

9) Why are U.S. coins struck with the dies aligned nose to tail (180 degrees) while U.S. currency is printed "medal turn" (with the reverse right side up when the note is turned over like pages in a book)?

10) What was special about the donation of the J.K. Lilly gold coin collection to the Smithsonian? Did the Smithsonian have to pay for it?

11) What is a "Brown Ike" dollar? What is a "Blue Ike" dollar?

12) How can I best preserve a Colonial-era note and short newspaper article?



RESPONDS

the area intended for the mintmark. These "error" proof coins command fancy prices. The Red Book notes that similar pieces exist for 1968, 1970, and 1975.

9) It has been a tradition since 1793 that all regular issue coins have been intended to show "coin turn" die alignment. When a U.S. coin is rotated along its horizontal axis, the second side appears right side up. British coins, at least since the coming of "milled coinage" (machine struck rather than hammered) have traditionally been "medal turn". A few exceptions exist on both sides of the Atlantic, and there are many cases where dies rotated in service to various intermediate (not 0 degrees and not 180 degrees) alignments. Federal paper money has since 1863 always been "medal turn". This follows naturally from the usual way of printing pages in a book. Dr. Coyne does not know "why" these alignments came to be the way they are, so he speculates: Perhaps the young U.S. wanted differentiate their coins from those of the former mother country. Perhaps with U.S. currency printed as it is, a peek at a stack of bills in a wallet can reveal the denomination of each note right side up without the owner having to place all the notes into the wallet with their face side against the fold of the wallet. Both the faces and the backs are visible right side up.

10) The donation of the spectacular collection of U.S. and world gold coins formed by Josiah K. Lilly (of pharmaceuticals fame) to the Smithsonian Institution around 50 years ago was made possible by an act of Congress which gave his estate a

tax credit for the donation. The Smithsonian for many years had a good part of it on public display.

11) The slang names "Blue Ike" and "Brown Ike" refer to the color of the U.S. government packaging in which these collector coins were sold at the time of issue in 1971-74. The "Blue" envelope contained a business strike (Uncirculated, in mint-speak) coin, while the "Brown" box had a proof specimen in a slightly more elaborate holder. Neither style of holder did a perfect job of protecting the contents, however, and many of these coins today have hazy surfaces and other detractors. The 1973-S "Brown" Ike is now and has always been the most desirable of these issues.

12) The paper typically used in Colonial-era notes varies from quite high quality rag paper down to fairly shoddy "newsprint" stock. Newspapers, then and now, come on the lowest grades of paper. For any of them, the best we can do is limit their exposure to strong light, keep humidity in middle ranges, and avoid handling by keeping the piece in archival plastic sleeves. Mylar (DuPont), or equivalent material by ICI or Melinex do a good job and are available from currency dealers in a range of sizes. The paper in the note should be allowed to "breathe", so the packaging should not be air-tight.



AMERICAN SILVER EAGLES BOOK REVIEW

By Kathy Lawrence

Although many collect American Silver Eagles primarily as a means of amassing bullion, gaining a better knowledge regarding each issue may lead to a greater appreciation of them in a numismatic context and lead to increased collecting satisfaction. Fortunately for those who are interested in pursuing that path, a recently published book from Whitman Publishing, LLC, *American Silver Eagles: A Guide to the U.S. Bullion Coin Program* by John M. Mercanti and Michael “Miles” Standish, provides a wealth of fascinating information concerning the pieces and also provides information pertaining to other U.S. bullion coins and medals.

Mercanti, the 12th Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint, designed the reverse of the American Silver Eagle bullion coins along with many commemorative coins and medals. Miles Standish is a long-time professional numismatist and is well known for his work as a senior grader, among other duties, at PCGS (Professional Coin Grading Service).

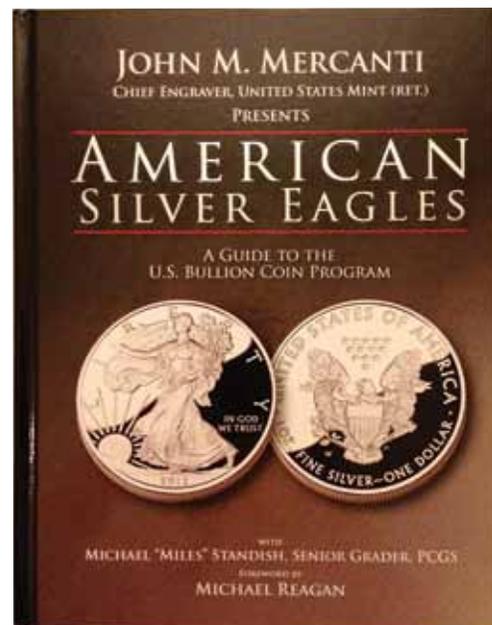
The profusely illustrated book begins with a history of the U.S. bullion coin program and continues with interesting behind the scenes information about the U.S. Mint. Among the subjects presented are details concerning previous Chief Engraver Frank Gasparro, the design process and the specifications required by the Liberty Coin Act, the adoption of Adolph A. Weinman’s Walking Liberty design for the obverse of the silver bullion coins, and the production process.

The bulk of the book takes a detailed look in a coin-by-coin study, of each of the American Silver Eagles up through 2012, including the historical context for each year and commentary about the coins produced at each mint for that year. Mintage figures are listed along with population data for the certified examples. Inclusion of the coins in various sets is also covered.

The last chapter provides an overview of the American Arts Commemorative Series Medals (1980-1984), the America the Beautiful Silver Bullion Coins (2010-2021), the American Eagle Gold Bullion Coins (1986 to Date), the American Buffalo .9999 Fine Gold Bullion Coins (2006 to Date), the First Spouse \$10 Gold Bullion Coins (2007-2016), the MMIX Ultra High Relief Gold Coin (2009), the American Eagle Platinum Bullion Coins (1997 to Date), and the American Eagle Palladium Bullion Coins (Proposed).

Also included is data from PCGS regarding the certified coin populations along with an illustrated catalog of numismatic pieces designed and/or sculpted by Mercanti.

The book retails for \$29.95 and is available directly from Whitman Publishing, LLC at [www. Whitman.com](http://www.Whitman.com) or from other booksellers or numismatic dealers.



The Dr. I.Q. Radio & Television Programs



by Tommy Sawyer



When deciding on an article to present to our readers, I try to enlist Numismatic information that relates to their own collecting experiences. Many times an article rings the memory bell and one can say, "yes, I do remember that now you mention it".

I'd like to take you back to a time when the popularity of a particular radio program's success eventually led it to a regular spot on national television. I would wager my older Numismatic readers are already a step ahead and have quickly identified both programs as the famous "Dr. I.Q." quiz shows?

For years the radio version held listening audiences on the edge of their seats every Monday night when they heard contestants try and win silver dollars. Many did -



others didn't. It was left up to their mental efforts. When one tuned in to the program, they heard and looked forward to a special segment where the announcer would say, "I have a lady in the balcony, Dr."..... and the Dr. would present her with rather tricky rhymed words that, if she could repeat exactly, she would be rewarded with 35 silver dollars. If she missed a word, she lost the dollars but won anyway with a box of Mars candy bars and two tickets for next week's production at the studio. The segment was very popular and winning was based on one's mental recall. More failed than passed, and it was known as the "Thought Twister."

Four roving announcers selected both men and women from the audience to attempt answering

various questions only to be awarded with silver dollars for correct answers. Did you know this was the first program on air where the audience actually participated? It became so popular that NBC television carried the program later on over 157 stations. The year was 1952.

As both the radio and television progressed in their allotted time frames, the reward of silver dollars

for correct answers grew too. An example was the popular segment known as the "Biographical Portrait" question. Seventy-five silver dollars was awarded for the correct answer.

However, as each clue was given, and the correct answer not given, the amount of dollars diminished. And, let's not forget about the person that sent in the portrait question, as they were rewarded with a check for \$400 dollars. Not only the check, but the amount, as well, the contestant failed to answer. The clues given required reasoning and mental concentration. In order to win it usually was a person who had broad knowledge of little known facts about the individual being described. This part of the program was a solid favorite of both programs.

The radio program was first broadcast in 1937. The television program rated very highly but after awhile was pitted against a program

known as "Dragnet" and was finally cancelled. But what enjoyment my family and I experienced with both programs. My dad was exceptionally good tackling the popular "twister" question. Mom often answered the biographical portrait before other family members. I just watched and listened.

Unknown to both the listening and viewing audiences, the announcers would buy back the silver dollars from the winners after the show for a small premium. What if those winners had kept those silver dollars? Some probably did. Is it safe to assume that many new collectors began collecting not only silver dollars but other series as a result of these two programs? It certainly made the public aware silver dollars were collectible and, if two national programs used the dollars as gifts their popularity grew.

Was a 1903-O or a 1893-S ever awarded to a winner? Only the winner who kept either could answer the question. Wouldn't it be fun and educationally sound for a new program of these two shows to evolve today?

Numismatic skies would glow and collecting would become even more popular as it is today. The public of yesteryear certainly got their money's worth. But, who knows, someone today may have an idea that will promote coin collecting to new heights. We welcome this idea. The creator of the two programs was Lee Segall of Dallas. The programs were popular as well as entertaining - do you remember either?



LADY LIBERTY'S

“Federal silver coin of 1/20 dollar denomination...” Walter Breen

Walter Breen's definition of the half dime simply does not do justice to this magnificent series. This denomination, or half dismes as they were first known, can trace its lineage back to the Coinage Act of 1792. Legend has it that shortly after signing the Coinage Act, President Washington provided the fledgling mint in Philadelphia with the much needed silver to mint the nation's first coins by melting several of his own silver plates.

Prior to 1829, production of the denomination was sparse, sometimes with many years between different issues. With the introduction of the Capped Bust Half Dime in 1829, large numbers of the coins were minted with regularity.

Meanwhile, a major reform in American coinage was about to take place. These changes would begin with the relocation of the Mint to a new building and location in 1833. Even more importantly, the machinery and coining practices would undergo significant changes. These were the result of the efforts of Franklin Peale who had traveled to Europe on behalf of the United States. He remained there for a full two years, acquiring a vast knowledge of coining practices which would change the United States Mint for decades to come.

Both the production of the dies used for coinage, as well as the coin production itself, was extensively altered. One of the major improvements came in early 1836, when a steam-powered coining press was introduced at the Philadelphia Mint. Compared to the old screw press, it was capable of producing many more coins during a given time with less labor.



*Christian Gobrecht
3rd Chief Engraver
U.S. Mint*

By this time, the Mint had begun looking for a replacement to bring uniformity to the American coins in circulation, in particular the silver and gold coins.

New designs were introduced for both half dimes and dimes in 1837, with new designs following for the larger denominations over the next few years.

This unique denomination has produced some of the most sought after designs by collectors. These designs range from Robert Scot's Flowing Hair design (1794-1795) and Draped Bust design (1796-1805), to William Kneass's classic Capped Bust design (1829-1837), to the design of the series – the Liberty Seated design of Christian Gobrecht (1837-1873).

Christian Gobrecht (December 23, 1785 – July 23, 1844) was the third Chief Engraver of the United States Mint from 1840 until his death in 1844. He was responsible for designing the famous “Seated Liberty” designs, which were in turn the direct inspiration for the design of the Trade Dollar. He also designed the Gobrecht Dollar, which was struck in small quantities from 1836 to 1838 and later inspired the Flying Eagle cent.

The New Design

Gobrecht's new design would eventually result in four major varieties: Variety 1 – No Stars on Obverse (1837-1838); Variety 2 – Stars on Obverse (1838-1853); Variety 3 – Arrows at Date (1853-1855); Variety 4 – Legend on Obverse (1860-1873).

Variety 1 (No Stars on Obverse)

This design went into production on July 25, 1837 with the minting of 20 proof pieces. Lady Liberty faces the left on the obverse of the coin. She is sitting on a rock or stone pedestal holding the shield of the United States which has a scroll bearing the legend LIBERTY draped across it. Lady Liberty is wearing a chiton which is a long, flowing tunic typically worn by men and women of ancient Greece.



*Variety 1:
No Stars on Obverse*

The reverse design consists of a wreath composed of two stems of laurel sprays, with 14 leaves and six berries each, joined at the bottom with a bow. The legend HALF DIME is in the middle and the legend UNITED STATE OF AMERICA appears around the outer field. These coins

SEATED HALF DIMES

by Garry Moore
TNA R-6805



would be considered downright bland in this day and age when designers seem intent on cramming every inch of a coin's surface with a less than inspired design.

The key date of this variety is the 1838-O (No Stars) with a mintage of only 70,000 coins. Prices range from \$90. for coins graded GOOD to \$8,500. for coins graded MS-63.

Variety 2 (Stars on Obverse)



This variety, which ran from 1838-1853, contains several new design elements. These elements include the addition of 13 stars to the obverse – seven to the left of Liberty, one between her head and the Liberty Cap, and five to the right of Liberty.

Variety 2:
Stars on Obverse The key date of this variety is the 1846-P with a mintage of only 27,000 coins. Prices range from \$250. for coins graded GOOD to \$18,500. for coins graded MS-63.

Variety 3 (Arrows at Date)

This design change was necessitated by the Coinage Act of 1853, which President Millard Fillmore signed on February 21st. This Act required the reduction of the silver content in all half dimes, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollars in response to the rising price of silver in European markets and Mexico. Since there was no time to make samples of the new designs for Treasury approval, it was essential to distinguish the lighter coins from the heavier coin. The Mint decided upon the idea of adding arrows on either side of the date to signify the new, reduced weight coins.



Variety 3:
Arrows at Date

The key date of this variety is the 1838-O (No Stars) with a mintage of only 70,000 coins. Prices range from \$90. for coins graded GOOD to \$8,500. for coins graded MS-63.

Variety 4 (Legend on Obverse)

This variety, which ran from 1860-1873, is the last of the half-dime type coins.



Variety 4:
Legend on Obverse

The legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA replaced the stars on the obverse. The reverse features a smaller HALF DIMES legend in the center of a cereal wreath with a ribbon bow at the bottom.

The key date of this variety is the 1867-P with a mintage of just 8,000 coins. Prices range from \$450. for coins graded GOOD to \$1,400. for coins graded MS-63.

It is nice to know that in this era of registered collections and over-priced Mint products, the average collector can still add an American classic to their collection without breaking the bank. In addition, there are an endless number of minor die varieties to be found in this magnificent series - Lady Liberty's Half Dimes.



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

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

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

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

DISTRICT ONE



FWCC NOVEMBER MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order with 43 members which included 2 YN's.

Old Business: The list of officers presented to the members were as follows: President – Matt Miller, Vice President– Bob Millard, Secretary – Ed Lasko, Treasurer – Richard Wallace, Director – Ron Suprenant, Director – Earl Coppersmith. No additional names were submitted. These individuals were elected by acclamation for 2013.

Debbie Williams shared information regarding an upcoming educational opportunity. Tom Hallenbeck, president of the ANA, will speak at the club's March meeting. On Friday evening following the club meeting, he will be giving another presentation to the greater Fort Worth area numismatic community. His topics are unknown at this time.

Ed Lasko brought up the need for the club to spend money on an educational topic as a nonprofit organization. David Reed made the motion to spend up to \$5,000 for Tom Hallenbeck's educational presentation, seconded by Frank Provasek. Following a lengthy discussion, the motion passed.

Educational Program: Prior to Bob Millard's presentation, he awarded a certificate of appreciation to Carl Stang for presenting a program during the year. Bob's presentation was on three or four coins from the "100 Greatest U.S. Coins" book.



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID CITIES NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Bob Millard with 14 members present and one guest. Our guest was Kathy Lawrence. Show And Tell: Bob Millard brought in 3 interesting items.

Program: Our special guest Kathy Lawrence, a former currency cataloger with Heritage Auctions in Dallas, presented our program, Colonial Paper Money. Since her program covered such a broad topic, a few of the highlights are listed below.

Kathy got her start in collecting coins when she was seven years old

with the help of her grandfather. Although he was not a collector himself, he had a number of Walking Liberty and Franklin halves that he gave her and sparked her interest. One of her favorite collecting areas is Civil War tokens. She acquired her first example at age 10 when her grandfather took her to a local coin store. After joining the Dallas Coin Club approximately a dozen years ago, she began to seriously study numismatics.

- Massachusetts was the first colonial settlement to print its own currency.
- Much of the money issued was to raise funds for military expeditions or various public works projects.
- In addition to printing some of the paper money issues for Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, Benjamin Franklin played a number of instrumental roles related to America's paper money, including the use of the Fugio and Linked Colonies designs, nature prints as a means of thwarting counterfeiters, and the acquisition of marble-edged paper used for the \$20 Continental Currency notes and small change notes for the Bank of North America.
- Paul Revere engraved and printed some of the notes from Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- Some Colonial counterfeits are worth more than the real thing.
- Many of the North Carolina colonial notes were endorsed on the back.
- Some of the notes were worth discounted amounts if redeemed outside the area they were issued for.

Kathy brought a number of examples to illustrate her presentation.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY - 103 members and guests participated in this year's Christmas party. The time was very enjoyable to all who attended, and went by so quickly.

The meal was prepared and served by Hard Eight, a legendary BBQ restaurant in Dallas County. Jack Gilbert contributed two fried turkeys which were quickly consumed. Volunteers also brought many tasty desserts.



Bingo was again called by Mike Grant in his legendary and entertaining style. Nice prizes were given out not only for winners, but also for second and





even third bingos. The final game (blackout) created quite a bit of drama to win the grand prize. Mike was assisted by Jim Waite.

Volunteers also brought a table full of gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign. Dave Werner & Cecil Driskell, a former Marine, will deliver the gifts to the Marines for distribution.

JANUARY MEETING - President Allen Scott opened the meeting with 52 members and visitors present. New members were welcomed: Jerry Johnson, Gary Holcomb, Stacy Woodside (returning), Dannie Self (returning).

Members were asked to give their name and generally what they collect. Outside of those members collecting Social Security or dust, the overwhelming majority collects US coins of all varieties.

Bob Millard presented a proclamation from the ANA recognizing the Club's tenth anniversary. The Club's founding members, Merle Owens and Russell Prinzing accepted the proclamation.



Bob Millard also gave Club awards to Carl Stang, Allen Scott and Stewart Huckaby (not pictured). These members, as well as other volunteers made interesting and



informative presentations during 2012.

Sam Fairchild described a concept to be tried in future newsletters call "marketplace". Members will be given an opportunity to list coins they want to either sell or buy. Other members can respond to that opportunity, and will be put in touch with the member listing the item. Space for this marketplace would be limited, so placements for each member would be limited, and satisfied on a first come - first served basis.

Because we would go to a third page in the newsletter, members would also be an opportunity to place an advertisement in the newsletter. This would allow advertisement of their business or numerous coins they have for sale. Each member would be allowed one 1/8th page free advertisement per year, with a nominal cost thereafter.

Allen Scott announced a proposed change to the bylaws increasing board membership by two. Because of the size of our Club, it was felt that more representation was needed on the board. The proposed bylaw change will be up for a membership vote at the February meeting.

Doug Davis with Numismatic Crimes Information Center (NCIC) gave the informative program. He described the purpose of NCIC, which is to provide law enforcement with a centralized database and tools to investigate and solve numismatic crimes, especially where those law enforcement agencies may have limited experience. He described some of the recent cases, and how the collecting community can assist their local law enforcement agencies. He also warned about a sudden influx of counterfeit silver rounds being offered in the area.



DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER - The dinner was held at Cannoli Joe's Restaurant. There were 36 people in attendance. Special guests were the District Four Governor, Rick Beal and his wife Robin. Rick gave a short talk on the TNA and the TNA magazine. Everyone was encouraged to join TNA. A nice Italian buffet dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

The 2013 officers were introduced. They are Pres. Christian M, Vp. Mike M, Sec Kelly M, Trea Bryan.



WINTERFEST - DECEMBER 8: The Capital City Coin Club participated in the Yarbrough Library's annual open house for all the groups who use their meeting facilities. Each group is invited to demonstrate the function of their particular group. The coin club had a display of a U. S. Type set from 1/2 cents through current issues of different coins. There was also old foreign currency and coins, coin magazines, and U.S. currency to give away. A special thanks is given to McBrides Coin Shop. They supplied a roll of proof cents, some dateless buffalo nickels, several Redbooks, new coin folders, and some old silver certificates to be given away. The public showed a great deal of interest, especially the children. Everyone enjoyed the open house.

DISTRICT FIVE



COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

COLLIN COUNTY DECEMBER PARTY - The

Collin County Coin Club met at San Miguel's restaurant for the Christmas banquet. There was no business discussed, and 26 members and/or guests attended.

The meals were provided by the club,



and afterward door prizes were awarded.



The gift exchange was, of course, one highlight of the evening and several interesting items were captured photographically for posterity and submission to the TNA for their newsletter.



DALLAS NOVEMBER MEETING - Meeting 1014 was called to order by President Allen Scott. There were 17 present and we welcomed two guests: Stanley Orman and Jose Serrano.

Old Business revolved around the ANA Show in October. John Post gave a final report on the Money Show and thanked the Dallas Coin Club for being one of the two host clubs. Gary Dobbins thanked the people who worked at the Dallas Coin Club Table. Volunteers were Mickey Nunn, Mary Hunter, Stewart Huckaby, Allen Scott, Judy Dobbins and Gary Dobbins. The club's booth generated a list of 40 people who signed up to receive the newsletter and information about our club.

Program: John Post spoke about the first coinage in the Colonies, the Pine Tree, Willow Tree and Oak Tree shillings. By 1650, there was an inadequate supply of money in the Colonies. The Massachusetts Bay Colony was a commercial success, but its future was in jeopardy because of a short supply of money. Gold and silver were in short supply in England, too, so there was no money to send to the Colonies. In 1652, a mint was set up in Boston to strike silver coinage - shillings, and both three and six pence pieces. The Boston Mint was operational until 1682, although the date of 1652 was on all the coins. There was no King in England in 1652, and, most likely this date was used for the coinage so that they could deny any illegality when and if the Monarchy was re-established.

DECEMBER MEETING - The Dallas Coin Club celebrated with a Holiday Party at La Calle Doce Restaurant. After a wonderful meal, the brief meeting was called to order by President Allen Scott.



President; Gary and Secretaries; and Mary Editor.

The only business was the election of officers for the 2013 year. Hal Cherry made a motion to keep the current officers and his motion was followed by a unanimous vote. Officers for 2013 are

Allen Scott, President; Stewart Huckaby, Vice-Judy Dobbins, Co-Hunter, Treasurer and

There was a white elephant gift auction which brought in a total of \$235.50. The white elephant items ranged from fossils and coins to political memorabilia and audio CDs. Stewart Huckaby served as auctioneer.



Following the auction, the members and guests (28 in all) enjoyed a variety of Bingo games. The group always looks forward to yearly Bingo, expertly called by Mike Grant. This year, Mike's trusty sidekick, Jim Waite, came along to assist and add to the fun. Thanks to Mike and Jim.



DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE NOVEMBER MEETINGS - Nov 5 - There were 19 members and guests at the meeting. The following members presented a Show and tell, Bruce Burton, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, and Alvin Stern. Alvin Stern won the Show and tell prize. Alvin donated the prize to Garth Clark's son.

Nov 19 - There were 20 members and guests at the meeting. The Christmas party will be on December 17 at the Cadillac Bar.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Jim Beville, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, Jack Pavlovic, Alvin Stern, and John Zanders. Jack Pavlovic won the Show and tell prize.

DECEMBER MEETING - Dec 3 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. The following members presented a Show and tell, Vlad Andrus, Bruce Burton, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, Gene McPherson, Alan Morgan, Wendy Russell, and Alvin Stern. Bruce Burton won the Show and tell prize.

The Christmas Party was held on December 17.



GHCC NOVEMBER MEETING - Gail Brichford Presiding. Called to order; Introduction of visitors and guests.

Show and Tell was presented with many interesting items. A new collector won the door prize.

The Christmas Dinner and Meeting will be held on December 13.

Recap of preparations for upcoming Money Show.

DECEMBER MEETING - The December meeting was our Christmas Party at Embassy Suites, and only a very short business meeting was held. There were special door prizes and a fine educational presentation by Gail Brichford.



We awarded our annual Francis Townsend Service Award - this years winners were John & Barbara Trout - pictured with club president Gail Brichford and 2011 winner Claude Mathis.

PASADENA COIN CLUB

PASADENA NOVEMBER MEETING - Membership enjoyed a presentation titled "A few weeks of Hitler's Germany" at our November 12, 2012 meeting by John Zander on his escape from Nazi Germany as a young man.

DECEMBER MEETING - Our December meeting was a night of Family Bingo. We had a full house and membership enjoyed food, fellowship, door prizes, and great fun. Hope you were among those who attended.f



DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY NOVEMBER MEETINGS - Nov. 1 - The meeting opened with twenty-two members in attendance. No visitors were present that evening. The attendance prize was given to D.D. H., who received a 1973 American Bicentennial silver round. Our treasurer, Ray T., gave a brief report. Under old business, Ray T. reported on a new location of our coin shows beginning in February, 2013.

The shows will be held at the Norris Conference Center, located at the Wonderland of the Americas mall. Also, the members began signing the reservation list for the Christmas Dinner Meeting and Gift Exchange. There was no New Business this evening. Under Announcements, it was reported that the next Mexican Coin Club meeting has been cancelled. The first ten-minute "Ask the Expert" session was conducted this evening by LeRoy M. since James W. was absent at this meeting. LeRoy asked what high school graduates were doing this year about their rings with gold prices so high. The session ended with a lively discussion on gold and silver prices.

The numismatic roundtable session was conducted by LeRoy M. Bill J. brought a three-ring binder with early U.S. Commemorative Half Dollars (1892-1952). David A. had an 1899 Railroad stock certificate issued by the Missouri, Kansas, & Texas (KATY). The vignette depicted a fireman stoking the fires of the steam locomotive. Andy G. showed a new 2012 book titled American Silver Eagles-Guide to the U.S. Bullion Coin that was published by Whitman.

The Raffle winners were David A., Andy G., Andy C., Larry F., Jim R. (2 times), and Mike F. (2 times). The meeting concluded with a terrific auction conducted by David A. and Fernando R.

Nov. 15 - The November 15th meeting of the Gateway Coin Club

was called to order with twenty-two members present that evening. The attendance prize, a Mexican one-hundred pesos Don Quixote commemorative coin, was given to a surprised and very happy Tom B.

Members were encouraged to make reservations for the Christmas Party. Ray T. reminded members of the new location for the club's 2013 coin show and reported that new fliers will be printed. It was announced that the Mexican Coin Club would meet on November 29th. The ten-minute "Ask the Expert" session was conducted by James W., who discussed the subject of early mistakes made in collecting. The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Eric H., who did a great job! The following members presented numismatic items. Robert J. brought a copy of the recently distributed US Mint Fall 2012 catalog. Gary B. showed a 1996 close AM cent variety graded PF68 by PCGS. Tom B. had an interesting newspaper article dated 11/11/2012 with a picture and details about someone's bathroom floor tiles inlaid with "pennies". D.D. H. brought a commemorative MS 67 Wisconsin High Leaf Quarter.

Raffle winners were Larry F., Robert K., Eric H., Walter B., Andy C., Robert J., Connor P., and Gary B.

James W. presented the numismatic Educational Program this evening. His topic was "U.S. Confederate Currency." He stated that there are about seventy-two different designs among the seven different series. He mentioned the books that cover Confederate Currency, such as the one by Grover Criswell. A common portrait found on the notes is that of Jefferson Davis, with Judah Benjamin commonly found on the two-dollar notes. The state of Tennessee was the only state that never printed state issues. After the program, a brief period of questions and answers was held with many members participating. The questions and the feedback were most interesting and very informative. The educational program was most enjoyable. Thank you, James.

The meeting closed with an energetic Mini-Auction that offered an extensive variety of numismatic items

DECEMBER MEETINGS - Dec. 6 - The meeting opened with twenty-four members and two visitors in attendance. The visitors were Julia G. and her son Diego. Diego was working on his Boy Scout Merit Badge and one of the requirements was that he visit either a coin club meeting or a coin show. The attendance prize, a gleaming Egyptian 1979 one-pound coin, was given to "Lucky LeRoy" M. Under old business, the club's Christmas Dinner Meeting on the 20th was discussed and final reservations and menu selections were made. A total of thirty-two members and six guests made reservations to attend our annual Christmas event.

The "Ask the Expert" segment was led by James W. It was a discussion about the numismatic grading services PCGS, NGC, and ANACS, with member Robert K. sharing with us his experiences and knowledge about this subject.

The numismatic Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. Brian C. brought a 2007 commemorative coin he purchased while working in South Korea. The coin was a silver twenty-thousand Won known as the Mask Dance. Karla G. had a medal featuring D.W. Griffith, a noted writer, director and producer. She said that Griffith was also honored on a U.S. postage stamp. Frank G. brought five western movie tokens featuring Wally Wales, Eddie Waller, James Warren, John Wayne, and Guinn "Big Boy" Williams. LeRoy M. had an Argentine 2002 coin depicting Eva Peron. Larry F. had a booklet containing a small collection of state sales tax and miscellaneous transportation tokens. Tom B. showed an ad for Littleton Coin Company. Robert J. brought a commemorative 9-11 one-ounce silver round. Clifton V. showed three Christmas themed coins and a military challenge coin. The coins were a 1996 five Ecus from Switzerland and a 1999 and a 2002 five Hyruen from Ukraine. The challenge coin was from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where his son was recently stationed. David A. had a one-share Coca Cola stock certificate issued in April, 2012.

Raffle winners were Andy G., David A., James W., Stan McM., D.D.H., Andy C., Robert K., and Chuck N.

The meeting ended with a high-spirited auction, which had some members happily bidding on many interesting lots. Thank You to all the participants and the cheerful winning bidders.

Dec. 20 - The December 20, 2012, Christmas Dinner Meeting of

the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. at 6:45 p.m. at the Hung Fong Chinese Restaurant on Broadway. Thirty-one members and five visitors were in attendance. The visitors who joined us that evening were Neechia Braley, Sylvia Foster, Jill Haney, Daniela Hulse, and Ellie Jones.

The invocation was given by Andy Cardona and the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag was led by Larry Foster. The members present enjoyed a most delectable meal.

The Attendance Prize, a 2005 US Mint Set, was won by a delighted Eric H. The Treasurer's report was given by Ray T. There was neither Old Business nor New Business discussed this evening. Two announcements were made. VP David A. announced that he still needed numismatic programs for three meetings in 2013 and asked the members to see him after the meeting if they would be willing to give an educational program. It was also announced by Fernando R. that the Mexican Coin Club would meet on the 27th.

James W. led the ten-minute "Ask the Expert" session. Al G. and David A. asked about cleaning coins. Roger A. and Clifton V. gave some suggestions of things to use and some to not use. Bill D. asked about members bringing coins and tokens to trade before and after the meetings. James W. and Bob K. talked about which raw coins should be graded and slabbed, based on their value. The subject matter led to a very lively discussion by the members.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. He brought a Jefferson westward journey nickel type set from 2003- 2006, as well as a Lincoln cent page showing the 2009 P and D type set. Frank G. showed an Old West Trail complete set of western tokens containing legendary figures such as Buffalo Bill, Crazy Horse, Calamity Jane, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, Jim Bridger, and several others. Karla G. had two movie tokens: Richard Arlen in "Song of the Eagle" and "My Darling Clementine" starring Henry Fonda, Victor Mature, and Linda Darnell. Fernando R. brought a Mexican silver "Onza" dated 1986 and struck by the Mexico City Mint. The obverse was a commemoration of the first Cathedral in the Americas (1573-1986) and the reverse was a Christmas theme depicting the Manger scene. Clifton V. also showed six attractive Christmas themed coins from Tonga. He stated that he has almost the complete set, minus the rare 1987. Bill D. showed his recently acquired copper round featuring the obverse design of the Morgan Dollar. Stan McM. brought a Panamanian 1904 ten-centavo, the world's smallest coin known as a "pill" that was minted by the Philadelphia Mint.

Raffle winners were Jill J., Brian C. (2 times), Shirley T., Eric H., Stan McM., Larry F., Andy G., and Al G.

The Mini-Auction, that generated a lot of interest, was conducted by our cheerful auctioneers Fernando R. and David A.

The meeting concluded with a fun filled gift exchange conducted by VP and Christmas Elf David A.

The Benediction was given by VP David A., and everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2013!

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD DECEMBER MEETING - The Christmas meeting of the Golden Spread coin club took place at the Red Barn and fun was had by one and all. I wish to remind all members that our January meeting (See--I told you we'd still be here) will be held January 7, 2013 at 6:45pm at the usual meeting place in the basement of the Happy Bank. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

Until then, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR. Be safe until we meet again.



TYLER COIN CLUB



TYLER DECEMBER MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 22 members and 17 guests present.

Update on new club logo competition; 3 designs have been submitted. Voting will be by secret ballot at the January 2013 meeting.

Barry updated members on final results of August coin show and stated dates for 2013 show are close.

David H. updated members on items purchased for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Proceeds from last month's donated auction items and cash donations, along with additional last minute donations totaling almost \$600 were used to purchase the items. A special thank you goes out to David, Sherry and family for their hard work in gathering the Angel Tree items and the wonderful display they made to document this effort. The competition-level shopping skills they executed during Black Friday stretched the club's donations to ensure 4 children will have a wonderful Christmas.

Nominations for 2013 club officers were opened. Randy M. nominated the current officers for the 2013 term. No other nominations were offered. Randy M. made a motion to re-elect current officers for the 2013 term. All members present were in favor, none opposed.

2013 Officers are: President - Dwight Sowle; Vice President - Darrel Deitenbeck; Treasurer - Barry Carter; Secretary - Carl Shotts

In lieu of singing, Dwight offered a very unique Christmas trivia quiz for members and guests. Those clever enough to answer Dwight's "very entertaining" questions were treated to some nice prizes donated by Texican Coin & Bullion.

For the second year in a row, one of our youngest guests, Karson, won the grand door prize for guests which was a very cool articulating Santa Claus figure. The look on Karson's face was priceless!

John H. won the grand door prize for club



members, which was a brilliant 2012 American Proof Silver Eagle. Additional members winning door prizes included Ray, Carl, John, Randy, Ray, Tracy, Stephen and Olen.

(A proud winner at the club's Christmas party)

JANUARY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 27 members and 17 guests present. Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of January.

Voting for new club logo will be postponed until the February meeting. Four designs have been submitted to date.

Giving back to Meals on Wheels: This was the first club meeting after members had voted to make monetary donations at each meeting to Meals on Wheels. A donation box will be at the auction table every meeting for members to place their donations. The donations will be presented to Meals on Wheels on a quarterly basis.

Dwight encouraged members and explained benefits of joining the ANA and TNA.

Richard is seeking additional participation for the "Getting to Know You" section of the newsletter.

Door prize winners: Horst, Howard, David and Ronnie.

JOHN H.

The seed of coin collecting was planted by my two grandparents – by my mom's dad who was a Connecticut Yankee and an avid coin collector and by my dad's mom who was a Southern Belle of Irish heritage. She taught me the importance of history and heritage and how to save. My grandfather started me in the hobby by giving me a half way complete set of Lincoln cents when I was eight. He collected Franklin halves. He also had a complete set of Hawaiian coinage worth about \$25,000 in 1973. My grandmother would give me shiny Ike dollars and Bicentennial coinage every time I would visit, which was about once a week. It is so important to encourage young collectors, a fact I learned from my grandparents. These younger ones are the future of our wonderful hobby. I still remember the first coin I ever purchased – an 1889 Indian head cent at the coin department of Sanger Harris at Town East Mall in Mesquite. It was so hard to spend my allowance but so worth it – still have that coin. I dived back into collecting when I was in college taking courses at Paris Junior College while attending Texas A & M Commerce. For about five semesters I had a 3 hour break between class and lab. So rather than go to the library I would go to the coin store in downtown Paris. They had a bid board and I usually found something of interest. This is when I started collecting proof sets, type coins and small gold and silver, including Chinese Pandas. I continued the collection of these until just a few years ago.

A few years ago I retired and my income went way down. So my coin budget went way down from what it was. Starting at that time I sold many of my coins but I held on to my Shipwreck coins – pieces of eight, my collection of Roman denarii – including one issued under Marc Antony, a collection of Republic of Texas Money, Civil War and Hard Times tokens, and a 1960's re-strike of the Confederate cent from original dies.

History plays a part in my collecting. In the last couple of years I have begun to assemble a collection of Buffalo Nickels. Another recent interest is due to my participation in the Tyler Coin Club; a two - cent collection, inspired by the name of our newsletter.

TODD K.

I initially became interested in coins when I was a young boy. My grandfather owned what we called a "trading post". It was basically a place for him to piddle and make a few sales or trades. He would often find interesting coins and show them to me. He kept several in a trunk he kept from his army days. My father used to tell me stories of his dad having a 1909s VDB Penny that was a rare coin, so every chance I got, I would look at my change hoping to find a 1909s VDB. It became my Holy Grail. My father recently confided in me that a close personal friend of the family "borrowed" my grandfathers' collection and his widow still has them in her possession.

I got out of coin collecting as my family grew. There just wasn't time or money.

My wife and I moved several times chasing an education – hers, not mine. One of the last places we lived before finally settling in Longview was Clearwater, Florida. I found there was a coin club there, and started attending and the collecting bug started to grow again.

After we moved to Longview, I found that there was a club in Tyler, so I started attending here. I have enjoyed meeting new friends and a renewed interest in coins.

Presently, I collect a little bit of everything. One of my obsessions is trying to build a full set of PCGS PR70 Silver American Eagles. Otherwise, if it's shiny, I'll probably like it.

Perhaps a funny side note is that my wife absolutely will not share this hobby with me. You see, as a young girl her father would drag her to the coin shop several times a week and to coin club meetings once a month, and several coin shows a year, and she HATED it. Still does. We joke all that time that if her father were still alive I would probably spend more time with him than with her.

Oh, and as for the Holy Grail, I was lucky enough to recently purchase not one but two of the beautiful coins.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Fourteen members were in attendance.

The officers for 2013 will be Ollie Garrett, President, Danny Walker, Vice President, George Woodburn, Treasurer, and Rob Robinson, Secretary.

For the program, Rob Robinson gave a report about the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, which has always been of importance to coin collectors since the first commemorative half dollars, the Columbian half dollar, dated 1892 and 1893, were sold by the mint at the fair. Per Rob, the coins were sold by the mint from the Treasury Department exhibit at a cost of one dollar each. The Chicago World's Fair was the largest and most extravagant world's fair up to that time. More than 400 semi-permanent buildings were built, some quite large. As an example, Rob passed around pictures of the Government Building which had over 3.3 acres of floor space. The fair also sported several firsts. It was the first fair to have a midway, complete with rides. The most popular attraction was the 264 foot tall ferris wheel which could hold 2040 people at one time. It was the first fair to be totally lit by electricity and the fair used more electricity than the city of Chicago. Another important first, the Postal Department issued the first picture post cards. Rob passed around a post card from the fair with a picture of the Government Building. He also passed around a bronze medal honoring the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the US mint which was minted and sold at the fair.

WICHITA FALLS NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting opened with 17 members present. Visitors: Derek Bachman who joined.



Announcements: Emmitt Robinson announced that Noel James a member of the Coin Club passed away recently.

Old Business: Jeff Hogue said that the a room at Luby's Restaurant was reserved for 13 December 2012 Coin Club's Christmas Party.

New Business: Emmitt Robinson said that the Coin Show is scheduled for 7 to 8 June 2013, and asked if anyone had any concerns. No concerns were expressed by those present. Emmitt Robinson held the election of officers and the officers were voted for the next year to be: President Emmitt Robinson; Vice-President George Woodburn; Treasurer Connolly O'Brien; Secretary Mark Snyder; Master at Arms Duane Palmer.

Program: Emmitt Robinson said that he has been interested in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair for many years. He said that a coin glass was made for the fair that showed a number of coins produced for the fair. Of note was the Columbian silver half dollar that was the first commemorative coin in the United States of America. Emmitt Robinson also explained that a commemorative silver quarter dollar was also minted of Queen Isabella of Spain. He explained that both coins were sold to help pay for the Chicago World's Fair. He said that the government building at the World's Fair had displays from various government departments. Emmitt said that in the government building they sold what was called a "So Called Dollar", to commemorate the fair. He explained that the Chicago World's Fair was the largest world's fair ever until that time. He said that the fair actually opened in May 1893, and that over 27 million people from all over the world attended. On one day October 9, 1893 approximately 716,000 people attended the fair. Emmitt Robinson said that this fair received applications from many organizations to have displays including Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Emmitt said that Buffalo Bill's application was turned down by the world's fair so he set up his show across the street from the fair. Emmitt said that some of the notable items at the fair were the first Ferris Wheel which was 264 feet high, the first midway, and the first fair to use electric lighting. He said that the fair used approximately 400,000 light bulbs and fair grounds were well lighted.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

SILSBEE NOVEMBER MEETING - Paula called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Program: Jerry presented a program on US commemorative coins. US commemorative coins were produced from 1892 through the present. The first commemorative coin was struck for the Chicago World's Fair, also known as the Columbus Exposition. The exposition was held on 80 acres of land and lasted for six (6) months. The commemorative half dollar souvenir coin and was voted to honor the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. 5,000,000 coins were minted but only half sold so the rest were melted down. There are 950,000 coins dated 1892 and 1,550,405 dated 1893. It is believed that none of the 1892 coins were melted down. The ladies were upset that they didn't have a commemorative coin. This was resolved by the issuance in 1893 of the Isabella quarter dollar honoring Queen Isabella of Spain who funded Columbus' voyage. The 40,000 coins were struck and sold for \$1.00. 24,214 coins are in existence with only 14,214 coins sold to the public and 10,000 coins sold at face value to the members of the Board of Lady Managers. The rest that was unsold were melted down.

From 1892 through 1954, there were 48 halves, 1 quarter, and 1 dollar commemorative coins issued. Some of the coins were issued for several years and with different mint marks so during this period, there are 144 different collectable coins. They commemorated 16 events, 6 persons, 10 States, 11 cities, 1 bridge, 2 trails, and 4 Civil War battles. The Panama-Pacific Exposition commemorative minted in San Francisco was the first US coin to have "In God We Trust" in the design. In 1927, the Vermont Sesquicentennial coin was the only high relief coin minted. Fourteen (14) commemoratives had more than two (2) coins and six (6) of the fourteen (14) have over 12 coins with the Booker T. Washington having the most at eighteen (18). The Texas commemorative had thirteen (13) varieties with 1938 D priced at \$3,000 in MS-65 with only 3,775 minted. One of the harder coins to find in excellent condition is the Lafayette dollar commemorative as many were scratched after minted. Some of the issues had polished dies but this left lines on the coins. The lowest mintage of only 2,003 was the 1935D Daniel Boone commemorative with the 1934 date on the reverse. US commemoratives were the first to honor blacks - Booker T. Washington, a living Senator - Joseph T. Robinson, and a living President - Calvin Coolidge on the Sesquicentennial of American Independence (1926). Congress allowed living people on the coins as they were not regular issues. It was 28 years after the 1954 commemorative before the mint issued another commemorative coin - the George Washington commemorative of 1982.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

WACO COIN CLUB



WACO NOVEMBER MEETING - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 18 members in attendance counting new member David Lindeman and visitors Joyce McCall, Tori

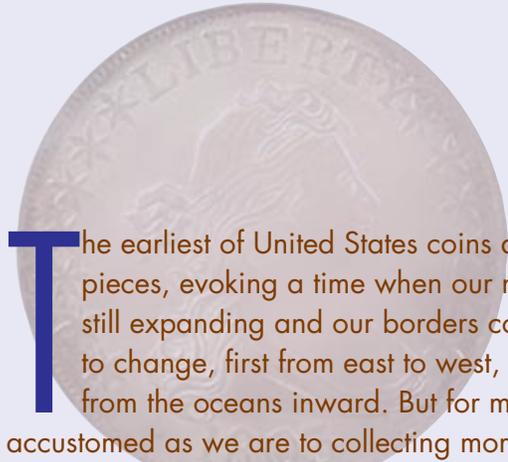
Serna, Stephen Davis.

Raffle prizes: Bob Hacker, Tori Serna, David Lindman, Randy Daily. Mark Cobb put his winnings back in twice.

Door prizes: Chris Ross. Cash prize- Randy Daily was here and won \$25. In December the prize will be \$25.

Program: Tom told the club about the few independent grading companies such as NGS, PCGS, SEGS, ANAC, AND ICG. Other companies will grade their own coins and then sell them at their grade. Tom showed several "graded coins" that came from some of the companies that grade their own coins. Tom also showed a counterfeit French Indochina coin. The acid test showed no silver in the coin. He also showed a copy of an old American coin.

EARLY HALF DOLLARS...



The earliest of United States coins are beautiful pieces, evoking a time when our nation was still expanding and our borders continued to change, first from east to west, then later from the oceans inward. But for many of us, accustomed as we are to collecting more modern coins in different grades of mint state, the earliest of our coins sometimes appear to be priced out of reach. By looking at things a bit differently though, we might just find that there's some great fun to be had in focusing in on a few of the United States' earliest coins.

Our first re-focusing is going to be on half dollars. Okay, if you are already a half dollar aficionado, this may not seem like much of a change. But we are starting here because this was our biggest circulating silver coin for those years between 1804 and 1840, when we were effectively out of the silver dollar business. But our second change in focus is on grade – we're just looking at F-12.

Now, before the objections come rolling in that coins in F-12 are worn, flat, and lifeless, let's think about what is there, or is still there. Details. The F-12 Draped and/or Capped Bust half dollars still have to have some significant detail in the hair and on the drapery of Lady Liberty, and some detail in the feathers and the shield of the eagle that dominates the reverse. In fact, Mr. Yeoman's, "A Guide Book of United States Coins," says of the Capped Bust in F-12: "Clasp and adjacent curl clearly outlined with slight details." So while these are indeed not mint state coins, they are not washers to be found in a hardware store either.

And the reason for this second focus is price alone. We want to keep any collection we buy to about

\$300 per coin for the Draped Bust pieces, and \$100 per coin for the Capped Bust. Believe it or not, every date we have listed in the accompanying table here has at least one variety for which an F-12 specimen will cost at or below those two numbers. Many of the Capped Bust pieces cost only about \$85, while only the 1807 rises to the higher price tag.

Date	Mintage	No. of Varieties
1803	188,234	2
1805	211,722	2
1806	839,576	7
1807	301,076 Draped Bust	1
1807	750,500 Capped Bust	4
1808	1,368,600	2
1810	1,276,276	1
1811	1,203,644	3
1812	1,628,059	4
1813	1,241,903	2
1818	1,960,322	3
1819	2,208,000	3
1825	2,943,166	1
1826	4,004,180	1
1827	5,493,400	3



Our table mentions only the varieties that are listed each month in Krause's, "Coin Prices." There may be others, but we'll stick with these, one ones that are probably the more common varieties. And the first bit we might notice is that there are no Flowing

WHEN FINE IS JUST FINE

by Mark Benvenuto



Half dollars, or Draped Bust halves with the small eagle reverse. The reason? These earliest pieces fail our litmus test for price. They all cost too much, no matter the official mintage totals.

But look at where we do start, with the 1803. This remarkably early half does not have a huge mintage, at least not by today's standards. The two varieties are based on the size of the number '3' in the date, with the large '3' being the more common. There are no two ways about the price though. Landing an 1803 "large 3" half dollar in F-12 for about \$300 can start a person into what could be an amazing collection.

The 1805 has a variety with one numeral stamped over another – apparently, it was less expensive and labor intensive in the early days to do this than to make and harden an entirely new die each year – but has a bigger mintage than the 1803. That does not translate into a lower price, unfortunately. But it does make the coin somewhat easier to find.

The 1806 and the two designs for the 1807 probably make variety enthusiasts weak at the knees, but the higher mintages mean that all of us could probably land one, or at least a specimen that qualifies as a common variety. Plus, the Capped Bust version of the 1807 is actually the last of all we have in the table that still sports that \$300 price tag, and that's for the less common variety. From here on, prices drop.

The 1808 Capped Bust half hits an obvious milestone: greater than 1 million coins. As folks like to say, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that the availability of these coins has to be better than

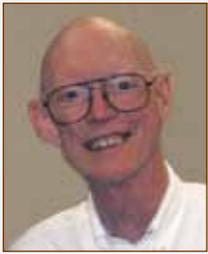
those we just mentioned (although, to be fair to any Houston members of TNA who are indeed rocket scientists, we certainly value your opinion as well!). The price for an 1808, at least as this is being written, is just under \$100.

Okay, for many collectors, we just spelled out the magic number. While there are literally tons of great coins out there, many of us put the brakes on our purchases when it gets to \$100. After all, for many of us, this is a hobby, not some sort of investment club. But that means it's really rather wonderful to know that a half dollar this old, with some serious design detail still in place, can be had for a decent, do-able price.

Beyond this, the mintages stay in the same ballpark until we get to the 1818 really. While it did not crack the 2 million line, and the 1819 did, that 1818 was still close. This means both are affordable pieces today.

The last four we have listed in our table go from big to huge, which means the prices stay nice and low. The 1826 and 1827 in particular can probably be found at any good sized show within the state. Shop around a bit, and see if you can find examples with the price you like, and some eye appeal, despite their circulated grade. You'd be surprised what you might find.

Now that we've made it through our list, a person can see that these older halves are not at all out of reach. It seems to be no stretch at all to say that yes, when it comes to F-12, at least for some of our earliest half dollars, fine is indeed just fine.



THE BLESSING OF HOARDS

by John Barber

If it were not for the occasional discovery of "hoard" coins, today's collectors would not have nearly the opportunities they do. Sure, collectors lucky enough to have a specimen before the emergence of the hoard are likely to suffer at least a temporary market price hit, but in the long term we've seen many times when the emergence of a hoard actually stimulates the market by spiking interest. Market prices then recover or even advance from pre-hoard levels. Consider below several categories of "hoards" that affect the kinds of coins your editor is prone to collect...

First up is what is surely the most available American Colonial in uncirculated condition, thanks to its unpopularity at the time of issue and its arrival (from England) on the eve of the Declaration of Independence. Thousands of these 1773 Virginia half pennies survive, though many are spotted or disfigured by large dark areas.



Coming just a bit later in 1787 we have the Fugio Coppers, the first coin authorized by the Federal Congress and privately struck in Massachusetts. But substantial numbers of them (perhaps 2000) survived unused and were part of the Bank of New York hoard. They were

This variety not from BONY hoard uncovered in the vault about 1920. At that time, some were given out as rewards or curiosities to the bank's customers. Still later the remainder was sold to coin dealers and dribbled out to collectors over a long period.

This 1820 Large Cent is doubtlessly from the Randall Hoard. At least one full keg of 1817-1820 cents in uncirculated condition was discovered under a railroad platform in Georgia just after the Civil War. By then, large cents had been replaced by small cents in circulation, though the earlier large coppers were very familiar to the populace.

Since these coins were not then current and US cents were not legal tender until 1965, they were not redeemable at banks. The kegs were sold on the basis of weight, and initially brought less than one cent per coin. Smaller groups of them passed to coin dealers (via C. A. Randall). Still smaller groups were still available for around \$1 per coin when your editor began collecting in the 1950's.



The 1783 Spanish Colonial 8 Reales of Mexico City comes from a "hoard" of a different sort. A significant fraction of the entire original mintage was aboard the Spanish ship Cazeador in transit to Spain when the ship sank in a hurricane in the Atlantic. The cargo, including thousands of these coins lay in salt water for two centuries. They now are available at modest prices, though all show "seawater effect" This is an example of an "accidental hoard" in that no one deliberately deposited a group of coins hoping that they could come back later and retrieve them.



The 1857-S Double Eagle has a similar history. This was a very rare coin on the market until the SS Central America wreck was found about 15 years ago. The coins, being gold, were largely in better shape than the silver 8 Reales from the Cazeador. But the \$20 pieces still came up in clumps and many had iron stains and sea creatures growing on them. Third Party Grading companies (led by NCS) got into the act and "conserved" them. Many, if not most of them, today are in Mint State slabs, with no mention of the cleaning.



This very nice Carson City silver dollar reached collectors through the US government hoard of about 2.9 million pieces disbursed in a series of GSA-run sales in the 1970's. These Morgan Dollars were coined from 1878 through 1893 at a time when legally mandated production greatly outran commercial demand for the coins. They piled up in inventory and were stored for almost a century. For some dates, the hoard coins were a very significant part of the original mintage (up to 85% for 1884-CC). All of these came down to today's collectors. It is interesting to note from the "population" figures of the Third Party Grading companies that although thousands of these have been slabbed, the number slabbed is only a tiny percentage of those we know were released to collector hands in the 1970's. Who says "All the good coins have been slabbed by now"! These coins, with market value of \$175 and up, remain unslabbed for some 90% of those released.





NO! NO! NO!



I saw the item pictured above on eBay, just prior to its closing. I then noted the closing, winning, bid of \$133.51 after a total of 29 bids from at least a dozen different eBay customers on this piece. According to my copy of the most recent edition of the book on the subject, Eric P. Newman's *The Early Paper Money of America*, the closing bid of \$133.51 is not an unreasonable thing. Newman's estimate shares a catalogue value of \$180 in extra fine. Upon first observation the condition, as you can observe, is acceptable for a piece of two hundred and thirty six year old paper. The few tears and separations along the border, fortunately not affecting the text, do not drastically decrease the value. After evaluating the overall appearance and condition of this note the purchaser probably considered him or herself fortunate to acquire the item at such a price. For the sake of accuracy your editor has recently invested in some Colonial and Continental Currency and paid no less than \$100 each even for a common item in very fine or better condition. In today's market a fair price.

Unfortunately, as I stated above, your editor saw this note just literally at the point of its closing so he, that is I, couldn't write to the seller in order to share a significant insight with those who were so feverishly bidding on this piece of "paper." What I would have said to the bidder, if I could do so, is simple: "NO! NO! NO!" And to the seller I would have placed on the table the suggestion that he / she do some quality

research and make extra sure before even posting something about which the seller admits little knowledge.

So, why "NO! NO! NO!?" The answer is very simple, and you have probably figured it out already. This note isn't real, it is a phony, a bad reproduction, a modern fantasy, a bogus bill. In other words, it isn't genuine, not even close. Where do I start on this rant? The paper is wrong. The signatures and serial number are not handwritten but printed. The printing is too flat and slick. And the note is of only one color. Your editor was further irritated when he read the description as something which cannot be "exchanged or returned." And, as with all Ebay lots there is stated the encouragement to "ask questions," which nobody did.

The only good thing about this sale is that I wasn't the one who will have the experience of discovery when the awareness "I made a bad choice" passes through my mind. Naturally I've made a few of these "bad choices", including one piece of Continental Currency I bought off of a mail bid auction long before eBay even existed. I had an excuse, albeit a lame one; I took the word of the "expert" dealer and then chose to keep it, without close examination, to a point beyond that of easy return. My fault!!

So, what can I say about this in general? We all do make mistakes. Learning from such experiences make us better collectors. I only trust the person who, at some time in the future, will discover the error of an eBay purchase secured on November 5, 2012, shall have the courage to look back, in subsequent year, and celebrate the purchase of the proper book on the subject. By then he

/ she will be in the place in which I am several decades after a like experience, able to be comfortable enough that when looking at a lot on eBay can write something like this column and can declare, in retrospect, to an innocent purchaser: "NO! NO! NO!" and do it with a smile of familiarity.

Paper money is seen more often in recent years in encapsulated and graded form. Such an authentication process does help keep the seller informed and to some extent honest, and gives the buyer added security. Unfortunately the cost for doing so may well be unreasonable when considered against the value of a lesser cost collectible. But this isn't anything we don't already know from other areas of our numismatic experience.

One more thing which passed through my mind, a bit of irony . . . on the back of the New Jersey Eighteen Pence, from March 25, 1776, there is a warning common to the time: "To Counterfeit is Death!!" Well, maybe so back then. But in today's most popular electronic market place another phrase is more common. I paraphrase from the eBay seller's page; "No returns or exchanges, but item is covered by eBay Buyer Protection." Sort of makes you long for the good old days, doesn't it?



Here is a scan of the real item. Notice a few differences when compared to the photo just above?

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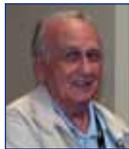


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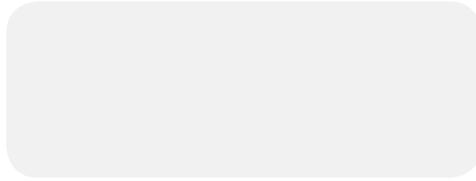
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