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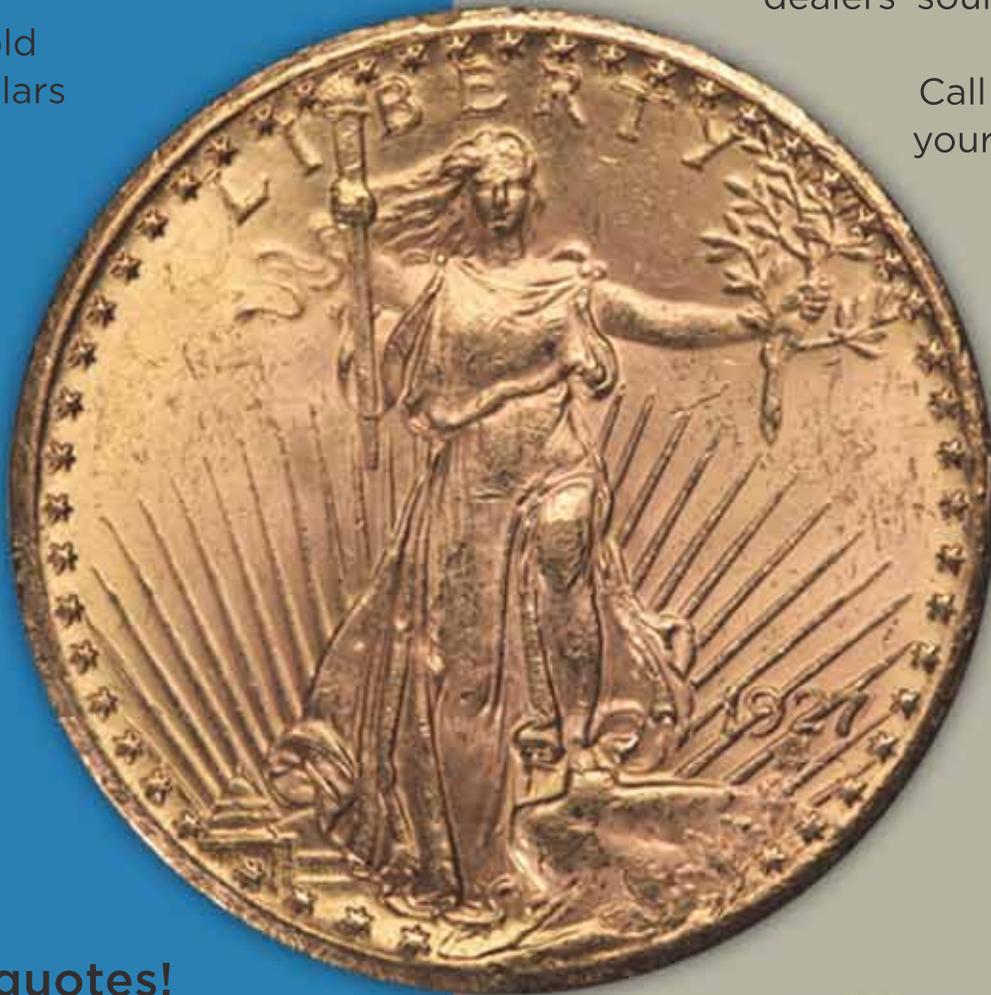
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Thanksgiving holiday is on the way as I finish this issue for publication. I am definitely thankful for all the material that has been made available for this TNA News edition. In fact I am having to save some for the next issue which is always a nice situation to be in.

TNA elections are coming up in 2015. The procedures for them are available on page 5. Please be sure to go over them if you are interested in serving the TNA as an officer or district governor.

Also, don't forget to check out the Financial Assistance Programs offered to TNA clubs and members. These can be found on page 7.

We have young collectors who are encouraged by TNA volunteers. Richard Laster reports on his positive experiences with the Coins for A's program on page 14 & 15. Dr. Ralph Ross is our Youth Chair. His work with the Lion Coin Club has produced a very enthusiastic response as evidenced by the club's president, Raelena Means. Read her report on page 10.

Why do you collect coins? Probably for some of the same reasons as Larry Vann of the Tyler Coin Club. He shares his reasons on page 8. The varied interests of numismatists is clearly on display with Questions for Dr. Coyne on pages 16-17.

We have articles on currency by Henry Brasco (pages 18-19) and Rick Ewing (pages 22-23). Two different aspects of collecting the dollar coin are presented by John Barber (pages 12-13) and Mark Benvenuto (pages 20-21)

Garry Moore's Word Search Puzzle returns this issue and, of course, Texas Happenings bring our members up-to-date on club activities across the state.

As I said, there is a lot for you to read and I hope enjoy.

Until next time, may you and your's have a blessed holiday season.

Ron Kersey

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES & CONTACT INFORMATION

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DEBBIE WILLIAMS

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

**A**round this time of year, I begin reading and hearing about the current year in review. This usually prompts me to start thinking and assessing my own personal numismatic highlights and acquisitions for the year.

Allen Scott inspired me to start a type set a couple years ago and, while the collection is still in its early stages, I did add a few nice pieces. I was also pleased to learn from John Barber that my high relief 1921 Peace Dollar is a scarce variety – pure chance and good fortune on my part. I purchased the coin at the ANA show in Dallas a few years back and, apparently, the dealer was unaware the coin was special in any way other than being a high relief. (The 1921 Peace dollar is a one-year type coin. Striking such a high relief coin caused damage to the dies used in production and the U.S. Mint modified the design to a lower relief beginning in 1922. With just over a million 1921 high relief coins struck, the coin is scarce.)

I have also rediscovered Civil War tokens. I enjoyed collecting and studying patriotic Civil War tokens for a long time but veered off into other areas of exonomia. This time I am concentrating more on the store card version. I not only enjoy studying and collecting them but also think they are currently undervalued.

Old checks remain my strongest passion – especially territorial checks. In the early days of banking, owners attempted to convey the strength of their enterprise by using elaborate, detailed, and beautiful vignettes on their checks. This practice has left us with some amazing miniature works of art and is a niche of our hobby often over-looked and under appreciated. I tend to favor the various western themes but have discovered an equally interesting category – checks with numismatic themed vignettes. While at the Colorado Springs Coin Show in June, I came across two checks with coin vignettes. My favorite sports a large Morgan Dollar alongside a waving American flag with an Eagle - wings spread wide - perched on top of the coin. The other check has

several vignettes of foreign coins. I know very little about foreign coins but this check intrigues me. A side benefit to collecting these old checks is their affordability. They allow me an area to collect and enjoy without feeling as if I always need to keep every single item tucked away in my bank safe deposit box.

My only numismatic related trip this year was to the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. As always, it was a great week made even more special this year because I had a wonderful roommate to pal around with. Pam Stitely and I had an instant connection from the very first day and felt like old friends by the end of the week. We have continued to keep in touch and are already looking forward to next year's summer seminar. Pam and her husband are very active numismatists in Pennsylvania. Another special treat was being invited to join some of the folks from the Houston Coin Club for an off campus dinner.

I have saved one of the biggest highlights for last and that is the TNA show and convention in May. I was thrilled with the success of our show and only wished I had had more time to visit and shop. Since TNA duties take much of my time, I plan to remedy this situation by staying in Arlington next year rather than driving back and forth.

Looking ahead to 2015, my goals are to attend more local club meetings and shows, and also do a little more traveling. Eye surgeries hindered me this year but never completely sidelined me, thanks to my dear husband, Jeff, and good friends, Carl Stang and Jack Gilbert, who graciously drove me to and from events when I was unable to drive myself. My eyes are doing much better and the doctor has finally cleared me to drive at night again.

In our next issue I will concentrate on the TNA's 2014 achievements and accomplishments, including more about our convention. In the meantime, why not take time for some reflection of your own.





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By Lawrence Herrera

# Secretary's Report

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## Welcome New TNA Members...

Welcome to new TNA member R-7468. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on November 1, 2014.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on January 1, 2014.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7469	Donald Rose	website	22
R-7470	Thomas Rose	website	22
R-7471	John Monroe	website	5
LM-262	Troy Snody	website	8
R-7472	Henry Dusek	website	3
R-7473	Dan Walker	website	3
R-7474	Ed Kotrla	website	3
R-7475	David Black	Russell Prinzing	1
R-7476	Luther Pittman	website	6
J-7477	Roxanne Pittman	website	6

## TNA ELECTIONS

Elections for statewide officers and district governors of the TNA are approaching. If you are interested in running, please see the TNA Election Procedures on the next page.

Dues are \$20 and should be mailed to the Lawrence Herrera, TNA Secretary, 4717 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75209.

## VIP LEADER FOR 2014

Richard Laster

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## TNA ELECTION PROCEDURES

The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA Bylaws and the TNA Board. The 2015 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two-year period beginning after the end of the 2015 TNA Convention and through the end of the 2017 TNA convention. The election is by secret ballot.

The five statewide Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, District Governors are up for election. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from December 30, 2014 until April 14, 2015. A nomination by another member will not be accepted. All candidates for statewide offices must be Texas residents. All candidates for District Governor must reside in the district they are running for with the exception of District 10 where New Mexico residents within 75 miles of the district border are eligible.

All candidates must be members of the TNA at the time they file for office. See Section 2.02 of the TNA bylaws below. No member shall be eligible for President until they have served in at least one elected office in the TNA. No President or Vice-President shall serve more than two consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they cannot run for any other office. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices if the resident restrictions allow.

State Officers are elected by all TNA members. District Governors are elected by TNA members in the respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no run-off in the event a candidate does not receive at least fifty-one percent of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event candidates receive the same number of votes, the winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent to TNA members where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for an office, the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to the office. Ballots will be mailed to TNA members by April 19, 2015 and must be received (not post-marked) by the Secretary by May 14, 2015. Late ballots, altered ballots, or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. The results of the election will be announced at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the membership in Arlington, Texas.

Candidates may submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the TNA News and TNA website. If publishing deadlines allow, candidates names and any biography will be published in the TNA News. The same may be posted on the TNA website. Candidates may purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.

Section 2.02 of the TNA Bylaws provide: A 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.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT



JACK GILBERT

## TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

By the time you read this, the entry period will have expired for the two ANA Seminars for 2015 and for the five \$125 Improve Your Library grants. The drawing are being held on December 6th at the Fall TNA Board meeting. Winners will be promptly notified and full results will be reported in the next TNA News. Good luck to all the entrants!



### COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

There have been no new requests for funding for any of the Programs since the last edition of the TNA News.



### KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE FOR CONTINUING PROGRAM NEWS

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included:

- **Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show**
- **Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics;**
- **Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists**
- **Grant Program to Fund Your Library;**
- **Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar.**

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

**Clubs interested in the TNA Programs for Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; and/or Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists should contact Jack Gilbert at [gilbej@yahoo.com](mailto:gilbej@yahoo.com), one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.**

### TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$72,689.35
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$23,074.69
PBOT CD (Mat. 9/21/2015)	\$25,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$120,764.04
Long Term Assets	
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/16)	\$40,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 4/3/2017)	\$60,000.00
PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$25,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/2018)	\$50,000.00
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	\$275,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$395,764.04
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2013	\$367,792.36
Income (Plus)	\$80,938.52
Expenses (Minus)	-\$52,966.84
Surplus	\$27,971.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$395,764.04



## WHY DO I COLLECT COINS?

An article published in the Tyler Coin Club's  
*Your Two Cents Worth*

by club member Larry Vann

Why do I collect coins?

Why did I buy that 1913-S Type 1 Buffalo Nickel? Shouldn't I have saved that money to help pay my next gasoline bill?

But I had to have it. That nickel was common currency when my grandparents were children. It could have bought a box of 22 shells for my dad when he was a boy. I wanted to hold it - to be part of its history.

The fact that it is one of the most beautiful coin designs ever made makes it fun to study under a "glass". It is a set of two tiny sculptures: one of an American Indian and another of an American buffalo (or bison). The American Indian is believed to be a composite of 3 persons who posed for a famous artist of the time named James Earle Fraser. The buffalo depicted is one that was at the Chicago zoo at the turn of the beginning of the last century and was available for him to sketch.

The nickel I bought was very well struck by the coiner's press. It represents as close to a "full strike" example of the nickel as I have come across. You can imagine how the planchet (coin blank) must have been on the high side of

*1913 Type 1 reverse  
with the buffalo  
standing on a  
raised mound.*



the tolerance allowed for the metal blank such that the tons of pressure applied by the coining press caused the metal (75% copper and 25% nickel) to fill every void of the design in the die used for striking it San Francisco over 100 years ago.

The coin is in like-new condition and its metallic oxidation is bright with a velvety sheen - but original patina - showing it has not been tampered with by someone trying to enhance its looks by rubbing it or dipping it in an acidic solution. I have seen enough these coins (especially buffalo nickels) which have been tampered with that it is a treasure to find one which has not been damaged in this way.

I have fitted my new nickel into my coin album which has a designated spot for it as part of a complete collection of buffalo nickels minted from 1913 to 1938. The album is designed to hold my prize - without harming it - behind two plastic sheets where I can see both sides without touching it, but such that I can remove the coin and examine it more closely if I wish. It also allows me to show others my nickel without risking it being harmed from mishandling or dropping it.

I hope to one day pass this nickel to someone else who will take care of it as a piece of history and art and so enjoy taking care of it for their little while. It will be like passing down a display of the talent some few are gifted with. The artist did his part, the mint did its part, the people before me used or simply saved it so that I could take care of it and enjoy it for my little while.

*There is solace in the fact that while many will not understand the charm I see in my nickel - many will. Those other collectors will understand why I had to have my 1913-S Type 1 nickel. (My rendition of a paragraph read in "One Coin is Never Enough - Why and How We Collect" by Michael Shutty, Jr.)*

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"We are delighted to bring these seminars to the Sunshine State, and we appreciate FUN's ongoing support of the ANA's educational mission," said Susan McMillan, ANA Education Project Manager.

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# JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## LION COIN CLUB ACTIVITIES



*Raelena Means*  
President



*Ralph Ross*  
Youth Chair

Greetings TNA Members:

I am happy to send this newsletter about the Jack Yates Senior High School "Lion" Coin Club.

The "Lion" Coin Club had a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 30, 2014 with approximately 50 students in attendance. Mrs. Phyllis A. Ross, attended the party and we all enjoyed pizza, pop, prizes and camaraderie. The Lion Coin Club President, Raelena, organized an ice-breaker to recruit new members and generate excitement about the club. All members were encourage to bring copies of their report cards to submit to the "Coins for A's Program" and many students cooperated. Raelena, the President of the "Lion" Coin Club and member of the varsity Lady Lions Volleyball team, told all the students that she strives to be the best leader possible and hopes to make the coin club one of the best high school coin clubs ever. "Lion" Coin Club Secretary, Iyona Kelly, According to Secretary Iyona Kelly, "we are planning to attend the 58th Houston Money Show at the GRB Convention Center, show dates are December 4 – 6, 2014 (Thursday thru Saturday). We are also planning a Christmas party on Thursday, December 18, 2014; We will exchange numismatic gifts" and end-of-year business will be discussed.



The 2014-2015 Lion Coin Club (LC2) officers are: President: Raelena Means; Vice President: Amber Felder; Secretary: Iyona Kelly; Treasure: Solana Hood; Membership: Madisen Clarkson; Parliamentarian: Amber Wright; Sergeant-At-Arms: Daerion Richards; New Letter (Editor): Tamara Brown; Board of Directors: Mechelle Walther, Tiara Hands, Faith Owens, Jaslind Kelly, Andrew Wimbush

The goals of the Lion Coin Club are to promote and encourage interest in the science of numismatics, to cultivate friendly relations between collectors, students, and dealers and to especially encourage and assist the beginner in numismatics.



The Lion Coin Club (LC2) is a high school coin club which provides a forum to learn about rare coins and currency, allows interactions with other collectors, and participation and educational programs (such as National Coin Week).

The Lion Coin Club invites and welcomes to membership all persons who have a sincere interest in numismatics, whether they collect coins, paper money, tokens, medals, whether advanced collectors or those who are generally interested in the subject.



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by John Barber

# TRADE DOLLARS

Your editor/publisher has become aware that an active new member of GHCC is forming a nice set of Trade Dollars. These wonderful artifacts of America's early efforts to become important in the East Asia trade are today a well-made and popular alternate to Morgan Dollar collecting. Their back story is very interesting, and the subject of a whole book your editor remembers reading in the summer of 1965: "America's Only Unwanted, Unhonored Coin" by John Willem (1959, 1965).

The circumstances surrounding the issue of the Trade Dollar are nowhere better explained than by David Lange in his 2006 book "History of the U. S. Mint and Its Coinage" (Whitman):

*"This coin was intended exclusively for sale at its bullion value to Americans doing business in East Asia, where Mexican dollars remained the preferred medium of exchange. Though the Trade Dollar was not intended for domestic circulation, Congress unwisely felt the need to set its legal-tender ceiling at \$5, an action that would come back to haunt its members just three years later. The inscription 420 Grains, 900 Fine reinforces the intent that this coin was to trade primarily at its bullion value."*

Meanwhile, mine production of new silver continued at high levels and Germany and other nations were moving toward a gold standard, releasing old silver onto the world market.

Lange continues:

*"The falling price of silver had yet another unforeseen effect, one that was even more disturbing. The Trade Dollar, introduced in 1873, enjoyed a reasonable measure of success in its intended role as a bullion coin for the East Asian market. But the decline of silver prices led to the use of Trade Dollars*



*in domestic circulation at face value. Since those who deposited silver at the Mint were paid in these coins at their bullion value, the growing disparity between the Trade Dollar's bullion value and its face value represented an instant profit to the depositor. Merchants had to stockpile these coins that banks would not accept in amounts over \$5. Congress was torn between raising the legal-tender limit and eliminating its legal status altogether. On July*



# ...AN ALTERNATIVE

*22, 1876, Congress revoked its legal-tender status. But the coins did not just go away. Predictably, brokers stepped in who were willing to take them off the hands of frustrated merchants, albeit at a discount. The new twist was that the coins were being sold by the brokers to employers, who passed them off on unsuspecting workers on payday. The workers*



*found that many stores would take the coins only at their bullion value, which was well below \$1. Refusal to accept Trade Dollars in one's pay envelope could lead to dismissal."*

It took until February 1878 for Treasury Secretary John Sherman to order that their production be halted. After 1878, Trade Dollars were made only as proofs for the collector market. Our GHCC collector has wisely

decided to ignore the 1884 and 1885 proof issues as concoctions and has no urge to add either year to his set.

Your editor looked many places for a more acceptable likeness of the Trade Dollar's designer William Barber, but could find none. Even after rejecting some photos misidentifying his son, the better known Charles E. Barber, the best that could be obtained was this somewhat fuzzy photo of William Barber's retirement medal:

It is a shame that William did not live to see more of his artistry used as circulating coinage. He was very active in the production of patterns and medals in a time when the Mint was doing



a lot of these, but he only got TWO circulating coins into production. Some would even say only one and a half, as his twenty cents reverse is a clone of his Trade Dollar eagle.





by Richard Laster

# COINS FOR



Friends . . . It has been a while since the first time I put on one of my favorite hats. The "hat" of which I speak is the one in my metaphorical closet carrying a familiar numismatic design.

It bears the title of "Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's" volunteer. For the last several years, now into my third TNA president, I have had the privilege of being in contact with children and youth from every corner of Texas, and many places in between. Those who contact me have at the least a touch of interest in coin collecting. A few are what I'd call "seasoned" collectors. More than a handful declare that they are already thinking about the hobby for a "life time." I hear stories from younger collectors of the grandparent, parent, sibling, friend, neighbors, and the like who gifted a young collector-to-be with his or her first coin and a few words of encouragement.

Coins for A's is in place to follow up on that primary gift and are sometimes the source of the initial numismatic treasure. We, as an organization of enthusiasts, provide not only material but also insight into the tangible world of finance, history and all that can be gleaned from the hobby. Each individual who is in contact with me receives a letter of greeting in which I try to find some way to enhance their world through the collectible enclosed in the package. I'll suggest such things as researching what is on the coin's field including all forms of imagery and wording. Also to acquire information concerning the coin and the series from which it comes. I encourage the recipients to study the time in which the coin or other numismatic items appeared in order to find an understanding of what was happening and in many cases, why the coin with the specific design made its entrance when it did. Over all it is my understanding that there is more to being a "coin collector" than just "collecting coins," something which I trust we all know from our own experience.



At the moment my box of "stuff" (aka Coins for A's numismatic material) has a diverse selection in place. With the decline in silver prices I am able to acquire larger silver coins, such as quarters, and half dollars, to augment my already existing stash of Mercury / Winged Liberty dimes. Because of the generosity of the Texas Numismatic Association, I have had the latitude to invest in some multiple-piece lots of material. For example here lately I've found a small hoard of Fifth Series Fractional notes, along with groupings of paper money of series past such as United States Notes, and Silver Certificates. It is amazing the number of kids who receive paper such as the ones stated before who had "no idea" that there ever was such a thing. One second grader I heard from shared how she took her ten cent piece of fractional currency to show and tell and related the joy she had in offering some new history and sharing an item with which nobody in the class, including the teacher, was familiar. Along with sharing she learned a volume of history about the era of Reconstruction because of that one item of currency.

It is my joy to receive thanks in your behalf. I ask each collector touched by Coins for A's program to email to let me know when the package has arrived safely. I don't hear from everyone but do have response from a majority. Sometimes the child or youth will write in his or her own words. Often I'll hear from the parent who reinforces the excitement found when the little box or envelope arrives. There is still something special about receiving a piece of mail with YOUR name on it.

One of my favorite recent responses came just last week from the father of three kids. For privacy sake I'm altering names. I share this with you simply because I got a happy feeling along with a bit of a chuckle out of the response: "We received the coins you sent. Thank you so much for sending them. We've had fun the last hour over dinner talking



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about them and reading about them in our Red Book. The following lines are straight from the kids' mouths, unedited. Daughter: 'I like the V coin the best.

The winged liberty head one is super creepy, and I think she'll give me nightmares.' Son: 'I like the Buffalo one. The winged liberty head one is not creepy.' We go to most coin shows in Fort Worth and Grapevine, and we usually make the TNA convention. We even made one of the TNA newsletters. So we've probably crossed paths and didn't know it."

This communication came to my mail box yesterday: "I am "son's name" mom and I just wanted to let you know he did receive the coin you sent him. He was so excited. He is really enjoying coin collecting and has a true passion for it. Thanks so much for doing this for kids." The "son," because of the generosity of our organization, received a Barber Half - an item he had as his "request" which I was able to fulfill. Even though I can't fulfill every specific interest I do the best I can with substitutions. One of my favorite memories was the young man who said he wanted an 1889 proof three cent piece. I thought for a moment "so would !!!" Unfortunately that particular item wasn't in the box, however, I did have a very "good-ish" 1873 three cent piece. He was delighted with that substitution.

I thank you all for your support. Coins for A's is alive and well. Information is available on our Texas Numismatic Association website and also on the contact page at the back of this and every issue of the TNA News. Donations are always welcome. I'm honored to receive in kind items such as coins and paper money. I respond to questions from possible donors with , "your donations are welcome and will be a blessing to those who receive them." Financial contributions, which are offered on occasion, are best sent through the TNA treasurer's office with designation to Coins for A's. I do wish to note that one of our faithful organization leaders, Tom B.,



presented Coins for A's a generous group of silver coins representing Walking Liberty Half Dollars, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Winged Liberty Dimes. (Both of the "creepy" and "non-creepy" variety.)

One last thought . . . The Coins for A's program expands when we members of TNA share the opportunity. Please feel free to run off the handout which is on our website. Offer the opportunity where and when you can. An example of this: For the second year in a row members of the Red River Valley Coin Club have made a numismatic presentation at one of the local elementary schools in the Paris, Texas area. Following this, at least last year and I expect again this year, I received requests, through the teacher, for twenty some students. I was able, because of your encouragement and support to have a world of world coins and a mint of minted Wheat Lincoln Cents to send to the kids through the volunteers of the Red River Valley club. Along with the gifts I wrote a note of encouragement and challenge for the class members to study the coins and pinpoint where the country is or was on the map. Along with the location, find out a fact of two which wasn't known about the issuing location. Also I encouraged a compare / contrast with the Lincoln Cents and to study the reason why the Lincoln Cent appeared for the first time back in 1909.

Thanks for your time and interest. I am proud to partner with the other child friendly programs of the Texas Numismatic Association and to represent us throughout the state of Texas. I would write more however I have a dozen or so Coins for A's letters sitting on my desk.

Regards and God Bless,  
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# QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Considering the regular issue one cent coins of the U.S. 1793-2014, which years have no available genuine specimens?
- 2) Considering regular issue five cent pieces of the U.S. 1866-2014, how many different compositions been issued?
- 3) How many different types complete a set of Peace Dollars?
- 4) Which regular issue Jefferson Nickel has the smallest mintage?

- 5) What is a "Grand Watermelon" note?
- 6) Why do the South Africa Krugerrand one-ounce gold coins sell at a discount to American Gold Eagles and Canadian Maple Leafs?
- 7) Is this piece a coin, a token, or a medal?



## DR. COYNE

1) The only year for which there are no genuine specimens of the U.S. cent is 1815. It seems that the War of 1812 (with Great Britain) caused the Philadelphia mint to run out of ready-to-strike planchets which had been coming from Birmingham. Collectors, however, have long added an altered Large Cent to their collections to "fill the hole".



2) The U.S. five cent pieces of 1866-1873 included silver half dimes (90% silver) and copper nickel coins. With the exception of the WWII years when a 35% silver "nickel" was made, the only composition employed from 1866-2014 has been 75% copper / 25% nickel.



3) Collectors identify two subtypes of Peace Dollars. The small issue of 1921 coins was intended to be struck in high relief. But many of the coins lack high point details, as shown on the specimen below. The other



years 1922-1935 come with a modified, lower relief design that was easier for the mint to strike and would allow longer die life.

4) According to the Red Book, the Jefferson Nickel with the smallest mintage is the vaunted 1950-D with just 2.6 million issued. Many were saved as a speculation in uncirculated condition. It is hard to find a well-circulated example.

5) The Grand Watermelon name is collectors' slang term for the \$1000 Treasury or Coin Note, Series 1890. The "grand" part refers to the denomination of \$1000, and the



"watermelon" part comes from the look of the zeroes on the reverse, which are colored and shaded to look like the skin of the summertime favorite.

6) The South African Krugerrand is regarded as the pioneer one-ounce bullion coin, predating the American Gold Eagle, Canadian Maple Leaf, British Britannia, Pandas, and others. But in today's market, they sell at a slight discount to these modern competitors. For a time, Krugerrand imports were prohibited as a protest against South Africa's apartheid policies. They never fully recovered in the marketplace.

7) The piece is a coin. It is an Athenian "owl", perhaps the most famous coin of antiquity. This type was issued by the



- 8) Considering the regular issue coins of the U.S. 1901-2014, what year has the fewest different denominations coined?
- 9) What does the term "condition rarity" mean?
- 10) How many different types complete a set of Buffalo Nickels?
- 11) Which regular issue Morgan Dollar has the smallest mintage?

- 12) What is a "Bison Ten" note?
- 13) What slab grades do American Silver Eagle one-ounce coins come in?
- 14) Is this piece a coin, a token, or a medal?



## RESPONDS

city-state of Athens around 440-404 BC, and has a face value of tetradrachm (4 drachm, though the denomination is not spelled out in the design). They were used for centuries as a world trade coin.

8) The year for the fewest denominations of regular issue U.S. coins is 1922. There was a recession in progress, and the mints were otherwise busy with coining mandated Peace Dollars. In 1922, we find cents (Denver only), silver dollars, and gold St. Gaudens double eagles. No nickels, dimes, quarters, or halves were made.

9) A coin is a "condition rarity" if it is common in the condition usually seen but rare in the condition under discussion. The usual kind of "condition rarity" is common in circulated condition and rare in top condition, such as the 1934-S Peace Dollar. Other examples, which take on significant value ONLY if in PCGS/NGC plastic, include such things as 1953-S cents. The term can also be applied to such things as a 2010 Kennedy half dollar worn down to Very Good condition. While this coin might be interesting, its market value would be around fifty cents.

10) Collectors identify only two subtypes of Buffalo Nickels. These coins are more formally known as Indian Head Nickels and the 1913 coins come with two different reverse designs. The bison can be standing on a mound with the words "Five Cents" in relief, or the bison can be standing on a plain with the denomination in a more protected area. Mint marked issues of 1913 of both types are scarce, but Philadelphia issues are easily obtained. All issues of 1914 through 1938 are of Type 2.

11) According to the Red Book, the Morgan Dollar with the smallest mintage is the 1895 Philadelphia (12,000). But no one now living has ever seen a survivor from this regular-issue mintage of 12,000. It is now thought that they were all

melted at the mint or that the coins carried an earlier date. The 1893-S, with mintage of 100,000 is next lowest. These are scarce and expensive, but not too hard to find as a well-circulated example.

12) The Bison Ten is a popular type of red seal United States Note of the series 1901. This large size note features a splendidly engraved plains bison on the face, along with

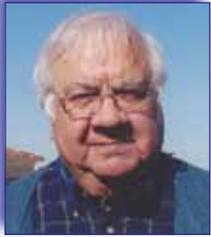


portraits of Lewis and Clark of western exploration fame. These notes are available in the full range of condition, and well-circulated specimens are affordable.

13) The American Silver Eagles are a product of the U.S. mint, originally intended as bullion "coins" for investment, but they have lately been collected by some by date, forming sets. They are nearly of all one standard high quality, but grading services have attempted to classify them by quality, with nearly all pieces rating either 69 or 70 level, and MS or Proof according to the method of manufacture.

14) The piece is a medal. It commemorates the establishment of the city of Cheyenne and highlights the important transportation and cattle industries there. If it were a coin, it would have a denomination and be intended to circulate as money.





by Henry Brasco

# THE MYSTERY OF THE 1929 FROM THE MERCANTILE

Prior to the American Civil War, state banks issued their own bank notes. During the civil war in 1863, the National Banking Act, established a system of National Banks which were empowered to issue their own notes subject to federal oversight. A 2 % tax on state banks was authorized in 1864 to speed conversion to the new system, only to be increased the next year to 10 %, then 20 %. Banks with a federal charter would deposit bonds in the U.S. Treasury. The banks could then print bank notes worth up to 80 % value of the bonds. The federal government would back the value of the notes.

The first national banknotes are referred to as “first charter period” currency. Banks that issued first charter notes were typically found in large cities.

Small size 1929 ten dollar national banknotes tend to be common. Values for these take many points to be considered , with those having long serial numbers will almost certainly be worth less than \$100.00.

There are two different types of 1929 ten dollar notes. One type is the Federal Reserve Bank Note. These notes will generally be worth than a few times face value due to their large printing



Through much of their earlier history, national banknotes used designs in which the issuing banks’ name was displayed, rather than “United States of America”.

The ten dollar national banknote is the most common found on national currency. There are almost 150,000 currently known to exist from the 12, 635 banks that printed currency. While these may sound common, some ten dollar notes are considered rare.

numbers. These are Federal Reserve Banknotes and will say Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco or Dallas.

The other type is the 1929 National Banknote and may be worth a few dollars over face value to several hundred dollars depending on which bank issued the note. These will be distinguished by the



# TEN DOLLAR NATIONAL BANK NOTE

## NATIONAL BANK AT DALLAS , TEXAS

bank title on the left hand side of the note and will bear such names as " First National Bank of " or "The National Bank of" or "The National Trust and Savings of" or The Mercantile National Bank at Dallas, Texas".

In 1917, The Dallas County State Bank became one of the National Banks. In 1925 Stiles, Thornton and Lund established a banking company, and this became known as the Mercantile National Bank with R. L. Thornton serving as its president until 1947. It became one of the national banks during the Great Depression that was allowed to print its own currency, receiving its national charter in 1933 under the Texas charter 13743.

During the construction of the Mercantile National Bank, it was the only skyscraper completed in the U. S. during World War Two and was also one of the last art-deco skyscrapers built. R. L. Thornton



convinced the city of Dallas to extend a 'spire' atop of the building to serve as a lookout in case of invading Japanese airplanes approaching from the West.

Robert Lee Thornton was famously known as a businessman, philanthropist and mayor of the City of Dallas. He is remembered with his name on the I-30 Expressway, east of downtown Dallas, also known as the R L Freeway, and the I-35 south of downtown Dallas ( S.R.L. Fwy) as is the headquarters building of the Dallas County Community College district.

National Banknotes were retired as a currency type by the U.S. Government in the 1930's during the Great Depression as currency in the U.S. as consolidated into Federal Reserve Notes, United States Notes and Silver Certificates and privately issued banknotes were eliminated.

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# A DOLLAR TYPE SET: WH

**A**mong all of the folks in the US, it may be only the collectors who recognize that there are more dollar coin designs in circulation right now than ever before. After all, the general public doesn't seem too keen on presidential dollars or on the Sacagawea dollars. Collecting either of these "golden" dollars by date, by design, or by 'P' and 'D' mint mark is often less a matter of spending any money, and more a matter of knowing some location where the coins are dispensed (usually from change dispensers for later use in vending machines). But when it comes to real silver in real silver dollars, well, now it's a different collecting game. Take a look at the silver dollars that follow, and the type set we can assemble:

## A 1986 PROOF SILVER EAGLE

This might qualify as a surprise for the first entry on any list of silver dollar types, but these big, bullion pieces do sport the \$1 denomination. Getting one in proof is usually not tough. Getting one from the first year of issue in proof is still not too tough or expensive.



## ANY OF THE PROOF, SILVER EISENHOWER DOLLARS

As a nod to collectors, the US Mint produced silver clad versions of these last of the big dollars, at least for the first five years of the program. The problem with collecting any of the Eisenhower dollars though is that, for whatever reason, almost no one does! Maybe they are still considered too modern. Maybe they are just considered ugly compared to Morgan and Peace dollars (admit it – even if Ike is your all-time favorite president, he and this coin design never won any beauty contests). Whatever the reason though, the lack of collector interest tends to keep the price of these dollars low. We can take advantage of it.



## TWO 1935 SILVER DOLLARS – A PEACE AND A CANADIAN

This year represents the last gasp of United States silver dollars, at least until the Ikes made their debut almost four decades later, but the birth-year of what



became a beautiful run of Canadian silver dollars. So why not get one of each? Neither is a super-rare coin, although neither is exactly common. But spending \$100 on either coin will get you an example in a good grade and with plenty of eye appeal.

## TWO 1921 SILVER DOLLARS – A MORGAN AND A PEACE

Since we just set a precedent of having one date that served for two different dollars, it's probably okay to try it again. This time around it is the Morgan dollar that had come back from a long



sleep, as there were none made from 1904 to 1921. Any of the three Morgan dollars from this year, meaning those made in Philadelphia, Denver, or San Francisco, are quite common – the 1921-P being the most common in the entire series. That means prices today are generally quite affordable. The Peace dollars of 1921 will always command



# WHERE TO START, WHERE TO STOP?

something of a premium, since they are all the high relief design. But if one looks at grade sheets carefully, a person can't help but notice that a piece in a grade like AU-50 costs much less than one in MS-60. It's one of those cases where a slight drop in grade means a big drop in price. Once again we can take advantage of that.

## *AN 1878 MORGAN DOLLAR*

Having one Morgan from each end of this series certainly will add some glitter and sparkle to any growing type set of silver dollars. Although their mintages were not as high as the 1921's, even the 1878-CC of Carson City saw a total mintage of 2.2 million coins. Since the 1878 and the 1878-S each had totals of over 9.7 million coins, it's not too hard to find any of the three Mint possibilities for this coin. And once again, \$100 will go a long way to securing one.



## *A CHOP MARKED TRADE DOLLAR*

This may seem like an odd choice to place on a silver dollar type list, especially since we've been talking about better grades for all of the other coins. But the Trade dollars were a strange beast, made originally to facilitate trade with nations on the Pacific Rim. Even though some were made in large quantities, since many were exported and some were melted, all of



them cost quite a bit today. But of those that were actually exported to the port cities of China, some that came back brought with them, as it were, what are called chop marks. These are



stamps on the metal that indicate some banking house or business concern in China verified the coin as good silver. Like any marked coin, chop marked Trade dollars tend to have somewhat lower values today. But that chop mark also is an indicator that the coin travelled and did what it was supposed to do. It facilitated some early international trade, and is now a colorful item for a collection.

## *A SEATED LIBERTY DOLLAR IN A HIGHER CIRCULATED GRADE*

When it comes to Morgan and Peace dollars, enough of them were made and not used that there are plenty of uncirculated specimens out there on the market today. But Seated Liberty dollars were both made in smaller quantities and used more over the course of years. Thus, landing an example of Mr. Gobrecht's design on its largest "canvas" will mean spending a few hundred dollars more. Even the common date Seated Liberty dollars are not cheap. On the other hand, \$500 can land a piece from one of the later years in a condition like VF-20. And at that grade, these coins still hold some of their eye appeal and beauty.



## *EARLIER SILVER DOLLARS ???*

If we go into any silver dollars that are earlier than the Seated Liberty dollars, it means spending some serious dollars of our own. It's not impossible to acquire a US silver dollar dated before 1804 to be sure, but it is always costly. So we'll end our type set with a Seated Liberty, but keep in mind that ends can also be beginnings. Every coin we mentioned here can serve as a gateway into a new series, and into some collecting fun.



# EARLY STEPS TOWARD ADOPTION OF

by Rick Ewing, Greater Houston Coin Club Member

The pursuit of small size notes began long before World War I under the administration of William Howard Taft's Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh. Mr. MacVeagh addressed the situation in his annual report to the President but did not act upon it with any diligence. He was deeply involved in efficiency and general running of the Treasury Department during his time in office. MacVeagh dodged the issue under the Aldrich-Vreeland Act of 1908 that established the National Currency Commission that was supposed to bring about currency reform and opted instead for streamlining operations within the Treasury Department by abolishing many unnecessary positions. He began the practice of accepting certified checks in payment for customs and internal revenue payment over the actual use of cash. A numismatic note also resides in his résumé as Secretary of the Treasury: he was involved in the design and issuance of the Indian Head/Buffalo Nickel of 1913, replacing the Liberty-V Nickel.

He addressed the reduction of currency size in an interview of September 10, 1910 with comments going directly to the proposed size reduction and mechanics of the proposed notes. He felt that the public would accept the change without much fanfare and transition rather rapidly into the new currency. The report for the Treasury stated that the smaller currency would facilitate advantages to the banking industry and commerce because the money would be easier to handle and would require 25% less storage space. He also declared that it would cramp the hands of counters less because the size would fit the hand better! His report addressed costs all along the process. MacVeagh did try to implement his goal of size reduction of the currency but his efforts were started just days before he left office. His actual report was lost according to a BEP-issued report dated October 17, 1925. He did live long enough to see the implementation of the smaller size currency in 1929, passing away in 1934. He had issued the instructions to begin the redesign and engraving of the actual plates for the new currency. His replacement, William G. McAdoo, said he favored the size reduction in a statement. He put it on hold, however, as the newly established Federal Reserve Banking System and a big financial crisis loomed that was compounded by the conflict of World War I. He was drawn into the issue

of addressing the action of foreign investors liquidating security holdings and converting the cash into gold and transporting that liquid asset back into European hands. His actions were unprecedented when he closed the New York Stock Exchange for four months thus stopping the exchange of securities into cash and exchanging it for gold and returning it to Europe. By doing this he managed to maintain the Gold Standard and avert the extremes of the financial panic that was looming.

Size of the currency was addressed by Edward Broughton with the statement that although the reduction of currency dimensions was not a problem in mechanics



Series 1923 United States Note \$1 Red Seal

but a matter of economics with the throes of the World War and massive number of plates for all the National Banks. It was more just a matter of opportunity and would be addressed at a better time. He cited that the economy of the move was obvious from production to space saving and life expectancy of the actual notes. He noted that paper money would be folded less and dog-eared less. He also discounted the notion that the public would find the two sizes cumbersome and would accept the currency readily.

The issue of size reduction stalled there until another inquiry by John Norman in January 1918 was addressed by Leffingwell, an assistant Secretary of the Treasury that the War Effort had overloaded the Treasury and the "Philippines Size" currency although historically successful, was a significant matter that would be addressed at a later date. No more apparent action was reported for another three years when Secretary of the Treasury David Houston sidestepped the issue saying the size of the currency was a good proposal but was not an idea that was going to be implemented at that time. The idea was viewed as important but not pressing. His term of office was short-lived; he was

replaced when Wilson left office and Harding took the office of President.

By 1921, Secretary David F. Houston addressed the issue of size reduction with George Eliot of Harvard University. He wanted the reduction to occur but laid the reluctance at the feet of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing because they would be overwhelmed by the massive amount of engraving that would have to take place to replace all the national banknote plates that were so elaborate. He would address the change when there was less political pressure on the office. He was mired in the debate over handling of the war debts of the European nations and farm pricing issues he faced at home. Eliot disagreed that the issues raised to the size reduction were "permanent though trivial" and would be raised up each time. He felt the Philippine size was an issue needing action. He felt all the reasons for not doing the reduction were depreciated. In a final response to the issue, he said that he would present the issue directly to the BEP and what would be done about the national banks would be another piece of a larger puzzle to be addressed.

Secretary Houston, according to a memo to his assistant Gilbert, was against the putting out of new designs until the smaller size was fact. Being concerned that the smaller designs of the current notes could prevent the adoption of the idea, he commissioned a new study and emphasized that it should be done soon. This was followed by a request sent to all twelve Federal Reserve Bank boards and governors to express their opinions of the matter. The first of these replies was from Governor Harding favoring the reduction as a good idea. Governor Norris was more eloquent; he preferred the reduction and expressed the belief that it would be universally accepted and the objections would be minimal and outweighed. His lone musing was what would the public confidence in the currency be in response to the reduction. Governor Wellborn of the Atlanta Branch echoed the other responses with his branches unanimous in endorsement of the reduction proposal. Chicago Governor Blair saying his board gave full consideration and concluded the change was advantageous and outweighed all negative aspects. New York Governor addressed the conservative aspect of reluctance but mainly endorsed the change, mentioning



# SMALL SIZE CURRENCY FOR THE U.S.



Treasury Secretary - A.W. Mellon

that bills would be changed and the psychological changes were minimal. He still managed to enumerate all the mechanical advantages and disadvantages in his reply to Houston. Governor of St. Louis Attebury saw the change as a temporary disadvantage and the positives outweighed reluctance handily.

The rest of the responses addressed more of a physical nature than anything else, like the fitting of the hand better with testing of smaller size models. Also addressed was the less likelihood of folding, which increased the life of the bills along with shipping, production and actual mechanics of paying and receiving money.

Higher echelons of government responded. Comptroller of the Currency also favored the reduction. Treasurer Frank White affirmed the issue also. Another issue addressed at this level was redemption involving two sizes during the transition. President Warren Harding added that he had favored the reduction for a long time and that the purchasing power of the dollar would not be adversely affected in a letter. The other response to the issue came from outside government circles in the form of the Rochester Numismatic Society sending a letter which stated that it would prove a convenience and economy to both the public and government economy.

By 1923, new Secretary Mellon announced that a new series of designs were being developed. He acknowledged a committee which included Broughton of Federal Reserve, Hill of the BEP, and Moran. Some designs were actually executed but further difficulties were noted and the action was ceased. No doubt this was due to the massive number plates involving the National Banking currency. He addressed the issue in his annual report that the reduction of the size of notes

was a good idea but the public had not advanced any demand for the change and economy of production and public convenience would not be served at that time so the issue was tabled. He was also not aware of any update of equipment at the BEP to implement the change requiring a duplication of equipment during the changeover. He also worried about universal acceptance of the currency, stating that reduction of size might reduce or eliminate design elements that give the currency its essential character.

Toward the end of 1924, Mellon appointed Dewey, Broughton, Kirby and Houston to make an entirely independent study of the ramifications of a size reduction of the currency in current production. In April 1925 a gathering of Federal Reserve officials in Washington, D.C. endorsed the reduction issue without qualification. Between Dewey and Charles H. Derr acknowledged the decade-plus-long discussion of the size reduction. The statement said that even though the current size was firmly fixed in the public mind the difficulties with transition were not massive. Also once again the BEP got a nod saying it was overcrowded would not be able to accomplish the change.



Small Size "Funny Back" Note

The issues remained alive as Bureau of Efficiency File 2.63 addressed it on October 19, 1925. The file addressed three issues in the form of questions: Should the size be reduced; If reduced, what would the dimensions be; would all denominations be affected?

After an intense amount of discussion the committee and gathered Federal Reserve Representatives adopted a unanimous opinion that the currency was to be reduced to the so-called Philippine size and all denominations were to be affected. Until this point the references to the Philippine size were mostly in writing in the October

1925 General McIntyre of the Bureau of Insular Affairs brief to the Bureau of Efficiency about the handling of currency in the Philippines and the proposed new size of US Currency. He used models of the Philippine Two Peso Currency to see the ease of handling. He concluded that the money use test was an unqualified success. The lone objector was the Secretary of War Elihu Root, which expressed the question that Philippine money along with American currency could become comingled. J.B. Peet, a Philippine banker, addressed the aspects of the currency to an American Banker's Association expressing the ease of the change from the larger size. Mentioned also was the life span of the smaller issues and easier transport through the postal system which would no longer require being folded and cost less a current postal rates. He mentioned also the fact handling money in the US now felt like "handling blankets" compared to his home currency. His conclusion was that the smaller currency was superior.

On August 20, 1925 a new committee was appointed by the Department of the Treasury. It consisted of fifteen officials.

These individuals, with a support staff of secretaries and recorders, were divided into eight committees to study aspects of design and asked to address seven concerns: new designs, uniformity of reverses, denomination faces, use of color, national bank notes, federal reserve notes and reduced sizes.

In October the committee voted without reservation in favor of the size reduction of the currency to the same size as the Philippine currency. In 1929 the small size notes began appearing in circulation. Anticipated short falls were prepared for with the special printing of the small size \$1 Legal Tender notes to fill the anticipated lack of needed small denomination notes but were never actually circulated. They were stored until release in 1948 in the Puerto Rico banking system. Their release there was hoped that would prevent these notes from being confused with other denominations circulating on the mainland.

We have now been using the same "small size" currency for 85 years.





*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: [tnanews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnanews@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 SEPTEMBER MEETING** - President Ed Lasko called the meeting to order, welcoming 43 members to the September meeting.

**Old Business:** Gary Andrews gave a brief report on his Cowtown Coin Show held at our new venue, the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center. In short, Gary felt that both dealers and guests thought it was outstanding. He said the Center staff could not have been more accommodating and there was a contingent of Explorer Scouts offering their services in any way that could help. Ed Lasko confirmed the date of the January Awards Banquet as January 10th, the second Saturday of the new year. Details to follow.

**New Business:** Frank Hezmall, the Club's new Vice-President, has been busy. He announced he has several months of programs lined up including next month when Paul Schoch will be presenting a program of Inflation Numismatics.

**Educational Program:** Frank Hezmall gave the evening's program on Numismatic Conversation Pieces in which he selected unique items from his personal collection. Question – how many US mints have there been? Answer – 9, the ninth being Manila and Frank showed coins made in Manila.

He also told the story of Josh Tatum a deaf mute who gained notoriety for gold plating "racketeer nickels" and passing them off at \$5 dollar gold pieces. He would buy something for less than 5 cents, the actual value of a racketeer nickel, and accept change for 5 dollars if the proprietor thought the coin was gold. He made \$15,000 using this scheme. When brought up on charges, he was acquitted because, being a mute, he never represented to anyone that the coin was actually a \$5 dollar gold piece.

Frank also told how the US doubled in size because of a shipwreck. Back in the 1700s, Spain owned Louisiana and beyond. The Spanish government in New Orleans was having difficulty meeting its obligations because of a lack of gold or silver. In 1784 the ship El Cazador was dispatched from the mines of Mexico headed to New Orleans and was loaded with silver Pillar dollars (pieces-of-eight), most dated 1783 El Cazador disappeared without a trace and Spain was never able to sufficiently supply New Orleans and eventually sold

its territory to France. In 1804 Napoleon needed money to finance his military adventures in Europe and sold the territory (known here as the Louisiana Purchase) to the U.S. for \$15 million. More than likely the U.S. paid France using the same kind of Pillar Dollars lost when El Cazador sunk.

El Cazador's resting place was unknown until 1993 when a shrimp boat in the Gulf of Mexico snagged its net. When it pulled the net to the surface, it was full of El Cazador's Pillar Dollars.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with 35 members and guests were in attendance. Guest, Jesse Molina, interests are Silver bullion, pre 1965 Mint and Proof sets.

**Old Business:** Ed Lasko distributed two Life Memberships. Life Member #19 - Ron Surprenant, Life Member #20 – Earl Coppersmith. This is the 60th year for the Fort Worth Coin Club Inc., and it is an honor to have Life Members. Congratulations to Ron and Earl!

**New Business:** Ed Lasko spoke about the benefits of being a Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. member. We are fortunate, that the two Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. Coin Shows, provide enough revenue for these benefits. At the last Club Board meeting, we discussed raising the membership fee. Although we could easily justify increasing the fee, we decided that as long as the Coin Show continued to do well, we would keep the dues at the same level.

Some of the benefits that the members enjoy are: The educational program provided each month; Educational Awards given at the January Awards Banquet; The fellowship, and BINGO games, enjoyed at the Awards Banquet, and the Summer Picnic; Matt Miller's great food every month; Door prizes given to lucky attending members

We wanted express our appreciation to Club Member Olyve Abbott. Ed Lasko asked who knew Olyve, and nearly all of the members raised their hands. Olyve, at one time, was the Club Secretary for five years in a row, and she has hosted the Club Board meeting at her home for the last 17 years She never fails to be gracious, and she provided drinks and snacks. The Board members wanted to give Olyve something that would show our appreciation, for her dedication to the Club. Jack Allen made a motion to Award Olyve Abbott a Life Membership at the next Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. Board meeting at her home. In addition, a stipend of \$250.00 will also be presented. At the next Awards Banquet, Olyve will be presented with ROSES, so that everyone can show her our appreciation. Earl Coppersmith seconded the motion, and it was voted on unanimously by the attending Club members.

Educational program: Our Vice President Frank Hezmall announced



our educational program. Paul Schoch provided a very interesting educational program about Inflation, and Hyper Inflation. There have been 56 episodes of Hyper Inflation throughout history. Hyper Inflation is rapid or out of control inflation. One of the worst cases of Hyper inflation was when the value of the money decreased by 50 percent every 24 hours. Paul has a collection of the paper money that was used in most of these episodes. Inflation is always connected with money. The supply of money has a direct relationship with the price of goods. (the more money that is printed, the more the money is devalued) MONEY versus WEALTH. Money is a means of exchange. Wealth is the possession of goods and things. Some good items of wealth are property, and precious metals. Properties of money disappear with inflation. There were 775 currencies before 1935. 600 of them are not in use today. Hyper Inflation always results with FIAT money. The currency is replaced by a different currency, normally with more zero's at the end. Inflation favors the debtors. It took the United states 107 years to remove silver from the coins. If the US went to the GOLD standard, it would be great until the politicians messed it up. Currency is backed by the countrymen, and the way the world perceives them.

## DISTRICT FIVE



**COLLIN COUNTY SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club (CCCC) was brought to order with President Mike W presiding. Present were 31 members and 6 guests as follows Myrna D, Paula C, Tina, Blake, Jacob and George.

Program: Terry E showed the new fifty year commemorative Kennedy half dollar set that he just got from the mint.

Mike W showed a Phonescope, a device that allows taking close-up photos of coins with an iPhone. Although he has not tried it out yet, it appears that it will be a very handy device. Hopefully we will have a follow-up program in the near future..

**OCTOBER MEETING** - The regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club (CCCC) was brought to order with President Mike W presiding. Present were 24 members and 3 guests as follows: Reagan H, Paul T and Hanna S.

New Business:

Denise H made and James T seconded the motion that we have a costume meeting next October, to be done the same way as we do the Hawaiian shirt night. Anyone showing up in some form of Halloween costume would get for participating an extra ticket for a door prize. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

Program: The program was given by Glen S concerning Roman numerals. He provided an interesting handout summarizing some of the changes between typical modern usage and Roman inscriptions used in ancient times. Some examples are the number 4 now being IV versus IIII, and originally a similar "additive" quality in using VIII as 9 instead of IX. The IIII can be seen on some clocks today, but space considerations frequently make the same clock face have IX for 9. The use of Roman numerals in the 20th century, as throughout the middle ages, has been inconsistent and/or erroneous, including some use in media today.



**DALLAS SEPTEMBER MEETING** - Meeting #1036 was called to order by President Gary D, who welcomed Tom as a returning visitor.

There were nineteen members present.

During Show and Tell time, several members brought items to share.

Stewart reminded everyone to bring their coins which need to be identified to the October meeting. The program for that meeting will be "Identifying Coins, Tokens and other Numismatic Items". Also, the next joint meeting with Collin County Club is scheduled for October 29 at 6 PM at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano.

Our Donation Auction is scheduled for February. Please bring your items for this auction as soon as possible. Frank has agreed to catalog the items. Several items were turned over to the club at this meeting. All club members are encouraged to bring one or more items to contribute to this auction, since it will be our main source of income for the year.

The program was presented by Kurt, who spoke about his experience as a coin collector.

After the program, the meeting concluded with door prizes, raffle and a lively auction.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - Twenty-four members attended the October meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. A large number of Show and Tell items were presented.

The program for the evening was Identifying Unknown Coins. There were several coins brought for this program: an 1878 Double Tail Feathered Morgan (looking to ID the VAM 8/7 tail feathers). Potential overdate Belgian 5 and 10 Centimes, and some unknown Roman and Greek coins that were too worn to ID.

Door Prizes were 25 cent mint sets. Raffle prizes consisted of both graded coins and commemoratives. There were 75 lots in the auction.

## DISTRICT SIX



**BELLAIRE SEPTEMBER MEETING**- Sep 15 - There were 20 people at the meeting.

Garth Clark discussed the next show and tell about favorite collections. Rupert Soliz asked for information about the Bellaire 50th anniversary half-dollar. Nobody has seen any pictures.

The mint is waiting for higher silver price. The copper price is set. Ken Benson noted the base metals would be cheaper. Bruce Siberts stated more buyers would keep the silver metal types. The following members presented a Show and tell, Richardo DeLeon, Samuel Gold, Jack Pavlovic, and Rupert Soliz. Rupert Soliz won the Show and tell prize..



**GHCC SEPTEMBER MEETING** - Call to Order by Alan Morgan, President.. Call for Visitor and guests: Matt D. - Ancient specialist.

Show-N-Tell was enjoyed by members.

Nicholas K. - Spoke about the Summer Seminar course on grading in which he participated. He also thanked the club and J&E B. for the letter that got him the scholarship and providing funds from ANA to go to the seminars.

Program introduction - Brian H. - "Roman Imperatorials" - Subset - End of the Republic - 22 year period - 49BC - 27BC- All coins shown are silver denarius. Talk illustrated the coins and history of the issues in terms of politics and battles fought over period.

Business Meeting: Report on 60th Medal Issue - survey of those wanting Silver copies of the issue. Send an email to Rick indicating desire for a copy.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - Called to Order: Bill W., Vice President  
Presidential Remarks: Money Show Vests, TNA membership information, Articles by the members of GHCC featured in TNA



News, and Money Show Ads. Call For Visitors: Gary and Elaine H. ; Margie(visitor from Chicago); Alexander.

Show-N-Tell – Tom S., Chairman with many items presented.

Program – John B – The First Two U. S. Mints - First and Second At Philadelphia. Power Point Presentation – Issues and personnel, along with problems and troubles of the mints operation for issuing coins. Illustrating coins with worn dies, over dates and clash marks, and changing designs.

Illustrations of open and closed collar strikes of coins were shown. Illustrations of all types of coins which were issued by the mint by various designers and engravers.

The annual Townsend Award for Service to GHCC will be awarded at the December 18 Christmas party at the Embassy Suites. Nominations for an individual or couple to receive this award and custody of the eagle trophy for a year can be made by any member. The voting, by Board members plus all prior winners of the Townsend Award, will be done electronically by November 18th. If you wish to nominate, send an email to Numis32@AOL.com including the name(s) and a paragraph explaining why you think they are deserving. This is the fifth year for this continuing award.

The GHCC will observe and commemorate the founding of the club in 1955 with a 60th anniversary medal. The medal is being produced by Daniel Carr in Loveland, Colorado with the designs preferred by a poll of our club members. We plan “free” distribution of one bronze medal with each club membership in 2015. Additional bronze medals will be available at \$4 each. Silver medals from the same dies will also be made available for purchase at \$24.50.

A list was circulated at our October meeting and many folks indicated interest in acquiring medals in silver or in copper beyond the one to be included with 2015 membership. It is not yet too late to add your requirements to this list. If you signed the circulated list, you do not need to take any more action at this time unless you decide you want to add to your order. We will have the list available at the November meeting.



**PASADENA MEETINGS** - The PCC held meetings on 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22 & 10/27; at the Golden Corral in Pasadena, Texas.

The club decided we would not be able to sponsor a coin show this year. We are still looking for a date and time for one in the future. Jack will hold a BIG raffle during the first meeting in November. The club voted to fund bingo in December.

Members were asked to discuss their favorite coins and they responded with enthusiasm.

The price of gold and silver have dropped this year. Silver is \$15.52 and gold is \$1150 per oz. as I write this note. It has been a while since I saw Morgan Dollars below \$20.

## DISTRICT SEVEN



# THE GATEPOST

## GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**GATEWAY SEPTEMBER MEETINGS** -Sept. 4 - The meeting was opened with thirty members present. Vice-President David A. presided due to the absence of President Frank G., who had a special event to attend. A guest, Richard E., arrived after the opening and joined

the club that evening. Welcome aboard, Richard.

Under Old Business, the election of next year's officers was held. A motion to elect the incumbents by acclamation was made by Paul B. and seconded by LeRoy M. The motion passed. Karla G. also circulated the sign-up for the installation banquet for last minute additions, since this meeting was the deadline to make reservations. She reminded everyone to arrive by 6:30 p.m. on the 18th for the dinner. There was no New Business discussed this evening.

Under Announcements, Karla G. circulated an article and a commentary on the U.S Justice Department's Operation Choke Point, which would freeze banks from doing any business with any party that could have links to crime of any sort. Among the businesses listed were coin dealers. There was some discussion on this. Secretary Clifton V. reminded the members to pay their club dues.

The “Ask the Expert” session was led by Bill D. He discussed having pocket pieces in small cases to draw interest to our hobby when out in public. He followed with more on buying and selling in San Antonio and noted that low mintage and rare items often do not bring catalog value, but strictly bullion. He suggested better options are needed to get the best return on these items.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several members participating.

The meeting concluded with a vibrant and fun filled auction that offered a wide variety of numismatic material. Following the Auction, the Attendance Prize, a Bank of Uganda five-shilling, was given to a very delighted Leon W.

Sept. 18 - The meeting was opened with twenty-nine present, including one guest, Amy. This meeting, the club's 52nd Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Club Officers and Awards Ceremony, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Stan McM. and an invocation by Andy C.

The members then enjoyed a delicious meal and later indulged in a tasty Italian crème cake.

Under Announcements, Leroy M. said that he had looked at the Operation Choke Hold site and some discussion followed. Frank G. reminded members that dues were now due.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with many interesting items presented.

The “Ask the Expert” session was led by Bill D. He discussed the effects of the possible Scottish secession vote and a probable new Coat of Arms for an independent Scotland.

The club officers for 2014-2015 were installed. Frank G., with assistance from Vice-President David A. presented ANA and Gateway Coin Club certificates to many members for their service and contributions to the club this past year.

After the mini-auction was closed, Frank G. distributed novelty souvenir St. Eligius notes to all the members present. The souvenir notes commemorate the club's 52nd Anniversary.

**OCTOBER MEETINGS** - OCT. 2 - The meeting opened with twenty-three members present, including all officers. There was one guest present, Bob K.'s friend, Wolfie.

The “Ask the Expert” session was led by James W. He showed a 1959 Redbook and talked about researching U.S. commemoratives, comparing the old ones to the modern ones (beginning in 1984) and how the older ones appreciate greater in value. He next compared relative prices for Morgan dollars, using the 1959 Redbook and the new 2015 edition. He showed how some issues appreciate significantly and may seem to be rare back then, but as additional finds are made, they lose their net worth over time. Comparing an 1893s with a 1903o, he found that the 1893s remained very high in value, while the 1903o tended to drop much lower in value. He then talked about four books that rate Confederate notes and that each has its own grading system and standards, and that prices may then vary depending on which reference is used. David A. said that while silver

spot is down, US Eagles still draw premium prices.

The roundtable was led by David A. Clifton V.

A "Special Thanks" to all auction participants and to all the lucky winning bidders. The meeting ended with the drawing for the attendance prize. The Attendance prize, a 1977 Maldives twenty rupees FAO, was given to "Lucky Bob" K

OCT. 16 - The meeting opened with thirty-one members present, as well as one guest, Sebastian H. (son of Eric H). All officers were present.

Under Old Business, The members voted to have the Christmas party at the Shrine Roustabout Clubroom. There will be a numismatic gift exchange as in previous years. There was no New Business discussed this evening. Under Announcements, Fernando R. noted that the Mexican club will meet on the last Thursday this month and a private sponsored coin show will be in Round Rock on the 18th as well as the Alamo show on Nov. 22nd.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several members participating.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. He challenged the members who want to participate in a contest in which they will use a hypothetical \$5000.00 to purchase a single U.S. coin, then to evaluate it and resell it at the best profit. Alex R. did a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting regarding changes in values to US coins. He showed numerous types and the net changes in value from 1959 to the present.

The fun-filled auction was conducted by our witty auctioneer David A. and assisted by Frank G.

## DISTRICT ELEVEN

### Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.

**GOLDEN SPREAD OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President with 13 members, and two very special guests, Shirley Nichols and Joann Urben.

There was discussion about the impact of the metals prices with varied opinions when Silver will bottom out.

Old Business: We received a letter from one of the Raymond W. and Enid Bates Scholarship winners. I have included the contents in out newsletter.

Our Christmas party will be held December 1, 2014 at Hoffbrau. Please plan ahead to attend.

Program: Chuck Freas gave a PowerPoint study about the 1974 Denver Mint aluminum cent. As usual with this as with much of everything else, the government hasn't been consistent. They apparently want the Denver Mint coins back, but they haven't made any effort to collect the Philadelphia Mint coins.

Show and Tell: Tommy Tompkins, Chuck Freas and Mike Nowak participated. The Gift certificate was determined to be \$20 and was won by Tommy Tompkins.

**NOVEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President. This meeting was attended by 14 members and our first time guest, Stanley Belter.

Mike Nowak led a discussion about the Lubbock show. Kelly Archer related an Ebay mishap and reminded everyone to "Buyer Beware".

Old Business: Our annual Christmas dinner is set. The club has guaranteed an attendance of 30 people, so everyone bring guests. Everyone is asked to bring a small "prize" for each person attending that we can have enough for our yearly Bingo game.

Show and Tell: Mike Nowak passed around sheets of Hard Times Tokens and Civil War Tokens. Tommy Tompkins showed everyone a Charro Grill wooden nickel, a Redfield (collection) 1886-S MS65 Dollar, and a counterfeit 1914-D Lincoln cent. Doug Hershey presented 6 Silver Dollars from the Binion collection.

## DISTRICT TWELVE



**TYLER SEPTEMBER MEETING** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight with Pledge to the Flag

Attendance: Members: 43 Visitors: 4 Wow!! The club was led in prayer by Ronnie S.

Introduction / recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.

The November club auction will be dedicated to our annual Angel Tree fundraiser. Only donated items will be auctioned and all proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army Angel Tree project.

Members discussed options for the Christmas Dinner / Meeting for December. Members agreed they would like a traditional meal catered by Traditions Restaurant at our regular meeting place (Meals on Wheels) on the regular meeting date of Tuesday, December 9th.

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

Special Presentation: Member, Jim A., gave an outstanding presentation on English Conder Tokens also known as Provincial Tokens. Jim's presentation was very educational and included information surround the need



for these 18th century tokens as well as the various styles and collector interest. These tokens acquired their more familiar name after James Conder who started cataloging them back in 1798. Jim brought more than a dozen examples of these tokens for members to inspect. Each token in his collection is slabbed with a

high grade assigned.

(Photos courtesy of Carl S. featuring the Tyler Coin Club's Day of the Conder [token].)

Many present were not familiar with these unusual and beautiful pieces of numismatic history. Thanks Jim for doing such a wonderful job of broadening our collector world by sharing yours!!)

**OCTOBER MEETING** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. Attendance: Members 37 New Members 1 Total: 38. The club was led in prayer by Richard L.

Members that have not yet picked up your new club shirt, they are ready. Also, a few extra were ordered and are available.

The November club auction will be dedicated to our annual Angel Tree fundraiser. Only donated items will be auctioned and all proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army Angel Tree project.

Nominations for 2015 club officers will be taken at the November meeting. Voted is scheduled for the December meeting.

Reminder: Traditions Restaurant will cater a traditional meal for our December Christmas Dinner / Meeting at the Meals on Wheels building on the regular meeting date of Tuesday, December 9th.

Special Presentation: Richard L., gave an outstanding presentation on Republic of Texas currency. Richard's presentation was very educational and included historical progression of the currency. Richard brought a very nice selection of currency and other fiscal documents from the Republic of Texas for members to examine.



**GREENBELT COIN CLUB**

**GREENBELT SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Fifteen members were in attendance.

Announcements: George Woodburn, who also collects stamps, passed around some unusual ones from other countries. Some stamps he showed included embroidered stamps from Austria, some Olympic stamps made of porcelain, and some others with Kristallwelten stones. Per George, the respective countries were really just making these unusual stamps to sell to collectors and not for use as postage. Also, George said that he received a ten dollar silver certificate, series 1934, in change this morning.

In other announcements, Tony Zupkas reported that he recently went back home on vacation in Illinois and while there, saw on TV that the World Fair of Money was being held nearby. It was a 5-day show and according to Tony was amazing and was so large he didn't have time to see all of it. Tony stopped by the Canadian Mint exhibit, and asked them how many different coins the Canadian Mint was making in 2014. He was told in the neighborhood of 300 to 400. Some of the coins only had mintages of around 10, and others around a 1,000. Tony felt doing this was a disservice to collectors since most would not have an opportunity to obtain one of these scarce coins without spending big bucks. He also said that he had the opportunity to see some really rare and historical coins in person, including an 1803 silver dollar, a 1792 half dime, a 1922 proof high relief Peace Dollar, and pine tree shillings just in one exhibit alone.

Program: Rob Robinson talked about unusual die varieties of coins produced by the mint during its infancy. He said if you take a tour of the Red Book of coins made by the mint through the first half of the 19th century, you find many interesting varieties including over-dates, small dates, large dates, wide dates, narrow dates, spiked chins, large and medium stars and letters, just to touch on a few. Rob then passed around two of his favorite die variety coins. An 1817 Large Cent displaying 15 stars instead of the normal 13, and an 1828 half cent displaying only 12 stars. In the case of the large cent, the mint engraver while making the die, punched the first 6 or 8 stars and realized that he had spaced them too closely together. If he only punched in 13 stars, he would either have to change the spacing on the stars or leave an embarrassing gap. So, he evidently decided to add two extra stars to maintain balance. In the case of the 12-star half cent, the engraver simply miscounted the number of stars, and didn't realize the error until the die had been hardened and readied for striking of coins. Since die steel was hard to come by in those days, it was evidently decided not to risk breaking the die by having to soften the die and then re-hardening it again in order to make the correction.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Seventeen members were in attendance.

New Business. Rob reminded everyone that the annual Christmas Party for the Wichita Falls club will be held at Luby's Cafeteria on Dec 11 at 6PM. Greenbelt members are invited to attend.

Program. Tony Zupkas provided the program, and since Columbus Day is coming up next week, he decided to do the program on Christopher Columbus. Columbus began his trip to the new world in early September of 1492. It took 5 weeks to cross the Atlantic, and Columbus arrived at San Salvador on Oct 12. He also visited Cuba and Haiti before returning to Spain. Per Tony, Columbus made 4 visits to the new world. During his second voyage, he had to dodge a hurricane. Columbus warned the governor of Hispanola about the

approaching hurricane, but the governor took no action to warn the people and more than 500 died as a result. A treasure fleet was sunk during the hurricane and 29 of 30 ships were lost. Columbus' third voyage took him to South America where he landed on the coast of Venezuela. His last voyage took him to Central America in 1504. He died on May 20, 1506, a year and a half after his return. According to Tony, Columbus Day is celebrated not only in the US, but in Spain, Uruguay, the Bahamas, and others. Some states in the US, however, do not celebrate the hobby. Those states are Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, and South Dakota.



**WICHITA FALLS SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order with 16 members in attendance:

Announcements: Rob Robinson went to the Duncan, OK Coin Show and it was pretty slow on the Friday for the show. Rob said that Connolly O'Brien had a booth at the show. Tony Zupkas talked about an ad in the local paper that advertised selling 1922 Peace Dollars and mislabeled as the first year of issue.

Old Business: Jeff Hogue will contact Luby's to reserve a time for the Clubs Christmas Party on December 11, 2014 at Luby's Restaurant.

New Business: Tony Zupkas said that the Club's Coin Show is scheduled for 12-13 June 2015.

Program: Rob Robinson talked about the 1838 and 1839 Cents. He said that the head of the 1839 Cent was called the Silly Head and had a lock of hair on her forehead. Another version was called the "Booby Head" had a curl in the back. He said the 1839/6 had a plain hair as opposed to the beaded hair.

Membership Prize: 1982 Silver Washington Half Dollar was won by: Sam Aston.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order with 16 members. Announcements: Connolly O'Brien announced that the coin show at Lubbock will be held on Oct 25 and 26 and he plans to have a table at that show. Rob reminded everyone that our November meeting would be held on the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving falling on our regular meeting night. Rob also reminded everyone of the Christmas Party to be held at Luby's on December 11 at 6:00 PM.

Program. Tony Zupkas provided the program, and since Columbus Day was earlier this month, he decided to do the program on Christopher Columbus. Columbus began his trip to the new world in early September of 1492. It took 5 weeks to cross the Atlantic, and Columbus arrived at San Salvador on Oct 12. He also visited Cuba and Haiti before returning to Spain. Per Tony, Columbus made 4 visits to the new world. During his second voyage, he had to dodge a hurricane. Columbus warned the governor of Hispanola about the approaching hurricane, but the governor took no action to warn the people and more than 500 died as a result. A treasure fleet was also sunk during the hurricane and 29 of 30 ships were lost. Columbus' third voyage took him to South America where he landed on the coast of Venezuela. His last voyage took him to Central America in 1504. He died on May 20, 1506, a year and a half after his return. According to Tony, Columbus Day is celebrated not only in the US, but in Spain, Uruguay, the Bahamas, and others. Some states in the US, however, do not celebrate the hobby. Those states are Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, and South Dakota.

Kimberley Shelby was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1974-S Ike Dollar.

## DISTRICT FOURTEEN



**HIDALGO OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 38 members present and two visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 103 for the year 2014.

The October meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as usual and it was Columbus Day.

The big announcement this month pertains to the big Fall Coin & Collectibles Show, which will be held on Nov. 1 & 2, 2014. Our club has raised enough funds to be able to advertise on Television. This will be the first time in our club's history that television commercials will be viewed throughout the Rio Grande Valley. These 15 second commercials will air 15 times on the days leading up to the show. Approximately 170,000 homes will view these.

Three HCC Members have been selected by the Council to receive the 2014 Lifetime Membership Awards which will be honored at our Annual Awards Banquet slated for Dec. 12, 2014. The recipients are: Jim Fox, Melvin Greenhill and Raul H. Gonzalez. Congrats to all 3!!

The Oct. meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 lots with club member Wayne Miller serving as the auctioneer and Brent Garza as the money runner.

**NOVEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 48 members present and 3 visitors. Two new members joined this month. The club now has '105' paid members for the year 2014. Veterans in our club were honored that evening.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 8 door prizes were given out.



Our club hosted the big 4th Annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show on the weekend of Nov. 1 & 2, 2014. Although attendance was smaller than usual, the dealers reported record sales. Five gold coins were raffled off to some very happy winners. The newly designed Shipwreck Coin Exhibit was well received by the public. It is a one of a kind exhibit that featured 9 Spanish Ships carrying colonial coins. Three of those were Dutch ships carrying very important numismatic coins from the Mexico City Mint including the last cobs, klipkes and the first Pillar dollars of 1732 - 1739.

Invitations were passed out for the Annual Awards Banquet which will be held at St. Mark United Methodist



*Flickering lights at the Shipwreck Sites caught the guest's attention.*

Church in the 'Community Center' on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The food will be catered by Lifetime Member, Servando Farias. The choices for meals are Grilled Chicken w/veggies, roll and tea, Hamburger Steak w/gravy, veggies, roll and tea and Beef Enchiladas with rice, beans and drink. Many awards will be presented to the members that gave Outstanding Service throughout the year, Lifetime Members, the Young Numismatist of the Year and finally the HCC Coin Club Member of the Year award.

The Hidalgo Youth Coin Club keeps getting bigger with new students and some adults. Several parents attend the classes (not meetings) to learn more about the great hobby of coin collecting. The students are always given a bag of foreign coins and carded coins to add to their collection.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the HCC, can visit our website - [www.hidalgoclub.com](http://www.hidalgoclub.com) or look us up in Facebook.



*Mr. Mark Navarro and his 2 sons at the youth club.*

## DISTRICT FIFTEEN



**BEAUMONT SEPTEMBER MEETING** - There were 16 members in attendance. The minutes were approved as emailed/mailed out. Club President George noted that he would not be able to serve next year. Vice-President Colby noted that he enjoyed the show. Colby also noted that he would not be able to serve next year. Judy reported the club balance including profits from the show which was approved by all in attendance. George reviewed committee memberships.

Under old business it was reported that there were over 120 in attendance at the club's show the previous weekend. Dealers reported that by and large they had a good show. Sixteen youths participated in the youth auction for 80 lots. George noted that we needed donations for next years youth auction.

Under new Business it was notated the the Port Arthur show will be on November 8, 2014 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Masonic lodge in Groves. This year's Christmas dinner will be held at the Catfish Kitchen on December 15, 2014.

Doors prizes were not available for distribution but will be given out at the next meeting. Door prizes will be awarded as follows: 1) Silver Round; 2) Bob M.; 3) Ken; 4) Sandy and 5) George.

Donnie gave a wonderful presentation on the \$2.00 bill which was first issued in 1862. Jefferson first appeared on the \$2.00 bill in 1869. In 1928 the first small \$2.00 note was issued with Jefferson's home, Monticello, making it's first appearance on the reverse. The reverse was changed to a depiction of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1976 commemorating the 200th anniversary of that event.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by club President George F. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara There were 17 members and 1 guest in attendance. George A. applied for and was approved as our newest member - welcome aboard George!



Last months minutes were read by George F and approved. The club's balance was reported and approved. Judos were given to Judy for her many years of hard work as club treasurer.

No committee reports per say, however, in view of Jerry's stepping down after many, many years as the show bourse chairman a five member (5 to try to do what Jerry has done all these years) committee was formed. This committee will consist of Judy, Robert, Colby, John, Jana (John's wife who will be joining the club) and Ken.

Many, many thanks go out to Jerry for his many years of service as the clubs bourse chairman for so many years! Thank you Jerry!

Judy reminded all that the clubs annual auction is next month (11/17/14) and to turn in your lots. The plan is to have 60 - 80 lots. The auction is open to non-members so bring your collecting friends! Jerry noted that the Port Arthur show was slated for November 8, 2014.

Door prizes were awarded as follows: 1) David Br - silver round; 2) John; 3) Jerry; 4) Robert F. and 5) Judy. Sorry, forgot to note the actual prizes. Once again is was an interesting auction with some lively bidding.

Tim's presentation began with a 1917 Masonic Token commemorating the Pledge of Allegiance and how it led him to research the Pledge's history. For instance the pledge was first written in 1892, the formal salute was changed to the hand over the heart in the thirties as it to closely resembled the Nazi salute and the word God was added in the 50's under the Eisenhower administration. No more presentations scheduled for 2014.

## GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB



**GREATER ORANGE SEPTEMBER MEETING** - Meeting was called to order by President Kemble and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 11 members in attendance.

Did you know, on October 28th the mint will start selling a four coin Kennedy half sets. The sets will include a proof, reverse proof, a silver and a clad half dollar. The sets will sell for \$99.

Old Business: Our treasurer was asked if he had gotten back the clubs deposit from the VFW Hall in Orange. He replied that he had not because he wanted to be sure the new location for the clubs show was confirmed. (Orange Expo and Event Center on FM 1442)

Carl informed the club of the cost involved maintaining the clubs web site. A motion was made and approved to pay Carl the money to keep the site running for the following twelve months(2014-2015). And that he would provide the treasurer with receipts for expenses.

Program: Anthony delivered a great program on Fort Knox. It included the publics perception vs. the real facts. Most common folks think of the interior of Fort Knox to be as pictured in the James Bond film Gold Finger, but the real interior is very different. This was reported by a group of dignitaries and news reporters during the last public viewing of the depository in 1974.

**AUGUST MEETING** - Meeting was called to order by President Kemble and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 11 members in attendance.

Did you know, President Kemble informed the club that starting Oct,28 the US Mint will start selling a 4 coin set of US Marshall dollars.

Old Business: Gary passed around copies of advertisements for next years show in several different publications. Good job Gary its never too early to inform the public of our activities.

The Night watchman at the show was discussed and it was

decided that usual person(s) will continue to provide security as they have in the past.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse Carl for monies spent on establishing the clubs web site.

New Business: The annual Christmas Dinner was set for the regular meeting night in December at Roberts Restaurant. The club will reimburse member who attend the dinner in accordance with the past years rulings.

Program: Warren Jr spoke on the town of Tombstone Az. How a large silver strike in 1871 drove the population of about 100 to a full scale town of nearly 14,000 in nine years. He stated that in its day the town was known for much more than the gun fight at the OK Coral. In fact the silver mines produced more than two billion dollars in today's money.

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

**SILSBEE AUGUST MEETING** - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Program: Due to Randy not being able to be with us tonight, each member talked about their favorite coin to collect.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

We were so happy to have Leon Hastings visit us today and look forward to him being with us at our upcoming meetings.

New business: We are once again invited by the Beaumont Coin Club to join them for the Christmas party.

Program: Rick gave a program on the "Medal Program" of the U.S. Mint.

The United States mint has several series of medals. They are the Presidential, the First Spouse, Bicentennial and Centennial, Historical Events, Humanitarian and Cultural, and Military. Most medals are produced in two (2) sizes, three (3) inch or 1 5/8 inch with the larger normally selling for \$39.95 and the smaller for \$6.95. Some of the smaller medals are 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

The Presidential series originally had the complete set of presidential medals available, from Washington to LBJ and you were able to order it as a set. Unfortunately, this is no longer available.

The First Spouse medals are bronze duplicates of the First Spouse gold coins. The series started in 2007 and the First Spouse medals can be purchased separately or in annual packages. They are all 1 5/16 inch in diameter and have been issued during the year with the release their husbands Presidential dollar.

The Bicentennial and Centennial medals are all three (3) inches in size. Four (4) of them commemorate 200 year anniversaries. They were struck for the United States Marine Corps (10 November, 1775), the U.S. Navy (October 13, 1975), the U.S. Coast (1790), and the United States Army (June 14, 1775). Each has unique obverses and reverses depicting historic events. The fifth medal in this category celebrates the 100 year anniversary of Yosemite national park

Only one set of medals is currently for sale under the Historical site: The 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing Victims.

The Humanitarian and Cultural category honors unique contributions to humanity and the arts and although some are not household names, they are most deserving of recognition.

The last category is the military. Each medal is available in both three (3) inch and one and a half (1.5) inch sizes. The first four (4) of the set honor the Tuskegee Airmen (the first all-black air force unit formed during WWII), the Montford Point Marines (the first all-black Marine unit formed in WWII), the Nisei soldiers of WWII (an all Japanese-American battalion who fought in the European theatre during WWII), and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) (recognizing their



pioneering military service and exemplary record during WWII). All of these medals are copies of Congressional Gold Medal recently awarded to these units collectively. The exception seems to be the Tuskegee Airmen medal which does not reference the Congressional Gold Medal in the U.S Mint's write-up.

The last offerings of the military medals honor the Native American code talkers of WWI and WWII. The unique languages of the tribes made it impossible for the enemy to understand the communications between members of the tribe during combat. They were a valuable asset to all theatres of operations. The first medal released honored the Navajo code talkers whom most of us know about. At this time, 26 other tribes whose members participated in this activity have been honored with a Congressional Gold Medal presented to each tribe. The three (3) inch and one and a half (1.5) inch bronze medals are copies of the Gold medals. In earlier listings of these medals, on the old U.S. Mint website, it was stated that smaller silver medals were also struck. The silver medals were given to each living code talker veteran or to a relative of a diseased code talker veteran in honor of their service.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors/New Members: We were so happy to have Judy's husband Bob Matherne and Colby Bridges visit us today. Also, we wish to welcome Leon Hastings as a new member. We look forward to them meeting with us again soon.

Program: Paula gave a program on the Walker half dollars. In April 1915, the new Mint Director, Robert W. Woolly, thought that the Barber coinage designs (dimes, quarters, and half dollars), that were introduced in 1892, needed replacing. He misread the regulation that coin patterns must be used for a minimum of 25 years as though it was the maximum allowed for each design. The chief mint engraver, Charles E. Barber, was requested to submit new coin designs to replace his own "Barber" pattern coin designs. Mr. Woolly and Mr. Barber met with the Commission of Fine Arts in December 1915. Three (3) sculptors were picked by the Commission to submit designs to the mint, one being Adolph Weinman. By statute, an eagle had to appear on the reverse of the quarter and half dollar but could not appear on a dime. In late February 1916, the designs had been submitted and five (5) of Mr. Weinman designs were selected for the obverse and reverse of the dime and half dollar along with the reverse of the quarter. The Commission decided that there would be too much pressure on Mr. Weinman so let the winner of the obverse of the quarter also design the reverse of that coin. It was at this time that Mr. Barber was informed that all of his sketches were rejected and he became very uncooperative from that point on.

In June 1916, dies were prepared for pattern coins but the specimens stuck appeared worn and without sharp detail. Mr. Weinman also did not like the way the word "Liberty" on the obverse turned out and ask to redo it. The word "Liberty" was removed from above and around the figure and placed above "In God We Trust" with the "T" in Liberty enlarged so that the crossbar was over the top of the "R" and the "Y". This also allowed the figure of Liberty to be enlarged. Although the reverse was satisfactory, Mr. Weinman modified that design as the original had "United States of America" at the top along the edge with "Half Dollar" curved right below it. The "Half Dollar" was moved to the bottom edge of the coin and "E Pluribus Unum" that was at the bottom was moved to the left of the eagle.

The mint marks had initially been placed on the obverse, the first time that had been done for a half dollar since 1839. On February 14, 1917, Mint Director Friedrich von Engelken ordered that the mint mark be moved from the obverse to the reverse, stating that the obverse placement had the appearance of a die defect. Shortly after

his request, Mr. von Engelken resigned to take another Federal job. In April, his replacement, Mr. Raymond Baker, was asked for a written confirmation of von Engelken's order to move the mint mark by the Philadelphia Mint superintendent. It was confirmed and the mint mark was moved to the reverse where it remained for the rest of the years of production. Several design modifications were attempted to enhance the image but none were successful and none were implemented. For this reason, many dates are scarce in Mint State condition, especially 1921 and 1921-D. Also, there were a total of 74,400 proof coins struck for the whole series. The coins were all composed of 90% silver and 10% copper and had a reeded edge. The last year of production was 1947.

## DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



## WACO COIN CLUB

**WACO SEPTEMBER MEETING** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order.

Raffle prizes: Mark Cobb, Gloria Lucas, Joyce McCall. Cash prize: Walt Winters was

not here. Next month the prize will be \$35.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order.

Raffle prizes: Randy Neyland (2), Randy Daily, Walt Winters. Cash prize: was won. Next month the prize will be \$25.

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

### HISTORICAL FACTS

This information came from Heritage Auctions and NCG Coin Explorer.

The unique 1839 No Drapery Quarter PR65 NGC, the Boyd-Pittman-Kaufman coin, one of only two No Drapery Proof Quarters known, will be the top coin in a parade of exquisite American numismatic offerings on Oct. 27, 2014, as Heritage Auctions holds the Eugene H. Gardner Collection II Signature Auction in the Duke of Windsor Suite at The Waldorf Astoria.

On the obverse, version of his Liberty, surrounded by thirteen the Reich-Kneass eagle with the denomination of the earlier 25 C. "improvement," Patterson Hughes to rework the drapery at the elbow, in fattening the figure the resulting rendition Gobrecht's original and, striking, which did not exist with the 1838-39 coins, this version would remain for the rest of the series.



Gobrecht used a modified seated on a rock and stars, while the reverse had from the previous issue as QUAR. DOL. instead In 1840, looking for an hired artist Robert Ball design. Hughes added and in general succeeded of Liberty. Many felt despite problems with flat

Called the No Motto type because it lacked the motto IN GOD WE TRUST (added in 1866), over 36 million coins were minted of this variety between 1838 and 1853 and again from 1856 through 1865. It was struck at three Mints; Philadelphia (no mintmark), New Orleans (O) and San Francisco (S). The mintmark is on the reverse below the eagle. Mint records show that only 3,980 proofs of the type were made from 1859 onward, but proof examples from just about every year prior to then do exist, although they are exceedingly rare.

The first issues, referred to as the No Drapery variety, most noticeably lacked a fold of drapery at Liberty's elbow. Issued only in 1838 and 1839 at Philadelphia and for part of the year 1840 at the New Orleans Mint, today this variety is scarce in all grades and very rare in mint state. At least one proof is purported to exist, possibly from among the twenty "specimens" sent by Patterson to Treasury Secretary Levi Woodbury in September, 1838.





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# WORD SEARCH

We are introducing a new feature to the TNA News in this edition. It is a numismatic-themed mental game titled Word Search. I am sure many of us have played these types of games before, particularly when we were kids. Each edition of the TNA News will feature a different numismatic theme for the Word



Search. This edition's theme is all things related to it. Things such as the name of the nickels, the designers, and other things related to the nickel will be featured. The Jan/Feb '15 edition theme will be the cent.

Garry Moore, TNA Member R-6805

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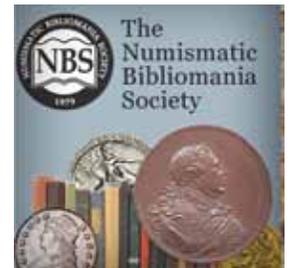
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*Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.*



*2015 Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1901-2000* by George S. Cuhaj and Thomas Michael. 42d ed. Iola, WI : Krause Publications, 2014. 2,352 p. : ill. (some col.). (ISBN 9781440240393; \$40.35)

*2015 Standard Catalog of World Coins, 2001-Date* by George S. Cuhaj et al. 9th ed. Iola, WI : Krause Publications, 2014. 1,199 p. : ill., maps (ISBN 9781440240409; \$30.41)

*A Guide Book of United States Coins: Professional edition* by R. S. Yeoman, et al. 6th ed. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publications, [2014]. 383 p. : col. ill. (ISBN 9780794842192; \$22.64).

*The Numismatourist* by Dr. Howard M. Berlin. Irving, CA : Zyrrus Press, 2014. 413p : col. ill. (ISBN 97819339901923; \$29.95).

This book covers coin collections on display in over 175 museums spanning 75 different countries.

*Pleasure & Profit Lessons For Building And Selling A Coin Collection* by Robert W. Shippee and Q. David Bowers. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publications, 2014. 320 p. : col. ill. (ISBN 9780794842437; \$8.40).

*Whitman Encyclopedia of Mexican Money. v. 1* by Don Bailey et al. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publications, 2014. 496 p. : col. ill. (ISBN 0794834078; \$39.95. Three more volumes to be published.





# NUMISMATIC CRIME INFO

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## **ANATOMY OF A COIN THIEF**

There is a very interesting story on the Coin Week website. It is called: "The Anatomy of a Coin Thief ..... A True Story".

Here is their website address: <http://www.coinweek.com/education/crime-and-fraud/anatomy-coin-thief-true-story/>

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## **VEHICLE BURGLARY** **OCTOBER 20, 2014**

On October 12, 2014 a LaCrosse, WI coin dealer was the victim of a vehicle burglary after returning from the MOON Coin Show in Brooklyn Center, MN. The victim parked behind his shop and walked around to enter from the front. As soon as the victim was out of sight a suspect who was talking on a cell phone and wearing gloves approached the vehicle and used some type of tool to crack the window. The suspect removed one tote from the vehicle and jumped into a getaway vehicle occupied by two other suspects.



A review of the video indicates the suspects waited outside the store for four hours prior to the dealer's arrival from the show, which was an hour and a half away. The suspects appeared to be of Hispanic/Central American descent and driving a Maroon Volvo XC-90.

Fortunately nothing of value was inside the tote. However, based on the circumstances the victim feels that he was targeted while at the show.

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## **SILVER DOLLARS STOLEN** **OCTOBER 20, 2014**

A double row box full of common date Morgan dollars in plastic flips was stolen from the table of "The Coin Shop Biloxi" during the MNA show held in Southaven, MS. The dates ranged from 1878-S to 1922 and graded EF to MS63. The flips had an insert with "The Coin Shop Biloxi" and the box had shop stickers on the inside lid and bottom (underneath coins).

## **MISSING 1796 QUARTER** **OCTOBER 22, 2014**

A Federal Express package being shipped from the UK to Ira & Larry Goldberg Coins & Collectibles, Inc. containing a 1796 Quarter graded AU58 has been reported missing. The last tracking information showed the package cleared customs in Memphis, TN.



Anyone with information should contact:

Glenn Onishi 310-551-2646

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## **MISSING/STOLEN COINS** **OCTOBER 25, 2014** **FEDEX**

The following coins were sent from Dubuque, Iowa to Sioux City, Iowa, with stops in Indianapolis and Omaha. The package arrived at its destination empty, slit with a razor knife/blade and the contents missing. The package contained:

1896 Proof Pattern 5 Cent coin, PCGS PR65, J-1770 HW Bass Jr. Col 6224.65/5501070 with CAC sticker.

1896 Proof Pattern 10 Cent coin, PCGS PR-65, J-697, 60922.65/25359755

Anyone with information contact: Doug Davis 817-723-7231

## **ISRAEL CUSTOMS**

The coin below was sent via USPS to Israel. Tracking information shows the coin arriving at Customs in Israel. Israel Customs cannot locate package.

Hellenic Kingdoms and City States, Macedon-Olynthos, AR Tetradrachm, c.500-450 BC, Chalkidian League

(No legend)

Laureate head of Apollo left

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Kithara with seven strings, studded decorative band on frame, all within shallow incuse square

24mm x 25mm, 14.07g, 11h

Robinson & Clement group H, (A17/P17); SNG ANS 471





**ASSISTANCE REQUESTED  
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

The Suffolk County Police Department is requesting assistance of any dealer that knows or has conducted business with a subject identified as Anthony Dimase.A.



**MAJOR THEFT AT COIN SHOW IN SARASOTA  
OCTOBER 29, 2014**

Detectives are investigating a major theft that occurred at a Sarasota coin show on Saturday Oct 25, 2014. They are asking assistance in identifying 4 suspects involved in the theft.

Major Coin Theft : Watch brazen video.

**PARTIAL LISTING OF STOLEN COINS:  
SLABBED COINS**

- 1859 Italian States Sardinia 20 Lire ANACS #3212630 AU55
- 1875 Netherlands 10 Gulden ANACS #3212626 MS63
- 1884 Greece 20 Drachmai ICG MS60 Details Reverse Scratched
- AH1327 (1909) Turkey 100 Kurush ICG AU55
- AH1370 (1950) Saudi Arabia Guinea ICG MS65
- 1955 Dominican Republic 30 Peso ICG MS63
- 2000 France 100 Franc NGC #3725131-002 PF70 Ultra Cameo
- 2001 Gibraltar 1 Crown NGC #3725131-001 PF69 Ultra Cameo
- Charlotte Gold \$2.5 NGC (was not on eBay)

**Raw Coins**

- AH1293 Turkey 100 Kurush
- 1813 France 20 Franc
- 1868 Philippines 1 Peso
- AH1285 (1968) Tunisia 100 Piastes
- 1904 Tunisia 20 Francs
- 1923/24 Turkey 25 Kurush
- 1923/34 Turkey 100 Kurush
- 1930 Tunisia 100 Francs
- 1944 Romania 20 Lei
- AH1370 (1950) Saudi Arabia Guinea
- 1950 Vatican City 100 Lire
- 1955 Egypt 1 Pound
- 1959 Mexico 10 Pesos
- 1959 Vatican City John XXIII Proof (possibly a medal not coin)
- 1960 Ghana 2 Pounds
- 1961 Turkey 50 Kurush
- 1964 Liberia \$20
- 1966 Sierra Leone 1/4 Golde
- 1969 Calgary Stampede Proof Medal (in original leather holder)
- 1973 Bahama \$100 in 14K Bezel
- 1976 Cook Islands \$100
- 1976 Papua New Guinea 100 Kina
- 1978 Belize \$250 (in original box with COA)

- 1986 South Korea 25000 Won Folk Dancing Proof
- 1987 South Korea 25000 Won Fan Dance Proof
- 1987 South Korea 25000 Won Kite Proof
- 1996 US \$5 Atlanta Olympics Flag Bearer Proof
- 1997 US \$5 Franklin D. Roosevelt Uncirculated
- 1999 US \$5 George Washington Uncirculated
- 2000 Christmas Island/Kiribati \$50
- 2000 Christmas Island/Kiribati \$100
- 2000 France 1 Franc
- 2000 Kiribati/Samoa 5 Piece Set
- 2000 US \$10 Library of Congress Bi-metal Proof
- 2000 US \$10 Library of Congress Bi-metal Uncirculated
- 2001 Australia \$20 Donald Bradman Bi-metal Proof
- 2001 Australia \$20 Gregorian Millennium Bi-metal
- 2001 Australia \$150 Golden Wattle Proof (in original mint box with COA)
- 2001 France 655,957 Francs Proof
- 2001 South Africa 1/4 ounce gold 40th Anniversary of the Rand
- 2002 Australia \$20 Golden Jubilee Bi-metal Proof
- 2003 Australia \$20 Anniversary of Coronation Bi-metal Proof
- 2003 US \$10 Wright Brothers Proof
- Aztec Calendar Pendant (14K)

**SUSPECT PHOTOS/UPDATED VIDEO  
SARASOTA, FL COIN SHOW THEFT**

The Numismatic Crime Information Center is assisting the Sarasota Police Department in the investigation of a brazen coin show theft that occurred in Sarasota, FL on October 25, 2014.

**UPDATED VIDEO SARASOTA COIN SHOW THEFT**

<http://youtu.be/uXjtHEdSWd4>

Contact Doug Davis, [doug@numismaticcrimes.org](mailto:doug@numismaticcrimes.org) to obtain still photos of suspects.

**SUSPECT PLEADS GUILTY  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

The suspect in several thefts from past Baltimore coin shows pleads guilty to felony theft between \$10,000-\$100,000. Josh Felsen, Assistant State's Attorney, Baltimore City State's Attorney Unit (Economic Crimes Unit) advised Mark Miller pleaded guilty on October 31, 2014 and was given a five year suspended sentence with 5 years probation. Miller was also required to pay restitution in the amount of \$15,974.

During the five year period of probation, Miller agrees to NOT ATTEND any coin or currency show in the United States of America. Failure to abide by this provision will result in violation of probation.

Any dealer who spots Miller at a show should contact Josh Felsen at 443-984-6231.

Special thanks to Det. Wayne Sponsky of the Baltimore Police Department for his relentless efforts in this case.

Mark Miller



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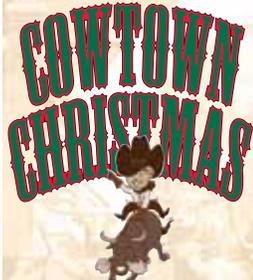
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