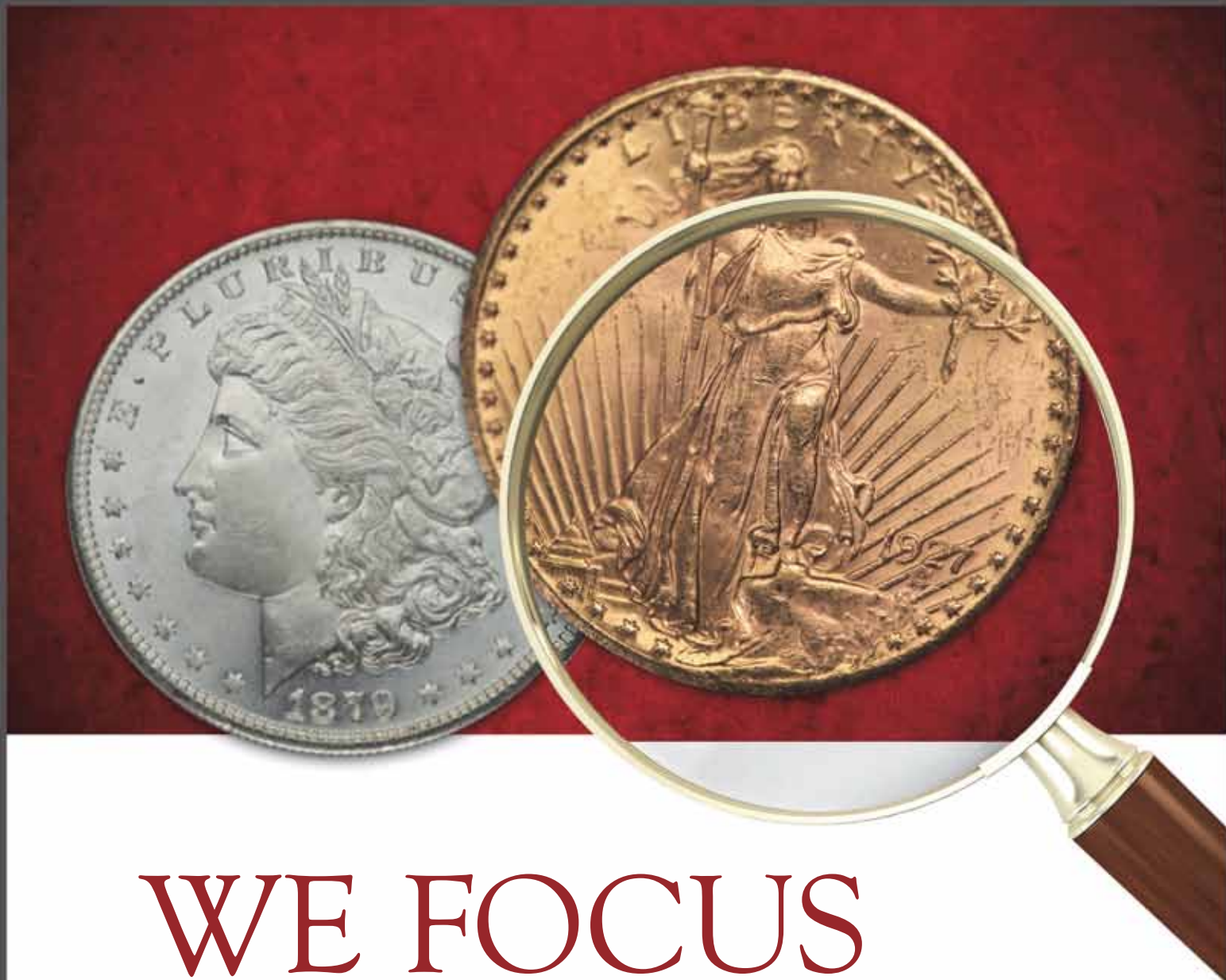


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Greetings!



It's back to school and those pesky yellow lights, so slow down for our future numismatists.

Of course school doesn't ever have to cease for the numismatist. There is always something to learn in the chosen field of collecting or even better, starting a new adventure in another area of numismatics.

Starting out with coins is great and going on to currency is even better. Or how about something more esoteric such as that described in Mike Ross's article on pages 20-23.

History is a big part of numismatics and Ron Burns has a story for you on pages 12-13. Do you like bullion coins? Check out Mark Benvenuto on pages 24-25. Trade dollars, territorial gold, two dollar questions and treasure hunting (accent on coins of course) are all stories from our contributors in this issue.

Technical information on lighting is in an article by Lane B. of the Tyler Coin Club.

Henry Brasco wants you to know about special currency notes and Garry Moore has another puzzle for you to do - both on page 34.

Our hobby is well served by Frank Galindo as related in his report on page 8. He is concerned about the future of numismatics and goes the extra mile to make sure young people have a chance to learn about our hobby.

My better half does the proof reading for me and has enjoyed reading this issue even though she is not a collector. Not being easily impressed, that is a great compliment on our articles this time. I agree and believe you will also.

I would be interested to know how many members outside the Amarillo area knew what was shown on the cover last issue. I had several questions from members on the May/June cover. Let me know if you recognize the area of Texas that this issue's cover represents.

It time for the printer to do his part.

ABOUT OUR COVER

Last issue's cover depicted a view of the Lighthouse Formation in Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Amarillo. Palo Duro is the second largest canyon on the North American continent (second only to the Grand Canyon).

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DEBBIE WILLIAMS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first year the TNA awarded scholarships to the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar, I chose not to enter the drawing for fear someone may think it inappropriate for the president to win the award. Even though I was still a little hesitant this past year, I threw my name in the hat anyway. I was in Mississippi attending the wedding of one of my nieces when the winning names were drawn during the fall board meeting in Houston. I learned of my good fortune a few days later when I received an email from Jack Gilbert advising that Linda Gamble and I were the two scholarship recipients. It felt as if Christmas had arrived a couple weeks early! Thank you TNA! (I want to encourage each of you to enter for a chance at one of next year's scholarships. See any issue of The TNA News or click on the Education tab of our website for details.)

I signed up for Richard Snow's class, "Secrets of Flying Eagle and Indian Cents". As many of you are sure to know, Rick is the undisputed expert on Indian and Flying Eagle Cents. He has been researching these coins since the 1980's and published his first book, *Flying Eagle and Indian Cents*, in 1992. He co-founded the Flying Eagle and Indian Cent Collectors Society (the Fly-In Club) in 1991. Over the years, he has authored updated versions of his book, contributed to both the Redbook and the Bluebook, served as a contributing editor to *The Numismatist*, served as a variety attributer for the Fly-In Club and CONECA (Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America). He co-founded the Pink Sheet Value Guide for Flying Eagle and Indian Cents, which has been published since 1994. His numbering system for varieties (or Snow numbers) has been widely accepted in the coin market for many years. Yet Rick remains a very humble and generous man. He shares his vast knowledge freely, and even gifted each Summer Seminar student an E-Book version of his latest book, *The Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide*, 3rd Edition. This is a massive two-volume reference book and includes Rick's research to date.

The class began with a hands-on grading exercise to help each of us determine our current level of grading knowledge. A discussion followed on the problem of overgrading. The week was packed with all sorts of information with a lot of emphasis on grading, varieties, valuations and rarities. The Indian Cent series is filled with varieties and most of the students seemed particularly interested in learning the diagnostics of these varieties. Rick also discussed how to detect counterfeit, altered, artificially toned and other problem coins. He briefly discussed error coins.

Here are a few things I learned and plan to put into immediate practice:

- One way to distinguish weak strike from wear on the diamonds of the Indian's headdress is to look at the shield on the coin's reverse. Weak strike on the diamonds should also show on the shield. If the shield has a strong strike, the obverse weakness is likely wear.
- If both the date and the design are doubled, the coin received its doubled image during the striking process and is called "strike doubling." This is generally considered common and does not add value to the coin. If the design is doubled but not the date, the doubled image was already present on the die when it struck the coin. This creates a variety called a "doubled die" which has a strong collector base and demands a premium. If the date is doubled but not the design, you have a "repunched date", another sought after variety.

(These facts are true on all U.S. coins before 1909, not just the Indian and Flying Eagle series. Many coins have been purchased for a price significantly less than their true value because a knowledgeable person knew how to tell the difference.)

- One of the 1865 Fancy Five varieties (Snow 2) has a very bold reverse doubled die. This rare variety is often overlooked simply because the doubling is on the reverse rather than the obverse. This is another opportunity for the knowledgeable collector to cherry-pick a coin worth a handsome premium.
- Long-term use of a rubber band around a group of coins (not just Flying Eagle and Indian Cents) in 2x2s may cause toning which appears as a dark line across the area where the rubber band came into contact with the coins. The thin layer of cellophane in the 2x2 will not prevent this "rubber band toning."

Why not start making plans now to attend the 2016 Summer Seminar? Where else will you have the opportunity to spend a week learning from the hobby's top experts? I learned a lot and had a memorable experience. I think you will too! I guarantee it!

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By Lawrence Herrera

Secretary's Report

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Welcome New TNA Members...

Welcome to new TNA members R-7504 to 7529 and LM-269 and LM-270. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on September 1, 2015.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on November 1, 2015.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7530	Timothy Cyr	Debbie Williams	7
R-7531	Vickie Frentz	none	22
R-7532	Patricia Reetz	none	1
R-7533	Gregory Reetz	none	5
R-7534	Marc Breitsprecher	website	1

The following have applied to convert to Life Membership:

LM-271	Patrick O'Conner	7
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NEWS

The next board meeting will be on December 4, 2015 at the Houston Money Show. Ed Stephens resigned from his position as District 6 Governor. Debbie Williams, TNA President, appointed John Barber to fill this position. District 6 covers Houston and several surrounding counties. Also, Alan Wood resigned from his position as Governor of District 17 and Acting Governor of District 3. Debbie Williams appointed Tom Campbell to fill these positions.

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JACK GILBERT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

GRANTS FOR ANA SEMINAR & FUND YOUR LIBRARY DRAWINGS

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRY FORMS

Acceptance of entries began August 1st and so far, I have received a total of one (1) entry.

I have often been asked what are the benefits of membership? What do I get for my \$20 membership dues? Besides six wonderful issues of the TNA News, these educational grants offer real and significant benefits. Based on last years' number of entries, you have roughly a 1 in 4 chance of winning a \$125 grant to buy numismatically related books for your library, and a better than 1 in 10 chance of winning a trip to Colorado Springs and tuition to the ANA Summer Seminar valued between \$1500 and \$2000. As much as I like those odds, I really look forward to lots and lots of entries. These are some of the benefits just waiting for those that enter the drawings.

The TNA will award an Educational Grant to two members to attend the ANA Summer Seminar (tuition and travel). The TNA will also award a \$125 Educational Grant to five members (including member clubs) for the purpose of purchasing Numismatic Related books for their library.

To be eligible the person (or club) must be a member in good standing during the year of the drawing and the two years prior to the year of the drawing. Chapter/Club members are not eligible for the ANA Summer Seminar Grant. A prior Grant recipient is not eligible for this Grant until two years has passed from the receipt of the prior Grant.

The Program Oversight Committee has set the time period for entering the drawings for these two programs. Entry forms will be accepted August 1st through November 30th 2015. The drawing will be held at the TNA Fall Board Meeting held on Friday at the Money Show of the Southwest this coming December 4th, 2015.

You must send one entry for each drawing to be eligible! Entry forms may be sent by email. Please include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. Include all contact information:

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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; and,
Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar.

All of these Programs are open to all members (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online - 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, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$34,063.28
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$93,199.99
PBOT CD (Mat. 9/21/2015)	\$25,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/16)	\$40,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$192,263.27
Long Term Assets	
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 (\$70M currently in Money Market Fund)	
Total Long Term Assets	\$165,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$357,263.27
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2013	\$394,308.37
Income (Plus)	\$31,271.58
Expenses (Minus)	-\$68,316.68
Surplus	-\$37,045.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$357,263.27



by Frank Galindo

National Coin Week and Donations of Red Books

Wow! What an awesome TNA Convention!

I'm still enjoying the memories, the new friends Karla and I made and, of course, the numismatic purchases I made.

One of the best things that happened after the convention was the article *Numismatic News* printed about our new 2015 medal. After the article appeared I received so many requests from all over the country for medals that I almost sold out completely of the bronze medals and did sell out of all the sets. I just have a few bronze medals left. So, despite the other publications not giving TNA Convention medals any publicity, *Numismatic News* really helped us. That one article saved the day and I am truly grateful to *Numismatic News* Editor, Dave Harper. The educational program presented by Dave was very well received and the audience was one of the largest I have seen attending our annual educational programs.

During the ANA's National Coin week I had the privilege of presenting Red Books donated by the TNA.

The first photo shows Cynthia Cowles holding the TNA Red Book she received from District 7 Governor Frank Galindo during "National Coin Week."

The second photo shows young numismatist Dyego Madrigal and District 7 Governor Frank Galindo. Dyego is holding

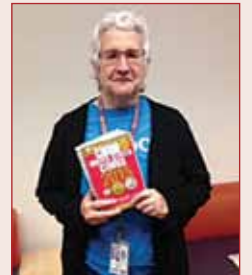


the TNA Red Book he received and is wearing his "National Coin Week" badge.

The third photo shows "National Coin Week" supporters Junior members and Junior Auctioneers of the Gateway Coin Club, Matt Burek and Luke Burek and Club President Frank Galindo.



The fourth photo shows Martha Loewen holding a Red Book donated by TNA to the Library. Ms. Loewen is the Interim Reference Manager at the San Antonio Central Public Library. She was delighted to receive the TNA donation.



The fifth photo shows Susan Artiglia with a Red Book donation. Ms. Artiglia is the MSLS Reference Librarian at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at the historic Fort Sam Houston Army Post.



Ms. Artiglia said that the TNA donation was greatly appreciated. The library serves all active and retired members of the military.

Suspect Trade Dollars

by John Barber



It was a quiet Tuesday a couple of weeks ago when your editor entered his favorite coin/antique shop in the mountains of Colorado. Right away it was clear that there were some new coins in the case. Being a fan of 19th century type coins, an "1877" Trade Dollar called for attention. I immediately suspected it to be counterfeit, but I took it slowly on the analysis as I value the friendship of the proprietor, and certainly do not want to pronounce "counterfeit" on any coin unless that is 100% the right call. I took a quiet moment to consider how to approach the situation.

I suppose it was the gray, mushy look and the slightly rough surfaces that first caused my suspicions. But sometimes environmental damage can cause legitimate coins to have something like this appearance. So, still not saying anything about my worries, I asked to see it more closely. It struck me that the wear pattern was a bit odd on the 1877 piece; it showed details of a coin worn down to very good grade on the central devices, but was strong on the stars near the edge. I thought a good clue could be the weight of the piece, and the shop has a good scale. He placed it on the scale pan and it read 392 grains. Real Trade Dollars have a birth weight of 420 grains (says so right on the coin!), so this one was over 6% light. My experience is that silver dollars at even 4% down from birth weight look completely worn out. So I returned the coin to the case and went home to think it over.

The very next day, I was in the shop again and noticed for the first time the "1873" coin, noting how similar it was to the "1877". Both showed an "S" mintmark on the reverse. So we repeated the weighing exercise on this one – 390 grains (way light!). By now the proprietor was telling me that these coins had just come in over the counter as part of a decades-old collection, and that he has known the seller for a considerable time. I cautioned him that fake Trade Dollars have probably been made for

nearly 140 years, and that these did not look like the recent Chinese ones.

The next test was to look at the diameter and the edges of the suspects. A "sandwich" like an Oreo cookie was made out of the two suspects (on the outside) and an obviously real Trade Dollar in the middle. Visually, the outers were a good 1/16 th of an inch larger in diameter than the middle (real) coin. The counterfeiters had even made their pieces oversize by a bit in an attempt to hold the overall weight up toward the official standard! The reeding on the edges was strong, but not completely regular and uniform. There were also more reeds per inch than on the middle coin in the sandwich.

Your editor is not sure even now of how these were made. It could be some kind of transfer dies were made, or they could be simple casts. I regret not trying to "ring" them to listen for a "thud". But looking at the reverses, it is clear that the counterfeiters used the same reverse die (or mold) on both coins. Aficionados of Trade Dollars know that the U.S. Mint changed the reverse design in several subtle ways between the issues of 1873 and 1877. Our counterfeiters probably prepared a range of obverse (dated) dies and used only one reverse for their whole production, thus we have the wrong pairing of obverse/reverse types on the "1877" coin here. I doubt that these pieces are even silver, but they are not magnetic.

The shop proprietor is a fine and honest dealer and immediately withdrew the suspect coins from sale. He knows he may have to "eat" the cost. But he said his immediate path forward is to call the seller, present these findings, and ask for his money back. It sounds like there is a fair chance of a good outcome here. We will revisit the shop in September and hope to get an update then.





by Sam Fairchild

COLORADO TERRITORIAL GOLD

Ten years after the California discovery, gold was found in Colorado (or Jefferson Territory as it was then known). Just as in California and other mining regions, shipment to the Philadelphia Mint was long and hazardous. This in turn led to local economies based on barter or the use of "pinches" of gold dust, a notoriously inaccurate method for simple commercial transactions. While the Constitution prohibits states from issuing their own money, a solution was found in the private coining of gold near to the source.



John Conway struck \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$10.00 gold coins in the summer of 1861 in Georgia Gulch near present-day Breckenridge.

These pieces bore distinctive designs which made them look more like tokens than coins.

When local gold fields played out, Conway's attempt at coinage lasted no more than about two months. Surviving examples are extremely rare. Most examples were discovered at Ft. Union, NM where Colorado volunteers helped stop the Confederate invasion of New Mexico in 1862.



Dr. John Parsons produced a very small output of his gold coins and ingots around June of 1861 in Hamilton. His quarter eagles and half eagles bore on their obverse the image of an ore-stamping mill,

with the legend J. PARSON & Co., (misspelled) as well as the word ORO, Spanish for gold. The reverse of each coin displays an eagle with outstretched wings, copied from federal coinage. The legend PIKES PEAK GOLD and the coin's value surrounds it. Dr. Parson's operation was of short duration, producing very few coins, and less than a dozen total pieces are known today.



The most productive coiner of Colorado gold was the firm of Clark, Gruber & Co. The company struck their first year's coins from unalloyed native gold, but soon found that they wore too easily. Copper alloy was added to harden the 1861 coins, but in both years this remarkably scrupulous company made its coins 1% heavier than federal issues. Clark, Gruber



& Co. struck \$2.50, \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces in both 1860 and 1861. The coins were modeled after the U.S. gold coins of the period except for the ten and twenty-dollar issues of 1860, which featured a fictitious view of Pike's Peak on the obverse. Apparently these dies were engraved back East by someone who had never seen the famous mountain. Its depiction on the coins resembles a volcanic cone rather than the reality of one high peak in a long chain.

Probably the most professionally engraved example of all territorial gold was the 1861 \$20 gold piece. Except for "Pikes Peak" in place of "Liberty" on the obverse, and "Clark Gruber & Co. Denver" on the reverse, the coin could easily pass for the federal issue.



In 1862, Clark & Gruber closed its offices, selling its machinery to the Denver Assay Office in anticipation of the opening of a federal mint in that city (which did not occur until 40 years later).



The final curtain came down on private coinage and territorial gold coins with Congress' passage of the Act of June 8, 1864. Intended to stop the minting of Civil War tokens, this legislation prohibited the private manufacture of any coins designed to pass as money.

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The economy changed from depression to a war time footing. Suddenly men were entering the military resulting in gaps in the job market. Women started entering the workforce, taking jobs that, up until that point, had been staffed by males. Many factories, which had been left idle by the depression, were cranking up. The majority of factory output was war materials resulting in a scarcity of once common domestic items. For example: stoves and refrigerators were not produced during the war. Also many products that were imported were no longer available.

The federal government created several organizations to prevent profiteering and hoarding. The Office of Price Administration (OPA) had the power to set price controls and ceilings on the availability of items. At the peak, 90% of retail prices were controlled. The OPA had the power to ration scarce items. Autos, tires, gasoline, shoes, sugar, coffee, hosiery, meats and fats, and processed foods were among rationed items.

Each auto received a sticker to be placed on the windshield showing how much gas could be purchased per week. Each sticker had a letter indicating the owners need for gasoline. The letters were:

"A" for most vehicles

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"C" for doctors, clergy, and other essential people

"R" for agricultural equipment

"T" for trucks and taxis

"X" for congress and government officials

In 1942 an "A" sticker was allowed 4 gallons of gasoline per week. By 1944 the quantity was reduced, owing to shortage of fuel stateside, to 2 gallons.

Tires with inner tubes could be patched. Tires were inspected, and if a replacement was needed, the owner was issued a coupon that was taken to a dealer so a new tire could be purchased.

People were encouraged to plant "Victory Gardens" in order to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

Scrap metal and rubber products were recycled. Local groups would have drives to collect these resources which were so important to the war effort.

Among the products imported from the Philippines before the war were rubber and sisal, which was used to create rope. These became scarce because of Japanese occupation of the Philippine Islands.

If a plant grown in the United States was found to have fibers suitable for making rope farmers were encouraged to grow the plant and factories were built to process the raw material from the plants. Interestingly one plant found to be suitable for such fiber we know as marijuana, a plant now illegal to grow in most states in the United States.

ME FRONT

WAR II CHILDHOOD

The war affected our money. Copper and nickel were critical wartime materials. In 1942 the metal nickel was eliminated from the Five Cent coin and an alloy of silver, copper, and manganese was used from 1942 until 1945. These coins contain 35% silver. The one cent coin was made of zinc plated steel in 1943 and from recycled shell casings from 1944 into 1946.

Families would display a banner with a star for every family member in military service. Banners with one or two stars were common. I will never forget the banner in the neighborhood store. It had five stars.

The Office of Price Administration issued ration stamp books to families in order to buy rationed food items. The OPA provided grocers with red and blue tokens for use as change for the stamps. The red tokens were for meats and fats, the blue tokens for processed foods. Fats were items such as butter, cheese, and lard.

The tokens are made of vulcanized fiber, in other words, very stiff paper. The tokens were authorized by the federal government and made by private industry. The red tokens read "OPA 1 red point" with a letter on each side of the "1." The blue token reads: "OPA 1 blue point" with a letter on each side of the "1." From what I can tell there was no rhyme or reason for the letter combinations. There are 30 letter combinations for the red tokens and 24 for the blue tokens. Approximately 1.1 billion red tokens and 900 million blue tokens were made. Even today, seventy years later,

there are large quantities of examples of both red and blue tokens available to collectors.

The red combinations are: HC, HT, MM, MV, TH, TY, UC, UH, UT, UV, UX, UY, VC, VH, VT, VU, VX, VY, XC, XH, XT, XU, XV, XY, YC, YH, YT, YU, YV, YX

The blue combinations are: CC, CH, CT, CV, CX, HH, HU, HV, HX, HY, TC, TT, TU, TV, TX, UU, VV, WC, WH, WT, WU, WW, XX, YY

The rarest token letter combination is the red "MV" token. The next rarest are the red "MM" and the blue "WW" "WH" and "WC."

There is not much collector interest in these tokens so a set can be assembled for a very reasonable price.



Left: An enlargement of a "Red" OPA token.

Right: OPA tokens, both blue and red, are still to be found in original World War II era merchant boxes containing approximately five hundred individual pieces.

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GRADING FOR THE REST OF US *LIGHTING THE WAY*

by Lane Brunner - The Tyler Coin Club

To make the best numismatic decisions, collectors need to use appropriate tools. When considering the right tools, we think of magnifiers, storage boxes, inert flips, and pricing guides. Often we forget about lighting, or rather, we assume whatever lighting we use will be just fine. However, the type of lighting may have a significant effect on the appearance of a coin and our ability to grade it properly.

FOUR TYPES OF LIGHTING

Overhead florescent lighting, the type of lighting most commonly used in the exhibition halls and meeting rooms, is the worst lighting for examining coins. This type of florescent lighting is indirect and diffused. Overhead florescent lighting tends to mute the luster on high-grade coins and might also give the surface of circulated coins a less than natural look. However, the effect varies greatly on the quality of the florescent light. Daylight florescent lights work well for some collectors as the light's temperature (color) is relatively high (white) and more natural.

Halogen lighting is a favorite with many collectors and dealers because it is bright and brilliant and tends to give coins a little extra flash. While this may be pleasant for viewing, when it comes to grading, halogen lighting has one strong advantage which is also its primary drawback. Since the light is so bright and focused, surface defects are exaggerated. This characteristic is wonderful if you are looking to find surface flaws, such as hairlines. However, this enhanced detection of surface defects may lead to coins being under-graded since the surface defects appear much greater than when viewed under other types of lighting.

Incandescent bulbs are the gold standard for examining coins. Usually used are bulbs ranging from 60 watts to 100 watts, incandescent bulbs are the lights used by most professional graders. While the color of the light can vary with the quality of the bulb, high quality bulbs provide a consistent and predictable light source. Inexpensive bulbs will generally have a distinctive yellow tint that interferes with properly assessing a coin's luster. Although these bulbs currently represent the best choice for numismatists, they are becoming more difficult to find and will soon be unavailable to consumers.

A relative newcomer to the consumer market is the *light emitting diode*, commonly referred to as an *LED*. Similar to halogen lights, LEDs are pinpoint sources that produce a fairly white light while avoiding the heat associated with halogen or incandescent bulbs. Currently not many collectors or dealers use LEDs for examining coins however, as the LED technology improves and costs continue to decline, it is likely that these bulbs will become more commonplace. LEDs have the advantages of being compact and requiring very little power to operate. They are so small and require so little power that a collector could carry their own LED with them at a coin show.

It is important that when you view coins you minimize light interference from other sources. When professionals grade coins, they will usually be in dark room at a desk with a single lamp illuminating their coin. This approach not only enhances focus, but eliminates the effects that may be present from multiple light sources. Regardless of the type of light you choose to use, it is essential to be consistent or, if that is not possible, learn how to view your coins under the various lighting conditions.

TREASURES FOUND BY ACCIDENT EVERYWHERE

by Tommy Sawyer



One of the most unique tools ever invented by man was the popular metal detector. This light-weight ingenious invention has made millions of dollars for its owners since its creation. Members of the populace who has invested in one have many stories of proven success as well as good luck they bring to us in stories of their success in their using of invention.

Let's begin our article today by asking this question---"have you heard of James Wyatt?" His story of using his new metal detector is well known in Great Britain. Using it in his backyard he yelled out to his dad that he heard a "beep-beep-beep" and dad was quick to respond. Dad immediately began to dig and discovered a gold pennant at an estimated worth of four million dollars. Now the big surprise---he was only 3 years old. These kids are so brilliant today.

Searches for buried treasures have brought excitement for many, even if no treasure was discovered. The metal detector stands alone in its ability to locate hoards of items for its adventurers. Those of us who have used one can relate their stories of good luck and even fortune to their reportorial. So, what else has these "little gems of wisdom" help us discover? Here is a short list: rings, watches, mason jars of coins, silver and gold bracelets, piggy banks, washers, copper items and other metals of value and interest. This of course is a short list of discoveries.

A question earlier in my experience with my metal detector was "where do I look?" Those of you who own one can certainly add to the list.

School yards, old houses and closed banks and stores, beaches, ghost towns, attics, caves, are all great starting places. Don't be discouraged if you can't bring back a success story—it takes patience and time. I'd like hearing of your success.

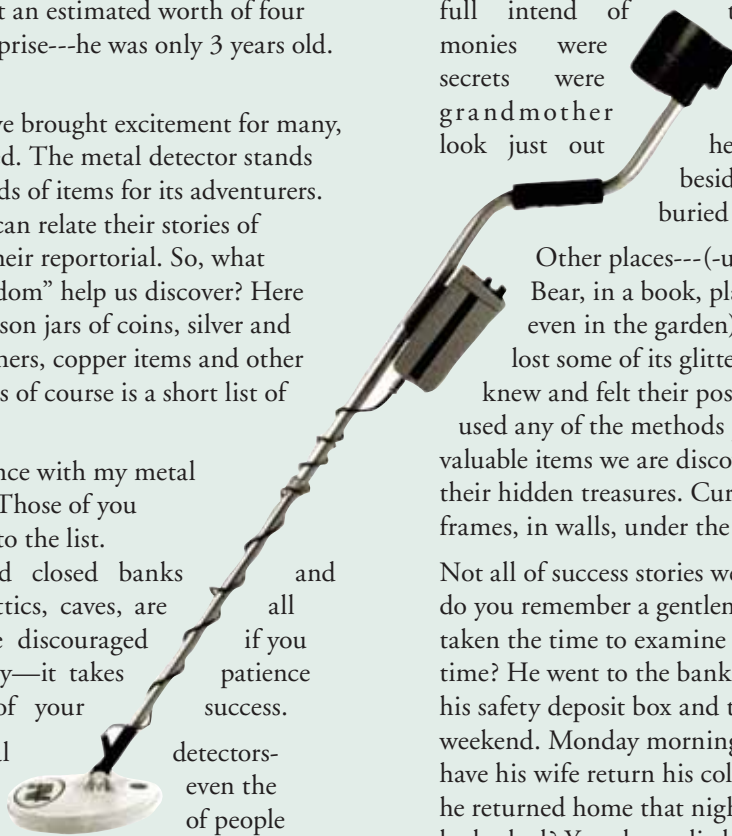
There are several types of metal detectors--those used on land and sea. I remember some stories of people who have had success with treasures found in the seas of the world. An 87 year old lady and her daughter, Bonnie Schubert, discovered a gold relic off the coast of Florida estimated to be worth \$885,000 dollars. I believe the state of Florida by law, is entitled to 20% of the value. One of the most amazing discoveries to mind is a Brent Brisben, treasurer hunter who found 48 gold coins that dated back 300 years. These coins came from what was thought to be a Spanish galleon ship that was a victim of a massive hurricane in July 1745. A couple in California were walking in their own backyard when part of a can was sticking out of the ground, when they reached down, picked it up and discovered the can was full of gold \$5, \$10,

and \$20 dollar gold pieces. They began digging and when they finished, 5 other cans of gold coins dating from 1827-to-1894 were discovered. The value of their gold Liberty cache was from nine to ten million dollars. I immediately ran to my backyard but I didn't have that kind of luck. All I found were some rusty nails and a broken pocket knife. In total, the couple found 1,429. Their discovery is called the Saddle Ridge Discovery.

The above good fortunes of persons described bring to mind a very, very important question---(disasters excluded)-- "why did some people bury their coins and even their currency?" Years ago, many banks failed and people lost their money. Others simply didn't trust banks. Others hide their monies with the full intend of telling their relatives where their monies were hidden, but died before their secrets were revealed. I remember my grandmother telling my grandmother to always look just out her kitchen window and to the right, beside the big oak tree---her money was buried there.

Other places---(-under the mattress, inside the Teddy Bear, in a book, plastic bag placed in the freezer, and even in the garden). This explains why the trust factor lost some of its glitter with the older Americans. They knew and felt their possessions would be saved if they used any of the methods previously described. The coins and valuable items we are discovering today are no doubt some of their hidden treasures. Currency was hidden behind picture frames, in walls, under the house in glass jars.

Not all of success stories we read about have happy endings—do you remember a gentleman a few years ago who hadn't taken the time to examine his valuable coin collection for some time? He went to the bank of a Friday, obtained his collection his safety deposit box and took it home to examine over the weekend. Monday morning he left for work and remembered to have his wife return his collection to the bank. She did. When he returned home that night, he asked her if she done what he had asked? Yes, she replied ===="the deposit slip is on your dresser". Also, a story about a man in Spain a few years ago was leaving his hotel when he was mugged. They took his wallet, change, and personal belongings. The wallet was later returned to him with two lottery tickets. The value of these was \$10,000 he cashed in the National Lottery there. So, keep searching and perhaps the venture will reap its dividends. The Numismatic world of hidden treasures awaits the lucky ones that eagerly continue the search. A closing tip for you is the fact that some places require their permission to do your searching, such as parks, beaches, and private property. Good luck fellow hunter.



QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Are "encased postage" pieces commonly counterfeited?
- 2) Did the U.S. Mint ever do any work for Cuba?
- 3) Are United Kingdom Maundy Sets still made in sterling silver?



- 4) What is an "Everyman Registry Set"?
- 5) What is the first appearance of the motto "In God We Trust" on our currency?
- 6) What is a "Brown Box" Eisenhower Dollar?
- 7) Is this piece a U.S. commemorative coin?



DR. COYNE

1) The brass cases for encased postage are not often counterfeited, but the stamps within them are sometimes replaced by a higher-denomination stamp to take advantage of perceived "rarity". The mica or slate fronts are also sometimes replacements.

2) The first U.S. Mint work for Cuba came in 1915, following the Spanish-American War. From 1898 to 1914, the U.S. dollar was the official currency of Cuba, though Spanish and other coinage still circulated. In 1914, the Cuban authorities created the Cuban National Currency System, which authorized the minting of centavos (1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 40), and silver and gold pesos (1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20). All these were minted at the Philadelphia Mint in 1915 and 1916. In 1915, a new law prohibited circulation of all foreign coins and currency. The new Cuban and U.S. pieces were acceptable. The era of U.S. coinage supply to Cuba ended in 1961 following the Fidel Castro takeover of the government by Fidel Castro. Cuba built its own mint in 1977 and began striking circulation coins and commemoratives there.

3) The United Kingdom Maundy Sets issued sporadically and then annually for centuries have continued to be issued in sterling (.925 fine) silver even as the regular coinage was transitioned to reduced silver and then base metals beginning in 1920. The designs on the Maundy 1, 2, 3, and 4 pence feature the monarch's portrait on the obverse and a simple wreath design with the denomination on the reverse. The quantity issued each year to carefully selected worthy recipients is determined by formula from the monarch's age and number of years on the throne. Elizabeth II will set a record this year for total pieces issued.

4) An "Everyman Registry Set" is a set of related coins composed of the dates/mints as dictated by PCGS or NGC to fit their prescribed definition of the set, for example, Mercury Dimes or CC Morgan Dollars, but with the limitation that all coins are circulated specimens. They can be in slabbed grades Poor-01 to AU-58. The collector acquires coins which fit his registry set and lists their certification numbers and optional photos on the PCGS or

NGC website, and the Third Party Grader's computer "ranks" the listed sets according to grade and completion percentage. The "everyman" aspect makes the program accessible to more collectors, as high-cost uncirculated pieces are excluded.

5) The earliest use of the motto "In God We Trust" came considerably before its adoption by Congressional action on all U.S. paper currency. The series 1886 \$5 silver certificate has as the main device to represent the note's denomination the reverses of four Morgan Dollars and the obverse of an 1886 Morgan Dollar. Of course, right there above the eagles on the dollars is the motto in old English style lettering. The 1886 \$5 is the first \$5 silver certificate issued by the U.S. Collectors today call this popular type a "Morgan Back".

6) The "Brown Box" informal name applies to the U.S. Mint issues of proof Eisenhower Dollars of 1971-74. This distinguishes them from the "Blue Ikes", which are non-proof issues (but still for collectors) in flat envelope packaging, also from 1971-74. Both varieties are 40% silver. Base metal clad Ikes were also issued for circulation in these years.

7) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. commemorative coin. It is an awards medal issued for the 1892-93 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was struck at the U.S. Mint using designs prepared by Augustus St. Gaudens (obv) and Charles Barber (rev). These come in large (about 3 inch) and small (about 1.25 inch) sizes in bronze. The official cases on the large ones were stamped aluminum with blue inserts.

8) The best known Jefferson Nickel counterfeits include the 1944 (no P) pieces made by Francis LeRoy Henning of New Jersey about 1950 as circulating counterfeits. Apparently many thousands were made, and the pieces have even taken on collector value today.



- 8) Are Jefferson Nickels commonly counterfeited?
- 9) Did the U.S. Mint ever make any platinum coins?
- 10) In the error coin world, what is "Blakesley Effect"?
- 11) What is a "Lowball Registry Set"?
- 12) What is the first U.S. silver coin?

13) What is a "milk spot" on a silver coin?

14) Is this piece a U.S. commemorative coin?



RESPONDS

9) The U.S. Mint made a few platinum Capped Bust Half Dollars in 1814, but they were strictly patterns. None has even been made for circulation. At the time, platinum/gold market prices were much different than today, but platinum was deemed not suitable for circulating coinage as its appearance is too much like silver. In our own time, the mint has made bullion investment coins from platinum, and there is the sole issue in 2000 of a \$10 Library of Congress bimetallic coin with a gold outer ring and a platinum center.

10) Blakesley effect refers to the evidence on a struck coin that the planchet was incomplete (clipped planchet). It describes inefficient metal flow, opposite the missing portion of the planchet. The effect will best be seen 180 degrees around the rim from the clip area. If the rim there has details lacking and the rim appears flat or incomplete, then it is more than likely that you have a genuine clipped planchet error. The name comes from the first author to describe this phenomenon.

11) A "Lowball Registry Set" is a set of related coins composed of the dates/mints as dictated by PCGS or NGC to fit their prescribed definition of the set, for example, Mercury Dimes or CC Morgan Dollars. The strange objective is to have the lowest graded examples of each coin. They can be in slabbed grades Poor-01 and up, but realistically to rank, the coins will have be Good-04 and less, except for the most modern issues. The collector acquires coins which fit his registry set and lists their certification numbers and optional photos on the PCGS or NGC website, and the Third Party Grader's computer "ranks" the listed sets according to grade and completion percentage. The whole idea seems to Dr. Coyne as contrived to enhance the cash flow of the grading services.

12) The earliest U.S. silver coin seems to hinge on the definition of "U.S." While John Hull's Massachusetts silver pieces were undoubtedly the first struck in lands which would become the U.S., our country did not exist until much later. While good documentation is lacking, it would seem that the

1776 Continental Dollars (authorized by the Continental Congress) might be it. Surely the 1792 Half Dismes (though not struck in the first Philadelphia mint) would qualify. If we insist on product from the actual mint, the 1794 silver dollars would be the one. Some other 1794-dated coins were actually struck in 1795.

13) A "Milk Spot", most commonly found on Peace Dollars and on American Silver Eagles, is a grade-limiting white stain on the surfaces in the form of round or nearly round nontransparent dots. The name comes from what dried cow's milk would be imagined to look like. The actual cause is now thought to be inadequate rinsing in the planchet preparation step. Milk spotting can be on fresh, as-issued coins, or it can emerge later, even after a coin is in a plastic enclosure. Such spotted coins are discounted in the market.

14) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. commemorative coin. It is Daniel Carr's latest commemorative medal from the Moonlight Mint (aka Clark, Gruber, & Co). The obverse is an original design depicting a rocky mountain sheep, while the reverse incorporates the features of the official Colorado State Quarter, including a scene from within Rocky Mountain National Park. The medals come in copper, brass, and .999 silver.

A worthy type coin?



No. It is a privately issued token



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DEUCES ARE WILD... TWO

Nowadays most people view the two-dollar bill as a novelty item to be hoarded. Merchants view it with disdain because there is not a slot in the cash register for it. Currency collectors are fascinated by them and spend countless hours examining them.

No matter where you are on that spectrum, there are an endless number of fun and interesting facts about the history of our nation's least circulated note. Test your knowledge with this Deuces are Wild trivia game.

1. In which city are two-dollar bills currently printed?

- a. Washington D.C.
- b. Fort Worth, TX
- c. Denver, CO

2. Who was the first person featured on the two-dollar bill?

- a. Alexander Hamilton
- b. George Washington
- c. Thomas Jefferson

3. What year was the two-dollar bill first issued by the federal government?

- a. 1862
- b. 1863
- c. 1864

4. How many two-dollar notes are in a brick?

- a. Six bundles (6,000 notes)
- b. Five bundles (5,000 notes)
- c. Four bundles (4,000 notes)



5. How much does it cost to produce a two-dollar bill?

- a. 4.9 cents per note
- b. 5.0 cents per note
- c. 5.1 cents per note

6. What is the average life of a two-dollar bill?

- a. 14 years
- b. 15 years
- c. 16 years

7. Thomas Jefferson's portrait was first used on which series of two-dollar notes:

- a. Series 1867
- b. Series 1868
- c. Series 1869

8. The last large note currency format to feature the two-dollar bill was which series?

- a. Series 1919
- b. Series 1920
- c. Series 1917

9. Thomas Jefferson's Monticello estate was first featured on the back of which two-dollar series?

- a. Series 1928
- b. Series 1929
- c. Series 1927

DOLLAR BILL TRIVIA



10. How many of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence are actually portrayed in John Trumbull's portrait by the same name on the reverse of the current two-dollar bill?

- a. 47
- b. 42
- c. 56

11. What year was the first year the small sized two-dollar bill featured a solid star symbol at the beginning or end of the serial number?

- a. 1926
- b. 1928
- c. 1930

12. The most recent series of two-dollar bills authorizes to be printed by the Treasury Department is which series?

- a. Series 2013
- b. Series 2012
- c. Series 2011

13. How long does it take the Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth Texas to produce a two-dollar note from the start of the offset printing process to the finished currency in the vault?

- a. Five weeks
- b. Three weeks
- c. Four Weeks

14. The two-dollar bill consist of what percentage of all paper currency in circulation?

- a. 2 Percent
- b. 1 Percent
- c. 3 Percent

15. In what year was the motto IN GOD WE TRUST added to the two-dollar bill?

- a. 1962
- b. 1963
- c. 1964



1-B; 2-A; 3-A; 4-C; 5-A; 6-B; 7-C; 8-C; 9-A; 10-B; 11-B; 12-A; 13-C; 14-B; 15-B



by Mike Ross

COINAGE AND HISTORY

In this issue's article I am focusing on a coin that is perhaps not extraordinary, but is connected to a rather fascinating chapter in western history – a “gigliato” issued by the Knights Hospitaller (hereafter referred to as “the Order”) under the auspices of its Grand Master Raymond Berenger during the years 1365 - 1374 (Figure 1). The coin is an iconic type; its design is engaging and serves as a catalyst for learning about the Order. Our primary question of interest is why would an order of military monks be issuing coinage in the first place? Therefore, off we go to the eastern Mediterranean of the 12th century to set the stage for our gigliato.

The origins of the Order are obscured by history. Unlike their brethren in the rival Templar order, the Hospitallers could not point to a single event or individual that established the Order. This is not merely because eight centuries have passed by and



Figure 1 – A gigliato of Order Grand Master Raymond Berenger

clouded our view; the Order itself could not provide a lucid creation story even back in the 12th century. Hospices existed in the Holy Land from the 7th century onward to provide respite and care to Christian pilgrims. From the year 638 forward Jerusalem (Figure 2) was conquered and controlled by the Rashidun Caliphate; Muslim rulers did not restrict Christian worship or pilgrimage, but by the late 11th century pilgrims using the land route from Europe were no longer traveling through relatively peaceful Christian (Byzantine) lands. References to the Hospital of St. John in Jerusalem begin to be found in this timeframe.

The lack of a clear start or originator apparently hampered fundraising, as mythology quickly began to edge out fact regarding the founding of the Order. Fantastical claims about the Order's early days began to circulate and included a number of assertions, including that John the Baptist's parents had worked there, that Jesus himself had visited, performed miracles at the Hospital, and appeared there after the Resurrection, and even that Mary lived there for 3 years and was assumed into heaven from there. Tales were embellished in Hospitaller documents and repeated by (presumably) well-meaning bishops and Popes in support of the Order. However, by the 13th century these tales were acknowledged as being just that in attempts to increase charitable funding for the Order.

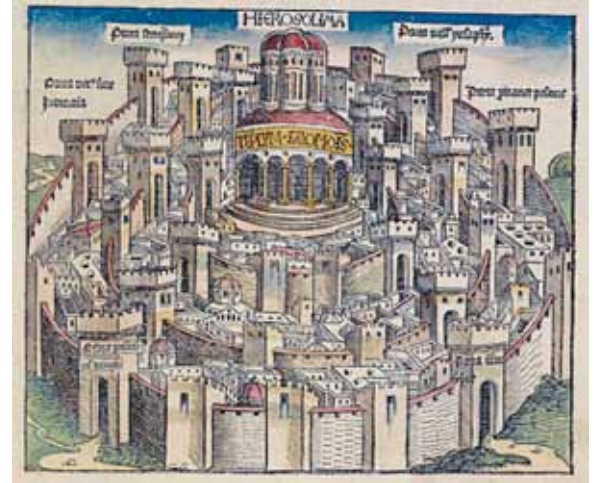


Figure 2 – An imaginative 15th century view of Jerusalem. The Hospitaller facility was located in the Christian quarter of Jerusalem. (Hartmann Schedel's *Weltchronik* (Nürnberg 1493), fol. xxvii recto.)

Pope Paschal II issued a Papal Bull granting protections and privileges to the Order in 1113, citing Gerard as the “institutor” and thus history acknowledges him as the first Grand Master. Subsequent Papal Bulls extended the privileges of the Order and gradually removed it from the authority of any local Church officials – effectively putting the Order under the authority of only the Pope himself. With its official sanction, the Order began to acquire property on an international scale as its role and authority became strengthened and legitimized by the papacy. The establishment of the allied Kingdom of Armenian Cilicia and the successful capture of Edessa, Antioch, Tripoli, and Jerusalem in the First Crusade made pilgrimages somewhat safer, but simultaneously increased the threat of warfare from Muslim sources. The first indications of any military role by the Order arise in the late 1130's from a handful of written sources. By the early 1140's the Order was well-established as a military as well as hospitaller institution. At this point, the Hospitallers and Templars were likely complementary, both provided security for the region. Later they would grow to be rivals and find themselves on opposite sides of political challenges and issues.

Crusader states survived politically and militarily by playing divided Muslim factions off one another. However, starting in 1260 a resurgent Egypt conquered a number of other Muslim states, gradually surrounding the small Crusader states that hugged the Mediterranean coast. The Egyptian Mamluk empire gradually tightened the noose, conquering Crusader holdings starting in 1265 and ending with the fall of Acre in 1291. Each of the military orders was then pushed off the mainland. The Teutonic knights temporarily re-located to Venice, the Hospitallers and Templars each re-located to the nearby island of Cyprus.

OF THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER

Cyprus had its own political instabilities, including a Templar-supported coup, necessitating a more stable base of Order operations to be found. Rhodes, 250 miles to the west-northwest, was only nominally under Byzantine rule. Rhodes provided a strategic location for Mediterranean and Aegean naval operations directly astride the ocean route that brought iron, lumber and slaves from the Black Sea to the Mamluk Egyptians. In June of 1306, the Order under Grand Master Foulques de Villaret attacked Rhodes, and sieged the town. The Grand Master offered homage to the Byzantine emperor in return for enfeoffing the island to the Order, but the emperor refused. Now it just so happened that the Pope had recently excommunicated the Byzantine emperor and the Pope consequently granted the Order title to rule the island as an independent sovereign. The Byzantines twice unsuccessfully attempted to lift the siege but by August 1309 the town surrendered to the Order.

Shortly after the conquest of Rhodes by the Order, the Knights Templar were dissolved in stunning fashion by the conspiratorial actions of both the Pope and Philip IV of France. The Hospitallers, though criticized widely for their perceived failures, were subsequently identified by the Pope as the most able to carry out the Crusading mission in the east. Following the Papal ban on the Knights Templar, the Knights of St. John were (theoretically) to receive many of the Temple's estates, along with new recruits seeking refuge from the Pope's Templar inquisition.

Even with the addition of Templar assets, internal problems - the loss of Jerusalem, and even loss of proximity via Cyprus - resulted in a weakened and non-focused Order. Nor was there any larger crusading focus in Western Christendom — the Order's *raison d'être* was no longer relevant. Adding to their challenge, the 13th century European economic expansion had slowed down by the first quarter of the 14th century, resulting in lowered income for the Order, concurrent with an increase in expenses as the Order attempted to re-establish itself. The Order was essentially bankrupt and comprised of maybe 300, middle-aged brother knights - thus not conducive to conducting military campaigns. The Order then evolved to a naval-based crusading focus versus their previous land-based activities. In reality, this meant their activities tended to be naval raiding rather than strategic campaigning. The Order

used their island as a launching pad for raids on Muslim shipping and coastal towns; they prospered on loot.

By the end of the 14th century, Turkish military gains and commercial trading patterns actually made Rhodes more central to regional affairs than when the Order arrived — minimizing the need to relocate. Though the Order was not above raiding and looting, they preferred playing factions against one another rather than employing direct confrontation - relying on enmity between the Turkish Ottomans and Egyptian Mamluks. The Mamluks attacked Rhodes twice in the mid-15th century. After this scare, the Order spent much of the remaining 15th century strengthening

fortifications on the island. The Ottomans again attacked Rhodes in May 1480 with 10-15,000 men, versus 3,500 or so defenders. The Turks managed to enter the town but were beaten back (legend has it after a vision of Mary, John the Baptist, and other Christian martyrs appeared in the sky). The siege was ultimately unsuccessful and the Ottomans left in August 1480. Favorable treaties with the Ottomans and Mamluks were later signed, but merely delayed the inevitable next conflict. Ottoman sultan Suleiman the Magnificent led the next assault starting in July 1522. Order documents claim 200,000 Turks sieged Rhodes against a force of 7,500 defenders. The Order refused terms. The sultan then issued terms directly to the people — if

they accepted, they could live; if they refused, they would be slaughtered. Fighting continued, but in December, the Grand Master accepted terms; the Order left the island on 1 January 1523.

Homeless for seven years, the Holy Roman Emperor in 1530 ceded the Maltese archipelago to the Order. Arrival on Malta was the Order's low point — they were more geographically removed from Jerusalem, no longer caring for pilgrims, and in dire financial straits. Malta was politically influenced by Spain, an adversary of France, while most of the brothers were French. The Protestant reformation had splintered the Order, and religious wars on the continent ravaged Order property (and therefore income), further stressing finances. The islands' small size, lack of self-sufficiency, and political influence from Spain by way of nearby Sicily made the Order particularly vulnerable.



Figure 3 - Woodcut of the citadel of Rhodes (Hartmann Schedel's Weltchronik (Nürnberg 1493), fol. xxvi verso.)

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COINAGE AND HISTORY

The Order's vocation of protecting Christendom continued — in the sense of raiding enemy shipping in the Mediterranean as well as the shipping of any country with trading agreements or alliances with the enemy. However, in the late 16th century the Pope issued Bulls forbidding the raiding of Christian ships even if they were trading with the east. The Order protested this as restricting their war against the infidel at sea, but the directives stood. By 1723, the Order's raids against the Ottomans effectively ceased due to pressure from the Venetians and French. The Order then redirected its focus on raiding North African shipping, eventually allying with a number of countries in doing so.

Europe evolved while the Order was on Malta. Emphasis on the Ottoman as enemy began to be replaced with wariness of Russia. Nor did the Enlightenment look very favorably on crusading and holy war. The Order's supranational status was seen as an exception and its role as somewhat anachronistic in the late 18th century world. Consequently, the Order had become rather aimless. The Order looked at expanding its footprint in parts of the world outside Europe and the Mediterranean. An alliance was even proposed to the fledgling USA in 1794 offering a Maltese base for the nascent U.S. Navy in exchange for grants of land in the U.S., but it never came to fruition.

France began to turn a lustful eye toward Malta as a strategic location from which to protect and expand its Mediterranean interests. The French only grudgingly supported the Order (its mission ran afoul of post-revolutionary sentiment), if only to keep the Maltese interests of Britain and Russia at bay. French attention was diverted for a few years, but General Napoleon Bonaparte purposefully diverted the French fleet to Malta in 1798 to "encourage" the Order to surrender Malta. After being denied permission to enter the harbor the French fleet attacked. The Order defended the island for about a week, and then asked for a truce. Bonaparte demanded surrender. Grand Master Hompesch capitulated and the Order (less than 2 dozen members) left Malta for Trieste.

The Russian Tsar Paul I took the habit of the Order (despite his Russian Orthodox faith making him technically ineligible) and the Russian priory elected him the new Grand Master. The Order then became a geopolitical pawn among Russia, Great Britain, and France as all vied for supremacy in the Mediterranean. The situation eviscerated the Order; it no longer possessed assets, income, or real purpose. Efforts continued for three decades to establish a permanent base and re-invigorate the Order's role in 19th century Europe. Finally, in 1834 the Order settled in Rome. The Order ceased its military function and returned to running a hospital. Its modern title became "The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta", but is usually referred to as "The Sovereign Military Order of Malta", or "SMOM". The Order's claim to sovereign status in the modern world is legally somewhat murky. It no longer possesses its own territory though Italy granted extraterritorial status to the Order's headquarters buildings in Rome. The Order has had Observer status at the United Nations since 1994 - not as a member state, but rather as an "other entity" — a category shared by (among others) the Red Cross / Red Crescent and the International Olympic Committee. However, it has official diplomatic relations with 105 nations. The Order, started in 1113 and still in existence to this day, naturally has a web site: <http://www.orderofmalta.int/?lang=en>.

The early 19th century turmoil in particular led to so called "mimic Orders". An interesting website (<http://www.orderstjohn.org/osj/osj.htm>) provides research on these myriad organizations, most of whom claim a hazy lineage back to the Russian priory of Tsar Paul I or various Protestant offshoots from the Reformation / Counter-Reformation period. It all makes for a very interesting, if confusing, read.

The Hospitallers became sovereigns of Rhodes (by Papal sanction) in 1309 and immediately exercised the sovereign right of issuing coinage, which continued until 1798. Order coinage started with the silver gros, demi-gros, and deniers of Grand Master Fulco di Villareto¹. In terms of size and weight, the gros was styled upon the French gros tournois introduced 43 years earlier by French King Louis IX. Villareto's successor Helion de Villeneuve issued slightly lighter weight gigliati, adhering to a standard popular in the eastern Mediterranean and introduced in Naples and Provence just a few years earlier. The gigliato type dominated Rhodian Hospitaller coinage for the remainder of the 14th century and well into the 15th. Upon arriving at Malta in 1523, Emperor Charles V somewhat grudgingly accepted the Order's right to coin,² and the subsequent silver coinage reflected Sicilian influence and proximity, with the silver tari, its multiples, and the scudo dominating the 16th through 18th century coinage (Figure 4).



Figure 4 — Four Tari issue of Grand Master Alof de Wignacourt, dated 1611. The design motif of John the Baptist's head on a plate was used from the mid-16th century to the early 18th century. (Image courtesy of Classical Numismatic Group, www.cngcoins.com)

Grand Master Diodato di Gozon (1346-1353) introduced gold coinage, with a zecchino, or ducat, based on the Venetian zecchino (Figure 5) - a very attractive coin, and exceedingly rare with a known population of only five specimens.³



Figure 5 — Rare Hospitaller Ducat issued by Diodato di Gozon, circa 1350-1353. (Image courtesy Classical Numismatic Group, www.cngcoins.com)

Antonio Fluvian (1421-1437) subsequently struck a zecchino, in even more direct imitation of the Venetian zecchino, extending even to the use of "Veneti" in the legends. The Republic of Venice objected strongly, and the legends were later

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modified to remove the misleading origin of the coin (Figure 6). The gold coinage continued to be imitative zecchini of Venice until the end of the 17th century. Multiples of the zecchino then began to be struck in the 17th century with new designs focused largely on portraits of the Grand Masters, indicative of the waning influence of Venice.

Various denominations of copper coinage were also struck starting in the early 16th century. The Order struggled for much of the 18th century with the exportation and melting of its gold and silver coinage due to its high intrinsic value outside of Malta. Coinage ceased after the Order's 1798 expulsion from Malta and was not issued again until a commemorative production commenced in 1961.



Figure 6 – Hospitaller ducat in imitation of Venice. Issued by Grand Master Fabrizio del Carretto (1513 – 1521) (Image courtesy of Classical Numismatic Group, www.cngcoins.com)

Our coin is typical of the gigliati issues and depicts the barefoot and robed Grand Master Berenger kneeling before a patriarchal “cross on steps” (a familiar image borrowed from Byzantine coinage). A Maltese cross appears emblazoned on his left arm. Behind the Grand Master is a shield; curiously, however, it does not depict the arms of the Berenger family. The arms of Berenger contained a red Maltese cross on a field of gold (see Figure 7, the 2nd & 3rd cantons of the arms below the portrait); the coin, however, depicts a heraldic “bend” across an otherwise plain field. The discrepancy is puzzling, and was noted also by Morris in his work,⁴ though he too was unable to explain the inconsistency. The other Order gigliati display the Grand Master arms as one would expect. Our coin was issued prior to the establishment of so-called “hatching” rules to depict heraldic colors and metals for printing and engraving, so no conclusions can be drawn in that respect. It is an interesting little mystery.

The obverse legend reads “+F•RA IMVNDVS•BERENGARI•D:GR.M”, or “Brother Raymond Berenger by the Grace of God Master.” The reverse contains a floreate cross with tear-drop-shaped shields at the end of each arm displaying the arms of the Order. The reverse legend reads “+OSPITALS•IOHS•RLNI•QTS•R ODI,” or “Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Priory of Rhodes.” The coin weighs 3.89 grams, consistent with the gigliato standard.

Raymond Berenger's appointment as Grand Master was a compromise; a political choice intended to prevent (Papal favorite) Juan Fernandez de Heredia from being named as Grand Master. This decision merely delayed Heredia's selection as Grand Master until 1377. Vertot lauds Berenger's “valour and the boldness of his enterprises.”⁵ He is best known for mounting a naval invasion of Alexandria, Egypt in concert with the king of Cyprus. Eventually tiring of Order politics, Berenger offered his resignation to Pope Gregory XI; however, the Pope refused it. Berenger mediated a Genoese uprising against the Lusignans, involving trips to Cyprus in 1373 and 1374, dying during his second trip. He is buried in Nicosia.

With Berenger's death, we wrap up our sojourn into crusading and Mediterranean politics. Our coin comes from a history that continues to resonate in our world to this day – for better or worse. For those whose interests may be piqued, I recommend any of the works cited in the bibliography, many of which are available online. Helen Nicholson's *The Knights Hospitaller*⁶ was used extensively to provide much of the historical background in this article. In addition, the 2nd edition of *Coins of the Crusader States* by Malloy, et al.⁷ has added a section on Hospitaller coinage and represents the most recent scholarship in this subject area.



Figure 7 – Engraving of Grand Master Berenger from Vertot's “*Histoire des Chevaliers Hospitaliers appelez depuis les Chevaliers de Rhodes et aujour d'hui les Chevaliers de Malte*” (1726)

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by Mark Benvenuto

ONE-OUNCE SILVER BULLION COINS:

Back in 1986, the United States Mint unveiled the one-ounce silver Eagle, a bullion coin with a nominal face value of one dollar. At the time, it may have been pushed from the limelight a bit, as far as its importance, since the four different weights of gold Eagles were unveiled at the same time. But since then, a steady stream of one-ounce silver Eagles has made them a collectible in their own right.

United States Silver Eagle Options

Anyone who wants to assemble a decent set of one-ounce silver bullion coins could do worse than starting right here at home. A date run of silver Eagles is not particularly difficult to put together, but the options now available may make it difficult to decide just what sort of collection to build. By that we mean a person could simply go for one of the uncirculated versions of each different year. Or, a person could pay a premium and try to collect the proof versions. In the last few years, there are also reverse proofs and burnished finishes from which to choose.

Or perhaps, just perhaps, a single one-ounce silver Eagle is what you'll want to buy in preparation for what we can call some globe-trotting. Let's see what else we might consider.

Canada

When it came to bullion coins, be they gold or silver, the United States was certainly not the first player on the field back in the 1980's. Our northern neighbor had been pounding out one-ounce silver Maple Leaves, with a face value of \$5, as early as 1979. The Royal Canadian Mint had also been in the business of making proof versions of their Maple Leaves, as well as those designed to trade based on the value of their silver metal. And now? Well, now there may be more options from the RCM than there are from the United States Mint.

Mexico

Mexico has been in the silver (and gold) bullion arena for decades, but took things in a different direction, at

least as far as its silver bullion coins are concerned. Yes, a person can quickly and inexpensively add a silver, one-ounce piece from Mexico to any growing collection, or even make a date run. Often called an onza, these pieces are also sometimes called Libertads, because of their winged Liberty design. But while countries like the US and Canada pretty much stayed with a one-ounce silver coin for years, Mexico produced silver coins in weights from 1/20th of an ounce on the small end all the way up to 1 kilo on the high end, and did so for years prior to plenty of other mints. The 1 kilo pieces might be too expensive for many of us to just casually purchase, but the 2-onza pieces, or the 5-onzas, may not be out of the question.

Australia

Jumping all the way to the Land Down Under, a person finds in short order that the Australians have also been in the bullion coin business, and like our neighbors in Mexico, quite a few years ago went to different weights for their bullion coinage. But Australia has produced both silver Kookaburra coins, as well as silver Koalas. Thus, anyone who wants to add an Australian piece to any silver bullion coin collection has a couple of choices. Certainly both designs are excellent. The tough part when it comes to Australian silver might be determining where to stop, or whether to stay with just one design.

China

The Chinese Panda program is another one that now has decades of history to it, both for silver and gold bullion coins. These pieces have been in the news numerous times because the design change is generally an annual event – and perhaps just because folks think panda bears are so amazingly cute.

It's worth noting that the silver Pandas might cost a bit more than many of the other one-ounce bullion coins. The Chinese Mint has always been adept at playing off



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the supply and demand equation, meaning they have managed to do a good job of keeping demand high. In short, they don't flood the market with their silver.

Others?

There are plenty of other countries we haven't touched on, that folks may find of interest in regards for their silver bullion coins. For example, look at those of Austria, with the attractive philharmonic design, or Great Britain, with its modern yet classic-looking figure of Britannia. Or even look to Kazakhstan, with its multiple weights of silver Irbis bullion coins, just to name a few. But one final addition we will make to this list is: a Maria Theresa Thaler.

Even though it's not at a convenient one-ounce size, the MTT, as it is sometimes known, is one "bullion" coin that is a great addition to any silver bullion coin type set, because of its history. This coin can be called the first of them all. The only coin that has been dated 1780 every year it has been made – the Maria Theresa Thaler really does stand alone. Long before the idea of silver bullion coins for investors and a modern world market, this one coin traveled far beyond the borders of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and became a de facto trade coin and bullion coin for large parts of the world. Peoples of eastern Africa, of south west Asia, and even of the Far East often took these large, silver coins in payment and in trade. They were everything people wanted in a trade coin. They were big, heavy, and sported a complex design that was difficult to counterfeit. These silver pieces



are still made today, and thus it never really costs too much to grab one for your own.

Overall, collecting silver bullion coins has plenty of allure, and as we have just seen has a global angle to it, as well as a historical one. A person can have a lot of fun starting such a collection today, without spending a fortune. If you give it a try, good luck!

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In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers.

We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material.

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

Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: 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 AUGUST MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with 40 members and guests in attendance. New Members: James Lemons has been to two previous meetings. The club voted James in as a new member unanimously.

Old Business: Walter Fabisiak noticed that a \$10.00 star note had sold at auction for close to \$6,000.00. The unusual thing about this note, is that it had a serial number of 0001, and it was graded very low. The moral of this story is to always check your change.

Ed Lasko announced that the FWCC board members had completed their revisions to the FWCC By-Laws.

Communications: John Post has provided the following information for all of the token collectors in our clubs. The National Token Collectors Association has scheduled their 2015 Convention and Show for Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6 at the Biltmore Hotel (I-40 & Meridian), Oklahoma City. They may even have some tables available in case someone is interested in setting up (tokens and/or coins. More information is available at the NTCA's website, www.tokencollectors.com

Carl Stang is going to teach a Grading Seminar. He already has 10 students from the N.E. Tarrant County Coin Club.

The class will be held on August 15th, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00, which pays for coffee in the morning, and a Subway sandwich at lunch.

New Business: Kris Olson, one of our Bourse chairmen, has purchased \$1,500.00 worth of tables for our Fort Worth Coin Club Coin show. Because of his generosity, we have about eight, six foot tables that do not match the rest of the tables. At Gary Andrews Coin Show, from August 28th thru August 30th, these \$50.00 tables can be purchased for \$10.00.

Education: John Post gave a discussion about his collection of medals from the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.

In 1962, John signed up to purchase one silver medal each month. Each medal represents one of the Great Americans. There are 102 inductees, and John has 97 medals. Each medal's weight is from 1.8 ounces to 2.8 ounces. They all have very high relief.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with 44 members and guests in attendance. New Members: The club voted for Troy Blume and Ruth Tijerina as new members, unanimously.

Old Business: Ed Lasko spoke highly about the Coin Grading class that Carl Stang and Richard Wallace gave to about 20 students. The class was all day, until about 5:00 PM, and it was well worth the \$15.00 for expenses.

Hopefully, Carl and Richard will have time to teach a second class.

All four Officers have held their positions for two years, and two of the

Directors have held their position for two years. Six positions are available for anyone to become a part of the Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. Board. As of this date, Jimmy Davis has shown an interest in becoming a Director.

Officers and Directors will be voted into their positions by the present Club members, at the November Club meeting. The new Board members will assume their positions in January of the following year.

If you are interested in becoming an Officer or a Director, please contact any of the existing board member.

Communications: The 1996 Smithsonian 150th Anniversary Commemorative Coin will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our next Club meeting. October 1st, 2015. This is the \$5.00 GOLD coin that the Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. won at the recent TNA Coin show. The bidding price will begin at 10% below the most recent Gray Sheet price. The Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. Fall Coin show will be held on November 6th, 7th, and 8th. This is our third Coin Show at the Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center. The Cowtown Coin Show, has been very successful these past months successful also.

New Business: Present Club members voted to accept the revisions to the Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. By-Laws, with Forty Two votes to approve the revisions, and two votes opposing the revisions.

Education: Paul Schoch gave a discussion about the Gold, Silver, and Bi-Metal monetary standards.

The standards have been used since the early 1800's. One of the problems with setting a Gold or Silver value for a countries money is that the value of these metals changes. Another is that if you have free coinage (taking bullion to the mint to get coins) different values between Gold and Silver can make one or the other be removed from circulation. Since the Great War (World War One) paper money has been issued, and the metallic or bi-metallic standards have been replaced.

No matter what type of monetary standard is suggested, you will always get a large group to agree with it. The more things change, the more things stay the same.

A Special Thank You

The Northeast Tarrant Coin Club held a coin grading seminar on Saturday August 15. Attending were members of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club and the Fort Worth Coin Club. We had 17 participants attending who ranged in age from about 12 to the late 70's. Richard Wallace and Karl Stang hosted the seminar and had a good time doing it and believe the "students" also enjoyed the experience. The seminar ran from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM with breakfast and lunch brought in. What better way to while away a hot north Texas summer day than to sit in an air conditioned room looking and talking about coins with other coin collectors?

But the event would not have been such a success without the loan of some of the TNA's lamps and power cords. With this equipment, the "coin graders" would not have had as good of lighting with which to view the coins as we had because of the TNA's generosity. So everyone offers a very appreciative "Thank You!" to the TNA! And a special thank you to John Post for delivering all of the equipment.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC JULY MEETING - President Carl Stang opened the meeting with over 60 members present.

The first order of business at the July meeting was to eat – it was the annual Weenie Roast after all. In addition to the weenies, volunteers brought numerous side dishes and scrumptious desserts. The business portion of the meeting was delayed until most members were able to fill their plates. This gave everyone an opportunity to visit with other members.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who brought side dishes and desserts, and to Kenny Smith and our ladies who worked diligently preparing and serving the meal.

Allen Scott will present part one of his discussion on type coins. Allen's part one program at the July meeting was well received, with lots of member questions and comments.

If you are interested in starting a type set, are already a type set collector, or just want to learn about the history and beauty of US coins, this program is for you.

AUGUST MEETING - President Carl Stang opened the meeting with 62 members and visitors present.

We will be conducting an all-day grading seminar on August 15th on the sixth floor of the office building at Central and SH121 (1901 Central Drive) 8:30am – 5:00pm. Donuts and coffee for breakfast and Subway sandwiches for lunch, as well as chips, drinks and snacks will be provided. Grading of more popular series (Washington quarters, Walkers, Mercuries, Indian cents, Barbers, Buffalo nickels) will be included, as well as identification of problem coins. Cost is \$15 and is limited to the first 20 members who register. Only 2 slots remain to be filled.

The Club will again be conducting a seminar in conjunction with the Grapevine Coin Show to be held October 3rd. Speakers will be Charlie Bathman on Silver Eagles, Carl Stang on grading Indian and Lincoln cents, and John Barber on coin photography. We still need to people to help set up and process attendees.

Also at the Grapevine Show, we are setting up a Club spot at the flyer table 10am – 2pm. We need volunteers to man the table and tell show attendees about the Club and give out promotional material.

Dave Werner announced the Club has a new order of red Club shirts in most sizes. The attractive, but traditional shirt goes for \$30, the Club's cost.

Allen Scott presented the second half of his program on collecting 19th century type coins. He covered dimes through silver dollars and pointed out buying hints on virtually every coin. He also relayed interesting anecdotes and history on each type and the processes employed to mint them. His presentation spurred numerous audience questions, and left the crowd wanting more.

Allen also displayed his extensive type set which also included gold issues. Excluding the early gold issues (which are not realistically collectible), he only needs 4 coins to complete his type set.



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES JULY MEETING - President Brian Murphy welcomed 28 attendees. Guest Speaker: Mr Doug Davis is the Founder/President of Numismatic Crime Information Center [NCIC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established to coordinate & collaborate initiatives between law enforcement & the numismatic industry in "Targeting Numismatic Crimes Around the World." Doug spoke about having a "tactical mindset" that can help you stay alert to potential threats at all times & to be able to intelligently react should you be faced with one. It is imperative for collectors & dealers to develop a "tactical mindset" to reduce the chances of becoming a numismatic crime victim. A tactical mindset is constantly being aware of your surroundings, eliminating tunnel vision, complacency and always being alert to any potential danger at any time of the day. Personal safety countermeasures require thought & action. Always have a plan in mind, wherever you go. Visualize dangerous situations you might find yourself in and visualize your responses to those situations. Practice

situational awareness and avoidance; know your escape routes; maintain physical boundaries and use verbal diffusion when appropriate. Your mindset, your attitude and your tactics are crucial elements in stopping an attack. By staying aware of the situation, you remove the element of surprise from an enemy or the unknown. Go to numismaticcrimes.org to find out how NCIC fulfills its mission through several important initiatives & for up-to-date NCIC News. The free crime alerts provide current information on crimes targeting the numismatic community. He shared stories of how these crimes alerts have solved crimes involving the Russian mafia, & in the Chicago IL, Greenwich CT, & Kansas, etc areas.

Mr Davis is also the Texas Numismatic May 2015 Show Producer) and spoke about the TNA Show results. While the weather & I-30 closure had some adverse effect, the hard work of John Post & the volunteers (in addition to the 70 radio spots) made everything go smoothly & successfully. In addition, NGC & PCGS accepted over 3,000 coin grading submissions. Therefore, TNA 2016 will be bigger & better, which is scheduled for May 20-22, 2016 at the Arlington Convention Center.

AUGUST MEETING - President Brian Murphy welcomed 52 attendees Bingo Night.

Paul Lowe (at right) received the 2011 Silver Eagle Grand Prize from John Post. There were also many other Bingo winners.



DISTRICT FIVE



COLLIN COUNTY JULY MEETING - The meeting was brought to order with President Mike W presiding. Present were 21 members and one guest, Susan. Door prizes were won by Steve L, Keith C, Vane P, Ted W, Stan S, Mike G, Kim G, and James T. Lotto prizes were won by Gary R, Steve L, Steve A, Jim C. (Note: two one year memberships were donated and used as door prizes.)

Mike G was welcomed as our new member at large. We received a thank you letter for our \$100 donation to the North Texas Food Pantry.

Program: Glen S had a 1982 US cents display. There were seven different cents made in 1982, made of either bronze or zinc, as well as a large and small date variety.

Mike W discussed an article that appeared in The Numismatist regarding slabbed or raw coins and the difference between buying the two. Our visitor Susan asked a question on where to get accurate pricing information for coins, and there was a fairly lively discussion that took place. The general consensus was that the gray sheet was the best place for the higher priced coins and that the Coins magazine was a good source for pricing information for the more common coins.

Gary R conducted the auction and Mike W served as runner. There were 38 items on the auction table.



DALLAS CC JULY MEETING - Nineteen members and 4 guests were in attendance. Guests included Silvia M, John J, Kelly, and Mike F. who, being a former member, asked to rejoin and was unanimously approved..

Old Business: TNA Volunteers earned a \$163.64 check for the club.

The 1/10 oz 2015 US gold coin that the DCC earned through the ANA trivia contest has arrived and will be set for auction at a future date.

Our website needs information for updates - any information for the calendar, want lists, and bios would be appreciated.

Contact George Morris for information on the web site or look at the end of previous newsletters, a form was provided

Show and Tell had many interesting items.

Program: George gave a presentation on American Arts Gold Medals (10 varieties from 1980 to 1984). These were the gold bullion issued by the US mint prior to the introduction of American Gold Eagles.

Raffle prizes: Won by Mark, (2x) Mike, Mike F, and Max (2x).

Auction: 80 lots were offered; 40% of which went unsold. The auction included a wide variety of Indian Head Cents and Military Pay Certificates, with an elegant 6 drawer coin cabinet and a \$5 Confederate note from Louisiana standing out in the bidding.

DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE JULY MEETINGS - July 6, - There were 23 people at the meeting. The next Bellaire sponsored show depends on Bellaire civic center remodeling. Richard Hyde announced the Village News-Southwest News and Fort Bend County would have the show advertisements.

The radio station 700 AM will announce our show ads. Garth Clark noted he is a scoutmaster. The workshop would be after the children's auction.

Garth noted that a person with military identification would attend free. The website has been the same since 1984.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Richard Hyde, Paul Krail, and Bruce Siberts. Bruce Siberts won the Show and tell prize.

July 20 - There were 24 people at the meeting. Before the meeting, Michael Wolford confirmed with Richard Hyde about the newspapers ads. The advertisement would be in the Village News-Southwest News. The show is sold out with 43 tables. Garth Clark and the club continued the discussion about the August 1-2 show.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Garth Clark, Tim Conway, Gene McPherson, Bruce Siberts, and Alvin Stern. Alvin Stern won the Show and tell prize.

AUGUST MEETINGS - August 3 - There were 23 people at the meeting. Most of the meeting was about the August 1-2 show.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Michael Bingham, Richard Hyde and Bill Watson. Richard Hyde won the Show and tell prize.

August 17 - There were 22 people at the meeting. Tom Bermel opened the meeting. Gayland Stiehle presented an August show finance summary. Michael Wolford noted 9 first-time members, while attending the Saturday show. Paul Krail noted that 17 merit badges were started at the scout workshop.

Garth Clark and the club sent 3000 cards. Alvin Stern noted that the August show had tripled since the May show. The August had 650 paid visitors. Garth Clark announced that the next meeting is September 21. The September 7 date is Labor Day.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Bruce Burton, Paul Krail, and Alvin Stern. Paul Krail won the Show and tell prize.



GHCC JULY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Jack D. Presidential remarks regarding meeting procedures.

Call for visitors and guests: Gabriel C, Heather C. collects world coins as a YN in Coins For A's program.

Special presentation by the current president to immediate past president Alan Morgan

Show and Tell: Tom S, Chairman

Summer Seminar - NICK K. (second time attendee) and ALEXANDER N.- G. Gave a very illuminating talk about his adventures in grading classes. They thanked the club for sending them to Colorado and distributed a binder of souvenirs.

RHONDA PITTMAN - Described her experiences at SS. She attended both weeks, studying Morgan Dollars and photography.

RICK EWING - Reported on his two weeks at Summer Seminar (fifth year), this time covering Modern Minting Processes and Building a Winning Exhibit.

CLAUDE MATHES - Recapped his feelings about the SS, Counterfeit Detection (third trip to SS). He also complimented the YNs on their conduct and perceived image. They were a credit to the Club.

NEW BUSINESS - New member Proposed - Gerard Linton, and John Baird elected to membership.

Money Show Announcements - We have contracts for 150 booths. Two further shows are on the schedule to get more booths sold for the show in December with a goal of 200 dealers. Gail announced schedule for Saint Charles, Mo.

Jack P. - Comment about Hawaii note - We have a local coin collector that was in Hawaii on Dec 7, 1941 John Z. about his WWII experiences.

Ralph R. Thanked those who voted for him to a second term on the ANA Board of Governors.

AUGUST MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Jack D. Opening remarks and policies of the meeting were explained.

Call for Visitors and Guest to be recognized: Gene McPherson, Ron G. a collector for over 60 years.

Tom S. and Lisa S. current Townsend winners explained the criteria for Townsend Award for 2015. Asked also for nominations. No self nominations are allowed.

Show-N-Tell Tom S. chair. Several interesting items shown. Show-N-Tell Winner - Bruce B.

Summer Seminar report - Andrew C. - Reported that he took "Grading One" - and found out that he was too harsh on his coins quality and talked about some errors and also he liked meeting the other YN's. He also toured Pikes Peak. He thanked the club for his scholarship.

Roxanne P. - Took Grading One and Grading Two - reported on the activities and her tours of the sites around Colorado Springs. She also thanked the club for awarding her a scholarship to attend the Seminars.

Roxanne and Andrew were given Hobo Nickels as mementos of their trip to the summer seminar.

Bill W. Introduced the program for the night and accompanied it with some additional comments. He also promoted the December program. "Ancients" by Gene McP. - "Identifying Characters on Roman Republican Coins" He also explained the Crawford nomenclature.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - GAIL A. BRICHFORD

Born Cleveland, OH 1929. Married with two sons & four grandchildren Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: 1951 - B. Metallurgical Eng.

Korea: 1952-1953 1st Lt. Ordnance Corp.

Worked in Rome (NY), New York City, Amsterdam, Zurich, Bermuda, Rome and Bologna (It).

Collecting History: Began at 12 with Whitman folders and bank rolls of coins. Bought my first medieval coin at 15. Joined ANA at 18 and became Life Member 476 five years later.

Collecting Interests: Ancient Roman coins especially Roman Women. Medieval coins especially Italian city-states. Papal coins before 1871. Italian Provincial coins before 1871. Jefferson Deep Cameo Proof nickels.

Notable coins: My first Gros Tournois of Philip IV 1285-1314. Ex. Rare Groschen of Aachen dated 1403 - one of only 40 known of which most in museums. Ex. Rare Denier of Louis The Pius (Son of Charlemagne) 814-840 struck at Venice mint.



PASADENA JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS - The PCC held meetings: 7/12, 7/27, 8/10 & 8/24; at the Golden Corral in Pasadena, Texas.

We are a club of collectors and a group of friends. If there is someone you miss seeing at our Monday meetings, give them a call or drop them a line and say we missed 'em. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Ron shared his \$20 gold coin collection with the club. He showed a variety of grades and years. He said that some coins can be purchased for a small premium over bullion price and will carry numismatic value also. His talk lead to discussions on bullion prices, \$1107 at the time I write this, and how to invest in gold and silver. Several agreed that gold coins were better than bullion.



In the most recent auction, Ron donated a \$5 note whose serial only two different numbers (all but one were 1's). Proceeds from the sale were donated to the PCC kids auction fund.

We discussed the lawsuit on coin grading fraud brought by the estate of a Corpus Christi stockbroker against a New Jersey coin dealer. The result was a judgment of almost \$2,000,000. You can read more at a web site run by a lawyer in the case - PaulMontgomeryOnline.com

If you like to stack coins, see if how many you can stack off the edge of a table. I did not keep the web site of the coin stack shown, but thought I'd share it anyway.

We discussed plans by the US Treasury Department to place a Woman on the \$10 note. After months of discussing a woman on the \$20, the subject did not bring much interest.

Jack held catch up raffle #2 for the year. A bevy of silver was on the table. The drop in the price of silver has made silver dollars much more common and lower priced in club auctions and raffles.





THE GATEPOST GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY JULY MEETINGS - Jul. 2 - The meeting opened with twenty-eight members in attendance, including all officers. Karla G. reminded the members that the second meeting in September is when the GCC will be holding its awards banquet and the installation of officer's ceremony. The club agreed for her to select a location for the meeting and dinner and that each member/guest will pay individually for his/her meal. At the August 20th meeting, the nomination committee, Larry Foster and Stan McManigal, will announce their recommendation for the 2015-2016 officers.

Under Announcements, Secretary Karla G. reminded members that dues are due in September and she began accepting dues at this meeting. Also, your \$6.00 dues can be mailed to the Gateway Coin Club at Post Office Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, with checks made payable to Gateway Coin Club.

LeRoy M. led The Numismatic Roundtable session with several interesting items being shared.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. The discussion began by noting that the U.S. Mint's American Liberty high relief coin sets are now selling for \$1,499.00. Also of interest was the comment that China is currently unloading their U.S. dollars. James. W. said that the Chinese have also perfected their counterfeit Indian Head Cents, in addition to the other coins discussed at the last club meeting. Bill D. reminded the members that he may miss some of the fall meetings when he attends his daughter's volleyball games on some Thursday evenings. He will notify the president so that he can select another member to lead the "Ask the Expert" session in Bill's absence.

The auction was conducted by our Junior Auctioneers Matt B. and Luke B., and assisted by David A. and Frank G. The meeting closed after drawing the Attendance Prize, a 2004 Turkish coin, was given to a very happy Junior Member Luke B.

Jul. 16 - The last meeting of the month opened with twenty-six in attendance, including all officers. Under Old Business, Bourse Chairman Ray T. reported that the Norris Conference Center would not negotiate the price for our shows. A motion was made by Karla G. and seconded by Stan McM. that we immediately find a new location for our shows.

The Numismatic Roundtable discussion was led by LeRoy M.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W., who began the discussion by continuing with the topic from the previous meeting. At the last meeting, he said that Isis now has a gold coin to pay their soldiers. He asked the question if it is illegal for us to own one. The rule is that if a country does not exist and coins are issued by a group of people, as in the case of Isis, then we can own an Isis coin. However, if there is a country that exists and the United States does not have diplomatic relations with that country, as has been the case with Cuba for more than fifty years, we have not been able to legally have Cuban coins. James said, that a Cuban coin he listed on e-Bay for sale was removed. That, of course, is expected to change now that diplomatic relations have been re-established with Cuba. The lively discussion by the members was stimulating and enjoyed by the members and the participants.

The auction was conducted by David A. and assisted by Frank G. This evening, the Numismatic Educational Program was presented following the Auction.

Bob K. presented a program entitled "King Farouk: the Numismatist."

Bob said that King Farouk was the wealthiest person in the world in the 1930's and 1940's. He had an extensive coin collection of nine-thousand coins that included the rarest coin in every series from every country in the world, with an emphasis on United States coins. He and B. Max Mehl were close friends and he bought coins from Mehl, as well as other leading coin dealers, for his collection. Some of the coins he owned included a 1913 Barber Nickel and two of the six known 1933 twenty-dollar gold pieces, among many other rare coins. While in power in Egypt, he redesigned the Egyptian coins to include various shapes.

Not only was he a coin collector, but he also collected Faberge eggs, antique aspirin bottles, and red cars, among other things. He developed a perfume that is still for sale on e-Bay. Bob enhanced his detailed presentation with audio visuals from his computer projected to a television screen.

Following the program, the meeting closed after the drawing for the Attendance Prize, which was a 1972 German Olympic silver ten-mark coin. The happy recipient was member Jim M. who flashed a big smile.

AUGUST MEETINGS - AUG. 6 - The meeting opened with twenty-eight members in attendance, including all officers.

Under New Business, Karla G. reminded the members that the second meeting in September is when the GCC traditionally holds its anniversary & awards banquet and the installation of officer's ceremony. The club agreed for her to select a location for the meeting and dinner.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. The discussion began by noting that the U.S. Mint's American Liberty high relief coin sets are now selling for \$1,499.00. Also of interest was the comment that China is currently unloading their U.S. dollars. James. W. said that the Chinese have also perfected their counterfeit Indian Head Cents, in addition to the other coins discussed at the last club meeting. Bill D. reminded the members that he may miss some of the fall meetings when he attends his daughter's volleyball games on some Thursday evenings. He will notify the president so that he can select another member to lead the "Ask the Expert" session in Bill's absence.

The auction was conducted by our Junior Auctioneers Matt B. and Luke B., and assisted by David A. and Frank G.

The meeting concluded with the drawing for the Attendance Prize, a 2004 Turkish coin, which was given to a delighted junior member and auctioneer, Luke B.

AUG. 20 - The last meeting of the month opened with twenty-eight members in attendance, including all officers.

Under Old Business, Treasurer and Bourse Chairman Ray T. announced the dates of the 2016 coin shows (Feb. 20 & June 11) and that the Schertz Civic Center is the new site of the coin shows. The nomination committee chairman, Larry Foster, announced their recommendation for the 2015-2016 officers. They recommended to retain the current officers for 2015-2016: President Frank G., Vice-President David A., Secretary Karla G., and Treasurer Raymond T. The election will take place at the next meeting. Karla G. announced that reservations had been made for the club banquet. She circulated a reservation list with menu selections for the members to sign. The deadline to make reservations to attend is September 3rd.

Under New Business, Karla G. reported that the advertising fliers for the 2016 coin shows were ready for distribution.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with exceptional items shown by club members.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. The discussion began by Bill saying that "Life is too short not to have the coins you want!" He shared an item in his collection that describes that philosophy - a piece called the "hangman token" referring to Thomas Paine, the author of the pamphlet called Common Sense that was widely circulated during the American Revolution that promoted American Independence from Great Britain. He then reminded everyone the purpose of this ten-minute segment and encouraged members to bring to the meetings questions to ask and information to discuss. The session continued with a mention of the Stock Market decline and the slight increase in the value of gold and silver; however, it was noted that the premium on 90% silver goes up even when the price of silver goes down. The discussion ended with doing away with the cents and the one-dollar bills. It was suggested that the U.S. Mint was spending an excessive amount of money storing the unpopular dollar coins and should discontinue issuing them.

Vice-President Davis A. introduced Bill D. as the presenter of the Numismatic Educational Program titled "Exonumia." Bill defined Exonumia as numismatic items such as medals and tokens or scrip. It is numismatic other than coins and paper money. This would be "Good For" tokens, encased coins, counter-stamped coins, elongated coins, medallions, wooden nickels, badges and other similar items. He said that most all coin and currency collectors also have Exonumia in their collections. In addition to this description, some collectors include non-coins, including checks, credit/debit cards and other paper referred to as notaphily or scripophily. Bill showed numerous examples of Exonumia from his collection.

The vibrant auction, which had a large variety of numismatic items, was conducted by our spirited Junior Auctioneers Matt B. and Luke B., and assisted by David A. and Frank G.

The meeting closed with the Attendance Prize drawing. It was a 1964 Kennedy half-dollar that was given to a very elated Leon W.

DISTRICT TEN



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO JUNE MEETING - The meeting was opened by President John with 35 members and 2 guests present. Guests were welcomed. Mark, a former member now residing in California, was one of the guests.

During the business meeting, President John had asked each member to bring a numismatic item to be photographed with an explanation of why the item is important to him or her, and the item would be shown on powerpoint. Very few items were brought to the meeting so John asked, "Who would not participate?" No one raised their hand to not participate.

Plaques were presented to Don for having served as president, and to President John for his support of the club and for having served as Bourse Chairman. John then announced the need for someone to step up to be coin show chairman for this next year.

Brian provided a presentation on the coinage of the United Provinces of Central America, a group of coins catalogued by others as the Central American Republic or Federation. But the political entity forming what are now Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, lasting from 1824-1838, officially called themselves the United Provinces. They had a complex constitution, an executive, legislative body, a supreme court, their own flag, and an official seal. The Provinces issued high quality gold and silver coins, all of which are scarce to rare. Unfortunately, internal political rivalry brought the union to an end in 1838. Even so, both Guatemala and Costa Rica continued using the United Provinces' designs and specifications until the early 1850's after which they developed their own national design.

This topic will be published in greater detail by ANA's Numismatic Magazine, scheduled for November.

Our auctioneer team - Steve, Bob and Willie - conducted the auction. There were four winners for numismatic prizes - Jerry, David, Jason and Jim.

JULY MEETING - President John presided over the meeting. There were 38 members and 3 guests present. Guests Mitch, Harrison and Olga were introduced and asked to describe the numismatic materials in which they are interested.

During the business meeting, Olga was voted upon favorably for membership. It was announced that auction tickets would be distributed by five per member or family with a limited number. Young members under the age of 14 will receive a numismatic gift at the meetings, and they will be asked about the gift they received at the following meeting.

Discussion ensued concerning the medal and theme for this next year's coin show. Suggestions were given for the medal. President John gave sets of auction tickets to those members displaying a mini exhibit at the last coin show. He also gave out more red books for those members volunteering at the show.

At the June meeting President John had asked each member to bring a numismatic item and tell why it is important to that person. He explained this is an opportune time to tell your friends, club members, about your collection. Six or seven presentations of the items will be made at each of the meetings. Those presenting at the July meeting were John, Eddie, Mark, Steve and Willie.

Willie spoke about the 1955 cent double die. These coins can be found in circulation today. Now the double die is worth approximately in MS 64 red \$25,850.00 and in MS 63 red brown \$3,500.00. Steve talked about his uncirculated 1862 Confederate \$100 dollar bank note as a piece of visual history. It is worth about \$150.00 but priceless in terms of history. Mark explained he started collecting coins, then went to paper. He collects bank notes from different countries - he has bank notes from approximately 240 countries. He displayed a 1942 Lebanese note valued at \$90.00.

Our lively auctioneer team kept us all entertained with the auction items. Numismatic door prizes were won by Bob, Brandon, and Helen.

AUGUST MEETING - The meeting was opened by President John with 36 members and 1 guest present.

Under business, members were reminded about the cost of the auction tickets and to wear their official name tags to the meetings.

President John displayed a picture on his cell phone of the new medal. It will be out in early October. There will be a two coin set of bronze and brass and 50 silver medals.

We continued the member numismatic presentations in August with Roger, Raymundo, Jim, and John.

Roger talked about love tokens. He displayed a token with the date of January 1793. Love tokens on large size coins and gold coins are not very common. Raymundo presented the 1/4 Real from Mexico. These pieces were minted from 1796 to 1816 under the Spanish King Charles IV. He also presented 1/4 Real from the republic of Mexico, issued from 1842 under Mexican Ruler General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Raymundo presented a couple of fractional pieces made out of 2 reales pieces from Mexico - each worth 1/2 Real or 6 1/2 cents.

Jim presented an Iceland coin, 1000 Krona. Iceland was settled by Norway and has the oldest parliamentary form of government on record, dating back to 930 A.D. John had a medal of Albert Schweitzer, born in 1875 and died in 1965. He was a musician, concert organist, theologian, and medical doctor. He won the Nobel Prize and was awarded \$30,000.00.

The members enjoyed another outstanding auction conducted by Willie, Bob and Steve. Door prizes won by Jerry, Helen, Bob and Jason.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD JULY MEETING - The meeting was called to order Mike Nowak, President. This meeting was attended by: Paul Otts, Wayne Peek, Francis Runkle, Karl Nash, Rick Morie, Chuck Freas, Michael Eklund, Kurt Gehring, Mike Nowak, and (though just a little tardy) Norman Goodfellow.

Committee Report: The Scouts have sent emails and put out flyers about the coin show. The Scouts have a merit badge for coin collecting and it has been agreed that Scouts in uniform will be granted free access to the Amarillo Coin and Currency Show.

Our President, Mike Nowak, has requested strong backs or failing that, members of the club to assist in the set-up and tear-down for the Amarillo Coin and Currency Show. Tickets for our Amarillo Coin and Currency show grand prize will be available at the door of the show. Members are requested to man the desk in front of the show to greet entrants, sell tickets, and tell the guests about our club.

Program: Chuck Freas gave us another very good PowerPoint show entitled "Carson City Silver". It was an entertaining and informational look at the Comstock mine, the history of the era, and of course the Morgan Dollar.

Show and Tell: Mike Nowak gave us all a look at a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) medal dated Sept. 1783 from the 26th Encampment. He also passed around a 1783 1 rial El Cazador shipwreck coin certified by NGC and an early American 1825-1832 Green & Wetmore token.

Drawing: This month's door prize was 2 TNA medals, one dated 2008 from the Fort Worth Show and one dated 2014 from the Arlington show. Paul Otts was the winner. The gift certificate worth \$10 was won by Francis Runkle. Next month's gift certificate will be worth \$5.00.

Last issue's trivia question was: How large is the Smithsonian Coin Collection?

Answer: The latest inventory I have from 2008 is approximately 850,000 coins.

This issue's trivia question is: What were the wings on Mercury's cap (the "Mercury" dime) intended to symbolize?

We need new and younger members to carry on the legacy of the Golden Spread Coin Club. Please search out friends and their children who may be interested in coin collecting and bring them to our next meeting. Don't be shy to spread the news around!

AUGUST MEETING - The meeting was called to order by Mike Nowak, President. This meeting was attended by: Paul Otts, Michael Eklund, Mike Nowak, Karl Nash, Doug Hershey, Kurt Gehring, Chuck Freas, and Wayne Peek.

There was a discussion about planning for our next Christmas dinner meeting, and Mike Nowak said he would check out our last venue and if that fails he will research another. He will report to the members at our next meeting.

Program: Chuck Freas gave us another very good PowerPoint show about the Spanish "Plate" Fleet, so named because along with all the silver and gold, the ships also carried fine China porcelain dinnerware. Included were descriptions of the recovered gold and silver artifacts brought up from less than 3 meters of water off the Florida coast.

Show and Tell: Included in this month's offerings were an 1896 "mechanical" Wm. Jennings Bryan "dollar", an Administration Bldg. token



from the 1893 Columbian Expo, and 2 sheets of different kinds of tokens including "spinners" and shaped motorama tokens, all from Mike Nowak. Doug Hershey presented gifts to all present members of TNA bronze medals from 1999 and 2015. Doug has been doing this for many years and we're proud to have him as our representative to the TNA. Chuck Freas presented a 241ad silver Roman Imperial in AU condition.

Drawing: This month's door prize was 2 early TNA medals (donated by Francis Runkle). Several numbers were called before Wayne Peek was the winner. The gift certificate of \$10.00 was won by Kurt Gehring. Next month's gift certificate will be \$5.00.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER JULY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Howard W. with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Attendance: Members: 36; New Members: 2; Guests: 2; Total: 40

- The club was led in prayer by Dutch S.
- Please keep families / friends of Dwight, Billie Sue, John, Sandra, Paula, and Howard in your thoughts and prayers
- Introduction / recognition of guests, visitors, and new members
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in the month of July
- The club continues its search for someone interested in assisting as program director; duties range from securing member and external speakers for club meetings to gathering prayer list requests and volunteers for refreshments
- The Tyler Coin Club is celebrating the 100 member milestone. Details later
- Meals on Wheels (MOW) donations for July: \$25

Post Coin Show Update (Barry) • Barry presented members with a review of the June 2015 coin show. By all accounts the show was a success. It was well received by those attending as well as the dealers. Barry thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and efforts. Our volunteers definitely make the difference!

Special Thank You • Prior to the meeting, club members secretly donated to a special love offering. Howard presented the love offering to Barry who was obviously very surprised, and of course very appreciative. It takes an enormous amount of determination and effort to organize one of the largest coin shows in Texas. No one knows exactly how many hours Barry dedicates to this labor of love. The time involved is certainly substantial. From the members of the Tyler Coin Club; thank you so much Barry for everything you do!!

AUGUST MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Attendance: Members: 29; New Members: 2; Guests: 7; Total: 38

- The club was lead in prayer by Larry V.
- Please keep families/friends of Dwight, Billie Sue, John, Sandra, Gary, and Howard in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of August.
- Dwight expressed his sincere thanks to club members for their thoughts and prayers.
- Next month Lane B. will give a presentation on collecting third-party graded coins.
- Lane is also organizing another workshop. The topic will be "Detecting Problem Coins."
- A date will be announced soon.
- Steve Roach, editor of Coin World, has requested permission to publish an article written by Tyler Coin Club member and young numismatist Andrew C. The article was originally submitted by Andrew for the Getting to Know You section of the Tyler Coin Club Newsletter (April edition). The article was then published in the May/June edition of the Texas Numismatic Association's TNA News.
- Michael B. shared his recent experience dealing with Northwest Territorial Mint.
- Richard presented a check to the club which represented a thank you gift to the club from the TNA for providing volunteers to man the TNA Show and Convention in Arlington in May. The amount on the check represented two Tyler Coin Club volunteers; Tom B. and Richard L.
- The club continues its search for someone interested in assisting as program director; duties range from securing member and external speakers for club meetings to gathering prayer list requests and volunteers for refreshments.
- The Tyler Coin Club is celebrating the 100 member milestone. More details soon.
- Meals on Wheels (MOW) donations for August \$42.

Presentation: Member, Ron B., gave a quick but very informative presentation on World War II ration tokens. In an effort to control scarce

commodities during WWII, the Office of Price Administration issued ration books. The books contained various stamps which were used to purchase food and other items. Red and blue tokens were used to make exact change for ration stamps. Ron's collection includes all 24 blue tokens and all 30 red tokens. Blue tokens were used for processed foods, and red tokens for meats and fats

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT JULY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by member Bryan Sweitzer. Twelve members were in attendance.

Old business. George Woodburn announced that he still had a number of pictures left that he took at the club anniversary dinner. The pictures are available to anyone who would like to have one or more.

Program. Rob Robinson discussed some interesting facts about the 1825 half cent. The coin was produced after a 14 year layoff since more than enough half cents had been minted by 1811 to meet the country's economic needs. However, by late 1824, supplies of half cents were running out and a need for more was recognized. Samuel Moore, the new director of the mint, sent a request to Matthew Boulton of Soho, England for the purchase of approximately 10 tons of half cent planchets. Boulton and his father had been providing copper planchets to the Philadelphia mint for over 25 years. After some months of communication, a price was agreed upon, and the planchets were delivered in two shipments. Per Rob, the 22,400 pounds of copper planchets cost less than \$50 to bring across the ocean. Total cost of the 1,866,667 planchets including shipping and transportation was only about \$7,300. All 63,000 of the reported mintage of 1825 were produced and delivered on the last day of that year. This number satisfied the need for the denomination until the last quarter of 1826 when 234,000 more pieces were minted. Even though that number is reported as the mintage for the 1826 half cent, it is felt that a portion of that amount were actually dated 1825 since the survival rate of the two dates appear about equal.

Drawings were held and Jean Sweitzer was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1982-S Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Don Vanadore, a 2015 Silver Eagle; Rob Robinson, a 2005 Proof Set, Don Vanadore, a 1984 Proof Set, and Jean Sweitzer, a 1989 Mint Set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 60-lot auction of which 28 were sold.

AUGUST MEETING - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dan Walker in the absence of President Ollie Garrett, who is recovering from a fall in his home. Ollie has two more weeks of rehab. Hopefully he will be well enough to attend the next meeting in September. Nine members were in attendance.

Old business. Rob Robinson reminded everyone of the Duncan Oklahoma show scheduled for Sept 18-20. Drawings were held and Jeff Hogue was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1972 40% Ike Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Don Vanadore, a 2015 Silver Eagle; Jeff Hogue, a 1981 Proof Set, James Bradley, a set of 2004 Proof State Quarters, and Jean Sweitzer, a 1978 Mint Set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 48-lot auction of which 22 were sold.



WICHITA FALLS JULY MEETING - Meeting called to Order with 16 members present. Visitor, Bill Kaufhold, became a club member.

Old business. Rob provided an update to the results of the coin show. The total loss for the show was \$1,364. This was a slight change to the amount provided last month by Connolly O'Brien, Treasurer/show chairman. Jeff Hogue asked about the date for the Christmas party at Luby's in December. The date decided was the first

Thursday night in December at 6:00 PM. Jeff said that he would schedule the date with Luby's.

New Business. Rob displayed a show flyer for the upcoming Duncan Oklahoma show. Dates of that show will be September 18 - 20.

Program. Rob passed out a couple of items for show and tell. The first was a copy of the new Deluxe Red Book, first edition, also called the Mega Red Book. Per Rob, the new book has over 1,500 pages and weighs in at 6 pounds. The new book has much more extensive

information for each coin denomination and includes 267 pages on large cents alone. Retail price is \$49.95 and the book is currently available at Books-a-Million at Sikes Center. Rob purchased his on-line through Amazon for under \$35 including shipping.

The second show and tell item was an interesting coin - an 1806 half cent in VF that had a double struck reverse. Rob purchased it recently on Ebay.

Drawings were held and Tony Zupkas was the winner of the membership prize, a 1972 BU 40% Silver Ike Dollar in the blue envelope. Raffle prize winners were Jean Sweitzer, 2015 Silver Eagle; Don Vanadore, 1998 Mint Set; and David Bachman, a set of 2003 and 2004 Proof State quarters. (Note: David donated the two sets he won back to the club - Thanks David)

Rob conducted the auction consisting of 80 lots by 6 consignors.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO AUGUST MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 46 members present plus 7 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 113 for the year 2015. 7 door prizes were given out.

The Hidalgo Coin Club continued the sales for the Gold Coin Raffle at this meeting. The raffle will take place during the Fall Coin & Collectibles Show to be held Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2015. The coins being offered are: 1/10 oz. American Eagle Gold, \$5 Cinco Pesos Mexican Gold, 1/4 oz. American Gold Eagle and the grand prize will be a 1927 St. Gaudens \$20 Double Eagle. Tickets can be purchased at \$2 each or a book of 10 for \$20. The HCC member special price is \$35 for 2 books of 10 tickets (20) at a discount of \$5.

The August meeting was a very special one. The members in attendance participated in the judging of the Youth Coin Club's Coin Design Contest. The students and adults had been working on new Commemorative designs for about 3 months. Scoring sheets were passed out to all attending and 9 coin designs were shown on a large screen via a projector. Mr. Gonzalez prepared a PowerPoint Presentation that made the coins look very real.

There were two categories: Student Designs and Adult Designs. The following are the results.

First Place in the Student Category was awarded to Christian Navejar for his design honoring the 500th Anniversary of Amerigo Vespucci's voyage, who was America's namesake. 2nd Place was Cameron Williams' commemorative honoring J. Robert Oppenheimer - the Father of the Atomic Bomb. 3rd Place went to Anthony Gutierrez for his coin honoring the 2nd Amendment. Fourth Place was awarded to J.D. Navarro for honoring Captain America and 5th Place honored the late B.B. King, designed by Bruce Ballesteros.

In the Adult Category, First Place was awarded to Mark Navarro for his coin entitled - Defending The Constitution. 2nd Place went to Chris Jackson for her commemorative honoring the Republic of Texas. Edgar Navejar took the 3rd Place award for honoring the South Texas civil rights leader, Cesar Chavez. Mr. Mike Alaniz took the 4th Place award for his design honoring his family's ranch in Starr County.

1st place awarded to Christian Navejar for honoring Amerigo Vespucci

1st Place in the adult category is Mark Navarro's design - Defending The Constitution



All of the coins were very impressive and the designers received a well deserved applause from the membership. The students and adults that participated in the design contest have a much better appreciation of what the mint's designers go through to come up with the final product.

Our Friday Night Shows continue to be a success. There are new dealers participating and the crowd keeps growing.

The meeting ended with a lively auction of about 70 coins with Auctioneer James Dunn and 2 Money Runners - Rene de la Garza and Brent Garza.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 40 members present and 4 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted. The HCC now has 117 members for the year 2015. 7 door prizes were given out.

The Hidalgo Coin Club is gearing up for the big Fall Coin & Collectibles Show to be held on the weekend of Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2015. The show will be held at the Nomad Shrine Hall on Nolana Loop in Pharr, Tx., just east of McAllen. There will be 48 dealer tables at \$50 each, hourly door prizes, a Shipwreck Coin Exhibit, Free Parking, Security, a 4 Gold Coin Raffle with the grand prize being a 1927 \$20 St. Gaudens Double Eagle and a lunch concession stand. The club is actively seeking new dealers to participate.

Any dealer/vendor that would like to participate in our Fall show should contact by email - rgonz95684@aol.com or by phone at 956-566-3112. Please visit our web site - www.hidalgocoinclub.com to learn more and download any necessary forms.

The Youth Coin Club will be starting up the new school year on Saturday, Sept. 26th at the Lark Community Center's Library. The Beginner class will start at 2:00pm and finish by 3:30pm. The Advanced class will start immediately after that and run until 5:00pm. This will be the 6th year the youth coin club has existed and is being taught by HCC President Raul H. Gonzalez.

The September meeting ended with a lively auction of 90 lots with James Dunn serving as the Auctioneer and Rene de la Garza with Brent Garza serving as the money runners.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



GREATER ORANGE JULY MEETING - Meeting was called to order by Vice President Carl and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were thirteen people in attendances.

Did you know, the 2015 Harry S Truman coin and chronicle proof dollar went on sale and sold out in fifteen minutes. Also, congress is working on a bill to lower the silver content of silver coins from .999 to .910.

New Business: There was a brief discussion on having several signs made for future coin shows. The matter was tabled until the president was in attendance to give a price quote on having the signs made.

Up Coming Events : Beaumont coin show will be Sept 19

Program: Carl delivered a learning program on additional designations on graded coins. Copper coins have color symbols of R= red RB= red brown B= Brown. Surface strikes FS = full steps Jefferson nickels FB = full bands on dimes FT = full torch FBL = full bell lines.

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

Did you know that the clubs web site has pictures from the recent Lake Charles Coin show? Also that on this night there will be an auction featuring an 1825 half eagle with an over date of 5 over 4 over 1 and it is expected to set a new record sale price.

Old Business: The Lake Charles coin show was a big success. They had a larger than expected turn out by the public. The dealers experienced a brisk and steady flow of customers.

New Business: Motion made and passed to have eight signs made for next years coin show (Orange), providing the cost did not exceed \$110.

Notices: Beaumont will be having their coin show Sept 19 at the Holiday Inn on Walden Road.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

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

Visitors/New Members: Mr. David Plaunty became a member of the club. We also had Payton Gentry and Keith Hastings attend the meeting as most welcome visitors. We look forward to them joining us in the future.

Old business: Our annual coin show was held on July 11th with 87 tickets sold. Two (2) dealers were unable to attend, one (1) which had paid and one of the attending dealers bought another table for \$40.00 at the show. We also refunded on dealer's fee due to medical problems.

Members present were reminded that TNA magazines and other literature were available to take home. There was no other old business.

New business: It was suggested that we consider Del Rio (Mexican restaurant located next to Red Lobster) as our Christmas dinner meeting place. The suggesting seemed to have found some favor and Judy was going to check with the restaurant to confirm the availability and then check with the Beaumont group to see if they would be in favor of the change.

The Beaumont Coin Show will be held September 19th at the Waldon Road Holiday Inn. Judy is in charge of the children's auction and said that they have eighty (80) items up for bid. Each child is given \$25.00 worth of play money to spend at the auction. It has been a resounding success each year they have done this. There was no other new business.

Program: Jerry presented a program on Liberty seated dollars. A summary follows: Liberty seated dollars were minted from 1840 through 1873. They were designed by Christian Gobrecht and composed of 90% silver and 10% copper with a total weight of 26.73 grams. They were minted each year in Philadelphia but only for four (4) years each at the New Orleans, San Francisco, and Carson City mints. From 1840 through 1865, the coin did not include the motto "In God We Trust." A ribbon containing that motto was added over the eagle on the reverse in 1866 and remained on the coin for the rest of the time. Two (2) 1866 coins are known to have been minted without the motto and one of these in PF 63 condition sold for \$1,207,500 in 2005. These were not meant to be put in circulation. The first proof was struck in 1858 with only 300 specimens minted. The greatest number of proofs struck in a single year was 1,330 in 1860. The 1840 mintage was 61,005 coins while the 1851 (P) and 1852 (P) only had 1,300 and 1,100 coins minted, respectively. The 1873-S mintage was reported to be 700 coins but none are known to be in anyone's collection. The Carson City mint produced 11,758 coins its' first year of production (1870) then dropped to 1,376 in 1871, 3,150 in 1872 and finally 2,300 in 1873. The 1870-CC (Grade 63) is valued at \$40,000 while the 1871-CC is at \$175,000, the 1872-CC is at \$100,000 and the 1873-CC is at \$190,000. In 2003, an 1870-S sold for \$1,092,500. Jerry was able to show us several nice examples of the liberty seated dollars including a 1851-O. Unfortunately, there were no 1851-O dollars minted so this was an obvious counterfeit. This series of coins does have a lot of counterfeits produced so the buyer needs to be on the lookout for them.

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DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO JULY MEETING - Tom called the meeting to order. There 16 members.

Raffle prizes: .Chris Ross, Joyce McCall, Steve Uselson, Chris Ross

Cash prize: .Randy Neyland was not in attendance. Next month will be \$35..

Business:: The club voted to continue to give \$500 to the scholarship funds of TSTC, MCC and Baylor.

The next show is a one day show on September 12. We will start signing up for work shifts this month. There is a strong need for a person at 7:30 to put out signs and at 4 to pick up signs.

There is a need for new signs before the spring show.

There has been some discussion about how to make use of our show money. Any good ideas would be appreciated. One idea was to sponsor someone to next year's Colorado meeting.

Bring coins or supplies for auction. The more items there are to sell, the better the auction will be. The January auction was more spirited than normal.

Alan is going to release his TNA governorship.

Show and Tell

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

Bob Schuetze had a full set of 7 1982 pennys. There are two different weights because of two different metals. The new pennies have a zinc center. .Zinc is less dense than copper. He also had a 1960 TNA patch.

Collin Kubacak had 2 Gold Bond Certificates. He was asking if anyone knew about them.

AUGUST MEETING - Tom called the meeting to order. There were 20 members present and 1 visitor.

Raffle prizes: .Chris Ross, Bryce Willis, Ed Terry, Joyce McCall

Cash prize: .The cash prize winner was not in attendance. Next month will be \$55.

Business:: The next show is a one day show on September 12. We will continue signing up for work shifts this month. There is a strong need for a person at 7:30 to put out signs and at 4 to pick up signs. We have 12-14 tables signed up as of August 13. We need to have 18 and we expect more. The 38 table show in the spring was the best for many years. Although we have had our show listed since last September, another club has scheduled a show at the same weekend.

There is a need for new signs before the spring show.

Alan is going to release his TNA governorship. Tom has been appointed to serve until the next election.

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

Tom needs to borrow a book on tokens.

Alton told of a heart shaped gift from his Dad to his Mom that the Dad bought during WWII in New Zealand. The center part was metal with love notes engraved. If you turned over the piece, the metal part was an Australian coin that had been cut and flattened so the notes could be engraved. But the back part still showed that it had been an Australian coin.

HISTORICAL FACTS



The last of the Large Size Gold Certificates printed in 1922. These notes were payable "IN GOLD COIN" on demand, and represents the last of the large gold certificates. This note was made illegal to own when Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Gold Reserve Act of 1933. The restriction on ownership of these beautiful notes was lifted in 1964



by Henry Brasco

THE ERRORS OF COLLECTING

We begin with notes that do not appear to be right, meaning, there is just 'something' about it that is a little different from the others.

Differences may be slight, often times not very noticeable. A keen eye and lots of patience in finding errors will pay off with a feeling of success. However, the find is short lived because now we are on to the next search!

Most common errors are found and are also the most available from circulation is the "star note". According to Kenneth Bressett "If during the course of examination, a note is found to be imperfect it is removed and replaced by a "star note". The note is identified with star at the end of the serial number. So, when finding such a note, this not just lucky or rare find in itself, but it is the direct result of an original error note.

There are other types of collectible error notes. Like coins, currency collectors concentrate on selective types, such as one or two dollar notes, or even five dollar notes because these are the most easily obtainable, most affordable and mostly found in circulation.

Error note creating 'ladder' or repeating numbers although hard to find, are available.

Ladder notes show serial numbers in sequence such as 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 and repeater notes show number sets like 2-2-4-4-2-2-4-4.

Other exotic notes may require more concentrated efforts and experience in detecting errors.

Information may be obtained at the local library and also by attending local and regional coin shows.

The best information may be found by joining and attending a local coin club. If we combine the total number of members' ages, the club will boast hundreds of years in collecting experience.

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WORD SEARCH

by Garry Moore, TNA Member R-6805

Here 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 coin types, the designers, and other things related to these coin types will be featured.

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