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Hello!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

A popular benefit of your TNA membership is the opportunity to have your expenses covered to attend the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar learning sessions in Colorado Springs. This annual event brings together collectors and experts to share knowledge and fellowship. Refer to page 5 for details on entering the drawing for 2024.

At the recent ANA World's Fair of Money, the *TNA News* was recognized as part of their annual Literary Awards. Congratulations and thank you to every TNA member who sent in an article, show and tell item, or update about their club to share with the membership. Your involvement in this community is what makes this publication successful.

Speaking of our wonderful, regular contributors, Mark Benvenuto has written an excellent article about a popular coin in our hobby: the Mercury Dime. It is possible to put together an economical set, and Mark has some ideas on how you can maximize your dollars. John Barber, an expert in all aspects of numismatics from the early days of our country, has brought us a detailed article about the first U.S. Mint. The first few years of having a national mint were full of challenges and uncertainty. After the original mint closed and the next Philadelphia Mint opened with new technology in place, the branch mint at New Orleans got up and running. Sam Fairchild has brought us a great article about life of that mint and its operations before, during, and after the Civil War. Finally, Hidalgo Coin Club brought back their very successful "Race for the Gold" event to encourage community engagement in numismatics, and we are thrilled to share the bigger, better event that they put together for 2023. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Next Publication Deadline:

October 31

Please email your articles and club news to
theTNAnews@gmail.com



Rick Ewing
TNA President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall Greetings!

Most of Texas and the surrounding states have been engulfed in an oppressive heat wave. Summer is just about over, and we are ready for some cooler fall weather. The TNA is gearing up to make sure the Lone Star convention Center in Conroe is a suitable site for the 2024 annual convention. As you may have heard, the Arlington Convention Center has closed its facility as part of a redirection of its purpose. Where we go from there is a matter to be further considered. We are looking for a permanent site that offers us both the size we need for adequate bourse space, exhibits and other activities to take place, and is a place we can afford. Reach out to TNA Leadership if you have a relationship with a venue that may be a good fit.

Our journal, *TNA News*, was recognized by the American Numismatic Association at an awards ceremony in Pittsburgh during the World's Fair of Money in August. Job well done by Ann Marie Avants, our very able editor. Another Texas publication that was recognized was the Greater Houston Coin Club's *Double Shift* and its editor John Barber. Other awards at the World's Fair included clubs recognized for their longevity. Dallas Coin Club topped the list at 95 years. Gateway Coin Club, a TNA member since 1963, along with International Club of El Paso since 1964, received their 60-year member certificates. Corpus Christi Coin Club, a Charter member of the TNA, received a 70-year award. The TNA was well represented.

Another big recognition went to Mike Fuljenz, a long-time patron and member of the TNA, who received the Chester L. Krause Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Accompanying that recognition, an 8-page article highlighting his numismatic career was published in *The Numismatist*, August edition. Kudos!! to Mike and his promotion of the hobby both within and to the public in general. Well Done!!!

In a closing of an era, Frank and Karla Galindo are stepping down after more than 35 years as production and marketing stewards of the TNA Medals. A record that might never be surpassed. We offer our thanks to both Frank and Karla for their unfailing efforts for these past decades. Frank has stated that he will stay on in his position as a member of the Board of Governors. His continued guidance and sage advice will be appreciated.

Enjoy your numismatic adventures as we work to make the TNA a better organization to serve you and promote numismatics in Texas.

Thank you!

Rick Ewing
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Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary

TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

AUGUST 2023

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-8052 to R-8111. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members. The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members in September 2023.

TNA#	Name	District
R-8112	John Monk	12
R-8113	Byron Kesner	22
R-8114	John Villnave	7
R-8115	Richard Walton	1
R-8116	Dan French	15
R-8117	Steve McFarland	5
R-8118	Jim Gardner	4
R-8119	Brian Owen	9
R-8120	Amaro Olivares	14
R-8121	Conner Matney	1

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Adult Membership: \$25
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Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
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(See page 43 for membership details)

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If you would like a black and white,
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contact theTNAnews@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: To be good stewards of membership dues and focus funds towards our mission of numismatic education and outreach, the costs associated with physical membership cards were phased out in 2019. Your TNA Membership status is maintained by the Secretary, and your member number is available upon request.

TNA TREASURER'S REPORT



Jack Gilbert
TNA Treasurer

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

2024 LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT AND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR GRANTS

IT'S TIME TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRY FORMS!

Each year, the TNA issues Grants to two qualifying members to cover the cost to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. TNA also funds five \$125 reimbursement Grants to qualifying members to purchase books and material to improve their numismatic libraries.

Individuals (not clubs) who have been members for two years (and are non-winners for two years) are eligible to enter the drawing for one of two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the 2024 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

Individuals and clubs who have been members for two years (and are non-winners for two years) are eligible to enter the drawing for one of five grants of up to \$125 to improve the member's numismatic library.

Entries will be drawn first for the Summer Seminar and then for the Library Improvement Grants. A member may only win one grant per year. The drawing will be held in early 2024.

Please send one entry for each drawing to be eligible and include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. **Include the following contact information: Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and Email.** Entries may be submitted by email (preferred) at gilbej@yahoo.com or by U. S. Mail at Jack E. Gilbert, 1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248.

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

At its June meeting, the NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club held its annual Kid's Night. Around a dozen young numismatists were treated to discussions and examples of coins and coin collecting topics presented by Carl Stang to 12-17 year old kids and Richard Wallace, who entertained the 7-11 year old kids. TNA is proud to assist member coin clubs in the funding for numismatic materials and coins to support the club's goals of Promoting Young Numismatics.

Since the last report, there have been no requests by clubs for Financial Assistance to "Help Promote Numismatics" or to "Help Promote Young Numismatists".

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included: Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar. All of these Programs are open to all members (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online at TNA.org). Clubs interested in the TNA Assistance Programs should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JULY 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$113,110.31
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$71,260.28
Great Plains Bank CD (Mat 4/5/2023)	\$99,997.53
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$284,368.12
Long Term Assets	
Great Plains Bank CD (Mat 10/28/2024)	\$75,000.00
I-Bonds	\$20,764.00
Endowment (Intermingled other CDs)	
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000	
McFadden Fund - \$70,000	
Total Long Term Assets	\$95,764.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$380,132.12
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2022	\$276,551.65
Income (Plus)	\$140,439.02
Expenses (Minus)	-\$36,858.55
Surplus	\$103,580.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$380,132.12



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Your ad dollars help support the educational outreach efforts of the TNA. State-wide youth programs, such as Coins for A's, encourage the next generation of collectors by rewarding academic achievement with curated numismatic items. The TNA regularly issues grants to clubs and individuals to create or enhance educational events and numismatic libraries in their region. Thank you for being part of the numismatic community of Texas.

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Contact: theTNAnews@gmail.com

The TNA News was recently awarded Second Place by the American Numismatic Association for Outstanding Regional Publication. This award recognized the TNA Members who filled each page of the magazine with their excellent contributions. Educate and inspire members across Texas by submitting an article or a Show & Tell item to the TNA News!

Your submitted article can be any length, but it may need to be trimmed down to accommodate the space available in the magazine. Keeping it shorter than 1,500 words is a good rule of thumb. Reach out any time, as new content is always needed.

Magazines are published in March, July, September, and December.

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For Additional Information, Contact:
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TNA COINS FOR A'S

Encourage Young Numismatists In Your Area

Coins for A's is a program from the TNA to enhance the collections and numismatic knowledge of children in Texas. By submitting their good grades, students can receive U.S. and international coins or paper currency relevant to their collecting interests. This program is open to K-12, Montessori, and home school students with at least one A (or A-equivalent) on their report card. Flyers for the 2023/2024 school year are available at [TNA.org/coins_for_a.htm](https://www.tna.org/coins_for_a.htm) for you to download and print to distribute in your local schools. Contact the Coins for A's Administrator at Coins4As@gmail.com for more information on promoting this program in your area or to request a packet of printed flyers.

Donate Coins or Paper Currency

We strive to fill the inventory with the types of numismatic items our hard-working students are interested in collecting. Many kids request Liberty Nickels, silver quarters, and world coins featuring animals, plants, or other imagery not usually seen on American currency.

If you have any coins or paper currency you would like to donate to the TNA Coins for A's program, they would be greatly appreciated! You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation, and you will help inspire the next generation of collectors. Please direct any questions to Coins4As@gmail.com, and item donations can be mailed to **P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393**.

Honor Your Club Members

As planning for your club's end-of-year celebration gets underway, consider giving to the Coins for A's program to inspire the next generation of collectors while honoring your members. Your gift will help purchase the coins and currency that recognizes the hard work and collecting interests of our students. Notice of the honor can be published in the TNA News at your request. Contact Coins4As@gmail.com with any questions.

Monetary donations to support the Coins for A's program should be mailed directly to TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert at **1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248**. Please specify "Coins for A's" in the memo line of the check so your donation can be properly attributed. Gifts must be received by October 31 for recognition to be included in the next TNA News. Thank you for supporting this important program!

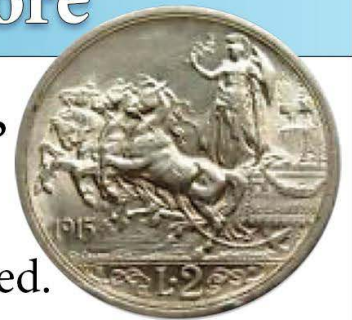
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT: TYLER COIN SHOW

From Royce Jackson, Tyler Coin Club

The Tyler Coin Club completed our 15th annual Tyler Coin Show Saturday afternoon (August 12). The two-day event (August 11 and August 12) was held at the University of Texas - Tyler Campus at the Ornelas Center.

The event actually began on Thursday, as the club members set up tables and helped most of the dealers unload their vehicles and carry their coins and supplies to their assigned table. Most dealers were ready for the opening bell to start the 9AM Friday start. And, there were quite a few people there early and ready for 9AM. 34 dealers and 55 tables were busy from start to finish.

Almost 40 club members were on hand off and on every minute the event was open. There was a display with 4 display cases (Larry Vann had the voting winner with a display of all the Kennedy half dollars), there was a table for future shows, there was a Tyler Coin Club table (we signed up 6 new members), there was a club concession stand with Chick-fil-A sandwiches for sale, there was a Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge area on Saturday, there were always 4-5 club members welcoming everyone AND there was a raffle box with over \$1,500 in coins and numismatic items. We had 4-8 school aged kids

helping get all the raffle tickets completed and in the barrel.

The final total was 1,324 people officially attended the 2023 Tyler Coin Show.

This will be the final year for the Tyler Coin Show at The University of Tyler location, as they plan to convert this building into classrooms. Next year, the newly opened Brookshire Convention Center, located by the Tyler Rose Garden, will be the site of our show. 2000 W. Front Street. This building can handle 100 tables. We are already filling up quickly.



KIM'S GAME: A CLUB MEETING ACTIVITY

From Kim Groves, Collin County Coin Club

The Collin County Coin Club (CCCC) played *Kim's Game* during the March meeting. The club had played the game last year, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. CCCC would like to recommend this game to other clubs in Texas as a club meeting activity.

Kim's Game is a game of observation, memory and recall. Various groups, such as scouts and military, have played this game in different forms. Typically, several objects are placed on a tray and the players are given a limited amount of time to examine the objects. The person or team that remembers the most details about the objects wins the game.

Kim's game comes from Rudyard Kipling's novel *Kim*. Set in British India, *Kim* is an orphan boy recruited as a spy by the British. As part of his training, he is taught the "Play of Jewels" to improve his skills of observation, and *Kim's Game* is derived from this.

CCCC has modified the game to make it playable at our club meetings using coins rather than jewels. We played the game in teams of six with a set of rules to make it as fair as possible. Teams were determined by drawing numbers to make participation in the teams random. Seasoned numismatists might be grouped with beginners.

Ten coins were chosen before the meeting by the game facilitator. These included a wide variety from US, foreign, ancients and tokens with different denominations, dates, grades, and metal contents. The coins were placed on a tray and covered with a cloth. Currency or a combination of coins and currency could also be used.

At CCCC, the club officers were the monitors who timed the contestants and counted the correct observations. The team with the most correct answers won a prize with any tie broken by a coin flip.

The tray of coins would be put in front of a team and uncovered for one minute. Players could use magnifying glasses and pick up the coins to examine all sides and discuss answers with fellow team members. They were not allowed to record anything while the coins were visible. After the tray was recovered the team had five minutes to record what they had remembered. Descriptions could be as simple as "it was a quarter" or as complex as the name of the designer of the coin. As many details as possible could be recorded. Usually, one team member was chosen to record the answers. Teams were encouraged to be courteous and not disturb other teams.

After the first team had their one minute of examining the coins, the tray was shown to another team. This process was repeated until all teams had examined the coins.

After five minutes, the monitor would collect the answer sheet. The game facilitator had previously compiled a list of the coins and the descriptions. Each monitor would take the sheet of details their team had recorded and count the correct answers. A lot of flexibility was allowed in determining whether an answer was correct.

After the team's answers were totaled, a winner was declared. Last year we had a tie so... we flipped a coin. This year we had a clear winner but it was close. Using teamwork and a little strategy, each team remembered a lot of details about the coins and currency. Each member of the winning team received a Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime which is our club coin and part of our logo.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the game. It was a different activity for the club, and it encouraged members to mix with other club members they did not normally talk with.

SUMMER UPDATES FROM THE TNA AT THE ANA

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY IN PITTSBURGH



Club Recognition

Dallas Coin Club [pictured] (95 years)
Corpus Christi Coin Club (70 years)
Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio, Inc. (60 years)
The International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. (60 years)



Educational Exhibit Awards

Judy Dobbins, Texas Numismatic Association Annual Show Medals, 2nd Place
Gary Dobbins, Honoring Music Through a World of Paper Money, 2nd Place
Charlie Tate [pictured], Israeli Ten Agorot Coins, 2nd Place



Literary Awards

TNA News, Edited by Ann Marie Avants, 2nd Place in Regional Club Publications
Pocket Change, Albuquerque Coin Club, Edited by Phil Vitale, 1st Place in Local Club Publications
The Double Shift [pictured], Greater Houston Coin Club, Edited by John Barber, 3rd Place in Local Club Publications

Chester L. Krause Memorial Distinguished Service Award

Mike Fuljenz - This award is the highest honor conferred by the ANA. It is given in recognition of numerous years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics.

SUMMER SEMINAR IN COLORADO SPRINGS



The annual American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar was held in June at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Many members and friends of the Texas Numismatic Association were in attendance (pictured above from Week 1 and Week 2), and they reported that the time spent together was joyful as well as informative. Two TNA members in attendance had their seminar fees, housing, and travel expenses covered by winning our annual grant drawing. You can enter now to win a trip in 2024 (*see page 5 for details*). Former TNA Governor Tracie Updike had this to say about her experience taking a class to enhance her knowledge about Morgan Dollars:

During the ANA Summer Seminar June 2023, I had the pleasure of taking Collecting and Investing in Morgan Silver Dollars. This class increased my knowledge about collecting and investing in Morgan silver dollars and increased my confidence in buying and selling Morgan silver dollars. Our instructors, John Baumgart and Michael Fey both former presidents of the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors, are renowned numismatists and experts in Morgan silver dollar varieties or VAMs. Both instructors were organized, prepared, and used class time efficiently. They effectively explained and illustrated course concepts. The instructional materials (books, handouts, software) increased my knowledge and skills in identifying specific Morgan varieties. We spent time grading coins including uncirculated and proof-like coins. We reviewed the minting process of the time. We investigated the initial production of the 1878 Morgan silver dollar. This class is a must and I highly recommend it.

Mercury Dimes, the High, the Low, and the Undervalued

By Mark Benvenuto

In several series of United States coins, as well as many foreign ones, there are plenty of amazingly common pieces, as well as a few key dates or mint marks. Sometimes, if we are lucky, there are also some seriously undervalued pieces. Plenty of us have looked at and collected the Mercury dimes, but may have missed the fact that all three – key, common, and undervalued – can be found within this set of gorgeous ten-cent pieces. Here's what we mean.

The key, the 1916-D



1916-D, PCGS VG-8, Sold in 2021 for \$1,680

The 1916-D Mercury dime is not only the key coin to the series, it can be argued that this is probably one of the best-known keys or rarities in any United States coin series. Would you like to get your hands on one, even in a worn grade like very good, or VG-8? It will still cost about \$1,000. If you'd like to shoot for a much better piece, possibly in the low grades of mint state, stick another zero onto that price. Yes, we're talking \$10K for something like a MS-60 version of this dime.

Price tags like these make us common collectors ask the obvious question: Is it worth it? Let's think about this for a bit. To compare some other series – the \$3 gold pieces, for instance – we will find that every single date in the series is less common than the 1916-D. Yet most of them cost significantly less, and they are made of gold! Likewise, the

1932-D and 1932-S Washington quarters have mintages of only about twice the 1916-D Mercury dime, yet cost far, far less. So, it can't be a simple matter of rarity. Something else has to be in the mix when it comes to the value of this key date dime.

It seems like there might be two "something else" points when it comes to the value of the 1916-D Mercury dime and its rarity. First point, any collector has to have one in their set to claim they have a full set of these dimes. But that doesn't completely explain the deep desire for this version of Mr. Weinman's design artistry. The second point is that this has simply been a major league collector favorite for decades. If we think about it, the entire Mercury dime series has apparently always been a more popular series than either the Barber dimes or the Roosevelts. In the past few years, this design has even been honored with a gold centennial piece, and more recently with a reprise as the obverse of the palladium bullion coins. In short, this key date is the key within an extremely popular series. Its price tags will always be high.

Common, any date with a mintage of more than 10 million



1944, PCGS MS-65, Sold in 2014 for \$20

It's tough to peg a specific number or mintage total to any series of coins and claim that this number defines the term 'common.' Yet when it comes to

the Mercury dimes, it seems to be the proverbial no-brainer that 10 million of any date or any mint mark qualifies. There are even a few in the line-up with mintages up in the hundreds of millions – making them astonishingly common for collectors today. The 1944 leads the way here, with more than 231M to its tally. This in turn translates to a price tag of about \$25 for a specimen in MS-65, a very attractive mint state grade.

With low price tags for the common date Mercury dimes, it doesn't take much of a spark to realize that a person can assemble a fair set of them at a pretty good overall cost. Yes, there will be some that are expensive, although not to the same tune as that 1916-D. But for the most part, a good-looking set of these dimes is not out of reach.

The forgotten rarities – any of the seven proofs

From 1936 to 1942 the United States Mint was in the game of making proof sets. The number of them per year was absolutely tiny compared to what we see today, but there are some available from each of these seven years.

The first year of proof issue – 1936 – was by far the smallest with only 4,130 sets on the official tally. By 1942 the total had climbed to 22,329 sets. Those numbers become very interesting when we compare their prices to that of the 1916-D. The 1936, for example, rings in at \$1K in a grade such as PF-65. That's not pocket change, and is steeper than we might like, but it is ten times less than the much more common key date – and its mintage is more than 60 times less common. And the 1942? Well, it comes in at only \$200



1936, NGC PR-65, Sold in 2022 for \$900



1942, NGC PR-65, Sold in 2023 for \$192

for a PF-65 specimen. The 1941 and the 1940 also come in at about the same price. Clearly, the proof Mercury dimes are truly undervalued. The obvious question now is: why?

There are probably two reasons that proof Mercury dimes are as low in price as we have just seen. First, folks simply believe that classic, United States proof coins will cost a lot. Second, we don't really need proof versions of any coin to complete a set, at least not when there are regular, circulating issues to be had. And so there are some gems in this series that people just plain overlook.

So, all three?

When it comes to the rare, the common, and the proofs among the Mercury dimes, two of the three are definitely on the table, and don't really cost all that much. We may not be able to have a complete set because of what came out of the Mint at the Mile High City in 1916, but the rest of the Mercury dime series undoubtedly offers some fun possibilities to collectors.



1916-D, NGC Uncirculated Details Improperly Cleaned, Sold in 2023 for \$9,600

The First U.S. Mint

By John Barber

Overview

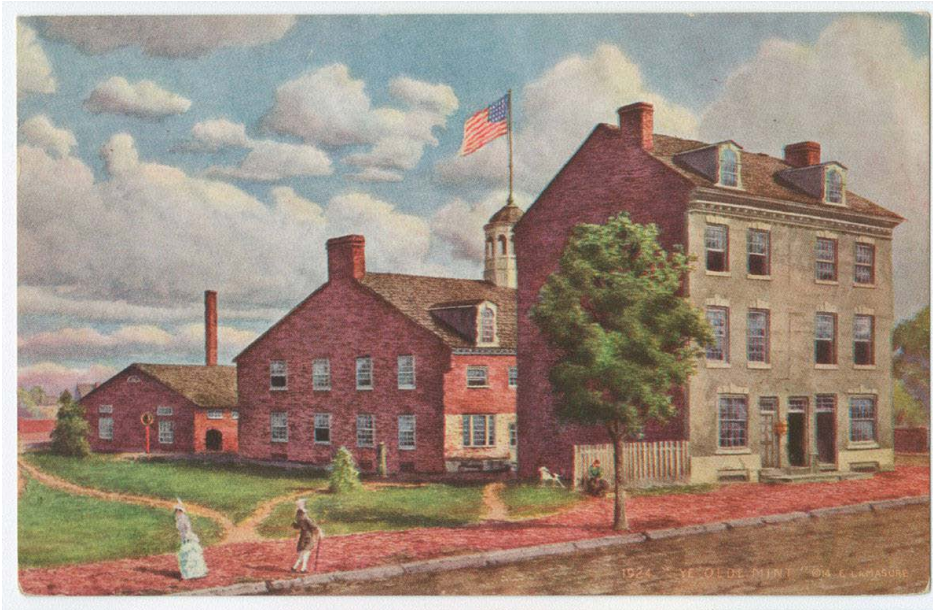
The first U.S. Mint was built in Philadelphia in 1792. A look at this historic facility needs to begin with a brief overview of the young United States in the early 1790's. It is interesting to note the mix of money in circulation at that distant time. I will also outline the establishment of the First Mint, examine some of its key personnel, and discuss working conditions.

The record of the First Mint is also a record of the advancing industrialization of America. During the three-decade life of the First Mint, average monthly coin production was multiplied many times over, generally via technology improvements and not by additional labor input. A key development was the introduction of "close collar" striking, which was progressively introduced in the second half of the 1820's.

The end of the First Mint came naturally as coinage demand in the rapidly growing U.S. simply outgrew the capacity of the initial site. The Second Mint, also in Philadelphia, had provision for steam-powered coinage and was much more efficient than the First Mint. Collectors say that its products lack much of the individual attributes and charm that are so much a part of the products of the First Mint.

The United States in the Early 1790's

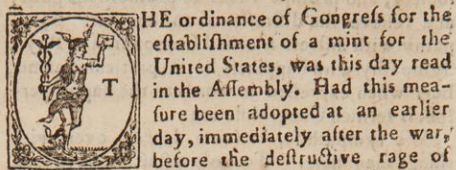
Following our young nation's decade-long experiment (largely failed) with the Articles of Confederation, a new Constitution was drafted and approved by the several states. The constitution allowed much stronger Federal powers than were present in the states-centric Articles of Confederation. George Washington was inaugurated as the first President in 1789, and the country's



While the Greater Houston Coin Club president humorously mentioned during a meeting that "John was just a boy at the time this mint was active", the truth is more that I was just a boy at the time that I became fascinated with the historical times and interesting products of the first U.S. Mint. I've been appreciating this period of 1790-1830 in our nation's history and working on a type set of coins since my grandmother started me in the hobby at Christmas 1956.

By Saturday Night's Mail.

PHILADELPHIA, October 28.



THE ordinance of Congress for the establishment of a mint for the United States, was this day read in the Assembly. Had this measure been adopted at an earlier day, immediately after the war, before the destructive rage of importation had so effectually drained this country of its specie, it would have been more honourable, more profitable, and more useful. However, agreeably to the old adage, it is better late than never. And so far as respects the coinage of copper, it is both salutary and indispensibly necessary. The superabundance of base coppers, which are sent over here by the Birmingham and other coiners in England and Ireland, besides being a disgrace to the policy of the different states, are a real injury, as they command away the produce of the country as effectually as the best Johannes, guineas, or dollars, received from Portugal, Britain or Spain.

(12) *OA.* 31. This day, Pennsylvania made choice of her representatives in the federal council. This is one of the many instances wherein she has manifested her solicitous and sincere disposition to pay an early attention to her duty as a member of the confederation.

Clipping from a 1786 edition of The Massachusetts Centinel announcing the establishment the United States Mint.

It reads in part: "The ordinance of Congress for the establishment of a mint for the United States, was this day read in the Assembly. Had this measure been adopted at an earlier date, immediately after the war, before the destructive rage of importation had actually drained this country of its specie, it would have been more honourable [sic], profitable, and useful. However, agreeably to the old adage, it is better late than never."

population stood at about four million people by 1790.

The coins circulating in the U.S. in 1792 were described as despicable and unworkable by the country's leaders. The coins in use were very diverse in origin and included Spanish Colonial silver, pre-Federal copper coins issued by the states, private issues in both silver and copper, and some counterfeit British coppers. Of course, the U.S. had many world trading partners and the coins of these countries freely circulated also.

Eager to establish the credibility of the United States, Thomas Jefferson wrote passionately that "an issue of coin is a prime indicator of the emergence of a sovereign power." He was anxious to establish facilities for a national mint.

First Coinage Laws and Establishment of the Mint

The 1792 Mint Act provided for a decimal system, with coins in ten denominations from half cent in copper through ten dollars in gold (no paper currency). But before any coins could be struck, land or land and buildings had to be acquired, machinery for the refining of metals, production of planchets, and striking of coins had to be purchased or built, coin designs had to be created, and coin dies had to be prepared. All these things happened remarkably fast in the second half of 1792.

Four plots of ground were acquired in what is now downtown Philadelphia. One existing building (a distillery) was demolished and four new buildings, three brick and one wooden, were erected on the property. This was at a time when

there were no environmental impact statements to be filed and approved by multiple governing bodies. It is likely that no formal architectural drawings were created until decades after the buildings were built.

While President Washington mentioned the "small beginning of coinage" in his inaugural address for his second term in early 1793, referring to the half dimes of 1792, those coins were struck using temporary facilities in the basement of John Harper's saw shop a few blocks from where the new mint was under construction. The first regular-issue coins of the new mint were the chain cents, made in the first two weeks of March, 1793.

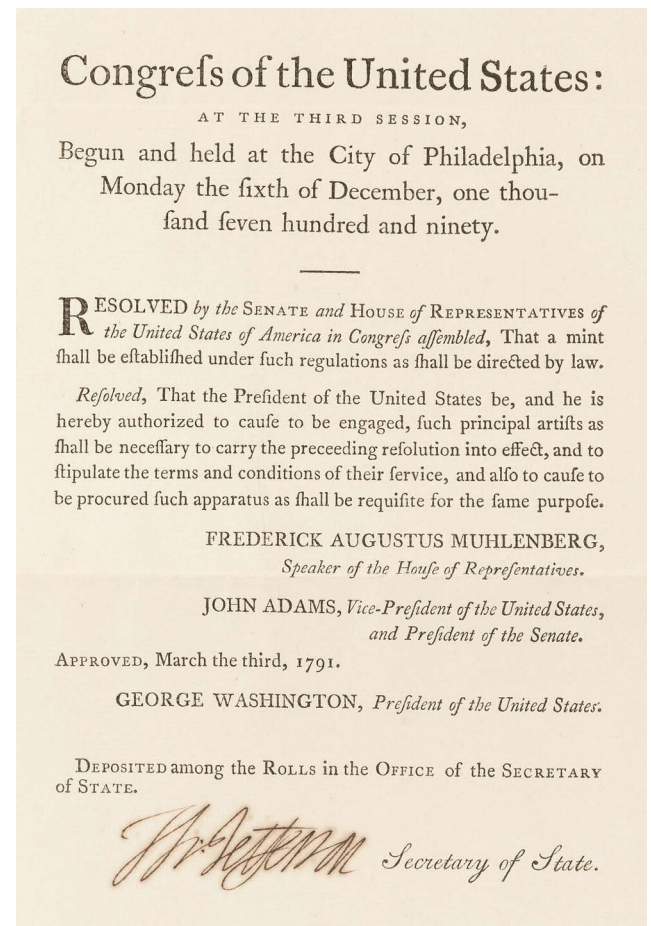
Employees of the Mint

The first director of the Mint was David Rittenhouse, the nation's foremost scientist, credited with inventions in optics and discoveries in astronomy. At the time of his appointment, Rittenhouse was 60 years old and in declining health. He was responsible for hiring the mint's staff, securing bonds for key employees, and managing the bullion contracts. After a successful but relatively short tenure, Rittenhouse was succeeded by two individuals with even shorter tenures, Henry DeSausurre and Elias Boudinot. Robert Patterson was the fourth mint director and he served

in this position for approximately two decades ending in the mid-1820's.

The more often remembered employees of the Mint were the chief engravers. In the first four decades of U.S. Mint operations, individuals holding this position included John Wright, Robert Scot, John Reich, William Kneass, and Christian Gobrecht.

One of the less prestigious but first employees of the Mint was an interesting fellow named Adam Eckfeldt. Hired in 1792 as a "workman", he was present for the striking of the first half dimes in 1792 and was given the title of "Coiner" in 1793. Eckfeldt constructed a large screw press in 1797 and is thought to have performed some die preparation and perhaps some engraving in his long career with the Mint. More importantly



A Congressional Resolution, signed by Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, authorizing the creation of the U.S. Mint.

A complete 1793 type set is just four coins: the Liberty Cap, Head Facing Left Half Cent and the Flowing Hair/Chain Reverse, Flowing Hair/Wreath Reverse, and Liberty Cap Cents.



to numismatists, Adam Eckfeldt started what is now our national coin collection that resides in the Smithsonian Institution.

Working for the Mint became an Eckfeldt family tradition. In fact, three generations of Eckfeldts enjoyed long careers with the U.S. Mint. Adam was employed full-time until 1839 and part-time until 1844. His son, Jacob R. Eckfeldt worked for 42 years and his grandson, Jacob B. Eckfeldt, worked for 59 years.

Working Conditions at the First U.S. Mint

Mint employees endured tough working conditions. Each normal work day started at 5:00 a.m. and concluded at 7:00 p.m. Employees were allowed one hour for breakfast and two hours for dinner. Saturday was a work day; however, workers were allowed to leave early at 1:30 p.m. The Mint's employees received no paid vacation, no sick leave, and were subject to strict rules including a possible death sentence for embezzlement of bullion or coins.

Yellow fever epidemics were common in these times and the city of Philadelphia was not immune to this problem. Because of yellow fever outbreaks, the Mint's operations would close between two and four months every year. Besides disrupting coin production, Mint employees sometimes died as a result of yellow fever.

Ironically, it was common for the citizens of Philadelphia to leave their homes in the city and take up temporary quarters by the banks of the rivers around Philadelphia during yellow fever "season". It was not understood that mosquitoes, which of course breed around water bodies, were responsible for the spread of the yellow fever.

Copper First, Then Silver, Finally Gold

Part of the provisions of the Mint Act of 1792 were that officials of the Mint needed to post personal bonds if they were handling silver and gold bullion or coins. Since the initial bond was to be \$10,000 at a time when the coiner and the assayer positions paid less than \$1,000 per year, early mint employees such as Adam Eckfeldt could not make bond. There was a delay while Mint Director David Rittenhouse worked with Congress to get the bonds reduced and with private individuals (now unknown) to post the bonds.

As it was 1794 before the bonds were in place, the coinage of 1793 consisted of copper only, and a complete 1793 type set is just four coins – the half cent and the chain, wreath, and liberty cap cents.

Production Difficulties and Inadequate Funding

The early mint was chronically short of silver and gold bullion, and the terms of "free coinage" in the law guaranteed that an operating loss would be incurred.

Congress was not very sympathetic. The deal was that depositors from the public could bring mixed silver coins, plate, or other sources of metal and the mint was obligated to refine it, roll it, cut planchets, strike coins, and still give back to the depositor the full weight of precious metal in his initial deposit in the form of finished coins. The manufacturing costs were to be absorbed by the mint. There was also no special inducement to bring economical-sized lots of metal to the mint. In fact, if a would-be depositor had a large quantity of silver or gold, many times he was able to sell it directly on the export market for melting in Europe and avoid an unnecessary trip to the mint.

Congress was also less than generous in funding decent equipment for the mint. All the early mint directors were protective of their "fragile" strip rollers and miserly in getting maximum use out of whatever die steel they could get. In the case of the half and cent coins, copper strip or ready-made planchets were acquired from outside the mint whenever possible so that the mint's rollers could be reserved for the "more important" gold and silver. Reuse of dies, to the point of failure, was the norm all across the denominations during almost the whole existence of the First Mint. If January 1st came and a last-year die was still serviceable, it was repunched with the current year. And in many, many cases we know now that older dies (up to three years old!) were kept in service even without repunching the date of a prior year. We can tell this from the coiner's



The cent design evolved over the first year of mintage after the portrait of Miss Liberty and the chain reverse (intending to show the unity of the 15 states) were not well received. The text on the reverse was adjusted first (Ameri. to America). A sprig was added to the obverse and the Wreath reverse design appears on most cents minted in April through July. The Liberty Cap portrait and wreath reverse were adopted for the remainder of the year.

delivery records, most of which survive in the National Archives.

Key Technological Improvements

Robert Scot, the second chief engraver at the mint, despite his shortcomings as an artist and his “very slow” work style, did contribute to productivity by championing the use of device punches for die making which showed, for example, the whole head of Liberty. By having the major design element of a die on a single punch, only the stars, lettering, and date needed to be added manually to each working die. Additionally, the central design is thus standardized and appears identically on all the various working dies made from that punch. Over the years, a larger and larger part of the whole die design was carried on these punches. But “whole-

design” hubbing awaited the construction of the Second Mint.

A fire at the First Mint in January 1816 led to the remodeling of the rolling mill and the coinage building. Steam-powered machinery was applied to strip rolling and, in a limited way, to planchet cutting in the rebuilt facilities. The actual steam-powered striking of coins was never a part of the First Mint’s operations.

Steam-powered strip rolling on more powerful rollers led to tighter tolerances in the planchet strip thickness. This meant that there was greater uniformity in the planchets produced from these strips and not nearly as much hand-adjustment of individual planchets was necessary to achieve the specified legal weights of the coins as was required in the pre-1816 days. So, adjustment marks are less often seen on coins from the post-

1816 era as are seen on the earlier silver and gold issues.

Striking coins in a close collar permitted very precise and uniform diameters on the finished coins. Striking quality improved noticeably compared to the earlier open collar strikes. The mint realized a productivity improvement because the edge device (reeding) was applied at the moment of striking and not in a separate operation.

The Closing of The First Mint

By 1830, the First Mint was simply too small and its equipment was worn out. Congress was then spending for more funds on Federal facilities of various uses, and the Second Mint, also in Philadelphia was built to accommodate (for the first time) a full complement of steam-powered coining equipment. This new mint possessed a much larger production capacity reflecting the nation’s rapidly burgeoning coinage demands.

The First Mint land and buildings were sold to private owners. Successive private uses included a library and a church – all within the original mint’s walls. Mr. Frank H. Stewart purchased the entire property in 1909 with plans to erect his F. H. Stewart Electric Company facility in new buildings on the site, and the First Mint buildings were demolished in 1911. Today, there is only a small plaque on the site to note origins of the institution so important to our hobby today.

A STATEMENT

Of the coins struck at the mint of the United States, from the 1st day of January to the 31st of December, inclusive.

Number of pieces.	GOLD COINS.		Half Eagles.		Dollars Cents.		Totals.
15,454	Quarter ending 31st March,		3,133		15,775		
	30th June,		606		3,030		
	30th September,		11,693		58,465		
	Pieces of gold coins,		15,434				
	Total amount of gold coins,						77,270
4,460,375	SILVER COINS.		Dimes.		Half Dollars.		
	Quarter ending 31st March,		334,870		162,435		
	30th June,		34,500		17,250		
	30th September,		817,50		408,750		
	31st December,		202,230		101,115		
Pieces of silver coins,		421,200		210,600			
	Total amount of silver coins,						561,687 50
837,830	COPPER COINS.		Cents.				
	Quarter ending 31st December,		337,830				
	Pieces of copper coins,						3,378 30
1,883,599	Total amount of copper coins,						3,378 30
	Pieces of coins.		Amount of all the coins, Dollars,				642,335 80

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, 31st December, 1814.
JAMES RUSH.

A statement of all coins produced at the mint in 1814.



◀ This is the poster we used to entice the public to enter the game.

The members of the Hidalgo Coin Club sponsored the Amazing Race for the Gold Game for the general public on Saturday, May 20, 2023 for the second year in a row. It was held to celebrate the recent Proclamation by the Hidalgo Co. Judge and Commissioners that designated the 3rd week of May as *Hidalgo Coin Club Week*.

Secretary/Treasurer, Raul H. Gonzalez spent two months coordinating, planning, communicating and sometimes begging in order to have the game play out correctly. By the March meeting of the HCC, the members of the club had donated all the coins the contestants were to pick up at each of the 8 Legs of the Race. The



◀ Raul H. Gonzalez welcomes the teams and gives them the final instructions.

Game Day – Sat. May 20, 2023! The teams that entered the race showed up around 8:45am at the Las Palmas Community Center in McAllen, TX. A large packet was given to each team that contained a sealed envelope with the first clue, their Team Name Tags, Helpful Hints, a Membership Form (to join our club in the future), a Calendar of Events card for the events held by our coin club, and a Coin Envelope to place all the coins they were about to pick up at all 8 Legs of the race. All of the teams left the Center by 9:20am and had to wait to get into their vehicles to read the first clue and figure out the destination. Their first stop would be at a park.

Pictured are teams arriving at the first leg and leaving to the next leg of the race. ▶

Bannworth Park in Mission, TX was the first Leg of the Race. They were to find the two Game Officials at the pier. This park has a large group of geese and other birds that make the park their home. They received 4 2009 Lincoln cents and 4 Red cents from the 1970's. The clue they picked up here was a Cipher and they had to use an enclosed pencil to figure it out.



◀ A couple of teammates running in and out of Nuevo Santander Gallery with coins and clue in hand. Inside the gallery, to receive the racers and hand them their next clue envelope, were TNA 1st VP Rene de la Garza and District 14 Governor Catalina Amaral.

Their next stop would be the Nuevo Santander Gallery in McAllen. It is a building that looks like a Spanish Mission that houses Old West antiquities from America and Mexico. Its name derives from the Spanish Conquistador, Don Jose de Escandon, when he explored this area in 1748. He named the area of Northern Mexico and South Texas – Nuevo Santander. Every envelope contained 4 Buffalo Nickels, the coin's history and their next clue.

The third Leg of the race took the teams to a newly converted Mercado District. ▶

It was once a bargain bazaar, but it has been remodeled to house eight restaurants and many exclusive shops. Live music is played at nights. The two Game Officials were outside to greet the racers. Their envelope contained 4 Liberty 'V' Nickels, the next clue, and the first 8 teams to arrive received a coupon for a free meal at one of the restaurants inside. Also included was the fun story of the 1883 No Cents nickel that was gold plated and used as a \$5 gold piece, known to collectors as the Racketeer Nickel.



membership was very giving and came through with 200 Uncirculated and Red Lincoln Cents, 86 Buffalo Nickels, 76 Liberty 'V' Nickels, 64 Silver Roosevelt Dimes, 56 Mercury Dimes, 48 Silver Washington Quarters and 40 Silver Half Dollars. A special registration form was placed on the club's website, and this game called for two-person teams: a Driver and a Passenger (co-pilot). 13 teams showed up on that Saturday to run the race.

The HCC Executive Council (the club's

board) met twice to prepare the coins into holders and to place coins, clues and other donated goodies into envelopes. There were 8 Legs to the Race and each location had to be carefully chosen from start to finish. At 4 of those, the owners/managers added free meals, discounted tickets, a buy 1, get 1, as well as brochures. These items were placed into the envelopes along with the coins and an educational paragraph describing the history and the mints producing them. The clues for the racers

would pick up at every leg of the race to get them from one location to the next were cleverly written and weren't too difficult nor too easy. But, it was designed for them to think about it, search for the answers on their cell phones, get the address, and then use a map app or GPS to show them the route. Using modern technology (cell phone) would be the key to take them from start to finish. The race would take them from McAllen to Mission, back to McAllen, then Pharr and San Juan.

By Raul H. Gonzalez



▲ Team M is shown picking up their new envelope.

For the fourth Leg of the Race, the contestants had to find a new restaurant on North 10th St. in McAllen called the Chicken Salad Factory. At this location, they picked up their first of many silver coins donated by the HCC members. Each team received either 3 or 2 Silver Roosevelt Dimes, depending in which order they arrived. The owner through in a 'free dessert' coupon with a purchase of one of their chicken salad sandwiches.

▼ The clue to their next stop had them go to East McAllen to La Vista Park.

The two Game Officials would be waiting for them at one of the picnic tables. The contestants had to run about 80 yards to find them. At La Vista Park, the racers envelopes contained 2 Silver Mercury Dimes and their next clue. A short history on the dimes and mints was added as an educational component.



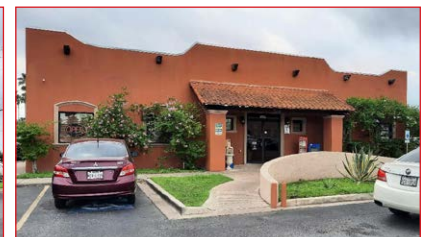
For Leg 7, the game players had to find a Taco Fiesta on Cage Blvd. in Pharr. ▶

It would not be easy because a recent storm blew off the words from the sign and the building. The two Game Officials would be waiting outside for them and hand them the final clue plus 2 Silver Half Dollars. Some received Franklin halves and others, Walking Liberty halves. The owner also threw in free meals to the first 4 teams to arrive. The final clue to the finish line was given here.



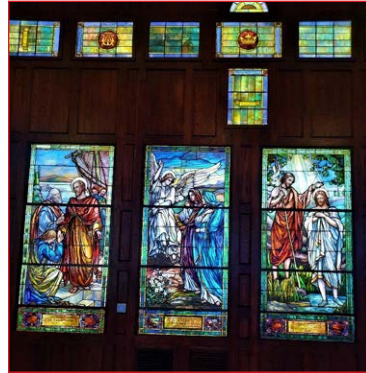
▲ For Leg 6, the racers had to find a café that was built in 1939 at the Junction of Highway 83 and 281 in Pharr, TX.

However, the streets surrounding the place (Junction Café) were blocked off for a festival, and the contestants had to park several blocks away, making it a challenge to weave through the crowds. The owner of the Junction Café gave all the racers a gift card for a buy one, get one free meal the next time they visit. Here they also picked up either 3 or 2 Washington Silver Quarters depending on which order they arrived.



▼ **The last stop! The racers were given a clue that took them to the Gelman Stained Glass Museum in San Juan, TX.**

The museum houses 174 panels of stained glass windows from the late 19th Century and early 20th Century from Europe and the Northeastern states of the U.S. It is the largest and most comprehensive collection of stained glass windows in the United States of America. All of the game players, council members and game officials met up at the museum and were in awe of the magnificent beauty of the stained glass windows.



▲ **1st Place: Team Runners**

Lynda Farias and Elma Pinon were the first to arrive and had to show all the coins they picked up at every Leg of the race to Raul H. Gonzalez by placing them on a special board. They won two 1/10th oz. American Gold Eagles.



▲ **2nd Place: Team Gold Rush**

Raul Garza, Jr. and Melissa Vela were the second team to arrive and won two 2023 Proof Silver Eagles in their original box.



▲ **3rd Place: Team Cavazos 1**

Third place was the mother/daughter team of Lisa and Chloe Cavazos. They won two 2023 Uncirculated American Silver Eagles. The rest of the teams were able to choose some silver coins left over from those that did not show up to the game.



◀ This final group picture, at the steps of the museum, has all the contestants, council members and game officials holding a coin they won or picked up along the Amazing Race for the Gold Game. This ending proved to be a magnificent one for all involved. Their smiles say it all.

The New Orleans Mint

By Sam Fairchild

The rapidly-growing economy of United States in the early 1830s suffered a shortage of coins for commerce. While some of this need was met with foreign coins circulating in the US, Congress established three branch mints in 1835: Dahlonega, GA, Charlotte, NC and New Orleans, LA.

While Dahlonega and Charlotte were in gold mining regions, New Orleans was selected due to the city's strategic location along the Mississippi River. It also was the 5th-largest city in US until the Civil War, with more foreign trade than any other city in the nation.

Operations at the New Orleans Mint began in May 1838, with the striking of 30 dimes. Eventually, all silver and gold denominations were produced here.

The New Orleans Mint operated continuously from 1838 until January 26, 1861, when Louisiana seceded from the Union. The Confederate government retained the Federal mint staff as employees of the state of Louisiana, thus allowing the Mint to coin approximately 5,000 \$20 double-eagles and 962,000 half dollars. Confederate officials also designed an alternate reverse die which they used to strike their own half-dollars in New Orleans. Only four examples are known to exist today, with the most notable being the Jefferson Davis copy.

Confederate minting operations continued until the bullion ran out in April. The mint was used for

quartering Confederate troops, until New Orleans was recaptured in April 1862 by Union forces.

The mint reopened as an assay office in 1876. However, due to the Bland–Allison Act mandating the purchase and coining of massive quantities of silver, the Treasury Department needed additional facilities to do so. It reopened the New Orleans facility in 1878.

With suspension of the Morgan dollar program in 1904, need for mint production capacity declined rapidly. The New Orleans Mint was formally decommissioned in 1911 and the machinery was transferred to Philadelphia. After it was decommissioned as a mint, the building has served a variety of purposes, including as an assay office, a United States Coast Guard storage facility, a federal prison and a fallout shelter. Since 1981 it has served as a branch of the Louisiana State Museum. The basement of the old Mint contains artifacts and photographs from the era 1838–1909, and is the part of the museum devoted exclusively to the building's function in that capacity.

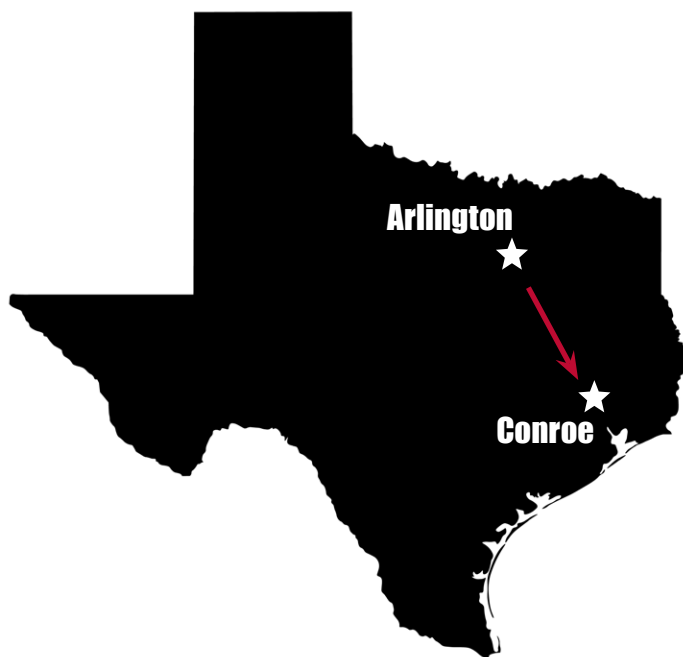
During the second period of operation, the Mint produced all U.S. silver and gold issues. The Mint was also used in 1907 to coin over 5.5 million silver twenty-centavo pieces for the Mexican government.

Coins minted here generally have luster not as brilliant as those of other mints, and center areas tend to be flat and not sharply struck.



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Questions for Dr. Coyne

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1) What is the date on this coin?

The date on this U.S. commemorative half dollar is 1928. It was issued for the sesquicentennial of Captain Cook's first visit to the Hawaiian Islands in 1778. The issue was comprised of only 10,000 pieces, and today they are among the most difficult of the “classic” commemoratives to acquire. A large part of the issue was distributed in Hawaii, and many of those coins are seen today with an unusual yellowish tint, even if fully uncirculated.

2) How does the mint avoid scraping off the edge lettering as the coin is ejected from the collar on modern dollars (with incuse lettering)? How was it done on St. Gaudens Double Eagles (with raised lettering)?

In modern times, the mint strikes dollars in high speed presses with a smooth collar surrounding the coin at the moment of striking. The lettering is added as a second operation before shipping the finished coins (except on a few error coins). The situation on the 1907-1933 St. Gaudens Double Eagles is entirely different. On these, a complicated segmented collar was used. The inside of the collar was engraved with the lettering so that an impression on the edge was made at the same instant the obverse and reverse designs were imparted. Then, before the reverse die rose up to eject the finished coin, the collar sprung apart into three segments, moving away from the coin's edge so the edge inscription would not be flattened as the coin was pushed up and ejected from the coining chamber. Close inspection of the edge of one of these Double Eagles can reveal the three vertical lines where the edges of the segments met.

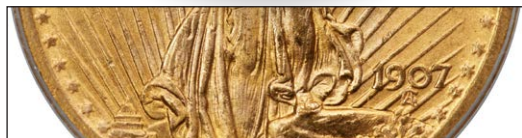
3) What is a "splasher"?

The "splasher" term is usually applied to a soft-metal strike taken from a die to test the die or examine how the devices will look if the die were to be used to make a real coin. Most splashes are one-sided (uniface) and some have paper still clinging to the blank reverse. The usual metals are lead-alloy or soft aluminum. The illustrated example is an obverse die trial as Philadelphia Mint Engraver James Barton Longacre tested this Liberty head design. Perhaps originally intended for a small cent, the portrait ultimately appeared on the three cent nickel in 1865.



4) What (non-bullion) U.S. coins have the date expressed in Roman numerals?

The most famous non-bullion U.S. coin with the date expressed in Roman numerals is the St. Gaudens Double Eagle of 1907. Only the high relief strikings of this issue (approximately 12,000) have the date in Roman numerals; the standard relief coins which came later in 1907 have that date in "Arabic" numerals. The 1915 Pan Pacific \$50 commemorative coins also have that date in Roman numerals.



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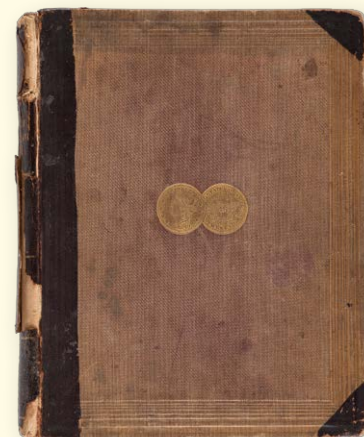
The early U.S. mint employed a reeded edge on smaller denomination silver coins and on all gold coins as a clipping or shaving deterrent. Before the coming of the "close collar" or "ring die" in 1829, the reeding (or edge lettering on thicker pieces) was applied in a separate operation from striking the obverse and reverse. The first small silver coin struck with a plain edge was the tiny (75% silver) three cent pieces of 1851. The first large silver coin struck for circulation with a plain edge was the Gobrecht Dollar of 1836. No quarters or half dollars have been issued with a plain edge.

6) Where did the supply of silver for the half dismes of 1792 come from?

Legend had long held that the silver for the 1792 issue of 1,500 half dismes (silver 5 cent pieces) came from George Washington's melted-down tableware. But latest research (Len Augsberger et al) indicates that indeed the silver was Washington's, but that the metal was most likely in the form of French and other circulating and obsolete coins rather than tableware. The rest of the mintage was returned to George by Thomas Jefferson, who travelled to Mt. Vernon to deliver the newly-struck coins. Washington gave most of the pieces away to friends and government associates, but Jefferson noted in his diary that he spent a few of the half dismes on his trip. These would be the first transactions using America's first silver coin.

7) What was the first all-numismatic book published in America which dealt with the issues of the U.S. Mint?

The first book-length treatment published in America on the issues of the U.S. Mint was Montroville Dickeson's American Numismatological Manual in 1859. There were subsequent editions in 1860 and 1865 with a slightly different title. This book, scarce today, featured many "plates" of line drawings on embossed metal foil (looking very much like real coins). The book also contained information on ancient and European coins, but today it is collected for its early scholarship on American issues. Only a ragged copy is on the shelf in the library of Dr. Coyne. This volume would be the earliest precursor to the Red Book.





TNA Show & Tell

Show & Tell is a staple of most numismatic club gatherings, and we are pleased to highlight some great items from collectors across the state. If you want to share something from your collection for the next issue of the magazine, please email theTNAnews@gmail.com by October 31.

ANTARCTICAN DOLLARS - COLD HARD CASH

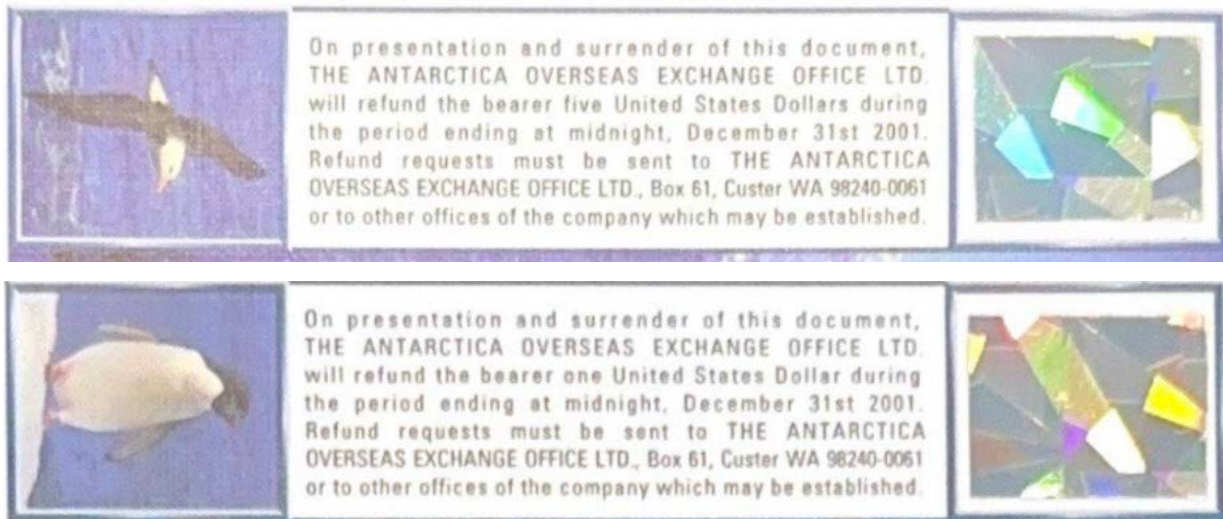
Tim C., Liberty Coin Club of San Antonio



Antarctican Dollars are collectors' pieces produced by the Antarctica Overseas Exchange Office. They are printed in the design of a national currency for the continent of Antarctica, though they are not. These banknotes were first printed in 1996, then a 1999/2001 series, followed by 2007, 2008 and 2009. The value of the Antarctica Dollar is nominally tied to the U. S. Dollar. Their value is fixed for a specified period of time on a one-to-one rate with the U. S. Dollar. Proceeds from the sale of these notes help fund the operations of the AOEC and other organizations seeking to undertake research and humanitarian projects in the Antarctic region.

The Antarctic banknotes are often adorned with images of iconic Antarctic wildlife and landscapes. These notes are from the inaugural 1996 series. The one dollar note has Penguins on Petermann Island on the obverse and Diving Adelie Penguins on the reverse. The five dollar note obverse has Crabeater Seals on floe and an albatross and killer whales on the reverse.

The fine print on the reverse of these notes specifies the one-to-one exchange rate and the applicable redemption window: in this case, from March 1 1996 to December 31, 2001.





NEW 2023 ST. ELIGIUS MEDAL

Frank Galindo, President, Gateway Coin Club, San Antonio, TX

Recently I received a package from a dear friend in Puerto Rico. It was a very pleasant surprise and contained a welcome addition to my medal collection. It is a beautiful new 2023 St. Eligius bronze medal that measures 34mm by 51mm.

On the obverse, the principal design features St. Eligius, who is the Patron Saint of Numismatists. The text is written in Spanish and Latin. At the top, the name St. Eligius is written in Spanish, San Eloy. On the left side the vertical text is in Spanish and on the right side in Latin. The translation from Spanish and Latin to English is “Patron of Numismatist.” At the bottom “Santus Eligius” completes the obverse design.

The reverse of the medal shows at the top “Numismatica” in Spanish that translates to “Numismatic.” The main device is a stylized anchor cross with the name Eligi centered below the cross beam. On the left side, the vertical text reads in Spanish “Instrumento para preservar” translated to “Instrument for preservation.” On the right side in Spanish “y admirar el trabajo humano.” Translation is “and admire human work.” At the bottom, the copy reads Puerto Rico and the date 2023.



SILVER 2015 PANDA

Pat Weems, Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio



One of the most beautiful coins in my collection is the silver Panda from China. The 2015, 10 Yuan, KM# 2216, which has a mintage of 8,000,000, was minted in China’s Shenzhen – Guobao Mint. The Silver Panda has been minted each year since 1983, and the 2015 coin contains 1 oz. of .999% pure silver. The obverse side depicts the Chinese Temple of Heaven along with the inscription “People Republic of China.” The reverse has an image of a giant Panda, which is found throughout the highlands of central China. Design of the panda is changed every year and minted in different sizes and denominations, ranging from 0.5 troy oz. to 1 kilogram.



THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE 1918 ILLINOIS CENTENIAL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR COIN

Mario Ward, Vice President, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

Our 16th president, President Abraham Lincoln, is recognized on various coins and medals for his remarkable leadership during and immediately after the Civil War. He represented and served the citizens of Illinois in various leadership capacities at the state and federal level. Even today, Illinois is identified as the “Land of Lincoln.” The State of Illinois requested a commemorative coin be issued to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their admission to the union. The following final design was approved, and 100,058 coins were minted at the Philadelphia Mint in August of 1918:

Some unique features of this coin include:

1. President Lincoln is clean shaven. History reflects that Lincoln did not begin growing a beard until November of 1860 when he was elected to his first term as president and that he was the first president to have a full beard when he was inaugurated and took office on March 4, 1861. Other coins, such as the cent and presidential dollar coin, show him with a beard.
2. The Illinois Centennial coin was the first souvenir coin to celebrate a state anniversary. Later in 1920, Maine celebrated their centennial with a commemorative coin and other states soon followed.
3. The design of the coin was the result of the work of Chief Engraver George T. Morgan, who designed the obverse based on a photo of the work of Andrew O'Connor, a sculptor who designed a statue of Lincoln located outside the state capital in Springfield, Illinois. Assistant Engraver John R. Sinnock, designed the reverse of the coin based on the Illinois state seal.
4. The reverse of the coin does not show the typical olive branch and arrow combination as reflected on the Great Seal of the United States, which together symbolize that the United States has “a strong desire for peace but will always be ready for war.” The reverse shows the olive branch for peace but not the arrows for preparation for war. Some think the arrows were not included because the coin was designed during the concluding months of World War I after people were exhausted of war.
5. The coin has no mint mark. It was minted at the Philadelphia mint.
6. The border of both sides of the coin consists of beads and pellets.

Overall, the coins were well received and found very attractive by the general public, especially in the State of Illinois where they were first put up for sale for \$1.00 each.





INVERTED CURRENCY ERROR

Robert Wise, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



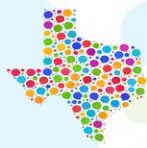
Anytime a bill's front and back face opposite directions, it is considered "inverted". These bills are almost universally considered an "inverted back" error bill, but technically these bills are inverted "fronts" because the back of the bills is the first to be printed in the three-step printing process. These errors occur when the sheet being printed first is removed from the press before the second printing (for the front) and the paper is reinserted in the wrong direction and the front is upside down compared to the backside of the bill. This can happen for the entire stack of sheets when they are reinserted backwards. More than likely, it happens when a single sheet is removed for inspection and is accidentally reinserted in the wrong direction. The actual number of these errors for example the 1935 "no motto" silver certificates (as pictured) is not known. Finding these notes in high grade is rare because most people don't know to look for these bills and many times they are heavily circulated. Inverted backs can also be found in fractional currency. Many numismatics experts believe that inverted backs are rarer than mismatched serial number errors. All of the inverted back errors are a result of human error, yet they are highly collectable.

FIRST WORLD FOOD DAY MEDAL 16 OCTOBER 1981

Raymond E. Tate, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations issued two additional medals dated 1981. This medal by Alessandro Caetani is dedicated to the development of the world's livestock resources, both for food and energy. The obverse shows a scene of family life in the developing world where an FAO expert is assisting in improving milk production. The Reverse shows rice cultivation using an ox-drawn plough. (FAO Certificate of Guarantee) FAO issued 26 World Food Day medals on October 16th each year between 1981 and 2005.



UGANDA BANK NOTE

Karla G., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



This 500-shilling note is from the Bank of Uganda, which was established in 1966 by an Act of Parliament. This colorful note was issued in 1994-1996 as a replacement note. The obverse shows a large African elephant on the left side. The country's coat of arms is in the center. The serial number is placed on the right side directly under the denomination of the note. The serial number in ascending size is printed on the left side. The colors used on the note are dark brown and deep purple on multicolor underprint. The back shows the Uganda Independence Monument at left, and the Municipal building with clock tower at center. The water mark features a Crested crane's head. It has piece of foil over the security thread.

GERMAN 100 EURO GOLD

Chuck Nail, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



There are three coins in the German 100 Euro gold set:

- 2020-Unity
- 2021-Law
- 2022-Freedom

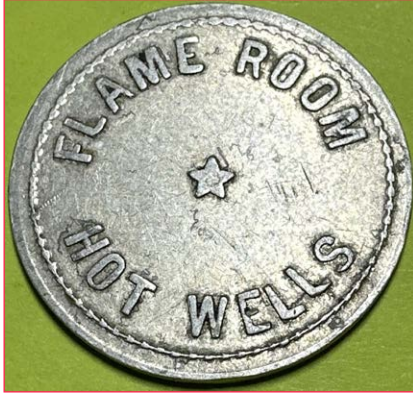
The one shown is the 2022 German 100 Euro half-ounce .999 gold coin that represents the third commemorative coin in the series, celebrating the first words of the German national anthem: Unity Law and Freedom.

The coin depicts an East German holding a sign with the German word for "Election." Before the unification of Germany, East German citizens took to the streets to rally behind a one Germany vote. This would be the first free election in the former German Democratic Republic. The main theme is the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of the 1990 unification of Germany.



FLAME ROOM TOKEN

David A., Liberty Coin Club of San Antonio



I really enjoy the San Antonio, Texas history that the Flame Room token represents. It is a 50¢ aluminum token with a diameter of 28.44 mm. The obverse of the token shows the name of the bar and grill, FLAME ROOM, at the top and the location in San Antonio, HOT WELLS, at the bottom. A filled-in, 5-pointed star occupies the center. The reverse shows GOOD FOR 50 IN TRADE.

Evidently the owner forgot the cent sign. I wonder if anyone ever tried to claim it was worth \$50 when they visited the bar! Other tokens were issued for 5¢ and 25¢. All three types are considered uncommon.

The Flame Room was built at the location of the old Hot Wells Hotel, which was originally built in 1886. Many famous names in the early 1900s heard about the restorative waters of the hot sulfur pools and visited the world-class health spa and resort. The picture postcard shows the lavish Victorian hotel had about 200 rooms and was built along the San Antonio River on South Presa Street.

In 1942, Ralph Jones opened a trailer park and motel on the site, and in 1944, he converted the bathhouse into the FLAME ROOM, a neighborhood bar offering burgers, beer, and swimming in the hot sulfur pools. In 1977, he finally closed the Flame Room. In April 2019, the city of San Antonio turned the location into a city park, where visitors can now view the ruins of the old hotel.

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DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR



FWCC JULY MEETING: President Kevin G called the meeting to order with 23 in person members, 1 joined us via ZOOM and we had 4 guests! A great turn out! Door prizes were awarded to Andrew and Carl. There was a great turn out for the TNA show in June. The TNA show is being moved to Conroe for 2024. Members finished putting in their bids on the books in the Fred Watson library. Those who placed winning bids were able to complete the transactions and take their new books home with them. APMEEX is hiring. See Walter for more details on that. The program this evening was presented by Frank H. His topic was how the TNA medals are made. He brought with him a couple of dies, obverse and reverse, that were used to strike the medals. Show and Tell: Elliott brought in a neat collection of Eisenhower dollars. Walter brought in a counterfeit Stone Mountain Half dollar. Chris has a great collection of Japanese Invasion Money.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC MAY MEETING: Frank H. opened the meeting with 35 members and guests present. Youth Night will be conducted in June. Donations for the October auction are being accepted. Frank H. remarked that items value for more than \$10 garner the most activity. The progressive door prize has been reinstated. A special drawing is held for amongst paid members; if no one wins, the prize is added up next month's progressive drawing. As in year's past, Frank H. asked for volunteers to work the TNA Coin Show in June. Everyone who have paid dues should now have a new name tag. Finds: Larry H. displayed his 1850's counterfeit coin detector. Roy H. had a successful metal detecting month finding 5 Mercury and 1 silver Roosevelt dimes plus several silver rings. He has found a total of 238 silver rings from his metal detecting adventures. Another member located a 1968 San Antonio Hemisphere token. Burton S. showed his newest Accugrade slab (he collects the slab and not the coin) which has an 1881 Morgan misattributed as 1881-O.



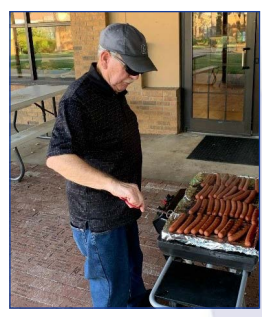
Visitors recognized: Chris L., Shawn F., Larry H. The program for May was conducted by Jack G. on MPC's issued by the US military. Jack told the history behind MPC's and why they were necessary. He also spoke how both US soldiers and residents of the occupied country found ways of circumventing the program. Jack also had several uncut sheets of MPC's. All youth in attendance received door prizes. The adult door prizes were also awarded. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.

JUNE MEETING: Frank H. opened the meeting with 39 members and guests present. It was reported that last week's TNA Coin Show was a great success. We had the highest attendance since COVID and the dealers were pleased with the volume of activity. Kevin K. and Tyler K. participated in the TNA Exhibit competition. They earned a first and second place in their respective categories. The Club was also recognized as having the best Club newsletter in Texas. Donations for the October auction are being accepted. Frank H. remarked that this auction supplies the funds for our Christmas party as well as other activities, such as tonight's Youth Night. The Club recognized three of our youth who not only have been members of our Club for 8 years or more, but also have played active roles in the month-to-month functioning of the Club. One is even a member of the Board of Directors. These three youth are Gabriel K. (above), Vincent M. (below), and Matthew M. Matthew was attending a school function, but will be recognized in July. Each graduating youth received a scholarship to be used in pursuant of additional education or training. Frank H. thanked all members who volunteered their work at the TNA Coin Show. This included not only those who helped set up tables and man the front desk, but also those who led or helped with the youth auction, the Scout Merit badge program and judging exhibits. Visitors recognized: Four youth attending Youth Night.



After a short business meeting, the kids in attendance departed to other rooms to participate in this year's Kids Night for youth 17 and under. The kids were divided into two age groups of roughly equal size. The younger group of kids 11 and under enjoyed a program focused on various proof issues. Topics covered where to find dates and mintmarks,

difference between proof and business strikes, and how to select coins for each series. Each participant received several proof examples, including some nice proof sets. This group was led by Richard W. The 12 and older kids were led by Carl S. who spoke on contributions by George Morgan, chief engraver for the US Mint. Carl spoke about coins designed by Morgan including the Columbus Expo reverse, the McKinley gold dollar, numerous medals, and of course the Morgan Dollar. This year's Kids Night was both interesting and educational for the eleven kids who participated. The hope is that these efforts will lead the participants to take a genuine interest in numismatics. While the focus was on Kids Night at this meeting, the adults were not forgotten. Frank H. gave a program on his collection of produced by the Franklin Mint styled as Treasure Coins of the Caribbean. After Frank completed his program, members bombarded him about this interesting and unique collection. All youth in attendance received door prizes. The adult door prizes were also awarded. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.



JULY MEETING: The opening was delayed long enough for everyone to feast on the hot dogs and all the delicious side dishes and desserts. President Frank H. delayed opening the meeting with 42 members and visitors present until 7:18 due to members lining up to feast on hot dogs and fixin's. Since so many members arrived early, serving began at 6:50. While hot dogs and all the fixings were provided by the Club, members brought tasty side dishes and salads, as well as several varied

and scrumptious desserts. By the time the meeting started, members had put a sizeable dent in all the food available. With stomachs filled, members were ready for the night's festivities. Special thanks go out to Kenny Smith who arrived early to cook the dogs, as well as the volunteers who brought all their special dishes. Kenny gets a special attaboy since the outside temperature where he was standing was in excess of 100 degrees as he was tending the fire. Frank H. presented Matt M. with his scholarship which was announced in June. Matt was at a school event and could not attend last month. Vincent M. gave the Club a note of thanks for his scholarship; this was read aloud by Frank H. The Club received \$240 from the TNA for its pro-rata share of volunteers to this year's show. Next year the TNA show will be held in Conroe, so Frank H. will be unable to recruit volunteers. Visitors recognized: Abigail E., Kevin G. New members: Larry H. The program for July was conducted by Kevin K. on Nuevos Pesos. He first spoke on the hyperinflation experienced by Mexico in the late 70's/early 80's and the resultant devaluation of the peso. He showed examples of how the government simply used the same design on bills, but simply lopped off double zeros at the end of each denomination. He also displayed new peso coins that reflected the devaluation. All youth in attendance received door prizes. The adult door prizes were awarded to Brian M., Larry P., Les H. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.



of founders of Carson City. The Comstock generated \$400 million of silver. 1870 was first CC coin minted. Liberty seated dollars were first struck. Rob gave denomination series and talked about keys of each series. Rob passed out a gold type set of CC's. 1890 CC \$10 PCGS XF 45, 1893 CC \$5 NGC XF 45, 1883 CC \$20 NGC XF 45, and 1876 CC PCGS XF45. Very good-looking type set. Bourse: Approximately 30 lots were auctioned off by Frank H. Vernon R. helped with prices recorded and Jim T. did all the running for purchased lots.

MAY MEETING: President Brian M. welcomed 19 Coin Club members. Brian M. won the door prize. Brian M. passed out two tickets to each present member for TNA gold coin raffle. Show and Tell: Ryan W. showed vault boxes produced by NGC. He purchased three beautiful slabs in their new vault box. Three coins go for \$740. They are introducing a 10-point grade scale. Frank H. showed a fantasy one million note from Bank of Eternity. A religious note called Living Water. David P. showed a Horatio Gates an American Revolution pewter coin. John P. showed medals he had acquired that were in bronze. They depicted art work from cold seasons and then warm seasons. Had a small discussion about 2023 Morgan dollars from U.S. Mint. Bourse: Approximately 25 lots were auctioned off by Frank H. Vernon R. helped with prices recorded and Jim T. did all the running for purchased lots.

JUNE MEETING: President Brian M. welcomed 21 Coin Club members. Ronnie S. won the door prize. Show and Tell: Ryan W. showed Confederate currency. He has every denomination in PMG holders from 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500. All from PMG 61-64. Very impressive. Frank H. showed a brothel token and put with it a pinch of gold dust. Robert S. expressed some unusual dealings with dealers at TNA. Bourse: Approximately 35 lots were auctioned off by Frank H. Vernon R. helped with prices recorded and Jim T. did all the running for purchased lots.

AUGUST MEETING: President Brian M. welcomed 15 Coin Club members. Ronnie S. won the door prize. Kevin G. visiting from Ft. Worth coin club filled a table up for a silent book auction from an older Ft. Worth collector. Brian M. asked the members to be thinking ahead to fill the position of President, Vice President, and Secretary for 2024. Show and Tell: Rob S. mentioned articles on B. Max Mehl. Brian M. spoke on some of the new releases about to be released from the Mint. New Business: August meeting has Doug Davis coming back to talk about the ever ongoing counterfeit schemes. You don't want to miss this. Also wanted to alert everyone who is interested: Vernon R. will be auctioning off 5 uncirculated Carson City Morgan silver dollars in their GSA packaging. Program: Bill K. did a very informative program about John Reich. Came to America in 1800. His first medal designed was an Indian peace medal. His second design was a medal of Thomas Jefferson. Bourse: Approximately 30 lots were auctioned off by Frank H. John N. helped with prices recorded and Ronnie S. did all the running for purchased lots.

MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES CC APRIL MEETING: President Brian M. welcomed 18 Coin Club members. Jim W. won the door prize. Frank H. has sign up book for TNA volunteers. Show and Tell: Jack G. showed tickets for gold coin drawing at TNA. Club decided to buy \$100 worth of tickets with each club member receiving two tickets. Frank H. Showed a token from McClaskey brothers in Dalles, Oregon approximately 1880's. Program: Rob S. presented information about Carson City mint. Abraham Curry was one

DISTRICT 5 - JUDY DOBBINS, GOVERNOR



DALLAS CC APRIL MEETING: Mike opened the #1139th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. Spring is upon us and coin action is very busy! Friendly reminder to please eat in the restaurant. Mike is still handling a coin auction from five years ago. Special thanks to Frank C. for all the club donations from Heritage Auctions from 2022! Great crowd with 31 members and three guests: James N, John S, Eddie P. Stewart: Tonight's program is "National Coin Week" trivia. Judy: Dallas Coin Club's 95th

anniversary is coming up and the board is in discussion as to a celebration. Frank has the volunteer book for the upcoming TNA and Sunday is tear down day! You will receive five tickets for volunteering and the club will also be rewarded. George M. is the regional rep. for ANACS if you have any grading requests. SHOW & TELL: Mike: 1922 Mexico 2¢; Frank: Snow globe Coin \$1.00 Tonga Island; Carl: 1965 1¢ Fiji; Mary: 2023 Woodland Spirits: High Relief Mongolian Series: 500 Terper; Jeff: Red Tail commemorative Colorized; Greg: 1827 Large 1¢; Jim: Bell: Challenge Coin; Max: Piece of 8 1794 Casa de Moneda "Chop marked"; Gary: Max Mehl Collection Collage picture frame; George M: American Legion Medal & Strike of 2 reverses 1¢; Pat: Book: Cash in your coins; Larry: Dr. Press travel scale 1885: 20 grains Dr. Press improved travel scale: 20 grains. PROGRAM: "ANA Coin Week Trivia Questions". Tonight's program was provided by the ANA and the Dallas Coin club answered the trivia as a group. DOOR PRIZES: 1982 US Proof Set: Carl, 1982 US Proof Set: David R., US 25¢ Comm. State Set: Frank, 1986 US 50¢ Comm: John T., and 1992 Proof 50¢: Jeff L. RAFFLE: 2015 US Mint Set: Stewart, 1915 10¢: Ronnie, 1924 \$1: Mary H., 1950 5¢ MS 65: Stewart, 1982 Canada \$1: John T., and 1994 Bicentennial Comm: Kelly.

MAY MEETING: Stewart opened the #1140th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. Judy had a very important announcement as tonight is the Dallas Coin Club's 95th anniversary. Back in 1928, a coat and tie were required. Let's use that as an example of better decorum. Sometimes conversations are going on when someone is speaking! Great crowd tonight with 27 members in attendance. Stewart: Tonight's program was "May 2023 Grading Quiz" trivia. Joint meeting between Dallas and Collin County is targeted for August. Stewart asked for a Joint meeting raffle budget of \$300 and it was unanimously approved by the club. Jack G. shared that ANA membership cost will be going up September 1st, 2023. SHOW & TELL: Larry: Australian Zodiac: 2018 \$1.00 Year of Dog; Ronnie: 250th Anniversary George Washington Bronze Coin; Frank H: Victory Liberty Loan Token WWI; Carl: 1927 Lucky Lindberg Coin; Jack G: Canada Expo '67 Consecutive \$1.00 Stamped; Judy: Shared some notable 1928 Historical photos and pictures of Dallas; Gary: 1928 \$1.00 Currency example to commemorate the clubs 95th anniversary; Frank C: Vintage Max Mehl pictures of his building; Greg: 1827 Large 1¢; George M: New Canadian Peace Dollars, Bi-Metallic token: So. Cal, Austin Star Club token; Jeff L: Shared ANA has monthly museum auction online; Pat O: 100 Greatest modern coins Book. PROGRAM: "May 2023 Grading Quiz" By Stewart H. Tonight's program was consisted of 10 coins passed around, all silver dollars. Each of these coins has been assigned a numerical grade between 1 and 70 by either NGC, PCGS or ANACS. Each coin has been numbered, and the numerical grade has been covered up. Everyone had a wonderful time and notable that grades varied amongst members in attendance! Best overall score was an 89 out of 100. DOOR PRIZES: 2008 Canada: Frank C., 2002 Bulgaria: Jeff L., 2008 Argentina: Greg K., 2001 Jamaica: Chris C., 2009 Turkey: Judy, 2010 Philadelphia Uncirculated Coin Set: Gary. Raffle: 1803 1/2¢: George M., 1914 10¢: Stewart, 1936 5¢ MS 64: Stewart, 1945 \$1 Peso MX: George M., 1905 1¢: David R.

Please print, fill out, then mail the document to the TNA. Michael CCCC Profile Survey - Please fill out the Club Profile Survey, it is anonymous. The survey is used to help Reagan pick out door prizes. Making the Club more noticeable - Let's push for everyone to go to the TNA show in June at the Arlington Convention Center. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim G. What will you do? Most likely, you'll be sitting in the front checking people in. IF you volunteer, you can get 5 raffle tickets and the club gets money based on the % of CCCC volunteers present at the TNA show. Show & Tells: Reagan H. told of how his daughter brought change home from college and one of the coins was a 1903 Indian Head penny! Kim G. and James H's Family presented the "2 Coins Dilemma" - How Technology Can Help Numismatists. Kim G. came across two coins with no date nor any writing. James H. took the coin home. His daughter used her phone and the Google Lens app to help identify the coin. Google Lens is found in different places for iPhone, Android, and Google Pixel phones. The Google Lens app led them to a website with a forum. Kim G. - The coins were identified as Temple Tokens. What is a Temple Token? People collect these. There are hundreds, maybe thousands, online. They can range from a few dollars to a couple hundred. There is no writing, no date, no denomination. The token can be new or old. He isn't sure if there is a book for them. As an ANA member, we can get certificates for this kind of presentation. Door Prizes: Reagan H., James H., Terry E., and Steve L. Raffle: Kent H., Steve L., Andon E., James H., and Andon E. Auction: Reagan conducted the auction. There were 32 items on the auction table.

JUNE MEETING: The June 2023 Collin County Coin Club (CCCC) meeting was held on June 16, in McKinney, TX with 31 members and 8 guests present. Old Business included reports on the CCCC participation with the TNA at the recent (June) TNA Convention. Participation included donations to the Young Numismatist programs, volunteers working at the convention, exhibitors, and exhibitor judging. The program built upon the TNA Convention report and included members' experience at the Convention (volunteers, exhibitors, general attendance, dealer/vendor, etc.). One additional Show & Tell was one member, with a daughter, who found an Indian Head cent in circulation. The evening concluded with Door Prizes and a Raffle, plus 64 items in the auction.

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GHCC MAY MEETING: Opened with a Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jack D. Presidential opening remarks and guest recognition: Courtney G. and Ben, John and Marie B. Show & Tell (Tom S, Chair): 1. Jim S. - James B. Longacre - Lead Antimony Medal- dated April 1862 - talked about the source and history of obtaining. 2. Bruce B. - medal of San Francisco - portrait - dated 1894 - portrait on Obverse and a Britannia type depiction on the reverse. 3. Carl - recent purchase of several 100 cents - 1 was a 1909S VDB was one of last ones that were searched in a small bag. 4. Richard F. - \$50 Republic Texas Note- Signed by "Sam Houston" - noted were redeemed by the US when Texas joined the Union. 5. Garth C. - Sept. 3rd 1836, check from Valasco (former capitol of Texas for about 10 months), the most active port of the Republic of Texas. Also held Santa Ana as a prisoner just after the surrender. 6. Colt - Floating roof cent caused by die polishing using diamond dust, over polishing reduces the design and thus causes the roof the Lincoln memorial to float. Show & Tell Drawing winner was Jim S. Coin Quiz (Chuck B, Chair): 4 questions plus tiebreaker if needed - 3 got all 4 right - tie breaker used - Carl F. was winner. Paper ballot questions were passed out by volunteers while images were simultaneously projected. Program: Jim S, VP Programs. Introduced Ricardo DLT - Just collecting Mexican Coins - and the rest - collect what you like - always an appealing type set - early issues and can

Collin County Coin Club

COLLIN COUNTY CC MAY MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Collin County Coin Club (CCCC) for May 2023 was called to order by Kim G. with 25 Members and 2 guests (Jim H. and Mark A.) present. Coin Show - Volunteers for the Coin Show at the Hilton Garden were acknowledged. The Coin Show went well. 3 Dealers did not show. Some Dealers bought the extra tables. The club netted a positive income. Our next show will be on 10/28/23. Dealer table fees will be adjusted because of the hotel cost going up to 60%. There may be a 2\$ admission. Kid's and members would get in free. TNA Donation - Kim G. reminded everyone about the Kid's auction on June 3rd. Please donate cash or coins for this event. Coins for Grades/Coins for A's - follow this link - http://www.tna.org/coins_for_a.htm, then look for the "Click Here to Download Application" gray oval.

include the pillar dollars – all coins vary in colors and prices – variety is always an option. All coins tell a story – tricky thing is finding them. Lots of choices both silver and copper. Also ruling types of leaders. Also collect by denominations. Collecting options are as many as the coins that exist. Collect by metals, such as copper, silver or nickel. Also mentioned was paper money and also mentioned is medals, issued by cities, companies, and other entities. Business Portion: Coins For A's – Administrator sending out coins in June. Editor John B will continue as the newsletter editor only until the end of the year. Comments were made about the min-bourse and plans to do it again some time. Attendance prize winner was John B. Auction followed meeting.

JUNE MEETING: Opened with a Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jack D. Presidential opening remarks. Jack called for members to sign a get-well card to ailing member Jim S, our VP. Also happy birthday to Vlad A., another member. Also noted that the TNA is moving the convention to Conroe for the 2024 year. Mr. and Mrs. B have applied to be members. Show & Tell (Tom S, Chair). 1. Bruce – pamphlet on unusual coins and medals. 2. Jack D. – Prompted people to look at the items on the front table. Tributed coins and other items. Preview of upcoming items in the educational presentation. 3. Bill S. – South Fork Dam collapse after a large prolonged rain storm. May 31, 1889 a wall of water destroyed the people of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 4. Violet – Half Puffin – Coin of Lundy Island on west coast of England. The coins did not meet the standard of English country and circulated only on the island. Show & Tell Drawing winner was Bruce B. Coin Quiz (Chuck B, Chair) 4 questions plus tiebreaker if needed – 3 got all 4 right – tie breaker used – John G was the winner. Program: John B introduced our speaker Jack D – “Heraldic Art Medals of Robert T. McNamara 1959- 1978”. Jack started with the end of the classic commemorative half dollars, which was in 1954. Focus on sterling silver medals because the government no longer issued commems. Subscription sales were made in both thick and thin varieties to not interfere with US half Dollars. Pony Express, Civil War, Tippecanoe, Kansas) last medal produced in gold. American Independence Medal in gold is a one-of-a kind medal. Each medal was sent in a pastel envelope with an information sheet. There was a Berger plastic case made specific to the medals of McNamara. He designed his own press for minting the high-quality medals. First was Alaska Medal, Hawai'i, St. Lawrence Seaway. In 1963, three medals issued. 1964 – 3 more medals. 1965 3 more medals, 1966 3 more medals. Original prices started at \$2.95 to \$6.25; now priced between \$30 and \$1000. 1967-76 3 more medals each year. 1978 saw the last medals. Concluded with the specific medals for different events, ANA convention medals – a coin club medal, counterstamps on dollars and quarters. Errors were also produced and are rare. Jack was presented with the new silver speakers medal. Business Portion: New member applying (Courtney G) and three reinstated members. Coins For A's –sending out many coins in June – Showed a chart made by the ANA. The club got a nice thank-you note from a Coins for A's senior graduating from Sabine Pass, our third valedictorian in the program. Money Show – Everything on target, need more people to be involved year-round; need apprentices for each position in case the need comes up. Tom S. – Alan M is requesting coins and paper money for a display he is preparing that has products that are related to oil and gas industry. Attendance prize to John B. Meeting Adjourned; Auction to follow.

DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

Special Announcement: Gateway Coin Club is now on Facebook, Instagram, and we have a refreshed website at GatewayCoinClub.com. Check us out!

GATEWAY CC JUNE 15 MEETING: The June 15, 2023, meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. 22 members were present, with visitor Dave P. becoming our newest member. Old Business: Our Wonderland show is June 17th, 10am to 5pm. The club hosts this show three times a year. For this show there are 23 spaces sold plus four from the club. We have collected all the vendor and table rental fees, except two new last-minute vendors who will pay at the show. Numismatic Roundtable: Chuck N. conducted the Numismatic Roundtable with the assistance of Kate M. David C – Medlars silver art bar; Robert J – 2015, Canada, \$5, red tail hawk, 1oz., .999 fine silver coin. William V – 5 pesos & 5 centavos, Japanese Gorilla money (2). Frank G – medal, Freedom medal featured five military emblems of the five branches of military service, issued prior to the addition of the sixth branch – the Space Force. Karla G – medal, John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the US. John M – 1965 SMS, Kennedy half, MS67CAM. Paul R – 2014, Mexico, 20 pesos, copper-nickel, Pancho-Villa, Felipe Angeles Ramirez, Panfilo Natera, 100 years of the Taking of Zacatecas, 1914-2014. Leon W – 1977, coin, Preserving American Freedom. Roundtable Drawing Prize – 1954 D, US Lincoln cent, DCIMS63. Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Steve W, Robert J, Paul R, Andy C, and Belinda G. Auction: The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and assisted by Chuck N. The Attendance Prize: 1991 D, Korea, 38th Anniversary Commemorative Dollar, 1953-1991, .900 silver – Dave T.

JULY 6 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 27 members were present. Karla G – Restaurant suggestions for our upcoming annual banquet have been submitted, vetted, and the location selected. Mario W – All presentation slots for 2023 have been filled. Please see VP Mario if you are interested in signing up for one of the 2024 presentation dates. The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Chuck N. and assisted by Bryan L. David C – 1964, Japan, 100 yen, designed for the Olympics, mintage 80 million, .6 fine silver. Robert J – 2000, HEB 95th anniversary, 1905-2000, U.S. dollar & 1 Sacagawea dollar coin. Brian L – Venezuela, 5 bolivars, a country known for its high inflation since 2016, denomination is 1 million bolivars; It takes 2 million bolivars to equal 1 U.S. dollar. John M – 1989, Eagle, NGCMS69, silver eagle, 3861516002. Paul R – 1741, Mexico, 8 Reales, saltwater damage. Leon W – 1979, Susan B Anthony Dollars, 3 mints. Mario W – 1871, Yorktown Battlefield Historical Park, collectible coin. Roundtable Drawing Winner – 1999, U.S. Mint, uncirculated coin set – David C. Raffle: Winners were Robert J, William V, Leon W, John M, and Paul R. Auction: The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and assisted by Chuck N. The Attendance Prize: Liberty (MM), Indian/Bison, 1 troy oz., .999 fine silver – Jerry F.

JULY 20 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. The Pledge to the U.S. Flag was led by V.P. Mario W. 27 members were present. Old Business: The deposit has been paid to the Italian restaurant to reserve the room for the banquet. At the next three meetings, those who have been active GCC members this year prior to July 1st will have an opportunity to pay your deposit, make your reservation, and select your entrée choice. The deposit is \$30, and you must have the exact amount since change will not be available. Before making your reservation, your 2023-2024 dues must be paid to Secretary Barbara H. Please also have the exact amount when paying your dues. After paying your \$6 dues, you can then see Karla to make your reservation. The cost for guests is also \$30. Reservation deadline is Sept. 7th. New Business: The President announced

the appointment of our new webmaster, Kate M., who is working on updating our website and social media. The club has a Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please find, Gateway Coin Club San Antonio, then "like and follow." Numismatic Roundtable: Chuck N. conducted the Numismatic Roundtable, assisted by Brian L. John B – 1918 S, Standing Liberty quarter. Frank G – 2018 P, Jefferson nickel, elongated coin honoring St. Eligius, the Patron Saint of Numismatist; text – "May his wisdom guide you." Karla G – medal featuring Charles M. Schulz, notable cartoonist and creator of the peanuts comic strip that features Charlie Brown. Robert J – U. S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade Challenge Coin, "Fighting Fifth". John M – 1878 CC, Morgan dollar, PCGS MS64. Paul R – 1740/30, Mexico, 2 Reales, Ruler Philip V. Walter S – 1884 CC, silver dollar, "G.S.A.", choice uncirculated. Debbie W – 1999-2008, 50 State Commemorative Quarters. Leon W – 1974, Texas dollar. Mario W – 1956, British West Africa, 1 penny. Steve W – Obama dollar coin. Roundtable Drawing Winner – 1987, U.S. Mint, uncirculated coin set – Paul R. GCC Raffle winners: Walter S, Julie F, Leon W, and Gene F. Auction: The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and assisted by Chuck N. The Attendance Prize: 1991 S, Mount Rushmore Golden Anniversary, US Proof, 1 troy oz., .999 fine silver – Melinda D.

Liberty Coin Club

LIBERTY CC APRIL 5 MEETING: The biweekly meeting of Liberty Coin Club was held on April 5th, 2023 at Rudy's BBQ, 327 E Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. The meeting was presided over by David A. with Joan C. taking the minutes. Nine members were in attendance. President David A. led the club in an invocation. Steve M. agreed to create and bring copies of sign-in sheets for members and guests attending the meeting. David A. announced that Blue Diamond of Texas had donated raffle prizes to the club. Steve M. passed a motion to authorize the treasurer to spend \$200 on raffle prizes. David A. presented the idea of the club holding a "Coin Road Show" educational event in the future at Rudy's BBQ, where the club presently meets. This would be held to educate the public on coins that they may have inherited or evaluate numismatically related collectibles that the public might have, all in order to promote the hobby. Steve M. announced that he ordered 2024 Red Books to be sold at cost for \$11 each. All were pre-sold to interested members that evening. Tim C. announced that he had received an email regarding a TNA trivia contest, which he will forward to David A. to send to members. Round Table: Tim C. showed an old roll of nickels from the casino, Circus Circus, from the time when Las Vegas had nickel slot machines. Mario D. showed a 3 oz. silver round containing a diamond. Richard G. showed an 1857 Prince Edward Island colonial Canadian token, which advocated "Self-Government & Free Trade." Steve M. showed a 1 peso coin from the Philippines dated 1907. This was minted in San Francisco and represented the first year of the smaller sized peso (from 38 mm to 35 mm in diameter). David A. showed a sterling silver \$20 coin from Liberia dated 2002 commemorating the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Tim C. won the round table prize. Raffle: Steve M. won a 1 oz. silver round. Tim C. won a Walking Liberty half dollar. Steve M. won a 1992 U.S. proof set. Richard G. won a U.S. mint set. Andy G. won a first-day cover containing two Massachusetts state quarters. Richard E. won a banknote from Hong Kong. Tim C. conducted the auction.

APRIL 20 MEETING: The meeting was presided over by David A. with 14 members in attendance. David A. led the club in an invocation. Discussion was mentioned in regards to advertisement and promotion of Liberty Coin Club. Making announcements on KCHG Radio. Possibly hold a "Coin Road Show" at Rudy's BBQ with it best occurring 2 weeks before the Alamo Coin Show in August. Posting flyers (Fernando R. will get back to us regarding the flyers). Round Table: Tim C. showed a coin from the Roman Empire (Age of Chaos) Quintillion's AD 270 Shortest reign of any emperor. Deborah K. showed a 2011 1 oz. copper round for the second amendment 1799 -2011. David A. showed an Arena Club (San Antonio) token G/F 50 cents in trade made of aluminum and silver dollar sized. Andy G. showed an altered flan of Pontus Amisus C. 85-65 B.C AE22 MTHRATES VI, Fine

coin. Steve M. shared something interesting. Richard G. showed an 1840 Nova Scotia Canada one penny token, which still has some luster. Desiree D. showed a 1963-D Franklin half dollar. Kevin K. showed a 1935-S Peace dollar. Mario D. showed Hobo nickels: "13 P" 1930 and 1935 D. Steve M. won the Round Table Prize. The club held the coin raffle, and there were several lucky winners. Andy G. gave a program that was very informative on how to keep an inventory your coin collection using Excel spreadsheets. Matt B. and Tim C. conducted the auction.

MAY 4 MEETING: The meeting was presided over by David A. with 8 members and 4 guests in attendance. These guests introduced themselves and their collecting interests. President David A. led the club in an invocation. David is setting up a meeting with Rudy's manager to inquire about doing an educational event to talk to people about their coins. Round Table: Gabriel V. showed a Lincoln Cent Set. Abigail V. showed 1921 Morgan Dollar set minted by the Philadelphia and Denver mints. Andy G. showed a Great Britain Britannia set of 2023 coins one with Queen Elizabeth II, and the other with King Charles III. David A. showed a set of 2 proof crowns in a box from Jersey, dated 1066-1966. Mario D. showed a South East Rerininglin (sic) coin. Tim C. showed a Great Britain, 2019 Florin (two shillings) coin which was a rare matte proof. Guest Abigail V. won the round table prize. Raffle Winners: Mario D. – 3 times (donated 1 back), Andy G., David A. – 2 times (second time won a Redbook, which he gave as a gift to the Gabriel V., a guest in attendance), and Matthew B. Several lots were sold at the club's auction tonight.

MAY 18 MEETING: The meeting was presided over by David A., who also gave the invocation. 10 members and 1 guest were present. Coin Road Show - still on back burner until management is reached in discussion. Fernando made 1 small stack of flyers for the club. Club overview reminder concerning safety and etiquette was gone over and discussed. One resolution was presented and approved by the club to require first time visitors to present official ID before attending a meeting. Matthew presented a large venue for a potential coin show that would be shared with another show. Potential date would be in the month of September. Club voted to table the motion to put on a coin show at this facility and discuss the matter further into the club's establishment. Round Table Winner was Steve M. Raffle Winners were Richard G., Steve P., and Steve M. 20 Auction lots were presented.

JULY 6 MEETING: David A called the meeting to order. This is the First Anniversary of the Liberty Coin Club. David gave the invocation. There were 12 members present. Jonathan L was unanimously voted a member of the club. Nominations of Officers for the next fiscal year: President: David A, Vice President: Richard G, Treasurer: Tim C, Secretary: Desiree B. The officers were elected by a unanimous vote. Fernando R asked for donations of any used numismatic publications or albums to be handed out to young newbie coin collectors. David announced that it was time for members to renew their dues for the 2023-24 membership year. Round Table: Steve M (Liberian coin); Richard G (fake 1909S Indian cent); David A (2016 Harper Ferry quarter); Fernando R (Dansco Album for 20th Century Mexican pesos); Andy G (1925 silver Peace Dollar graded MS-64 by NGC); Tim C (ancient Judaea AE Prutah coin - King Herod 4 BC – 6 AD coin issued under Augustus); and David A (1983 silver 1000 zlotych Polish coin featuring Pope John Paul II). The winner of the Round Table prize was Richard G. Raffle Winners: Jonathan L, Tim C (2 times), David A, Richard G, Andy G, and Matt B. Auction: The auction was conducted by Tim C and David A. Matt B donated two lots with proceeds to go to the club: a 2000 Proof Set and Five Israeli coins that featured Ben Gurion.

JULY 20 MEETING: President David A. called the meeting to order. David A. gave the invocation. There were 11 members and 5 visitors present. The visitors were Steve P.'s wife Sonja and Kevin & Deborah K.'s friends Ryan, Juanita, Piper & Presley. Steve M. led a discussion on the club's need to attract more members, especially members who are interested in actually collecting coins. Steve suggested the club set up a table at the August 19th Alamo Coin Club Coin Show to pass out Liberty Club info and try to attract

new members. Steve suggested that we give away coin-related items to kids under the age of 16 to get them interested in collecting coins. We can also pass out tickets for door prizes. Club members who won't be able to man the Liberty CC table, can donate prizes and giveaways. Other members will need to volunteer to work the table for two-hour shifts. We will need to have around 300 leaflets printed, and Matt B passed the motion for the club to do this at the ACC Coin Show. A committee of Steve M., Steve P. and Matt B. was formed to design the leaflets. Tim C. will have a box at each of the next few meetings to collect items to be given away. Steve P. has a display case the club can use at our table at the coin show. Richard G. announced that the club needs membership cards. Round Table (led by Andy G.): Tim C. showed an ancient coin from Syracuse in Sicily – reign of Hieron II (BC 275-215) with an obverse featuring Poseidon and reverse showing a trident and dolphins. Steve M. showed an 1861 Italian coin which was the first year of coinage in Italy. Richard G. showed a 2017 Canadian \$5 coin celebrating the 150th anniversary of the joining of the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick into one federation. Steve P. showed a 1788 Mo (Mexico City) 8 reales coin with chop marks. Sonja P. showed a 1764 Austria thaler featuring Maria Theresia. Kevin K. showed a 1947 cinco peso coins from Mexico. The winner of the Round Table prize was Steve M. Raffle Winners: Richard G, Steve M (2 times), and Piper (2 times). Program: Tim C. gave a numismatic presentation on the ancient coins of the Constantinian Dynasty. These included Diocletian, Constantinus I, Constantine I, and Constantine's sons: Crispus, Constantine II, Constantinus II, and Constans. The auction was conducted by Matt B and David A. Several people donated coins they purchased to be used as giveaways at the Alamo Coin Club Coin Show.

AUGUST 3 MEETING: President David A. called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. There were 8 members present. Steve M. led a discussion on a draft of the Liberty Coin Club flyer created by Fernando R. and Steve P. to use to attract more new members to the club. Fernando R. said the club may have a table at the August 19th Alamo Club Coin Show to pass out the Liberty Club info and try to attract new members. We will give away coin-related items to kids under the age of 16 to get them interested in collecting coins. We will also pass out tickets for door prizes to people who sign up on the Liberty Club's contact list. We discussed several ways to get people to sign our contact list as well as attend our next meeting. Those who sign the contact list and attend our next meeting on Sept. 7th will be entered in a drawing for a great prize (possibly a one-ounce silver round). Each person to attend that club meeting will receive a free raffle ticket for the raffle prize drawing. Club members are asked to man the Liberty CC table or else they should donate prizes and giveaways. Tim C. will continue to have a box at the Aug. 17th meeting to collect items to be given away. Suggested changes to the flyer were to correct the meeting hours, add the Liberty Club Facebook page link, and also add a QR code that connects to the club's Facebook page. It was also suggested that we add a link to the San Antonio Coin Collectors Facebook page. Steve M. suggested that the club consider moving our meetings to a different location. The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society rent their classroom to outside organizations. Steve M. will discuss this with the SAGHS Board of Directors at their next meeting. David A. requested members submit "show and tell" articles of 100-200 words for the next edition of the TNA Newsletter. Round Table: David A. showed a 1963 mint set of South African coins in BU condition. Steve M. showed a one-ounce silver 2021 5-rand South African coin which featured an elephant. Nancy M. showed a 2004 challenge coin from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. Fernando R. showed an ancient Byzantine coin from the Alexandria mint – Nummi of Maurice Tiberius (582-602 AD). Tim C. showed a Roman AE Follis Maximinus coin. He was a rival of Constantine. The winner of the Round Table prize was Fernando R. Raffle Winners: Steve M., Fernando R., Steve P., Tim C. (2 times), and Matt B.

DISTRICT 10 - JASON ELWELL, GOVERNOR



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO CC APRIL MEETING: President Jason called the meeting to order with 38 members and 5 guests present. President Jason read Article II of the club constitution then announced guests Diana S, Stuart F, Bob F and Anthony M. An award was presented to David C for his contributions and continuously donating the biggest prize for the coin show. Treasurer Sebastian D announced the financial standing of the club's saving and checking account. If anyone would like to look at the books, just ask Sebastian. Sebastian also mentioned he had club medals if anyone was interested in purchasing. Exhibit chairman Juan R handed out Queen Elizabeth 1oz silvers to Raymundo R and himself as prizes for exhibit winners at the 2023 coin show. Juan also mentioned he would like to see more participation on exhibits for next year's coin show. Jason called out all volunteers for their assistance in the set up and breakdown at the 2023 coin show. 2024 Red books were given as a way to thank the volunteers. David J, Matthew P and Eduardo C were voted upon and approved for membership. Bob PK – Head of Nominating Committee, presented all candidates in the April meeting: Jason E President, Jim F Vice president, Secretary Bettie E, Treasurer Sebastian D, Sergeant at Arms Bob Pn, Roger W and Terry S are running as directors. There are director positions vacant and need to be filled. There is still one director vacancy. Jason E is running as interim TNA governor as there is no one who wants to be a candidate. It is important for the International Coin Club of El Paso to have representation. Club ballots will be issued in the May Meeting. Jason mentioned we will also be voting for next year's medal on the ballot. Newsletters are available. Thanks to Gary H for printing the newsletters. Juan R announced that he participated in a news interview on Telemundo about the 1943 copper cent. A quiz was presented by Jason E from the ANA regarding national coin week. Jason gave Steve N and Raymundo R each an ANA medal which came with the coin week kit for turning in their completed quiz. Bookmarks were available and given to everyone. Coin week buttons were issued to the first person who answered each question. The completed quizzes will be mailed to the ANA. Enrique Jr handed everyone a pocket magnifying glass. Auction was conducted by Juan R, Bob P and Willie T. The coin club raffle had several winners: Sebastian, Bob P, Steve N, Mario A and John G. As a last minute surprise David J gave everyone present a Wyoming \$1 Specie 1/1000th gold back.

MAY MEETING: President Jason E called the meeting to order with 52 members and 2 guests present. President Jason made the announcement that Numismatic news has a new layout and the monthly price guide is now limited to print quarterly. Subscribers will be able to request the price guide monthly via e-mail. Vice president Don T announced he will be stepping down after 20 plus years of club service. Sebastian also announced some of the prizes have been turned in for the 2024 raffle. Also mentioned we need coins for the kids auction. Members Juan R and Nelson de J announced the opening of their new store, TexMex Coins. Badges were announced and available for David J, Mathew P and Eduardo C. Presentations for the new 2024 medal were proposed. Bob Pn presented his proposal for the Seal/Veteran that lives at the El Paso Zoo. Bettie E presented her proposal for Hueco Tanks. Bob P – Head of Nominating Committee, presented all running candidates as follows: Officers Jason E President, Jim F Vice President, Secretary Bettie E, Treasurer Sebastian D, Sergeant at Arms Bob Pn. Board Members are Roger W, Charles K, Tim A and Terry S. Candidates were approved for office. Members then voted for the 2024 medal design. A presentation by Phil V followed. He spoke about the Coinage Act of 1792. This Act established the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. He also discussed how important it is for a club to work as a whole and not by the labors of a few. After his presentation, Phil V was presented an

educational award by Charles K. The votes were presented for the 2024 medal, and Hueco Tanks won. Auction was conducted by Steve P, Bob Pk and Willie T. Raffle winners: Kerry B, Jon Y, Juan J L Jr. and Tim A.

JUNE MEETING: President Jason E called the meeting to order with 34 members and 4 guests present: Kevin T, Elena C, Frank and Josh G. Secretary Bettie E read correspondence from ANA recognizing the club's 60 years of service. President Jason made the announcement that he will continue as Bourse Chairman for the 2024 coin show. Teresa A, wife of board member Tim A, will be the new editor for the club newsletter. The club will buy a camera to project images onto a screen for presentations. Extension splitter cables will be purchased for coin show electrical and board members agreed on medal mintages for upcoming show. Stuart F was voted in for membership. A presentation was done by Charles K. He spoke of silver dollars: seated liberty, trade, morgan and peace and gave interesting mintages and numbers. He also discussed GSA packs vs slabs and compared condition rarity vs absolute rarity. Charles also mentioned he would love to hear about members collecting Morgan dollars. Auction was conducted by Steve P, Bob Pk and Willie T. Raffle winners: Steve N, Steve P, Gary H and Don S.

DISTRICT 12 - STEPHEN GIPSON, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC JUNE MEETING: Meeting called to order by President Richard G with Pledge to the Flag and greeting 38 members and 3 guests. The club was lead in prayer by Howard. David provided an update on the 2023 Tyler Coin Show in August. Plans for the 2024 Tyler Coin Show were discussed, including a venue change. Royce attended the Longview Coin Club last week. They give first-time visitors a coin. That's such a great idea that Tyler will start doing the same. Randy W donated some nice coins to get us started! Allen gave a presentation on the identifiers and symbols on United States currency. Larry gave a presentation on an 1845 Republic of Texas era document he recently acquired. Club Auction conducted by Kern. Door Prize Winners: Keith, Martin, Randy, and Tony.

JULY MEETING: Meeting called to order by President Richard G with Pledge to the Flag and 34 members and 1 guest present. The club was lead in prayer by Dwight. David provided an update on the 2023 Tyler Coin Show for August. Electronic Billboards and Facebook ads have started. Need more volunteers for Thursday (dealer setup) and Friday of show. Need more donations for Raffle drawing. Kern gave a presentation on the polycarbonate composite plastic coins of breakaway state of Transnistria in eastern Moldova on the Ukrainian border. Allen gave a presentation on a 1780's Connecticut Promissory Note signed by Continental Army General Jedidiah Huntington. Club Auction conducted by Kern. Door Prize Winners: Dudley, Howard, Jim, and William.

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT CC JUNE MEETING: The June meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held at the East Side Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by President Jean S with 18 members in attendance. Rob recognized two members who had both had recent hospital stays, but both were back in place at the club meeting. Program: Tony Z talked about several recent events that were of interest to the club members. The first was on tonight's Nightly News about a large find of coins at the home of a

recently deceased man. His son-in-law found a hoard of approximately one million Lincoln cents that had been accumulated by his father-in-law in a crawl space of the house. The bags and boxes of coins had evidently been hidden there for several decades. The \$10,000 face value of cents are now up for sale for a price of \$25,000. Another recent event was the theft of over two million 2023 dimes that were taken from a semi-truck trailer that was parked in a Walmart parking lot overnight. After leaving the Philadelphia mint with the coins, the truck driver parked the truck in the parking lot and went home for the night before taking the load of dimes to Florida the next morning. Several men dressed in hoodies were seen robbing the truck and getting away with the dimes. Per Tony, the total weight of the \$200,000 in dimes would be just under 12,000 pounds. Quite a haul to be taken away in a pickup and car. The next event was detailed in a recent issue of Coin World. A man had his extensive coin collection stored in a bank safety deposit box. Without even notifying him, the bank was closed and the contents of his box were moved to an undisclosed location. After some time, and getting the run-around, he was finally able to locate his collection at another branch bank. Luckily, though his coins had been improperly stored in plastic bags, his collection was found intact. Drawings were held and George W was the winner of the membership prize, a 1946-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Randy B, Donna P, Jean S, and Ollie G. Tony Z conducted the auction.

JULY MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Jean S. with 17 members in attendance. George W. said that when he sends out the monthly postcards, he will send one that is unusual in some way. If the receiver brings in the card, they will receive next year's paid membership. The card he sent out this month was addressed in green, but no one brought the card in. Program: Tony Z. talked about an unnamed landowner in Kentucky who found a hoard of more than 800 gold coins in his cornfield. The coins were dated between the 1830's and 1863. It appeared the coins were buried there during the Civil War. The bulk of the coins were one dollar gold with a few higher denomination coins mixed in. One of the coins found was an extremely rare 1863 \$20 gold, which was sent into a grading service and proved to be the finest known. Drawings were held and Bill K. was the winner of the membership prize: a 1936 Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Ollie G, Julio C, and Sammy M. Tony Z. conducted the 33-lot auction.



WICHITA FALLS CC JULY MEETING: Called to order with 22 members and 2 guests present: Heather L and Katy M. Program: Tony Z said a recent hoard of gold coins was found in a Kentucky corn field. All gold, 1840-1863, \$5, \$10 and \$20 Liberty's. Over 600 gold coins in the hoard. Gov.mint.com bought the coins. Membership Prize: 1971-S Blue Eisenhower 40% Silver Dollar was won by Bill K. Raffle Prizes and winners: 2023 Silver Eagle won by George W, 1987 Mint Set won by Heather L, 2006 Proof Set won by Danny S, 1990 Proof Set won by Rocky G, 1986 Statue of Liberty Commemorative Half Dollar won by Ralph C, 1974 - S PR68 Jefferson Nickle was won by Lee J, 1889 Indian Head Cent was won by Lee J. Auctioneer: Tony Z and Connolly O # of Consigners 7, # of lots 64.

DISTRICT 14 - CATALINA AMARAL, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO COIN CLUB UPDATES: MAY: The 2023 May monthly meeting for the Hidalgo Coin Club took place at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce in McAllen, TX. The meeting in the Conference Room started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar N. It was followed by the giveaway of 7 door prizes, of which some were silver coins. 48 members and guests were in attendance. We have 87 members that have renewed their membership since January and quite a few new members. Our club continues to grow gradually. The coin hobby in general is alive and well down here in the Rio Grande Valley. May was an amazing month for the club. On May 16th, four



of the Executive Council Members attended the meeting of the Hidalgo County Judge and Commissioners to accept a Proclamation from them that states that the 3rd Week of May from 2023 and on, shall be known as 'Hidalgo Coin Club Week'. (Above: Raul H.G., Leo R, Saul C and Brent G speaking to the Commissioners. Below: The 4 Council Members with the County Judge and Commissioners.)

Now that we have established this 3rd Week of May as our own, we

held the Amazing Race for the Gold Game on Sat. May 20th. (Ed. Note: See the full story on page 16). This is the second year that our club has sponsored this event to get the general public involved. It serves as a way to bring awareness about our club as well as numismatics. It's a unique game that took 2 months of planning and executing. All the racers in the game had a great and fun time. Our club is constantly expanding ways to communicate with the general public. Besides, emails and newspaper articles and announcements, our club has added Facebook and a Twitter page to reach more of the collecting community in the Valley. Please subscribe and follow us on Twitter and join us - @CoinHidalgo. We also had our usual coin auction after the business part of the meeting with TNA 1st V-P, Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer and Edgar N along with Saul C serving as the money runners. About 80 coin lots were auctioned off. Our monthly Friday Night Coin Shows have been attended by record numbers of people. So far this year, we've been averaging about 80 customers for the 3-hour show. All Friday Night Shows are held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce and are scheduled 4 days after the Monthly meeting. The HCC Executive Council continues to be very impressed with the loyalty and cooperation of the membership and guests.

JUNE: The 2023 June Monthly Meeting was held on the second Monday of the month as usual. President Edgar N presided and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a large number of members and guests at this meeting. 45 members and guests were in attendance. Our membership has grown since Jan. of this year to 92 members. This marks the fastest our club has grown in a 3-month period in recent memory. Little by little we are getting more members attending the monthly meetings. Our Friday Night Coin Show this month experienced a lot more people from the community attending and have been purchasing more silver and gold than ever before. We attribute that to more blasts on Facebook and Twitter throughout the Rio Grande Valley. (Photo: President Edgar N. and Raul H G. are displaying the Proclamation document signed by the Hidalgo County Judge and Commissioners.) It arrived just a few days before the June

monthly meeting. The membership at our meeting gave us all a great round of applause. It was a special moment for our club and will last for years. Raul H G. presented a 20-minute PowerPoint Presentation to the membership that night about how the Amazing Race for the Gold Game played out from start to finish. Every game official at every Leg of the Race took pictures of the racers and Raul put them together. A huge round of applause was given by the HCC Members in attendance. The main comments were about the Finale at the Gelman Stain Glass Museum in San Juan, TX. The meeting ended with a lively auction of about 90 lots with Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer. The two money runners were Edgar N and Brent G.



JULY: The July meeting of 2023 was held on the 2nd Monday of the month with President Edgar N presiding. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 45 members and guests were in attendance. Our club always begins anew each year with memberships. We believe we have had more membership renewals and new members joining than in any other year with 95 members on the very first 6 months. 7 door prizes were given out with some being silver coins. The meeting was held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Council is currently working on updating the Award categories for the end of the year. The club is very active and growing with many volunteers helping out at our events. There will be further updates on what transpires in the next few months. Eventually, the Constitution and By-Laws will have to be amended to add the Award categories. The big topic at this meeting was the Fall Coin Show to be held on Sat. Nov. 4th at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce in the Conference Room. There will only be 22 dealer tables at \$70 each and includes a free lunch - compliments of the Hidalgo Coin Club. Sales of the new Gold Coin Raffle began at this July meeting. The 4 gold coins are: Grand Prize - 1881 \$5 gold Liberty and (3) 1/10 oz. American Gold Eagles. The club would like to thank Ed J. and Raul H.G. for selling the coins to the club at a discount. Tickets are \$2 each and come in books of 10. HCC Members are able to purchase 2 books of tickets (20) with a \$5 discount.



A special presentation was held at this July meeting. The HCC received an Award Certificate from the TNA Editor, Ann Marie. It was the Calvert K. Tidwell Literary Award recognizing Raul H.G. for his contribution to the TNA magazine by submitting an article in 2022 for the Amazing Race for the Gold Game. (Photo:



District 14 Governor, Catalina A. and TNA 1st VP, Rene DLG are shown congratulating Raul H.G. for winning this award.) A large auction was held after the business part of the meeting with Rene DLG serving as the auctioneer. The two money runners were Edgar N. and Catalina A. About 80 coin lots were auctioned off.

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB

STICC MAY MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Catalina Amaral, President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. In attendance to the meeting were the club officers, Rene De La Garza, Chairman and TNA Vice- President;

Catalina Amaral, President and TNA Gov. Region 14; Octavio A, Treasurer; and Calvin W, Vice President; Gary W, Secretary and John G, Executive Committee member. 8 other club members were present. A new member to join the club is Donna G, who came in as a guest of Gary W. Catalina reminded everyone the STICC membership is \$25 for the year. The monthly meetings have members Educational and Found-in-the-Wild presentations. Members can place up to 10 items for auction. All members will have free entrance to the Friday Night Shows, once we begin to have them. Plus, all members signed for the first 2 years are considered Founding Members. Catalina also presented information about the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and the membership fee of \$25 for the year. The membership gets four Association magazines per year with interesting articles and information about what other clubs are doing and the possibility to participate in educational exhibits at the annual TNA show in Arlington, TX. After 2 years of membership, you may enter into a raffle for books, scholarship and a one-week course in Colorado, all expenses paid. The Door Prize raffle was held, and there were 8 raffle winners. The club has 18 members at present. A motion to consider a program to promote new members had been suggested by Rene De La Garza in the last meeting. It was a challenge with reward for both the current member and his sponsored new member, whereby they are each entered into a special club drawing for a Silver American Eagle -1 oz coin. The drawing to take place at the End of the Year banquet. Rene asked for member's input to finalize the program. The idea was readily accepted and a motion was made to initiate the program for the next meeting. Catalina reminded everyone of the "Red Box" donation box whereby the donated items would be sold during the auction to benefit the club. Catalina presented an update of the Hidalgo Coin Club and the current public response for the 2nd Annual "Race for the Gold" that is being set for Saturday May 20, 2023. There are currently 20 2-man teams signed up. The initial rules were expanded to allow a current club member and a non-club member to participate as a 2-man team. The 5-minute Coin Education Program was delivered by Hugh C. While attending an estate sale, Hugh found a nicely framed treasure; a "Widows Mite" coin dated 76 BC, with a short narrative detailing the coin's significance and value in those times. The "Found in the Wild" item was a Star note, One dollar bill presented by Rene De La Garza. The "Show and Tell" presentation was made by Jacob G. He presented 3 Silver Spanish coins - The three Faces of Ferdinand VII, King of Spain in 1808. The 3 coins are a Military bust - 1810, a Regular bust - 1815 and an Imaginary bust - 1810. Each had an interesting story associated with their minting. He passed the coins around for the member's examination. The auction began with Rene De La Garza as the Auctioneer. The coin runner / cashier was Jacob G.

JUNE MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Catalina Amaral, President, with club officers and 6 other club members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag followed. Regarding TNA programs, Catalina went into detail on how school children could "earn collectable coins" from the TNA for "A's" on their 6 weeks report cards. Catalina, Octavio, Rene, John G, Jacob G, and Brent G went to the TNA Coin Show in Arlington in June. Catalina showed several group pictures there at the show and reported on the types of coin displays and the amount of work and detail involved in preparing the displays. This was the last year for the TNA Show to be held at the Arlington Center as it has been sold. Next year's show will be in Conroe, TX, in June 2024. Catalina then presented some new information about membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), \$ 25 per year, and its monthly magazine "The Numismatist", which has great articles and a Grey Sheet Coin price guide in the back pages. The Door Prize raffle was held, and there were 8 raffle winners. The club has 19 members at present. There were 3 new guests for the meeting and each was entered into the Special club drawing for a 1 oz. Silver American Eagle. The Special club drawing has been initiated and new members and guests have been entered into the drawing. The Show and Tell program was presented by Brent G. Brent passed out and explained the several US Mint 2023 pamphlets that detailed the various collectable coin products that the Mint had for sale this year. The auction began with Hugh C as the Auctioneer. The coin runner/ cashier was Jacob G.

DISTRICT 15 - GARY FOREMAN, GOVERNOR



PORT ARTHUR CC JULY MEETING: The July meeting was called to order by President Carlton followed by the approval of the previous meeting's minutes as well as the treasurer's report. Tracie U. announced she will be giving up her office as Treasurer effective the end of November. Thanks for serving, Tracie. The club decided to change where we are doing our banking, and a motion passed to make this effective as soon as possible. Upcoming coin shows were announced. Pres. Carlton provided our program for the evening which was titled, "My Numismatic Journey". Not only did it prove enlightening as he shared his various activities and accomplishments in our hobby, it reminded us how the fun really is in the journey. This was followed by the drawing for door prizes (Carlton S -Franklin Half, Aundera S.-Franklin Half, Vivian M.-Silver Eagle and a lively auction conducted by our Pres.

LAKE CHARLES COIN CLUB

LAKE CHARLES CC JULY MEETING: President, Donna C opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved. Upcoming shows were announced, including an update on the Club's show. Gary paid for the Club's show info to be published in the TNA News. Gary bought 25 signs that have 'coin show ahead' on them that can be used/ he will put out signage on his way to the show for traffic coming from Texas. Mike put out flyers in a few prime locations and will be putting out signs. Post cards were sent out and some recipients have already indicated they have received theirs. Mike P expressed a strong desire for the show to be moved to Lake Charles - he is going to begin scouting possible locations for next year's show. Attendance prize won by Mike P. Raffle and auction conducted.

DISTRICT 17 - TOM CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO CC JUNE UPDATE: Rusty has returned! We were all very happy to see our trusty VP back on his feet and getting around. He was sorely missed at our monthly meetings! In June we had two presentations, one from Tom and one from Eugene. Tom spoke about Cuban currency. He brought numerous examples spanning several decades to show the club. Several of which were marked 'PLATA' to show the redeemability in silver and some even had signatures from the notorious 'CHE'. Eugene spoke about his TNA show finds and gave a great talk about foreign coins struck at US mint facilities! He also showed a Spanish colonial piece from Potosi, Bolivia, a piece that had been misattributed to Mexico by a fellow dealer!

Don't see your club listed?

All TNA Member Clubs are encouraged to send in news and photos to share with the rest of the TNA membership. Make submission hassle-free by adding theTNAnews@gmail.com to your regular club news distribution list.



MISSING COIN - TEXAS

A USPS Express mail package being shipped from Dallas, TX to Georgia arrived with the contents missing. The recipient observed that the package had been cut open and contents removed.

The package contained the following coin:

1796 \$1 B-4, BB-61, Small Date, Large Letters XF40 PCGS
Cert Id 46816679



MISSING COINS

A USPS Registered mail package has been reported lost/stolen. The package was shipped from North Carolina and last scan showed received at Chicago distribution facility.

The package contained the following:

Czechoslovakia 1978 5 Ducats NGC MS67
cert # 4931692-001

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A package being shipped from Texas to Los Angeles, CA was picked up by the recipient at a UPS store and found the contents missing.

The package contained the following:

(8) 1oz Gold Pamp Bars. Serial numbers A038037, A038038, A038039, A038040, A038041, A038042, A038045, A038046.

MISSING COINS

A package being shipped from Europe to the United States has been reported lost/stolen. The package was last scanned in Memphis, TN. The package contained large quantities of coins, ranging from 300-600 pieces each.

The package contained the following coins:

- 7 Japan 100 bronze mon
- 1 Finland proof set 2000(?)
- 520 Swedish 2 kronor 1938 Delaware commemoratives
- 283 Abbasid dirhams
- 1120 Tabaristan half drachms.
- 242 Kushan AE's
- 389 Sassanian Kushro I
- 748 Sassanian Kushro II
- 352 Sassanian Hormizd IV
- 52 Kushan Soter Megas AE tetradrachms.
- 35 Bactria Hermaios AE tetradrachms
- 49 Elymais billon tetradrachms
- 31 Sassanian Shapur II drachms
- 53 Indo-Parthian billon tetradrachms
- 57 Hymiarite silver units
- 50 Elymais silver drachms
- 112 Hephthalite trilingual silver drachms
- 63 Sammanid silver multiple dirhams

MISSING COINS

A package shipped via USPS overnight in a flat rate envelope was received by the recipient with the contents missing. The package contained three NJ State Copper coins.

Description of Coins:

1786 NJ Copper Maris 17-K. Raw VF. Ex. Saccone Sale (B+M 1989).

1786 NJ Maris 17-b. PCGS XF40. From the E Pluribus Unum Sale (Stacks 11/2019).

1787 NJ Maris 56-n. Cointerstamped N.York. PCGS AU50.

MISSING SILVER - TEXAS

A package being sent to Texas was last scanned in the Pflugerville, TX hub. Tracking shows in transit but was never received by recipient. The package contained a 1 Kilo silver bar Serial number G18343

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

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For more information contact:

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For Club Information

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www.ftwcoin.club

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Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
7:00 pm

IHOP Restaurant

14424 San Pedro (near Bitters Rd. exit)

Dinner at 6:00 pm, Optional

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Upcoming 2024 Coin Shows:

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ANA, TNA

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Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month
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Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
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For club information, please contact David:

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Meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Church of Christ

3535 Lamar Ave., Paris, TX 75460

Business meeting and auction!

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For more information: (903) 715-1395

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Dinner at 5:30 pm / Meeting at 6:30 pm

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Meets the 1st Thursday of the month
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For more details:

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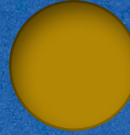
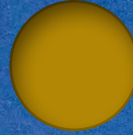
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Associate (\$10)

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Zip

Phone

Email

Applicant Signature

Family Member Name, for Associate or Junior Applicants

TNA Member Proposer Name and TNA # (if applicable)

Date

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Email application information to LHerrera@flash.net and use Zelle for your payment at TNAPayments@yahoo.com (include "TNA DUES" in notes)

OVERVIEW

This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

Incorporated under the Laws of Texas - March, 1960

PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

ADVANTAGES

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatics of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

CONVENTIONS

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions. Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity.

MEMBERSHIP

Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are under 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

APPLICATION

Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with an additional person know as a voucher. A voucher for an applicant for regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A voucher for an applicant for junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applicants for chapter membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application should be given.

Chapter membership applicants should furnish the additional information: 1. Names and addresses of officers; 2. Name and address of TNA representative; 3. Mailing address; 4. Meeting date, time and place.

APPLICANTS

Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after the date of publication, the applicant is admitted to membership. A membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

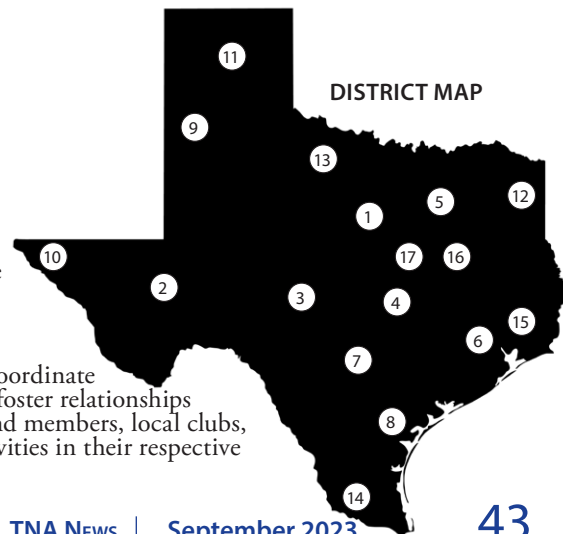
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT TNA CONVENTION & SHOW: JUNE 28-29-30, 2024 IN CONROE

SEPTEMBER 22-24 70 TABLES GRAPEVINE

TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy. 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, THREE PRIZES!

Contact: Ginger Pike, P.O. Box 550, Whitesboro, TX 76273
Email: TexasCoinShows@aol.com

OCTOBER 28 48 TABLES ALLEN

COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB'S SEMI-ANNUAL FALL COIN SHOW will be held on Oct. 28 in Allen, Texas from 9am-4pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway South. Featuring US, World and Ancient Coins, US and World Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, Jewelry, and other collectibles. Free parking. \$2 Admission. Hourly prize - \$10.00 gift certificate (must be present to win).

Visit: CollinCountyCoinClub.org

OCTOBER 28 PORT NECHES

PORT ARTHUR COIN SHOW on Saturday, October 28 from 9 AM - 5 PM. USW Hall, 1609 Port Neches, TX 77651. Free Children's Auction at 3 PM. Coins, Paper Money, Bullion, Free Appraisals, Door Prizes. FREE Parking & Adult Admission \$2.

Bourse Chairman: Gary Foreman, P.O. Box 1455 • Mauriceville, TX 77626 • 409-697-0454 • gwforeman66@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 3-5 70 TABLES GRAPEVINE

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NOVEMBER 4 22 TABLES McALLEN

HIDALGO COIN CLUB FALL COIN SHOW on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9am to 5pm in the Conference Room of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Ash Ave. (one block from downtown). Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 17 and under. Free Parking, Gold Coin Raffle, Door Prizes every hour and Security. Dealer tables are 6 ft at \$65 each.

Contact: Raul H. Gonzalez, bourse chairman, 956-566-3112, rgonz95684@aol.com

Visit www.hidalgocoinclub.com

NOVEMBER 11 PARIS

NORTH STAR TEXAS COIN CLUB of Paris, Texas is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Saturday, November 11 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas 75460. FREE admission, FREE parking, \$10 gift certificate giveaway every hour. Free appraisals, US, World, Ancient Coins, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, and Collectibles.

Contact: Auddie Neisler, 6072 FR 38N., Brookston, TX 75421, (903) 715-1395

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Visit www.HoustonCoinShow.org for more information.

FEBRUARY 24 50 TABLES SAN ANTONIO

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. is hosting the San Antonio Coin & Collectible Show on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for 17 and younger. FREE PARKING.

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

Visit www.GatewayCoinClub.com

MAY 18 50 TABLES SAN ANTONIO

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. is hosting the San Antonio Coin & Collectible Show on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for 17 and younger. FREE PARKING.

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"...I did not donate to the association for any other reason but to support it and its goals. I was hoping that something would come from my contributions that would benefit the association..."

Donations this year have been to support several of the TNA educational initiatives, including the Youth Auction, Coins 4 A's, to sponsor Educational Exhibit Awards, and just donations to the TNA General Funds. It is encouraging, especially in these times, to see an upswing in donations, from individuals as well as member Coin Clubs.

If you, dear reader, would be interested in supporting our hobby, consider donating to the cause. Discuss with your TNA Governor or your local coin club, your desire to support numismatics and find out HOW TO DONATE. One way is to send your donation to:

TNA Treasurer

Jack Gilbert

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