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Doug Davis, founder and president of NCIC, is currently the City Manager and former Chief of Police in Pantego, Texas. Doug has over 30 years experience in law enforcement and the numismatic industry. Doug is a graduate of the University of Texas and holds a Master Level Police Officer License in the State of Texas.

Doug's passion for numismatics started at an early age as a collector and in 1973 he opened his first coin shop in Grand Prairie, Texas. Doug promoted coin and sports card



shows for several years in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex area and continues to remain active in the numismatic industry.

Doug also provides security services to major numismatic events in Texas and across the country. Over the past twenty years, as a law enforcement criminal investigator, Doug has been involved and assisted in the investigation of several other high profile numismatic crimes.

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Greetings & Happy New Year!

We hope our TNA members are enjoying our hobby at the start of this new year. Gold & silver prices are still on the rise as of this writing and our hobby continues to enjoy an active market.

Numismatic crime is always a concern of dealers and collectors alike. Our front cover story introduces NCIC, an organization developed by well-known security expert, Doug Davis. I met with Doug last month and received materials to share with our membership. The NCIC web site is well designed and easy to navigate. Be sure to visit the site and become familiar with the tools that are available whether you are a collector or a dealer.

It was reunion time for your editor this month when I attended the monthly meeting of the Fort Worth Coin Club, the first club I joined when I began this hobby. Brenda Bishop from the ANA presented the program for the evening. Of course the majority of her talk concerned the ANA National Money Show to be held in Fort Worth in 2010. A recap of her talk can be found on page 7. It was a pleasure to talk with Brenda after the program and share her enthusiasm for the future show:

Our president, Jim Bevill, shows us he can "walk the walk" as well as "talk the talk". See page 10 to find the details. Kathy Lawrence knows how to find the details as shown by her Texas Numismatic History article on page 8 and our "Tech Guy", David Burke, clues us in on just what the new color printers can do.

some of our members will receive this issue before the upcoming TNA Winter Show in Houston Feb. 8-10, so we left all the info about the show on page 5 - just in case its needed.

If you have a young person in your household, be sure and show them Kathy Lawrence's Youth Newsletter on page 4. I am dedicating this issue to my Grandson, Jaedan, who has expressed a special interest in Mexican money.

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

Until next issue, Ron Kersey

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CRETARY'S REPC

Welcome to new TNA members, R-6850 through R-6862 and LM-218. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2008.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2008:

R-6863 – Dennis Kulvicki, sponsored by Secretary's Office R-6864 – Francis Young, Jr., sponsored by Debbie Williams R-6865 – Carolyn McKinney, sponsored by Hal Cherry C-0228 – Mexican Coin Club, sponsored by Frank Galindo

VIP LEADERS FOR 2008

Bob Millard, David Pike and Debbie Williams.

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

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS

If you have misplaced your permanent life membership card, you can obtain a replacement for \$10.00 Please advise the Secretary's office if you need a new card.

••• 2008 TNA DUES NOTICE •••

In January a dues notice was sent to all TNA members who have not previously paid for 2008. The TNA Board has approved a dues increase for Regular & Chapter Members to \$20.00/year & Associate Members to \$8.00/year. Junior Members dues will remain \$8.00/year and Life Members will stay at \$300.00 According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year. Dues are payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA. Please send your payment to the Secretary's Office, Attention: Hal Cherry, TNA Secretary, P.O. Box 852165, Richardson, Texas 75085-2165 – phone number 972/234-6996 – e-mail address: halcherry@msn.com.

 Thanks to Martha Sue Kerr-Burke for our puzzle this issue. ANSWERS TO THE LAST NUMISSRAMMBLE 1. Uncirculated 2. Foreign Coins 3. Obverse 4. Collector 5. Strike 6. Planchet 7. Fifty Cents 8. Federal Reserve 9. Auction 10. Coin Folder 	Treasurer's Report		
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Editor's note: Kathy Lawrence is our TNA Youth Chairperson and publishes the TNA Youth Newsletter. Here are excerpts from the latest issue.

Mexican Coins

. December 2007

The first coins that were minted in the Americas (North America, Central America and South America) were produced in what is now known as Mexico. At the time, it was a colony of Spain and was called New Spain. The colony was much larger than present day Mexico- it stretched from Guatemala to California and Wyoming. A mint was established in Mexico City



in 1536 to strike silver coinage. The denominations struck were _, 1, 2, 4 and 8 reales. The gold coins that were struck were known as escudos and were in denominations of _, 1, 2, 4 and 8 escudos.

The early pieces were known as "cobs" or "macuquinas" and are the types of coins often shown as part of pirate treasure. They were struck irregularly and often parts of the design were missing from the coins. The missing details can make it impossible to completely identify them. Beginning in 1732, the Spanish mints began using a screw press, so the



coins became more uniform (they were all much closer in size and weight and the design was much clearer).

In 1824, Mexico became a federal republic. The

Mexican states were allowed to produce small denomination coins and some of them did (Zacatecas, Chihuahua and Guanajuato were some of the Mexican states where coins were produced).

Mexico used the real system from 1824-1869 and they began using the decimal system in the 1860's. 100 centavos = 1 peso under the decimal system. The peso replaced the 8 reale. There have been several denominations of centavos- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50. There have also been several denominations of peso coins- 1, 2, 2 _, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100.

The obverse of the modern Mexican coins contains the phrase "Estados Unidos Mexicanos" which is Spanish for



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United Mexican States.

The design is the National Emblem of Mexico.

The emblem is based on an old Aztec legend- "where you find an eagle, sitting on a cactus on a stone in the water, tearing with his beak and fangs a snake asunder, there you shall settle."

The reverse contains the date, denomination and a design.



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This newsletter was created and is produced by TNA Youth Chair Kathy Lawrence, P.O. Box 3203, Cedar Hill, TX 75106-3203. If you have any comments or suggestions for future topics, please write to the address above or send an email to kaly01@sbcglobal.net.



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R I compose this article for the benefit of my fellow collectors and TNA News readers, I am thinking should I start with the good news, that computers can greatly enhance ones collecting interest, or should I go with the bad news about how computers are used as tools for people who wish to take what is yours away from you?

The truth is the latter, I just read a bulletin from NGC about how their holders have been counterfeited, now on first glance they look alike but as with those emails we have all come to loathe misspelling abounds, but hey I have never checked the spelling of the PNG logo on the back of a NCG holder before in my life. "KNOWLEDGE is incorrectly spelled with an R as RNOWLEDGE, INTEGRITY is incorrectly spelled with a G as INTEGRIGY and lastly NUMISMATISTS in incorrectly spelled as NUNISMATISTS" there are several minor tell tell signs, but you have to be aware of and on the active lookout for them. Honestly have you ever paid that much attention to the holder even to a coin valued in the thousands?

Yes I hear you, not really that is a trick I learned from my mom whom really did have eyes in the back of her head. What I hear is you asking how does this apply to personal computers. For the same reason there are now discount printers, for the same reason our paper money keeps changing design more often than I change oil in my car.

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The personal computer with a little skill and under \$2,000 in equipment can easily counterfeit any printed material, such as in the case of the counterfeit NGC holders, I am just glad they did not proof read or use spell check, (not that spell check really works especially in images). I know of printers that can create a holographic image or even a three dimensional copy of a prototype, printers that will do magazine (glossy) or certificate quality are cheaper than the ink refills. So as you can see the average 12 year old middle class child has the equipment and knowledge to produce top notch counterfeit material.

I know of several ways all this can be done, but this article unlike my broadcast counterparts (smirk goes here) is to inform you of what you need to look out for before spending your hard earned money not a primer on how to create counterfeits.

Let's face it the slab is sometimes more valuable than the coin it contains for a host of debatable reasons, MS70, First Strike etc. these holder premiums command knowledge so in addition to knowing what a real three legged buffalo nickel looks like, you should add to that knowledge what a authentic slab looks like also.

You can download a Adobe PDF format of the bulletin from NGC at this address http://www.collectors-society.com/images/ article_images/Bulletin_01-07-2008.pdf

If you have questions about this article, or just wonder how to use your computer to enhance you collecting email me at tna@ ccatech.com with the subject line "TNA News Article Jan & Feb Issue", I will respond.



January/February 2008





ANA NATIONAL MONEY SHOW IN FORT WORTH March 26-28, 2010

Brenda Bishop, ANA Meeting Services Director, has been with the American Numismatic Association for 28 years at their headquarters in Colorado Springs, Co. She has been collecting all types of Statue of Liberty memorabilia since 1984 and currently has 629 pieces in her collection.

Here are some highlights from Brenda's presentation:

- ANA has a firm contract with Fort Worth Convention Center and Omni Hotel (the hotel is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2008).
- Need support from the local coin clubs (FWCC, N.E. Tarrant Coin Club, TNA, Dallas Coin Club and Mid-Cities Coin Club).
- 40 volunteers from the local coin clubs will be needed. The ANA will provide an additional 35 personnel.
- Expected attendance 7,000 to 10,000 people.
- Local club membership is expected to rise as a result of heightened interest in coin collecting.
- Halls C, D, and E have been rented at the Fort Worth Convention Center (80,000 square feet).
- There will be 260 tables plus a "Collector Gallery" (exhibit area), "Numismatic Theater" (educational programs), numismatic course offerings, and a major auction.
- The bourse floor will include a half price area (15-20% of the tables) in the back that is very popular.
- The convention will be free to the general public.
- Three grading services (PCGS, NCG and ANACS) will be in attendance.
- The U.S. Mint and The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will have exhibits.
- The local clubs will be given tables if they are interested.
- Security will be provided.
- The General Chair of the show will be named within the next six months or so.
- Dealers and sponsors cover the expenses of ANA.
- There will be special activities for young people, including scout programs and "Treasure Trivia".
- The ANA will spend approximately \$30,000 on advertising- most of it within a short period just before the convention.

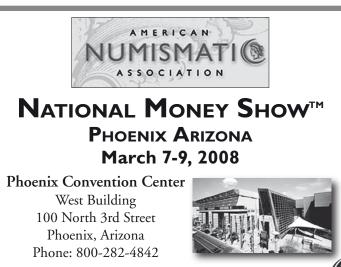


Brenda Bishop discusses the 2010 National Money Show at the Fort Worth Coin Club Meeting January 3, 2008

In addition to discussing the 2010 National Money Show, Brenda also discussed some of the benefits of ANA Membership. She is very proud of the educational opportunities provided by the ANA, including the courses offered at ANA conventions, correspondence courses, and Summer Seminar.

Brenda received a warm round of applause at the conclusion of her program. Many Members and Guests enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Brenda in person before, during and after the meeting. Several of the people attended the meeting specifically to meet Brenda and to learn more about the 2010 National Money Show.

For more information on the ANA, please visit www.money.org



TEXAS NUMISMATIC HISTORY – An Early Attempt to Organize a Texas Numismatic Association

By Kathy Lawrence

Information concerning an early attempt to form a Texas Numismatic Association was discovered by the author while thumbing through old bound volumes of The Numismatist during a visit last summer to the ANA Library in Colorado Springs. Many of the brief articles that appeared in the magazine over the years are not contained in the online index, etc. However, painstakingly scanning older issues can result in some interesting nuggets of information.

The report of the meeting that was reprinted in The Numismatist contained only the names and cities of the participants. Genealogical research and online records access methods were applied in order to gain further insight into the collectors who met in Beaumont.

The archives of The Port Arthur News, San Antonio Express, and San Antonio Daily Express were consulted and they provided additional

A lthough the Texas Numismatic Association was organized in 1960, at least one attempt was made several decades earlier to form just such an organization. On April 6, 1937, Southeast Texas Numismatic Association (STNA) Secretary J.T. Cone announced that a meeting would be held in Beaumont on Sunday, May 9, 1937 to organize a statewide organization. The notice was published in *The Port Arthur News* on April 6, 1937 and elsewhere.



According to a brief mention in *The Port Arthur News* on Friday, May 7, 1937, at least 50 collectors from around the state were expected at the meeting that was to be held at the Edson Hotel in Beaumont. The Edson Hotel, located at the corner of Pearl and Liberty, was completed in 1928. The hotel advertised 350 outside rooms and was the tallest hotel in Texas for a number of years. It was one of the many buildings that were constructed in Beaumont as a result of the 1925 Yount-Lee oil strike. Meeting planners arranged a tour of the Texas Company Refinery on Sunday afternoon.

A report submitted to *The Numismatist* that was published in the "Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs" section in the June 1937 issue of the magazine lists those in attendance at the meeting and the city of their residence, but provides little other data about them. Additional research has yielded a few tidbits concerning the organizers and attendees. As it turns out, the group was a veritable "Who's Who" of the area.

M.L. Love, temporary Chairman, was an agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Beaumont and served in many capacities in a variety of local business and civic organizations. He was also a Member of the first Board of the Lamar Junior College District. Henry E. Elrod of Houston presented a gavel that he made to M.L. Love to use in his duties as Chairman. J.T.

Cone of Port Arthur was named temporary Secretary of the group. Mr. Cone was very involved with the local Jaycees and was a Member of the Beaumont Coin Club that was organized in 1954.

Others in attendance included: Mr. and Mrs. I. Van Tassel of Houston and their 15year old son Robert; W.A. Weathers of Port Arthur, acting manager of Security Loan and Investment Company; A.J. Fecht of Beaumont; Pete Lawson of Beaumont, a Director of the



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details concerning the activities of the group and/or the backgrounds of the participants. No information could be located in the Dallas Morning News Historical Archive. Beaumont and Houston newspaper archives could not be accessed.

Jerry and Barbara Williams were contacted. Jerry Williams was able to state that J.T. Cone and George T. Adams, Jr. were later Members of the Beaumont Coin Club. All of the existing coin clubs in that area were formed in the 1950's or later, so there would not be any information in local club files concerning the efforts in 1937 to form the state group.

Unfortunately, the Dallas Coin Club records from that time period are missing, so the identity of the "some member of the Dallas Coin Club" cannot be determined, nor what Dallas Coin Club Members had to say about plans to form a Texas Numismatic Association.



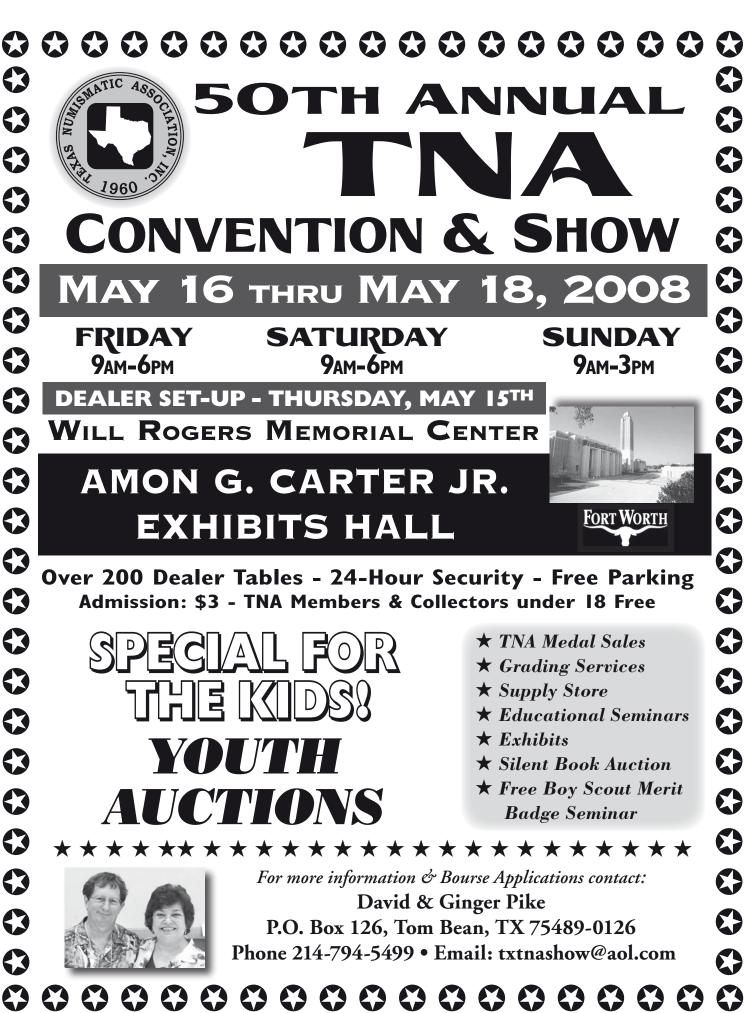
Chamber of Beaumont Commerce; C.B. Brown of Houston; George T. Adams, Jr. of Beaumont, later a Member of the Beaumont Coin Club; Norman H. Brock of San Antonio, President of the San Antonio Philatelic Society and owner of Norman Brock's Hobby Shop located at 413 Ave E where stamps, coins and used books were sold; C.V. Halstead of Beaumont and Mrs. Audiper of Beaumont.

Meeting participants were enthusiastic about the

formation of a Texas Numismatic Association. According to the published report, Mr. Adams "believed such an organization would do much good; said he had learned much by being a member of the Southeast Texas Numismatic Association, and believed he would receive much benefit from a State organization." Another participant, Mr. Fecht, "thought such an organization a good idea; suggested that plans for it be carried out and a monthly magazine be published."

A committee was formed to draw up a constitution and by-laws that were to be presented and approved at the next meeting of the group. The meeting was to be held in Houston on June 6, 1937. The committee consisted of A.J. Fecht, C.B. Brown, L. Van Tassel, L.W. Hoffecker, "some Member of the Dallas Coin Club" and Norman Brock.

No mention concerning any further activities of the group has been located at this point. If you have any information on this subject, including information on the Southeast Texas Numismatic Association, please contact Kathy Lawrence at kaly01@sbcglobal.net.





From the President...

YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT IT

fter being actively involved in coin clubs, historical Aorganizations, and various aspects of publicity for Coin Shows for well over a decade, the one message that rings loud and clear is that people will not come to your event unless you "tell them about it".

In regards to the TNA Winter Coin and Currency Show, we have used every available resource that we know of to let the collecting public and the general public know that there is a show going on. Although it's quite often that press releases from a non-profit organization doesn't get published, it is not for a lack of trying. When a dozen or two dozen press releases are sent to different media outlets, the chances of getting published goes up dramatically. Reaching out to other historical organizations via-e-mail, Scout leaders with the announcement of a Coin Collecting Merit Badge clinic, and community newspapers with an announcement of a Youth Coin Auction are all examples of how you can get the word out on a local or regional coin show.

When planning your local show, mail more post cards than 🔇 you think you need and mail them earlier than you planned. You have to start this process early. How many of us have received a postcard in the mail announcing a show only to find that we have already made plans for the weekend ? Spend some money on a paid advertisement to accompany your press releases. In summary, you have to reach out to your community and tell them about it.

As we head into the spring, there is no shortage of ways to reach out and expand the hobby. Attend a major convention. Take a 🔇 reporter to lunch. Speak on numismatics in front to a civic, social or historical group. Talk with your Congressman about encouraging private and corporate donations for historical causes in your community. You may be surprised how receptive they are to this very politically correct community involvement. In summary, these activities can only lead to a broader hobby and better participation at local and regional shows. Happy collecting !

> Jim Bevill **TNA** President

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TNA Winter Coin & Currency Show Exhibit Promotes Texas Historical & Cultural Preservation in Houston Area

Jim Bevill and Ed Stephens recently met with U.S. Representative John Culberson in regards to the educational aspects of collecting and the need for private and corporate funding to remodel and update the Gift Museum exhibit space at the Alamo. Culberson is also a fellow collector and somewhat of a local champion of Texas historical preservation and culture in the Houston area.

Jim and Ed are holding specimens of Star Notes and Government of Texas notes, two of the first series of Republic of Texas paper money that were issued from the city of Houston in 1837-1839. A complete collection of these bills will be on display at the TNA Winter Coin & Currency Show, Feb 8-10 in Houston.



Jim Bevill, U.S. Congressman John Culberson, (R), District 7, and TNA Show Chairman, Ed Stephens.

TNA PRESIDENT JIM BEVILL TO ADDRESS THE TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Jim Bevill was recently invited to address the Texas State Historical Association's (TSHA) annual meeting and convention on March 5-8, 2008 at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi.

According to the TSHA website, "the TSHA Program Committee, under the leadership of Chair Light Cummins, has constructed an excellent meeting program with an incredible group of sessions on all aspects of Texas History. Expect some surprises and changes to enliven your Corpus Christi experience." One of these presentations will be on the use of numismatics as a learning tool for historians.

Bevill will be presenting a lecture on Friday, March 7 at 10:00 am. The topic will be "Financing the Texas Revolution", which is

a lively and colorful power point presentation using numismatic material to illustrate the key players, dates and financing methods used by the government ad interim during the Texas revolution (1835-1836). Bevill was asked to address the convention at the invitation of Dr. Bruce Winders, the historian and curator at the Alamo. The presentation will be a preview of several chapters from his book, A Paper Trail Across the Republic, which was recently accepted for publication by State House Press.

Registration for TSHA members is \$45, for non-members \$60. More information can be found on the convention at http://www. tshaonline.org.





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Posted on 1/7/2008 at the NGC website

NGC has identified and confirmed that a counterfeit replica of its holder has been produced. At first appearance, the holder resembles the NGC holder and its respective brand marks. Upon inspection, variations in the holder, label and hologram make them easily discernible from authentic NGC-certified coins. This announcement includes diagnostic information to identify counterfeit holders.

The holder has been seen housing counterfeit dollar or foreign crown size coins. While the enclosed coins are also counterfeit, the label information matches the coin type enclosed. The label information is copied from actual NGC certification labels, and the certification information therefore will match the NGC database. Most frequently Trade Dollars and Bust Dollars are found, although Flowing Hair Dollars and foreign coins have also been seen. A range of grades is also represented.

For complete details and photos showing comparisons of authentic and counterfeit holders go to the following NGC web page:

http://www.ngccoin.com/news/viewarticle.aspx?IDArticle=954

In Memoriam

H.K. McKinney TNA has received word that long time member H.K. McKinney, age 81, of Mount



Hermon, Louisiana passed away on November 7, 2007. Holding regular membership number 802, H.K. joined the TNA September 1, 1963.

Before moving to Louisiana, he was a long time resident of Orange, Texas where he owned Mac's Coins. At one time or another he collected everything but had focused on silver eagles in recent years. H.K. was also a member of the ANA and the Greater Orange Coin Club.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, son Kyle McKinney and daughter Mimi Restor. TNA extends its condolences to the McKinney family. Editor's Note: The following article covers the material that John Barber presented during his program "U.S. Cents – First to Last" at the November meeting of the Dallas Coin Club.

U.S. Cents - First to Last

by John Barber and Kathy Lawrence

rior to the establishment of the first U.S. Mint in 1792 in Philadelphia, an unworkable mixture of coinage from other countries circulated in the United States, as well as privately-issued tokens. The primary coin in circulation was the British half penny and most of those were not even genuine! There were many counterfeits that were produced in Britain and the United States. Tokens were struck in Britain for merchants in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

When the United States began producing coins in 1793, the country consisted of the thirteen original colonies as well as Vermont and Kentucky. According to the first United States census, conducted in 1790, the population of the United States was four million people.

The time lines of the United States cent may be broken down as follows:

- Pre-Federal before 1787
- Large Cent 1793-1857
- Small Cent (copper-nickel) -1857-1864
- Small Cent (bronze) 1864-1982
- Small Cent (zinc) 1982-2009...

During the Pre-Federal period, there were several noteworthy events. Vermont was the first state to issue coinage and they produced several different varieties beginning in 1785 that were worth one copper. The Massachusetts half cents and large cents of 1787 were the first coins in the United States to use the word



"cent". The tokens issued by merchants Talbot, Allum & Lee beginning in 1794 contained

the word "cent". It is important to note that Britain issued "penny" coins, but the coins issued in the United States are properly known as "cents".

The first federally authorized circulating

copper was the Fugio cent of 1787. It was privately struck by James Jarvis through a contract with the U.S. Congress. Benjamin Franklin has been credited with recommending several of the design elements of the Fugio cent, so the coin is sometimes referred to as the Franklin cent.

In 1793, the first issue of the United States Mint was producedthe Chain cent. They were manufactured for two weeks in March 1793 and approximately 30,000 coins were produced. According to reports in the Philadelphia newspapers of the

time, the Chain cents were not well-received. Many did not like the representation of Miss Liberty and believed that she had a frightened look on her face. Others felt that the use of chains was a bad omen because the country had only recently been released from Britain's bondage.



Accordingly, the design was changed during 1793 and approximately 60,000 Wreath cents were produced. William H. Sheldon noted several different die varieties of Wreath cents in his seminal work, Penny Whimsy. Unfortunately for the new U.S. Mint, the public objected to that design as well. Many did not like that representation of Miss Liberty either.

Therefore, yet a third design was used in 1793 and Liberty Cap cents were issued. There are many varieties of the Liberty Cap cents as well. The engraver, Joseph Wright, died of yellow fever before the dies could be completed. It has been hypothesized that improperly stored dies may have led to the dies rusting. The pimpling around 4:00 on the Sheldon 13 variety may be evidence of that rust.

A fourth type of coin was also struck in 1793- the Liberty Cap (head facing right) half cent. Approximately thirty to sixty cents at maximum could be produced a minute with the screw press.

The first U.S. Mint experienced many problems during its early years. There was little support and the money approved to pay the staff was very limited, which led to staff turnover. Also, during the early years of the Philadelphia mint, there were yellow fever epidemics which led to the Mint being closed for several months of the year. Many of the employees died of yellow fever.

Thomas Jefferson considered a nation's ability to strike coinage as a "key attribute of sovereignty". The SOHO Mint in Britain under Matthew Boulton supplied half cent and cent planchets to the U.S. Mint.

The famous American artist, Gilbert Stuart, provided design ideas to Robert Scott for the Draped Bust large cent (1796-1807). The design for the Classic Head large cent (1808-1814) came from John Reich who had initially immigrated to the United States as an indentured servant, but performed the lion's share of the engraving work at the Mint for a decade.

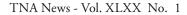
Although ten denominations of coins were authorized in 1792, 85% of the actual production through 1832 consisted of cents and half dollars.

After the end of the first U.S. Mint, Congress was willing to invest money when it was time to build a new facility. By 1830, the United States population had risen to thirteen million people.

The second U.S. Mint location in Philadelphia (1833-1901) produced the first steam coinage. In March 1836, the U.S. Mint issued a medal designed by Christian Gobrecht. They continued to produce the medals into the 1960's and they could be purchased from the U.S. Mint. There are planchet variations that allow the originals to be identified.

Several varieties of Liberty Head cents (1816-1857) were produced. The Matron Head cent (1816-1836) was designed by Robert Scot or John Reich. From 1837-1839, a modified Matron Head cent designed by Christian Gobrecht was struck.

By 1857, the cost of copper and the cost to actually produce the cent had increased and it cost the U.S. Mint more than one cent to produce the coins, so the size of the coin was reduced. Illustrating this transition, pattern coins such as Judd 159a, were produced.





1790 Census-

Market Street,

Philadelphia, PA

The Judd 159a is a reduction of the 1854 Liberty Seated dollar.

Flying Eagle cents were struck from 1856 to 1858. However, the 1856 issues were all pattern coins or proof coins struck for

collectors. The Flying Eagle cents were designed by



James B. Longacre.

In 1859, the design of the small cent was changed to the Indian Head cent. Those coins were also designed by James B. Longacre. There are three major varieties of the series; however

there are many other varieties within those three main categories as well. Variety 1 consists of a laurel wreath reverse and was only issued in 1859. Variety 2 consists of an oak wreath with shield and was produced from 1860-1864.

The 1859-1864 issues were composed of copper-nickel. Variety 3 involved a change in the metal content to bronze. The Indian Head cents were issued from 1864-1909. By the end of the series, the San Francisco branch of the U.S. Mint had begun production, so some 1909S Indian Head cents were struck. Although



the Denver branch of the U.S. Mint began striking coins in 1906, they did not begin producing cents until 1911.

The 100th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth was celebrated in 1909 and the design of the cent was changed to honor him. Victor David Brenner created the new design. From 1909-1958, the reverse depicted wheat ears. Beginning in 1959, the reverse was changed to the Lincoln Memorial design.

The coins were made of bronze from 1909-1959, other than



1943 when they were composed of zinc-coated steel due to the copper shortage that existed due to World War II. In 1944, the composition was changed back to copper (with 5% zinc) and it remained as such until 1982 when it was changed to copper-plated zinc.

One of the more well-known varieties in the Lincoln cent series is the 1955 double die obverse. However, there are many other collectible varieties as well, including the 1960 small date and large date coins. In 1969, the master die was re-worked and Lincoln's portrait was reduced in size and the lettering was pulled in from the edge. Similar, but less obvious modifications were made again in the 1990s, and the relief was also lowered again.

In 2009, the 200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln cent, four different designs will be issued depicting different stages of Lincoln's life. The final designs have not been chosen as of this writing. There is much speculation that 2009 will mark the end of production of the onecent coin in the United States. In recent years, the cost of metal has risen again and it has cost approximately 1.7 cents to produce one cent.

Many changes have taken place since cent production began in the United States in 1793. Public opinion and the cost of production, among other factors, have led to design and size changes as well as changes to the composition. Those changes have created a vast array of collecting possibilities for many generations to come.



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In 1987 Doug established the Numismatic Crime Information Center within the Pantego Police Department to assist law enforcement officers in the investigation of crimes against collectors and dealers. Later that same year he was instrumental in assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the development of the National Stolen Coin File.

Recognized as an expert in numismatic investigations, Doug developed the first and only accredited law enforcement school dealing with the investigation of numismatic crimes and continues to assist state, federal and local law enforcement agencies across the country. The American Numismatic Association has recognized Doug for his numismatic investigations and in 1988 was presented the PNG Sol Kaplan Award for setting up a clearinghouse to coordinate investigations of crimes against the numismatic industry.



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- Provides technical assistance to law enforcement and victims in all phases of a numismatic investigation;
- Provides rapid and effective dissemination of information within the numismatic industry and law enforcement;
- Acts as a liaison between victims and law enforcement during the investigative process;
- Assists in the recovery of stolen numismatic property;
- Maintains a dedicated website for the dissemination, education and prevention of numismatic crimes;
- Provides crime prevention training for collectors and dealers.

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Here is the news from TNA member clubs around the state. We have edited reports from the clubs to include special events and program presentations. Information about upcoming club coin shows are in the calendar section.

We need to have your reports by the 15th of each month preferably by email. Send your club meeting program reports and upcoming club coin show information to:

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If you need technical help sending your report please contact us by email or phone 817.281.3065.

DISTRICT ONE

Fort Worth Coin Club

December Meeting - President Bill Yates presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following for their service during his tenure:

Debbie Williams, Vice President 2007; Dennis Wynn, Treasurer 2007; Richard Moody, Secretary 2007; Gary Andrews, Board Member 2007; Jack Allen, Board Member 2007 & Vice President 2006; Ed Lasko, Board Member 2006-2007; Mike Grant, Board Member 2006-2007; Anna Cecil, Special Recognition Award 2006-2007; Olyve Hallmark Abbott, Secretary 2006; Raymond Franko, Acting Treasurer 2006; Jeff Cecil, Board Member 2006

Vice President Debbie Williams presented Educational Awards to the following for their 2007 Programs:

Gary Andrews, "A Study of Current Coin Prices in Relation to an 1897 Coin Auction"; Robert Schultz, "The Carson City Mint"; Gary Andrews, Ron Swiney and Bill Yates, "Current Status of the Hobby: A Dealer's Perspective"; Ron Swiney, Kent Lyles and Michael Swiney, "Metal Detecting for Coins and Other Treasures"; John Post, "Brief History of U.S. Art Medals"; Ed Hipps, "Generalities in Numismatics"; Debbie Williams, "Two Cent Pieces"; Robert Schultz, "Collecting Commemorative Coins by Subject"; Steve Roach, "Multigenerational Planning for Your Collection: The Numismatic Family Meeting"

As outgoing President, Bill Yates presented a ceremonial gavel to incoming President Debbie Williams. An ANA Past President's medal was presented to Bill Yates by Debbie Williams.

Per Secretary Richard Moody, "a full house shared companionship and a great buffet dinner" and after dinner Roy McDaniel "conducted spirited rounds of bingo". There were 45 numismatic-related prizes. About halfway through the bingo game, Roy took a break in the action in order to give away about 35 beautiful large poinsettias. The bingo grand prize was a 2007 \$5 Gold Eagle that was certified MS69 Ultra Cameo by NGC. Dabney Bolton was the lucky winner.

Jack and Nell Allen did a superb job of planning and decorating for the Christmas Party. Just before the close of the festivities, Jack asked each family to locate the ticket they were given upon arrival. He then proceeded to give away 50 very nice table decorations. It seems that Jack & Nell succeeded in their goal to make sure "everyone left a winner." Thanks Jack & Nell!

January Meeting - President Debbie Williams opened the January meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 70 Members and guests in attendance. Guests included: Jack Gilbert, President of N.E. Tarrant Coin Club; Ron Kersey, Editor of the TNA News and Past President of FWCC; Frank Keisler and daughter Alexandra; Larry De Young; David Knight from Waxahacie; Gene Dixon; and David and Mickie Nunn of the Dallas Coin Club. Hal Cherry joined the FWCC. Hal has been collecting coins since he was a Cub Scout in 1948. Hal is a native of Fort Worth. He and his wife currently reside in Richardson and hope to move back to Fort Worth at some point. He has varied interests in coins; including U.S. Type sets, Texas paper, and Mexican coinage. Hal has been a very active Member of the Dallas Coin Club and is the Secretary of the TNA.

Alex Keisler, a young collector, was thrilled when several Members came to her table and gave her items for her collection! She hopes to attend future meetings.

Bob Millard mentioned that he is now the President of the Mid-Cities Coin Club and he invited everyone to attend a meeting if they are interested. The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting location is not far from Mike Grant's coin shop. Please contact Bob for additional information.

Jim Waite was recognized as the newest Fort Worth Coin Club Life Member. Secretary Richard Moody presented Jim with a gold membership card.

Educational Drawing: Each year the Treasurer verifies that there are enough funds in the treasury to support the drawing. Treasurer Dennis Wynn stated that there were ample fund in the treasury. The drawing was conducted by outgoing President Bill Yates with the assistance of Brenda Bishop, ANA Meeting Services Director. All of the Members who volunteered their time in 2007 in support of the Club were included in the drawing, with one entry per volunteer activity. ANA Summer Seminar Scholarships were won by Walter Fabisiak and Richard Moody. \$100 educational grants were won by Ed Lasko, Herman Dallof and Dennis Wynn. Educational Program- "ANA National Money Show in Fort Worth March 26-28, 2010" with Brenda Bishop, ANA Meeting Services Director. *(Editor's note: the program presentation by Brenda is covered on page 7 of this issue.)* Brenda received a warm round of applause at the conclusion of her program. Many Members and Guests enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Brenda in person before, during and after the meeting. Several of the people attended the meeting specifically to meet Brenda and to learn more about the 2010 National Money Show.

Next month's educational program is entitled, "Christian Gobrecht and his Famous Dollars" by Special Guest John Barber. John has won "Program of the Year" awards for several of his other presentations, so this is a meeting you will not want to miss!

Mid-Cities Coin Club

November Meeting - -The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Mike Grant with 13 members and 3 guests, Doug Johnson and Harvey Smith, present. Bob Millard and Mike Ross arrived at their leisure.

Show & Tell: John Post showed an 1899 Indian Head cent proof and 1926 \$2-1/2 gold Susquecentennial commerative. Merle Owens showed a Mexico 50 Peso Gold coin that has 1.2oz AGW and sold for \$148.00 in 1973. Al Garrity showed a complete set or Euro coins from the original 12 EU countries; nice set. Hal Cherry showed some Mexican coins that helped him round out the obtainable portion of his Mexican Type Set. Mike Grant showed some 'sheets" of gold from Hong Kong, originally purchased about 50 years ago and brought to this country by immigrants.

Program: Dr Ford presented a 4-part program. First, he commented on the comparative cost of silver, gold, platinum, and palladium coins brought to illustrate the program he presented about two years ago. Second, he mentioned types of disasters common to California and which are indirectly related to coin collecting. \par \par Contrary to popular belief, most of the Kings of England were not English. Many were French, Flemish, Welch, Scottish, and German. The current Royal Family traces their lineage back to a German, George I, who became king after Queen Anne died in 1714.\par \par Until 1871, Germany was a loose confederation of independent states and cities, sometimes more than 1,000 entities at a time with populations as small as 300. Prussia was the 'big dog' with the largest, most aggressive army. For many years, Prussia issued smaller coins (with less precious metal) and called them "of equal value." The monetary system was based on the 'thaler,' from which our present-day dollar gets its name.\par \par England concentrated on coins for commerce. Germany and France issued commercial coinage but often incuded commemmerative designs (weddings, funerals, births, military vistories, etc) on the coinage. They were also more advanced in the medallic arts than the English.

Another excellent presentation by Dr Ford.

The December meeting will be a "Dessert-and-Bingo" Holiday Extravaganza, held on Tuesday, December 4 at the Waterford. Proposed club officers for 2008 are: **Texas Happenings** President: Bob Millard; Vice President: no candidate yet; Secretary: John Post; Treasurer: Mike Ross; Raffle/Auction: Jim Waite; Director (2): to be appointed by the incoming President.

Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

December Meeting - The December meeting and Annual Christmas Party of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club was called to order shortly after 6:30 pm by President Mike Branson.

Special thanks were given to Larry and Ellen Dibbler for use of the MCBC facilities and to Richard Wallace for the youth project. John Post recognized Robert Schultz for his interesting and informative educational presentations made this year. Thanks went out to Bob Foster for doing the club auctions and to Mike Grant for the annual Bingo call. Arsetta Branson thanked Russel and MaryAnn Prinzinger, Larry and Ellen Dibler, and Merle and Natalie Owens for their hard work in making the preparations for the Christmas Party. Jerry Ozdych provided musical entertainment on the accordion, playing a selection of Yuletide favorites.

Newly elected President Jack Gilbert introduced the new board members. Directors for 2008-09 are Ron Surprenant and Kenny Smith, Don Noles elected as Vice President, Cecil Driskill elected as Treasurer, and Lance Parkes elected as Secretary. Returning Directors for 2007-08 are Larry Dibler and Jim Hedges, and the Founding Directors are Merle Owens and Russell Prinzinger. He welcomed new ideas, and expects the donation auctions, TNA participation, annual bourse night, five minutes of fame, and progressive door prize to continue. A committee is needed to review the current bylaws.

Rob Brennan, a new member, donated a \$5 PCGS gold piece to the club. He has opened CR Coins, a new coin shop at 7511 Blvd 26, NRH, across from the old North Richland Hills mall. Rob approved an impromptu plan to set up a special raffle. We will get tickets prepared and start selling in January. More details to follow.

After Greg White, from Mid-Cities Bible Church, gave the invocation, a great BBQ dinner was served to all. A whole table was dedicated to deserts brought by members to share.

Mike Grant called numbers for Bingo. Before it was all over, just about everyone got gifts and prizes. A good time was had by all.

January Meeting - The January 10th meeting of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club was called to order shortly after 6:45 pm by President Jack Gilbert. There were 3 visitors and 6 new members among the 53 attendees. Several members spoke with Brenda Bishop recently about the ANA show in March of 2010. They will probably need about 75 volunteers. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please see Jack Gilbert. More information will be presented later.

The coin that Robert Breaman of C R Coins donated, a \$5 gold piece, will be raffled, with the proceeds going to the club. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5.

We are looking for committee members for the youth fund committee. Please see Russell Prinzinger if you need more information. Russell also announced that the donation auction will be in April. We need about 40 items. Half of the auction proceeds go to the youth fund and half to the club general fund. Kenny Smith announced that the February meeting will be a Pizza night.

The educational program consisted of presentations by 5 NETCC members. Kenny Smith discussed Texas National Bank Notes. Frank Schick presented a 1794 to present American coin type set. Richard Wallace spoke about toned Jefferson Nickels. Robert Shultz spoke about collecting error coins. Merle Owens talked about collecting gold coins.

Troy Hignight won the progressive door prize consisting of a 1976 three piece mint set, an uncirculated 1921 Morgan dollar, a 2002 ten piece U.S. quarters mint set and an uncirculated roll of Colorado quarters.

DISTRICT FIVE

Dallas Coin Club

November Meeting - Secretary Kathy Lawrence called the meeting to order. There were 21 Members and 3 Guests in attendance. The guests were John and Eve Barber and Elmer Powell. We were pleased to have long-time Dallas Coin Club Member John Rowe in attendance. John Barber and Elmer Powell were accepted as new members.

New officers for the coming year were elected. The 2008 Dallas Coin Club Officers are: Kathy Lawrence- President; Stewart Huckaby- Vice President; David Swann- Treasurer; Allen Scott- Secretary. Kathy Lawrence will continue to serve as Editor and Publisher of the Dallas Coin Club Newsletter.

After the program, Kathy Lawrence handed out Program Awards to Stewart Huckaby ("Cool Russian Coins"), Frank Clark ("Denton Numismatics") and John Barber ("U.S. Cents - First to Last") and Article Awards to Charlie Mead ("Topical Coins") and John Barber ("There's More Than Meets the Eye").

Ballots were distributed for "Program of the Year" and "Article of the Year". John Barber won "Program of the Year" for his program, "U.S. Cents - First to Last" and Kathy Lawrence won "Article of the Year" for her article, "Pine Tree Shillings".

December Meeting - There were 24 Members and 8 Guests in attendance at the annual Christmas Party.

Members and Guests brought a wide array of gifts for the White Elephant Auction. Stewart Huckaby showed his witty side through the use of many clever puns during his descriptions of the items as he led the auction. Mike Grant did an excellent job as always calling the bingo game.

Stewart Huckaby located a wide variety of great numismatic items as bingo prizes. Prizes included several certified coins, proof sets from the 1960's, American Silver Eagles, rolls of uncirculated Kennedy half dollars, 1893 Columbian half dollars and many other items.

The Educational Grant drawing will be held at the January meeting

Capitol City Coin Club

Texas Happenings October Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Ron Reams. There were 23 members and 3 visitors present. Konrad Buffard and Mitchell McAlister joined the club.

Election of 2008 Officers: The election will be held at the November meeting. Anyone interested in one of the offices should contact Bryan Jones.

It has been learned that E.J.Condroy passed away. He was a dealer from Galveston who was always at the Austin shows.

Program: Mike Ellis presented an outstanding program on the good, bad, and ugly mint errors and how they occur.

November Meeting - November 13 - The meeting was called to order by Ron Reams, President. There were 21 members and 2 visitors present.

It was decided to hold the Christmas dinner on December 11th.

2008 Club Officers: These members were nominated:

President - Brian Moody; Vice President - Bill Gillespie; Secretary - Ronnie Reams; Treasurer - Francis Smith. A motion was made and seconded to accept these nominations. The motion was approved unanimously.

Show and Tell: Mitch London - Some of his collection of damaged coins. Hal Chessner - 1799 Silver dollar for grading, 1921 W/L half dollar suspected S mint mark removed.. Earl Hunt - Certified Wisconsin error set. Brian Moody - Letter signed by Francis Alais Spinner. Moton Crockett - Texas centennial half dollar, also discussed Canadian million dollar gold coin. Bob Forestell - Colorized rectangular coin commerating Van Gogh and 3 of his works from Niew Island.

DISTRICT SIX Bellaire Coin Club

November Meetings - November 5. There were 25 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold confirmed details of the Bellaire Christmas party. Jim Bevill, Bruce Burton and Sebastian Frommhold reminded the club about the November coin shows. Sebastian gave details about the donation to the Bellaire library. Sebastian noted that David Burke has updated the Bellaire website. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Ed Arrich, John Barber, Bruce Burton, Sebastian Frommhold and Michael Wolford. Michael Wolford won the show and tell prize.

November 19. There were 30 members and guests at the meeting. Jim Bevill and Sebastian Frommhold discussed the final details about the Christmas party. Sebastian Frommhold announced during the meeting that the club will give Mary Alford a donation to the Bellaire library. Sebastian reminded the club about the next coin shows, Pasadena and Houston. Jim Bevill checked on the permit for our show signs. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Garth Clark, Tom Cooper, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian

Holland, Billy Howard, Richard Laster, Gene McPherson. Richard Laster won the show and tell prize.

December Meeting - December 3. There were 20 members and guests at the meeting. Tom Cooper noted that Sebastian Frommhold was in Germany. Tom Cooper began stories about GHCC's Money Show. John Trout stated the show had an estimate of 1400 visitors coming though the registration. Ed Arrich said there were about 4.4 million viewing the Heritage Auction lots. Barbara Trout noted dealers were leaving on Saturday. Ed Arrich noted three types of dealers. Wholesale, only staying from start of show until Saturday night. Retail, stay mainly the Saturday morning until the end of show. Auctions, with there own schedule. Tom Cooper reminded everybody about the Bellaire Christmas party. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Ed Arrich, Ginger Bing, Bruce Burton, Tom Cooper, Richardo DeLeon, Jack Pavlovic, John Trout. Ed Arrich won the show and tell prize.

Greater Houston Coin Club

November Meeting - There were 34 members present, plus guests Elizabeth Arrich, Ginger Bing, and Mike Folse.

Show and Tell was held, with the usual array of interesting pieces and educational tales. The range of interests and expertise of our members is amazing.

Educational Presentation: The program for tonight was "Autographed Numismatic Literature" presented by Ginger Bing.

December Meeting - T There were 33 members and guests present at this, the combined December meeting and Christmas Event, held at the HESS Club in Houston. President Laster led off with an invocation, and noted that Edwin Johnston had placed small gifts at each place at our tables.

Show and Tell: Eve B. showed a selection of Christmas tree ornaments from the White House collection (and one Elvis one) John B. gave the story of the "Seated Liberty Cent", showing the plate coin for Judd 159a. Carl S. talked of prooflike Morgans and showed an 1880-S with fantastic deep mirrors. Francis T. pointed out the editorial in the December Double Shift, relating the story of the finding of the Spanish Colonial 4 Escudos in our Post Office box. See the story about the return of this coin to its rightful owner under "announcements" in this copy of the Double Shift.

Educational Presentation: The program for tonight was "Reminiscences of an Appraiser/Dealer" by Alvin Stern.

Alvin capably built his presentation around the growth of his numismatic appraisal business, which got started in 1985. The engaging tales of "never know what you'll see when you go to peoples' homes" were nicely woven with the message about the importance of having a plan for your numismatic holdings and having personal wills in order. There was useful information for everyone in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned and Bingo began. Calling was by Barney, assisted by Eve. Winners of the six games called received modest numismatic prizes.

At the end of the Bingo, Carl took the podium and

addressed the members and guests to **Texas** Happenings outstanding leadership as President. All in attendance gave a rousing ovation.

DISTRICT SEVEN Alamo Coin Club

November Meetings - November 8th - There were 32 present, including 2 guests. Bill S. opened the meeting with comments on the value of a collection of coin auction catalogs. Roundtable: Willard R. opened with a one dollar gaming token good only at Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City, 1981. "NOT LEGAL TENDER" on the reverse kept the Feds happy. Don K. had a medal issued by the New Hampshire Public Works & Highways depicting the "Old Man of the Mountain" which no longer exists, except in pictures and the memories of the millions who saw it before the face fell off the mountain. James E. had an 1854 private California Gold \$1.00, PCGSF45 B6-506, Rarity R-7 [only 7-9 known of]. Greg M. had a medal commemorating Admiral Nelson's victory at Trafalgar in 1805. Around Nelson's bust is "ENGLAND EXPECTS EVERY MAN WILL DO HIS DUTY"; on the reverse: "TRAFALGAR - 27 ENG. DEFEATED 33 SP. & FR. & CAPTURED 19-OCT 21, 1805". Richard M. took 3 coins to Heritage for authentication including 1817 and 1818 jolas from Spanish San Antonio (San Fernando de Bexar). Bob T. had a set of 5 1999P State Quarters, the first year of the series, displayed in an H. E. Harris holder. Wesley W. had a 2006 5 grevnas coin from Ukraine, but it was returned before it could be photographed. Cliff A. had a 1792 1/2 pence, made in Great Britain for the city of Coventry "COVENTRY HALF PENNY" and the symbol of Covenrty,

an elephant carrying a battle tower on its back. The reversegives the piece its name: "Lady Godiva" is riding nude on horseback, with the inscription PRO BONO PUBLICO" . Jim R. had a deep cameo Proof 70 2002S Kennedy Half Dollar, a really beautiful condition coin. Fred B. had National Rifle Association medal, first of a rifle series, showing the Springfield M1903, used in WWI as the main infantry rifle and in WWII as a sniper's rifle. It was general issue from 1903 to 1936 when the Garand M1 replaced it. The reverse shows the NRA emblem and the 1871 date of incorporation. Mike D. had a Brazil 10 Cruzeros note, devalued by rubber stamp to one centavo, a 1000% reduction. Brazil did this 4 times in ten years, the rampant inflation destroying monetary wealth. Bill S. had a 1995 F.A.O. 100 Pesetas of Spain, under King Carlos I; the reverse shows FAO superimposed over rows of furroughs in a field and a stalk of grain. Py C. had a medal, one of a series of "Bad Guys", bearing a portrait of Adolph Hitler and the dates 1889-1945. The reverse had an eagle above the swastika symbol, with wording around:"EIN VOLK-EIN REICHEIN FUHRER" (One People-One Nation-One Leader). Harold E. had a U.S. veterans bronze medal showing a Minuteman family in front of a 13 star flag of the American Colonial Revolution and the reverse showed the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima in WWII with a 48 star flag. William B. had a gold

toned medal, heavier than aluminum, showing an armored knight on horseback with the date 1783; the reverse showed quartered arms with rampant lions in two quarters and what looks like books on a shelf in the other quarters. The lettering imitated characters from hammered coins, but some upside down and others backward. David A. had a Canada 2000 proof silver dollar with a space shuttle design. Walter S. had an 1851 U.S. Half Cent which had been heavily counterstamped "SPL", for use a a boarding token for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He had owned this token and sold it 25 years ago, but got it back recently! Bob B. had a 2007 set of Presidential Dollars, Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison, in a plastic holder. Robert J. had a medal commemorating the 15th Space Shuttle Mission, 3rd flight of Discovery, STS-51C; the astronauts Payton, Mattingly, Shriver, Onizuka and Buchli were named, with the date January 24, 1985; the reverse showed the shuttle launching a large "?" and "FIRST D.O.D. SECRET MISSION". Fernando R. had a pre-Castro Cuba coin, actually an 1800 Spanish 2 Real, with lattice counterstamp added around 1841, because there was no mint in Cuba and Spain wanted the coinage identified with Cuba. The last item was a Wyoming State Quarter, with the silhouette of a cowboy on a bronco, shown to display a coin even plainer than the Texas State Quarter. Roundtable Prize winner: Bill S., who won a 1982 proof Canada Regina Dollar.

Program: Fernando repeated his program from two years ago on Pre-Castro Cuba.

Gateway Coin Club

November Meetings - Nov. 1 – The first meeting of the year opened with 26 members and 3 visitors in attendance. The members welcomed Mike and his wife Dee and Michael's daughter Jaci. Mike joined our club that evening. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2007 U.S. Silver Eagle, was given to Jessica. The roundtable session was most interesting. David brought a 2004 Canadian Silver Dollar that featured a sailing ship and Cliff Anderson showed an exceptional racketeer V - nickel. Frank Galindo had a 1973 St. Eligius medal and a 1930 token commemorating German magician Cortini and Karla Galindo brought a 2001 Calamity Jane one-dollar token gaming token and a 2002 Mardi Gras token saluting "Broadway and the Silver Screen." Jim had an excellent 1846 half escudo from Mexico. William showed a 1795 Thaler and Fernando Razo brought a Mexican Revolution peso. Michael had a medal honoring St. Louis' swimmer Charles Daniels III, a US gold medalist, and Larry Foster brought a challenge medal honoring the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.. The meeting ended with a brisk auction conducted by our very talkative auctioneers, Fernando Razo and David. Thank you, Fernando and David, for always doing a great job.

Nov. 15 – The meeting opened with 24 members present. The paid-up attendance prize, a very attractive Mexican 100 peso commemorating the state of Hidalgo, was given to a smiling "Lucky Larry" Foster. The roundtable discussion was very **Texas Proportions** spirited. Michael had a Russian 500 ruble note depicting Peter the Great. David showed a medal that he purchased at the Alamo. Fernando Razo brought a Spanish 2 real coin that was struck with a lattice counter stamp used during 1841 in Cuba. Mike had a Federal Reserve note that featured a cracked ladder serial number. Cliff Anderson showed a superb

The educational program was presented by Clifton Valley. His program on ancient Byzantine coins was very informative. He discussed various denominations of the coinage and also distributed handouts to help members to better understand his presentation. He said that some of the most unusual coins issued by the empire were the "cup' coins also known as scyphates. Thank you, Clifton, for a fine program.

Mexican 1867 Maximillian peso.

December Meetings - Dec. 6 – The meeting opened with 28 members and 1 visitor present. Our visitor was Arturo, Jr., who was welcomed by the membership. The paid-up attendance prize, a beautiful 2006 Mexican 100 peso was given to Vincent. This attractive bimetal coin commemorates the Mexican state of Campeche.

The roundtable had several participants. Mike had a 1928C five-dollar note. Tom showed a Mario Galaxy token. Cliff Anderson had a set of 1994 elongated coins commemorating the 300th anniversary of Annapolis. Clifton Valley had 3 wooden nickels: Riverside Coins, Brock's Books, and HEB Pharmacy. Bill had an 1831 Mexican 1 real and Ray Tate had a Philippine 1 piso pattern FAO dated 1986. The meeting concluded with an electrifying auction conducted by our chatty auctioneers Fernando Razo and David.

Dec. 20 – The Gateway Coin Club's annual Christmas Party was attended by 22 members and 8 visitors. Our guests were Shirley Tate, Sylvia Foster, Mary Weinstrom, Dorothy Astwood., Beverly Trinkle, and Mathew Trinkle. George, visiting the United States from the country of Georgia, and Carol, an employee of Cape Cod, also joined us as special guests that evening.

The paid-up attendance prize, a shiny 2006 Mexican 100 peso coin, was given to a very happy Brian Salinas. The roundtable session had one participant. Clifton Valley brought three different Christmas silver rounds.

The members enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner that included turkey and dressing, baked ham, barbecue brisket, roast beef, casseroles, vegetables, salads, rolls, coffee, soft drinks, and a wide variety of tasty desserts. After the dinner, the members enjoyed a gift exchange which provided a lot of fun and plenty of laughs. Thank you to David for arranging for the party room and to Karla Galindo for coordinating the Christmas Party and taking care of all the details. Thanks to the members who gave their extra time to help set up before and clean up afterwards, as well as those who brought extra tables and chairs that were needed. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

DISTRICT ELEVEN

Golden Spread Coin Club

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President David Cass with 17 members and 5 guests present. New members Rodney Laubhan and Tom Schimfs were welcomed. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented.

The club voted for the 2008 officers. They are: President - Diane Morie; First VP & Program Chair - Mike Nowak; Second VP & Prize Chair - Olin Williams; Secretary - Kay Winton; Treasurer - Rick Morie; Members at Large - Tommy Tompkins, Doug Hershey, Norm Goodfellow and David Cass (past president).

A new meeting place is being considered due to membership increase. Coin Trivia was reviewed by David Cass. Member Nathan Goldstein II presented an interesting talk on Amon G. Carter, a well known coin collector and philanthropist. Amon G. Carter established the Amon G. Carter Museum in Fort Worth and had one of the most fantastic collections of paper money known. Carter was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame 2002 for his contribution to the coin and paper money collecting community. He was unselfish and willing to share his knowledge with anyone interested in the hobby. Nathan Goldstein recollected a field trip with Mr. Carter to the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank where Carter showed off a \$1000 Watermelon note (1 million approximate value). Goldstein said the bank would welcome them back anytime. Nathan also wrote articles for Coin World for 12 years.

Show & Tell: Junior Member Nick Parsons showed a 2001 Canadian Leaf. Norm Goodfellow showed a British coin; Ron Langley showed a Denver Mint blank planchet penny; Pat Williams showed a Bahamas Proof Set and Junior Member Skylar Romero brought a book and pill bottle of Mercury dimes to show.

December Meeting - The Annual Christmas Party was a smashing success. The weather was superb for December and we had about 44 people in attendance. The food was excellent and bingo was fun with everyone walking away with a least one prize.

Special congratulations to Junior Member, Nick Parsons, for bringing in several new members to our club this past year and helping to make 2007 a great year for our club. We hope 2008 brings more fun in learning and sharing our love for coins.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

Beaumont Coin Club

November Meeting - The November meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club took place on Monday, November 19, 2007. President Barbara opened the meeting with the pledge. Judy read the Treasures' report. It was approved. Old and New Business: Officers nominated for 2008 Beaumont Coin Club are as follows: President - Barbara Williams; Vice President – Tim Bahl; Treasurer – Judy Matherne; Secretary – Meredith Bahl

Our meeting space at Gander **Texas** Happenings Mountain is reserved for 3 months at a time, the new Vice President; Tim will be signing us up at the front desk so we can continue to meet at Gander Mountain.

Jerry led November's program, our annual auction.

A motion was made and carried to let Judy buy our Silver Rounds for 2008 now!

Double Eagle Coin Club

October Meeting - Our November 8, 2007 meeting was opened with the Pledge Allegiance. We had 16 members present. October 2007 minutes accepted. Mr. Stan read the "Did you know."

Mr. Dewey Scott read the Treasurer's Reports of August, September and October. All reports were approved. Communications from President Joe Brandon; TNA News. All the officers were voted to stay in their seats for 2008. We still need more donations for our March Coin Show kids' auction.

Barbara Williams did the program on Gold Buffalo Coins.

Jerry Williams conducted the auction. See you at the next meeting! Our Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN Waco Coin Club

November Meeting - Secretary Greg Hofen call the meeting to order with 18 members and guests present. Minutes from last meeting and Treasurer's report were presented.

Motion was made and carried to set the first weekend of April or the last weekend of March for the next coin show.

Thomas Campbell reported on nominations and the current slate of officers will be asked to serve another term if there are no nominations from other members. The December meeting will be a Christmas social. Paul Garner showed a 1966 year set with exceptional clarity for Show & Tell.

November's Cash Pot was worth \$25 with person name drawn not in attendance make the next month's \$35.

December Meeting - President Fred Ferguson called the meeting to order with 13 members and guests present.

Paul Garner reported on the Fall TNA/Waco Coin Show. 42 tables were occupied with a Junior Auction that was reported in the TNA News. The last weekend in April is available for the next Waco Coin Show at the Ranger Hall.

The current slate of officers will be asked to serve another term if there are no nominations from the members. This will be finalized at the January Meeting.

Swap Night has returned for use instead of the auction during the February and August meetings.

December's Cash Pot was worth \$35 with the person whose name was drawn not in attendance. The next Cash Pot will be worth \$45. All members are included in the drawing and must be present to win.

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