

YOUNG NUMISMATISTS IN TEXAS - GOING STRONG!

HIDALGO'S NEW YOUTH COIN CLUB TAKES ON LARGE ASSIGNMENT: SELECT BEST STATE QUARTERS

Raul H. Gonzalez, Vice-President of Hidalgo Coin Club and Youth Club sponsor helps young collectors get started with their numismatic adventure.

It took two months and four class meetings for the students of the newly formed Hidalgo Youth Coin Club to select the best designs from the 50 Statehood quarters as well as the 6 U.S. Territory quarters. All 56 designs were scrutinized, judged and ranked according to a set of criteria.

After the students learned all about the different coinage produced by the U.S. Mint from small cents to quarters starting from 1792 to date, they were challenged to take on this monumental project. We examined each quarter individually and judged them for their artistry, symbolism and historical significance.



Raul Gonzalez with Hidalgo Youth Club members displaying state quarters used in their assignment.

For this assignment, I pointed out the features that each state had selected to best depict themselves to the rest of America and the world. They used their 'Guide Book of U.S. Coins' (red book), actual coins, images of the proof versions shown on a large flat screen TV as well as a magnifying glass. A score sheet was provided for them to rate each design.

A great amount of history and state information was learned during the process. This exercise has taught them to be more detail-oriented and has undoubtedly propelled them to be the next great generation of young numismatists.

LION COIN CLUB JACK YATES HIGH SCHOOL

THREE TEXAS COIN DEALERS JOIN FORCES WITH HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL COIN CLUB TO ENHANCE ACADEMICS

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The Lion Coin Club nearly 80 members strong commingle numismatics with the study of mathematics and science to prepare students for cross-disciplines, such as: history, politics, art, archaeology, chemistry, economics, and finance.

Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed National Coin Week, proclaimed by Mayor Anise Parker April 18 - 24, 2010. The American Numismatic Association (ANA), the Nation's largest



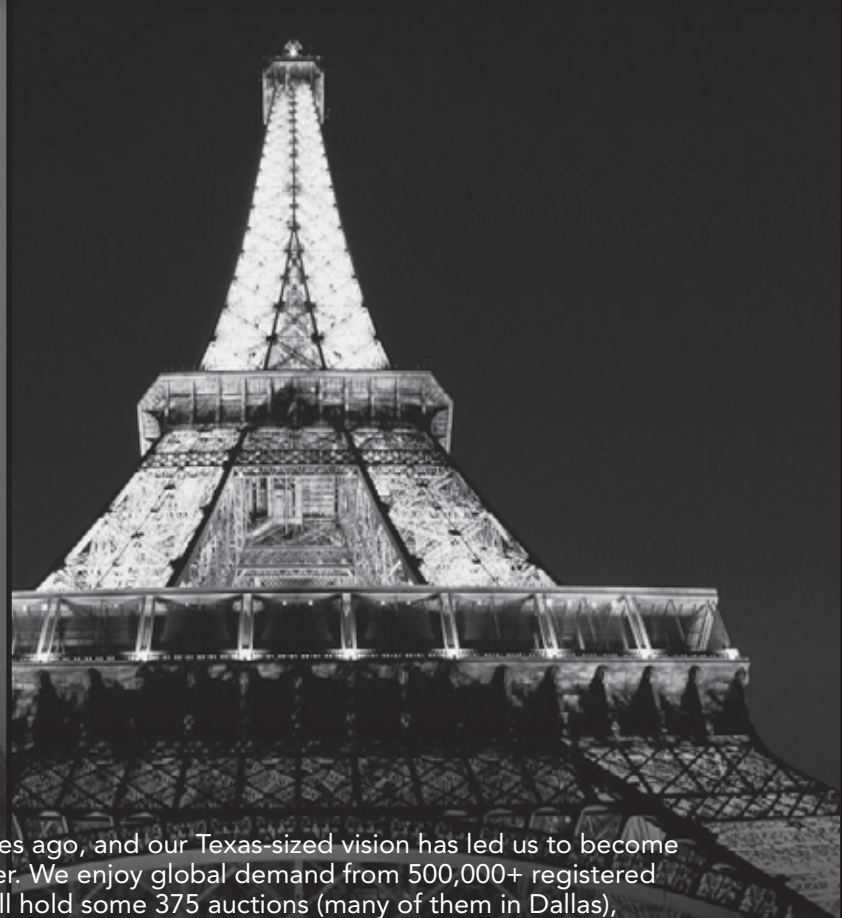
Members of the Lion Coin Club receiving a 2010 Silver Eagle from numismatist Johnny Duncan and Mike Fuljenz.

Photo: back row, left to right: Larry Ardoin, Ralph Ross (Advisor), Dimitrius Guy, Christopher Flix, Julius Janes, Jondrea Freeman and Jordan Hughes. Front row left to right: Johnny Duncan, Angelic Green, Jaylen Harris, Mike Fuljenz, Breasha August and Danielle Flix.

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As you can see we have done some remodeling at the TNA News. We plan to make some more changes and would like to have our readers' feedback. Don't be shy - let us have it!

While we are happy to bring you some new things, we are also saddened by the loss of two of our oldest members. Ray Whyborn passed away in June. The May/June cover story featured Ray's recollection of the 10th TNA Convention in San Antonio. We think of it as a fond farewell from Ray. Memories of Ray by TNA members and friends can be found inside this issue.

Just before going to press, we were informed that another longtime member, Nela Runkle, had passed away. We gathered some information for our Memoriam for Nela.

Our cover story this issue highlights the accomplishments of two groups of young Texas numismatists. They deserve congratulations from our collecting community for hard work and dedication to their new hobby.

We also have stories about Fort Knox, Cheerios and the IRS. How's that for a mix! And, of course, Dr. Coyne has been invited back, thanks to the Greater Houston Coin Club's Double Shift Newsletter. Waco Coin club came through again with some more Historical Facts.

Texas Happenings has some interesting material by the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club. We also used a bit more club newsletter artwork to let you see the creativity that goes into putting club newsletters together. We hope these items will encourage our other clubs to take advantage of their members' special talents in producing club newsletters

We would like to thanks everyone who submitted stories for publication. We couldn't get them all in, but will make sure they appear in future issues. Keep on sending us articles - we appreciate it!

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

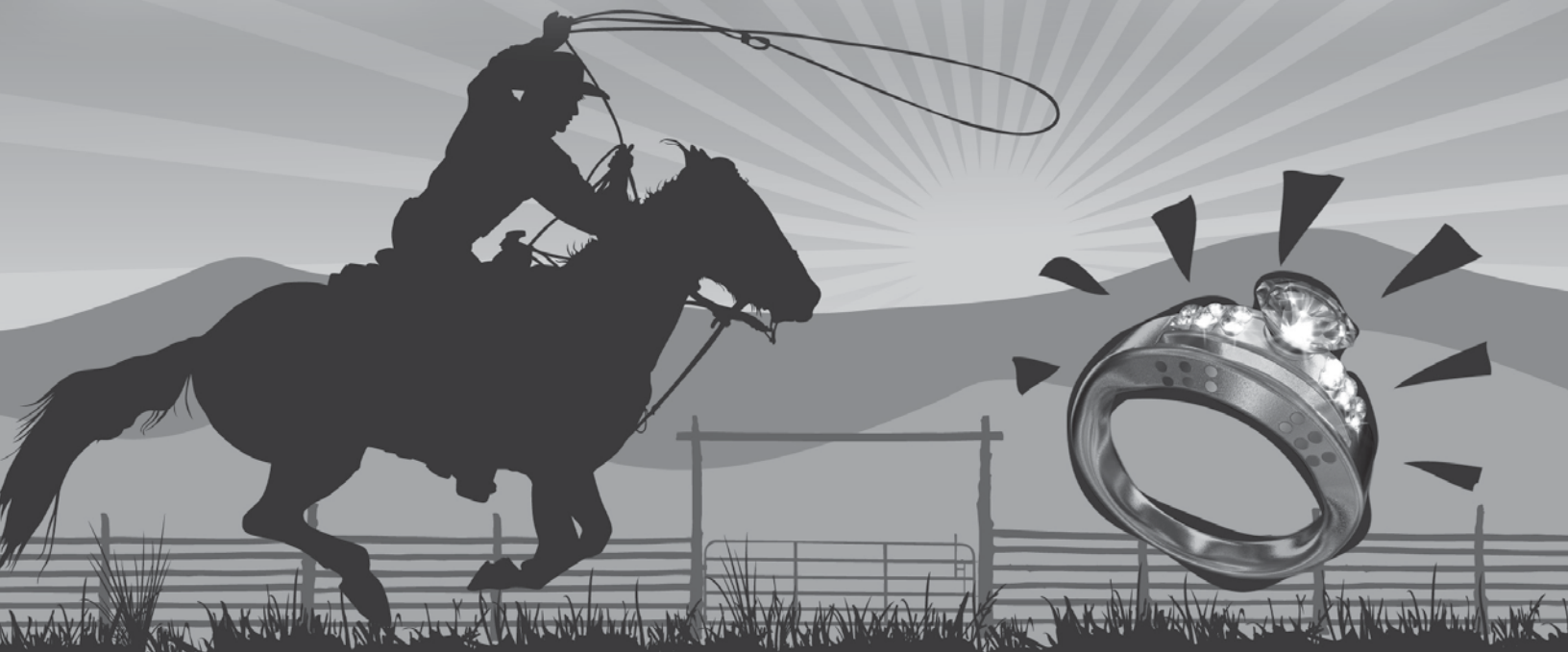
Until next time,

Ron Kersey

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



In this issue of the TNA News I wish to again tell everyone what a great TNA Convention and Show we had in May and to say that the volunteers did an incredible job. Our show planning committee will meet soon and go over all aspects of the show to plan for next year. We have a new bourse chairman - Doug Davis Doug just put on the Memphis Currency show and it was a huge success and received very favorable reviews in the national magazines. While we are on the show subject we have also signed a new contract with Spink/Smythe Auctions for next year. We are very excited to have them working with us again during next year's show.

I want to tell you that we are saddened by the loss of Ralph Ross's son and Ernie Palms son. Most of you know that Ralph has been a member of the TNA & ANA for many years. His son was a fine upstanding young man that I enjoyed talking with.

Ernie works with Dillon Gage and also has been a long time member of our organization. His son wanted to become a Numismatist and enjoyed coins according to Ernie. Ernie has asked that people remembering his son make donations to the TNA to be set up in a scholarship fund in his son's name, Casey Palms with board approval. This fund will help future numismatists in our organization.

At this time we are all watching the stock market, bullion market, housing market, etc., because we are not sure how things are going to be. I don't know the answers, but I think we will weather anything that comes our way. I follow the gold and silver market and I have seen the ups and downs in just the last few months. I don't know if we are heading out of the recession but I do think it is a good time for people to take advantage of opportunities that become available. You just have to look and train yourself to think differently than you did in the past. Numismatics is in a new era and will have to change with the times if the hobby is going to continue to grow. Something for you to think about!

Thank you,
Mike Grant

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Welcome to new TNA members, R-7017 and R-7018, A-7019, R-7020 and R-7021 and LM-238. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on July 1, 2010

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on September 1, 2010

- R-7021 – David Cranfill – sponsored by John Post
- J-7022 – Travis Cranfill – sponsored by John Post
- R-7023 – Danny Conaway – sponsored by Bob Millard
- R-7024 – Brian Gordon – sponsored by Bob Millard
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- R-7039 – Harv Gamer – Secretary's Office
- R-7040 – Tyler Gardner – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7041 – Alan Groseclose – Secretary's Office
- R-7042 – Brent Harkness – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7043 – Arthur Haule III – sponsored by John Post
- R-7044 – Keith Keister – sponsored by Dr. Bill Welsh
- R-7045 – Lee Logan – Secretary's Office
- R-7046 – Jesse Lopez – sponsored by Dr. Bill Welsh
- R-7047 – Corey Maita – Secretary's Office
- R-7048 – Walt McCauley – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7049 – Scott McGall II – Secretary's Office
- R-7050 – Cary Moomjian – sponsored by John Post
- R-7051 – Joe Perry – sponsored by Frank Galindo
- R-7052 – Bernie Roach – sponsored by John Post
- R-7053 – John Salyer – Secretary's Office
- R-7054 – Bill Sanderson – sponsored by John Post
- R-7055 – Ron Shelton – Secretary's Office
- R-7056 – Brad Smith – Secretary's Office
- R-7057 – Robert Griffiths – Secretary's Office
- R-7058 – Andre Speedieberg – sponsored by Dr. Bill Welsh
- R-7059 – Dr. Robert Tafel – Secretary's Office
- R-7060 – Tony Turner – sponsored by John Post
- R-7061 – B. Vinod – sponsored by John Post
- R-7062 – Jeff Wuller – Secretary's Office
- R-7063 – John Yarbrough – Secretary's Office
- R-7064 – Willis Campbell – sponsored by Russell Prinzing
- R-7065 – Larry Dibler - sponsored by Russell Prinzing
- R-7066 – Ellen Dibler - sponsored by Russell Prinzing
- R-7067 – John Fitzgerald - sponsored by Russell Prinzing
- R-7068 – Steve Kasinger - sponsored by Russell Prinzing

- R-7069 – Jim Miller - sponsored by Russell Prinzing
- R-7070 – John Wofford – sponsored by Frank Galindo
- J-7071 – Alex Ramirez – sponsored by Frank Galindo
- R-7072 – Dale London – sponsored by David Burke
- R-7073 – William Tate – sponsored by David Burke
- R-7074 – Daniel Murphy – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7075 – George Patt – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7076 – Luciano Aguayo, Jr. - sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7077 – Harold Schultz - sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7078 – Thomas Easter - sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7079 – Rick Parrack – sponsored by Gober Pitzer
- R-7080 – Damon Williamson – Secretary's Office
- J-7081 – Bryce Johnson – Tom Bennington
- J-7082 – Blake Johnson – Tom Bennington
- LM-239- Gus Demetriades – Secretary's Office

The following members have been reinstated upon payment of their 2010 dues:

- R-3841 – Robert Wilharm
- R-5790 – Kenneth Price
- R-2714 – Dr. Howard Ford
- R-6914 – Gary Parent
- A-6748 – Penny Mendez

VIP LEADERS FOR 2009

John Post and Chuck Steward

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2010

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Current Assets:	
Cash	
Checking Account (JP Morgan Chase, NA)	\$5,347.71
Connect Checking Community Trust 2.1%-12/31/10	\$70,039.89
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/11@1.65%)	\$10,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$85,387.60
Long Term Assets:	
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/12@2.15%)	\$20,000.00
Other Long Term Assets:	
Total Long Term Assets	\$20,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$105,387.60
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
EQUITY	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2010	\$104,006.96
Income (Plus)	\$15,494.59
Expenses (Minus)	-\$14,113.95
Net Income	\$1,380.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$105,387.60

In Memoriam



Nela Runkle

The TNA News has just received news that long time TNA member, Nela Runkle, passed away on Sunday, July 18, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. Nela always looked forward to seeing her friends at the TNA conventions. She joined in 1975, serving as TNA District 11 governor 1981-1986 and 1991-1992. Nela received the Lewis Reagan Award in 1988 and is a member of the TNA Hall of Fame. Nela was also a life member of the Golden Spread Coin Club.



Nela Alice Thompson Runkle was born Jan. 20, 1932, at home in rural Marshall County, Kan. Her parents were Harry H. and Alice E. Thompson. She graduated from Waterville High School in May 1949, as salutatorian. She graduated from Brown-Mackie School of Business in Salina, Kan. She married Francis Runkle on July 21, 1957, in Waterville, Kan. She and her husband moved to Amarillo in 1960. She was program director of the USO until it closed. She had a registered child care in her home until 1984. She was a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and the Clean Air Club.

NUMISMATIC LOGIC

The personnel listed below work in the same office. All are coin collectors, and each one collects only one series of U S coins. The personnel are: Mr Cartwright, Mr Seely, Miss Anderson, Mrs Jones, Mr Fields, and Miss Welch. The coin series that are collected are: Half Cents, Indian Cents, Lincoln Cents, Mercury Dimes, Buffalo Nickels, and Barber Halves. From the clues below, determine which person collects what series.

1. The Indian Cent collector is the Half Cent collector's grandson.
2. The Lincoln Cent collector is the Mercury Dime collector's son-in-law.
3. Mr Cartwright is a bachelor.
4. Mr Fields recently celebrated his 25th birthday.
5. Miss Anderson is the Buffalo Nickel collector's step sister.
6. Mr Seely is a neighbor of the Half Cent collector.

Use the table below to solve. Want a hint? In clue #1, we learn that the Indian Cent collector is a grandson. So, the collector of that series can't be one of the ladies.

	Half Cents	Indian Cents	Lincoln Cents	Mercury Dimes	Buffalo Nickels	Barber Halves
Mr Cartwright						
Mr Seely						
Miss Anderson						
Mrs Jones						
Mr Fields						
Miss Welch						

Solution: Mr Cartwright collects Indian Cents, Mr Seely collects Mercury Dimes, Miss Anderson collects Barber Halves, Mrs Jones collects Half Cents, Mr Fields collects Lincoln Cents, and Miss Welch collects Buffalo Nickels.



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HIDALGO YN'S SELECT BEST STATE QUARTERS

There were five quarters produced annually beginning in 1999 and were introduced into circulation in the order they were admitted into the union. The instructions to the students was to choose the top 2 designs per year.

Round One saw the elimination of 31 quarters, including their home state of Texas. That's when I knew they were taking this project seriously and subjectively. According to them, these designs were either too plain, too cluttered, not interesting enough or just questionable choices.

The remaining 25 designs were then placed into four categories and judging began anew to find the best for each and the results are as follow.

The 'Best Design Depicting a Historical Event' went to the state of Utah, with its golden spike and two trains meeting to connect the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Summit.

The 'Best Design Symbolizing Their State' category was won by the Tennessee quarter, which displays 3 musical instruments (guitar, trumpet, violin) representing the areas of their musical heritage - country music, the blues and Appalachian music.

The largest category, 'Best Artistic Design' was won by Nevada with 3 galloping wild mustangs in front of snow capped mountains and flanked by sage brush on either side with a banner reading "The Silver State."

The 'Best Design of a U.S. Territory' was awarded to the island nation of Puerto Rico with a parapet jetting out from a fortress overlooking the ocean and the national flower, the flor de maga (a hibiscus-like flower).

For their final task, the students were asked to choose the year (1999-2009) that had the best overall designs from the 11 years of the U.S. Mint Statehood/Territory Quarter Program. Once again, large images from proof sets from the San Francisco mint were displayed on the flat screen TV in order to view them as a group.

The year 2006 was chosen as their favorite. It contains the states of Nevada, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota and South Dakota. The next best design year was 2008 followed in order by 2005, 2007, 2009, 2003, 2001, 2004, 2000, 2002 and 1999.

Even though this group is only 3 months young, the students have been quickly learning the fine points of the hobby. Their ages range from 7 to 15 and meet at the McAllen Public Library's Conference Room in McAllen, Texas. Now that they are on summer break from school, they have requested to have the club meet every week. Their interest and enthusiasm towards this great hobby is a tremendous site to behold.

The summer classes will include an in-depth study on coin grading, silver dollar productions, shipwreck/pirate coins, proof and mint sets to name a few. Guest speakers will also be scheduled to make presentations and share their invaluable numismatic knowledge and experiences. All in all, our coin hobby is strong and growing in this corner of the U.S.A., called the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.

LION COIN CLUB PURSUES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

organization for coin collectors sponsored a contest during NCW whereby participants took a virtual road trip, a cross-country venture looking for inspiration for the designs on coins and paper money throughout money's 2,600-year history. The boys' basketball team took a real road trips, including one to Hawaii, they saw beautiful historic and scenic landmarks. The Jack Yates boys' varsity basketball team are 2009, Texas State Champions & 2010 National Champions.

Ralph Ross, physics and mathematics teacher; and coin club advisor enlisted the help of Mike Fuljenz, president of Universal Coin & Bullion of Beaumont, a former coach, teacher and principal, about getting involved with an education for numismatics endeavor.

Two other Texas Coin Dealers who deeply care about students' success, Johnny Duncan of U. S. Coins of Houston; and Steve Ivy of Heritage Auctions of Dallas, joined with Mike to encourage unprecedented academic success comparable to the basketball team triumphs (academics and athletics). They launched a program to reward exemplary performance on the state mandated achievement test (TAKS). All students who performed at the commended level (outstanding performance) in either mathematics or science or both would receive a 2010 Silver Eagle.

Students such as Jaylen Harris (Miss Yates) appreciated the recognition, she strives to excel in academics and athletics said: "I am super tired after practice, but I make sure my homework is taken care of – education comes before any of my athletics activities". Breasha August, captain of the varsity cheerleaders, said: "I sacrifice my free time to keep my grades up". Christopher Flix scored nearly perfect in all areas on the TAKS and plays football said: "Learn the concepts, concentrate and then calculate the answers". Gregory Watts has two basketball championship rings and class of 2010 salutatorian said: "It meant a lot to me to be an athlete and a scholar – I want to put those stereotypes about African-American athletes to shame". Chardai Thomas girls' varsity basketball star and ranked number 3 in her 2010 class said: "The challenges is being able to attend school all day, then turn around and practice long hard hours, and still leave time for rigorous homework and necessary studying".

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Editor's Note: We received this bit of information by email from 2nd Vice President and District 8 Governor, David Burke.

A BLIZZARD OF PAPERWORK COULD BE ABOUT TO HIT NUMISMATICS

By David L. Ganz, *Numismatic News*
June 29, 2010

Passage by Congress of the national health care legislation has had an unintended consequence to the nation's coin collectors, vest-pocket dealers who buy and sell coins, and larger dealers who are frequent buyers of coins that collectors periodically liquidate as they trade up their collections for better coins, or simply sell to take a small profit or loss.

What has happened is that effective Jan. 1, 2012, the whole system of giving and receiving Internal Revenue Service 1099 forms will be turned on its head and all persons (including corporations) who are in business will now have to give 1099 tax reporting forms for coins and other goods that they sell as well as buy.

The responsibility for issuing forms kicks in at \$600 for coins or bullion – not a very high level and one that has already started sounding alarm bells. It doesn't matter in what form payment is made, whether cash, check, credit card, or Yap stone money, the \$600 threshold applies.

There's a bill introduced by Rep. Dan Lungren (H.R. 5141), which has gathered over 80 members of Congress as co-sponsors to repeal this section. Evidently, however, the drafters of the provision think there is a \$17 billion loophole that this plugs.

The Industry Council for Tangible Assets is alerting member dealers and the public at large in the hope that some sense of outrage will lead to a ready modification before the law becomes operational in 2012.

Form 1099 is used to report independent contractor income, income from dividends, income from other things – and is one of the reasons why children receive tax bills for work or labor or services performed.

Section 9006 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148, signed into law by President Obama this spring) turns 1099 forms into reporting forms not only for independent contractor's income – what they have long been used for – but also to show sales, gains and losses on purchases and sales of goods as part of a trade or business.

The section reads (in relevant part) "SEC. 9006. EXPANSION OF INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) IN GENERAL. – Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(h) APPLICATION TO CORPORATIONS. – Notwithstanding any regulation prescribed by the secretary before the date of the enactment of this subsection, for purposes of this section the term 'person' includes any corporation that is not an organization exempt from tax under section 501(a).

"(i) REGULATIONS. – The secretary may prescribe such regulations and other guidance as may be appropriate or necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including rules to prevent duplicative reporting of transactions."

(b) PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY AND OTHER GROSS PROCEEDS. – Subsection (a) of section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended –

- (1) by inserting "amounts in consideration for property," after "wages,"
- (2) by inserting "gross proceeds," after "emoluments, or other", and
- (3) by inserting "gross proceeds," after "setting forth the amount of such."

The property section means that if B. Max Mehl was selling coins to another major dealer of that era, a 1099 would have to be issued. When he bought from the public, the same thing is also required. The "report" does not necessarily measure profit or loss, but it does show activity.

The old exemption against corporations is also gone. If you buy or sell more than \$600 of coins, or whatever, from, to or with a bullion dealer, for example, you have an obligation under the new law to issue 1099s.



COINS FOR A'S REPORT

Richard Laster, *Chairman*



Greetings Friends,

Just a couple of months ago it was my privilege to officially share a few memories at the funeral service for our good friend John Herbert. Many of you, especially those in the Houston and surround areas, remember John and his local business Historical Collections. I first met John back well over twenty years ago when I started setting up at Book and Paper collectible shows. Through the years I made time to visit with John on these occasions and also at his little shop over on Memorial Drive. I came to appreciate John not only for his knowledge and experience, but also for his humility, dedication to ethics, and his good humor. Basically John was one who knew so much yet didn't take his knowledge as a point of pride. He was always accessible and was just as open to new ideas and insights as he was in sharing what he knew.

During the memorial service there at First United Methodist Church in Houston I shared this thought; John Herbert was not only a good friend, but also had become a mentor. I trusted his opinion and guidance. He helped me avoid many a mistake in the purchase of collectibles. In the same light I saw him at work with children. The summer of 2009 he went along with me to a Boy Scout merit badge event. From his first words John commanded attention. The topic of consideration was "where coins began." John shared the story of "Mr. Farmer and Mr. Potter." In the context of a simple numismatic parable he set out details of fiscal history which even the most novice person of any age could understand. It was his gift.

In this brief article I have two purposes. The first is my desire to say a few words on behalf of John Herbert, my friend and mentor. The second is to encourage all of us to take time to share that which is ours. I delight in offering not only tidbits of wisdom, but also small collectibles to those who may just make a lifelong investment in numismatics not only as a collectible field, but also as an avenue for education, and personal enjoyment. Of course I, in behalf of TNA Coins for A's, solicit your support and donations, as do others in the organization that focus upon children and youth. Needless to say there are other avenues for your support as well. Take a look around your community and see which organizations can use a guest speaker, or a presentation during Coin Week, or even the chance to place a few coins into the hands of a potential collector. I've been doing this for years with some positive response. At the least I've met some new friends and perhaps given birth to a burgeoning thought or two and just maybe opened the door to a new world of insight. As we all know collecting coins is more than just filling holes in a book.

One more thought before I move on; there are a couple of TNA districts from which I am receiving an increasing number of requests. I can tell there is some really intentional work by the governors in these areas. Thanks!!

All for now. See you when time allows. God Bless.

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TNA & FRIENDS REMEMBER RAY WHYBORN

Texas Numismatic Association member, Ray Whyborn, passed away on June 18, 2010, after a lengthy illness. Several TNA members asked for an opportunity to share their memories of Ray. On behalf of TNA, the TNA News would like to extend our sympathy to Mary Ann Whyborn and family. Ray's hard work and dedication to our organization will remain an example to our members in the years to come.

For those who did not know Ray here is a little bit of information about this fine gentleman. Ray graduated from Chaffey Union High School in Ontario, California, in June 1943, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy the very next day. He was an aircraft ground crewman on several carriers from 1943-1945. In 1949, he began his career as a civilian employee with the United States Air Force, retiring in 1983. He spent most of his career as a jet engine overhaul production manager and logistician. However, his fondest memories are from his years in Test Flight as a jet engine mechanic and flight engineer. The last years he was assigned as a logistics advisor to the Iranian Air Force and the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force, and he and his wife lived one year in Iran during that time.

MEMORIES OF RAY...

Hal Cherry, TNA Secretary

Ray Whyborn joined the TNA on November 1, 1966 and held Regular Membership #1681. He served the TNA in many capacities for many years and as late as the last issue of the TNA News authored the cover story about the TNA's 10th Convention.

As a Board Member, Ray was President of the TNA from 1989 through 1993. In 2000 he was called on to serve as Secretary upon the mid-term resignation of the then Secretary. He also served many years as District Governor from Districts 7 and 13. In addition, Ray was on numerous committees throughout his long years of service.

His service and abilities were recognized many times with numerous Association awards including the Lewis Reagan Award, Mac Kennady Award, VIP Award, Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award, and TNA Best in Show Exhibit Award. In addition, Ray is enshrined in the TNA Hall of Fame.

Ray was my immediate predecessor as TNA Secretary and from a personal standpoint, I owe him many thanks for all the help and advice he gave me during the transition period. On behalf of the TNA, thanks to Ray for all his hard work, service and contributions to the Association.

Jerry Williams, former Governor, ANA Representative

I met Ray Whyborn in 1968 at the Texas Numismatic Association. It was TNA 10th convention that was held in San Antonio. Ray was a member of the San Antonio Club. He was such a hard worker and he just wanted everything to be just perfect. He never changed in all the year he served TNA.

Ray was president of TNA in later years and I was the treasurer. He was easy to work with. In 2000, I became the president of TNA and my secretary had to resign due to her full time job. So I had to replace her and I started to look around for her replacement. I ask Ray if he would consider taking the secretary's job, which is know easy job. He gladly took it and did a great job. Ray and I worked together real good. Our prayers and thoughts goes with Mary Jane and all his family.

Barbara Williams, Governor, District 15

I joined the TNA in 1991 and the first convention I attend, Jerry introduced me to Ray. After that, I never saw Ray that he didn't stop and visit. When I became governor of district XV, Ray was on the board too. He was always willing to do everything possible to help. Ray

Ray began collecting coins in 1960, and became well known as a numismatist and especially a paper money collector. He was a member of both the American Numismatic Association and the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc. which he served at various times as President, Vice President, Secretary and District Governor. He also received every major award that the TNA presents. In the 80's he became involved in stamp collecting and was an avid collector the remainder of his life. He was a member of the American Philatelic Association, the Texas Philatelic Association, the Nimitz Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, and the Pre-Cancel Club. He served the TPA as Vice President and board member. He was a longtime member and officer in the Wichita Falls Coin Club, and a founding member and officer in the Texoma Stamp Club.

Ray was a member of the Church of Christ and enjoyed the years he was able to act as church handyman. He was also a member of the VFW Post #7871 in Seymour, and served as flag raiser at Friday night football games during the years his grandsons were involved.



became Jerry's secretary in 2000 and Mary Jane took Ray's District Governor job and I was able to get to know both of them better.

Then Ray and Mary Jane's health started to go down hill. They were at conventions, shows, and meeting when I knew they didn't feel like it. But if their was a job to be done, they were right there. God only made one Ray Whyborn. He was my true and dear friend and I have missed him. I know he is in a much better place and he is not hurting any more.

E. B. "Rob" Robinson, Governor, District 13

My remembrances of Ray Whyborn? Where do I begin? I have had the pleasure of knowing Ray for around 30 years. There are lots of words to describe Ray - Dedicated, Caring, Energetic, Dependable, Helpful, Loving, etc. etc. etc. Ray was the kind of guy who was 'always there when you needed him, no matter the task.' He was never bashful about giving his opinion, but because of his vast knowledge and wisdom, his opinion was almost always well-received, very helpful, and on the mark. As a long-time member and officer in the TNA, I know that Ray has left a positive imprint on the organization that will last for many, many years to come. The same can be said for his impact on the Wichita Falls Coin Club, the Texoma Stamp Club and the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon. I guess my most favorite memory of Ray is at our annual club Christmas parties. He always came with a big smile, wearing a Santa hat, and ready to participate in the Chinese gift exchange. There was no hurrying him as he shook every package under the tree before making his selection. Thanks Ray for just being you. We will all miss you very much. I know I will!

Tony Zupkas, Wichita Fall Coin Club

I am saddened by the loss of Ray Whyborn. He is responsible for me being a member of the Wichita Falls Coin Club. Years ago when I had only been affiliated with our club for a short time my attendance started to wane. Ray took the time to give me a phone call and inquire about why I had missed meetings. I gave him the same excuses many of us come to believe about our lives; "I am too busy with work and other things." Ray would have none of that. He took a rather stern tone and gave me the verbal "kick in the rear" that I needed. He was right. He knew I belonged in the coin club. I was at the very next meeting because of Ray. I was inspired by his dedication to our club and our hobby. All these years later I still look forward to every meeting. Thanks, Ray. Ray was the patriarch of our club. His passing is a great loss to our club and the coin and stamp collecting community.



Scott McElvain, long time family friend...

My father was active duty Air Force and was assigned San Antonio in 1964. One of his fellow officers at the base was a friend of a Major Al Naumann who just so happened to be part of the five year-old Alamo Coin Club. I, like so many others, was in the beginning stages of stamp collecting and subject to the crossover influence of stores that dealt in both coins and stamps. I started to go to club meetings with the son of this fellow officer and kept going after my friend quit. I'm like that - I don't just join things for the sake of joining, I get involved.

Just as important to my upbringing, was having a group of adults that thought enough of me to accept, nurture, and work with me as a young coin collector. I did an internet search on Ray after I found out that he passed, and came across the TNA 50th Anniversary newsletter. Ray's name was listed under just about every award and every position in the organization and Mary Jane was the support he needed to achieve every one.

It was he, Mary Jane, and a group of Alamo Coin club members that trusted enough in me to make this young high school kid the club Secretary. I'm sure I made a lot of mistakes and things could have been done a lot better, but they gave me an incredible opportunity. There were so many times a lot of the members would hold back on bids so that me, or my friend Phil Goodrich, could get a coin we needed during a club auction. And there were the times that Phil and I would help in putting together exhibits. I almost hesitate to mention names in fear that I might forget someone, but among the group was Frank O'Sullivan, Ilse Griffith, Porter Montgomery, Lee Grossman, and last and best - Ray and Mary Jane Whyborn. In one of the articles, there was a statement that Ray's best memory was the 10th TNA Convention. It was one of my few TNA memories but I will always remember the chance it gave me to meet even more of those "numismatists" and not just collectors, that were role models to guide my progress in the hobby - names like Mac Kennedy, Lymon Barte, Frank O'Sullivan (again). Years later, I approached the Secretary to not just rejoin the TNA, but pay up my membership for the years since I failed to reup and get my old number back. Unfortunately, I just wasn't sure when I'd get back to Texas and decided against it. I'm still not back, and frankly, I still don't know when I'll get back. I never thought I'd end up in Mississippi, but I won't be here forever.

And Ray is gone for good. At least in this life. I didn't always agree with Ray, but I never doubted him and I always trusted his opinion. Every chance I could, I visited the Whyborns in Seymour, once I "rebound" them (and that was before the internet). I was planning on dropping by (with at least the usual hour notice) in a week or so, but too many things are just in the wrong place for me to be there today. So I am with you in my mind and heart, 3 o'clock my time, thinking about Ray and grieving with you.

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EXHIBITS SOUGHT FOR HOUSTON'S MONEY SHOW

(Houston, TX) – The Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC) has issued an open invitation for numismatists to display their collections and/or enter competitive exhibits during its December 2010 Money Show of the Southwest.

The 54th Money Show of the Southwest will run from Thursday, December 2nd, 2010 through Saturday December 4th at the George R. Brown Convention Center in the middle of the 4th largest city in the country.

"For over 50 years the goal of the GHCC has been "Education Through Numismatics. Each show we invite the numismatists of Texas and the rest of the country to display their collections or enter competitive exhibits," said Edwin Johnston, President of the GHCC.

All exhibitors will receive a participation gift and \$150.00 prize will be given to the competitive exhibit chosen as the Peoples' Choice and another to the exhibit chosen by the panel of judges to be the Best in Show.

"If you, as a collector and fellow numismatist, would like to display your collection or if you have numismatic material of particular interest please contact us at edi@hal-pc.org or 713-523-0119 and we'll mail or e-mail you an application."

"This is a wonderful opportunity to have the results of your numismatic work viewed and appreciated by thousands of attendees as well as the chance to pick up a trophy and monetary award!"

The Greater Houston Coin Club will supply tables and cases for exhibits as long as the supply lasts. The cases have an internal dimension of approximately 35" x 21". Please consider this opportunity to share your collection, insights and education with the greater numismatic community.

Deadline for exhibit registration is November 15th, 2010.

Around the clock security will be provided for the show and all exhibits will have a guard stationed near them.

Additional information on the show can be obtained at www.houstoncoinshow.org.

THE FORT KNOX STORY

by Tommy Sawyer

One might think on your next visit to the grand state of Kentucky you might contact some of their most influential citizens and ask them to help you obtain permission to visit Fort Knox? After all, aren't we entitled to actually see our country's gold reserves? The answer shouldn't be a surprise to our readers because you have a better chance of being elected Prime Minister of Canada than achieving the sought after goal. Thus the answer is No. No welcome mat here.

So then, let's review some of the historical past of one of the world's most guarded facilities to determine if we can understand why a positive response will never be rendered. It remains closed to the public and has never been open for the members of the populace to visit. Yet history has taught us to keep on trying if we want to succeed in life----however, visiting Fort Knox is completely out of the question. There is good reasons for this conclusion.

Many of America's most important personalities have tried using their influences to crack this barrier over many, many years. Their requests have fallen on deaf ears. Yet, one request to do so happened in 1943, when President Franklin Roosevelt did indeed tour the facility. No other President to my knowledge has received this honor even today.

Building such a structure was a mammoth feat in itself. After all, its designers in 1936 all agreed it must be a facility made impregnable. So, 15,000 cubic feet of granite and 4,300 cubic yards of cement were used in its construction. Throwing in another 14 tons of structural steel and reinforcing steel, you had a building that could withstand the strongest of winds and in-climate weather. The cost? Just of one half million dollars (1936 dollars). Once it was completed the gold reserves of the United States were moved by trucks from New York to Fort Knox. There it remains today.

How is the gold stored one might ponder? First of all it is keep in numerous vaults, stacked so it can be easily and accurately counted. The vaults are sealed with "special tapes" to prevent tampering. Holding a gold brick in one's hand would you might try guessing its weight? The answer is 27 pounds--or 400 ounces. At this writing, gold is trading above \$1,200 an ounce.

Through the years the public has accepted the fact the gold is there and in good order. It's counts are true and accurate. Also, the fact that when counting was deemed necessary, the country's wealth was intact. However, rumors and distrust in the early 1970's caused questions in some quarters if our gold reserves were indeed still there? To dispel these inquiries the Government decided to allow certain "outsiders" to come to the mint and see for themselves if the gold reserves were really there? Invited there were Congressmen and women, members of the press, and other dignitaries. On September 23, 1973, 120 people did indeed visit the depository. What did they discover? The gold was there and at the day's end, they were satisfied of the criticisms and rumors about the shortages were null and void.

Their rare visit to this extraordinary building contents proved the Government was indeed trustworthy with its gold accuracy. Much of the gold they saw there was the result of the melting of gold coinage by Presidential order in 1933. There is little doubt even today that rare \$5, \$10, and \$20 gold coins were melted in the "big pot."

Turning to The Red Book, we can quickly determine that gold coins from 1800-to present are difficult to obtain, many because of low mintages and others due to the order. We do find these coins today in museums, held by investors and numismatists---lost, buried, hidden. The rise in gold prices are keeping gold owners more alert and educated about the metal.

Finally, it is pleasing to know the accurate audits are taken at Fort Knox periodically. The gold is there and it represents the wealth of this great nation. If we are ever allowed to visit "our national treasury", I'd like to be the first to board the airplane along with any of you who would enjoy this golden trip of a lifetime.

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE:

1) What is the date on this coin?



2) What is the date on this coin?

Hint: Liberty Nickel



3) What is the difference between "Rim" and "Edge"?

DR. COYNE RESPONDS:

1) The date on this U.S. Large Cent is 1804. But the piece was not struck in 1804. It is a "restrike" (but not really a restrike under the strict meaning of the term). A batch of these was made about 1860 using genuine mint dies that had been sold as scrap years earlier. The restriker (perhaps J.J. Mickley) paired a rusted obverse die with an inappropriate (also scrap) die from 1820 to make these concoctions for coin collectors. They have a long history of being collected as a part of the regular Large Cent series. Most of them come in near-uncirculated condition, but they are generally not very attractive because the dies from which they were made were in such awful condition.

2) This is a 1912-S Liberty Nickel. It was in 1912 that the U.S. mint began striking nickels the branch mints. In 1912, the "D" coins are relatively common, while the "S" pieces are somewhat scarce.

3) The terms "rim" and "edge" refer to different parts of a coin and are not interchangeable. The rim is the outer part of the obverse and reverse designs (though it is imparted in modern minting using an upsetting mill). The edge is located 90 degrees "around the corner" from the rim on either the obverse or the reverse. The edge is tightly held during striking by a collar die, thus ensuring perfect roundness and a reproducible diameter in the finished coin. The edge can have a design (reeding, plain, or lettered) if the collar die is suitably engraved. Some collectors have recently lamented that the edge (the third side of a coin) has gotten harder to see since third-party grading and slabs became so popular.

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COIN SHOWS

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and Sacagawea

It's now the year 2010 and Y2K is just a memory. The end of the world didn't come, yet. The focus now is on the year 2012. Many now think 2012 to be the end of the world and you can thank the History channel for some of this!

The year 2012 is when our President's term comes to an end, a coincidence as several ancient cultures predicted 2012 to be the end.

The failure of Y2K lies between the modern calendar and the Mayan calendar. We have forgotten to take into account the effects caused by adding the Leap year, daylight savings time, and dog years, and that's why Y2K failed.

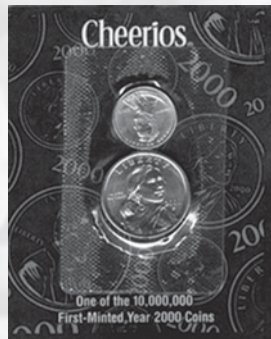
A forgotten prophesy the Mayan's made was that in the future year of 2000, food and money were coming together and to create a stir in the new land and the numismatic community.



2009 Sacagawea

The Mayan's predicted that the coming of a bee from a northern land, a bee named Buzz bee, will make everyone believe that gold is found in a life saving medicinal food that is to be called Cheerios.

In reality, 2000 was a period in which the U.S. Mint wanted to heavily promote the use of the Sacagawea dollar. In a marketing windfall, 2000 was a year in which the mention or inclusion of the "2000" was as good as "gold". In fact the U.S. Mint spent \$53,000,000 that year on marketing and advertising just to get you to use the new coin design.



Original Cheerios insert

For the U.S. Mint, each Sacagawea dollar cost 12 cents to produce, making 88 cents. The Mint deposited more than \$800 million in profits of coin to the U.S. Treasury. At the end of 2000, more than one billion Sacagawea dollars were produced and 700 million were released into circulation.

The U.S. Mint called on the help of mass consumer businesses such as Wal Mart and Sam's Club to promote and distribute the new coin. In late January 2000, the new Sacagawea coin started its circulation phase.

For General Mills though, they received the coins much earlier (October 1999) so that they had a chance to package the cereal and be ready by early January 2000, ahead of everyone else.

General Mills used Cheerios and placed a prepackaged year 2000 millennium cent in every box. For the new dollar, every 2000th box had a "golden dollar" placed in a package similar to the cent. These special dollar boxes also contained the cent along with the dollar.

For a lucky few people, General Mills included a certificate good for 100 Sacagawea dollars. These certificates were placed in every 4400 boxes.

For the cereal promotion, 10 million cents and 5500 Sacagawea dollars were released through their specially marked boxes of Cheerios and its other flavors. All the prepackaged coins came with the COA.

To the non collector, the cents and the dollars were spent. The elimination of these packaged collectibles meant nothing until a surprise came about with a surprise discovery that resulted in a 21st century numismatic rarity.

In 2005, a press release from the U.S. Mint declared that the Cheerios dollar was struck using pattern dies and not business strike dies. The difference is in the eagle's tail feathers. The

2005 statement was not the last for the Cheerios dollar.

In statement from the U.S. Mint released June 17, 2007, "5,500 Golden Dollars of a 'high detail' feather variety (12 tail feathers) were manufactured and shipped to General Mills as part of the Golden Dollar promotion in October 1999, under a detailed arrangement that they not be released until January 2000. Prior to manufacturing the coins for release to the Federal Reserve in 2000, the feather detail was softened and the center tail feather was recessed to solve a die manufacturing issue. Recessing the center tail feather gives the illusion of a 13th feather, but that was not the intent."

The initial discovery was not made in 2005 but earlier. Tom DeLorey is given credit for its realization as a pattern die. Tom DeLorey was one of the earliest ones to realize the difference. In 2008 PCGS stated that they have graded a "non pattern" Cheerios dollar. The PCGS sample was pulled from a non tampered box. This was used to confirm one that was originally graded by PCI in 2005 and then another in late 2005 by NGC.

The reverse of the 2000 Cheerios Sacagawea Dollar shows the central line of the eagle's tail features as a raised line. The individual features also show a high degree of detail. On coins produced for circulation, the central line is recessed and there is considerably less detail in the tail feathers. This modification was intended to produce a more realistic rendering of the tail feathers.

This Cheerios Sacagawea dollar is listed in Cherrypickers' Guide as FS-C1-2000P-901.



Top: Cheerios dollar - Reverse of 1999
Bottom: Business Strike - Reverse of 2000

- 10 years later...

by Fernando Razo

One of the finest 2000 P Cheerios Sacagawea Dollars graded PCGS MS68 was sold for \$34,500 in mid-2008 by Heritage Auctions. (Sold with the cent)

A few additional “Cheerios” Dollars went into orbit with one of the NASA space shuttle missions, but the vast majority of known examples have been destroyed or stored at Ft Knox as the Mint intended. The reason for its “recovery” was that they were made out of gold and not authorized to be in gold. Therefore these 22kt gold issues are deemed illegal.

Although almost nobody can turn up a Cheerios Dollar these days at shows, there are 10,000,000 Cheerios Pennies out there, and I personally have felt like I’ve heard from 10 million people (and dealers probably have also felt the same) on what its worth!

When I was employed at a local coin shop (and when I’m volunteering at the coin shows) I’ve had to break the bad news to several folks, that only the Cheerios Dollar coin is valuable. (It’s even worse when it comes to the steel 1943 Lincoln cents.)

Although Cheerios Pennies are generally nothing special, a small percentage have been found to have come from dies meant for Proof pennies, and they have the “Wide AM” reverse die type.

What about the value of the Cheerios cent?

Well, it’s not so bad that you might as well just go spend it, but as long you keep it on that little card, it’s worth a few bucks on eBay. (Problem with this, they want them slabbed! Having it slabbed does not increase its value.) Then again, if they keep it on the little card, it’ll probably get PVC damage from the plastic sealing it in. Original packaging is always a good thing.

Cheerios and Sacagawea- a decade later, now what!

For Cheerios and its parent company General Mills, nothing has happened between them and the Mint. They have concluded there promotion with the dollar and there is no plan for a resurrection. The only resurrection planned is for the second coming of Christ!

The result of the Sacagawea program gave the numismatic community the following:

- The business and proof strikes from 2000-2008
- The 22kt gold patterns (reference number J-2190 for inclusion in the most recent

edition of the standard pattern reference by J. Hewitt Judd and edited by Q. David Bowers, United States Pattern, Experimental & Trial Pieces.)

- The Cheerios “pattern) dollar with the 1999 reverse (detailed tail feathers- revealed in 2005)
- The Cheerios “non-pattern” dollar with the 2000 reverse (no detail on the tail feathers -revealed in 2008)
- A stockpile.
- A new design for 2009

For the Sacagawea dollar it’s a failure! Same goes for the Presidential dollars when it comes to mass circulation. With these failures, it would make sense to halt the program, but like many failing, over bloated government projects, and institutions, pumping more money is the way to go. (Hint, Hint, and need I say more.)

2010 Sacagawea Dollar and its decade of issuance.

For the Sacagawea dollar, the 2000 and the 2001 saw circulation release, the rest is laying piled up collecting dust. The Sacagawea Dollar failed to circulate because of the circulating “paper” dollar that is fancied by all political parties and it’s recognition by the rest of the world.

and composition changes made specifically to address the previous dollars shortcomings. After a few years of declining mintages, the coins were only produced for inclusion in annual US Mint issued collector sets, or bags and rolls of coins sold directly to collectors at a premium.

Starting with 2009, the Sacagawea Dollar underwent design changes and was renamed the Native American Dollar. The obverse of the coin had the date and mint mark removed and placed on the edge of the coin with incuse lettering. The reverse of the coin began to feature annually rotating designs commemorating contributions of Native Americans. The reverse design for 2009 featured the Three Sisters method of planting. Coins were once again minted for circulation with the legislative stipulation that 20% of all dollar coins produced by the United States Mint must be Native American Dollars.

The 2010 Sacagawea Dollar will be the second year that the traditional obverse is paired with a new reverse design created to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Native Americans. Officially, the series has been referred to as Native American Dollar starting with the prior year’s release.

The reverse design of the coin features the Hiawatha Belt, surrounding a bundle of five arrows. The belt is a visual record of the Haudenosaunee or Iroquois Confederacy. The symbols on the belt and the arrows represent the five Nations of the Confederacy, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, and Seneca. Inscriptions indicate the theme of the reverse “Haudenosaunee” and “Great Law of Peace”. The reverse was designed by Thomas Cleveland.

The obverse of the coin continues to depict Sacagawea and child with a modification to the inscriptions. The date and mint mark, which previously appear to the right of the portrait, have been moved to the edge of the coin. The obverse was originally designed by Glenna Goodacre.

The 2010 Sacagawea Dollar will be issued for circulation. By law, the total dollar coin production of the United States Mint must be at least 20% comprised of the Sacagawea or Native American Dollars. The remaining production will take place for the Presidential Dollar series, which will also be issued for circulation.

As for the end of the Native American/ Sacagawea dollar program, it’s up in the air or when the world comes to an end in 2012.



Sacagawea Native American 2009 design



Sacagawea Native American 2010 design

Despite a huge promotion program by the United States Mint, the Sacagawea dollar now shares numismatic history with the unpopular Susan B. Anthony dollars, despite the design



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

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

Meeting reports from the clubs include special events and program presentations. Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: tnews@sbcglobal.net

DISTRICT ONE



June Meeting - President John Post called the meeting to order with forty-two members and three guests in attendance.

Gary Andrews addressed the club members to note his appreciation to all of the club members, who volunteered to work the 2010 ANA Show.

Educational Program: Jim Waite gave a very informative presentation on the three-legged 1937-D Buffalo nickel. His presentation highlighted some of the diagnostics that a collector can use to authenticate this coin, as there have many attempts to counterfeit it.

July Meeting - President John Post called the meeting to order with forty-seven members and five guests in attendance.

Educational Program: Ed Lasko gave a very informative presentation on the Standing Liberty Quarter series. Ed also discussed several of the hypothesized reasons why the design was changed to cover Liberty's exposed breast.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

June Meeting - The Kids Night program during the June meeting was a huge success. There were 17 kids in attendance, and they all received a 2009 Redbook, a large State Quarter fold-out map, and some interesting facts and informational fliers from the BEP. They also receive a vinyl page for a 3 ring binder that holds 20 cardboard 2 X 2's and a. As a "starter set", they received complimentary 2 X 2's for all denominations.



Richard Wallace and Jerry Stuart talked about Jefferson nickels, and showed the kids where the date and mint mark are located. The kids also received the first Whitman folder book for 1938-1961 nickels along with 21 nickels to put into the books. Cotton cloth was handed out so each participant could put the coins into the folder properly without touching the coins.

Thanks go out to Richard Wallace and Jerry Stuart for putting together the program. A special thanks goes out to CR Coins who donated material as well as some really nice gifts for raffle drawings.

Boy Scout Merit Badges: Four scouts completed their coin collecting badges at the May TNA show. Two more completed their requirements at the June Youth night.

Articles from the June & July NETCC Newsletters

PONZI STILL LIVES

A "gentleman" called one of our members last week with a wonderful opportunity for all of us in the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club to make a ton of money. He promised returns of 30%-40% or more on our investment! All we have to do is buy MS-70 certified silver or gold eagles from him and sell them to our friends and neighbor for 5 times the purchase price. They in turn will become distributors and do the same thing and everyone will all clean up.

This ugly snake appeared a few years ago in Arlington and was known as the "Family of Eagles". It died in a short time, but left a large number of innocent purchasers holding the bag with coins they could not sell at anywhere near cost. Yes, the originators of this scam made a lot of money but seriously injured the real coin collecting fraternity.

They refer to their program as being similar to Amway. However, this is nothing more than a Ponzi scam and pyramid scheme, highly illegal to both the promoter AND participants.

Help spread the word to keep this cancer from again invading the world of legitimate coin collectors. If you are contacted, get information about the promoter and pass it on to police.

JUST EXACTLY WHAT IS AN SMS?

A Special Mint Sets, often called an SMS, are annual set of coins issued by the U.S. Mint 1965-1967. These coins were to replace both mint and proof sets, and have a better than average strike, but are not proofs.

SMS coins do not have any Mint marks. It was thought coin collectors hoarded mint-marked coins, thereby contributing to the US coin shortage at the time.

Special Mint Sets consist of one coin of each circulating type in the year it was issued: cent, nickel, dime, quarter-dollar, and half-dollar. The coins were also sealed in special packaging. In 1965, a clear vinyl plastic called "pliofilm" was used; in 1966 and 1967, the coins were placed into plastic cases. Both types sold for \$4.00 per set and are worth \$8-11 today.

JUST WHAT EXACTLY IS A FULL HEAD?

Most coin price guides carry columns for Standing Liberty quarters with a FH, or "full head" designation. Often, FH examples demand a substantial premium over a "dish head" where the head of the coin is so poorly struck that it is actually concave, with essentially no details whatsoever.

So what are the standards that qualify a Standing Liberty Quarter for the FH indicator? Using a 1919 example, according to Official A.N.A. Grading Standards for United States Coins, a coin must adhere to the following standards to be considered a candidate for the FH designation:

Type I coins must exhibit: • well-defined details in hair • complete hairline along face • a visible eyebrow • a rounded cheek

Type II coins must exhibit: • 3 well defined leaves in hair • a complete hairline along brow and across face • a small indentation at ear

The 1917 Type 1 and 1930 often display full head detail. On the other hand, the 1919-D, 1919-S, 1920-S, 1926-D 1926-S and 1927-S can be considered rare.

The FH designation is generally thought to be an indication that the strike of the coin is complete; however, this is not always the case. A better indication is the fullness of the shield; it should display complete outer borders as well as sixteen rivets clearly visible between the borders. Furthermore, the inner design of the shield ("shield within the shield") should be fully outlined, encircled by its own border.

The 1919 quarter displayed previously is an example that possesses both a full head and a full shield, and it is an unusually desirable coin. On the other hand, the 1929 example shown here, although certified with as FH, clearly lacks shield definition. Hence, the head detail should not be your starting criteria – it should be the shield detail. Relying on the FH designation of an assigned grade is not sufficient criteria for locating well struck examples. In the long run, the time you invest in waiting for and seeking the best struck specimens will pay off.



DISTRICT FIVE

COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

May Meeting - The regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club for May 2010 was brought to order at 7:00 PM with President, Kim G. presiding. There were twenty two (22) members and four guests in attendance.

Program: The program consisted of a presentation by President Kim G. on the "state of the Club", highlighting attendance, shows, auctions, fellowship, and the Christmas dinner as positive aspects of the Club. He called the Club "the best-kept secret in Texas". Kim proposed the Club become more active in TNA, both personally and by the Club.



April Meeting - David Swann called the meeting to order. There were 2 visitors-Cary Moomjian and John Bright. Both found out about the Club at the ANA in Fort Worth. The first order of business was to award past



president, secretary and current editor of the newsletter, Kathy Lawrence, for her service as president of the club. All of us join together to thank Kathy for her service in the past and appreciate her service in the present.



Debbie Williams awarded Larry Herrera for his grand prize winning entry in the Fort Worth ANA exhibits. Larry's exhibit was on antique counterfeit detectors. Having personally viewed the exhibit, I walked away very impressed with the depth of his collection. The award is very justified. Nice work Larry!

It was unanimously decided that the club award Mike Grant a \$25.00 gift certificate for his presentation on being a coin dealer. Thanks again Mike.

David Swann reaffirmed that Victor Toogood was given a lifetime membership. Since he is the first such recipient in our memory, there was no provision for this action in the club by-laws. The amendment was approved.

John Post spoke briefly on the Fort Worth ANA. He said the show was a success and that the ANA people were very happy with the contributions of all of the volunteers from the sponsoring coin clubs.

Show & Tell items were shared by several members.

Frank Clark gave the presentation on National Bank Notes.

The notes are very interesting and rare. The most interesting aspect of the notes is that they are from local banks. He has notes from Denton, Garland, and other area banks. Frank has an obvious passion for these collectibles. It shows.

He has taken the time, over the years, to visit the old bank structures, take pictures, wrangle his way inside to see the old vaults, etc. His passion is contagious. I am now interested in National Bank Notes. Not sure that I will ever collect them, as I can only collect just so much, but his presentations make me much more knowledgeable than I was on the subject.

He also convinced me that they are indeed rare notes. He said that some of the notes that he owns are scarce. Being a coin collector, scarce to me is a coin that numbers in the thousands and rare coins in the hundreds. These coins are very pricey and owning one brings great satisfaction. I asked Frank what he meant by a note being scarce, thinking he would say less than one thousand. He says that scarce is about 10 notes. WOW! And not only are they very few in number but they are not rare coin expensive. I would strongly urge anyone that is interested in National Bank Notes to seek Frank out, as he has a wealth of knowledge, a passion for the subject, and he is an all around nice guy. Thanks Frank.

May Meeting - David Swann called the meeting to order. There was one visitor-Charlie Gaither.

Hal Cherry summed up the TNA just recently held. He was told that attendance was down slightly, but that the dealers' sales were up. The bourse was sold out and all dealers were enthusiastic with the show results.

The TNA raffle raised about \$2,000.00 thanks to the great prizes donated by Heritage Auctions, and the book auction raised about \$1,000. Thanks to all who participated.

Several Dallas Coin Club members were winners in the exhibits or special awards of the TNA and were recognized for their accomplishments.

Show and Tell: Thanks to all of our Show and Tell presenters. All received 3 raffle tickets for that evening's raffle!

Education Presentation: Allen Scott was the speaker for the meeting. The subject was 2 cent, 3 cent, 5 cent, and half dime type. Every type was presented from flowing hair half dimes, Small Eagle half dimes, Heraldic Eagle half dimes(all of these types thanks to Hal Cherry) Capped Bust half dimes, Seated Liberty half dimes, including no stars, stars obverse, arrows at date, and legend obverse. All three 3 cent silver coins were shown including the copper nickel 3 cent coin.

All nickels were represented by type. Including the Shield with arrows, shield without arrows, Liberty Head with no cents and Liberty Head with cents, Indian head or Buffalo on mound and on plain, Jefferson, and Jefferson silver or "war nickels" were all shown.

June Meeting - David Swann called the meeting to order with 2 visitors, John Mueller and Deanne Ooley. John collects paper money and world coins. Deanne is a professional medalist, studying at the University of North Texas.

New Business- The 1,000 meeting of the Dallas Coin Club is rapidly approaching this coming year. David Swann wishes for our membership to start thinking of appropriate ways of celebrating this important milestone.

One thing that was discussed was the possibility of having a medal struck commemorating the occasion. It is possible to use some old DCC dies, from previous medals in years past, modified to meet our needs today. This would greatly reduce the set up costs, and give the medals a link to the past. Everyone present wished to look into this possibility.

Show & Tell items were shared by several members.

Education Presentation: Our speaker was Stewart Huckaby. His program was on Military Payment Certificates.

His talk included a brief history of MPC's, dating back to just after WWII, and issued in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Germany, none of which are surprising, but others were distributed in Austria, Belgium, England, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Philippines, Ryukyu, Scotland, Trieste, and Yugoslavia. All, of course, were issued to military personnel for use on base and approved merchants.

The size of the notes increased with the value of the note. Early series had no vignettes, with later issues having several different vignettes, including "Lady Liberty", Native Americans, jet fighters, space walkers, etc.

There were even replacement notes. These notes are similar to "star" notes, only much more scarce.

It was a very interesting subject, and Stewart brought a liberal amount of specimens for us to see from his personal collection.

If you missed the program, Stewart put together a brief paper covering the subject.

DISTRICT SIX



June Meetings - June 7 - There were 23 members and guest at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. This provided more time for Sebastian Frommhold's program about Modern Circulating Euro Coins. Sebastian Frommhold presented a program, Modern Circulating Euro Coins. While getting a lights turned back on. Richardo DeLeon showed a Poncho villa wallet.

June 21 - There were 27 members and guest at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. This provided more time for Michael

Doyle's program about Confederate paper money. Garth announced an article in Coin World about Jim Beville receiving an award for his Paper Republic book. Michael Doyle presented a program, Confederate Paper Money.



May Meeting - President Edwin Johnston called the last meeting to be held at Fair Haven United Methodist Church to order with 50+ members in attendance 50+ and visitors, Lisa Schwartz & Hanlon Skillman.

The group remembered John Herbert who passed away since our last meeting. John's loss to the club is strongly felt.

After Show and Tell the Evening Program, "The Trial of Black Swan Treasure.", was presented by Alvin Stern, Brian Holland, John Barber and Ricardo deLeon Tallavas

Issue revolves around the 2007 discovery and reclamation by Odyssey Marine of a shipwreck and over \$500 million of cargo and relics. In 1804 the Spanish ship "Mercedes" was



fired upon and sunk by the British in international waters. Claims to the treasure recovered by Odyssey have been made not only by Odyssey Marine but also by Spain and Peru. The group noted that Odyssey is the largest marine exploration company in the world. To date the company has recovered over 17 tons of material worth countless millions, even billions of dollars.

Our speakers presented the case of ownership for the treasure from the perspective of each participant; Spain, Peru, Odyssey Marine.

Following the presentation club members were divided into four different groups for the purpose of deliberation as a jury. The results are as follows:

Group 3 decided 100% in behalf of Odyssey (Sorry Peru and Spain)

Group 2 decided 90% for Odyssey and 10% for Peru (Sorry Spain)

Group 4 decided 90% for Odyssey and 10% for Peru (ditto)

Group 1 decided 85% for Odyssey and 5% for Spain (Sorry Peru); 10% undecided?

Much was learned from the presentation and discussion following. (Personal note from LDS - From the observation of the Lame Duck Secretary - who entered near the end of the process - everyone was having a great time)



Following the program for the evening the club officially thanked LDS Richard Laster for service to the club and for the use of the church he pastors (soon pastored) as our meeting place.

The outgoing secretary thanks the members of the Greater Houston Coin Club for their friendship and for the opportunity to be of service.

June Meeting - Our first meeting at St. Luke's was a success!

Meeting called to order by President Edwin Johnston at 6:45 Pm. Attendance was 40 members, three guests and three visitors (Lisa Schwartz, Henry Mading (?), and Hanlon Skillman).



After Show and Tell the evening's program was presented by Mike Doyle, partner in the Collectors Coin Shop about his long-time interest in Confederate paper money. He brought many examples of both genuine and counterfeit bills along with several very necessary reference books. He also showed examples of the "Belle of the South", Lucy Perkins, on a \$1 and \$100 bill.

Alvin Stern related to the Club his being asked to inventory and liquidate John Herbert's very extensive collection of "tens of thousands" of coins. He has asked for some members' assistance in specialized areas of knowledge as well as for scarabs and other antiquities, rocks and minerals, and cut gem stones. Members are being offered the possibility of acquiring coins from his collection but need to contact Alvin Stern for details and restrictions.

DISTRICT SEVEN



ALAMO COIN CLIPS

May Meetings - May 13 - The meeting of the Alamo Coin Club was called to order by

ACC Vice President II Fernando Razo.

Several members gave Roundtable presentations. The Attendance Prize was won by Py C. Py received a 2010 ASE for simply being there in attendance.



Don't let Py out eat you at Luby's!

May 27 - The meeting of the Alamo Coin Club was called to order by ACC Vice President II Fernando Razo.

Several members gave Roundtable presentations. Winner of the Roundtable prize was Paul C. He received a 1965 US Special Mint Set.



June Meetings - June 10 - Winner of the Roundtable prize was Bill B. Our friend Wild Bill received a 1991 US Proof set. Upon receipt he told us that he will celebrate his 80th birthday. This then followed with all of us singing to him, and it was not pretty.

There was no presentation made.

June 24 - Roundtable winner was Fred B. Fred received a 1989 US Proof coin set.

Attendance Prize winner was Dave S. Dave S. has been away from the meetings for some time and then the night he attends he wins. Dave won a 2010 American Silver Eagle.

There was an auction conducted by David and Fernando. There were 27 lots up for bid with 14 being sold.

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GATEWAY COIN CLUB

May Meetings - June 10 - The meeting opened with 31 members in attendance. The attendance prize, a brilliant 2010 American Silver Eagle, was given to a very ecstatic Ray Tate.

The roundtable session had several participants. The meeting closed with an exciting auction with a significant variety of numismatic treasures.

May 20 - The meeting was attended by 30 members and 1 visitor. Our visitor was Ollie Lozano.

Due to the absence of the scheduled program speaker, Greg Meyer, an educational program was presented by David Fuqua. His program was based on a photo of an 1873 Trade Dollar that was featured in the PCGS 2010 calendar. The coin was graded as an MS63 by PCGS despite the fact that the coin clearly shows a fingerprint on the obverse. A lively discussion followed after the presentation in an attempt to answer the question of why the Trade Dollar was given such a high grade.

June Meetings - Jun. 3 - The meeting opened with 25 members and 2 visitors present. The members welcomed our visitors, Harlon Skillman and Larry Vogel. Art Gutierrez, Jr. was the lucky recipient of the attendance prize, a lustrous 2010 American Silver Eagle.

Arturo Gutierrez, Sr., was surprised with a delightful dessert from Denny's to help celebrate his 83rd birthday. Arturo smiled happily as he held on tightly to his dessert plate and the members sang "Happy Birthday."

The roundtable session had several participants.

The meeting concluded with a fun auction conducted by our auctioneers Fernando and David.

Jun. 17 - The last meeting of the month was attended by 25 members and 1 visitor. Our visitor was Steve Vackimes, who was visiting from Mexico.

The roundtable session had several participants.

Larry Foster presented the educational program that evening. His topic was "Some of my Collecting Interests." He talked about collecting coins by date and about collecting many other things that appeal to him, such as autographed photos, coffee mugs, baseball memorabilia as well as many other things. Thank you, Larry, for an interesting presentation. Fernando said, "Collect what you want and what makes you happy."

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

July Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. There were 11 members in attendance and one visitor, Mr Danny Walker, who joined the club during the evening.

Rob, Ollie, and Bryan Sweitzer briefly reported on the TNA 50th anniversary convention. All agreed it was a good show and each picked up some nice coins for their collections while there. Rob, who attended the board meeting, reported that the board of governors approved a motion to waive future membership dues for those who had been members of the TNA for 50 years or longer. There are four TNA members who meet this criteria this year. One of those four is one of our own club members - Mr. Bill Howard of Quanah. Congratulations Bill!!

DISTRICT THIRTEEN (CONT.)

WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

May Meeting - Meeting called to order with 18 Members present for the meeting and no visitors.

Program: Rob Robinson talked about finding an 1805 half cent with a medium "5" on E-Bay, and noticed from the pictures that it had stems. Per Rob, there is no known die variety of the medium 5 obverse coupled with a reverse with stems. At first he thought the coin might be an unknown variety. After some research using Walter Breen's book on half cents, he determined that the reverse shown in the picture matched an 1807 reverse. He noticed that the seller had an 1807 half cent also listed for sale and mixed up the pictures of the reverse. He withdrew his bid and emailed the seller.

June Meeting - Meeting called to order with 11 Members present for the meeting and no visitors.

George Woodburn announced that Long time member Ray Whyborn passed away on 18 June 2010. George Woodburn sent flowers to the service for the club. Tony Zupkas suggested that the club donate to the TNA in honor of Ray Whyborn to the young numismatists fund. George also mentioned that Gene Wheeler was recently robbed coming home from a coin show in Grapevine, TX.

Program: Tony Zupkas said that a recent mailer that appears on the face of it that you won \$25,000, but after reading the fine print you actually only win three golden presidential coins. Tony Zupkas said that while he shared a booth at a recent gun show, a man came and said that the Presidential Golden coins were actually gold. He tried to convince the man that they coins were "Golden" not gold but the man didn't wouldn't to believe him.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN

HIDALGO COIN CLUB

Hidalgo YN's Select Best State Quarters. See their story in this issue.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

May Meeting - Dale called the meeting to order.

Educational Program: Judy Matherne presented a program on Mexican coinage. Mexico – Five Hundred Years of Modern History

Mexico's history may be divided in the following manner:

before 1519: Pre-Columbian – before Cortez invaded

1519 - 1810: Colonial Period

1810 – 1820: War for Independence from Spain

1822 – 1823: Emperor Iturbide (Imperial Coinage)

1823 – 1857: Republican Era

1857 – There was a switch in coinage to the decimal system.

1905 – Monetary Reform

1905 – present: Modern Mexican coins

(1910 – 1920 War of Revolution)

After the Spanish invasion of what is now Mexico, they took huge amounts of gold and silver out of the country. This was not in the form of raw ore as they refined the gold and produced high volumes of gold coins, especially cobs. This finished product was then shipped back to Spain. The Spaniards opened the first mint in North America in 1535. Coins of the 19th century showed the hook neck eagle with a snake in its beak, standing on a cactus plant. This design is considered the obverse by most resources and is found on all Mexican coins to date.

The following persons can be found on Mexican coins:

CUAHTEMOC (1519) Coins with Cuahtemoc on them include the 1947-8 5 pesos and 1955-1983 50 centavos.

DONA JOSEFA ORTIZ de DOMINGUEZ (1810) Coins with Dona Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez include the 1942-1976 5 centavos.

MIGUEL HIDALGO (1810) Miguel Hidalgo's image is found on the 1951-1957 5 pesos coins and the 1974 – 1990 10 pesos coins.

JOSE MORELOS (1810) His image is found on the 1947 – 1987 peso coins. The peso coins series from 1957- 1967 had planchets bathed in silver before being struck.

VICENTE GUERRERO (1829) Coins honoring Vicente Guerrero include the 1971 – 1978 5 pesos.

(As a footnote, Santa Anna became president in 1833 and was captured in the Texas Revolution in 1836. There are no images of Santa Anna on any Mexican coin).

BENITO JUAREZ (1855) Coins honoring Benito Juarez include the 1955 – 1967 10 centavos pieces and the 1984 – 1992 50 pesos.

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA (1910) A 1959 coin in his honor commemorates his birth year in 1859. He is also featured on the 1984 – 1992 100 pesos coins.

FRANCISCO I. MADERO (1910) Francisco I. Madero image is on the 20 centavos coins from 1974 – 1983 and the 500 pesos coins minted from 1986 – 1992.

June Meeting - Dale called the meeting to order.

Educational Program: Barbara Williams presented a program on Fort Worth coin dealer, B. Max Mehl, outlining his long history as a coin dealer and his contributions to numismatics and the spread of coin collecting by the general public.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

WACO COIN CLUB

May Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 17 members in attendance.

HISTORICAL FACTS

One of the most colorful legends in American numismatic history is the Legend of Josh Tatum and the Racketeer Nickel.

The first of the "V Nickels" had barely left the mint in 1883 when appalled officials found a fundamental flaw in their design - the word "cents" had been left off. Con artists began plating the nickels with gold and passing them off to unsuspecting merchants as \$5 gold pieces.

According to numismatic folklore, one of the first charlatans to engage in this ruse was a deaf-mute named Josh Tatum. As the story goes, he could never be prosecuted for the crime of fraud because, unable to speak, he never claimed the coins to be \$5 pieces. He merely allowed merchants to make such an assumption. It's even claimed by some that Josh Tatum is the inspiration for the phrase "You're joshin'me".

While modern coin historians have so far been unable to find evidence to confirm Josh Tatum's existence, he remains a beloved part of the rich folklore of US coinage.

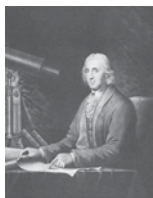
June Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 15 members in attendance. Tom suggested that the club give some of the schools coin books. Later we may want to do scholarships to summer programs. We will check to see if the schools would be interested.



HISTORICAL FACTS

The United States Begins Minting Coins

Not until three years after the Constitution was put into effect in 1789 did the newly seated Congress again take up the coinage issue. Finally, on April 2, 1792, Congress approved an Act requiring coins to be minted bearing the words "United States of America" and "an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word Liberty, and the year of the coinage...". This was the first major step in establishing our national coinage system.



The Act authorized the salary of the Director of the Mint, who was to receive two thousand dollars annually, and other mint officials. President Washington appointed a famous scientist and philosopher named David Rittenhouse to be the first Director, a man widely respected for his professionalism and integrity.

A self-educated genius, Rittenhouse constructed America's first astronomical observatory with telescope, helped arbitrate the famous Mason-Dixon line, invented the metallic thermometer, advanced the field of mathematics, and was a master clockmaker. So highly regarded was Rittenhouse, that along with Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton both urged him to accept the Director's position.

The 1792 Act also mandated the construction of a new minting facility for the United States, the first buildings erected for public use under the Constitution. Located at Seventh Street and Filbert in Philadelphia, the stone foundation for the first building was laid in the summer of 1792. Eventually, three buildings comprised the original mint.



The new law permitted anyone with gold and silver bullion to come in off the street to the Mint and have it coined free of charge. The Mint would have preferred an exchange program, trading coins held in reserve in return for private bullion, but since Congress did not establish a Mint bullion fund, a quick exchange program was not possible. Unfortunately, most potential depositors did not care to wait for their bullion to be coined, and consequently, few coins entered circulation in this fashion.

Interestingly, as an indication how 18th century jurisprudence differed from modern times, any mint employee found guilty of embezzling any sum or engaging in any fraudulent Mint-related activity for profit, was to receive the death penalty. Nowadays, this sort of criminal behavior is actually treated in some circles as qualification for a higher position in life!

A bimetallic system was provided for, at a ratio of fifteen (silver) to one (gold). The copper coins were not designated as legal tender, and so could be refused by banks, merchants, and private

individuals. Eventually, the non-legal tender status of the copper coins did lead to a problem that wasn't solved until the 1850's.

The first coin struck by the United States was the half dime (originally spelled "disme") in July 1792, months before the Mint facility was fully completed. Legend has it that the silver to produce the half dime was donated by George and Martha Washington. The coins were struck in the basement of John Harper, a citizen of Philadelphia. On hand to witness the event were the Washingtons, Rittenhouse, Jefferson, Hamilton, and other dignitaries. Fifteen hundred of these pieces were minted, but only as pattern coins, and were not intended for circulation, though some of them did reach the public. Many historians believe the portrait on the half dimes was modeled after Martha Washington.



Other patterns of various denominations were also minted in 1792, none released purposely into circulation.

For many years, the standard reference book for pattern coinage has been *United States Pattern, Experimental, and Trial Pieces*. The latest edition, the 8th, was released in the summer of 2003, after being edited by the dean of American numismatics, Q. David Bowers. Readers will find a great deal of information in this book, complemented by high quality pictures. Highly recommended for collectors wanting to learn more about this overlooked area of numismatics.

The first coins to reach the general population were the copper half cent and one cent coins of 1793. The one cent coins were dubbed "large cents" because they contained exactly twice as much copper as the smaller half cent (in those years, a half cent could actually buy something).



The first large cent design was met with much criticism. Amongst other complaints, the *Pennsylvania Gazette* editorialized that "...liberty herself appears to be in a fright...". The Mint went through several engravers before finally settling on the Liberty Cap type later in 1793.

A book for serious collectors is *Penny Whimsy*, by William Sheldon. An icon in numismatic circles, Sheldon spent many years cataloging each large cent variety struck, and assigning a rarity number. An ideal research tool for those interested in early U.S. cents. Tons of information presented in an entertaining and informative manner. Sheldon is also credited with devising the 70-point grading system prototype that eventually evolved into the ANA grading scale in widespread use today.

The following year, 1794, the first silver issues were released: the five cent half disme (today spelled "dime"), the half dollar, and the silver dollar. Dimes and quarters were first issued in 1796. Gold coins arrived on the scene in 1795, in the form of the ten dollar gold eagle and the five dollar gold half eagle. Quarter eagles, valued at two and one-half dollars, were introduced in 1796.

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