# THE 1894-S BARBER DIME MYSTERY MAY NEVER BE SOLVED... 

by Tommy Sawyer



TThe turn of the century was approaching and an older silver dime was about to be replaced. The Liberty Seated dime had served the country for just over 24 years and a new series had been approved by Congress. Charles Barber, chief engraver of the United States Mint was chosen to be the designer. The new coin tipped the scales at 2.50 grams, and would contain .900 silver content. Four domestic mints would produce vast amounts of dimes approved by Congress. One of these four would become more famous for not producing the new coin than it did by minting the new coin. Confusing? Let's see why.

There were no rarities in these mint ages that circulated from 1894-1916. Oh, really? Are we overlooking the most written about and perhaps the most famous Barber dime ever minted? What could this be? Well, let's review the coin's history and determine exactly which mint and which Barber coin "lite up the numismatic skies", then and even today. Its production and distribution has mystified coin collectors the world over.

Has the readers ever heard the name Hattie Daggett? Remember it because the history associated with her is a numismatic gem. Her father, Mr. Daggett, was the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint in 1894. Congress approved no mintage of 1894 San Francisco dimes that year. Why, still today remains a mystery. The other three mints continued with their productions.
This is the beginning of our mystery concerning the 1894-S Barber dime. Some stories state Mr. Daggett decided that since no dimes were to be minted at his mint there in San Francisco, he would go ahead and have 24 minted for his personal friends. His orders were followed and 24 dimes minted. Seven of the Superintendent's friends were presented with 3 each, and young Hattie received the remaining three. His instructions to his daughter were, "Keep these 3 coins in a safe place and someday, when you grow older, these coins will be valuable". History proved him correct. A safe place was found for over 60 years. Time and
circumstances had dedicated her decisions to follow her dad's instructions - almost.

She followed her father's instructions until one day she passed the local ice cream parlor. After all, if she spent only one of these dimes, she would still have two left. What should she do? That ice cream cone looked so delicious. She made her decision and the dime was spent for a strawberry ice cream cone. As it turned out, this no doubt proved to be the most expensive ice cream cone in all history.

Hattie grew up and decided to test the numismatic waters in 1954 with her two remaining coins. A dealer from California named Guy Chapman purchased both coins from her through another dealer. After all, her dad was correct - the coins did bring her an undisclosed amount of money. He in turn sold the two and over the years the coins have found new owners. Each time one sees a 1894-San Francisco dime going up for auction, it reaches new heights financially for its owners.

Coin dealers who have actually seen these coins have been astonished at their high quality. It has been a mystery because two questions about their condition haven't been answered: (1) were the coin's minted in some special way, or (2) were the coins struck with several blows on the old screw press? Various opinions have arisen, but seasoned professional numismatists have rested on the facts that which method was used, the coins were of the highest grades a coin could be.

Today, what is one of these coin's value? This would be determined by its condition and the economic climate. Your Redbook lists a PF 63 around $\$ 850,000$ dollars. One can assume the owners of these coins are aware of the values other buyers have paid at auction for one. One would certainly have little or no trouble filling the holes in your folders with all of the Barber dimes - that is to say, except the "strawberry delight" that Hattie enjoyed that day in 1894.

Editor's note: Tommy wrote the original article for "The Senior News Source" during 1999-2009. The Wikipedia website has the following information on recent auction prices for this coin:

[^0]http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1894-S_Barber_Dime


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PUBLICATION DEADLINES

We want to publish your educational articles and club news in a timely manner. Please submit your items by the 15th of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November.

## I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday

 season. It has been sweater and coat weather these last few weeks up here in the DEW area, but nothing like the northeast part of the country. I would imagine that coin shows in that area have had a diminished turnout.

However, that gives collectors time to take care of organizing their latest acquisitions. Cataloging and holder preparation are a couple of the enjoyable aspects of our hobby. Of course, sometimes we find that small scratch or other wear area we didn't notice at the show when we bought the coin. Getting caught up in the excitement of finding that last piece to finish the set we have may cause our normal discretion to falter. It happens to all collectors - we like that extra rush of excitement, but sometime it comes at a price!
speaking of that last piece to finish our set, we hope you enjoy our cover story. Very few collectors have had the chance or money to fill the gap of the 1894-S Barber Dime. Although it's a story well-known to collectors, Tommy sawyer puts a spin on it for us.

Mark Benvenuto is back with a piece on Trade Dollars and Dr. Coyne answers some interesting questions. Club newsletters provide us with some interesting articles and we have provided information on new commemorative coins being presented by the U.S. Mint.

They are not listed in the Table of Contents on the left of this page, but be sure to look at Exhibit Chair, Debbie Williams, information on page 3, as well as, Librarian, Carlton Simmons, and Youth Auction Director, Frank schick, on page 5. They all have important information for our members.

There are other items for our readers to find also - I hope you enjoy this edition of the INA News and.

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untilnext time,
Ron Kersey

## "Cheri, for you I would go out of circulation!"

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TThis year has started out with some real changes over the last two years. It looks like the economy is improving some; we have seen this with the shows that have started the new year. There were many collectors at the fun show and also at several local shows. We still see that nice collector material cannot be found easily, and that bullion still dominates the market. At this time gold is down $\$ 50$ per ounce and silver is down $\$ 1.27$, I do not know what this means - it could be profit taking or it could be that there is a market correction.
Our subcommittee is meeting at the end of the month to go over any plans that have changed for our show in May. We are all very excited about this show. With the potential upswing in traffic, we feel there could be a large attendance. Our show promoter, Doug Davis, has already sold over half of the tables and is well on the way to achieving our goal.
Most of the volunteers that worked with us last year will be with us again this year. This will help make our show one of the smoothest running shows we have had. If you would like to volunteer to work with us we would be most grateful. It is a lot of fun and you get to see some amazing coins and currency while you are at the show. Debbie Williams will be running the exhibits again this year. As you may recall, we had a record number of exhibits under her chairmanship last year and we will see no less this year. Kim Groves will be setting up the speakers again this year. He lined up an all-star group last year who gave some amazing talks. Please plan to attend the educational seminars. Of course we will have our book auction. Unfortunately I did not get anything last year, but I hope to this year. We had a massive youth coin auction last year and, with your donations and help, we should have an even larger one this year. All in all I think we will have a great show.
I hope you have a good first quarter in 2011.
Sincerely,
Mike Grant


## Make Plans Now to Exhibit at the 2011 TNA Convention

Debbie Williams, Exhibit Chair

Wneed your Exhibit! This year I hope to have exhibits entered in all classes including Junior. (Any member under 18 is eligible and encouraged to place an exhibit in the Junior category.) In addition to the traditional awards there will also be a "People's Choice" award again this year and hopefully a best "Junior Exhibit" and best "First Time Exhibitor." Please contact me for an application packet or with any questions:
Debbie Williams, P.O. Box 384, Roanoke, TX 76262; dwilliams1864@yahoo.com; or 817-480-9184 after 6:00 pm.
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## Welcome New TNA Members.

Welcome to new TNA members, R-7084 through R-7087 and LM-240. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2011.
The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2011.

R-7088 - Cory Frampton - sponsored by Elmer Powell
R-7089 - Henry Brasco - sponsored by Jack Gilbert
R-7090 - Gerald Brown - from the internet
R-7091 - Ken Carpenter - sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
The following members have been reinstated upon payment of current dues.

R-6948 - Alan Traverse
R-6210 - Edward Arrich
The following Regular Member has transferred to Life Membership.

LM-241 - Edward Arrich

## VIP LEADERS FOR 2010

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.


## 2011 TNA DUES NOTICE

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!
A 2011 dues notice has recently been sent to all TNA members. According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year.
Dues for Regular Members and Chapters are $\$ 20.00 /$ year, Associate Members $\$ 8.00 /$ year and Junior Members $\$ 8.00$ / year. Dues are payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA.
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Thank you!


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## Treasurer's Report

 Jack Gilbert - Treasurer
## Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

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Cash
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Checking Account (JP Morgan Chase, NA) } & \$ 8,328.10 \\ \text { Connect Checking Community Trust 2.1\%-12/31/10 } & \$ 70,898.53\end{array}$
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/11@1.65\%) \$10,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year
\$89,226.63
Long Term Assets:
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (4/9/12@2.15\%) \$20,000.00 Other Long Term Assets:
$\$ 20,000.00$
TOTALASSETS
\$109,226.63
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Total Liabilities
EQUITY
Beginning Balance 3/1/2010
\$104,006.96
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Income (Plus) } & \$ 46,028.22 \\ \text { Expenses (Minus) } & -\$ 40,808.55\end{array}$
Expenses (Minus)
-\$40,808.55
Net Income
\$5,219.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY
\$109,226.63

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The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA ByLaws and the TNA Board. The 2011 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two (2) year period beginning after the 2011 TNA Convention and through the 2013 TNA Convention. The election is by secret ballot in a method and manner determined by the TNA Board in line with the By-Laws.
The five (5) statewide Officers are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also being elected are the District Governors. Candidates for office no longer need to be nominated by another member or club, but only need to file for office with the TNA Secretary from December 23, 2010 until April 6, 2011. All candidates must be residents of the State of Texas except as noted and the candidates for District Governors must reside in the district they represent with the exception of District X where residents in the adjacent areas of New Mexico within 75 miles of the Texas border are eligible.
All candidates must be approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws at the time of their filing for office. No member shall be eligible for the office of President until they have served in at least one elected office in the Association. No President or Vice President shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they can not run for any other office. Candidates can only run for District Governor in the district in which they reside. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices.
State Officers of the Association are elected by members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws. District Governors are elected by the Members of the Association, in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws, in their respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no provision for a run-off in the event a candidate does not receive the majority of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event two candidates receive the same number of votes, the election winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.
Ballots shall only be sent out to those voters where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for office the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to office at a Board Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. Ballots will be mailed to Members by April 11, 2011 and must be received (not post marked) by the Secretary by the end of the day May 6 , 2011. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. Ballots will only be mailed to approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the By-Laws. The results of the election will be formally announced at the General Membership Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on May 21, 2011.
Candidates may also submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the Association's official publication and web site. Candidates names and any biography will be published in all issues of the Association's official publication prior to the end date of voting and also posted on the web site when received. (Candidates may also purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.)
(From the By-laws - Section 2.02 APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by the Secretary by the first day of the next month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.)

## TNA Library Offers DVD Series

Iam pleased to announce that the TNA Library now has 6 new items available for loan, thanks to the generous donation by David Lisot with Cointelevision. These are the Numismatic Lectures from the May, 2010 TNA Convention Educational Series that were taped onto DVD's by Mr. Lisot. I've had a chance to view each of them and highly recommend them to any of our membership. Raymond Ashley gives a very informative talk regarding coins of the Civil War in "Coinage of the War Between the States." Doug Davis holds the attention of the viewer in "Coin Show Safety." Dick Osburn delivers a very interesting lecture on "Collecting Liberty Seated Coinage." J. H. Cline keeps your ear bent on what he might say next as the ultimate authority on "Standing Liberty Quarters." Ricardo Deleon Talavas holds you captive in his lecture on coins and currency of the Mexican Revolution in "Vive Mexico! Numismatic Issues of the Revolution." Last, but not least, Jim Fitzgerald very clearly explains to his audience on "What to Expect at a Coin Auction." I have a spreadsheet with the new listings as they are seen in the Library database. For David Burke I'm sending a copy of the Database itself for him to query the report for available items to replace the latest one on the TNA Website. If any of you have any questions, or need any other information, please feel free to let me know. My contact information is on page 22 of this newsletter.
Kind Regards,
Carlton Simmons,
TNA Memorial Librarian

## SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TNA YOUTH PROGRAM

 s you may be aware, the TNA Show is in May 2011. Part of the activities is a Youth Coin Auction for children under 17 years of age. Last May, over 140 people (including parents and friends) attended the auction and show. Competition was brisk for over 140 numismatic items up for bid. These auction lots were provided by donations from coin dealers, clubs, collectors and the TNA.
On Saturday of the 2011 TNA Show we will again have two auction sessions. We are challenged again with accumulating enough numismatic items to produce a successful event. If we wish to continue the program, we need YOUR support; so as in the past, we come to you for your help. Almost anything relating to numismatics is acceptable. Most lots average about $\$ 8$ to $\$ 12$ each, but lesser values can be combined. This may be your opportunity to help more youths not only learn of our hobby, but actually participate in it at no cost to them. Looking to the future of our hobby it is important to have as many young people as possible take an interest in collecting.
Frank Schick is the TNA Youth Auction Chairman and is leading the effort to provide quality Youth Coin Auctions at the 2011 TNA Show. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Schick at:
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# U.S. MINT OFFERS COMMEMORATIVES 

## United States Army Commemorative Coin Program

Founded in 1775, the United States Army has served this country well for 236 years. It has played a decisive role in protecting and defending freedom throughout our history and has consistently answered the call to serve the American people at home and abroad since the Revolutionary War. More than 30 million American men and women have served in the U.S. Army since its founding.

The United States Mint will produce gold, silver and clad coins in both proof and uncirculated qualities all with reeded edges.

Surcharges in the amount of $\$ 35$ for each gold coin, $\$ 10$ for each silver coin and $\$ 5$ for each clad coin sold are authorized to be paid to the Army Historical Foundation to support the construction of the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

## \$5 Gold Coin - "Service in War"

Obverse: This design represents the U.S. Army's war service from the Revolutionary War through today, symbolizing its continuity of strength and readiness. The design features, from left to right, Continental, Civil War, modern, World War II and World War I soldiers. Inscriptions are LIBERTY, 2011 and IN GOD WE TRUST.

Reverse: This design is based on the official U.S. Army emblem and represents the unbroken history of loyalty and commitment to defend the Nation. It includes the inscription This We'll Defend, the motto of the U.S. Army. Additional inscriptions are DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, E PLURIBUS UNUM, 1775 , FIVE DOLLARS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## \$1 Silver Coin - "Modern Service"

Obverse: This design depicts the busts of a male and female soldier, symbolizing worldwide deployment of the 21st century U.S. Army. The inscriptions are LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST and 2011.

Reverse: This design symbolizes the seven core values of the U.S. Army. The design features an image of the Great Seal of the United States, worn on Army dress and service uniforms since the early 1800's. Inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E PLURIBUS UNUM, U.S. ARMY, ONE DOLLAR and the seven core values: LOYALTY, DUTY, RESPECT, SELFLESS SERVICE, HONOR, INTEGRITY and PERSONAL COURAGE.

## Half-Dollar Clad Coin - "Service in Peace"

Obverse: This design represents significant contributions of the U.S. Army during peacetime and features a U.S. Army soldier surveying, two servicemen building a flood wall and a Redstone Army rocket used during early space exploration. Inscriptions are U.S. ARMY, SERVICE IN PEACE, IN GOD WE TRUST, 2011 and LIBERTY.

Reverse: This design symbolizes the U.S. Army as the first military service to defend the country and its key role in the Nation's internal development. It features an enlisted Continental soldier armed with a musket and 13 stars representing the original Colonies. Inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FIRST IN SERVICE TO THE NATION, E PLURIBUS UNUM and HALF DOLLAR.

## Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Program

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The Medal of Honor was first authorized by Congress in 1861 as the Navy's highest personal decoration, with the Army Medal of Honor authorized in 1862 and the Air Force Medal of Honor in 1956. The medals are presented by the President in the name of Congress.

The "Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009," (Public Law 11191) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on November 6, 2009. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue up to 100,000 gold $\$ 5$ and up to 500,000 silver $\$ 1$ coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861.
The act calls for the designs to be emblematic of the traditions, legacy and heritage of the Medal of Honor and the distinguished service of its recipients.

As authorized, the United States Mint shall produce $\$ 5$ gold and $\$ 1$ silver coins in both proof and uncirculated qualities. Surcharges in the amount of $\$ 35$ for each gold coin and $\$ 10$ for each silver coin are authorized to be paid to the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.
The foundation assists in perpetuating the legacy of the Medal of Honor by funding programs to promote the ideals of courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism among the American public.

## \$5 Gold Coin

Obverse: This design depicts the original Medal of Honor authorized by Congress in 1861 as the Navy's highest personal decoration. The inscriptions are LIBERTY, 1861, 2011, IN GOD WE TRUST and MEDAL OF HONOR.

Reverse: This design features Minerva, based on the common central image on both the original Navy and Army Medals of Honor. Minerva, standing with a shield representing the Army and Navy in her right hand and the Union flag in her left hand, is flanked by a field artillery cannon and wheel of the Civil War era. Inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, $\$ 5$ and E PLURIBUS UNUM. The gold coin designs are emblematic of the heritage and legacy of the original Medal of Honor and the era in which it was first established.

## \$1 Silver Coin

Obverse: This design depicts the three current Army, Navy, and Air Force Medals of Honor, left to right. The ribbon with field of stars in the center is the common feature of all three medals, reflecting the joint nature of modern era warfare and the fact that the Medal of Honor is the only U.S. military medal worn around the neck. Inscriptions are LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, MEDAL OF HONOR and 1861-2011.
Reverse: This design depicts a contemporary infantry soldier carrying a wounded soldier to safety under enemy fire, reflecting the courage and selfsacrifice of all Medal of Honor recipients. Inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ONE DOLLAR and E PLURIBUS UNUM. This image conveys the courage, selfless sacrifice and patriotism of Medal of Honor recipients, as well as the criteria established by Congress in 1963 requiring that all Medals of Honor be awarded only for heroic action in combat.

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## Questions for Dr. Coyne:

1) What do the arrows alongside the date on this half dollar signify?

2) What are die polish lines and how can you tell them from scratches?
3) Who was Robert Lovett and what did he do in Philadelphia?
4) Why does this silver 20 Cent Piece of 1877 have a plain edge (not reeded)?
5) What do you think about Daniel Carr's making fantasy reproductions of the 2009 Proof Silver Eagle? -a coin never made by the United States Mint
6) A collector seeking to form a set of silver Kennedy Half Dollars will have the most difficulty locating which dates?

## Dr. Coyne Responds:

1) The 1873-74 Seated Liberty Half Dollars have arrows at the date to denote a slight increase in the contained weight of silver. All the silver denominations from half dime through half dollar were reduced in weight in 1853 , but this small 1873 increase did not bring them back up to their pre-1853 weight. The change was made to further tune the gold/silver implied price ratio, and with some thought to conforming more closely to the weights of certain European coins. Unlike in 1853, there were no "rays" on the reverse.
2) The twenty cent piece is now viewed as a failed experiment. Proponents in 1875 thought of it as a welcome use for abundant silver and as a proper member of a "decimal" currency system. But the public was confused by similarities to the Seated Liberty Quarter. The plain edge was intended to help distinguish it from the quarter, which bore a traditional reeded edge. The 20 cent composition was $90 \%$ silver, thus making these pieces, coined 1875-1878, the only silver coins made after 1837 (except the three cent pieces) to have a plain edge.
3) Die polish lines appear in the fields of coins. They appear in the identical position on coins struck from the same working die. The lines, raised on the coins, are fine grooves cut into the surface of the die at its last stage of production. They only appear on the fields of the coin because those areas are the highest part of the die and are the only areas touched by the polisher disk. Scratches on a coin can appear anywhere on


Photo by David Francis
the coin, but are usually more prominent on the raised devices. Scratches go into the surface of a coin while die polish lines are raised from the surface.
4) Robert Lovett was an active member of a family of die engravers in the mid-19th century in Philadelphia. His work includes the motifs for several Civil War Tokens, certain medals, and more notoriously for the Confederate Cent of 1861. His contribution on the Confederate Cent was not known until the 1870 's as he hid the dies and his initial striking of 12 pieces, fearing punishment if his work was discovered by Union authorities.
5) Building on the concept of his striking of a fantasy 1964-D Peace Dollar, Daniel Carr of Loveland, Colo. and his Moonlight Mint have recently begun marketing a "2009 Proof American Eagle overstrike". He sees a market opportunity as the U.S. Mint did not make any 2009 AE's in this finish (after several years of offering them). Mr. Carr uses real regular-finish 2009 AE's as planchets and overstrikes them with dies of his own manufacture on a former U.S. Mint press. Despite his general support of entrepreneurs with fresh ideas, Dr. Coyne has not yet decided whether to acquire one of the Carr concoctions (though they are attractive!). The listed price of $\$ 100+$ seems pretty high for a "coin" of which more can be made anytime.
6) The collector of silver Kennedy Half Dollars has two general types to consider: the $90 \%$ silver homogeneous alloy coins dated 1964 and the $40 \%$ clad coins of 1965-1970. While the 1964's have lately surged in price due to the metal's market value, a collector will still have the most trouble locating the 1970-D issue. It came only in the "Mint Sets" of that year (none struck for ordinary circulation). But even these are not expensive at $\$ 20$ for a nice one. Winter Coin Show
$\begin{array}{lr}\begin{array}{c}\text { Saturday } \\ \text { March 5th }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Sunday } \\ \text { March 6th }\end{array} \\ \text { 9am to 5pm } & 9 \text { 9m to 3pm }\end{array}$ $\star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star \star$ GOWTOWN SUMMER GOIN SHOW

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## From the NCIC December Newsletter NUMISMATIC OFFENSES ON THE RISE

Police officers were busy this past weekend at a local coin show in Fort Worth, Texas. One person on the bourse floor was identified as a suspect in selling several counterfeit slabbed coins valued at $\$ 8,000$ at the Houston Money Show. The suspect was questioned and the dealer who bought the coins was reimbursed. In another incident a dealer found an 1894 dollar valued at $\$ 1800$ missing out of his inventory. The suspect had taken the coin out of a double row box he had been looking thru on Friday and tried to resell the coin to another dealer on Sunday. When the coin was taken to the victim to determine the authenticity he identified it as his coin by the unique toning. The suspect advised he had bought the coin on Friday off of Craig's list. After questioning the suspect was willing to give the coin back to the victim. Due to no one actually seeing the suspect take the coin he was released.

The increase in gold and silver and the despressed economy is having a direct impact on the numismatic industry. Dealers and collectors are becoming prime targets for the criminal element. When conducting business at a show or in the shop maintain constant eye contact on the customer and your coins. Minimize your chances of becoming a numismatic crime victim.

## 12/22/10 - STOLEN SAN DIEGO NOTES

Eight examples of Series 1929 Charter 3050 National Currency were stolen from a secure area of the Wells Fargo Bank at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon, CA in the late afternoon of December 17, 2010. These notes were accidentally left unattended on a chair inside a Safe Deposit Box viewing booth. When the owner of the items returned for them, remembering that they had been left on the chair and not returned to the Safe Deposit Box, they were no longer there. Nobody at the bank was able to account for the missing items which were each housed in unmarked small size currency holders. Two of the items were especially scarce Type 2 varieties.

The owner would very much like to get them back into his collection. These are the notes that were stolen:
Each is a Series 1929 note from The First National Trust and Savings Bank of San Diego; Charter 3050
\$5 Type 2 A002671 \$10 Type 1 B002588A
\$10 Type 1 B001842A \$10 Type 1 E009924A
\$10 Type 1 D010116A $\$ 20$ Type 1 D000590A
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Any collector or dealer having any information on this offense should contact:
El Cajon Police Department
or Andrew Woodruff
619-579-3311 Case \# 10012341
619-992-2759

## 1/18/11 - ASSISTANCE NEEDED

NCIC is currently assisting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Burnaby, British Columbia with a case involving 40 First Strike Silver Eagles PCGS MS70. The coins were found in the possession of a suspect during a traffic stop along with other stolen property.

We are attempting to locate the owner of these coins. Any person having any information on this offense should contact the following authorities.

Cst. Morosoff or Doug Davis
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Fr.2306*. \$1 North Africa SC Star. 1935A. Hammered at $\$ 6,500.00$


Fr.1909-K. \$1 FRN Error and Bookends. 1977 Hammered at \$4,250.00


Great Britian. 1658/7 1 Crown, Oliver Cromwell. XF. Hammered at \$5,500.00


1879 Morgan 1 Dollar. PCGS PR65. Hammered at \$4,250.00


1904 Liberty 20 Dollars. NCG PR62 Hammered at \$15,000.00


Great Britain. 16031 Crown, Elizabeth. VF. Hammered at \$5,250.00


Fr.2402. $\$ 20$ Gold Certificate. 1928 Hammered at \$5,500.00


Fr. 1980-I*. \$5 FRN Star. 1988A. Hammered at \$2,900.00


France - Aquitaine. ND (1327-77) Leopard d'Or, Edward III. NGC MS61. Hammered at \$7,250.00


George Washington, First President of the United States.

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Spink Smythe was honored to take part in the 50th Anniversary of the Texas Numismatic Association Show in 2010, and is even more excited about our continuing affiliation in 2011. While Spink Smythe's 2010 TNA auction was an unequivocal success, with numerous world record prices achieved, we look forward to a bigger and better occasion in 2011.

We are now accepting consignments for this exciting sale. If you have a single item you're thinking of selling, or a collection built over a lifetime, we'd love to talk to you.

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# THEY ARE ALL 

by Mark Benvenuto


There probably aren't many of us who have the disposable - income required to assemble a date and mint mark run of United States trade dollars. After all, they often seem to be the expensive silver dollar that is looked at only after we have gone over numerous Morgan and Peace dollars. But the United States trade dollar is one of those wonderful coins that can become part of a collection that is a bit different from what we are used to, what we find "normal." Let's see what it takes to form a small collection that puts the trade dollar in some context.

First, before even purchasing one United States trade dollar, let's see about getting our hands on a British trade dollar. Minted from 1895 - 1934, the British trade dollar was a late comer into the business of international business. They were made exclusively for trade in the Orient, and were never even produced at the Tower Mint in London. Rather, millions of these large, silver pieces came out of the British Mints in Bombay and Calcutta, no doubt because transport costs to any and all parts of the far east had to be lower than if the coins had

been shipped from England. These handsome pieces sport Britannia on the obverse, complete with trident, and text in three languages on the reverse,
intended to make them acceptable, or at least understandable, to as many people as possible. What makes them acceptable to us today is the price. Even as the price of silver has climbed, common British trade dollars can be obtained for $\$ 50$ or less, depending on their grade. Now that's a good start for a collection.

Next, let's look into getting our hands on a French trade piaster. Yes, we still haven't gotten to a United States trade dollar, but a little patience please. We're getting there. The French trade piaster is listed under French Indo-China in the Krause catalog of world coins, but it's certain that these large, silver pieces also saw use outside of those borders, and functioned as an international trade

dollar. The reverse inscriptions, which list weight and fineness, certainly attest to that. They didn't have as long a run as the British trade dollars, being issued only from 1895 - 1913, then again from 1924 - 1928, but their "seated Statue of Liberty" design appears to have guaranteed them a perpetual place in the hearts of world coin collectors. Simply put, these are beautiful coins.
If the French Indo-Chinese trade piaster doesn't yet have a place in your own heart, the place it leaves in your wallet - or the hole, that is - might be small enough that a change of heart is in order. Like the British trade dollar, the cost of an attractive piaster, up near
the border of mint state, is probably not much higher than $\$ 50$. Of course, if you find a real gem of a coin, the price tag attached to it will be higher. But French trade piastres remain remarkably affordable, even today.
Another trade coin we can add to this list is often called the Japanese yen, despite the fact that the Krause catalog

calls it a trade dollar. Like the piaster, this Japanese coin bothers to list the weight and fineness, and to do so in English! That's rather remarkable really, if you bother to consider the pride the Japanese government took then in all things being Japanese, as opposed to barbaric and foreign.
The price for a decent Japanese trade dollar is again about the same as the British or the French trade coins. The challenge here might simply be finding one. They aren't super rare; but they do appear to be less available today than the other two we just mentioned.
Okay, now let's look at the United States trade dollar, and see if there's something available to add to this threesome of foreign silver pieces. Our trade dollars were produced from 1873 - 1878, then for a few more years as proofs. The design work is handsome, the silver weight is more than the standard United States silver dollar (remember, the Seated Liberty design had been in circulation

# RADE DOLLARS: 

from $1840-1873$ ), and the overall design of the coin proves it was made for foreign trade. Under the eagle on the reverse, the weight and fineness of silver is listed. The high mintage years saw multiple millions of the coins produced, but that is somewhat misleading when it comes to scarcity today. You see, many of the U.S. trade dollars were actually melted when it was found that they weren't well accepted throughout the Pacific rim.

So, if the coins were melted, and the mintages are not as accurate as they might be, what does that mean for prices today? In short, it means the prices are higher than those of the British, French, or Japanese trade coins. It will cost a collector about $\$ 150$ to land a decent specimen in a grade such as very fine, or VF-20. Don't let this stop you in your own personal quest for a U.S. trade dollar - but go into any transaction with your eyes wide open.


Now, it may seem that with one of each of these four silver trade dollars under your belt, you could stop there and admire the type set you have created. Do so, if you wish. But if you look at the dates we have just given for all four coins, you'll notice that the U.S. dollar was made first. Yet many articles about these coins claim that they were not accepted as readily because they were late comers into the international trade
scene. Based on these date runs, what gives?
The answer to that is just south of the border, in Mexico. Since about 1535 the mint in Mexico City had been pounding out silver coins for use anywhere. Certainly, ship loads of them made their way back to
Spain. The silver of
Latin America also
served the young
United States.
And yes, it went east as well, both before and after Mexican independence. So much of it went to the Pacific actually that by the time the four trade dollars
we mentioned got into the game, these Mexican silver coins were often known as "dollars Mex." So, it's probably wise to add either a colonial, Mexican 8 reales piece, or an independent Mexican peso to your quartet of silver trade dollars. The price is always pretty low, even for some of the more attractive, less worn specimens.

There's a lot more to be said about United States trade dollars and where they fit into the scheme of international trade and finance at the end of the nineteenth century. But assembling a set of the five coins we just mentioned is a good start in learning something about them. Enjoy.

## BOOKMARKS

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Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.
-• • Books on Gold as an Investment • • •
Buy Gold Now: How a Real Estate Bust, Our Bulging National Debt, and the Languising Dollar Will Push Gold to Record Highs by Shayne McGuire. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley \& Sons, ©2008. xi, 224 p.: ill. (ISBN 9780470185859; \$18.75)
The Golden Rule: Safe Strategies of Sage Investors by Jim Gibbons. Hoboken, NUJ : John Wiley\& Sons, ©2010. (ISBN 9780470538753; \$18.45)
The Goldwatcher: Demystifying Gold Investinhg by John Katzs and Frank Holmes. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley \& Sons, ©2008. xviii, 334 p.: ill. (ISBN $978047024262 ;$ \$17.57)
Guide to Investing in Gold and Silver: Everything You Need to Know to Profit From Precious Metals Now by Michael Maloney. Rich Dad's Advisors series. NY : Business Plus, 2008. (ISBN 99780446510998 ; S\$11.65)
Hard Money: Taking Gold to Higher Investment Level by Shayne McGuire. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley \& Sons, ©2010. xix, 266 p.: ill. (ISBN 9780470612538 ; \$23.07)
The Trader's Great Gold Rush: Must-have Methods for Trading and Investing to the Gold Market by James DiGeorgia. Wiley trading series. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley \& Sons, ©2009. ix, 278 p.: ill. (ISBN 9780470431320; \$32.81)

In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers. We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material.
Meeting reports from the clubs include special events and program presentations.
Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: tnanews@sbcglobal.net
A special section at the end of Texas Happenings will contain longer newsletter articles of member experiences, opinions and numismatic information.

## District One



November Meeting - President John Post called the meeting to order with 56 members and 1 guest in attendance. New members, Jerry Wilhelm and Misty Villareal, were welcome to the club. Reports were given and approved.
John Post also reminded the members that volunteers for club activities are eligible for winning the club's annual educational awards. Ray Ashley has joined a Civil War Tokens Society.
Matt and Natalie Miller will cater this year's Christmas party. Mike Grant has volunteered to call the bingo game

New Business: Election of Officers and Directors for 2011 was conducted. Election winners were as follows: President-John Post; Vice President-Matt Miller; Treasurer-Dennis Wynn; Secretary-Earl Coppersmith; Director-Ron Swiney; Director-Debbie Williams

Educational Program: Frank Provasek presented a program on coin grading. The program consisted primarily of Frank distributing coins that had been certified by NCG, but with the grades covered, to all of the tables. Members at each table were asked to rank the coins provided from the highest to lowest grade. Only two of the eight tables ranked the coins in the same order as the grading service. Frank indicated that the results of the exercise point out the subjectivity of grading and that members should judge a coin's grade for themselves and not rely not the grade on the holder.


## Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

December Meeting - 108 members and guests participated in this year's Christmas party. The time was very enjoyable and went by so quickly.
The meal was prepared and served by Rebecca Lehr (Steve's wife). Jack Gilbert contributed two fried turkeys which were quickly consumed. Volunteers brought many tasty desserts to
 conclude a rather scrumptious feast.

Bingo was called by Mike Grant in his entertaining style. The
 final game (blackout) created quite a bit of drama as it appeared for a while that EVERYONE would win. Mike was assisted by Jim Waite.


Volunteers also brought a table full of gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign. Cecil Driskell, a former Marine, will deliver the gifts to the Marines for distribution.


A special thanks also goes out to all of those who helped set up, serve and clean up.


## MID-CITIES COIN CLUB

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President John Post with 17 members present. Plans for the upcoming Christmas party in December were discussed.

After Show and Tell items were shared Mike Grant presented the evening's program. He gave us a quiz about some of the history of coins. Most, if not all of the answers can be found in the Red Book, pages 10 thru 32. While most of us have one or more copies, I wonder how many of us have read the introduction to United States Coins beginning on page 10. Mike, we appreciate your presentation.


## District Five

## Collin County Coin Club

November Meeting - The regular meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding. There were thirteen members and one guest in attendance.

CCCC will provide a Christmas Dinner for each member and a guest. Each member should bring a gift for a gift exchange for themselves and their guest. In the spirit of the club bring gifts of a numismatic nature.

Kevin S. presented a talk on ancient coins of the Bible. He was able to relate the coins to places he had visited. He talked about the widow's mite and the temple tax coins. He brought several examples of the coins he discussed.

December Meeting - The regular meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding. There were 29 members and one guest in attendance.

This meeting was the annual Christmas dinner provided by the club for all members. A gift exchange was held, a wonderful meal and visiting by all attending. No business was conducted and the regular activities of the club were suspended for all to socialize and have a good time.


November Meeting - David Swann brought the meeting to order with 17 members present including visitors Gary Parent and George Morris. George had been to the Club previously and became a Member during the meeting. The new officers for 2011 were announced.

The December meeting will be the Christmas dinner. Please bring something in the $\$ 5.00-\$ 10.00$ range. All items will be auctioned off to help offset the cost of the dinners. Mike Grant will be calling bingo.

Program: Judy Dobbins was the speaker. Her topic was on James Earl Fraser, who was the designer of the famous "Indian Head" or "Buffalo Nickel."
As a youth, he grew up in the Dakota's. He fell in love with the beauty of the area, and all of the wildlife. He developed as an artist and later studied with Augustus Saint Gaudens. He sculpted the now famous, "End of the Line" statue. He and his wife Laura were both sculptors and went on to have a great influence in the US Mint for decades. All of his designs were influenced by things "American." The obverse of the Buffalo nickel was of the Western Indian and the reverse was the American bison, or buffalo.
Judy also brought her Buffalo Nickel collection. Yes, it had the 1937 three and a half leg variety. Nice! Thanks for a very nice presentation Judy!

December Meeting - There were 21 members and 6 guests in attendance. As this was the Christmas meeting, there was no old or new business discussed. The meeting was all about fun.

Mike Grant called bingo. Stewart Huckaby brought the prizes, 19 in all. There was a mix of silver proof sets, certified coins, Morgan Dollars, Silver Eagles, etc. All were very nice. Thanks Stewart and Mike. It made for a very nice time!

Stewart Huckaby called the "white elephant" auction. It was very successful as the offerings were of good quality. Each person in attendance received a PCGS 2011 Calendar.

Remembering Long-Time Dallas Coin Club Member Victor Toogood By Kathy Lawrence
We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time Dallas Coin Club Member Victor John Toogood. Born in London on March 22, 1914, Victor began serving in the Royal Air Force in 1940, initially as an airplane mechanic. The physical he received when he joined the service
 and the anti-malaria tablets he was given were the only medical treatment Victor received until shortly before his death. He never took any over the counter medications (other than a medicinal drop or two of rum) his entire life- not even an aspirin. He said he was very fortunate with his health and had never experienced a headache or toothache.

Victor was the most frugal man I have ever known (and I have met quite a few, particularly in the hobby). He did not own a television or have a phone. Anyone who wanted to contact him had to send a letter through the mail or go to his motorcycle shop or apartment in person. He told me that if he couldn't take his money with him, he wasn't going to die.
Editor's Note: Kathy's entire article about Victor is quite interesting and other Dallas CC members also provide memories. Email Kathy at kaly01@ sbcglobal.net to receive a copy of the Dallas CC newsletter containing the article.

## District Six



November Meeting - Nov 1 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. Most of the meeting was discussing the past coin show. There were 25 bidders at the children's action.

Normally the club has a 20 -minute program or short show and tells. We had both. Brian Holland won the show and tell prize and donated his door prize to the next children's activities.

Nov 15 - There were 22 members and guest at the meeting. The club made plans for the Christmas party to be held December 17.

Sebastian Frommhold stated during the children's auction an Austin dealer named McBride provided a Korean Olympic proof set. Plans are to sell the set at a regular auction, and then used the cash for children's activities or door prizes.

Al Morgan noted that on the next San Jacinto Day. He will provide wheat cents dated 1936, to be placed in special machines to punch monument scenes. Sebastian Frommhold announces that during National Coin Week, the club is planning to have a display, at the Museum Of Natural Science.

Several members presented a show and tell. Garth Clark won the show and tell prize and donated his prize to the next children's activities.

December Meeting - Dec 6 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. The 2nd December meeting will be replaced by the Christmas part.

Dennis Beasley presented a program, Californian Pioneer Fractional Gold. Dennis presented the club with copies of the first three editions of his fractional gold informational books.

Several members presented a show and tell. Jack Pavlovic won the show and tell prize.


November Meeting - Meeting called to order by President Edwin Johnston with 45 members and 4 guests attending.

The meeting began with Show \& Tell by several members.
Coins For A's Program received 55 letters in October and 32 in November requesting coins.

The evening's Educational Program was presented by Alvin focusing on the reflectivity of original surface Morgan Dollars. He had both an excellent powerpoint presentation along with a number of dollar examples showing both original and dipped surfaces.
December Meeting - The meeting and Dinner was called to order by President Edwin Johnston awith 53 members and guests attending.

A pplicants for membership were presented to the members for approval and all were voted into the GHCC.
The recipients of the first Francis Townsend Award for the volunteers making the most contribution to the Club during the year were announced as John and Eve Barber. They were given the permanent award trophy to
 keep for the next year and permanent remembrances to keep. They will Chair the award committee for next year.

## District Seven



## Alamo Coin Clips

November Meetings - Nov. 11 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 26 signed in members with no visitors attending.
President Fernando Razo thanked all those in attendance that were retired veterans during this Veterans Day meeting.
The Roundtable was started by ACC President Fernando and then carried out by Will R. The winner of the Roundtable prize went to Will R. Will received a 1978 Canadian Edmonton proof specimen dollar.

The winner of the Attendance Prize went to Roger A. Roger proudly wins and receives a 1994 ASE.
There was no Presentation made. The Auction had a total of 29 lots with several being sold prior to the start of the meeting.
December Meeting - The Christmas meeting was attended by 28 members

The Roundtable had several presentations. At the conclusion of the Roundtable, it was then announced that the winner of this event was Cliff A with his presentation of his bimetallic religious medal. Cliff received a Russian 1980 Olympics silver 5 Rubles.
Attendance Prize winner was Jay G. Jay received a 2004 ASE.
An Auction was conducted by ACC VP Larry A. There were 10 lots up for sale with only 2 being sold. Scrooge must've been overseeing this evening. There was assistance from Clinton on the Auction, thank you sir.
The Dirty Santa game was conducted to see who gets what. There definitely were some dirty exchanges made such as the Peace dollar, sorry Harold.
Meeting was then adjourned and everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## District Ten



## El Paso International Coin Club

November Meeting - In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Don T., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 33 members and 1 guest present. The menu for the annual Christmas Party was discussed.
The treasurer advised the club that the 2011 Club Medal set would sell to the club members for $\$ 25.00$. The medal depicts General Pancho Villa in remembrance of the Mexican Revolution. The bronze single will be sold for $\$ 8.00$ to the club members.

Mike C. gave a power point presentation about 8 different Bureau of Engraving and Printing souvenir cards. The cards depicted rare notes issued by BEP. These souvenir cards are not only a thing of beauty but highly desirable for paper money collectors.

December Meeting - President John called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 36 members and 4 guests present. He introduced the guests and welcomed them to the meeting. Application for membership was read and approved for a new member. John thanked Al for his donation of a subscription to Curry's Chronicle (Official Journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America)to the club library.

All members and their guests were invited to the annual Christmas Party.
President John encouraged all members to prepare a mini-exhibit for the upcoming Coin Show, which will be held February 18, 19 and 20 at the El Maida Shrine Temple. In last year's show, 12 members produced a one item mini- exhibit, and he would like to have at least 20 mini exhibits in this year's show. John reminded the members that the mini-exhibits was a new concept originated in our club.
Chuck was the winner for John's monthly Power Point "Stuff of the Month." He was awarded two raffle tickets for the upcoming coin show for his correct answer of Liechtenstein for "What Country Is This?" John displayed copies of old paper money for Liechtenstein, advising there are no circulating coins in this country. The country uses Swiss money as its currency. Ken P concluded the evening's program with a detailed presentation concerning minor errors on state quarters. He distributed an informative handout and explained that all state quarters have errors. The errors Ken described were extra metal in the O's, B's and other such letters. Such errors will not make the quarters more valuable, just fun to collect.
January Meeting - President John opened the meeting with 35 members and 5 guests. Applications for two new members were read and approved. John T. congratulated John G. for a very enjoyable Christmas party.

Under business, John once again called for min-exhibits from members for our 48th Annual Show to be held February 18th - 20th.
Member Gary Henderson has produced a book describing 25,000 tokens from Iowa. The book sells for $\$ 60.00$.

Much to John's pleasure no member was able to give the correct answer of Namibia for John's Power Point presentation of "Name the Country" during the "Stuff of the Month" presentation. Bill L gave an interesting presentation on "Coins That Made America." When America was founded it had a mercantile system and various colonies produced their own paper money. The Spanish gold and silver were popular as hard money. Bill conducted his presentation by showing 16 different gold and silver coins.

TNA Governor Chuck Steward exhibited at the recent FUN Show. Chuck won First Prize in his category "Orders, Medals, Decorations and Tokens."

## District Twelve

## Tyler Coin Club

January Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Dwight with Pledge to the Flag. There were 25 members and 2 guests present. Richard Laster will be writing the club's newsletter. There will be a contest to name the newsletter with a prize awarded.

## District Thirteen

## Wichita Falls Coin Club

November Meeting - Meeting called to order with 15 Members and 1 guest present. Tony Zupkas shared his experience at a recent auction. Rob Robinson gave information on the Christmas Party.

Program : Tony Zupkas provided a program on animal themed coins from around the world. He said that he became interested in world coins as they were inexpensive compared to U.S. coins. Tony explained that he taught school and started giving coins to students who earned "A's". After awhile Tony explained that he bought various world coins with animals on them and these were popular with his students. Soon some of his students requested specific types of coins. He said that you can find coins with animals from A to Z on them, from aardvark to zebra. Tony said that he has found coins with animals on them that surprised him, such as mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, squids, crabs, and insects. He said that there is such a wide variety that you can specialize in whatever you find interesting. Tony explained that he checks the Krausey-Missler World Coin Book and records the coins by KM numbers. He passed around some examples of his collection of world coins with various animals on them for the club members to see.

## District Fourteen

## Hidalgo Coin Club Celebrates 50 Years

 See Story on Page 18
## District Fifteen

 President Gary called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

The program was given by Jerry Williams, who spoke on the history of U.S. paper money. He also displayed. He also brought examples from his collection. Thanks for a great job Jerry.
December Meeting - There were a total of 15 club members along with a new guest, Mr. Dave Schacher. - Thank you Mr. Dave Schacher for visiting and we welcome you and others to join our growing special interest group here in Port Arthur, Texas.

## Silsbee Coin Club

November Meeting - President, Dale Cummings called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dale Cummings gave a program on the history of gold coins. Gold coins have been minted as far back as 300 BC by the Romans. The United States got into minting coins with the passage of the Coinage Act of 1792. The Act established a standard and established the unit of currency as the dollar. At that time, a dollars worth of gold was $243 / 4$ grains with 480 grains equal a troy ounce which equals $\$ 19.39$ per troy ounce. Under this act, the first gold coin minted was the $\$ 5.00$ half eagle of 1795 . It weighed 135 grains at .91667 fine. The next year, both $\$ 2.50$ and $\$ 10.00$ gold coins were struck. Congress changed the gold specification in 1834 and again in 1837, when it set the price of gold at
$\$ 20.67$ per troy ounce and established the gold content at .900 fineness. The price of gold remained the same until 1934 when it went to $\$ 35.00$ per troy ounce. It was at this time that President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that citizens were prohibited from holding monetary gold in this country. The next government re-evaluation of gold came in 1972 when it was increased to $\$ 38.00$ per troy ounce and then to $\$ 42.22$ in 1973. In 1974, ownership of gold was no longer restricted and the price has fluctuated ever since.

In 1849, by an act of Congress, the $\$ 1.00$ and $\$ 20.00$ (Double Eagle) gold coins were minted. The dollar coin had .04837 oz . of pure gold in it while the double eagle had .96750 oz. pure gold. The gold dollar was last mined in 1889. In 1853, another act of Congress authorized the striking of the $\$ 3.00$ gold coin. First struck in 1854 , it was never very popular and saw very limited circulation. Mintage of this coin was very low with the highest quantity minted at 138,618 during the first year of production. It was last struck in 1889 . The $\$ 3.00$ coin and many of the $\$ 1.00$ coins were widely counterfeited. In 1879 and 1880 , the $\$ 4.00$ gold coin or "Stella" was also minted but was never released. The total mintage for both years with two styles was 460 coins.

1907 saw the first of the "Indian Head Type" coins with the introduction of the $\$ 10.00$ Eagle. In 1908, the $\$ 2.50$ and $\$ 5.00$ "Indian Head Type" were also produced but departed from the normal coins produced because the design was "incuse," or recessed into the coin with no raised edges. These were struck until 1929. The $\$ 10.00$ coin was struck until 1933.

Also first struck in 1907 was the "Saint-Gaudens Type" Double Eagle (\$20.00). This type is named after the designer, Augustus SaintGaudens and is considered to be one of the most beautiful United States coins ever struck. The first year of issue was struck in high relief and had either Roman numerals or Arabic numerals for the date. This coin was also produced through 1933. The obverse design of this coin is in now in use on the gold bullion coins produced by the U.S. Mint. In 1933, $\$ 718,000$ worth of face value gold coins was melted by the mint. Since 1933, the only gold coins produced by the U.S. Mint are bullion coins and some commemorative coins.

## District Seventeen

## Waco Coin Club

November Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance. Cashpot: David Hilton was here. Next month will be $\$ 25$.

Bob told about the 1922 penny which was struck in Denver. The die wore and obverse was replaced, but the reverse could not be replaced because the mint did not get any replacement dies. There were weak D, no D (the D was very week and used a new obverse) and varing strength of D as die wore, because every coin was done with the same die, even when it was worn. The real 1922 D had a stronger second 2.

December Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 14 members in attendance enjoying the Christmas party.

## HISTORICAL FACTS

Did you know that 2010 marks the 190th anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's birth? Now is the perfect time to pay tribute to this womens' rights pioneer whose work led to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and a woman's right to vote.

The Anthony Dollar was the first circulating coin to feature an identifiable woman. It honors Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), the woman's rights pioneer whose work led to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that assures women the right to vote. The reverse design is adapted from the Apollo 11 mission patch and shows an American eagle landing on the moon. The Earth can be seen above the eagle's head.

This historic coin was made only from 1979-1981 and again in 1999. However, the 1981 coin was unique because no coins were made for circulation. The only coins in 1981 were those struck for collectors and included in official Mint Sets and Proof Sets from the U.S. Mint. As a result, the 1981 Anthony Dollar is the rarest year of issue and was never seen in circulation even in 1981.

## Club Newsletrter Articles

## From the Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club Newsletter...

## What Exactly Is A "No D" Cent?

Because of the mandated production of Peace dollars, all Lincoln cents produced in 1922 were minted at the Denver mint. No nickels, dimes, quarters or halves were produced at any mint.
Lincoln cents produced at the Denver mint usually carry a "D" mintmark directly below the date. However, due to a shortage of usable dies for Lincoln cents that year, the Denver Mint had to continue using dies beyond their useful life. Hence, design features such as the mintmark began to deteriorate.
There are 4 dies pairs that can produce this no "D" variety. Die Pairs \#1, \#3 and \#4 are thought to be the result of mint grease filling the mintmark. As this mint grease built up, the mintmark would become weaker and weaker, with later examples exhibiting no mintmark. The mint grease would fall out, then refill, creating a cycle of weak "D" and no "D" cents.
Die Pair \#2 is not thought to be the result of mint grease, but clashed dies. Conventional thinking suggests that this clash resulted in damage to both the obverse and reverse dies. The reverse die was replaced with a newer, less worn die. The obverse die was reworked, but in the process of repairing the die, the "D" was obliterated. This caused the coin to be blank where the mintmark should have been stamped. All Die Pair \#2 examples have no mintmark.
Die Pair \#2 carries a Trends value of \$7,000 in XF. Die Pairs \#1, \#3 and \#4 with no "D" are valued at $\$ 2,000$. Weak "D" examples carry only a slight premium to the $\$ 80$ value of a normal 1922-D.
To qualify as a no "D" example, no trace of the mintmark can be visible at 10 X magnification.

PCGS, NGC and ICG do not identify die pairs as such. They describe Die Pair \#1, \#3 and \#4 examples as "1922 Weak D" or "1922 No D Weak Reverse". Die Pair \#2 examples are described as "1922 No D Strong Reverse".

Older ANACS holders only describe Die Pair \#2 examples as "No D". Die Pairs \#1, \#3 and \#4 carry a "Weak D" description regardless of the strength of the mintmark. Current holders identify the die pair.

Die Pair \#1 generally has a die break running through the "O" in ONE. Die Pair \#3 generally has a mushy "O" in ONE. Lincoln's coat merges into the rim with Die Pair \#4. All three types have weak reverses and a weaker second " 2 " in the date.

Before purchasing an example, a collector should be aware of the characteristics of Die Pair \#2:

- Second 2 in date sharper than first 2
- All letters in TRUST are sharp
- WE is a little mushy
- L in LIBERTY butts up against the rim
- Reverse 1-2 grades stronger than obverse

Counterfeits of this variety are encountered at virtually every major coin show. Examples are usually produced by removing the mintmark from a common 1922-D Lincoln Cent. Others are made by altering the date. Authentication and third party certification is highly recommended.


## Hidalgo Coin Club Celebrates 50 Years

TThere are special moments and milestone events in everyone's lives that are worthy of commemorating and celebrating. Such was the case for the members of the Hidalgo Coin Club on Dec. 16, 2010. The club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a banquet at La Mexicana Restaurant in McAllen and was the site for the official launching of two commemorative coins to mark and preserve the occasion. Both coins were designed by club members Raul H. Gonzalez and Jesus Solano.

The special guest speaker for the evening was McAllen Mayor Richard Cortez, who was presented with an autographed 'Limited Edition 2-Coin Set' in appreciation for
 his attendance. One coin features the Rio Grande Valley area and the other, the great state of Texas. Both coins commemorate the inaugural year of the Hidalgo Youth Coin Club on the reverse.


After enjoying a wonderful dinner, the banquet committee presented awards to several deserving members. Lifetime memberships were bestowed on five current members that have been a part of the club the longest. Robert Prasek, Patricia Prasek, Ben Nibert and Holland Wallace have been members since 1963 and Ralph W. Ross since 1965.

Four major awards were also presented to deserving members that have provided outstanding service to the club. Rod E. Bates of Port Isabel was honored for his outstanding service as the club's auctioneer for many years. Tom Henke of Missouri received the Winter Texan of the Year award and Nicholas Jenkins of Edinburg won the Young

Numismatist of the Year. The club's Vice-President, Raul H. Gonzalez was selected as the Coin Club Member of the Year for 2010 by the membership.

The debut of the club's new logo, banners and web site were revealed on the same evening. Member Leo Ris of McAllen generously contributed two beautifully designed banners that feature the aforementioned commemorative coins. Mr. Ris is currently working on having one more banner designed for the youth club.

The club was founded in 1960 during the heyday of coin collecting. It was a time when the hobby was sweeping the nation. The coin hobby has recently seen a resurgence of popularity ever since the U.S. Mint began implementing new coin designs. Today, there is an estimated 140 million collectors throughout the country. Evidence of the rising popularity has been experienced right here as well with the growth our local coin clubs.

The Hidalgo Coin Club will be sponsoring two large coin shows in 2011. The members are currently preparing for the 23rd Annual Coin and Collectibles Show that will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5th at the Nomad Shrine Hall - located at 1044 W. Nolana Loop. The new Fall Coin Show has been scheduled for November 5, 2011. More details on this coin show will be available at a later date.

There have been numerous locations in the valley that have housed the monthly meetings. The club now makes its home at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on the corner of Pecan and 4th St. in McAllen. The meetings are always on the 2nd Monday of the month at begin at $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$.

For more information on joining the Hidalgo Coin Club or the Hidalgo Youth Coin Club, please visit and explore their new web site at www.hidalgocoinclub.com
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