

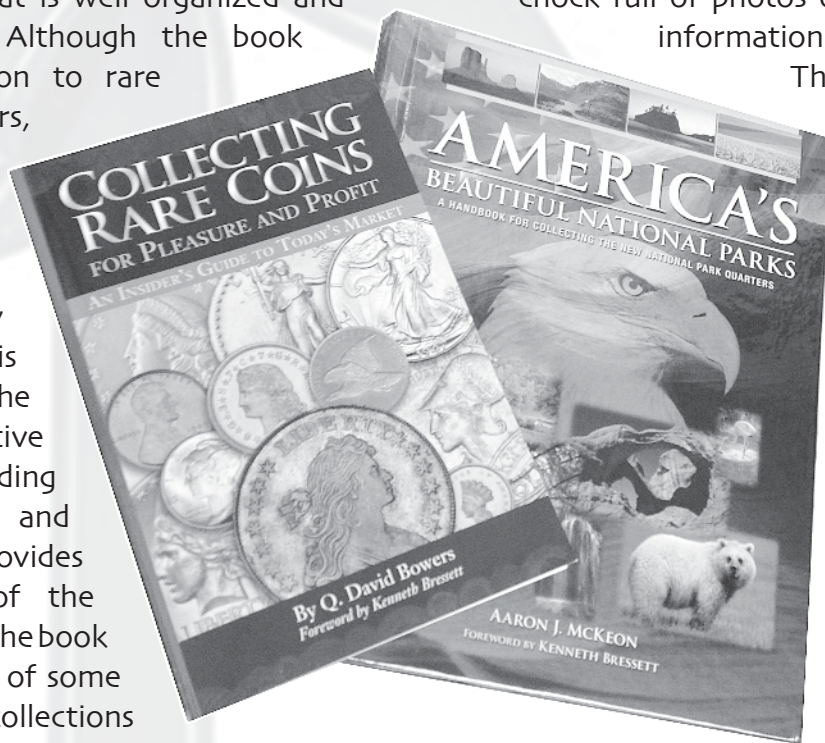
JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

REVIEWS OF TWO RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS



by Kathy Lawrence

Collecting Rare Coins for Pleasure and Profit: An Insider's Guide to Today's Market by Q. David Bowers, with a foreword by Kenneth Bressett, is an informative book that is well organized and beautifully illustrated. Although the book provides an introduction to rare coins for new collectors, there is plenty of valuable information for experienced collectors as well. A brief history of the hobby in the United States is presented along with the coin market, grade relative to price, third party grading services, market prices, and other factors. Bowers provides concise explanations of the various U.S. Type Coins. The book also provides a brief list of some of the most famous collections ever assembled, including those of Texas Amon Carter, Sr. and Jr. Given the importance of buying the book before the coin, one of the most beneficial sections of the book is the portion with a list of recommended reading. The soft cover book is 138 pages and retails for \$9.95.



America's Beautiful National Parks: A Handbook for Collecting the New National Park Quarters, would make a great holiday gift. The hardbound book is chock full of photos of the various parks and information concerning their history.

The parks themselves are the main subject of the book, with most of the numismatic information contained in the appendix. The book will appeal to numismatists, historians, travel buffs, nature lovers, and those who appreciate beautiful photographs. The appendix contains details about the selections of the parks and sites, how the coin designs were selected, and other information. If you are trying to decide where to go for your next vacation, this book may very well cause you to compile a long list of possibilities. Also 138 pages, this item retails for \$19.95.

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Actually it should be "Season's Greetings!"

I hope everyone one has enjoyed Thanksgiving and is looking forward to Christmas. We recently returned from our trip to Florida to visit my youngest son and family at Thanksgiving. We choose to drive rather than fly and enjoy the experience during this time of the year.

We have another newsletter full of articles, especially from the club newsletters we are receiving. Many thanks for the contributions from our club news editors.

Congratulations are extended to the Dallas Coin Club whose members celebrated their 1000th consecutive meeting in September. May of 1928 was their first meeting and they haven't missed one since. Quite a feat!

I was wondering what to put on the cover of this holiday issue when I received a couple of book reviews from Kathy Lawrence. Be sure and show this issue to your family and friends. Who knows - maybe you might find one of these books in your stocking...

Debbie Williams has been doing an excellent job as our TNA show exhibit chair. See page 7 for her special request for new exhibitors. Then get out your calculators and a piece of paper. The Silsbee Coin Club has a little work for you to do. On page 10 is a set of problems to solve concerning precious metals. After working the problems you will have to find out if your answers are correct elsewhere in the newsletter. New member, Michael Morotta, provides a unique take on the origins of money systems with his article on page 14. I look forward to more articles from Mike.

Sebastian Frommhold of the Greater Houston Coin Club asks some hard questions in his essay, "Numismatic Ethics" on page 6. I hope our "Letters to the Editor" section in the next issue will have some response to his comments.

There are other good articles for you to enjoy, so kick back in that easy chair and spend some time with this issue of the TNA News.

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

*Until next time,
 Ron Kersey*

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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello to all TNA members,

As we move into the holiday season I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

This has been an exciting year in numismatics; there have been so many changes in the way we view coin collecting. Circulated coins that were put in sets are now considered bullion and coins that had a higher value for the collector now are considered more in range. Bullion has seen a high of \$1900 for gold and \$49 for silver only to fall back to levels that are much lower. We have seen many new people collect coins and bullion as a safe haven for investment money and as a fun hobby. The US Mint has come out with some new products that have gotten much attention, chief among them is the new five piece silver eagle set that sold out in hours. This set sold for \$300 originally and went to \$2600 if you had an unopened mailing box. Some people made money on the sets and a lot of collectors were upset because they could not get any. Just wait - you will be able to get a set in a couple of years at a more reasonable price.

This year is drawing to a close and we have already been working on our show for next year. Doug Davis, our show producer, has come up with some new ideas that I think will improve our show and make it even better than last year. We are also working to help the ANA with their fall show next year in October. If any of you would like to volunteer to help with either show please contact your governor or any board member and we will be happy to put you on the list. Both of these shows are important to Texas Numismatics as a whole; we need the national people taking an interest in our state whether at a small show or a large one. It is important to show people that collecting in our state is alive and well, which by the way I know it is because of the increase in shows in smaller towns. This means that people are coming back to our hobby or starting out because it is a viable and fun hobby to have and it does not hurt that you might make some money with it also. I think 2012 will be a very strong year for coin collecting and am looking forward to it.

I wish you a Happy New Year!

Mike Grant

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The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on January 1, 2012.

- R-7151 James M. Floyd
- R-7152 Michael E. Marotta
- A-7153 Morgan J. Fatora
- R-7154 Danny V. Rhea
- R-7155 Randall Conner
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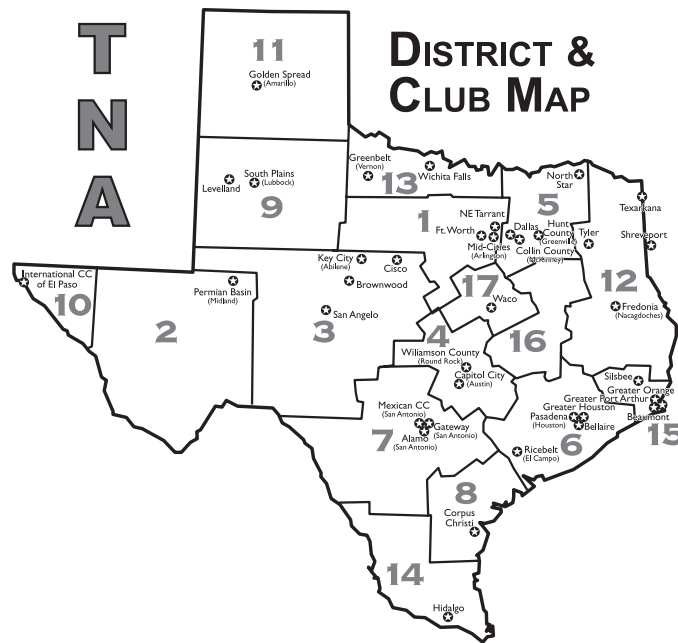
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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.

FALL BOARD MEETING RECAP

The TNA board met on October 8, 2011 in Grapevine. Much of the early discussions involved the annual coin show. Generally, it was determined that the show had improved, but that improving and expanding the annual coin show should be a priority. Various ideas for educational programs and aesthetic changes were discussed. The finances of the TNA were discussed. The TNA coin show was profitable. In addition, for the last several months, the TNA has received oil royalties from an oil interest that was bequeathed to the TNA by Helen Snider. The TNA governors were tasked with coming up with ideas for how best to use these funds to benefit the hobby.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF

OCTOBER 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash

Checking Account (JP Morgan Chase, NA)	\$50,727.46
Connect Checking Community Trust 2.1%-12/31/10	\$31,841.29
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth Mat. 4/9/12	\$20,000.00

Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year \$102,568.75

Long Term Assets:

CTB CD Mat. 2/28/13	\$40,000.00
CTB CD Mat. 8/30/14	\$40,000.00

Total Long Term Assets \$80,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$182,568.75

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$0.00

EQUITY

Beginning Balance 3/1/2011	\$108,901.60
Income (Plus)	\$106,011.59
Expenses (Minus)	-\$32,344.44
Net Income	\$73,667.15

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$182,568.75

SUMMER SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TALENTED YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

Young Numismatists have the opportunity to earn full and partial scholarships for the American Numismatic Association's highly acclaimed 2012 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

The two one-week sessions are scheduled from June 23-29 and June 30-July 6. Applications from ANA members between the ages of 13-22 are due by Jan. 31. Last year, there were 38 full scholarships and eight partial scholarships awarded. Partial scholarships cover the cost of tuition while the full scholarships cover tuition, lodging and meals for one week, and the cost of airfare to travel to and from Colorado Springs.

"Through the generosity of members and funds raised by the YNs themselves, the ANA awards as many as 40 merit-based scholarships annually," said Susan McMillan, ANA's education project manager. "Academic achievement is essential to a life of opportunity, and we encourage Young Numismatists to apply for the program."

Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their involvement, leadership and accomplishments in numismatics, as well as a desire to learn more about the hobby. Recommendations from other numismatists are also required.

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for 2012 scholarships; the selection committee will place particular emphasis on how their previous education at Summer Seminar helped to further their accomplishments and interest in numismatics.

Summer Seminar features a lineup of classes to meet virtually every collector's needs, including ancients, paper money, counterfeit detection, grading, the Civil War, digital photography, Colonial numismatics, hobo nickels, medals, tokens and more. Students learn from the hobby's most prominent scholars, rising young stars and successful business leaders. Last year, 426 students and instructors ranging in age from 13 to 87 attended Summer Seminar.



Scholarship recipients will attend one week-long class of their choice, will be lodged in a Colorado College dormitory with counselor supervision, and participate in seminar programs and events.

Summer Seminar marks its 44th year in 2012. The ANA has awarded YN scholarships yearly since 1973.

YN scholarship applications are available at www.money.org (select "Summer Seminar" from the "Numismatic Events" drop-down menu) or by contacting the ANA education department at 719-482-9850 or by e-mail at McMillan@money.org.

Scholarships will be awarded in March, and preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate dedication to the hobby.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department in Texas has arrested four suspects for 1st Degree Felony Theft greater than \$100,000 from an elderly person.

The investigation so far shows that the victim's information was sold to suspects by a coin telemarketer who previously worked for a coin business in Beaumont, Texas. The main suspect presented himself as the sales person to the victim. The victim had spoken to the salesman several times over the course of 21/2 years.

The suspects went to the victim's residence on the pretense of helping her to arrange and inventory her coins and to help figure out which coins could be sold to pay off a debt. The suspects visited the victim's residence on three different occasions. It is believed that the coins were taken on the first visit.

The coins were shipped to a Minnesota coin firm and purchased from the suspects. Several coins have been recovered and the coin firm is cooperating with local law enforcement.

The suspects have been identified as: Thomas R. Eckert, Ryan Brent Lambeth, Justin O'Neal and William Michael O'Connor.

All four suspects are from the Beaumont, Texas area. The suspects have only been arrested and not convicted at this time.

Any collector or dealer having information on these subjects are urged to contact: Deputy Steven Gray: 325-365-2121

MISSING 1870-CC \$20

An 1870-CC \$20 NGC AU58 (Cert ID 3414402-001) is missing from a shipment from California to Dallas, Texas sometime between Oct.14th and Oct. 17th.

If anyone has information please contact: Paul MInshull, Heritage, 214-409-1266, Paul@ha.com



MISSING NOTES

The following notes have been reported missing from a USPS shipment from California to Nebraska during the week of 9/11/2011. The notes were part of Heritage sale 3514.

Auction 3514 Lot 16070 Trinidad, CO - \$50 1902 Date Back Fr. 674a The First NB Ch. #(W)2300 Serial Number 158

Auction 3514 Lot 17470 Fr. 1198 \$50 1913 Gold Certificate PCGS Very Fine 35 SerialNumber A301683.

COLUMBIANS ARRESTED

The Houston Police Department Robbery Division has requested the assistance of the Numismatic Crime Information Center in attempting to locate a dealer who may have had a large amount of foreign coins stolen in a recent theft or robbery.

Houston police have arrested several Columbian nationals during a robbery of a jewelry salesman. During the arrest a large amount of foreign coins in several plastic bags were located in their possession along with a coin price guide. Detectives believe the coins are from another theft or robbery.

The coins were loose and not housed in 2x2's or flips. The coins are currently being inventoried. No other information is available at this time.

**Any collector or dealer having information on the above contact:
 Doug Davis - 817-723-7231 or doug@numismaticcrimes.org**

NUMISMATIC ETHICS BY SEBASTIAN FROMMHOLD

I think we can all agree that times are pretty hard for many people. You look around and see things happening that you would not expect from civilized people. Instant and personal gratification seems to rule the land. Thieves are stealing AC units for the few dollars they can get selling the metal for recycling. Car burglaries are increasing. A caller to a talk program tells the host that since they have insurance, people have no reason to worry about someone stealing their stuff. Even our political leaders seem to be more concerned with political expediency than with doing the right thing. Through it all, the thing that becomes clearer with each passing day is that very few people seem to have given any thought to the consequences of their actions, just as long as they get what they want. While it seems like a simple thing, why can't everyone just do the right thing? Probably because it's not that simple.

For the sake of simplicity, let's leave out all the other ills of society and restrict this discussion to matters numismatic. And, let's recognize that we will not solve any problems here. The only thing that we can accomplish here is to bring up a couple of points that will (hopefully) make you think a little about your hobby activity.

Over the last several months, a seller on ebay has been getting considerable grief from an ebay watchdog group. The seller has a history of offering better grade and scarcer date material, with the majority offered as raw coins. Many of these coins were bought by the seller from major auction houses. The consistent thread was that each of these coins had been in a holder from one of the major grading services, but had been identified as a problem coin. These coins had been cleaned, polished, artificially toned, tooled, or otherwise identified as having altered surfaces. Unique scratches and die characteristics allowed members of the watchdog group to state that the raw coin on ebay was the coin offered in a slab by the auction houses. Remarkably, the coins offered on ebay were stated to be of a higher grade and with problem free surfaces - quite different from the information provided by the auction houses and the grading services. Based on the seller's glowing descriptions, most of the coins sold for significantly more than the slabbed coin did at the auction house. And this (the lack of full disclosure) was considered a problem by the watchdog group.

But is lack of disclosure a problem? Ebay requires full disclosure of all known problems with a coin if it is offered for sale on their site. The seller never disclosed that the coins had altered surfaces, yet since he had purchased them in "problem" holders, he was aware that a problem that affected the value of the coin existed. That would be considered a problem. The watchdog group cried "fraud", while supporters of the seller said all buyers should be educated enough to see these problems if they are going to spend that kind of money (numerous coins brought multiple thousands of dollars).

But is "caveat emptor" a good selling philosophy? The images provided on ebay are not always of the best quality, so detecting altered coins is not an easy task. Usually we are told to buy the book before we buy the coin. And we are told that we need to find a dealer we can trust. But to trust a seller, we have to have knowledge, and that knowledge is not always available in a book. Nor are all dealers willing to talk to their customers and to educate them. In matters of detecting altered coins, what are the chances that a seller will fully disclose an alteration unless the buyer asks and points out the problem? For most collectors, getting that knowledge comes from other collectors. With the growth of internet coin sales, fewer collectors than ever are getting the knowledge from their peers. The new motto seems to be to find the website before you buy the coin, and find an e-tailer you can trust.

One more item needs to be included here. The ebay seller in question, after cracking out the coins from their problem slabs, would further treat the coins so as to hide excessive hairlines, putty the surfaces so as to make them appear more cameo-like, or artificially tone them to hide problem

areas. These alterations would also not be disclosed, but would instead add to the glowing (all capital letters!) descriptions. As stated before, the coins usually sold on ebay for prices well in excess of the price paid to the auction house. As outrage in the watchdog group rose, they began reporting the transgressions of the seller. They also began contacting previous buyers of the seller's coins, telling them about the alterations to the coins. Over the course of about 2 months, the seller had so many returns and so many cancelled listings that he was forced into changing his selling practices. He began disclosing the problems, and even began to list the coins still in their problem holders. His profits plummeted, and many times barely broke even. And the number of listings decreased.

Was the action of the watchdog group proper? I don't like mob mentality, but they were reporting the seller's listings that violated ebay policy. They provided the Trust & Safety Department of ebay with the likely source of the coins. In compliance with their policy, ebay pulled the listings. Out of economic necessity, the seller had to change his approach, and thereby lost significant profits. The contact of previous buyers to let them know about possible problems was in violation of ebay policy. It is considered interference with a sale. While sharing of knowledge is a good thing, it apparently is not a good thing on ebay. I guess you have to know if you can trust the source of the information. Ultimately, the result of this event was that one seller on ebay was forced to clean up his act. Ebay has over 10 million registered users, so there may be more work ahead. One thing that came out of this is that many of the previous buyers had taken advantage of the seller's return policy. They had submitted their proud new acquisitions to a grading service and had their coins returned in a problem holder or a body bag. Sometimes bought sense is better than none. These many returns helped explain why the seller had quite a few coins that were listed and sold several times.

This seller was not the first target of the watchdog group - it was just one that stirred up over 350 blog entries and almost 4000 views. While some good was achieved, the mob action was less than proper. Some people appreciated the information about their new coins, while many more were angry that anyone would question their purchase. Another target of this group had previously been a member and a moderator in the group. His transgressions were with gold coins in problem holders, and these transgressions caused his removal from the group.

So what can we learn here? Don't buy key dates or rare grades unless they are in a slab. It hurts me to say that, but the slab does provide considerable financial protection. By now, the majority of the truly original scarce date and grade coins are in holders, and the problem coins are starting to get there. Don't pay more for a coin than you can afford to lose. The protections offered, especially on the internet, are limited in their usefulness. And, most importantly, learn. Learn about the coins, learn about how people alter them, and share that information. Join a coin club. And trust your eyes. You've seen enough coins that your eyes can be trusted. Learn to trust that voice in the back of your head when it tells you that the deal is just too good. There is no such thing as a free lunch and no seller will ever offer a rare coin for less than it is worth. A well-known dealer/collector once said that he doesn't grade coins, he prices them. Decide if that price is good or bad for your collecting goals. Become that person you can trust. The voices aren't always wrong. Just do the right thing. It's simple.

The actions of this seller are clearly not ethical. But, in light of the PCGS law suit against PNG, and PNG not able to even define "coin doctoring" for the purposes of their code of conduct, is it even appropriate to discuss this type of thing? And if full disclosure is expected in this case, is it appropriate to expect full disclosure in the case of a coin being cracked out and resubmitted 5 times before it gets the desired grade? In the background, you should now hear the theme to "Jeopardy".

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Debbie Williams, P.O. Box 384, Roanoke, TX 76262; dwilliams1864@yahoo.com; or 817-480-9184 after 6:00 p.m.

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- Decide on a topic.
- Don't worry about a title in the beginning. You will often think of the best title as the exhibit develops.
- Gather the primary items you want to place in your exhibit.
- Accumulate the facts and do research to complete your "story".
- Keep a list of references used in your research. These must be included in the exhibit. The best place is usually in the lower right corner of the last case. Include the author, title of the book, publisher, or web publisher along with the date.
- Gather supporting items such as pictures or objects related to your numismatic items. (The exhibitor that put together the exhibit about turtles on money had a few small toy turtles in his exhibit.)
- Arrange your exhibit to read left to right.
- Title should be larger than other text but not overbearing.
- Be specific in the title and state exactly what the exhibit contains - title can be catchy.
- The first sentence of the text should support the title and tell the viewer what your exhibit is about.
- Choose a background that compliments items in your exhibit.
- Use a heavier weight paper such as card stock in your exhibit. Overhead lights will cause a lighter weight paper to curl.
- Don't crowd your items - it's better to add another case.
- Don't place any items outside the exhibit case(s).
- Flags are often used in exhibits. This is fine as long as proper flag etiquette is followed. This means never place anything on the flag.
- Use a simple easy to read font style. Text should be large enough to read from a 2-3 feet distance. Always use upper and lower case type except for your title.
- And finally - Assemble your exhibit at home prior to the show and make yourself a drawing of the way you want your items placed in the exhibit.

Exhibit cases are provided by the TNA at no charge. Outside measurements are 34 inches by 22 inches. The inside (exhibit area) dimensions are approximately 32 ¾ inches by 20 ¾ inches.

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- THREE CENT SILVER 1851-1873 -

Minting of three cent coins started in 1851 due to the decrease in postage rates to three cents, and to provide a small-denomination, easy-to-handle coin. The three cent silver featured a shield on a six sided star on the obverse and the Roman numeral III on the reverse. It was initially composed of 75% silver, 25% copper to ensure that the coin would be considered real currency, yet not worth melting down for the silver content.

The coins were the lightest weight coins ever minted in the US, weighing only .8 gram, and only slightly larger than the gold dollar. They were also known as "fish scales" or "trimes".



to border the star on the obverse and an olive sprig was added above and a bundle of arrows below the Roman numeral III on the reverse. A final design change occurred in 1859 because of striking problems, reducing the number of lines bordering the star to one.

It was minted from 1851 – 1873 at the Philadelphia Mint, and at the New Orleans Mint only in the initial 1851 year. In the later years, there were very small mintages and the 1873 issue was in proof state only. The silver three cent piece (along with the silver dollar, half dime, and two cent piece) was discontinued by the Coinage Act of 1873.



From the onset, these coins were never really popular. The silver content was raised to 90% in 1854 to encourage circulation. At the same time, its weight was reduced to .75 gram by reducing thickness. This change was recognized through a design change, such that two lines were now used

Assembling a collection of three cent silver coins can be challenging, but by no means impossible. There are no stoppers, and most can be purchased for a relatively low price. Type collectors generally try to obtain an example of each of the three designs.

- 1936 GETTYSBURG COMMEMORATIVE -

By the summer of 1863, the Civil War had ravaged both North and South families for over two years. The North had made considerable advances down the Mississippi River and had laid siege to Vicksburg as well as most Southern port cities. However, the Army of the Potomac had been repulsed numerous times in Virginia and the war was becoming increasingly unpopular in the North. The leader of the Southern army, Robert E. Lee decided that invasion of the North was required to relieve pressure on Vicksburg and Southern ports, gain European recognition of the Confederacy, and force the North into a negotiated peace. Lee marched his 72,000-man army north with the goal of capturing Harrisburg or even Philadelphia.



major threat to northern territory. Four months later, Abraham Lincoln visited the battlefield and gave it immortality with his simple yet eloquent Gettysburg Address.



The Gettysburg half dollar was issued in conjunction with the Blue and Gray Reunion of 1938 – a gathering of surviving veterans from both the North and South who met to relive their Civil War experiences. The obverse of the coin shows side-by-side portraits of: Union and Confederate soldiers. The reverse depicts the Union and Confederate shields divided by double-bladed fasces.

The Mint produced 26,938 coins. Its subject matter makes it very popular, and quite difficult to locate in gem condition.

The armies clashed near the famous Pennsylvania town on July 1-3, 1863, suffering 47,000 casualties. The battle represented the high water mark for the Confederacy, and stopped the last

In 2011, the Mint released a quarter for the Gettysburg Military Park as part of their "America the Beautiful" series.

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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.



2012 Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1901-2000 edited by George S. Cuhaj, Mahdi Baeiso, Ivan Rakitin and Joseph Zaffern. 39th ed. Iola, WI : Krause Pub., ©2011. 2,345 p. : ill., maps. (ISBN 9781440215728; \$44.68).

2012 Stand Catalog of World Coins, 2001 to date edited by George S. Cuhaj and Thomas Michael. 6th ed. Iola, WI : Krause Pub., ©2011. 742 p. : ill, maps. (ISBN 9781440215759; \$30.41).

2012 North American Coins & Prices edited by David C. Harper, Harry Miller, and Thomas Michael. Iola, WI : Krause Pub., 2011. (ISBN 9781440217258; \$13.59)

America's Beautiful National Parks: A handbook for collecting the new national quarters by Aaron J. McKeon. Atlanta, GA : Whitman Publishing, LLC, ©2011. 144 p. : col. Ill. (\$19.95)

The Authoritative Reference on Two Cents Coins by Kevin Flynn. Roswell, GA : Stanton Books, 2011. 223 p. (37.95).

Coin World Almanac edited by Beth Deisher. 8th ed. Sidney, OH : Amos press, 2011. viii, 678 p. (ISBN 9780944945605; \$19.99)

The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars by Randy Wiley and Bill Bugert. Virginia Beach, VA: DLRC Press, 1993. vi, 234 p. : ill. (ISBN 1880731177; \$30.00).

A Kid's Guide to Collecting Coins by Arlyn G. Sieber. Iola, WI: Krause Pubns, Inc., 2011. (ISBN 9781440223907; \$9.99)

NTCA BESTOWS CURTO AWARD

Gary Henderson of Las Cruces, N.M., received the National Token Collectors Association 2011 James J. Curto Award Sept. 2 at the NTCA Annual Token Show in Omaha, Neb.

The Curto Award, presented annually, is named in honor of the pioneering exonomic author and cataloger. The purpose of the award is to encourage excellence in the research and cataloging of trade tokens. It is presented each year for the best book on tokens published during the previous calendar year.

It is true, United States tokens prove big things do come in small packages! Henderson won the award for his book, Iowa Trade Tokens, which was published in 2010 and printed by BNR Press of Port Clinton, Ohio. The hardcover volume catalogs more than 25,000 merchant trade tokens issued in the state of Iowa. It is more than 800 pages in length and features more than 6,000 photographs. It can be ordered from Henderson by mail at 2955 Longbow Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011, or by email at ghenderson49@gmail.com.

NTCA was founded in 1996. Today the association has a broad-based membership of 500 concentrated in the United States, but extending worldwide. It publishes a monthly magazine, Talkin' Tokens, that contains informational and educational articles contributed by members. It also sponsors an annual show on Labor Day weekend.

For more information on NTCA, visit <http://tokencollectors.org>.

HERE'S A CHALLENGE FOR READERS OF THE TNA NEWS

At the October meeting of the Silsbee Coin Club, President Dale Cummings presented a program on "The mathematics of precious metals." His challenge to those attending the meeting was as follows:

As a coin dealer or a buyer or seller of precious metal such as gold and silver, you should be aware of how to calculate the actual gold and silver weight of coins and jewelry. Below is list of factors that must be known:

- 1) 1 Gram = 1000 mg
- 2) 1 Pound (English, common) = 453.6 Grams = 16 Ounces
- 3) 1 ounce (English, common) = 28.35 Grams
- 4) 1 pound (Troy) = 373.24 Grams = 12 troy ounces
- 5) 1 ounce (Troy) = 31.1 Grams.
- 6) 1 dollar face value of 90% silver US coins (dimes, quarters, halves) contains 0.72338 ounces (troy) of silver.
- 7) 1 US silver dollar (Morgan and Peace) contains 90% silver = 0.77344 ounces (troy) of silver
- 8) 1 dollar face value of War nickels (20) contains 35% silver = 1.1252 ounces (troy) of silver
- 9) 1 dollar face value of 40% silver halves contains 0.2958 ounces of silver
- 10) A 20 dollar gold piece contains 90% gold = 0.96750 ounces (troy) of gold
- 11) All other denominations of gold coins from 1850 to 1933 contain the same proportions of gold

Dale then presented the following list of problems noting that all ounces were in troy ounces.

- 1) With silver at \$35 per ounce, what is the silver value of two (2) Franklin halves?
- 2) With silver at \$40 per ounce, what is the silver value of a Peace dollar?
- 3) With silver at \$30 per ounce, what is the value of ten (10) war nickels?
- 4) With gold at \$1700 per ounce, what is the gold value of a double eagle?
- 5) With gold at \$1600 per ounce, what is the gold value of a \$1 gold coin?
- 6) How many Grams are in 5 troy ounces of gold?
- 7) How many Grams are in 5 troy ounces of silver?
- 8) How many Grams are in 5 troy ounces of air?
- 9) At \$35 per ounce, what is the silver value of \$8 face of 40% silver halves?
- 10) A 14 Karat gold necklace weighs 10 Grams. What is the gold value with spot at \$1700 per ounce?

Write your answers down and look elsewhere in this issue to compare what you have with Dale's answers.

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) How does one distinguish a genuine Seated Liberty Half Dollar from a fake?
- 2) In the field of numismatic literature, what is a plated and annotated catalog? hint-- think 19th century.
- 3) How does one distinguish a genuine 1943 copper cent from a fake?



- 4) Did the U.S. mint ever strike aluminum coins?
- 5) Who was John J. Pittman and what did he collect?
- 6) Are there any United Kingdom coins showing King Edward VIII from 1936?
- 7) A collector seeking to buy an example of the first 90% silver coin of the U.S. made after 1965 will be seeking what coin?

DR. COYNE RESPONDS

1) Seated Liberty Half Dollar fakes made to pass in circulation (not to fool collectors) are almost always cast rather than struck. Therefore they will show the classic signs of castings: a slightly grainy surface, a mushy details, and a repaired edge where the sprue for pouring in the molten metal was removed. Casts also do not "ring" like struck coins. Since the metal shrinks slightly as it cools, they are often undersized when compared to the genuine coin.



2) The "plated" part of the catalog description refers to a page of printed photographs of the coins being sold. These typically were grouped at the back of the catalog rather than having photos of the individual coins next to their lot descriptions in the main part of the catalog. Sometimes the "plates" were actual photographic prints on glossy photo paper while the text of the catalog was conventionally printed. The "annotated" part of the descriptions means that this copy was marked up at the sale to show the prices realized and some indication of who purchased the lot. The plates and the annotations are useful now to researchers in establishing ownership chains of important coins.

3) The quickest and easiest test to unmask "1943" imposters is the magnet test. A real steel cent sticks strongly to a magnet, and so do the millions of copper-plated ones (done outside the mint). The second most common "1943 copper" cent fakes are real cents of other years (commonly 1948) that have had the date area tooled to move metal until it resembles 1943. The real 1943 has a 3 with a long tail, and many metal chasers fail to get the shape right. A third class (less commonly seen) of 1943 fakes is those actually struck from home-made dies. Often the dies are explosion-transfers from a real 1943 cent, so all devices and lettering is in the right position, but often the details are mushy. The best fakes are certain Chinese ones made by a photographic/laser engraving process to make new dies, which then are used on real blank planchets (errors escaping the U.S. mint before 1982).

4) The U.S. mint struck many pattern coins in aluminum in the mid to late 19th century. Examples are noted in the current Judd reference at around \$200 (or more). There are also off-metal strikes from circulation-coin dies done in aluminum in the same period. In our time, there were Lincoln Cents struck in aluminum in 1974 as patterns to show Congressional committees. A few of these have made it into the numismatic market, but they are on the Secret Service's seizure list. Many third world countries have issued circulation coinage in aluminum.

5) John J. Pittman of Rochester, NY was an important collector and ANA leader in the second half of the twentieth century. His "day job" as an engineer with Kodak meant that he was not wealthy, but he collected relentlessly and had an eye for quality. Some of his best purchases came at the 1954 "Palace Collections" sale of the King Farouk material. Sale of his collection after his death in 1996 brought more than \$30 million. Many of the coins he had acquired during a 50 year collecting career were sold at 200 to 500 times his original cost.



6) There are circulation coins in the name of Edward VIII from 1936, but they are issues for British Commonwealth countries and not the homeland. They have legends mentioning Edward VIII, but are not issues that regularly carried a portrait. There are a very few sets of pattern British coins with an Edward VIII portrait, but none of this design was ever issued for circulation.

7) The first 90% silver coin made by the US mint after 1965 would be the commemorative half dollars of 1982 showing George Washington on his horse on the obverse and Mt. Vernon on the reverse. These came in proof and in circulation-quality issues, both in special packaging and selling for issue prices well above face value.



PERSONAL NUMISMATIC STORIES

A PIECE OF HISTORY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION & EDIFICATION

Editor's Note: This month Your Two Cents Worth features a guest biography supplied by John Barber. John is a "numismatist's numismatist" who resides in Houston. He is better known to us here in the Tyler Coin Club area as "Dr. Coyne" and is responsible for the column by the same name published in this newsletter as well as several others. John and Eve will be in Tyler for our show in November. Your editor looks forward to introducing them at that time.

Since his 2004 retirement from Shell Chemical Company, where he worked for 35 years as a chemical engineer and business economist, John Barber (sometimes masquerading as the mythical Dr. Coyne) has actively pursued the various byways of numismatics. The passion was started by a gift of a cigar box full of coins on Christmas Day 1956. The box was from his grandmother (though she is not likely the one to have smoked the cigars!). The coins were a nice mixture of 19th-century U.S. issues. While learning about these, the goal was formed to assemble a complete type set of U.S. coins. The dream still lives, and is now almost within grasp.

Growing up in Cheyenne, Wyoming just naturally led to collecting a circulated set of Morgan Dollars, and later efforts on a set of Seated Liberty Dollars. Half cents also remain an interest.



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The journey has required mentors all along the way. Local coin clubs from Colorado to Texas have been important sources of inspiration and advice. A continuous subscription to Coin World since April 1960 has also helped. Building of a library of supporting numismatic literature has been as important as building the coin set. Acting as editor of the GHCC's monthly newsletter, the Double Shift, for the past six years has provided an outlet for writing and encouraged development of photography skills.

John is blessed to have a spouse, Eve, who fully supports the hobby pursuits. Eve is also a very active worker in the Greater Houston Coin Club.

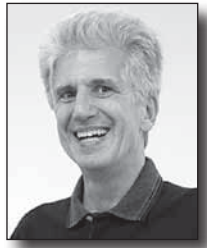
Your editor has just finished reading an article in the Longview newspaper concerning the petition signed by some 22,000 Texans calling upon the State of Texas to drop the possibility of providing license plates featuring an image of the Confederate battle flag. Your editor has no particular thought on the subject except to say the Confederate States is definitely part of our Texas historical experience and for that reason maintains a significant attachment to some. Whether it is appropriate to carry such an emotional image on the back of one's automobile is yet to be decided by the "powers that be" in Austin. At the least we know there are other ways to keep the memory.

One of the ways in which an enthusiast can recall the Confederate era is through paper money which is, even one hundred and fifty years later, still readily available in the market place. Chances are good at our upcoming TCC show there will be dealers with Confederate notes for sale starting in a moderate price range. One of the favorite pieces of your editor, and of many collectors of Confederate currency, is the one pictured above. It contains much symbolism and was designed late in the war not only as a functional tool of finance but also to inspire patriotism.



The student of this piece of paper will see the image of Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, a savvy military leader, and a legend in his own time. There is also the great seal of the Confederate States which features an equestrian statue of George Washington along with a legend containing the words "Deo Vindice," Latin for "God will Vindicate." Another interesting feature is the addition of the "Second National" flag of the Confederacy which was in use from May 26, 1863 to March 4, 1865.

In your editor's opinion this piece of paper is a marvelous representation of the engraver's art, what must have been a quality tribute to the times and to the Southern effort, as well a sign of the emotional attachment then and now to things Confederate. It is interesting to say that this piece is one of the few pieces of Confederate currency available for under "face value." A very fine original copy, such as the one pictured on the previous page, can still be acquired for under \$500 dollars. (U.S. money of course.)



MONEY: THE SEED OF CIVILIZATION

In these days of anti-capitalist protest, it is important to keep in mind the research findings of University of Texas art historian and professor emerita Denise Schmandt-Besserat: keeping track of debts led to the inventions of counting and writing, and eventually gave voice to art.

Starting about 8000 BCE, a system of small clay tokens standing for farm produce became common across the Fertile Crescent of the Middle East. By 5000 BCE, the tokens were routinely stored in clay jars. You cannot see into a ceramic envelope, so the tokens were also impressed on the outside



Clay Tokens



Clay Envelope



to show what had been baked within. Two thousand years later, rather than the tokens, pictographs of them were written on solid clay hemispheres. In

another thousand years, these became tablets with cuneiform writing.

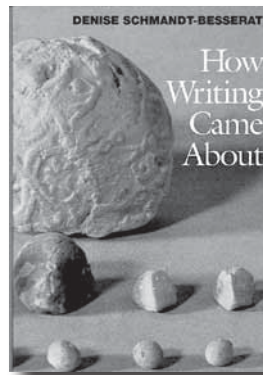
Through this long development, large numbers such as 4, 5,

6, and 7 were invented. Before about 5000 BCE they could not even be conceptualized: five was recorded as "three-one-one."

Also, starting about 3000 BCE, as inscribed on statues, these cuneiform characters recorded personal names. They

also begged short prayers of the gods. The first poetry only came about 2700 and the famous Code of Hammurabi dates only to 1700.

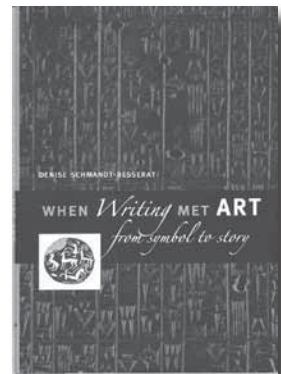
Most subtly, the ordered writing of merchants, left to right, up to down, lesser to greater, eventually gave painting and sculpture a vocabulary of space. Before debts and contracts were invented, artistic space was open and unstructured.



Prof. Schmandt-Besserat first published her findings in Scientific American in 1978. Over the next decade, visiting museum collections, she arrayed enough proof to fill a large two-volume corpus, Before Writing (University of Texas Press, 1992). The essential facts and evidences were then condensed into a popular paperback, How Writing

Came About (University of Texas Press, 1996). A children's book was published in 1999, The History of Counting. Most recently (2007) the University of Texas Press released When Writing Met Art.

Schmandt-Besserat makes clear that these early instruments were not money as indirect barter. They were not passed from hand-to-hand. However, they did record economic value and carried seals naming the parties. In that, they foreshadowed the invention of coinage thousands of years later. More subtly, this medium was like a modern bank draft because when these promises were paid and cleared, they were discarded.



In our day, we argue whether and to what extent wealth should influence politics. Is money speech? In fact, a modern Federal Reserve Note has about 20 separate declarations in words, signs, and symbols. Their arrangement is dictated by an ordering of narrative that began in Sumeria 5,000 years ago, when debts were recorded on clay tablets. Without that, the written embodiment of speech would not exist today.

THE HAWAIIAN COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR



by Tommy Sawyer

To complete a set of any series of U.S. coins is quite an accomplishment. Even progressing through all the obstacles such as the prices, the searches, the frustrations. Ask a Numismatist. It can be done. But if one were to ask which sets provided the most challenges, in final completion, I could easily answer the silver dollar and the commemorative sets. Let's center on the latter - the commemoratives.

Years ago one could come very close to completing a set of commemoratives in the lower grades without a drastic investment. But many Numismatists who collected these coins demanded higher grades. After all, commemoratives half-dollars were really more than just a regular mintage—these coins presented a lasting history associated with their releases.

One such commemorative that for many reasons has been so difficult to obtain for our sets is the Hawaiian half dollar of 1928. Let's see if we can see why? First of all, the coin has an extremely low mintage of only 10,008 coins. When first released it wasn't hoarded like many other commemoratives have been. This tells us why the ones we find today are scratched, nicked, and show much evidence of wear. Few, very few, can be expected to be found in MS 64 or above anywhere. Dealers have buyers, but the coin isn't available the higher grades.

A very prominent dealer near the metroplex passed this short history

of the coin to me. Once the coins left the Philadelphia Mint and shipped to Hawaii in 1928-29, sea water in the hull of the ship eased into the bags of the precious cargo and literally ruined hundreds of the coins. Some did survive however, and these that wasn't damaged are what we see today in the higher grades.

The Hawaiian half dollar was minted to commemorate the 105th anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain James Cook. At release, the coins sold for \$2 each. This



was the highest initial sale price up to that time. Dealers at that time were allowed to purchase up to 100 coins. Designs for the coin were submitted, sketched and approved by Juliett May Fraser, a well known Hawaiian artist and executed by Chester Beach. The coin's obverse bears the portrait of Captain Cook and its reverse depicts an Hawaiian warrior chief in full regalia reaching the apex of a hill. This represents Hawaii arising from obscurity. It is considered one of the beautiful of all the commemoratives in beauty and design.

Approximately 400 of the coins were held back for presentations to heads of state, distinguished guests, and certain

visitors to islands at that particular time. It was reported that 50 proof coins were also minted and given to kings, queens, and world leaders. Government heads were invited to celebrate the official ceremony which took place on October 8, 1928. It was a very successful endeavor for Hawaii.

Some years ago, The Bank of Hawaii consigned almost all of its holdings of the coin to a well known United States dealer for auction. What do you suppose this coin would realize at an auction today? I priced 3 of these coins with two of my dealer friends and I was offered in MS64, a selling price of between \$2,900 and \$3,200 dollars. The coins aren't cheap by any means. The difference in price of \$300 was probably due to toning. But to complete the set, you must have one. The price you pay will depend on the grade you that you are willing to pay. Other random dealers I contacted told me they hadn't owned a Hawaiian Commemorative half dollars in years.

I trust this article did answer some questions about the Hawaiian Commemorative half dollar, especially for my great friend in Tyler, Texas who has just informed me he will "go ahead and bite the bullet" and buy the coin, complete his set and let the family enjoy the satisfaction of his sets completions. Especially someday when the grandkids learn the fun and values of coin collecting. I encourage my numismatic friends to take another look at what it takes to complete that special set----you will be glad you did----good hunting!



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: tnews@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



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

September Meeting - President Steve Lehr opened the meeting with 60 members and 3 visitors present. The opening was delayed due to members lining up for the rather scrumptious barbeque meal provided and served by Richard Wallace and David Olster.

The club welcomed visitors: Ted Court, Vince Ness and new members: Patrick Brown, Larry Brennecke, Scott Smith.

The Club purchased a cake to give thanks to the tireless volunteers who prepare our refreshment for each meeting. While the Club had planned to specially recognize the volunteers, they demonstrated their continued worth to the Club by having already cut and served the cake.

Show-And Tell Night - Based on the wonderful response last year, we repeated Show-and-Tell Night at the October meeting. Eight tables were set up around the room for display with members presenting divided into 2 groups. Each group in turn displayed and answered questions of passers-by. Each group presented for 10-12 minutes, with a brief interlude to change groups.

The item garnering by far the most interest was a viewing & photography device invented by Duncan Parkes, one of our young members. The device is built of Legos with an iPhone placed on top. The iPhone magnifies the coin and allows a photo to be emailed.



Full \$500 box of half dollars. While most halves are Kennedy clads, the occasional find of a 90% silver Franklin or Walker makes a search very rewarding.



October Meeting - President Steve Lehr opened the meeting with 63 members and 3 visitors present. The members present included 13 youth. New member, Vince Ness, was welcomed to the club.

Our Christmas party will again be held at the December meeting.

The Club will again focus the November meeting around Veterans Day. The program will be on Challenge Coins and will be led by 2-3 Master Chief Petty Officers. Members were also encouraged to bring military memorabilia to display at the November meeting.

The nominating committee consisting of Merle Owens, Dave Warner and Jerry Stuart announced the slate of officer and director nominees.

Charlie Bathman moderated a spirited roundtable discussion of various numismatic topics starting with "mistakes we have made". Several members discussed some of their mistakes and gave advice which included: STUDY your hobby; learn to grade coins; and buy the best coin you can afford. Another great discussion centered on the pros and cons of slabbed coins. We ended with a discussion of "cleaned" versus "conserved" coins.

DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB



October Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Bill G. There were 16 members and 1 visitor present. The visitor, Michael M. later joined. Michael is a technical writer who has written for ANA.

The program consisted of a grading seminar with our regular panel of graders. A special grader was present, Mr. Tim H., who was a grader for one of the top four grading services. There were 16 coins submitted and graded.

Door prize was won by Joe G. The three legged buffalo was won by Tim H.

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Bill G. There were 16 members present. A reminder was given of the club Christmas Dinner on December 3rd.

John D. contributed some hand-outs given to him by a contact at B.E.P. They showed the different features of U.S. currency.

The new officers were nominated and elected. They are as follows: President: Bill G.; Vice-president: Michael M.; Secretary: Brian M.; Treasurer: Brian J.

The door prize was won by Gary F. The three legged buffalo was won by Hal C.

DISTRICT FIVE



COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

August Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President, Mike W..

The proposed revisions to the By-laws were read by Kim G. A motion to accept the revisions was made and seconded. The club voted to accept the revisions.

Kent H. was given an ANA Education Award certificate for his talk on US Postal Notes. Gary R. gave him the certificate.

Kevin S. gave an encore of his talk on coins of the bible times. He told about the Pontius Pilot coins and about the temple tax. He brought examples to show the club.

September Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President, Mike W. with 17 members and 1 guest attending.

Door prizes were won by Steve A., Phanee S., David A. and Gary R. Gary R gave his door prize to Kristopher one of our junior members.

Kim G. won an 1883-O silver dollar, James T. a 200S PR69 Jefferson nickel, Steve A. a Washington commemorative half and Jim P. won a 1993-D bank set as lottery prizes.

Gary R. conducted the auction and Steve served as the runner. 38 items were on the table.



September Meeting - The Dallas Coin Club celebrated its 1000th consecutive meeting on September 15, 2011! Thirty four people attended this celebratory event. Our guests included Mary Ann Scott, Mary Herrera, Travis Herrera, Jimmy Davis, Ryan Smith and Lorenzo Horalek. New members joining at the meeting were Don Demchak and Guillermo Gonzales.

President Allen Scott spoke about what an accomplishment this 1000th meeting was for the Dallas Coin Club. The first meeting took place in May, 1928. Since that first meeting, no monthly meetings were ever missed, even during the Depression and World War II.

Hal Cherry gave a report from TNA about the volunteers at the annual show which was held in May. There were a total of eighty six volunteers, including a number of people from the Dallas Coin Club. Our club received a check for \$120 from TNA for the work of the volunteers. Hal mentioned that TNA and ANA are always grateful to the area clubs who help out at their conventions. There are plans underway for the ANA to host a third convention in the fall of 2012 at the Dallas Convention Center. More information will be forthcoming.

Stewart Huckaby presented everyone with a slabbed Texas quarter, compliments of Heritage Auctions. Programs have been planned for the remainder of this year, but are needed for 2012. Please contact Stewart if you are interested in presenting a program.

The program was presented in two parts. Frank Clark gave a short presentation on the history of the Dallas Coin Club. The first meeting was May 24, 1928, in the Baker Hotel. Most of the meetings were held at the Baker until 1979, the same year of the hotel's closure. In 1953, the ANA held its annual convention at the Baker. Frank's presentation included a slide show of the Baker Hotel and several other pictures of meetings/conventions.

The second part of the program was given by Stewart Huckaby. Stewart's presentation, given in conjunction with the evening raffle, consisted of a clever vignette describing the history of each coin and note included in the raffle. The raffle items were all from the inaugural decade of the Dallas Coin Club, the 1920's, and were chosen in honor of our organization.

Thanks to Frank and Stewart for a great program! Your presentations gave special meaning to our 1000th meeting.

October Meeting - Meeting #1001 of The Dallas Coin Club was called to order by President Allen Scott. Twenty-six were present including four visitors: Tom Cox, Greg Knight, Eddie Nunn and Carol Sayre. Mike Thomas was accepted as a new member, making our membership total thirty-eight.

Officers for 2012 were elected by the membership. Allen Scott, President; Stewart Huckaby, Vice President; and Gary and Judy Dobbins, Co-Secretaries will continue in their positions. Mary Hunter will serve with David Swann as our new Treasurer.

The December meeting will be the annual Christmas Party with Bingo and Door Prizes.

Hal Cherry spoke about the ANA Coin Show scheduled for the fall of 2012. Various aspects of putting on a coin show were discussed. The Dallas Coin Club voted to accept any role of sponsorship or logistical support for the show, pending a request from the ANA.

Show and Tell: On the second night of the World Series, Stewart Huckaby, an avid baseball fan, brought a silver round commemorating the opening of the Ballpark in Arlington. Several other members brought interesting items.

Program: The program on 20th Century Type Sets was presented by Allen Scott. Allen used photographs of each coin to show the indicators of a good strike. He suggested that when collecting by type sets, the collector should try to get the best example of each coin that the budget will allow. Thank you, Allen, for a very interesting program.

DISTRICT SIX



August Meeting - Aug 15 - There were 30 members and guests at the meeting. The following members presented a show and tell, Bruce Burton, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Al Morgan, and Alvin Stern. Bruce Burton won the show and tell prize.

September Meeting - There were 25 members and guests at the meeting.

Ken Benson and Garth Clark and the club discussed a new government bill that a company must get a license to buy scrap metal. The following members presented a show and tell, Bruce Burton, Tom Cooper, Brian Holland, Gene McPherson, Alan Morgan, and Bill Watson. Gene McPherson won the show and tell prize.

October Meeting - October 3 - There were 25 members and guests at the meeting. Garth Clark and club members discussed a new government bill. The bill is called H B 2490. Pawnshops are restricted on the amount of gold purchased. Companies must have a license and place of business. Must have a photo of each piece. This is to generate more money for the state. Currently it has been past, but no official rule format.

The following members presented a show and tell, Gath Clark, Richardo Deleon, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, and Rupert Soliz. Rupert Soliz won the show and tell prize.



September Meeting - Tonight was Carl's birthday! However, there was no mention as per what birthday Carl was celebrating. Could it be eighteen? Twenty-one? One Hundred and Twenty-one? All kidding aside, the GHCC wishes him a happy birthday and appreciates everything he has done for the club. We also enjoyed his two birthday cakes.

The educational presentation tonight was conducted by Steve Kutz and covered numismatic grading. Steve was awarded a GHCC Levinson scholarship this year to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. As an added way to express gratitude for the scholarship, he was more than happy to provide the educational seminar for tonight. The presentation opened with basic grading information and quickly graduated to more advanced information for the seasoned collector. The program ended with discussion on graded coins provided to the GHCC in the form of a grading quiz to all GHCC attendees. Fourteen coins were included in the quiz and were provided as soon as GHCC members gathered for the evening. All coins were PCGS or NGC graded with labels masking the assigned grades. Participants were given a quiz sheet with each coin described and numbered. Those who participated provided their best guess and held their answers until the discussion portion of the seminar. Many members participated and it was very interesting to observe discrepancies in proposed grades. However, this added an interactive aspect to the presentation and made it more interesting. Bill Watson mentioned it may be a good idea for the GHCC to conduct periodic 'grading quizzes' to further enhance our grading skills as an entire group. Feedback of this idea will be much appreciated.

October Meeting - The EC will vote on the Townsend award and will announce the winner at the Christmas dinner this year. Restrictions are specified in the Double Shift. This will be conducted by silent ballot. Also, If any members desire to place an exhibit at the Money Show, notification must be sent to John Barber at least 2 weeks before the show.

Alvin was first to present a show and tell item with the announcement

of a large auction this year at the Money Show. He brought a Portuguese piece along with other bizarre forms of money from long ago. Other members also brought interesting items to share. Coins were passed around that have been improperly deemed as cleaned or damaged by ANACS. Two coins were purposely cleaned with an electric toothbrush and Crest toothpaste and submitted to the professional services. They came back in problem-free holders.

Ralph Ross announced an academic incentive of a one ounce silver eagle prize and invitation to the Money Show for local students of academic achievement.

For MSSW11, two hundred booths have sold so far. More than 90% of the budget booths have sold. Volunteer work at the show will be greatly appreciated.

Kevin Scace presented to the club tonight a lesson in counterfeit coin detection. Kevin discussed the primary tools and methods to determine whether a coin is genuine or counterfeit. A magnet can be a good tool to detect counterfeit coins. A ring test and measurements can determine a coin to be real or fake. Coins are consistent in quality by year and mint. A study of each series will help detect counterfeits. Beware of raised metal spikes and repeating impressions. Two or more coins with identical impressions or defects is a sign of a series of fakes. One-to-one transfer dies are the most common type of counterfeit today. Cast coins will usually be about 3% lighter than an actual coin as metal shrinks as it cools down. Other methodology was discussed along with reference to Numismatic Forgery by Charles Larson. This is essentially a 'cook book' to creating counterfeit coins. It was published in 2004 by the Zyru Press and can be identified by ISBN number 0-9742371-2-4.

The Greater Houston Coin Club awarded the Levinson Scholarship to Kevin and two others to attend this year's ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

DISTRICT SEVEN



Alamo Coin Clips

September Meetings - Sept. 8 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo.

The meeting was attended by 31 signed in members in which included 0 visitors.

It was good to see our Junior club member Leo G. back in attendance.

Our former chief, Will R. did his stand up comedy about life as he knows it or someone else's life experiences.

The Roundtable was started by ACC President Fernando and then carried out by Will R.

There was a presentation made by Fernando Razo. He discussed a viewpoint on the rise of scrap gold buyers. He noted that this topic was 1st discussed in 2009. The overview of the topic: The questions to plan and think about when "scrapping" are: 1-What do the numbers mean? 2-What's the difference between yellow, rose, and white gold and does it make a difference when selling? There are 3 commonly known shades that are accepted, yellow, white, and rose (pink), they are all gold but with other metals mixed in. If buying gold do not pay extra for colors or fancy names. 3-What do you do with the gold coins and scrap jewelry? 4-How can one tell if it's fake or not? 5-What tools do I need? 6-How do you determine what karats you have? 7-What prices should be expected or estimated? The expected price should be between 80 and 90% of full melt value. If a dealer is willing to pay less than 80% then stay away. (This statement is based on a personal opinion and also on recent national media investigations. Recent investigation by ABC's GMA had a report on what was paid by Cash4Gold™ on gold scrap. (Between 12 and 20% of melt value.) The report stated that Cash4Gold had numerous complaints filed with the BBB (Better Business Bureau). The internet has countless of reports and blogs (personal opinions and experiences) about mail based businesses. Mail based buyers should also be avoided. 8-Whom do you sell it to? When you do sell, what you need to be aware of: don't be going in with an attitude. Do know your numbers 1st, be knowledgeable. Watch what they do with the gold. Ask questions and have them explain. Watch the scales. It's normal to deduct

weight because of non-gold items mixed in such as stones. 9-Should I do the mail? 10-Coupons and grocery stores? Oh Please, really! If they can offer a coupon for additional cash, all it means is that they really could have paid you better. 11-Will it be worth doing it again?

Sept. 22 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 28 signed in members in which included 1 visitor. Walt A. was in attendance as a visitor.

As it now has become the norm or a tradition before the start of club business, humorous comments were made by our former chief, Will R.

The Roundtable was started by ACC President Fernando and then carried out by Will R.

Winner of the Attendance Prize was Larry A. our VP. Larry received a silver 1978 Mexico \$100 Pesos.

It was finally a large Auction with only 21 lots up for bid. Conducting the Auction was Fernando Razo and VP Tim W.

October Meetings - Oct 13 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 29 signed in members.

After the welcome, the floor was then opened to some quick quirks by Will R. It was torturous for many of us, but a good healthy laugh nonetheless.

The Roundtable started with ACC President leading the charge Fernando and along with the assistance from Will R..

After the intermission, the Attendance Prize winner was announced as Joanne B. Joanne received a 1987 US Constitution Bicentennial commemorative dollar.

There was a numismatic presentation made by our esteemed member Bill S. He had a brief talk about coins from the early period of Columbia.

Oct 27 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 24 signed in members.

After the welcome, the floor was then opened to some quick humor by Will R.

The Roundtable was started off with Will R.. leading the charge and ACC President Fernando. Several members made contributions to the event.

After the intermission, the Attendance Prize winner was announced as Roger A. Roger received a 1942 Walking Liberty half dollar and a 1944 Mexican Un Peso.

THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

September Meetings - Sept. 1 - The meeting opened with 29 members and 2 visitors present. The attendance prize, a 1921 Morgan silver dollar, was given to James Williams.

The slate of officers for 2011-2012 was announced. No nominations were received from the floor. Leroy Moczygamba made a motion to accept the nominating committee's recommendation by acclamation which was passed.

The roundtable session was led by Fernando Razo, with many members contributing.

The raffle winners were Leon Weinstrom, Karla Galindo, Alex Reid, Gilbert Castillo, Cliff Anderson and Roger.

The meeting closed with a large numismatic auction. Thank you to all the participants.

Sept. 15 -The Gateway Coin Club held its 49th Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Club Officers at the Picante Grill. 30 members and 3 guests attended our annual gala. The guests were Elida Razo, Shirley Tate and Linda Scott. Andy Cardona gave the invocation. Karla Galindo then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. After a delicious dinner, the members enjoyed a cake, as well as sugar free desserts.

The attendance prize, a dazzling 2004 Mexico Commemorative one hundred pesos coin, was given to a very happy Tracy Thompson. The coin honors the Mexican state of Queretaro.

The roundtable had several participants who shared an interesting number of items.

The raffle winners were: Arturo Gutierrez, Sr., Stan McManigal (2 times), John Jones, Celi McManigal, David Astwood and Don Grigsby (2 times).

The Presentation of Awards was made by President Frank Galindo, who was assisted by David.

Gateway Coin Club Certificates of Appreciation and ANA Educational Awards were given to members who were recognized for their educational programs. Members who were presented certificates were James Williams, Leroy Moczygamba, David Fuqua, Ray Tate and Fernando Razo.

After the awards presentation ended, the installation of Club Officers ceremony was conducted by TNA District 7 Governor Frank Galindo.

The meeting closed with a brief mini-auction that offered some interesting items. Thank you to all the members who participated in the auction.

October Meetings - Oct. 6 - The first meeting of the month was opened with 21 members and 1 visitor. Our visitor was D.D. Haney. That night D.D. Haney joined our ranks and is now our newest member.

Due to the absence of the club president, Vice-president David Astwood conducted the meeting. The attendance prize, a Mexican one-hundred peso coin, was given to new member D.D. Haney. It was announced that our new web master will be Eric Hulse who will be updating the club website, making some new changes and providing ideas that will enhance the site.

The roundtable items were brought by two members. Ray Tate had an Australian miniature two coin set that was issued for the ANA World's Fair of Money - Chicago 2011.

David showed a five Reichmarks from Nazi Germany.

Raffle winners were: Leon Weinstrom, Gilbert Castillo, James Williams, Robert and David.

The meeting concluded with a stimulating auction that featured many numismatic items.

Oct. 20 - The last meeting of the month opened with 27 members and 3 visitors present. Our visitors were James, Amanda and Laura from the Wooden Nickel Company.

The attendance prize, a 2003 Mexican one-hundred peso coin that honored the state of Vera Cruz, was given to Roger.

The roundtable participants brought several interesting items.

The raffle winners were Leon Weinstrom, James Williams, Alex Reid, Leroy Moczygamba, Walter Bowman, Jim Rogers and Tom Bailey.

The educational program was presented by the Old Time Wooden Nickel Company personnel. Amanda and Laura's presentation was on "The History of the Old Time Wooden Nickel Company." They also gave an overview of wooden money history. The company is one of the oldest manufacturers of wooden pieces in the United States. They are also the only manufacturer of multi-colored wooden nickels. They use domestically farm grown wood milled in Maine. The blank "planchets" are then shipped to San Antonio for custom printing.

The meeting closed with a mini-auction. Thank you to all the eager members who participated in our mini-auction.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER COIN CLUB



October Meeting - Meeting called to order by President Dwight with pledge to the flag. There were 25 members and 1 guest present. A new member was welcomed into the club. The club recognized members with birthdays and anniversaries.

Richard gave a brief overview of his visit to the Texas Exhibit sponsored by Dallas Historical Society

It was noted that mentors are needed for new members; sign-up next month; everyone please donate their areas of expertise and / or interest

Barry discussed progress on the coin show and asked for additional volunteers for various activities.

November Meeting - Meeting called to order by President Dwight with pledge to the flag. There were 30 members and 3 guests present. A new member was welcomed into the club. The club recognized members with birthdays and anniversaries.

Working on arrangements for road trip to The Texas Exhibit sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society (Planned for Saturday, December 3rd)

Club Show Update (Barry)

Dwight read proclamation from Mayor Barbara Bass supporting the coin show.



President Dwight and friends at the Tyler Coin Club Show



Familiar Faces at the Coin Show



A Great Day to Have a Coin Show

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

September Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Thirteen members were in attendance.

In August, Bryan Sweitzer's mystery bag contained a 1964 Kennedy Half and not wheat cents. Jim Spears won the coin by guessing that the coin was a half dollar. George Woodburn had also guessed that the coin was a half dollar, but Jim won by guessing closest to the actual date of the coin.

Bryan Sweitzer again provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of wheat cents. The winner was newest member, Dave Cary, who guessed 420 wheat cents. There were actually 421 wheat cents in the bag making Dave the closest guesser of the actual amount that we have had since the guessing started.

Rob Robinson conducted the auction containing 42 lots belonging to 5 consignors.

October Meeting - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bryan Sweitzer. Thirteen members were in attendance.

New business: Rob announced that the annual Christmas Party for the Wichita Falls Coin Club would be held at Luby's Cafeteria on December 8th. He said that members of the Greenbelt Club were welcomed to attend.

Drawings were held and Marian Lynn was the winner of the membership prize, a 1986 Commemorative half dollar. Raffle prize winners were Jean Sweitzer - a 2010 Silver Eagle, Bill Howard - a 1985 Proof Set, and Judy Branin - a 1987 Proof Set.

Rob conducted the auction which consisted of 40 lots put up by 5 consignors.

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order President Ollie Garrett. Eleven members were in attendance.

Copies of the proposed club charter and by-laws were passed out for members to review. A motion was made and approved to have members review the documents and bring any recommended changes to the December meeting. Election of officers for 2012 was briefly discussed. A motion was made and approved to keep the same slate of officers for the new year.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins containing Wheat cents. There were 230 Wheat cents in the bag and the winner was George Woodburn with his guess of 249.

Bryan Sweitzer was the winner of the membership prize, a 1980 Proof set. Raffle prize winners were Marian Lynn – a 2011 Silver Eagle, Bill Howard – a 2000 Proof Set, Charles Lynn – a 1985 Mint Set, and George Woodburn – a 2011 Bronze TNA Medal.

Program. The club members were fortunate to hear two programs. Ollie Garrett gave a brief program about star notes. Per Ollie, star notes are printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to replace notes that are messed up. The same serial number as on the messed up note is used on the new note with a star placed beside the number. Ollie said that the BEP shreds the messed up notes and often sells the shredded pieces in various forms to collectors. Shredded notes that are not sold cannot be burned because the ink is a toxic waste. According to Ollie, the shredded notes must be buried.

Rob Robinson provided a program on the numismatic and non-numismatic happenings of the year 1947. Rob receives COINage Magazine and each month the magazine picks a year from our nation's history to outline events of that year. In this month's edition, the year 1947 was covered. Since this year happens to be the birth year of our club Treasurer, George Woodburn, Rob thought it would be fun and interesting to report some of that year's events provided in the magazine. Some numismatic firsts of that year included the mint began selling mint sets for the first time. Per Rob, these early mint sets were actually double mint sets containing two of each denomination and mint mark. The 1947 set sold for \$4.87 and had \$4.46 in face value in the set. One of these sets are worth \$1,000 or more today depending on condition. The mint continued this practice of issuing double mint sets through the year 1958. Another numismatic first for the year 1947 was the issuance of the first "Guidebook of United States Coins" by R. S. Yeoman, otherwise known as the Redbook. Per Rob, the book was an immediate hit. 9,000 books were printed and quickly sold out, as was a second run of another 9,000 units. The books sold for \$1.50 each. An original 1947 Redbook in good condition sells for several hundred dollars today. Rob also mentioned some non-numismatic events that occurred in 1947. Jackie Robinson became the first black player to play major league baseball and earned the honor of Rookie of the Year for 1947. Also, the first State of the Union address to be televised was provided by President Truman and aired on Jan 6th of that year. Some other important events were Chuck Yeager breaking the sound barrier, the death of Henry Ford at age 83, and the famous crash of a possible UFO in Roswell NM that is still a mystery today. Top grossing films of the year were "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Miracle on 34th Street." The number one hit song of the year was "Near You" which Milton Berle adopted as the theme song for his new hit TV show. The Oscar for Best Song went to "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" from Disney's movie "Song of the South."

WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

September Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Rob Robinson. 18 members were present for the meeting. This included visitor, Sam Aston, who joined the club. There was one other visitor, Eileen Snyder, who took minutes for Secretary Mark Snyder who could not be present.

Old Business: Per discussion at the August meeting, Jeff Hogue reserved a room at Luby's on 8 December 2012 at 6:00 pm for 35 to 40 people for our annual club Christmas party. Rob Robinson asked Bryan Sweitzer to pass on an invitation to the Greenbelt Coin Club in Vernon, and George Woodburn to invite members of the Wichita Falls Stamp Club.

Buck McCarty brought up doing a silent auction at the November meeting. He suggested having a bid board till 8:00 pm. Each item would have a slip of paper with a floor on it, with room for individuals names and their bid. Tony Zupkas brought up that this might be a little confusing and that we need to give some thought into exactly how the silent auction would be conducted. He said the way we do it now is entertaining and allows people to ask questions as the item comes up for

bid. Connolly said in the old days the club would bring show cases and members would bring their coins and each meeting you would have 1 1/2 hour coin show. Rob Robinson said they did it that way in Electra. Consensus was there is no space for this and to leave things the way they are. Rob suggested that we table the issue for now, but that we could give some thought on how such an auction could be done and possibly re-look the issue in the future.

Program: Tony Zupkas discussed in detail his trip to England. He said he went to a bank to get a roll of coins and found out they don't have rolls. Their coins come in a sealed plastic bag. Tony gave everyone a two pence coin. Two pence equals about 3 1/2 U. S. cents.

Membership Prize: 1974 Mint Set was won by: Tony Zupkas

October Meeting - The meeting was called to order with 13 members present. Visitor, Coy Martin, also joined during the meeting.

Announcements: Rob Robinson stated that Connolly O'Brien reserved the MPEC for the coin show on 1 & 2 June 11. The club members approved the date of June 1 and 2 for the show. Rob said that he went to the Texas Coin Show in Grapevine, and that it was a good show. There were approximately 70 dealers on hand and the show was well attended by the public.

Old Business: Rob said that we need to have elections for the 2012 Coin Club Officer's. After some discussion it was agreed by those present to re-elect the following: President: Rob Robinson, Vice-President: George Woodburn, Treasurer: Connolly O'Brien, and Secretary: Mark Snyder.

Program: Rob said that he bought a counterfeit 1/2 cent piece on e-Bay. Tony Zupkas said that he was on vacation in Europe that he noticed some counterfeit coins available in Europe as well. Rob said to use caution when purchasing coins on Ebay because more counterfeit coins are being produced every day.

Membership Prize: 1972 Eisenhower Silver Dollar was won by: Buck McCarty.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



October Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 48 members present plus two visitors. The 6 new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 141 for the year.

The officers and members were putting the final touches towards the new Fall Coin and Collectibles Show.

The Youth Coin Club met this month and watched a video on coin collecting.

Member Leo Ris reported on the findings of our annual Awards Banquet. The guest speaker will be the McAllen Chief of Police, Mr. Victor Rodriguez.

The meeting ended with a huge auction of about 130 lots.

November Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 49 members present and 3 visitors. Two new members that applied at the Fall Coin Show were accepted bringing the total membership for 2011 to 143 members.

The meeting began with a report on the first ever Fall Coin and Collectibles 2-day show that was held during the weekend of Nov. 5 & 6. The attendance at the show was less than expected, however several dealers reported that it was the best show they have experienced in the valley. The club invited an ANACS representative to be at our show. This is the first time a third party coin grading company had attended. Mr. Emery Ledouxel





took 390 coin submissions from collectors and was extremely happy with the outcome. He promises to return to all of our shows.

Our club will be celebrating all of its accomplishments at the annual Awards Banquet on Friday, Dec. 16th. Many awards will be given out to those members that have contributed their time and effort towards the advancement of this active club.

Lifetime Memberships were announced with the following as recipients: Craig and Frances Grover, Robert 'Ski' and Kay Kurczewski, Dwight and Becky Robertson and Lily Spencer. Congratulations to all 7 long time members for always supporting our club throughout the years. They will be awarded at the banquet.

The Nov. meeting was also 'Officer Election' night. The 5 current officers ran unopposed and have been reelected for another one year term for 2012. The meeting ended with a huge auction of over 100 lots.

Hidalgo Coin Club Members Design McAllen Centennial, City Coins

The City of McAllen is currently celebrating its 100th Anniversary of being incorporated. The townsite of McAllen was established in 1904, but did not elect its first mayor until the city was incorporated in 1911.

Two members of the Hidalgo Coin Club were given the task of creating two coins to celebrate the city's milestone. The club's President Raul H. Gonzalez and Historian Jesus Solano began the project in April of this year and delivered the coins complete with a velvet box and a certificate explaining the design features in time to make their debut at the city's Centennial Gala that was held at the McAllen Convention Center on Sept. 29th.

Gonzalez and Solano collaborated in 2010 to design the commemorative coins for Hidalgo Coin Club's 50th Anniversary.

McAllen Mayor Richard F. Cortez served as the guest speaker at the club's annual Awards Banquet. It was at this event that sparked the idea for the mayor to commission both men to create the centennial coins for the city of McAllen.

The Centennial Coin serves as an educational and historical tool for the viewer with a combination of the past and present.

The idea for the 'City Coin' is a message the city officials wanted to relay to all citizens. They wanted it to show the city's big accomplishments through the decades and the pride of being the most progressive and modern city by the border.



For the complete story and description of these coins please visit McAllen's website at: http://www.mcallen.net/news/default/2011-10-28/commemorative_mcallen_coins_on_sale_at_quinta_mazatlan.aspx

DISTRICT FIFTEEN

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

October Meetings - Oct. 3 - The meeting was called to order by Peter DeReinzi. The Pledge of allegiance was recited, led by Barbara Williams. There were 11 members present.

Our annual show was a success in spite of the fact that we had a few less dealers than in previous years. The dealers that were at the show reported sales up sharply from the previous year. Jerry reported that we had 280 paid guests and a large turnout for the Kids auction held at 3 PM. Thanks to all the members who helped with the show.

Oct. 17 - The Beaumont coin club met at Gander Mountain conference room.. The meeting was called to order by Peter Derienzi with 14 members present. The pledge of allegiance was led by Judy Matherne and Barbara Williams.

Jerry Williams reported on the plans to change the show venue from civic center to Elks lodge on College Street. The Elks have been kind enough to extend us the use of their facility. George Fortune reminded everyone of the big coin auction to be held in lieu of coin club meeting on November 21.

Next on the Agenda Kenneth Conner gave a very nice World Coin presentation and was kind enough to show us his lifelong collection of World Coins and currency.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

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

Old business: Jerry said the Beaumont Coin Club Show, held September 17th, was a success. The attendance was good and the entry fee of \$2.00 seemed acceptable. The Christmas party will be Monday, December 12th at Mike Hamilton's Catfish Kitchen on College Street in Beaumont.

Program: Barbara gave a comprehensive program on dimes.

Door Prizes were presented followed by a coin auction.

(Editor's note: Barbara's presentation will be printed in a future issue of the TNA News.)

October Meeting - President Dale Cummings called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no visitors or new applications for membership.

As an FYI, gold closed for \$1725.20 and silver for \$34.36.

Dale presented a program on "The mathematics of precious metals."

He presented the members with a set of problems after providing them with information on precious metals.

The quiz is presented on page 10 of this issue of the TNA News.

Here are the answers to the problems:

- 1) 0.72338 ounces per \$1 (90% silver) X \$35 = \$25.3183 or \$25.32.
- 2) 0.77344 ounces per Peace dollar X \$40 = \$30.9376 or \$30.94.
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- 4) 0.96750 ounces for a double eagle X \$1700 = \$1644.75.
- 5) 0.96750 ounces/20 (proportional for \$1 vs \$20) = 0.048375 ounces X \$1600 = \$77.40.
- 6) 5 troy ounces X 31.1 Grams/ounce = 155.5 Grams
- 7) 5 troy ounces X 31.1 Grams/ounce = 155.5 Grams
- 8) 5 troy ounces X 31.1 Grams/ounce = 155.5 Grams
- 9) 0.2958 ounces per \$1 (40% silver) X 8 = 2.3664 ounces X \$35 = \$82.824 = \$82.82.
- 10) 14 karat/24 karat (pure gold) = 0.58333 (percent) X 10 Grams = 5.8333 (Grams of pure gold)/31.1 (Grams/troy ounce) = 0.187567 ounces X \$1700 = \$318.86.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

WACO COIN CLUB

September Meeting - Ton Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 10 members and no guests in attendance.

Raffle prizes Ed Terry, Mark Cobb, Hugh Smith, Bob Hacker, Randy Daily Cash prize- Del Meierhans was not present. Next month the prize will be \$35.

October Meeting - Ton Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 10 members and no guests in attendance.

The feedback from the show was that we had a good show. We still need more workers.

Bob Schueltz did a Show and Tell on minting at the October meeting. A variety is a bad spot on one die that causes coin after coin to be different. An error is when a coin is not minted well. An example is if it is struck on the wrong planchet.

From the GHCC "Double Shift" Newsletter - Editor, John Barber - Author is Anonymous

BEGINNING OF A NEW COLLECTION SERIES 1963 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

It all started with...The Message to the Congress presenting the President's First Economic Report released on January 22, 1962: "Finally, I recommend that the Federal Reserve System be authorized to issue Federal Reserve notes in denominations of \$1; this will make possible the gradual withdrawal from circulation of \$1 and \$2 silver certificates, and the use of the silver thus released for coinage purposes." For me it was starting a totally new segment for adding to my Silver Certificate collection of the past few years.

Legislation mandated the removal of silver endorsement for the paper money. A new design started appearing in April 1964. The face redesign had an organic motif replacing the column and capital design of the Silver Certificates. The reverse with only the motto, "In God We Trust," that was added under Dwight Eisenhower's administration when he signed into Law, July 11 of 1955, remained the same. The seal of the treasury also changed from blue for the silvers to green for Federal Reserve Notes now being printed. One of the first things I noted when starting this area of collecting the actual words "Series 1963" was not consistent in its placement just to the right base of the portrait.

The wording wandered up from the base line of the portrait 4mm to on the base and right about 3mm.



I thought I was onto something but discovered the signatures and series were printed separately until the end of the 1963B series when the series and signatures engravings were incorporated into the plate for one printing operation instead of two. Serial numbers were started at 1 for all twelve districts of the reserve system. Star note production also was present for all the districts with the standard 20,000 serial number gaps between runs of 640,000 notes or 20,000 sheets. The 20,000 sheets represents one pallet of paper shipped from the Crane Paper Company of Dalton, Massachusetts.

Back check plate for the new series numbers officially started with 448. But within the inventory of reverse impressions previously printed numbers as low as 406 can be found on the series. Since the reverse impressions of notes remained unchanged, there was an inventory of green backs awaiting further printing to be used along with new reverse plates. Reverse impressions of notes are printed first and allowed to cure or dry for a period of three days or longer. Within my collection I have endeavored to match the 18 known plate numbers, known as mules, of 1957B Silver Certificates to the Back check plates of the newer FRN being printed. To date four known plate numbers have eluded me and one plate number 408 reportedly on both SC and FRN has eluded the collection. When searching for these back check plate numbers I hope to add some 1957B star notes as mules but so far not much luck. Also luckily most dealers will market

the mule notes of the Series 1963 with an additional premium but let the 57B's numbers go unnoticed so notes have to be searched individually when browsing the bourse. Since inspecting these numbers is time consuming, dealers forgo this collector's quest and let me do my own searching.

The one oddity of the series came when the BEP decided to find an alternative source of currency paper printing in the event of a disruption of paper flow from the Crane Paper Company occurred. The Gilbert Paper Company supplied a single pallet of paper for a print run. In the past changes of paper received special serial numbers to designate experimental usage. In the case of series 1928 and 1928A the series had serial numbers with the prefixes X, Y and Z. The X and Y being the modified paper content and Z were the controlled content. This time the Gilbert Paper was not identified as experimental. The paper content was unchanged. Serial numbers went from C6080001A through C60144000A. The notes were to see if the second source of paper would work. To date, Gilbert has not supplied any more paper for printing. Unfortunately for us not a single specimen has ever been reported as residing in a collection. For the collector, the set has 59 blocks of which 26 have corresponding mates in 1957B back plates. The elusive blocks BB mule, K*, along with DB non-mule and mule are the scarcest when looking to complete the collection. New adventures await those who care to collect modern paper money.

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TNA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

PURPOSES

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

ADVANTAGES

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

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

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

CONVENTIONS

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

APPLICATION

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

Chapter membership applicants should furnish the additional information;

1. Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place.

APPLICANTS

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

DUES

Regular & Chapter	20.00
Junior	8.00
Associate	8.00
Life	300.00

Mail applications to:

Lawrence Herrera, TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, TX 75209

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Individual Applicant Signature _____ Proposer Signature _____ TNA# _____

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For use by TNA Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011/2012

TEXAS COIN SHOWS 70 TABLES GRAPEVINE 2011

DECEMBER 16-18
2012

APRIL 13-15 • JUNE 8-10 • JULY 20-22
OCTOBER 5-7 • NOVEMBER 16-18

TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, GOLD PRIZES! Contact: Ginger or David Pike, P.O. Box 126, Tom Bean TX 75489-0126. Email: TexasCoinShows@aol.com

DECEMBER 10-11 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
COWTOWN CHRISTMAS COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, snack bar. Hourly \$10 Dealer Gift Certificate Drawings. Adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. Dec 10, 11am-5pm; 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com.

2012

JANUARY 28-29 50 TABLES FORT WORTH
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FEBRUARY 4-5 50 TABLES PHARR/McALLEN
The Hidalgo Coin Club presents the 24th Annual Coin and Collectibles Show on Feb. 4 and 5, 2012 at the Nomad Shrine Hall - located on 1044 W. Nolana Loop between the cities of Pharr and McAllen, Texas from 9am to 4pm. Dealer tables are \$40 with an admission price of \$3 for guests. There will be free parking and hourly door prizes. Buy, sell and trade coins and paper money. ANACS coin grading company will be on hand to take submissions. For more info : visit our web site - www.hidalgocoinclub.com or email - rgonz95684@aol.com or call 956-566-3112. New dealers are welcome!

FEB 17-19 60+ TABLES EL PASO
INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.'S 49TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW. El Maida Shrine, 6331 Alabama Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Free admission. Hours: 1-6pm on the 17th; 9-6 pm on the 18th and 9-4 pm on the 19th. Contact: John Grost, 619 E. Crosby, El Paso, TX 79902, 915-533-6001. johngrost@aol.com.

FEB 25, 2012

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MARCH 17-18 LUBBOCK
SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB 52ND ANNUAL COIN & SPORTS CARD SHOW, Lubbock, TX. Collectible Coins, Currency, Sports Cards, and more. Hourly door prizes will be given away. BUY*SELL*TRADE. Show Times: Saturday March 17th 9:00 a.m. - 6:00p.m. Sunday March 18th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Location: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Ln. Lubbock, Texas. Admission \$2.00 (Children under 12 FREE). FREE Parking. For more information, please contact: Tammy Pitzer email: tammybpitzer@aol.com phone: (806) 470-0633.

APRIL 27-28 80 TABLES FORT WORTH
COLLECTOR APPRECIATION EXTRAVAGANZA by COWTOWN COIN SHOWS. First 500 paid admissions receive one opportunity each to draw for a \$3, \$5, \$10 or \$25 Collector Gift Certificate redeemable towards a purchase from 1 of our 80 Dealer Tables. A total of 500 certificates will be available during show hours: 9am-5pm both days. Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Free parking, snack bar. Adult admission \$4. 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com.

MAY 18-20 200+ TABLES FORT WORTH
TNA 54th ANNUAL CONVENTION & COIN SHOW. Will Rogers Memorial Center, Amon G. Carter, Jr. Exhibits Hall, 401 W. Lancaster (off I-30, use University Dr. or Montgomery St. exits, then north). Admission \$3, Kids under 18 Free - Everyone Free on Sunday! Contact Doug Davis, 817-723-7231.

MAY 26, 2012 SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO COIN SHOW sponsored by THE GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC., Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd at Loop 1604, off IH 35 N. Show Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Map at www.gatewaycoinclub.com. For Bourse info contact Ray Tate at P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, (210) 271-3429, or at retate@msn.com.



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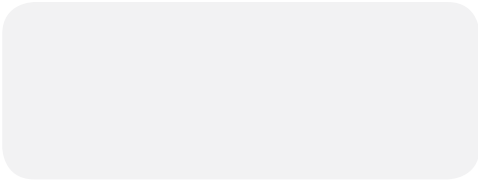
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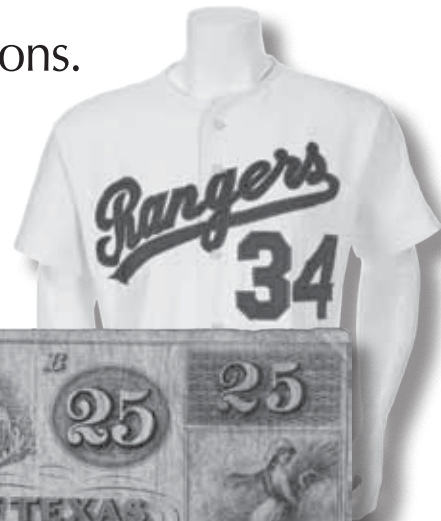
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