

## COIN DESIGN WINNERS ANNOUNCED

by Raul H. Gonzalez Hidalgo Coin Club President

The members of the Hidalgo Youth Coin Club have been meeting every Saturday this summer to advance their knowledge in the coin collecting hobby. The club is made up of 12 students from several valley cities and 6 eager adults wishing to learn more about the field of numismatics. They meet on the 3rd floor of the McAllen Memorial Library.

In the months of June and July, the students (ages 10 to 18) studied all of the commemorative coin designs that the U.S. Mint has produced since the program began in 1892. Fifty-Five classic (early) commemoratives from 1892 - 1954 were judged for their beauty, subject matter and their historical significance. The students chose the 1926 Oregon Trail Memorial Commemorative as the best design.

The large string of Modern Commemoratives began in 1982 with a silver half dollar celebrating the 250th Anniversary of George Washington's birth. The youth coin club studied 94 commemorative coin designs that have been produced by the mint from 1982 to 2011. The 2006 Benjamin Franklin 'Founding Father' silver dollar was chosen as their favorite and most impressive of the moderns. A total of 149 different commemorative coins were viewed or handled during this project.

After learning about these type of coins that tell a story about a famous place, person or event, the students were given an assignment of designing their own commemorative coin. The rules were simply to create a coin with a subject matter that they could relate to. A coin that tells the viewer a story just by looking at both sides.

Trey Earhart (12), a straight 'A' student of Cathey M.S. in McAllen won the 'Next Coin Design Star' competition with a patriotic motif. The obverse (heads) of the coin features a bold and proud American Bald Eagle with 13 stars above its head. In the legend are the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ONE NATION UNDER GOD.



The winning design chosen by the members of the Hidalgo Coin Club is a patriotic tribute to the men and women of our armed forces that have fought for our freedom since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.



Trey Earhart (12) of Cathey M.S. of McAllen displays his winning coin design with his parents Darrell and Venisa Earhart.

The reverse of Trey's coin tells the viewer a touching story. The main design in the center features an aged grave stone with the dual dates of 1776-2011, which is a tribute to all military personnel that have fought and have lost their lives for our freedom since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Leaning against the stone is a weapon topped with a soldier's helmet which is inscribed with the words - "I'm Coming Home". The U.S.A. flag is flanked on the right to give the design a balance. The poignant message on this reverse side says it all - FREEDOM IS NOT.....FREE.

Trey, son of Darrell and Venisa Earhart of McAllen, is an avid history buff. On his spare time, he ventures into old battlefields such as Brownsville, Palo Alto and Palmito Hill in search of old military memorabilia from the Civil War and Spanish-American War with an organization called The South Texas Archeological Recovery Team or START for short. Many historical relics have been found by this group such as old coins, belt buckles, buttons and various weapons.

Donna Burgess of Donna, Texas won the adult design category with her tribute to Sea Turtle, Inc. of South Padre Island. The obverse design features an under water scene of a sea turtle (an endangered specie) swimming above a coral reef while the reverse displays mother earth with a message for all of us - TAKE ACTION - GET INVOLVED - PROTECT OUR WORLD.

Ms. Burgess is a home-schooling mom that moved to the valley in 2005 from California. She has been a coin collector since she was 11 and is

an avid supporter of wildlife preservation.

The adults of the 118-member strong Hidalgo Coin Club were shown the five newly created designs during their August monthly meeting and were given the task of choosing the design they thought best commemorated something. They selected the aforementioned designs from Trey and Donna. Both designers won an uncirculated Morgan Dollar for their efforts.

The student Honorable Mention awards went to Hugo Solano (16) of McAllen High School with his tribute to New York City and the 10th Anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack as well as Justin Havoc (14) of Donna High School for his design featuring Star Trek and the Federation of Planets symbol on the reverse.

The adult Honorable Mention award was given to Becky Robertson of McAllen. She commemorated the Taylor Christian School with their logo of a flying eagle in front of the sun. The reverse is a tribute to the World Gospel Mission and shows an open blank book, a lamp with the legend reading "Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet". Becky is the wife of long time coin club member Dwight Robertson.



Donna Burgess of Donna, Texas displays the winning coin design in the adult category. The members of the Hidalgo Coin Club chose her design featuring the Sea Turtle, Inc. of South Padre Island to bring awareness of the endangered specie.

The Hidalgo Youth Coin Club, under the direction of retired band director, Raul H. Gonzalez has finished their summer session with this coin design project. The meetings for the Fall semester will begin on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011.

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On August 10th I received the following email:



"Dear Mr. Kersey:

*I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Numismatic Association's "TNA News" has won second place in the Regional Club category of the ANA's Outstanding Club Publications contest. The awards will be presented at the Member & Donor Reception, 4 p.m. Thursday, August 18, Room 1 of the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. If no club representative can accept the award at the show, we will mail it after the convention. If you have any questions, please let me know.*

*Sincerely, Marilyn Reback - Senior Editor, The Numismatist*

*Many thanks go out to all of our TNA members who have contributed to this publication. I also want to give special recognition to Hal Cherry for all the hard work he put into the 50th Anniversary edition. I believe this issue was what gave us the extra touch needed to receive this recognition.*

*Congratulations also go out to John Grost of the International Coin Club of El Paso. John won First Place at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago for his Class 18 exhibit, "General Douglas MacArthur: Medals, Money and Buttons".*

*I have extra pages again this issue. Ad page requirements have increased a bit and this meant that I needed to add more pages for articles. Looks like this may continue as long as I am receiving articles from individual members and club newsletters. Keep up the good work!*

*A glance at the Issue Highlights on the left of this page will let you know there are a lot of interesting items in this issue. I had to do quite a bit of editing on the length of Gayle Pike's story of her trip to the Vicksburg Quarter Ceremony. As noted at the top of the article, an email to Gayle will provide you with her full story.*

*As Mike Grant has said in his column, gold and silver have taken a hit in the last week. It will be interesting to see what happens next. We live in interesting times!*

*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,

I am starting out this letter telling you that the ANA is holding a third show next year in Dallas at the convention center on October 18-20, 2012. The people at the ANA started holding three shows this year and want to hold one in our state next year. There are some new people at the ANA and they feel this will be a good show for them. I am looking forward to attending the show, it will help numismatics in our state to have a national show here and bring dealers and collectors from all over the country to our state. I hope everyone will put this show on their calendars - it should be a good one.

We have the final report on the show and it was very good. Doug and Mary Davis did a great job and really improved the show. The board members and volunteers made the show a success. I also want to thank the dealers that came from all over the country bringing a wide variety of merchandise for collectors. This helped make the show a success. We are all looking forward to next year and an even better show.

Our mid year board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Grapevine Coin Show. We will discuss the next year and how to work on our 501c3 status and what we need to do to improve our show for the collectors. If you have anything you feel should be discussed please feel free to contact me at my email address.

As I write this letter the price of gold and silver has dropped to \$1657.00 for gold and \$30.93 for silver. We saw highs of \$1850.00 and \$42.00. We have seen a major drop in the price of precious metals, also in oil, the stock market, and housing. All this is reminiscent of 2008. If you remember everything did turn around and came back very strong. I am looking at this as an opportunity to buy some items at a reduced price. This is an opportunity in a lot of areas, not just coins and bullion, but for other items: furniture, autos, homes, etc. I have heard the latest shows have been very good buying shows so let's keep a positive attitude as we go forward.

Thank you,  
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 November 1, 2011.

- R-7144 Scott Gilbert
- R-7145 Les Davis
- R-7146 Larry McKown
- R-7147 Becky Loper
- R-7148 Kelly M. Ross
- R-7149 John D. Hills
- R-7150 Darrell Deitenbeck

The following members have been reinstated on payment of 2011 dues:

- R-6820 B Stephen Anderson
- R-5726 B Michael Abbott
- R-6960 B Jake Haugen
- R-7030 B Charles Bondurant

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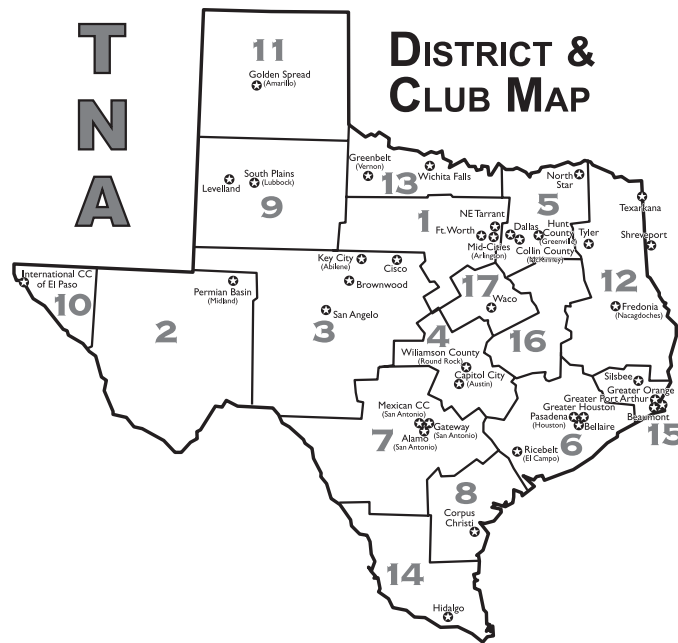
Please notify the Secretary's office and not the *TNA News* Editor of any changes of address. Mailing labels for the *TNA News* are prepared by the Secretary's office from the membership database which must have current information if you are to receive the *TNA News*. Thanks.

## TEXAS! THE EXHIBITION

*Opens Sept 30 at Hall of State, Fair Park in Dallas*  
Exhibit offers a numismatic perspective on Texas history

The celebration of 175 years of Texas independence continues as Texas! The Exhibition—is now traveling the state and opens Sept. 30 at the Hall of State, Fair Park, adjacent to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. Hundreds of original pieces of early Texas money have been brought together by a group of private and university collections to showcase a unique financial and economic perspective of early Texas history, with a major emphasis on the money of the colonial and Republic of Texas periods in this once in a lifetime museum experience.

James P. Bevill is a TNA Past President and the author of *The Paper Republic, The Struggle for Money Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*. He served as consulting curator for the exhibit. The exhibition was consigned by Bevill and an elite group of Texas collectors, which includes pieces from the University of Houston - Special Collections Library, the John N. Rowe collection of Texas currency at the SMU DeGolyer Library, the ANA Money Museum, The Durham Western Heritage Museum, Frost Bank, and a dozen individuals, making this the broadest and most comprehensive exhibit of Texas money ever assembled.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
AS OF  
**AUGUST 31, 2011**

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash	
Checking Account (JP Morgan Chase, NA)	\$35,424.68
Connect Checking Community Trust 2.1%-12/31/10	\$6,766.51
Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth Mat. 4/9/12	\$20,000.00

Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year \$62,191.19

#### 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 \$142,191.19**

### LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$0.00

### EQUITY

Beginning Balance 3/1/2011	\$108,901.60
Income (Plus)	\$59,109.92
Expenses (Minus)	-\$25,820.33
Net Income	\$33,289.59
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$142,191.19</b>

*My apologies for the error in the TNA financial statement in the last edition. I had a spreadsheet error that failed to capture the income accounts and put the expense accounts in as income. - JEG*

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## HISTORIC RARITIES HIGHLIGHT ANA MUSEUM SHOWCASE IN PITTSBURGH

The American Numismatic Association's Museum Showcase, featuring rare and historic numismatic treasures, will be on display at the 2011 ANA Pittsburgh National Money Show<sup>SM</sup>, Oct. 13-15.

### THE MIDAS TOUCH: CREATING THE FIRST COINS

Coins were invented during the 7th century BC in the Kingdom of Lydia – part of modern-day Turkey. They were made of electrum (an alloy of gold and silver) with lines impressed on one side and incuse depressions on the other. These were soon replaced by more elaborate designs including animals and geometric designs. This display will feature Lydian coins that are more than 2,600 years old. Exhibit Courtesy of Kenneth Bressett.

### THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR AND THE FOUNDATION OF PITTSBURGH

In the late 1740s William Trent established a successful trading post at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers. It was an ideal place for conducting trade with nearby Indian villages, and both the French and British wanted the area. Thus the future site of Pittsburgh became a point of contention during the French and Indian War. Medals, coins and documents relating to the war and the founding of Pittsburgh will be displayed.

Exhibit courtesy of John Kraljevich.

### SWEDISH PLATE MONEY

The Kingdom of Sweden minted "plate money" from the mid-17th to late 18th centuries. These incredible copper coins were produced due to a lack of silver and a wealth of copper in Sweden. The massive coins were issued in denominations of 1/2 daler to 10 dalers (the 10-daler coins weighed 44 lbs each!). An assortment of plate money will be on display from the ANA Money Museum.

### THE WALTON SPECIMEN 1913 LIBERTY HEAD "V" NICKEL

Five Liberty Head nickels were made in 1913 under mysterious circumstances. The existence of the nickels was unknown until 1919, when an advertisement in *The Numismatist* offered to purchase any example for \$500. The ad was placed by Samuel W. Brown, a former Mint employee. In 1920 Brown exhibited all five nickels at the ANA convention in Chicago. The Walton specimen is displayed on loan at the ANA Money Museum courtesy of the Walton family.

### THE IDLER/BEBEE CLASS III SPECIMEN 1804 DOLLAR

Known as "The King of U.S. Coins," the 1804 dollar is exceedingly rare, with only 15 known examples. No U.S. dollars dated 1804 actually were struck in that year; Class I specimens were struck in 1834-5 as diplomatic gifts (8 known), while Class II (unique) and III specimens (6 known) were struck during the 1850s for collectors. The Idler/Bebee specimen was donated to the ANA by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee in 1991.

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#### THE ANA BEBEE COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY

The Bebee Collection is among the finest collections of U.S. paper money and includes high-grade notes from virtually every state and territory. A wide range of rare National Bank notes will be on display in Pittsburgh. The collection was donated to the ANA by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee in 1987.

## INVESTORS HAVE MANY WAYS TO BUY SILVER, DILLON GAGE METALS SAYS

### FIRM RECOMMENDS THAT SMALL INVESTORS PURCHASE COINS AND BARS.

Addison, Texas -- Sep 07, 2011 / (<http://www.myprgenie.com>) -- As silver reached a recent high of \$48.48 an ounce this spring, owners who had bought the metal 10 years ago -- when it was less than \$5 an ounce -- saw a tenfold increase.

"As the price of gold escalates beyond many investors' budgets, they're turning to silver in a variety of ways," says Terry Hanlon, president of Dillon Gage Metals in Dallas. One approach is to buy basic coins, including American Eagles, Canadian Maple Leafs, Austrian Philharmonics and Australian Kookaburras. "These coins are excellent choices because they have good liquidity, with fairly low purchasing premiums."

In today's turbulent markets, precious metals are one of the few, true safe havens, he says. Many investors want to own silver and gold as insurance against the diminishing value of other investments and assets.

Silver has a positive set of supply and demand factors, Hanlon notes. In 2010, world silver jewelry purchases grew by over 5 percent to a five-year high, according to Gold Fields Mineral Services in London. That helped lift the metal's total fabrication demand by nearly 13 percent to a 10-year high of 878.8 million ounces. Photographic usage of silver fell last year but had its smallest decline in six years as medical users reconsidered converting to digital photo systems, GFMS said. Meanwhile, global mine production of silver rose 2.5 percent last year.

Hanlon says, "I recommend owning the real thing." Silver bullion is a good investment because of its currency-like properties. "The average premium that you're required to pay for silver bullion items is generally pretty low," he continues. "I suggest that investors buy the basic coins from recognized world mints or bars in one-ounce, 10-ounce or 100-ounce sizes, with well-known hallmarks, such as Royal Canadian Mint, Engelhard or Johnson Matthey."

As alternatives to investing in coins and bars, funds or managers of pooled money offer shares in silver. One investment vehicle is iShares Silver Trust ETF or SLV, Hanlon states. Another option for those who prefer to own paper is the Sprott Fund out of Toronto, backed by silver stored in Canada. And, of course, another avenue is buying silver futures contracts. Dillon Gage has a division specializing in commodity futures markets for this purpose.

Silver's all-time high was \$50 an ounce, reached in early 1980. Many commodity fund managers are buying the physical metal, and some of them are eying targets of \$50 and higher, comments Hanlon.

For small investors, Hanlon recommends buying basic bullion items, such as silver American Eagles or Canadian Maple Leafs. "Choose a reputable dealer who's been in the business for awhile, has credentials and stands behind its products," he suggests. "You can call the U.S. Mint for a list of recommended dealers." Dillon Gage will assist customers who wish to conduct buying or selling transactions greater than \$10,000.

Always ask questions when buying silver, he advises. "When you're inquiring about silver's selling price, also ask about the firm's buyback prices and policies," Hanlon urges. "And understand that buying coins and bullion is done for long-term investing and to offset your other assets and investments. So try not to worry about any minor price setbacks in silver."

If storage is a concern, you can place your coins or bullion in a metals depository, like Diamond State Depository, owned by Dillon Gage Metals and located outside of Wilmington, DE, Hanlon says.

For information on Dillon Gage Metals, phone 800-375-4653. Call Dillon Gage's Rare Coin Desk at 800-375-4653 x125 for pricing on coins and assistance on estate liquidations.



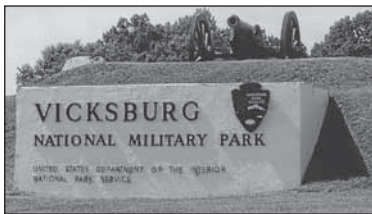
Editor's note: Gayle Pike is a Life Member of TNA as well as several other numismatic organizations. For a full and interesting account of her visit to the Vicksburg Ceremony, please email her at: PikeGK@aol.com.



## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUARTER PROGRAM ISSUES 4TH COIN FOR 2011

### ® Vicksburg National Military Park Ceremony

by Gayle K. Pike



The Mississippi quarter ceremony was held Tuesday August 30 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The new quarter honors The Vicksburg National Military Park. I had read a

bit about the Battle of Vicksburg and had no idea it was of such importance to the Civil War. Troops from at least 10 states fought in the battle including many from Texas. President Lincoln said "Vicksburg is the key. The war can never be brought to a close until that key is in our pocket." Apparently Vicksburg was one of the last Confederate strongholds on the Mississippi and the Union felt they needed to control all of the Mississippi River to win the war.

The park superintendent, Michael Madell, welcomed everyone and gave a bit of history of the park and the USS Cairo, that is pictured on the quarter. The Cairo was a Union Gunboat sunk by a Confederate Mine. In 1956 it was discovered at the bottom of the Yazoo River, by Edward Bearss who was the historian for the Vicksburg Park. She was raised Dec. 12, 1964 exactly 102 years to



Monument to Texas soldiers who took part in battle at Vicksburg

the day after her sinking. The Cairo eventually was transported to the Vicksburg National Military Park and was restored.

Fred (Al) Runnels, Chief of Staff, United States Mint, was the final speaker. Mr. Runnels said The Vicksburg National Military Park has the largest interment of Civil War dead and that the USS Cairo was the first to be sunk by electrically detonated torpedoes. Mr. Runnels also announced that there were more children here than at any other quarter ceremony. He presented the first struck coin mounted on a plaque to Park Superintendent, Michael Madell.

Then came the moment we all had waited for known as the quarter pour. Mr. Runnels from the US Mint, and Superintendent Michael Madell poured quarters from mint bags into the metal pot to signify the official release.

It was then announced for all the school children to remain in place and they each would receive a free Vicksburg quarter and that rolls of the new quarter would be available for purchase.



Fred Runnels of the U.S. Mint presents plaque with first strike of new quarter to Park Superintendent, Michael Madell.

## ANA AWARDS GO TO TNA AT WORLDS FAIR OF MONEY IN CHICAGO

### TNA MEMBER RECEIVES 1ST PLACE FOR EXHIBIT

International Coin Club of El Paso member, John Grost Receives 1st place for his exhibit.

The American Numismatic Association presented 61 competitive exhibit awards at the 2011 World's Fair of Money in Chicago. Winners were announced Aug. 19 at the exhibit awards reception and convention banquet. Forty-five exhibitors, showing 72 exhibits, competed in this year's program.

Class 18: General, Specialized, and Topical – Robert Hendershott Memorial. First Place: John Grost, "General Douglas MacArthur: Medals, Money and Buttons."

### TNA NEWS RECEIVES 2ND PLACE IN PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

The American Numismatic Association has announced the winners of its 2011 Outstanding Club Publications Contest. Each year, the ANA recognizes outstanding publications produced by member numismatic organizations. Submissions are judged in four categories: Local Clubs, Regional Clubs, Specialty Clubs and Electronic Newsletters.

Regional Clubs: Second Place: The TNA News, Texas Numismatic Association (Editor: Ron Kersey)



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# THE HOBO NICKEL



by Tommy Sawyer

If you asked anyone who lived through the Great Depression of the 1930's if they could remember anything good about that era, they would probably say no. To coin a phrase, "It was a time that tried men's souls". But out of that era of events there was a numismatic star that lit up the skies which some of us do remember. It is known as the "Hobo Nickel".

Let's trace its history by beginning with the coin that made it famous. The Buffalo nickel didn't need much fanfare when it circulated freely from 1913 through 1938. It was a beautifully designed coin that was accepted by the populace and served the nation through World War 1, the "Roaring Twenties" and the Great Depression. The coin enjoyed a 25 year mintage.

During that long period of circulation, the coin was used by especially crafted men to create what was known as the "Hobo Nickel". A typical hobo nickel was indeed a masterpiece in and by itself. Hobos actually carved portraits of animals on the obverse and reverse of the Buffalo Nickel. Not only animals, but clowns, family members and ethnic caricatures. The more designed ones that took more patience, were a wandering man with a pack on his back.

Meticulous attention was devoted to these master productions which in some cases took more than 100 hours to complete. Every type of implement was used to complete their carvings. Their outcome was breathtaking. Every coin a unique presentation. One might ask, "How did all this get started? Where did this idea begin?" This is where the answers become easy. Hobos were men that wandered from city to city looking for work during

the Great Depression. Their major means of transportation was to "ride the rails". The country could do little to help them because there were no jobs. Those of the hobos who were lucky enough to have a Buffalo nickel began to utilize their talents by carving the above descriptions on their nickels.

The coin wasn't expensive and was used exclusively for their talents. Those who mastered the art of metamorphosing the



Buffalo Nickel into a genuine work of art were able to obtain much more value for the endeavors. So outstanding was their finished products that they traded them for meals and a good night's stay in many places. This brings us to one of the best known of the hobos and his works. His name was George Washington, aka "Bo Hughes". He became one of the very best known. He perfected some of the most widely sought after hobo nickels in the

trade. His creations were unmatched. But dexterity and father time took its toll on this artist and his work diminished in the 1950's. A chisel slipped and his hand was severely injured.

Another factor that helped create the end of this practice was the elimination of the Buffalo nickel in 1938. The new kid on the block was now the Jefferson nickel. True too, the economy was turning around and many of the hobos were finding work. New work programs created by Congress allowed many American to find employment in many parts of the country.

Numismatists during the era began to appreciate the works created by the introduction of the hobo nickel.

There are records of some of the hobo nickels selling for as much as \$4,000 dollars. Most were discovered at auctions for under \$100 at that time. A book by Romines presents a long and colorful history of the hobo nickel. Bo Hughes died in 1982, but he set the standard for perfection. I have attended many coin shows and auctions over the years and can tell you I can count on one hand the number I have ever seen. But now and then a coin dealer obtains one that has surfaced and the history of the coin is reborn. We may have forgotten the "knights of the road" of that era, but never the history they left for coming generations. Some didn't forget. An annual newsletter for members of the Hobo Society has presented valuable information concerning the nickel.

The internet can provide one with an array of hobo nickel pictures that you can enjoy viewing. A search for "the hobo nickel" will provide many examples. Good hunting.

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Below is a list of current books worth considering to check out from your local library or to even consider for purchasing for your personal library.



#### BOOKS AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS ELECTRONIC FORMATS

E-book Readers – top three manufacturers are Amazon.com (Kindle), Barnes & Noble (Nook), and Sony.

*Coin Collecting for Dummies* by Neil Berman and Roth Guth. 2d ed. Indianapolis, IN : Wiley Pubs, Inc., ©2008. \$14.99

*The Instant Coin Collector* by Arlyn Siebert. Iola, WI : Krause Pubs., ©2009.

*Warman's Modern U.S. Coins Field Guide.* Iola, WI : Krause Pubs., ©2010. \$10.19

*Warman's U.S. Coin Collecting* by Alan Herbert. Iola, WI : Krause Pubs., ©2010.

#### WEBSITES

Books available FREE at the Professional Coin Grading Service's website ( HYPERLINK "http://www.pcgs.com/books" www.pcgs.com/books) are as follows:

*Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Proof Coins, 1722-1989* by Walter Breen

*History of United States Coinage as Illustrated by the Garrett Collection* by Q. David Bowers.

*How to Grade U.S.Coins* by James Halperin. This title has been re-published as a FREE e-book. It's available at [www.coingrading.com](http://www.coingrading.com)

*Silver Dollars & Trade Dollars of the United States: A complete Encyclopedia*

Downloads – will be included in the next issue of "Bookmarks."

## HOUSTON SHOW TO HAVE DAILY BOOTHS

The Money Show of the Southwest in Houston will for the first time offer "daily booths". The five booths will be available on Thursday and Friday only. The price for these booths will be \$135.00 each day.

By comparison a standard booth costs \$425.00 for the full 3 days of the show.

The daily booths will be used on Saturday for the Greater Houston Coin Club's youth and educational programs.

"With this new policy we offer dealers, early birds and collectors wishing to dispose of numismatic inventory an attractively priced place to "park" as well as to display their inventory", said Claude Mathes, Show Chairman. "It also assures that every booth in the show will have another booth across the aisle occupied for the entire show," he added.

To see the booth plan or for more information on the show check out [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org) or contact Carl Schwenker at 281-788-1036(between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.)or by e-mail at [www.themoneyshow@att.net](mailto:www.themoneyshow@att.net).

#### NUMISMATIC CRIMES INCREASING

The reports of numismatic crime have risen significantly in the past several months due to the increase in gold and silver. The intense media coverage and easy liquidation of these metals has created a looming and profitable enterprise for the common criminal.

The major concern to dealers at the present time is the potential for violence during the commission of a numismatic crime. Within the last 30 days, a New York coin dealer was brutally slain and a Texas coin dealer was robbed at gun point. Both incidents occurred within days of each other. The lucrative profits in precious metals and the declining economy is a recipe for increased crime and the numismatic industry is a prime target.

I encourage dealers to take the time and conduct a personal and business risk assessment. A risk assessment identifies vulnerabilities that could compromise the safety and security of individuals, family members and business associates on a daily basis.

#### BOGUS TRANSMISSISSIPPI STAMPS

Last year it was reported that bogus Transmississippi stamps on genuine confederate notes were being offered for sale at shows and on ebay. Recently experts in CSA currency have identified more bogus Transmississippi stamps on genuine Confederate notes being offered on the numismatic market.

CSA experts are advising collectors and dealers to carefully evaluate the stamps for authenticity.

#### TTY PHONE SCAMS CONTINUE

The use of telephone relay services to commit coin fraud continues throughout the country. The following information has been received regarding two subjects attempting to buy gold coins with stolen credit cards.

Mark Phillips

58 Finch Lane

Ansted, West Virginia

( The packages were to be sent to the above address but labeled to Jamiee Johnson and once to Jimmie Coleman)

Ivan Rash

Same address as above

The individuals above were involved in offenses occurring to two different dealers.

#### COIN OFFENSES

##### West Covina, California

West Covina police are investigating the theft of a large amount of coins, gold and silver bullion.

A partial listing includes;

1 set of China Panda Silver coins 5oz and 1 ounce #003009

1 set of China Panda Silver coins 5ounce and 1 ounce #005619

1 set 2008 China Olympic coins 2 gold coins 150 Yuan

PCGS graded MS70 and MS69 Silver Eagles

2006 and 2009 Buffalo one ounce gold coins

##### Portland, Oregon

Portland Detectives are investigating the theft of 32 ounces of gold coins and nearly 300 ounces of silver bullion and coins.

The loss included American gold eagles, Kruggerands, gold Maple Leafs, silver eagles, Canadian Maples and Australian Philharmonics.

**Any collector or dealer having information on the above contact:**

**Doug Davis - 817-723-7231 - [doug@numismaticcrimes.org](mailto:doug@numismaticcrimes.org)**

# DEW AREA 2011 SHOWS

Fort Worth Coin Club, Inc.

## FALL COIN SHOW

Saturday **November 5th**  
9am to 5pm  
Sunday **November 6th**  
9am to 3pm

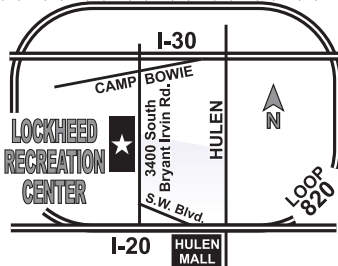
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SATURDAY **DEC 10**  
9AM - 5PM  
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## COWTOWN WINTER COIN SHOW

SATURDAY **JAN 28**  
9AM - 5PM  
SUNDAY **JAN 29**  
9AM - 3PM

Contact: Gary Andrews • 817-444-4813

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## SPRING COIN SHOW

Saturday **March 3rd**  
9am to 5pm  
Sunday **March 4th**  
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# COIN SHOWS



## COINS FOR A'S REPORT

Richard Laster, Chairman



Greetings Friends,

Back in June I had the opportunity to do something I've never done before. It all started with an email from Audie of the Paris, Texas Coin Club. The invitation involved coming to their club meeting in order to talk about Coins for A's. I chose to make the journey and to share a few thoughts on behalf of TNA. The members of the Paris Club were quite welcoming. There was a great attendance, some interesting numismatic conversation, some surprisingly diverse auction material. If I lived closer I'd attend regularly.

After sharing some of the basic details of the program I then offered some of my happier memories. These included the young man who wrote to me in the following way: "I do not collect coins so please send me \$200 per A." Another one was the student who insisted I send a coin from the country of Alaska. This gave me the chance to share basic details from history. I was able to find a couple of military tokens one from a mess halls and another from a base commissary. Along with these I sent to him a commemorative medal from Skagway issued on the occasion of an anniversary.

I then shared the only occasion upon which I received a return on an item. Back when I started this process, a few years ago now, I was able to secure a nice short stack of really sharp "godless" Silver Certificates, those issued prior to the addition of "In God Trust" on the back. These were from one of the 1935 issues and, once again, the condition on these notes surpassed basic uncirculated. I sent a piece to one of our regulars along with a note talking about how numismatics is more than collecting "coins." He wrote back with a friendly note letting me know he wanted "real coins." The items I sent were worth less than the note. This was a steep learning curve for me.

To tell you the truth it is such contact with these younger folks which makes this all worthwhile. It is also a blessing to receive so many complimentary thank you notes. On occasion I'll receive details of their lives such as what is going on in school. It is a real treat to meet one of the recipients face to face at a local coin show.

As I shared with the folks in Paris I respond to each individual request with a letter of details about the item or items enclosed. I also share information about local coin clubs and shows in their respective area. I send to first timers an application for membership in the TNA. I've actually noted a few familiar names on the club's published new member lists in the newsletter.

All this is to say some of these Coins for A's participants could drop by for a visit to your club and for sure to a local show. I know we'll all want to be encouraging and creative in the ways we include these younger ones in our thinking and especially in our "welcoming." For example, our own TNA convention is created in part with younger folks in mind. This dedication is a great gift.

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

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# QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) In the field of numismatic literature, what title is acknowledged to have been the first in-depth, book-length treatment on U.S. Coins?
- 2) How does a "railroad rim" come about? Does current technology prevent this from happening?
- 3) What countries ever had any coins made from platinum?
- 4) Who was Walter Breen and what did he collect?

- 5) Do PCGS and/or NGC give a "details" grade on coins they put in "genuine only" holders?
- 6) A collector seeking to buy an example of the scarcest regular issue Flying Eagle Cent will be seeking what issue? trick question
- 7) How does a "struck through error" come about? Does current technology prevent this from happening?
- 8) A collector seeking to buy an example of the scarcest date of regular issue Large Cent will be seeking what issue?

## DR. COYNE RESPONDS

1) The first book-length treatment of U.S. coins is generally acknowledged to be Montroville Dickeson's "American Numismatical Manual" of 1859. Mr. Dickeson was also an early dealer. His book also appeared in 1860 and 1861 editions with the simplified title "American Numismatic Manual". While the book did not include photographs, it had "plates" of detailed line drawings which were overprinted in a foil-like material of appropriate color to simulate a coin. While vintage copies of the book are scarce today, it is available with complete images of each page on DVD at nominal cost.

2) A "Railroad Rim" denotes a coin struck partially out of the collar. In a normal strike in a modern mint (since 1837 for all U.S. coins), a heavy steel ring surrounds the planchet as it is struck. This "third die" contains the new coin as the obverse and reverse dies are applying pressure (and designs) to the new coin as it is being struck. Immediately after striking, the upper (or hammer) die withdraws, and the anvil (or lower) die pushes the finished coin up and out of the collar where it is swept away for packaging and distribution. If there is a malfunction of the feeding mechanism for a new fresh planchet and it fails to completely enter the collar, the resulting strike can be partially outside the collar. The part of the planchet inside the collar gets a normal strike. The part outside the collar is not constrained and expands to a diameter a bit larger than a normal coin. The two faces of the coin look nearly normal. The rim on that error coin then has a flange – nicknamed railroad rim. This striking error can still occur today.

3) The nation issuing the most platinum coins would be Russia of the 19th century. At that time, platinum carried a bullion value lower than that of gold, yet it had good coining characteristics. The only U.S. coins (until the modern bullion issues) of platinum were early 19th-century patterns, including half dollars of 1814.

4) Walter Breen was an outstanding numismatist and respected author during the second half of the twentieth century. He loved to say "I don't collect coins; I collect information". His unorthodox dress and non-numismatic illegal activities became increasingly troubling later in his life. His "Encyclopedia" remains a cornerstone of any library on U.S. coins today.



5) PCGS was the final major Third Party Grader to come out with a "genuine" holder (and abandon the former body bag) for coins which are genuine but are not gradeable due to cleaning or other problems. NGC and ANACS note a "details" grade and cite the problem which prevents issuance of a fully-graded holder.

6) The Flying Eagle cents of 1857 and 1858 are of approximately equal scarcity in today's market. The 1856 issue is a classic and popular rarity, but it was not a regular issue. The 1856 was initially a legitimate pattern, made to the extent of perhaps 1000 pieces, but it was restruck at the mint in several batches after 1856 to meet collector demand. It is popularly collected today as part of this short series. The scarcest die variety of circulating FE cents would be the 1858/7 overdate.

7) A "Struck Through Error" denotes a coin whose surface is disrupted by evidence of foreign matter adhering to the die from which it was struck. This usually takes the form of a depression (not usually sharp-edged), sometimes with part of the original design showing through. Since the foreign matter on the die is in relief on the die (stands up), the mark on the coin is a depression or low area. The mark can come anywhere on the surface, but is more likely to be in one of the design or relief areas on the coin, since those low areas on the die provide a better place for the bit of grease, metal, or other matter to adhere. Small areas of "strike through" do not have much impact on the market value of a coin. Large areas are popular as error coins. Such marks do detract from eye appeal on high-grade coins and would thus probably preclude high-grade encapsulation.



8) The Large Cent bearing the date 1799 seems to be the most difficult to obtain. It is more difficult to find than its reported mintage would indicate. Some say the reported mintage includes some coins dated 1798. The 1804 is also a challenge to find. There are no authentic Large Cents bearing the date 1815. Dr. Coyne has spent two years looking for a mid-grade 1857; they seem to be available only in grades above VF. Perhaps that is because they did not have much time to circulate before being redeemed for small cents.

## PERSONAL NUMISMATIC STORIES

### TYLER COIN CLUB MEMBER, TOM, SHARES HIS STORY

My collecting interest started in the early 1960's. I was working at a local business and was walking thru the main office to check on something and an auditor from the home office had a blue Whitman album on the desk. I asked him what he was doing and he replied that he was a coin collector and filling in blank spots in his penny folder. I told him that "Looks like fun." I guess at that time the hook was set and after 50 plus years, if you look close, you can see the hook is still there. A few years later at the Tyler Coin Club meeting I bid on a 1914D penny and won the bid for \$50.00. When I got home



it soaked in that I had paid that much for a penny. It put me into sticker shock and curtailed my bidding at auctions for a while.

I outgrew it and with the help of local dealer Bill Corbin and other more experienced collectors, I developed a passion for coins that is still alive and well today.

My favorite coins are the early Bust Half Dollars and early copper cents. I have been active in local and state numismatic clubs for many years and enjoy the fellowship with other collectors. It is with great pleasure

I view the progress the local club has made. I give my personal thanks to the leadership.

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

## DO IT FOR THE SAVINGS

*Views here may not reflect the views of the GHCC or its officers.*

**THIS MONTH'S GUEST EDITORIAL COMES FROM PRESIDENT DAVE FRANCIS OF THE DENVER NORTHSIDE COIN CLUB.**

The Bank of Canada unveiled its new polymer notes in June and while I was reading about them, I was also watching a news report on our politicians' continuing battle over the budget deficit. I started thinking about what the polymer notes offer Canada, in particular an estimated \$200 million in savings over the lifetime of the series. And I also began thinking about all of the other potential savings our country could have by going forward with some much needed changes to our system of currency and coins.

Polymer notes last at least 2.5 times longer than traditional cotton-fiber notes. They do cost more to make initially, but the savings are quickly proven by the fact that they last longer. Another advantage is more advanced security devices that reduce counterfeiting, which is an ever growing problem with both notes and coins.

Canada, along with dozens of other major countries worldwide have already eliminated their \$1 and \$2 notes in favor of coins. Coins can last much, much longer than cotton-fiber notes (and the new polymer notes). For example, a circulating coin can last as long 30 years on average as compared to approximately 18 months for a cotton-fiber note (or 4 years for a polymer note). Again, while the cost to make a coin is more than a note, a return on investment can quickly be seen after making the

switch. Many countries have even switched to coins for their equivalent of \$5 and \$10 notes.

And if that isn't enough, there's the stockpile of dollar coins. It was recently reported that the surplus of Presidential and Native American dollars coins has now exceeded 1.2 billion. In fact, to accommodate the surplus, the Federal Reserve constructed a new storage facility at a cost of \$650,000.

And then there's the cent. We've long heard arguments about its validity in today's economy. Last I heard, it costs well over 2 cents to make a single cent coin. Even the "nickel" (5-cent) costs more than its face value to mint, given the cost of the metal it contains. Additional savings can be proven by both eliminating the cent and changing the composition of the "nickel".

Meanwhile, back in the jungle we call our Capitol, our leaders are battling over a temporary solution to increase our debt ceiling merely to avoid an economic disaster of defaulting on loans. It puzzles me how things get to be this critical and still, cost-saving changes are not made to streamline our system of money. We may be disappointed to see the cent go, or to carry around aluminum "nickels", dollar coins and polymer notes but I for one would find increased taxes and a worsened U.S. economy far more uncomfortable.



*by Steven Lehr*  
*NETCC President*

# NETCC REACHES 100 MEMBERS

Every time I get my TNA newsletter in the mail, I enjoy reading the articles and columns that regularly appear in the issues. It is no wonder that the periodical has received the recognition that it so richly deserves. One of my favorite sections that I turn to is the club news. It doesn't take long to realize that Texas is blessed with great clubs all over the state. The clubs are filled with people that have a passion for numismatics and love to share their hobby with others of a similar mind. I read the activities or presentations that are occurring and think to myself "I wish I could have been there for that!" What the section tells me is that clubs are alive and well in Texas even though many people will tell you that they are old-fashioned things of the past and that you can find everything you need on the internet. Well I wholeheartedly disagree and would like to share a few thoughts from my observations around the North East Tarrant Coin Club (NETCC).

NETCC started in with two dedicated numismatists and an idea for a new kind of club back in 2002. From that humble beginning, the club has grown to a paid membership of over 100 members this year. There are some great reasons why the club and grown and prospered and would like to share just a few of them.

First and foremost is participation. The members of NETCC volunteer to work the local numismatic events and whether it is staffing the check-in table, coordinating the kid's auction, teaching the Boy Scout merit badge, or organizing the Pages, the club will have volunteers that either take the lead or support the effort. What that means to the membership is that they see their friends from the club at the events that they also enjoy.

Club support by the local coin stores and coin dealers is also an integral part of the success and many of the members first heard about the club from their local coin store. Owners of local coins stores or active coin

show dealers present many of the monthly programs and the local coin stores donate many of the great gifts, drawing prizes and auction items. When the local coin stores and dealers participate in the success of the club both entities win since the interest aids their business and the club benefits from their support. The club members benefit from both sides of the partnership.

Active and creative officers and board members meet every other month to discuss the business of the club and to generate new ideas for the club. New programs and activities are discussed and planned that are then supported by the entire leadership team. The problem of having the same people as officers and board members does not exist in the NETCC and prevents the club from getting stale or leadership becoming entrenched. The club has a new set of officers at least every two years and rotates the board positions so that there are new faces at the board meetings every year providing for dynamic participation in the leadership. In addition, various committees are set up for elements as basic as meeting setup to a treasury audit committee. Membership on these committees comes from across the club so that everyone has a role that wants to participate.

Interesting programs and varied activities at the meetings means that each meeting is worth attending. The club has had the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing speak, experts from Spinks auction house, Heritage Auctions, Numismatic Security, local coin dealers, coin shop owners and many other have given presentations to the club. In addition, many of the club members are experts in specific areas of numismatics. It is quite common for a member to stand up and give an expert presentation on military script, silver certificates, Canadian dollars, Philippine currency, or Walking Liberty half dollars. What the club enjoys are the many knowledgeable numismatists in their midst. In addition to great programs, evenings

like quiz night, show and tell, weenie roast night, Scouts night, kids' night, Veterans appreciation, and the annual Christmas party make for entertaining variety.

Young numismatists are essential to our growth and a vibrant future. The NETCC emphasizes that our children and grandchildren are an important part of our club so there is an emphasis on activities that they can enjoy. Kids' night ensures that our youth learn more about the hobby and take home a healthy haul of coins and supplies. The club also actively promotes the Boy Scout merit badge and offers the local troops the opportunity to earn their badge through the club. Many of the parents and the scouts themselves have now become active members of the club. Each meeting has special drawings for the young numismatists and encourages their participation.

Finally, a key element to the success of our club is communication. Our club boasts an award winning monthly newsletter that lets each member know what is going on in the club. The letter contains current club information and typically a great article on a numismatic topic of the editor's choosing. As often as not, it is an amplification of a presentation recently given or an answer to a topic that circulated around the club at the previous month's meeting. Member interaction during the meetings with new finds and other topics promotes participation and information sharing. Informed club members are on the same page keeping the conversations lively and the information flowing.

People have argued that clubs are dead and that collectors have outgrown the need for what they used to provide. Clubs are a value to the people who make up their membership through their camaraderie, information, networking, and entertainment. Associating with good people of like-mind in a friendly and interesting atmosphere that will never fall out of fashion.



# JAPAN'S CURRENCY REFLECTS HISTORY



by Kathy Lawrence  
Bank Note Reporter

In keeping with the diverse and fascinating history of the country itself, Japanese paper money has its own interesting story to tell.

Many sources list the first Japanese paper money as being the Yamada Hagaki notes, bills that were issued by Shinto priests around the beginning of the 17th century. However, a monograph by Masayoshi Takaki published in May 1903, *The History of Japanese Paper Currency (1868-1890)*, stated that historical records indicated the earliest known paper money was issued during the Kembun period, perhaps as early as 1335. It was believed that the issue was quite small and there were no known surviving examples.

The priests who began issuing the Yamada Hagaki notes around 1600 were located in the Ise-Yamada and were also working as merchants. The issue served as small change notes and was used as a substitute for silver coins (hagaki translates as "small slip of odd sums"). The notes were well received and the use of paper currency spread to the surrounding areas. The Yamada Hagaki notes were printed for 300 years. Circa 1661, the Fukui clan began issuing feudal notes, known as Hansatsu. There were different types of Hansatsu based upon the means of exchange - gold, silver, copper, or gifts (including commodities such as rice).

The Shoguns controlled Japan for many centuries and had established a period of isolation beginning in 1603 as a method of remaining in power which lasted several centuries. The Meiji Restoration saw the end of the Shogun rule and the restoration of imperial rule beginning in 1868. Notes issued that year were known as Dajokan satsu. The notes had a similar size and appearance to the Hansatsu and the units were known as ryo. Also during this period, various local groups issued their own currencies, generally in units of sen.

The New Currency Act of 1871 established the Japanese adoption of the gold standard, with one yen equal to 1.5 grams of pure gold. New notes, known as Meiji Tsuho satsu, were printed in Japan and issued in 1872. Unfortunately the sizes of most of the denominations were the same and the designs for each were very similar leading to the printing of a large number of counterfeits.

The Heritage World Coin 2011 September Long Beach Signature World & Ancient Coins Auction 3015, being held in Long Beach, Calif., will feature the Dr. Norman Jacobs Collection of Korea and Japan. The collection includes more than 350 lots

of Japanese coins and bank notes and 91 lots of Korean coins and bank notes. The Jacobs Collection will cross the auction block on Thursday, Sept. 8 beginning at 6 p.m. PST.

Collectors of U.S. National Bank Notes may already be aware of Japan's National Bank Act of 1872, which established national banks. By 1879, the number of national banks known as Kokuritsu Ginko had climbed upward of 150. The notes were very similar in design to the U.S. National Bank Notes. A rebel leader named Saigo Takamori issued paper money during the Seinan Civil War of 1877 to help fund his war.

The Bank of Japan was established in 1882 and began issuing notes known as Daikoku satsu three years later. Great efforts were undertaken not only to deter counterfeiting, but also to increase the lifespan of the notes. The notes from the Bank of Japan became the country's only currency after the bank notes from the national banks were declared invalid in 1899.

## Currency Examples & Prices Realized



Japan Constitutional Monarchy 1872 2 Yen P-5.  
PMG About Uncirculated 55 EPQ  
Sold for: \$1,610.00



Japan Constitutional Monarchy 1873 2 Yen P-11. PMG Fine 12  
Sold for: \$10,925.00



Japan Bank of Japan 10 Yen 1885 P-24.  
1885-86 Convertible Silver Note Issue. PMG Choice Very Fine 35  
Sold for: \$9,200.00



*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](mailto: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



**July Meeting** - President John Post called the meeting to order with 39 members including 1 YN and 2 guests in attendance.

The following were welcomed as new members: James Flint, Naomi Grote, Richard Grote & John Mueller.

Educational Program: Earl Coppersmith gave an overview on the ANA summer seminar. His presentation included a summary of one of the classes offered entitled "The Business of Being a Coin Dealer—Concepts, Methods, and Tools". John Post conducted a coin quiz by asking ten questions and having each table come up with a collective answer. At the conclusion, the answers were revealed.



### NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

**August Meeting** - President Steve Lehr opened the meeting with 58 members and visitors present.

Steve Lehr announced that our Club submitted an article to be run in the August 30th edition of Numismatic News. Watch for it.

Russell Prinzing talked about the scam by dealers advertising in newspaper and setting up at local hotel. There was a local news reporter sting on one of these shady operators. They also operate on the internet under [governmentmint.com](http://governmentmint.com).

Merle Owens announced that would be ordering new shirts and wanted to get a feel for purchase interest. Pockets evidently would sway a large number of members. Jack Gilbert announced that he would be buying a new shirt, and would be selling pocket-sized remnants from his old shirt.

Carl Stang will be leading a class for new collectors at the Colleyville Center and needs assistance from our members with his program.

Steve Lehr announced that most of the officer positions for 2012 will not have an incumbent. 2 board positions are also up for election. He announced that Merle Owens will chair the nominating committee. Other committee members include Dave Warner and Jerry Stuart. A slate of nominations will be announced at the September meeting. There was a call for members to volunteer or recommend someone to be considered. Names should be forwarded to the nominating committee.

Steve Lehr asked members to come prepared for September's Show and Tell Night. He encouraged everyone to bring a sample of some area of numismatics that interests them.

Sam Fairchild gave a program on Walking Liberty Halves. He explained the history of the times, how to grade circulated examples, and what to watch for when purchasing coins for their collection.



## DISTRICT FOUR



### CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB



**July Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Bill G. There were 17 members and 1 guest present.

The Bourse Chairman, Bryan J. gave a report on the club show. The show was successful in spite of a 10% decrease in public attendance.

**August Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Bill G. There were 18 members present.

A good discussion was held about having better programs that would be both informative and entertaining as well as up-to-date.

For the program a couple of members brought a web camera, and with a large screen projector the club members were able to examine close up several coins and pieces of currency.

**September Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Bill G. There were 22 members and 1 guest present.

Program: Brian M. gave an interesting presentation on U.S. currency. He began with examples of the earliest U.S. currency and continued with examples of each new type introduced up to the modern currency in circulation today. Brian pointed out the names of the individuals on the bills and the features of each type. He used copies of all the original notes. These copies were given as door prizes.

## DISTRICT FIVE



**July Meeting** - Meeting # 998 was called to order by President Allen Scott. There were 25 people present. We welcomed visitors Eddie Parker, Mike Thomas, Wayne Melville, Kathie Melville and Anne Melville.

Allen reminded everyone of two upcoming events – the joint meeting with the Collin County Coin Club on August 25 and our Dallas Coin Club's 1000th consecutive meeting in September.

Show & Tell: Quite a few interesting items were brought for Show and Tell.

Program: Stewart Huckaby presented a program about the Carson City Mint and the coins that were minted there. In his presentation, Stewart talked about mintages, error coins, grading and finding coins of each denomination. Thanks for a very interesting program, Stewart!

**August Meeting** - President Allen Scott called the 999th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club to order. There were eighteen Members present and we welcomed three Guests: William A. Gonzales, Chris Hahn, and Randall Shake.

John Post presented the program for the evening. In addition to being a member of several clubs, John is serving as President of the Mid-Cities Coin Club.

John spoke about the Chief Engravers of the U.S. Mint and the coins they designed or were responsible for. Robert Scot was the first of eleven chief engravers. Scot was born in Scotland and trained as a watchmaker before becoming an engraver. Thomas Jefferson, Gov. of Virginia, asked Scot to engrave medals to be presented to Indian Chiefs. He was appointed to the Chief Engraver position in 1793 and served until his death in 1823. In addition to the Indian Peace Medal, he designed the \$10 eagle, Heraldic eagle, the half cent and the draped bust half cent.

William Kneass followed Scot and held the chief engraver post from 1824-1840, however he did not design any of the major circulating coinage. Other chief engravers, their years in the position and coins they designed are:

Christian Gobrecht, 1835-1844, took over for Kneass when he became ill. He designed the half dollar, quarter dollar, 20 cent piece, dime and half dime. He was also responsible for "Seated Liberty" designs.

James Barton Longacre, 1844-1869, designed the Flying Eagle cent, Indian Head cent, two cent piece, Liberty Head Type I, II, and III, Gold Dollar, three-dollar gold piece, and the Liberty Head Double Eagle.

The fifth engraver was William Barber, 1869-1879. He designed the twenty cent coin, the Trade Dollar, and many medals.

Charles Edward Barber, 1897-1917, followed his father and is best known for the Barber dime, quarter and half dollar and the "V" nickel.

George T. Morgan served as Chief Engraver from 1917-1925, although he had been working as an assistant to William Barber since he came from England in 1876. Morgan is most famous for designing the Morgan Dollar.

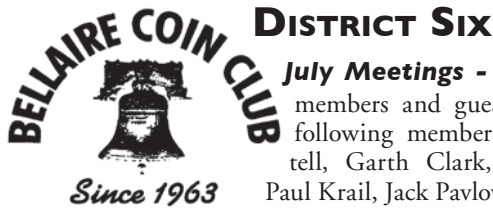
John R. Sinnock, 1925-1947, designed the Roosevelt dime and Franklin half dollar. His initials "JS" are at the base of the bust.

Gilroy Roberts, a gemstone carver, served from 1948-1964, and designed the obverse of the Kennedy half dollar before becoming chairman of the Franklin Mint.

Frank Gasparro, 1965-1981, designed both sides of the Susan B. Anthony Dollar, Eisenhower Dollar, Lincoln Memorial reverse and the reverse of the Kennedy half.

Elizabeth Jones was the eleventh and last chief engraver, serving from 1981-1990. She had become well known as a medalist and sculptor. After her resignation, the post of Chief Engraver was left vacant.

*The September 2011 Meeting will be the 1000th Consecutive Meeting of the Dallas Coin Club! Please plan to attend. The meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15.*



**July Meetings** - July 18 - There were 26 members and guests at the meeting. The following members presented a show and tell, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, Jack Pavlovic, and Alvin Stern. Jack Pavlovic won the show and tell prize.

**August Meetings** - Aug 1 - There were 28 members and guests at the meeting. Ron Miller discussed the upcoming August show.

Jim Bevill presented the program about Texas Joyas, a section from the book, Paper Republic.

Aug 15 - There were 30 members and guest at the meeting. A review of the August show was conducted.

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.

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**July Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Edwin Johnston. The club welcomed two new guest visitors tonight. Another guest, Phillip, introduced himself. He came to learn about coins after inheriting his father's collection.

Tom Schwartz hosted show and tell. Items included: a collection of space shuttle tokens and medals, a Columbian Half Dollar collection, a large collection of certified and raw gold coins, a very nice Panama type set, two Peace dollars - a key date 1928 and a key date 1921, porcelain coins issued in Germany, a brief show of Peace Dollars from a young numismatist and Coins-For-A's participant. Another set of items were "Kissie" Pennies from South Africa. They are pieces of wire that were twisted and used for money. If they were broken, the soul would escape and they had to be brought to the Witch Doctor to be prepared. Some of the pieces passed around were used in slave trade.

The program presentation was a DVD video on investing in gold, instructed by Mike Fuljenz. Mike is an annual contributor to the Club.

Coins for A's: About 30 letters were received so far this summer. Our young numismatist guest tonight is one of the better Coins for As students.

**August Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Edwin Johnston. Total attendance was about 42 with one visitor.

The program guest, Dr. Vogt, was introduced by John Barber who stated that every beginning collector needs a coin shop for guidance. For him, it was a shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He first entered Dr Vogt's shop in Houston in 1973. He would view his inventory. Dr. Vogt had 'real' coins with 'real' employees. John purchased the 1793 cent that currently resides in his United States type set (a very nice one at that) from Dr. Vogt's coin shop. Also purchased was an 1877-S Trade dollar which would become part of the type set until sold just a few years ago to a much younger type set collector in GHCC.

Dr. Vogt began his presentation by saying he was fascinated with coins ever since he was about five years old. It was not the value, but where the coin had been that he was interested in. Back then, collecting pennies was popular because they were far more affordable than higher denominations. Eventually, he went to a coin shop. Dr Vogt had a nice 1914 D and a nice 1909 S VDB. Back then a 1914 D was only worth a quarter. These were all found in circulation. He picked an entire set of Indian heads and Lincoln cents from circulation. He was offered a 1956 flying eagle for ten dollars. Rather than paying a large amount for a 1856 flying eagle cent, he passed. Today he still has the hole in his collection. All 1950-D nickels were hoarded by a coin shop in Houston and the prices were greatly inflated to about a thousand dollars a roll in 1964. Dr Vogt started a coin shop in Memorial City Mall. He once passed on an entire uncirculated mint-sewn bag of \$1 1893 CC Morgans (\$1,000 face) for \$1300. He passed and has regretted it ever since. Back then, silver dollars were worth very little over face. He went on and on with stories of highly desirable coins that sold for next to nothing several decades ago. Today, it takes a huge fortune to acquire coins that were practically given away when Dr Vogt began collecting coins. He once owned an 1804 silver dollar for which he paid \$380,000. He sold it for \$500,000 and later was offered the same coin back several years later for \$3.8 million. The entire GHCC audience was amazed by the spectacular deals and stories shared by Dr. Vogt.

## DISTRICT SEVEN



# Alamo Coin Clips

**July Meetings** - July 14 - The meeting was started with our resident comedian and former club

president Willard R. saying a few jabs.

There was a roundtable in which several members brought in their pride and joys.

We had special guests of the Alamo Coin Club to help with the Officer Installation ceremony; they were Frank and Karla G., as they represented TNA and friends of the Alamo Coin club. Frank helped swear in the 2011-2012 Alamo Coin Club Officers.

There was then a special award given to one of members. This award was presented by our local TNA District Governor Frank G. to Fernando Razo. Fernando Razo was presented the coveted TNA Tidwell Award for 1st place in state for Article of the Year. The article that gave Fernando the win was...want to guess on what topic...no it was not on Mexican, it was on U.S.! The article was on "Cheerios and Sacagawea, 10 years later".

July 28 - It was a busy pre-meeting with auction items were being placed onto the auction table; members were buying the raffle tickets and socializing. Before the start of the meeting President Razo was called away. VP, Tim W., continued with the meeting and members took part in the Roundtable discussion and other events for the evening.

**August Meetings** - Aug 11 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 28 signed in members in which included 2 visitors. The visitors were Justin L., and Walt Andrus as they were welcomed. 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. The winner of the Roundtable Prize was Will R. with his entry. Will received a 1953 Great Britain Crown.

The Attendance Prize winner was Vernon D. Vernon received a 1982 George Washington 1/2 Dollar.

There was a numismatic presentation made by Harold on the topic of: "An Introduction to German States Coinage."

Aug 25 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 27 signed in members in which included 1 visitor. The visitor was Hershel Cray as he was welcomed.

The Roundtable was started by ACC President Fernando and then carried out by Will R. Several members brought in items. The winner of the Roundtable Prize was Will R. with his entry. Will received a 1939 D Walking Liberty 1/2 Dollar.

## THE GATEPOST

### GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**July Meetings** - July 7 - The meeting opened with 27 members and no visitors present. The attendance prize, a 1978 Austrian one-hundred schilling, was given to Robert Klebe.

The roundtable was opened by Fernando Razo, and continued with members sharing interesting items from their collections.

The meeting closed with a fun-filled numismatic auction. Thank you to all the participants.

July 21 - The meeting opened with 26 members and 3 visitors present. The visitors were Bruce Baylan, David Baylan and D.D. Haney. The attendance prize, a proof 1990 Russian one rouble coin, was given to a very happy Alex Reid.

The roundtable session was led by Fernando Razo with several members sharing interesting numismatic items.

The educational program was presented by Alex Reid. His topic was "Investment Return in Currency Collecting." It was a fine presentation that was most enjoyable.

The meeting concluded with a spirited mini-auction that had a large variety of numismatic pieces. Thank you to our participants and to our rambling auctioneers, Fernando and David.

**August Meetings** - Aug. 4 - The first meeting of the month was opened with 24 members and 2 visitors. Our visitors were Craig Peterman and Justin Lewallen. That evening Justin joined our ranks and is now our newest member. Art Gutierrez, Jr., was the lucky recipient of the attendance prize, which was a 1954 Franklin half-dollar. The nominating committee is looking for members that would like to serve as club officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer please notify nominating committee members Sherry Snider or Karla Galindo.

The roundtable items were brought by several members.

The meeting ended with an auction that featured an assortment of interesting numismatic items.

Aug. 18 - The last meeting of the month opened with 26 members and 2 visitors present. Our visitors were Bruce Wolsey and Janet Cline. The attendance prize, a 1984 Olympic Commemorative dollar, was given to "Lucky Larry" Foster. Larry flashed a big grin as he held his prize. There was a brief discussion about our upcoming Anniversary Banquet that will be held on September 15th. The nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2011-2012: Frank Galindo, President; David Astwood, Vice-President; Raymond Tate, Treasurer; and Fernando Razo, Secretary. The election will take place at the September 1st meeting.

The roundtable had several participants. The raffle winners were Fernando Razo, John Jones, Eric Hulse, Arturo Gutierrez, Jr., Tracy Thompson and Roger.

The educational program was presented by Leroy Moczygemba. His topic was "Collecting, Accumulating and Hoarding." His presentation was most enjoyable and led to many questions after the presentation. Thanks for the presentation, Leroy.

## DISTRICT TEN



# EL PASO INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB

**El Paso Club Issues Medal** - The International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. (ICCEP) has produced its 6th medal related to our local history.

Since El Paso is on the New Mexico border, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez is a native of El Paso and 1912 is the centennial of New Mexico Statehood, our club decided to commemorate the Centennial of New Mexico's statehood on its 1912 issue.

Here is the ordering information: The International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas has produced limited-edition medals commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of New Mexico. New Mexico became the 47th state on January 6, 1912. The medal was produced in silver for members of the club with a very limited number available for non-club members, you must call for price and availability. Available to collectors as a two medal set in antique nickel and antique bronze with a limited striking of 80 sets. A single antique bronze is also available.

To check the availability or for more information on the medals, call 915-873-0634 or email [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINK) "mailto:c.steward@worldnet.att.net" c.steward@att.net with "El Paso Medal" in the subject line.

The two medal set is \$31.00 including priority mail shipping; the single bronze medal is \$10.00 including first class postage. Medal orders should be made payable to ICCEP and send to P.O. Box 963517, El Paso, Texas 79996.



## DISTRICT TWELVE



# TYLER COIN CLUB



**August Meeting** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle. Pledge to the Flag followed immediately. Members present: 31. Guests present: 7

The front page article in the July/August edition of the TNA Newsletter titled "National Bank Notes with a Texas Touch" was written by our very own Richard Laster. Congratulations Richard and great article!

Dwight lead a discussion on number of coin lots submitted for monthly auction

We will need as much support as possible at the upcoming coin show due to the increase size of the event

TNA membership – discussed increase of members recently joining TNA and encouraged additional participation from club members

Coin Show Update (Barry): Discussed progress on coin show, asked again for additional participation with upcoming November show

Solicited ideas for coin show and lead general discussion with members Club Auction (Tom): 39 auction lots sold.

**September Meeting** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle. Pledge to the Flag followed immediately. Members present: 23. Guests present: 2

Handed out article on counterfeit Chinese coins.

Coin Show Update (Barry): Discussed progress on coin show, asked again for additional participation with upcoming November show. Show will fall on Veteran's Day, club will have various activities to honor veterans.

## DISTRICT THIRTEEN

### GREENBELT COIN CLUB

**July Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bryan Sweitzer in the absence of President Ollie Garrett. Seven members and one guest were in attendance.

Old business: Copies of a computer-generated proposed club charter were passed out to members by George Woodburn. Members were asked to read through the charter and recommend suggested changes.

Under new business, there was a brief discussion regarding naming an honorary member. Further discussion on the matter was tabled until the club charter has been approved and adopted.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of wheat cents. The winner was Bill Howard whose guess of 101 Wheat Cents was the closest.

**August Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Sixteen members were in attendance and one guest, Don Ramsey. Old business. Copies of the proposed club charter and by-laws were passed out for members to review. Several changes were recommended. Jean Sweitzer will make the changes to the documents and forward to George Woodburn to produce a final copy. The documents will be voted on for adoption at the September meeting.

Under new business, Bryan Sweitzer produced a recent copy of the Numismatic News which contained an article about the rise in robberies of coin dealers and coin shops due to the economy. The article told of increased security measures that were being taken by dealers and shop owners.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of wheat cents. There were 64 wheat cents in the bag, and Jim Spears' guess of 52 was the closest. Bryan made it hard as usual by throwing in quite a few memorial cents to confuse the issue.

## WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

**July Meeting** - 17 Members were present for the meeting and one visitor, Lee Mynatt who joined the club.

Announcements: Rob Robinson read an article that Bryan Sweitzer brought in about coin dealers getting robbed at a higher rate. Many coin dealers are considering leaving the business because of the increased risk.

Program : Rob Robinson talked about "Penny Boards". He had some boards that were manufactured in the early 1930's. He said that J.K. Post started publishing the Penny Boards, through Whitman Publishing Company. At that time Whitman Publishing Company made children's puzzles, which was a natural publishing requirement for Penny Board punching holes in the boards for holding the Pennies. He said that J.K. Post provided information on the Penny Boards about the history of the Penny. He said that boards were later made for Indian cents, Buffalo Nickels, and other denominations. The mints were listed on the Penny Boards as "P", "S", and "D", instead of the current sequence listing on coin albums and books as "P", "D", and "S". Around the mid-1930's Whitman Publishing Company bought out J.K. Post's interest and printed albums for coin collectors for various types of collections. Richard Fennessy said that Hastings has reprints of the coin boards for sale.

Rob displayed a completed Buffalo Nickel board which had been placed in an 11 by 14 inch frame. The boards had been made by Whitman in this size to fit in such a frame.

**August Meeting** - 21 Members were present for the meeting and two visitors, Sam Aston and Don Maxwell.

Announcements: Tony Zupkas said that he saw a cartoon with a picture of a bottle cap; the caption read "Texas Rain Gauge". Tony Zupkas mentioned that he is helping a friend sell his coin collection. His friend has a lot of 90% silver coins for sale and Tony asked anyone to let him know if they are interested.

Old Business: Rob Robinson said that we need to set up the Club Christmas Party. We have held the Christmas party at Luby's Cafeteria for the last several years. Rob asked if anyone was interested in holding it at another location. All agreed that Luby's was a great location and had good food.

## DISTRICT FOURTEEN



**August Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 58 members present. The 6 new applicants from the July meeting were accepted with 11 new ones applying for membership on the same night. 7 door prizes were given out. Our club now has 118 total paid members for 2011 and continues to grow at a rapid pace.

Ted Saenz of La Joya, Tx. was announced as the 100th member to join and received the 2 club commemorative coins as his gift.

The HCC is currently getting ready for its first Fall Coin Show and the tables are filling up fast. The 2-Day show is scheduled to occur on the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6 at the Nomad Shrine Hall located at 1044 W. Nolana Ave. between the cities of McAllen, Pharr and Edinburg. Very few tables are still available for the Saturday show and more for the Sunday show. There will be 50 tables on both days with each costing \$30. Public admission charge is only \$2.

Mr. Gonzalez showed a power point presentation to the membership explaining the TNA Texas map of districts and coin clubs. Also shown were the 5 coin design entries by the Hidalgo Youth Coin Club. The membership was asked to vote on the designs and 2 winners were selected. Trey Earhart (12) of McAllen won the youth category and Donna Burgess of Donna, Tx. won the adult.





The meeting ended with another great auction consisting of over 100 lots. Dave Busse served as the auctioneer.

**September Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 50 members in attendance. The 11

new applicants from the August meeting were accepted with 5 new ones applying for membership on the same night. 8 door prizes were given out. The HCC now has 129 total paid members for 2011 and continues to grow at a rapid pace thanks to all of the promoting with articles in the newspaper and passing out of flyers..

Excitement continues to build as the November 2-Day Coin Show gets closer. Tables for the Nov. 5th and 6th show are filling up fast at \$30 at table. Several dealers from around the state of Texas and other states such as California, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri will be setting up to bring some great coins and paper money to the people of the Rio Grande Valley. 2 more security guards have been added in order for all attendees to feel more safe.

The youth club began its Fall session on Sept. 10th and learned about the 'Changing Face of Miss Liberty' on all U.S. Mint coins from 1792 to the present. A surprise finding was that the Indian Head Cent is not really a Native American, but Miss Liberty wearing an Indian Headress.



A sister club is being formed at the Alamo Palms R.V. Park in Alamo, Tx. Mr. John Arnold (formerly from Houston) is heading this new club and is open to all Hidalgo Coin Club members. The Alamo Palms Coin Club will serve as another outlet for valley collectors to come together and 'talk coins', as well as buying, selling and trading. We thank Mr. Arnold for taking the initiative and for keeping the coin hobby exciting.

## DISTRICT FIFTEEN

### BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

**August Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by Peter DeReinzi. The Pledge of allegiance was recited, led by Barbara Williams and Judy Matherne. There were 18 people present - 16 members and 2 guests. I was very pleased to introduce Clark Colvin, a very well known and respected collector in Beaumont. Clark was kind enough to bring along his beautiful set of high grade Indian head cents. Clark decided to join the club and was unanimously accepted. Welcome aboard Mr. Colvin. Visitors included Lee Plunket of Vidor and his father. Lee is a major investor in gold and may be interested in joining the club in the future.

New Business Reported by Barbara Williams The Beaumont coin club coin auction will be November 21. The Christmas dinner will be held at the Catfish Kitchen on College Street on December 12.

The Program done by RL Farrow The program was given to inform the club members about the run up of gold prices over the past 4 years record breaking price. of more than \$1800

The gist of the presentation was that in spite of the huge spike in gold, Silver may have the best chance of record breaking advances in the future as it is currently at a ratio of 45 to 1 compared to the traditional average of about 16 to 1. If silver closes the gap to that level it could go from the current \$43 PER OZ TO MORE THAN \$125 PER OZ. Or on the dismal side of life gold could fall back to the traditional ratio.....WHO KNOWS?

Next Months program is by Chris DeRenzi and the subject is "TOP SECRET" The October program will be done by Kenneth Connor who will discuss World coins and currency.

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

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

Jerry reported on the Silsbee Coin Club show. The first part of the show had a good crowd with fewer attendees in the afternoon. Three (3) dealers said it was the best show they have had while the others were very happy with the response. Jerry thanked Paula, Richard and Mark for manning the entrance and collecting money. Mark, Dale, Elton, and Rick were also thanked for setting up and taking down the tables.

Program : Rick gave a program on Antarctica currency. When you go on vacation to Europe, you will most likely change your hard earned US dollars into Euros. If you go to England, you will change your money into English pounds. So now, when you have a lot of time for a long distance to travel, you can exchange you US dollars at a 1:1 ratio for Antarctica currency! The notes come in \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 and are useable at every 7-11 in Antarctica! Well, maybe. Actually the dollars exist and there is some acceptance but the money is not exactly real except it is redeemable for US dollars. The problem is that most of the money is only redeemable for six (6) years or less and only if you return it to the address printed on the bills. Specimen notes have no value upon issuance and hence cannot be redeemed. This started in 1992 when Mr. D. J. Hamilton (a long time stamp, coin, and currency collector and a member of the International Banknote Society, the American Philatelic Society, the British Columbia Philatelic Society, to name a few) first had the idea to produce a series of commemorative, collectible notes for Antarctica. Since then, he has been in contact with various Antarctic institutions, security printers, photographers, and designers, culminating in the birth of the Antarctica Overseas Exchange Office Ltd. "The aim of this project has been to raise funds for Antarctica research and humanitarian projects. Fully 80% of all proceeds from the sale of these notes will be donated directly to organizations seeking such funding; only 20% will be retained by the company to cover marketing costs and other administrative expenses." One of the more recent sponsored programs is the "Students on Ice Program" which sends high school students to Antarctica. (For more information see [www.studentsonice.com](http://www.studentsonice.com).)

The first set of currency was issued in 1996 and included all of the above mentioned denominations except the \$3 bill. They were @7 1/4 inches by 3 5/8 inches and used photographs on both sides of the bills

**August Meeting** - President Dale Cummings called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited. We were please to have Melanie Goetsell visit us and hope she can join us at future meetings. There were ten (10) members in attendance.

Jerry reminded the club of the upcoming Beaumont Coin Club Show and Barbara received permission to pay the annual ANA club dues.

Program: Mark gave a program on the Treasury Departments bullion program concerning copies of the America the Beautiful commemorative quarters.

## DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

### WACO COIN CLUB

**July Meeting** - Ton Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 9 members and 4 guests in attendance

Cash prize- Walt Winters won \$25. Next month the prize will be \$25.

Show and Tell: If you have something for Show and Tell, call Alan Wood. 756 6613. Tom gave show and tell on Cuban currency from 1800's. Showed 5 centavos from 1872, 50 centavos from 1896, 1 peso from 1896, 5 peso from 1896, all paper currency. The 50 c and 5 Peso were stamped PLATA which made them more valuable. These were brought to Tom from a Cuban friend visiting Waco last week..

**August Meeting** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance.

Cash prize- Randy Daily won \$25. Next month the prize will be \$25.

Show and Tell: Tom had paper money from the Weimar Republic and Austria. The Weimar republic money was a 100,000 Mark bill from 1910 and a 1000 Mark bill from 1923. The other bill was listed as Deutsch Austria, 10,000 Kronen from 1918.

FROM THE TYLER COIN CLUB  
 "YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH" NEWSLETTER  
 EDITOR RICHARD LASTER

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU, A PERSONAL NUMISMATIC STORY

*This month fellow collector Barry shares what he titles his "Coin Story"*

I can close my eyes and still see all those bright, shiny Indianhead Pennies in my Dad's coin book, carefully hidden in a sock drawer of an old mahogany chest. My father loved his "complete set of Indians" . . . so did I. I really don't know how old I was, but I stood as tall as the third drawer. That was the beginning of my lifelong love of coins. In piggy banks and coffee cans by collection grew. Then most were traded in on an old Mercury. Cars came and went . . . but my love for coins and collecting stayed with me thru the years . . . and some "wants" are still high on my Bucket List.



I like all coins . . . but I really love the odd-ball stuff such as errors, varieties, and patterns. I guess that just fits my personality. Anything that is different . . . including color and toning. During the 80's I traveled coast to coast as a dealer . . . buying and selling thousands of coins . . . all attractive in their own way. But, I still think about my Dad's Indianhead Pennies and wish I had them . . . Unfortunately when my Dad passed they left too as some one's five finger discount collection. But I still have the wonderful memories that started my near lifelong pursuit of coins plus the memories of all the coins that went thru my hands, each with a history and many with a story much better than mine . . .

FROM THE NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY CC NEWSLETTER  
 EDITOR SAM FAIRCHILD

## MAKING CENTS OF 1793

In 1793, democracy was still a struggling and unproven form of government. After overthrowing the monarchy, France had degenerated into near anarchy with the Reign of Terror. Meanwhile, the fledgling U.S. was trying to establish its place in the world. President Washington saw the necessity for a solid and respectable system of coinage to replace the motley system of Spanish dollars, state-minted cents and private tokens. To that end, he and his wife Martha donated their silver tableware to produce the famous 1792 half dismes. The Congress also authorized the construction of the U.S. Mint, the first federal building.



The Chain large cent marked the debut of the US Mint in March 1793. The coin was designed to celebrate the strength and unity of the states. Accordingly, a chain of 15 strong links, one for each state of the Union, is displayed upon its reverse side, with the goddess of Liberty on the obverse.

Almost immediately, the Chain cent was subjected to severe criticism. The reverse chain design was compared to the chains of slavery, a concept unfortunately reinforced by some coins produced from clashed dies which display a hint of the chain in front of Liberty's face. Ironically, the widely-circulated Fugio cent pictured here displayed the same basic chain design.



To address this criticism, the Mint ordered new coinage dies, from which 63,353 cents were produced by July 1793. The new designs included a more classical portrait of Liberty. The offending chains on the reverse were replaced by a wreath that included strands of berries.

Criticism of the Mint did not cease. The obverse Liberty was considered an unflattering portrait of the symbol of freedom, particularly in the rendition of the hair which was described as unkempt, savage in appearance, and even "frightful".

Again, this criticism was surprising considering the favorable reception of the 1792 Birch cent pictured to the right.



In the summer of 1793, the Mint chose artist Joseph Wright to make new dies for the new Liberty Cap design. Wright used a French design sponsored by Ben Franklin in 1783 reflecting America's independence. He

added a Phrygian cap, worn by freed Roman slaves and adapted as a symbol of freedom by both America and France. This cent debuted in September 1793, a week after Wright died of yellow fever.

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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.

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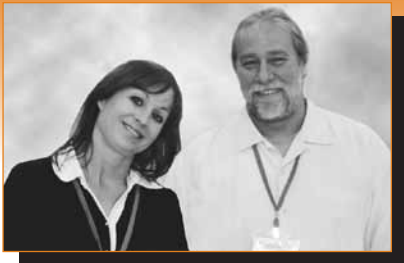
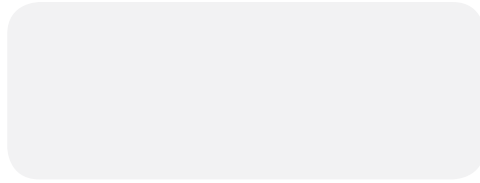
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