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Plan now for 2006!

The TNA's 48th Annual State coin show will be held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Complex on May 12, 13 and 14, 2006. Additional details will be announced in the near future; but in the meantime, mark your calendars to attend.

The show producer is Jim Fitzgereld and he can be contacted at 817-847-5205 or at jamesfitz@prodigy.net.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

by: Stewart Huckaby

Balance Sheet--As of January 2006

Current Assets Checking/Savings FTB Money Market	53,893.33
First Texas Bank (FTB) Youth Activities Fund Memorial Library Fund ANA Junior Seminar Fund Coins for A's First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	564.38 1,707.58 -1,000.00 1617.19 -2124.43
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	<u>1664.72</u>
Total Checking/Savings Accounts Receivable	55,558.05
Lost Mail Deposit Total Accounts Receivable	<u>51.00</u> 51.00
Other Current Assets CD Lone Star Capital Bank CD Life Memberships-CLNB	50,000.00 <u>30,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	80,000.00
Total Current Assets Total Assets	<u>135,609.05</u> 135,609.05
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity Fund Balance	141,909.56
Opening Bal Equity Net Income	0.00
Total Equity	<u>-6300.51</u> <u>135,609.05</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU1TY	<u>135,609.05</u>

A Few Words from the Editor By Benny Bolin, NLG Help Wanted!

Yes, the HELP WANTED sign is out at TNA. I have decided that I am going to step down as editor of the TNA News effective with the May/June 2006 edition or earlier if a replacement is found. During the past six years, it has been a joy to serve you as editor. It is a fun and fulfilling job. However, I changed jobs in early 2005 and it is requiring a lot more time and my son is now 13 and he is into more activities than ever. Also, I was elected President of the Society of Paper Money Collectors in June as well as retained my Presidency of the Fractional Currency Collectors Board. All of that coupled with a new diagnosis of Type II diabetes, has really made me rethink my time commitments and unfortunately some things have to go. If you are interested in this position, please contact me or President Olson. What does it take to make a good editor? Well, first and foremost you have to be committed to putting out a quality product. The TNA NEWS is the most important benefit of membership (yes, I am biased in my view) so the product has to be not just good, but great. Other attributes that one need to have are good computer ability, writing ability, including desktop publishing, research ability and the ability to get others to write and submit information for the news. I personally think the best editor would also be a coin collector. I am purely and solely a paper money collector and this job would sure have been easier if I were more into the coinage part of the hobby. Finally, a desire to serve. While the position does come with a stipend, it does not equal the amount of work you have to put into it. That gap should be made up by a love of the hobby, love of TNA and a desire to serve.

On another note—I hope you all had a very happy holiday season and that the New Year has started off in a very good and positive manner. It seems the hobby still is strong, based on early reports from FUN. As we go into this new year, I encourage you all to become involved in some way in the hobby. Also, plan this year to be involved in the TNA—plan and place an exhibit at the convention in May; write an article for the TNA News; present an educational seminar; volunteer to work the convention; work on our young numismatic programs. Remember, YOUR hobby is only as good as the sum of it's' parts and YOUR TNA is only as good as you make it.

If you want to submit anything for the NEWS, please do so by;

March/April Issue	March 3, 2006
May/June Issue	May 5, 2006

SECRETARY'S REPORT January/February 2006 By: Hal Cherry

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2006:

J-6699 - Benjamin Stanfill - sponsored by Coins for A's

J-6700 - Ellen Stanfill - sponsored by Coins for A's

Bob Higgins has transferred his Regular membership to Life membership and becomes Life Member 206.

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

VIP LEADERS FOR 2005: Paul Garner and Jim Bevill.

MEMBERSHIP AGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED: At the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting, the By-Laws were changed to remove any minimum age restrictions from both the Junior Member and Life Member categories. The previous minimum age had been nine years

2006 TNA DUES NOTICE

It's dues time again! A 2006 dues notice has recently been sent to all TNA members. According to the TNA By-Laws, the deadline for paying each year's dues is by March 31st of the year. Dues for Regular Members are \$17.00/year, Associate Members \$6.00/year and Junior Members \$8.00/year. Dues are payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA. Please send to the Secretary's Office, Attention: Hal Cherry, TNA Secretary, P.O. Box 852165, Richardson, Texas 75085-2165 – phone number 972/234-6996 – e-mail address: halcherry@msn.com.

TNA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TO 2006 ANA SEMINAR ANNOUNCED

The Texas Numismatic Association is funding a Youth Scholarship to the American Numismatic Association's 2006 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Session I dates are Saturday, July 1 to Friday, July 7; Session II dates are Saturday, July 8 to Friday, July 14.

The scholarship is administered by the ANA and is available only to a Texas resident between the ages of 13 to 22 who meets the general qualifications and requirements for other ANA Youth Scholarships. The scholarship includes tuition, room and board, and an allowance for transportation.

Information regarding the Summer Seminar can be found on the ANA web site, <u>www.money.org</u>. The scholarship application and requirements can be found under the "Young Collectors" icon on the Home Page. Additional information can be obtained from the ANA, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or their Outreach Department, 719/482-9853.

APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE ANA.

TNA BOARD ADOPTS ETHICAL OBJECTIVES

The following Texas Numismatics Association's Ethical Objectives were adopted by the TNA Board at the November 19, 2005 Board Meeting.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ETHICAL OBJECTIVES Adopted November 19, 2005

Membership in the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) is a privilege extended to persons and organizations deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right.

TNA members shall conduct themselves so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the association or impair the prestige of its membership.

TNA members shall abide by all applicable laws involving the purchase, sale, or other related transactions of numismatic and related items. Counterfeits, copies, re-strikes, reproductions, or alterations of any numismatic item must be clearly identified as such if sold or exhibited.

A TNA Board Member may not contract with the TNA to provide goods or services to the TNA, engage in activity for personal gain at the expense of the TNA, or use insider information gained as a result of the office to promote personal interests unless approved by the TNA Board. Any potential financial conflict of interest by a TNA Board Member must be disclosed to the TNA Board.

Any accusations of violations of this Code of Ethics shall be reported in writing along with any accompanying documentation to the TNA President and TNA Secretary. The TNA Board may take further action as appropriate.

TNA Book Auction Early List

Dave and Martha Burke have 5 cases of books, that are part of the Gerald Kendall collection donated to T.N.A. which will be offered at the next T.N.A. convention book auction in Fort Worth May of 2006 and probably for a few years afterwards; email coins@ccatech.com for a list of these books via email. Every prudent effort will be made to give T.N.A. member's first opportunity, a select few volumes will be auctioned off on eBay and a select fewer will remain in the T.N.A. historical and Library collection.

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Gerard Charron

Gerry Charron of Bonham, Texas passed away on October 31, 2005. Gerry first joined the TNA in 1988 and primarily collected U.S. coins. His wife, Diane, said Gerry had always loved collecting old U.S. Coins for as long as she had known him. She also wants to thank everyone who knew Gerry and who may have dealt with him.

Greg Dolan

Greg Dolan of Arlington, Texas passed away December 1, 2005. Greg had been a member of the TNA since 2001 and primarily collected U.S. silver dollars. Greg was a member of the Fort Worth Coin Club, Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club and the Mid Cities Coin Club. Always helpful, Greg volunteered the past several years at the TNA Convention in Fort Worth and assisted with the dealer check-in process. Survivors include his wife, Judy, and son, Wade.

Jim Eldridge

Jim Edlridge, a long time member of several Coastal coin clubs passed away in September. He is survived by his wife.

TNA will miss these three individuals and extends our sympathies and thoughts to their families.



THE TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION TO HOLD TWO SHOWS IN 2006

PATRICK J CURRAN, GOVERNOR DISTRICT X

From its inception, the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) held coin show every year. For many years the location of the annual show rotated around the state. In the 1990s, it was decided to hold the annual show in one location. Thus for several years the city of Houston was the host city and then the show moved to Fort Worth for the past four years. And that will again be the location of the annual show in May of 2006.

Texas is a big state and has members all over it. At the annual conference and show in Fort Worth in 2004, the TNA Board decided that in addition to the Annual Show, it would hold a fall show each year in one of the outlying cities hosted by a local coin club. The International Coin Club of El Paso offered to host the first rotating show in 2006 and the clubs in the Beaumont area are planning to host a show in the fall of 2007.

El Paso was host to the annual TNA Show in 1986 and again in 1989. In 2006, the show will be held at the El Maida Shrine Hall, 6331 Alabama Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79904, Friday though Sunday, Oct 27-29. The hall is centrally located and only three miles from the airport. Besides a great location, the hall is large, well lit and the El Paso police provide excellent security. The City of El Paso as well as the Chamber of Commerce are looking forward to welcoming the TNA back to the city of "Si and Sun".

El Paso is an ideal location for this show. The city has only one coin show a year, hosted by the International Coin Club which occurs in February. The nearest other shows are in Albuquerque, 262 miles north or Tucson almost 300 miles west. In the last 5 years there has been a huge increase in affluent retirees moving into this Southern New Mexico-West Texas area.

The show will be limited to 107 tables at a cost of \$200.00 a table. For information about the show contact: Dr Patrick Curran, PO Box 839 Mesilla, NM 88046 - 505 496 3152 or patrick2193@earthlink.net

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Club Photos



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Herman Jacobs, South Plains Coin Club member, left, and Arlen Hilton, president of the club, presented Lorrie Lushnat Bellair, executive director of Lubbock Meals on Wheels, with a check for \$3,650 on Dec. 8.

Victoria Coin Show Bourse





Chris Johns at the Victoria Coin Show

Martha Burke at the Victoria Coin Show

Exhibits Needed!



YOUR GRANDSON HAS A GOOD COLLECTION. HELP HIM EXHIBIT AT THE 2006 TNA

We still need exhibits of all sorts in all classes. Win great awards and statewide recognition by your peers as a Numismatist of Note.

Begin working on those exhibits now!

Details about applications and rules will be forthcoming in the next TNA News!!!

CAN'T BE THERE IN PERSON? DID YOU KNOW THE RULES SAY THAT YOU CAN HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE SET UP YOUR EXHIBIT FOR YOU



NEVADA

The first commemorative quarterdollar coin released in 2006 honors Nevada, and is the 36th coin in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program. Nevada, nicknamed "The Silver State," was admitted into the Union on October 31, 1864, becoming our Nation's 36th state. Nevada's quarter depicts a trio of wild mustangs, the sun rising behind snow-capped mountains, bordered by sagebrush and a banner that reads "The



Silver State." The coin also bears the inscriptions "Nevada" and "1864." Nevada became a territory in 1861, several years after a Mormon Battalion in the Mexican War discovered gold and silver in the area of Virginia City. This discovery would later be referred to as one of the greatest mineral discoveries, famously known as the Comstock Lode. Nevada is home to more than 50 percent of the Nation's wild horses. The wild horses dominate the Great Basin in the vast deserts and the more than 150 mountain ranges. The first mention of wild horses was discovered in several journals dating to the 1820s.

On behalf of Governor Kenny Guinn and State Treasurer Brian K. Krolicki, the Nevada State Quarter Commission accepted design concepts from the public in the summer of 2004. The 18-member Commission reviewed all submissions, and forwarded five recommendations to the United States Mint. The corresponding design images were created by United States Mint sculptor-engravers and artists in the United States Mint's Artistic Infusion Program. The citizens of Nevada voted on the designs. More than 60,000 votes were cast, and the people of Nevada favored the galloping horses design, "The Silver State."

COMING NEXT EDITION: NEBRASKA

New Jefferson Nickels

The new forward facing image of President Thomas Jefferson is based on a Rembrandt Peale portrait of Jefferson, painted in 1800. The forward-looking Jefferson is expected to grace the five-cent coin for years to come. The new coin completes the United States Mint's popular Westward Journey Nickel SeriesTM that commemorates the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The forward-looking 2006 nickel obverse (heads side) was designed by Concord, North Carolina, artist Jamie Franki, who was inspired by the Rembrandt Peale painting of 1800. United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Donna Weaver sculpted the new nickel obverse. As on the 2005 nickels, the word "Liberty" in Thomas Jefferson's own handwriting has been inscribed on the nickel obverse. Jamie Franki's forward-looking image



of Thomas Jefferson was selected from 147 design candidates submitted by the United States Mint sculptor-engravers and artists from throughout the country in the United States Mint's Artistic Infusion Program. Franki also designed the reverse image on the 2005 American Bison nickel.



The United States Mint has titled the new nickel "Return to Monticello" because the familiar image of President Jefferson's stately Virginia home returns to the reverse (tails side) after a two-year (2004 and 2005) absence. This nickel also symbolizes Lewis and Clark's return from their 8,000-mile journey. The 1938 classic rendition of Monticello by Felix Schlag will be more detailed than Americans have seen it in

recent years, having been carefully restored by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver John Mercanti, using Schlag's original work. Over more than 65 years of production, the United States Mint had slightly modified the reverse design for technical reasons.

A law passed by Congress, and approved by President Bush in April 2003, authorized the redesign of the nickel for the first time since 1938 to commemorate the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. The United States Mint's Westward Journey Nickel Series was the result, and the 2004 Peace Medal nickel was the first design. It went into circulation in March 2004, and the Keelboat nickel followed in August. In 2005, the United States Mint changed the nickel's obverse for the first time since 1938, incorporating a new profile image of Thomas Jefferson on the obverse and two new designs, the American Bison and Ocean in View images, on the reverse.

2006 Benjamin Franklin Commemorative Coin Program

The United States is honoring the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, with two commemorative silver dollars from the United States Mint. Born January 17, 1706, Franklin pursued a variety of interests, bringing new ideas to science and journalism while serving as a leader of the American Revolution. For nearly six decades, Franklin conducted experiments and published insights that still hold true today. In fact, most people already know that he experimented with electricity, invented bifocals and wrote Poor Richard's Almanack, the annual best-selling pamphlet with aphorisms like, "Early to bed, and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." But many people don't know that Franklin: invented the flexible catheter, swimfins and the lightning rod; founded the first hospital and first volunteer firefighting company in America; and established the field of meteorology when he realized that some storms travel. He also became the only person, at age 81, to sign all four of the major documents instrumental to the founding of the United States - the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Treaty of Paris and the Treaty of Alliance, Amity and Commerce, in which France recognized and supported the United States. The Benjamin Franklin Commemorative Coin Program comprises two silver dollars - "Scientist" and "Founding Father" available in both proof and uncirculated conditions. Surcharges from the program are authorized to be paid to the Franklin Institute for purposes of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission, a non-profit alliance established by Congress to commemorate the tercentenary and to educate the public about Franklin's legacy. Authorized by Public Law 108-464, each coin is limited to a maximum mintage of 250,000 across all product options and may be issued only during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2006.



New \$10 bill debuts in March

A newly re-designed \$10 note will be introduced into circulation on March 2. It is the third denomination to be redesigned. Changes in the design include;

Statue of Liberty Torch: Two images of the torch carried by the Statue of Liberty are printed in red on the face. A large image is in the background to the left of the portrait of Secretary Hamilton and a second, smaller metallic red image of the torch can be found on the lower right side of the portrait.

Color: The most noticeable difference in the new \$10 note is the addition of subtle background colors of orange, yellow and red. The words "We the People" from the U.S. Constitution have been printed in red in the background to the right of the portrait. Also, small yellow 10s have been printed in the background to the left of the portrait on the face of the note and to the right of the vignette on the back of the note. *Portrait and Vignette:* The oval borders and fine lines surrounding the portrait of Secretary Hamilton on the face, and the United States Treasury Building vignette on the back, have been removed. The portrait has been moved up and shoulders have been extended into the border.

Microprinting: Because they are so small, microprinted words are hard to replicate. The new \$10 note features microprinted "USA" and the numeral "10" repeated beneath the large printed torch and the words "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "TEN DOLLARS" below the portrait, as well as vertically inside the left and right borders of the note.

Federal Reserve Indicators: A universal seal to the left of the portrait represents the entire Federal Reserve System. A letter and number beneath the left serial number identifies the issuing Federal Reserve Bank.

Serial Numbers: The unique combination of eleven numbers and letters appears twice on the face of the note. The left serial number has shifted slightly to the right.

Security Features: The new \$10 notes also retain three of the most important security features that were first introduced in the 1990's: color-shifting ink, watermark and security thread.

Color-Shifting Ink: When the notes is tilted, the numeral "10" in the lower right-hand corner on the face of the note changes color from copper to green.

Watermark: When the note is held up to the light, it will show a faint image of Hamilton to the right of his large portrait visible from both sides of the note. A blank oval has been incorporated into the design to highlight the watermark's location.

Security Thread: When you hold the note up to the light, you can see a small strip embedded in the paper. The words "USA TEN" and a small flag are visible in tiny print. It runs vertically to the right of the portrait and can be seen from both sides of the note. This thread glows orange when held under ultraviolet light.



UNITED STATES COINS—A "PRIMER"

Trade Dollars

This historical information is compiled from the U.S. Coins Series compliments of Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

Federal officials faced a dilemma in the years after the Civil War. The Comstock Lode and other Western mines were producing large quantities of silver, but the government could use only limited amounts of it in coinage.



This seems puzzling in retrospect, for silver coins were few and far between in circulation (a lingering legacy of wartime hoarding), and Americans presumably would have welcomed major infusions of silver coins. But Mint officials feared that new silver coins would be subject to hoarding as well, since the marketplace was awash with paper money, including fractional currency born of wartime need. People would have been only too happy to exchange these notes, which brought less than full face value, for preciousmetal coinage. For a time, the miners found outlets for their silver, often in coinage form, in foreign markets. Canada, Latin America and Europe all absorbed significant quantities during the 1860s. But then, for various reasons these markets became glutted. In Europe, for example, Prussian Chancellor Otto von Bismarck established a gold standard for Germany after unifying the country in 1871 and promptly dumped huge amounts of silver on the international market. For the miners and their powerful allies in Washington these developments were doubly disturbing: Not only was it hard to sell their silver, but the market price was steadily declining. Initially, coinage did offer one escape valve: Under a long-standing law, silver could be deposited with the Mint for conversion into silver coins, for which it could then be exchanged. Having no other ready outlet, miners took advantage of this one. Invariably, they chose silver dollars, the one denomination that hadn't been changed when silver coins were reduced in weight (and precious-metal content) in 1853. As a direct result, silver dollar mintages soared above one million in both 1871 and 1872. But with the Coinage Act of 1873, Congress closed this loophole by suspending further production of silver dollars. And that's where the trade dollar came in: Flexing their muscle, the mining interests won approval for this new silver

coin, one that would, in theory at least, not only provide an outlet for the metal, but also open a whole new market for it in an area that was already receiving Congressional attention. The market in question was the Orient, particularly China. Some U.S. silver had found its way to that region previously, but now a full-fledged offensive was planned. The Chinese had shown a decided preference for silver coins, and up to then the bulk of American trade with China had been carried out with Spanish and Mexican dollars. The trade dollar's architects set out to supplant those rivals by giving the new coin a higher silver content. They even had it inscribed on the coin: "420 GRAINS, 900 FINE." At first glance, the trade dollar looks much like a regular silver dollar. It's the same diameter and about the same weight as its predecessor the Seated Liberty dollar, and its portraiture is similar: a seated female figure representing Liberty on the obverse and a naturalistic eagle on the reverse designs prepared by Mint Chief Engraver William Barber. In contrast to the new trade dollar, the regular U.S. silver dollar contained just 412.5 grains, and the Mexican dollar had only 416. But the architects had miscalculated; though it weighed slightly less, the Mexican coin had a higher fineness and therefore contained slightly more pure silver. The astute Chinese recognized this and, in many provinces, gave the U.S. coin short shrift, favoring the Mexican coin. That's not to say the trade dollar wasn't used. On the contrary, over 27 million went overseas and found their way into Asian commerce, many later being sent on to India in trade for opium. Numerous pieces show chop marks, distinctive Chinese symbols placed on them by merchants to attest to their authenticity. But usage of the coins never approached Americans' expectations. The trade dollar's biggest problems occurred not in China but at home. In a last-minute deal, Congress had made the coin a legal tender for domestic payments up to \$5. In 1876, millions were dumped into circulation in the United States when silver prices plummeted, making them worth substantially more as money than as metal. Congress quickly revoked their legal-tender status (the only time this has been done with any U.S. coin), but the seeds of serious trouble had been sown. In the late 1870s, employers bought up huge numbers of the coins at slightly more than bullion value (80 to 83 cents apiece) and then put them in pay envelopes at face value. Merchants and banks accepted them only at bullion value or rejected them altogether, so the workers effectively lost onesixth to one-fifth of their pay at a time when that pay often amounted to less than \$10 a week. Spurned abroad and despised by many at home, the trade dollar soon faded into oblivion. After 1878, production was suspended except for proofs and even those dwindled to just ten in 1884 and five in 1885. Like many other "fantasy" coins before them, the 1884 and 1885 pieces were clandestinely struck for Mint crony William Idler and were unknown to the numismatic community until six pieces from Idler's estate were sold by dealer John Haseltine in 1908. Notwithstanding their questionable origin, these two dates are viewed as great rarities today. In all, fewer than 36 million pieces were struck during the coin's 13-year lifespan, including about 11,000 proofs. Production took place at Philadelphia, Carson City and San Francisco. The rarest business strike is the 1878-CC

with a mintage of 97,000, many of which appear to have been melted. All high-grade business strikes of the trade dollar are rare to non-existent, leaving proofs to fill most of the demand from type collectors. The extraordinary beauty of originally-toned proofs entices many collectors to attempt complete proof runs (excluding the virtually unavailable 1884 and 1885, of course). Indeed, any trade dollar is highly prized and sought in pristine condition. Points to check for wear include Liberty's ear, left knee and breast and the eagle's head and left wing.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 38.1 millimetersWeight: 27.22 gramsComposition: .900 silver, .100 copperEdge: ReededNet Weight: .7874 ounce pure silverEdge: Reeded

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February 4-5Ft. Worth, TX65 Tables24th Annual Winter Coin Show.Green Oaks Inn, 6901 W I-30. A: free.Tables \$200.Contact—Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loc N., Ft.Worth, TX 6180.(817) 485-1777.

February 17-19El Paso, TX50 TablesInternational Coin Club of El Paso's 43rd Annual Show. El Maida Temple,6331 Alabama Street, El Paso, 1pm - 7pm 2/17, 9am - 6pm 2/18, 9am - 4pm2/19. Free admission. New large location. Contact John Grost atJohnGCoin@aol.comor 915-533-6001 for further information.

February 25San Antonio, Texas35 TablesSan Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday 9a-5p.Live Oak CivicCenter, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. NE of San Antonio at IH35N and Loop 1604.Free Admission, free parking and door prizes. Sponsored by the GatewayCoin Club, Inc.Contact Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, Tx78212-0964.Ph—(210)271-3429.email—retate@msn.com

March 3-4

Texarkana, TX

Texarkana Coin Club Show. Four Points Sheraton Hotel. 5301 N. Stateline Ave, Texarkana, TX. A: Free. Door Prizes. Contact: Texarkana Coin Club, 5508 North Kings Hwy, Texarkana, TX 75503. (903) 794-2646.

March 4Beeville, TX21 TablesSouth Texas Coin Club Show.My Country Kitchen.Tables \$40.Bob Bills, 416 W. 3rd, Karnes City, TX 78118.(830) 780-3522.

March 4-5

Orange, TX

Greater Orange Coin Club Spring Show. Ramada Inn, 2610 West I-10, Orange, TX. A: \$1. Youth Auction. Drawing for free gold coin. Contact-David Scott, Box 1324, Orange, TX 77630. (409) 745-4280.

March 11-12

Ft. Worth, TX

Fort Worth Coin Club Spring Show. Lockheed Recreation Center. 3400 South Bryant Irvin Road. Admission \$3. Free Parking. Door Prizes. Contact Jeff Cecil (817) 909-5634 or email anna.cecil@att.net.

March 18-19Lubbock, TX100 Tables46th Annual South Plains Coin Club, Inc. Coin and Sports Card Show.Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th St. A: free.Contact—LynnParker, Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493.(806) 785-1030.

March 24-26

Vicksburg, MS

45th Annual State Convention and Coin Show sponsored by the Mississippi Numismatic Association. Vicksburg Convention Center. 1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180. Door Prizes. Raffle w/\$10 gold coin. A: Free. Contact: Blake Rouleau. (601) 626-8805. email: roulobe@bellsouth.net

March 25-26

Wichita Falls, TX

40th Annual Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Show sponsored by the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Show. Multi-Purpose Event Center, 1005 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX. A: Free. Parking: Free.

Contact: Gene Wheeler, Box 747, Seymour, TX 76380. (940) 888-3832.

April 1McKinney, TX38 TablesSemi-Annual Coin Show.Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club.Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N; exit 40B).A: free. Tables\$50/\$60.Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972) 727-1566.email grollins@ev1.net or www.collincooinclub.com

April 8Round Rock, TX40 TablesCentral Texas Coin Show; Wingate Inn, 1209 North IH-35 and Highway 79,Exit 253; Round Rock, TX 78664. Contact: Bryan Jones (512) 339-2923 orFrancis Smith at fpsmith@sbcglobal.net. Hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm

April 14-15

Arlington, TX

9th Annual Easter Weekend Coin Show presented by the Dallas and Mid-Cities Coin Clubs. LaQuinta Inn and Conference Center, I-30 at Hwy 360, Arlington (near Six Flags and the ballpark). Contact: John Post, Box 15554, Ft. Worth, 76119. (817)429-4315. email easterweekndshow@sbcglobal.net

April 28-30Grapevine, TX70 TablesTexas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine,TX (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine).Free parking, police security. A: \$2. Gold Prizes. Contact: Ginger or DavidPike, Box 126, Tom Bean, TX 75489.email—Irctexas@direcway.com.

May 12-14

Ft. Worth, TX

Texas Numismatic Association annual convention and show. Will Rogers Convention Center. Contact: Jim Fitzgereld at 817-847-5205 or at jamesfitz@prodigy.net

May 27San Antonio, Texas35 TablesSan Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday 9a-5p.Live Oak CivicCenter, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. NE of San Antonio at IH35N and Loop 1604.Free Admission, free parking and door prizes. Sponsored by the GatewayCoin Club, Inc.Contact Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, Tx78212-0964.Ph—(210)271-3429.email—retate@msn.com

Waco, Texas 55 Tables

Waco Coin and Stamp Show. Waco Convention Center. 100 Washington Ave. A: Free. Parking: Free. Contact Alan Wood (254) 756-6673 or Email <u>wacocoinclub@aol.com</u>.

June 3

Victoria, TX

South Texas Coin Club Show. Holiday Inn Victoria, 2705 Houston Hi-way, Victoria, TX. U.S. and World Coins, Paper Money, etc. Contact: Donnie McCartney. (361) 573-4653. email:southtexascoinclub@yahoo.com.

June 9-11Grapevine, TX70 TablesTexas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine,
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June 24Round Rock, TX40 TablesCapital City Coin Clubs 34th Annual Coin Show; Wingate Inn, 1209 NorthIH-35 and Highway 79, Exit 253, Round Rock, TX78664. Contact: BryanJones at (512) 339-2923. Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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August 12Sherman, TX32 TablesTexoma Coin Show. Quality Inn, 3605 Hwy 75 S. Exit 56 (FM 1417). A:free. Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972) 727-1566 email—grollins@ev1.netor Tony Hales, Box 832032, Richardson,TX, 75080. (972) 690-4340. email--tkhales@yahoo.com

August 25-27Richardson, Texas85 Tables19th Annual Plano Coin Show. Richardson Civic Center, 411 West ArapahoRd (SW corner Central Expwy & Arapaho Rd). Free admission andparking. Tables \$185. Contact Mark R. Schroder, Lone Star Mint, Inc. 805East 15th St, Plano, TX 75074-5805. (972) 424-1405. emailplanoshow@lsmint.com

September 9San Antonio, Texas60 TablesAlamo Coin Show. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop1604, just off IH-35 N.9:30 AM-5:30 PM. Children's Auction at 2:30.A:\$1. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables \$95.Contact: HaroldEiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: clips@ev1.net.

September 30McKinney, TX38 TablesSemi-Annual Coin Show.Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club.Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N; exit 40B).A: free.\$50/\$60.Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972) 727-1566.email grollins@ev1.net or www.collincooinclub.com

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Victoria, TX

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October 27-29El Paso, TX107 TablesTNA Fall Coin Show. El Maida Shrine Hall, 6331 Alabama Ave, El Paso.Contact—Pat Curran, Box 839, Mesilla, NM 88046.(505) 496-3152.email—patrick2193@earthlink.net.

November 11San Antonio, Texas60 TablesAlamo Coin Show. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop1604, just off IH-35 N.9:30 AM-5:30 PM. Children's Auction at 2:30.A:\$1. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables \$95.Contact: HaroldEiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: clips@ev1.net

November 11-12

Ft. Worth, TX

Fort Worth Coin Club Fall Show. Lockheed Recreation Center. 3400 South Bryant Irvin Road. Admission \$3. Free Parking. Door Prizes. Contact Gary Andrews (817) 444-5500 or email <u>apctexas@aol.com</u>

December 16-17

Ft. Worth, TX

Cowtown Christmas Coin Show. Lockheed Recreation Center. 3400 South Bryant Irvin Road. Admission \$3. Free Parking. Door Prizes. Contact Gary Andrews (817) 444-5500 or email apctexas@aol.com



EDITOR'S NOTE--Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT I

North Tarrant County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The club held its annual Christmas Party Meeting on12/8/2005. People started arriving just after 6PM to a VERY cold parking lot. The doors opened about 6:15 to a beautifully decorated hall. Approximately 75 club members and guests celebrated the occasion. A tasty dinner catered by Rusty's Bar-B-Q as preceded by a prayer of thanks made by Pastor Kevin Cottrell. And the club thanks Youth Pastor Blaine Bernstein for the setup and use of the facilities. The club held a brief business meeting. Outgoing club President Robert Schultz was presented with a German silver Club President's Medal recognizing his service and dedication to the club for the last term. Former President Richard Wallace was proud to present a Scholastic Award to club member Ryan Richards. Richard read a piece describing Ryan prepared by his AP History instructor. Ryan was presented with a "close-to-complete" Indian Head Cent collection to mark his dedication to scholastic excellence. The club officially recognized Helen Dibler as the most supportive member and presented her with a high grade full bands Winged Liberty Dime to show the club's appreciation. President Robert Wallace presented the newly elected Board and Officers of the Club and asked them to come to the front and be recognized.

President – Mike BransonVice President – Jim HedgesSecretary – Jack GilbertTreasurer – Sam FairchildDirector (2-year)–Kenny SmithDirector (1-year)–Larry DiblerDirector (2-year)–David WernerDirector (1-year)–Frank Schick

The attendance prizes were called, and then the lottery prize drawings were held, followed by a spirited coin and gift Bingo game. Everyone greatly enjoyed the event, although Richard Wallace did lament the poor performance of his bingo card. The final event of the evening was an unplanned, but very raucous and entertaining auction of the unused wrapped bingo presents. Here's Wishing All of You and Yours a Safe and Happy Holiday Season, a Very Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings, and Happy New Year Too! See Ya Next Year!

Faithfully submitted: Jack Gilbert, Secretary

DISTRICT II

Permian Basin Coin Club

The Permian Basin Coin Club met at the VFW on Dec. 6th at 7:00 PM. 13 members were present with 3 guests. Location was our first discussion. Robert (vice president) found a possible location for future meetings. The Midland College ATC is possibly available. He and James will check with the college. Lee gave the treasurer's report. We next had an excellent presentation by Lee and Bud on grading. Several coins were passed around to show the levels of grading. Aspects of light, magnification, and eye appeal were discussed. Rick will continue the presentation next meeting. A small auction brought the meeting to a close.

The January 3rd meeting was held at the Midland College ATC 3200 W. Cuthbert at 7:00 PM. 15 members were present with 2 guests. The meeting began with a permanent location being discussed. The present location is available to us. The treasurer's report was given. Upcoming coin shows was discussed. Several members are planning to attend El Paso, Green Oaks (Ft. Worth), and the Lubbock show. It was decided not to have a club table at the El Paso show because of distance. The program was presented by Rick. Grading Morgan Silver Dollars was the emphasis. His expertise in dollars and his enthusiasm culminated in an excellent educational presentation. Several graded examples were passed around and a year set of Carson City Silver Dollars was passed around to show examples of grading. A guest showed a unique coin to the club. It was a Bust Half Dollar from a buried hoard. Only a few hundred are in existence. A member then passed around the new 2005 2 oz. silver Don Quixote coin made by Mexico. Only 3,000 of these were made. A very good auction followed the presentation. A 1921 and a 1928 Peace Dollar (both high grade) and several better Standing Liberty Quarters were offered on the auction as well a several partial silver sets and other silver dollars. The club will meet at the same location on Feb. 7th at 7:00. There were be a short presentation by Robert and then a trade night. Please check our web sight at WWW. Midlandcoins.com.

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Glenn Woods called the November 17th meeting of the Dallas Coin Club to order. There were 19 members and 3 guests in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and accept them as previously printed and distributed. There were no candidates for the 2006 Vice President position, so Ron Blaha kindly offered to run for the office and all were in agreement with his nomination. Glenn Woods reported that he had sent several emails to various people at Heritage concerning their offer to have the club meet there, but he had not received a response. Stewart Huckaby also had not received any additional information from Heritage. Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced that Glenn Woods had done a great job arranging for our November speaker, Dave Vegi. Secretary Kathy Lawrence had no new

information to report, but thanked Hal Cherry for filling in for her in October while she was out of town. Treasurer David Swann did not have any new financial information to report. Show Chairman John Post reported that he had begun to receive applications from dealers for the 2006 show. The TNA board meeting was scheduled for the coming weekend in San Antonio. Old Business- there was no new information concerning the possibility of a new meeting place. John Post thanked the club on behalf of the Mid-Cities club for our recent support of their raffle. Unfortunately, the tickets purchased by the Dallas Coin Club were not winners. John also announced that a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was scheduled for Friday, November 25th. The guest speaker was Dave Vegi. Dave is the author of a 2-volume book on ancient coins that was originally published by Coin World in 1999. He has studied ancient coins for 20 years and has been teaching at the ANA Summer Seminars since 1994. The study of ancient coins spans a 2,000-year period, beginning in 650 B.C. when the Greeks began issuing coins. Geographically the study ranges from Ireland and Wales to India. There are some very general trends. The fabric of the coins (how the metal looks) changed substantially over time. The earlier coins were thick (some did not even have designs), but over time the coins became thinner and broader. It is not known why coinage began. Prior to coinage, a barter system was used to exchange goods and services. Coins became essential within one or two generations of their introduction. The use of coinage spread from Asia Minor to modern-day France within 50 years. There is documentary evidence that people carried coins under their tongues. The Greeks used coinage for 400 years before the Romans began using it. Some early portraits on coins were very realistic, but later images contained more uniform features. Some ancient coins were so thin that they were created with a more cup-like shape. There were some special issues of coins called medallions that were larger and thicker than regular issue coins. Hoards of ancient coins that are found may contain as many as 60,000 coins or more. There are approximately 120 to 130 ancient dies that are known to have survived (mostly early Roman). They are extremely rare and expensive and have been well cataloged. Hal Cherry mentioned that Dave Vegi's presentation was the "most interesting program on ancient coins that we have ever had." Larry Herrera, Kathy Lawrence, Michalene Nunn, Harold Clevenger and Ron Blaha won door prizes. Raffle prizes were won by Stewart Huckaby (twice), Dave Vegi (twice) and Kathy Lawrence. During Show & Tell, Larry Herrera displayed another counterfeit coin detector that he recently purchased. It was believed to date from the early 1900s and was from Fairbanks & Co. Glenn Woods brought a Victorian Gothic Crown that was a PR64 or better. That coin is believed by many to be the most beautiful coin ever minted. The 2006 Dallas Coin Club Officer Elections were held. All of the nominated candidates were elected- Stewart Huckaby as President, Ron Blaha as Vice President, Kathy Lawrence as Secretary and David Swann as Treasurer. The Auction consisted of 38 lots. 25 of those lots were sold for a total of \$231.50. The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Lawrence, Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 33 members and guests at the October 3rd meeting. The show for National Coin Week may be cancelled. The civic center area is being remodeled. The construction will reduce the parking area. Ed Stephens and Club members discussed to give a donation to hurricane victims. Club members suggested that the donation be given to numismatic club around the city, Beaumont and El Campo and other areas. The club received a suggestion of one thousand dollars. Jerry Clemons noted Pasadena coin club had cancelled a meeting. The meeting would have discussed the hurricane donation. Sebastian Frommhold and Michael Wolford noted that the reminder card show visitor labels have been given to Pasadena. Jim Bevill noted that he had an article in the September issue in the American numismatic association's numismatist. He also handed out membership applications. He also reminded the club about the American numismatic association's show in Atlanta. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Bruce Burton, Tony DeLong, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, Ron Miller, Mike Newberg. Bruce Burton won the show and tell prize.

There were 29 members and guests at the October 17th meeting. Sebastian Frommhold reminded the club about two area club shows. Alamo Coin Show in San Antonio on November 19. College Station Coin Show on December 4. Sebastian Frommhold also noted that El Campo had cancelled the show. Sebastian Frommhold continued to discuss the donation to coin clubs affected by the hurricanes. Carl Schwenker noted that with the hurricanes, the George R Brown Convention Center has changed the dates of our. The GRB gave our original dates to a New Orleans convention. The new "Money Show" dates are January 20 to January 22. The convention center will offer a reduced parking. The club members discussed the new dates that are better. There are currently no other coin shows that weekend. More dealers will be able to attend and have tables. There are a few that will have to cancel the Money Show. Sebastian Frommhold noted that the November 7 meeting, would be a special show and tell. This time bring items from your other favorite items. Example, Michael Wolford collects transit maps. Bruce Burton noted that one dealer from the Lone Star Coins in San Antonio area, had to go to the hospital. The dealer had to sale the shop. Another dealer had planned to sale his office and work only shows. The dealer decided to buy the San Antonio shop. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Bruce Burton, Richard DeLeon, Tony DeLong, Sebastian Frommhold, and Billy Howard. Bruce Burton won the show and tell prize.

There were 27 members and guests at the November 21st meeting. Jim Bevill and Sebastian Frommhold announced information about the Bellaire Christmas party, Saturday December 10, 2005. The party is at Jim and Jodie Bevill's home 2915 Carnegie Street. Contact Jim Bevill (713) 993-1505 or

mercury225 @ sbcglobal.net. Reception 6:30 PM. Dressy Casual. Jim will confirm what party attendants will pay. Currently it is guests paying \$20 and members are free. Jim Bevill noted that the Texas Numismatic Association has plans to create an exhibit in San Antonio's Alamo. One third of the gift shop will be reserved for the exhibit. Contact Jim Bevill (713) 993-1505, if you have any exhibit ideas about Texas or the Alamo. Sebastian Frommhold and Tim Windsheimer reminded the club about the Pasadena Coin Show, this weekend. Sebastian Frommhold reminded the club about the Greater Houston Money Show. The NEW show dates are January 20-22, 2006. Carl Schwenker will ask you to volunteer. Contact Carl at (281) 586-9727 or themoneyshow @ Houston.rr.com. Ralph Ross reminded that the Greater Houston Money Show would have exhibits. Ralph noted that the exhibit winners would get a \$100 coupon to spend at the show. Ralph also noted that Michael Wolford has extra exhibit applications. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Jim Bevill, Ricardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland. Ricardo DeLeon won the show and tell prize.

There were 32 members and guests at the December 5th meeting. Sebastian Frommhold reminded the club about the Christmas RSVP list. Sebastian Frommhold and club members discussed that the Bellaire Civic Center area is being remodeled. Sebastian Frommhold and Ed Stephens noted that the our National Coin Week Show has been moved to the Marriott Hobby Airport, which is the same location that the Pasadena show is located. Jim Bevill and Sebastian Frommhold noted more details about the exhibit in the Alamo in San Antonio. Jim Bevill and Barney Loebe announced the Money Show exhibits and volunteers are needed. Jim and Barney stated some of the professional exhibits that will attend the Money Show. John Barber presented the program, "The First United State Mint."

There were 24 members and guests at the December 19th meeting. Sebastian Frommhold reminded the member that after the meeting. The club moves the meeting to "JAX Grille" restaurant, 6510 South Rice Blvd, At Bissonnet, across from Collector's Coins. All members pay for their own meal. Sebastian Frommhold stated that Ed Stephens did not want to continue at secretary. Sebastian noted that Tony DeLong will volunteer as secretary, until the elections in April. Tom Cooper announced that John Trout has had major surgery. Jim Bevill and Sebastian Frommhold explained a motion to make a donation to coin clubs effected by the recent hurricanes. The offered coin clubs have not wanted our help. The donation amount is confirmed as never used. Sebastian Frommhold reminded that the Greater Houston Coin Club's Money Show needed volunteers. Jim Bevill noted that if you volunteer or help set up the show, you will get a badge. This badge will let you in the show, before the public. Michael Wolford stated that he has pictures from the Christmas party. Sebastian Frommhold thank Jim Bevill for having the Christmas party at his home. Sebastian Frommhold discussed new activities before the meeting. One activity is creating a mini bourse area to buy and sale coins. This will not affect the items in the auction preview. Sebastian Frommhold noted the library would be closed on January 2. The
first meeting will be January 16. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, John Barber, Jim Bevill, Bruce Burton, Sebastian Frommhold, Billy Howard, Ralph Ross, Jesse Vaughan, and Michael Wolford. Jesse Vaughan won the show and tell prize.

Submitted by: Michael Wolford--Bellaire Newsletter Editor

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Internet Report)

Prior to the start of the November meeting, club members and guests feasted on an excellent dinner provided by Sandy McClusky. Richard Laster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 37 members and eight guests in attendance. The guests were Liz Cooper, Thurman and Faye Fowler, Elizabeth Howard, Jonathan Howard, Ginger Bing, Matt Abbott, and Rebecca Abbott. Juniors Emily and Randall Wood were accepted as new members. Richard Laster announced that John Coker would resign as the club secretary for personal reasons effective the end of the year. John is expecting his first child in January and trying to start his own business. He expects to remain an active club member. Due to a work trip which left Sebastian arriving at the meeting late, John Coker opened the Show and Tell session by telling of recent near misses in his home including a water leak that morning which fortunately was stopped before it could do any damage. John also passed around one of his favorite Civil War store cards, an example issued in Wisconsin that includes the words "Don't Despair" as words of encouragement as the nation struggled against itself. Returning to a numismatic theme, Rudy Valentin passed around an early grading book for Cuban coins and a trial coin struck at the very first Cuban Mint in the 1970's. Ricardo de Leon presented a Latin American Bank Note book and a progression of Mexican bank notes. Bruce Burton showed off a Byzantine coin book from his extensive inventory of numismatic books. Ironically, John Coker was "rewarded" for his bad judgment by winning the Show and Tell door prize. Thurman Fowler then presented his presentation titled "Gold!" He began with the Big Bang theory in an attempt to explain how gold was formed, where it is found in nature, and why it is found where it is. He also showed many pictures from an actual gold hunt in California. After his informative presentation, he donated a small sample of gold flakes recovered on one of his trips. Thurman is not a member of our club, so be sure and thank him the next time you see him. Carl Schwenker gave an overview of how the Money Show will be organized this year. He mentioned the facilities that will be available including more conference rooms and GHCC-paid parking. He also mentioned that we will still have the traditional Thursday night barbecue for the dealers and volunteers. He also gave an overview of the volunteer needs. The Money Show is one of the larger shows in the country. As you can imagine, a lot of volunteers are needed in order to make the show run smoothly. If you have not made plans to volunteer, please consider your availability and donate some of your time if you are available. The more volunteers we have to work the show, the more time each volunteer will have to enjoy the show! The meeting was

adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. and was followed by an auction of numismatic items. Sebastian Frommhold served as the auctioneer with the assistance of Barney Loebe, Gene Nixon, and Kenneth Benson.

Prior to partaking of the annual Christmas Fiesta dinner, club members met at 5:00 to prepare announcement postcards for the Money Show. Thanks to all who helped with this large project. After the excellent Fiesta dinner, Richard Laster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 44 members and seven guests in attendance. Rebecca Abbott was accepted as a new member. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to give the Cokers a \$50 gift card in honor of their first child due in January. Sebastian Frommhold kicked off Show and Tell by discussing differences between countermarks and counterstamps. He then passed around a fabulous example of a countermark.....a large Guatemalan coin countermarked on both sides with the obverse and reverse dies of a much smaller regular issue coin. It was literally a coin struck on a coin. Eve Barber than showed off numismatic Christmas ornaments obtained at the ANA Headquarters in Colorado. Carl Schwenker had a number of items to share including a medallion for a numismatic museum opening, his ANA volunteer award medal which he received in 2005, and various pictures from numismatic events. Mike Greenspan presented four coins with very nice counterstamps. Richard Laster presented a Recognition Award for Ralph Ross that was announced at the Semi-Centennial Celebration. Ralph then presented a very deceptive counterfeit \$20 bill which the FBI has approved him to possess for educational purposes. Carl won the Show and Tell door prize. Alvin Stern then presented his presentation titled "Counterfeiting 101" He discussed many counterfeiting techniques and he circulated many examples of counterfeits. As usual, his presentation was interesting and informative. John Coker gave a brief secretary's report in which he thanked the donors to the Christmas Project. Francis Townsend gave a treasurer's report, concluding that the club has new bank accounts and is good financial standing. John Barber announced the completion of his efforts to organize the club's numismatic library. Club members can now borrow books from the collection and John Coker has already taken advantage of the borrowing privileges. Carl Schwenker gave an update on the Money Show. All volunteers should have a free GHCC shirt. He took names of any volunteers still needing a shirt. Volunteers will also have access to free parking on all days of the show. The club has secured exclusive rights to some of the parking areas for public attendees as well. The first 550 cars each day can park for free using a coupon. Hopefully, this gesture will help to attract more people to the George R. Brown Convention Center. Carl announced that we still need kids for pages as well as adults to help run the youth programs on Saturday and Sunday. He also distributed flyers that club members can help distribute in their own communities in the Greater Houston area. If you have not made plans to volunteer, please consider your availability and donate some of your time if you are available. The more volunteers we have to work the show, the more time each volunteer will have to enjoy the show! Door prize winners were Liz Cooper and Tom Windsheimer. Gene Nixon

won the coin of the month drawing and named the Mercury dime as the coin of the month for January. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. and was followed by an auction of numismatic items. Alvin Stern served as the auctioneer with the assistance of Barney Loebe, Margaret Townsend, and Kenneth Benson. The auction door prize winner was Martina Reece.

DISTRICT VII Alamo Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

Thirty two members and guests attended the Alamo Coin Clubs' Christmas Party on December 8th. Twenty five participated in the Gift Game. Will presented Py C. with a gift. It was Py C.'s borrowed book returned gift wrapped. Then Will continued to open the evening with good humor. Harold E. presented the Income /Expense Report on the November Coin Show. The show broke records in all areas. Attendance exceeded 900. 44 dealers occupied the 64 tables sold. A record net profit was reported. Harold E. recognized and thanked show volunteer workers. He mentioned this was the first show that dealers thanked him for letting them participate in the show, which indicates that they had excellent sales! He suggested that the club purchase brightly colored vests for volunteers for future shows. This will enable dealers and guests quickly to find helpful volunteers when needed.

The pros and cons of hosting a TNA Show were voiced. More research on the topic will be done. Fred P. voiced a resounding approval for the leadership of the most successful Alamo Coin Club show. Treasurer Robert J. reported a total of \$11,327.33 in all accounts, including bourse deposits for our next show. Betty T. won the attendance prize. Jackie A. and Ted T. joined the club during the Coin show. Welcome new members. Raffle winners: Betty T., Tim W., Darlene G., Wesley W., David C., Edith R., Fernando R. and Jean B. The Dirty Santa Christmas Gift Exchange was enjoyed by the members and spouses who brought gifts. The quest for the several elusive prize gifts brought many laughs as those gifts were taken, hidden or camouflaged. Because the Gift Game ended at 8:30, there wasn't time to play numismatic trivia. There was no Roundtable or Auction at the party. There was no second meeting in December.

Gateway Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Nov. 3 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club opened with 33 members and 3 visitors in attendance. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2005 U.S. Silver Eagle, was given to Florence Stancliff. Due to the absence of President Frank Galindo, Vice-president David Astwood conducted the meeting. Our treasurer Raymond Tate was also unable to attend the meeting, so the club's financial report was not available at this meeting. The roundtable session was most enjoyable, as members brought a diversity of numismatic material. Clifton Valley showed two tokens, one from Cappy's and the other from EZs. Don Knapp had an Indian cent he recently received in change at a fast food restaurant. Fernando Razo brought the 2005 U.S. Mint set "Westward Journey" that featured the new nickels. Bill Frampton showed two NYSE medals honoring 9/11/01 with the text "Let Freedom Ring" and the second medal dated 9/16/05 announcing National POW/MIA Day. Py Coryell had a 1732 Holland 2 stuiver and an Italian 1927 ten centimes. Larry Foster brought a 1916s half-dollar. Jerry Varnon brought an interesting Roman Republic piece depicting Judea. LeRoy Moczygemba had two coins. One was a 1905 Indian Head cent and the other a 1965 SGS graded Kennedy half-dollar. Raffle winners were John Pourner (2 times), Louise Pourner, Florence Stancliff, Bill Davis, Brain Salinas Richard Goodwin, and Jerry Varnon. Don Hunter donated three numismatic books for our club auction with the proceeds going to the club's treasury. The meeting ended with an exciting auction led by Bobby Rogers and his assistant Don Hunter.

The Nov. 17 meeting opened with 32 members and one visitor. During the business meeting several topics were briefly discussed including the site of the location of our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange. The paid-up member attendance prize, a gleaming 2005 Silver Eagle one-dollar coin, was given to our enthusiastic junior member Ian Valley. The roundtable discussion was very spirited. David Astwood brought a brass mini-safe pencil sharpener. Clifton Valley showed a Target exclusive Star Wars medal. Fernando Razo had a key Mexican 100 pesos bimetallic coin that honors the 100th Anniversary of Mexico's monetary reform of 1905. Py Coryell showed an 1862 Netherlands two and one-half gulden. Frank Galindo brought a Challenge coin given to him by Lt. Gen. Sanchez and a religious medal depicting St. Nicholas of Myra. Karla Galindo had three coins from Argentina which featured Evita Peron. Don Hunter brought an album of Flying Eagle/Indian Head cents and a complete set of state commemorative quarters. Don Knapp had a newspaper ad promoting the sale of uncut U.S. currency. Larry Foster showed an unusual bracelet made of 11 old Canadian five-cent pieces and one U.S. three- cent silver piece. Tom Bailey brought an amusing bass collector's piece entitled the "Duel" and an Austrian gold ducat. The raffle winners were Clifton Valley, Joan Grover, Louise Pourner, Karla Galindo, John Pourner, Richard Goodwin, and Py Coryell. The educational program was presented by Bill Sigl. The title of his program was "The Value of Information and Relationships for Collectors." He said that because of security issues many collectors are reluctant to let anyone know about their hobby. Besides the usual sources of books and magazines, developing relationships can be a valuable asset when searching for information. He stressed the importance of updating your information in order to learn about your collecting interest. This will also help to determine the value of your collection. Old common items may actually be rare when new sources of information are discovered. The miniauction was conducted by David Astwood.

The Dec. 1 meeting opened with 25 members and 1 visitor present. The paid-up member attendance prize, a 2005 Silver Eagle one-dollar coin, was given to a very happy Bobby Rogers. The minutes of the November 17th

meeting were read by Karla Galindo, in the absence of secretary Clifton Valley. David Astwood reminded the members that he has two openings for educational programs in 2006. He encouraged members who have not presented an educational program to consider giving one. The roundtable was coordinated by Richard Goodwin who did a great job. Brian Salinas showed a replica of an eight escudo gold coin. Fernando Razo had a slabbed 1938D, MS66 Buffalo Nickel. David Astwood brought a great set of Bermuda coins, and Py Coryell had an 1837 "no stars" seated liberty dime. Frank Galindo showed three religious medals: St. Hubert, St. Raymond, and St. Valentine. Two items were shown by Karla Galindo: a 2005 Maui Chamber of Commerce Trade Dollar and a beautiful 2005 Our Lady of Notre Dame medal from Paris. Several items were donated to the auction with the proceeds going to the club's treasury. Don Hunter donated two books: Commemorative Coins of the U.S. and Coins of Canada. Carlos Graziadio of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a numismatist with whom the president communicates via e-mail, donated three Argentinean coins depicting Evita Peron: a 2002 two pesos, 1997 fifty cents, and a 1997 one peso. A "Special Thanks" to the donors, Don and Carlos, and to the four high bidders, LeRoy Moczygemba, Py Coryell, Frank Galindo, and Vernon Drew. The meeting ended with a large auction conducted by our loquacious auctioneer Bobby Rogers and his easygoing assistant David Astwood. Thank you, Bobby and David, for a most enjoyable auction.

The Dec. 15 meeting of the year opened with 29 members and 2 visitors present. Our annual Christmas Party was held at Denny's Restaurant. David Astwood gave a special holiday invocation before the meeting opened. The roundtable had several participants. John Pourner brought a very nice collection of 20 Indian Head cents and some early Buffalo nickels. Clifton Valley had two square shaped coins, one from The Straits Settlements and one from Hungary. Fernando Razo showed a Constantine the Second Roman coin. Bill Sigl, Sr. showed an 1871 ChM Mexican 25 centavo. Bill Davis had a Columbian 1827 escudo. Karla Galindo showed a new British Royal Mint flier and a Kenyan 20 Shilling bank note that featured a family of lions. Larry Foster brought a 1951 Franklin half-dollar with a large S mint mark. Raffle winners were Clifton Valley, Fernando Razo (2 times), Don Knapp (3 times), Karla Galindo, Bill Davis, Dorothy Astwood and Jerry Varnon. Clifton Valley reported that a festive time was had by all present at our annual Christmas Party. Ray Tate organized the gift exchange which provided the members with a very jovial and entertaining activity. Members brought a large quantity of desserts, which included delicious cookies, cakes, and candy, that were enjoyed by all in attendance. The meeting ended with a zesty mini-auction that included an excellent an assortment of numismatic items. A Merry thank you to our witty auctioneer "Elf David" Astwood and his jolly assistant "Elf Don" Hunter.

DISTRICT VIII Corpus Christi Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Corpus Christi Coin Club met on November 15th at the La Retama public library downtown. There were 5 members present and two visitors. Topics discussed were the "Ask The Experts" television segment for November 17th 2005 on our ABC affiliate KIII-TV hosted by our own David Kerr-Burke. Several interesting coins were passed around by members for show and tell. We are happy to say we had more than enough volunteers to man the phones for that special TV segment; the phone bank never stopped ringing. We wish to thank members Clayton Bryant, John Smolik, Roy Davis, David Wazel, Tom Mathews, and Gene Mahan who made up our panel of experts responding to viewers' questions. The show was so popular that David & I (Martha Kerr-Burke) had almost 400 phone calls at home. We still get a call now and then, (as of December 29th) and this does not include the emails generated from the show which came from as far away as France, Russia and New Zealand. Also discussed at the November 15th meeting was the upcoming T.N.A. board meeting on November 19th. David and I drove up to San Antonio to the Live Oak Civic Center where the board meeting was held in conjunction with the Alamo Coin Show. The show itself was quite nice and well attended.

There was some talk about the South Texas Coin Club which is made up of three areas; Kenedy, Beeville and Victoria. It was noted that Bob Bills (long time numismatist and founder of the South Texas Coin Club) is very ill fighting bone cancer and unable to participate as he once did. We wish him the very best and pray that he is able to get up and around soon. Because of Bob's illness and changes in officers, no report was available for the South Texas Coin Club, as always the Kingsville Coin Club is hanging in there. The Corpus Christi Coin Club met again on December the 20th 2005 for our 53rd annual Christmas party which was held this year at the Bayou Grill. Attendance was lighter than years past, but a very good meal and time was had by all present, after which members exchanged numismatic gifts. The Corpus Christi club's next meeting will be held, the third Tuesday night, January 17th 2006 7p.m. at Nolan's Poorboys and Catering located at 2330 Airline road. The club is looking for a permanent suitable location, suggestions welcome. For more information about any of the area coin clubs, meeting times etc. email David Kerr-Burke at coins@ccatech.com

South Texas Coin News

Greetings I hope each and everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Halloween. It turned cool here and rained in Corpus Christi, so this secretary did not see a lot of goblins. Due to current events, we have not been able to attend recent meetings in Victoria, Beeville or Kenedy. We did however attend and set up at the Victoria coin show which was held September 10th. The show was good but there were more dealers than collectors. We later learned there were 4 or 5 other events competing with the show.

The Corpus Christi Coin Club met on September 20th and again on October 18th but meetings were canceled due to lack of interest. The next meeting will be on November 15th at the downtown public library (La Retama) and is

open to the general public. Yes there was a coin show held in Corpus Christi on October 23rd, not on the 9th as announced in the TNA show listing. Once again there were 10 dealers and about 40 (plus or minus) collectors present. Despite that, we plan to work with James from Temple on putting another show on here, possibly next May. We're not giving up. Also discussed was the possibility of a 1 day coin show sponsored by the Corpus Christi Coin Club at Hilltop Community Center on the northwest side of town. On another note our Governor and my better half (he thinks) will be making another TV appearance at 5pm on November 17th. For those who don't know, our local ABC station KIII-TV has a segment called ask the experts. David has appeared several times to discuss computers & related problems. He had his own spot every Thursday morning called "Computer Corner" for a little over a year. He has already done one segment "Ask the Coin Experts". It was so well received they asked him to do another one. We wish to Thank and acknowledge those who helped answer the hundreds of viewers' phone calls. They were Richard Ricketts, John Smolik, Roy Davis, and Bob Bills. The segment was so popular the station had to turn off the phones to stop the calls coming in.

In Memory--Gone but not forgotten. *Don Bryan* passed away one year ago November 9th. He is sorely missed by family and friends. It was a great loss to numismatics he coin photography, studies in Mexican errors and other fields were outstanding. He is however in our minds and hearts as are so many of our members whom have passed. We wish nothing but the best for his widow Marilyn.

DISTRICT IX

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November meeting was called to order at 7:30 by president Ernest Mills with 8 members present. Gober Pitzer gave a report on the Alamo coin show and TNA fall meeting in San Antonio the last weekend. There was a round table discussion with everyone telling of the events and happenings of the past month. Tammy Branham suggested that the club have a Christmas dinner in December and everyone agreed. There was some discussion about the dinner and plans were made.

In December the Lamb County Coin Club had there first ever Christmas dinner. It was a huge success! Everyone pitched in by bringing food, drinks and a gift. After dinner we all participated in a White elephant gift exchange. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fellowship with all the members and guest.

Submitted by Gober Pitzer

South Plains Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November meeting for the South Plains Coin Club was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Arlen Hilton with 29 members present and 1 guest (who placed membership). The minutes from the last meeting were submitted and approved by Tammy Branham. Ed Chauncey read the

treasurers report. Elections were held and Wayne Carson was elected as President, Lynn Parker as Vice President, Ed Chauncey as Treasurer, Fonty Carthel as Secretary, and Gary Oakley as Board Member. Lynn Parker reminded everyone of the Christmas Party December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Herman Jacob urged every member to work at getting donations for the Christmas auction. The club voted to donate the Christmas charity auction funds to "Meals on Wheels".

The December meeting for the South Plains Coin Club was called to order at 6:00 p.m. December is the club's Annual Christmas Party and charity auction. There were Over 50 in attendance. The Christmas meal was catered by Bigums BBQ. The club voted to donate the Christmas auction funds to "Meals on Wheels". There was food, fellowship, and many items in the charity auction. The club raised \$3600.00 to donate to "Meals on Wheels". **Submitted by Gober Pitzer**

Congratulations!

Herman and Emma Jacobs, long time members of the TNA and South Plains Coin Club celebrated there 50^{th} wedding anniversary on December 2^{nd} . There were 150 guests at the Lubbock Country Club for the event. There was a happy hour from 6 until 7 p.m. At 7 p.m. there was a wonderful buffet dinner for all to enjoy. After the dinner everyone raised their glasses in a toast to Herman and Emma. We would like to express our best wished to Herman and Emma and would like to wish them many more years of happiness together.

DISTRICT IX

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

The October meeting of the Golden Spread Coin club was called to order by Ted Winton on October 3, 2005. There were 22 members & 3 visitors present. The club decided to donate \$500.00 to the Raymond Bates Memorial Scholarship fund at West Texas A & M and \$200 to the Salvation Army disaster relief fund. A nominating committee was set up to nominate officers for 2006. The club decided to hold a scrapbook work time at the November meeting instead of having a program so we can have the pictures of the 50th adversary party in place for the Christmas party. Ted Winton presented Norm Goodfellow with the \$20.00 gold coin he won at the coin show in August. We will have our annual Christmas party at Dyer's Bar-B-Que on December 5, 2005. The club will pay for members' meal & guest will pay for their meals. The club will buy 2 signs to advertise our monthly meetings. Linda & Nela Runkel gave a very interesting report about Gary Littrell who was a teacher at Tascosa High School & former member of the G. S. Coin Club. Mr. Littrell enameled coins for special occasions. Norm Goodfellow gave the program of the history of the Canadian coinage. Several members brought coins for show & tell.

The November meeting of the Golden Spread Coin Club was called to order by Ted Winton. We had 14 members and 8 visitors present. The Treasures

report & the minutes were approved. We will hold our Annual Christmas Party at Dyer's Bar-B-Que on December 5. Doug said he had the same room we had last year reserved for this years party. Each person attending the party is asked to bring at least one wrapped gift to be used as prizes in the bingo game. Nela will bring the bingo game. The signs advertising the club meeting were put up. The election of the new officers was discussed. The names presented by the nominating committee were placed up for election. The new officers will be: David Cass - President, Olin Williams 1st VP, program chairman, Diane Morie 2nd VP, prize chairman, Kay Winton Secretary (maybe we hope), Rick Morie, Treasurer, Officers at large--Tommy Tompkins, Doug Hershey, Norm Goodfellow. Ted Winton will serve as past president. Linda Runkle moved that we donate \$110 to the church where we hold our meetings. motion passed. Doug gave a report on the Las Vegas coin show & auction he attended. We worked on the scrap book as our program. Several brought coins for show & tell. Submitted by: Doug Hershey

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held at Merrill Gardens in Vernon on 7 Nov 2005. The meeting was opened at 7:15 PM by Gene Wheeler. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as was the financial report. Gene announced that the election of officers for the new year would be held at the December meeting. Under old business, the decision on whether or not to hold the regular meeting on Jan 2, 2006 was tabled until the December meeting. It was also announced that the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club will have their annual Christmas party on Dec 8th at McBride's restaurant on Seymour Highway. All are invited to attend. A motion was made and passed for the club to reimburse up to \$10 to each member who attends the above-mentioned Christmas party. Gene Wheeler gave reports on coin shows he attended in Denver, Las Vegas, St Louis, Grapevine and Long Beach. He reported that all shows were very good. He indicated that retail sales seem to be gaining strength despite gasoline prices and recent hurricanes. He further said that many coins lost in the hurricanes could result in future value increases. Charlie Lynn volunteered to bring a program on paper money at the December meeting.

Door prize drawings were held and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. **Submitted by: E. B. Robinson, Jr.--District XIII Governor**

Wichita Falls Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November 17 meeting of the Wichita Falls Coin Club was called to order at 7:54 P. M. There were 9 members present and no visitors. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Mike Wimberley, secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Connolly O'Brien and seconded by Ben Hicks, and the motion carried. Connolly reported that we

will have our Christmas Party at McBrides on Seymour Highway on Dec 8, from 6:00—close. The \$10.00 gold coin will be given to the winner drawn from the meeting attendance tickets. Also, if interested, there will be a "Chinese gift exchange" with a \$10.00 max for the gifts for those who want to participate. Robbie is going to represent us at the TNA Convention Governors Meeting on 19 Nov. 2005. The program was given by Tony Zupkas. It was a very interesting and fascinating lesson on "Coins of England." There was no auction before the meeting was adjourned.

Members of the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club met on 8 December 2005 at McBride's Steak and Seafood Restaurant where the annual Christmas Party/Dinner was held. Thirty members, guests and family members attended. After the dinner, all attendees enjoyed the fun and laughter that always comes with the traditional Chinese gift exchange. After the gift exchange, the drawing was held for the 1900-S Liberty \$10 gold coin. The lucky winner was none other than the club Vice President, George Woodburn, the lucky dog! Congratulations, George!

Submitted by: Michael Wimberley (secretary)

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club (Internet Report)

The October 20th meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club was called to order by President Jerry Williams. Thanks was given and talk was done related to the recent hurricane and its' effects on the region. It was decided that due to the recent disaster, there was too much on peoples' minds to hold the "eat and meet" multi-club meeting this year. t was noted that long time club member, Jim Eldridge passed away in September. Discussion of finding a venue for the 2006 show was held. A very good program was given by Bill Stein on the Carson City GSA Hoard Dollars. After a brief auction, the meeting adjourned.

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet Report)

The October 31st meeting was called to order by President Paula Simmons and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were only 6 members present: Paula Simmons, Dale Cummings, Walt and Peggy Lee, and James and Betty Fowler. Treasurer report: none as Barbara was not present. The recent storm was discussed. There was no meeting in September due to the storm. The dinner meeting with the Beaumont club was cancelled for October. We will need to elect officers for 2006 next month. We need to pay the church next month. Betty Fowler made a motion that we give a year's membership as a door prize next month and at the December dinner meeting. Walt Lee seconded. Motion passed. We will decide next month about doubling the door prizes for the December meeting. The September Coin Show was discussed. There was poor attendance Sunday. Several members would like the show to be one day only and moved to another location. Door prize drawing was held and the meeting was adjourned.

DISTRICT XIV

Waco Coin Club (Wacoin News—Club Newsletter)

The October meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 18 members and guests present. After the reading and acceptance of the September minutes and the treasurer's report, a reminder of the meeting place for the November meeting was given. Paul Garner presented a proposal to take to the TNA Board meeting related to having a TNA mini-show in Waco in 2007. A short show and tell session was held with a Vietnamese 100 bill as a short snorter. Raffle prizes and door prizes closed the meeting.

The November meeting had 21 members and guests present. The October minutes and treasurer's report were approved. A suggestion to further the club's educational initiatives was made with the idea of contacting the elementary schools and taking state quarters to promote interest in the hobby as well as geography, history and the monetary system. Raffle and door prizes closed the meeting.

The December meeting had 13 members and guests present. Officers for 2006 will be elected at the January meeting. The meeting was a fellowship with snacks, drinks and Secret Santa drawings instead of the usual business meeting.

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