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**SMU DeGolyer Library Displays John Rowe III Currency Collection**

The John N. Rowe III Collection of Texas Currency at the DeGolyer Library is the most comprehensive in the United States, representing thousands of notes, scrip, bonds, and other financial obligations, issued in Texas between the 1820s and 1935.

John Rowe, who has been collecting notes all his life, gave the collection to SMU in 2003, so that it would be preserved and made accessible to others. This digital collection includes currency from significant historical eras, including the Republic of Texas (1836-1845), early statehood (1845-1861), the Confederacy (1861-1865), and the National Bank Era (1863-1913).

The Rowe currency collection offers an interesting avenue of access to life in Texas from the early days of its independence from Mexico through the years of the Great Depression. Issued by more than 100 counties, as well as banks, merchants, and private individuals, these notes were most often redeemable for cash, but sometimes for land or shares of stock.

Among the more famous signatures are those of Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, and Edward Clark, each of whom was either president of the Republic and/or governor of the state. Designs on the notes range from simple to quite elaborate and decorative.

**About the Currency Collection**

Known to collectors as “obsolete” notes, the John N. Rowe III Collection of Texas Currency is useful in a variety of ways for historical research.

Since more than 900 Texas banks were authorized to issue their own notes, the collection helps to document the activities of the Texas banking establishment for over a century.

Many of the currency notes are unique, and help to identify the banks that would otherwise be lost to history. By studying how banknotes were used, both within Texas and in exchange with merchants and governments elsewhere, scholars can learn much about the true basis and workings of the Texas economy.

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**Houston Museum of Natural Science presents Texas! The Exhibition**

Exhibit includes rare, exquisite pieces of early Texas money

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**Texas Numismatics On Display At Two Venues**

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**53rd Annual TNA Convention & Coin Show - May 20 - 22, 2011 • Details Inside**
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This edition of the TNA News will arrive later than usual due to new election procedures. It will also have additional pages so that we can include this year’s convention information along with some interesting articles for our readers.

We apologize for the delay in letting our members know of the passing of TNA Member and dealer, Gene Dixon last summer. It is also with regret that we note the passing of TNA Honorary Life Member, Joe Olson. He will be missed.

Our cover story is a “twofer” offering a pair of articles that definitely compliment each other. Republic of Texas articles are timely as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of Texas independence. We hope our readers find them interesting and enjoy just a small sample of early Texas currency.

Hopefully our members are already aware of National Coin Week. Even though our issue is running late we have some info on page 9.

TNA elections are coming up with the candidates listed on page 5. You will notice that there are some TNA Governor slots still open. This office is an important part of TNA. We could use a “few good numismatists” who would volunteer their time.

Our annual TNA Convention & Coin Show could also use your support. Page 16 has some ideas for you. Be sure to set aside May 20-22 on your calendar to attend the show this year. You will be glad you did.

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

Until next time,
Ron Kersey

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In Memoriam
Gene Dixon

It has only recently come to our attention that TNA member, Gene Dixon, passed away in July of 2010. Gene joined the TNA in 2002 and was a dealer with the business name of Gene Dixon Coins.

Gene was a resident of Flower Mound, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Nicole, who is also a member of the TNA and continues with the family business.
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Hello Everyone,

The numismatic world has lost a valuable member with the passing of Joe Olson. Joe was a good friend and long time member of the TNA. Joe was the president of the TNA twice and held numerous offices over the years. He donated his legal and personal time to the organization for many years, and tried to make the TNA one of the best regional organizations in the country. I for one will mourn his passing, but will always remember all that he did for me and for the Texas Numismatic Association.

This is the last issue before the 2011 TNA Convention and Coin Show. We are looking forward to a great show; we have Spink Smythe putting on our auction again this year. You may remember we had a great auction last year and should have a better one this year. I have consigned a number of items with them this year, and I will be attending the auction to purchase a few things.

Debbie Williams is in charge of overseeing the exhibits again this year and has already signed up quite a few exhibitors as of this letter. We also have another strong book auction planned and I am donating more of the Numismatic Video tapes to this. If you are interested in exhibiting or donating to the book auction please let any of the officers know and we will make sure you will be able to do so.

We will have another raffle this year and we have some incredible raffle prizes donated by Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas. This year we have 2 peso, 2 1/2 peso, 5 peso, 10 peso, and 1/4 ounce gold pieces. I want to thank Heritage for this wonderful donation - they have outdone themselves this year.

Our children’s auction will be one of the biggest yet and, while speaking with the people involved, I have been told that we will have some great auction items and possibly a guest speaker at the end of each auction.

We are planning boy and girl scout merit badge workshops. We also have three guest speakers this year, one on Lincoln Cents, one on Currency, and the last one saving bullion, gold, silver or platinum.

Once again I am watching the gold and silver market, We are seeing gold rise to $1440 and silver go up to $38.20. It is still hard to get nice collector coins and common silver dollars blow out as fast as they come in. We are still in some difficult times - gas has just risen to $3.50 per gallon and I have never seen so many new cars with paper license plates on the road. The stock market has had some ups and downs but appears to be up a little. I have seen food prices are rising rapidly. It seems that every time we have a natural or unnatural disaster anywhere in the world every thing changes prices. I will keep watching numismatics and related items and try to keep you informed.

Sincerely,
Mike Grant - President
Welcome New TNA Members...

Welcome to new TNA members, R-7088 through R-7091. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on March 1, 2011.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on May 1, 2011.

- R-7092 – James Montanez – sponsored by Chuck Steward
- R-7093 – Nicole Dixon – through Secretary’s Office
- R-7094 – Larry Nelson – sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
- R-7095 – Thomas Garlow – through Secretary’s Office
- R-7096 – Erez Silbershatz – from the web site
- J-7097 – Trent Neathery – from the web site

The following members have changed from Regular to Life membership:

- LM-242 – Tracie Updike
- LM-244 – Stephen Kana

The following member has changed from Junior membership to Regular membership:

- R-6786 – Collin Kubacak

The following member has been reinstated on payment of 2011 dues:

- R-6306 – David Caciola

VIP Leaders for 2011

John Post and Chuck Steward

Change of Address

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 4:00PM in the Amon G. Carter, Jr. Exhibits Hall at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, Texas. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the TNA’s 53rd Annual Convention and Show on May 20, 21, and 22, 2011 at the same location. The Annual Awards Ceremony will be part of the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer
Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

Financial Statement

As of February 28, 2011

Assets

Current Assets:
- Cash
- Checking Account (JPMorgan Chase, NA) $2,792.59
- Connect Checking Community Trust $76,109.01
- Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (CD 4/9/11@1.65%) $10,000.00

Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year $88,901.60

Long Term Assets:
- Community Trust Bank, Ft Worth (CD 4/9/12@2.15%) $20,000.00
- Other Long Term Assets:

Total Long Term Assets $20,000.00

Total Assets $108,901.60

Liabilities

Total Liabilities $0.00

Equity

Beginning Balance 3/1/2010 $53,970.41
Income (Plus) $49,075.77
Net Income $4,894.64

Total Liabilities and Equity $108,901.60
The following members have filed for TNA Board places as of the printing deadline of March 31, 2011. There may be additional candidates as filings can be received up to the deadline of the end of the day of April 6, 2011. Ballots will be mailed on April 11, 2011 to members only in the case of contested elections and only for those positions being contested. Only TNA members in good standing will receive ballots and payment of 2011 dues by March 31, 2011 is a requirement for membership. The election results will be publicly announced at the Annual Meeting of the Association on May 21, 2011.

The candidates have the option of furnishing a biographical sketch and the following information was provided by the candidates:

**For President**
Mike Grant

**For First Vice President**
Hal Cherry

**For Second Vice President**
Debbie Williams

*Debbie Williams' Bio*
Since attending my first coin club meeting in 1984, I have been dedicated to numismatics. Currently I serve the TNA as both Exhibit Chair and Girl Scout Program Chair. Previous positions with the TNA have included Treasurer and several committee positions including Registration and TNA Volunteer Desk. I am the Immediate Past President of the Fort Worth Coin Club and currently serve on the Board of Directors. Additionally, I have held several volunteer positions with the ANA and am currently a mentor for their diploma program. In 2005 I was named the ANA’s Outstanding District Delegate. TNA membership has been increasing over the last couple years and I would like the opportunity to work with the board to generate ideas to continue this trend. We could do more to promote the VIP program and possibly make enhancements to encourage more members to compete for the award. Your vote would mean a lot to me.

**For Second Vice President**
Paul Garner

**For Secretary**
Lawrence Herrera

**For Treasurer**
Jack Gilbert

**For District I Governor**
Russell Prinzinger

**For District II Governor**
Bill Welsh

**For District III Governor**
No Candidate

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**For District IV Governor**
Rick Beale

**For District V Governor**
Kim Groves

*Kim Groves Bio*
Kim has been a resident of north Texas for over 30 years and McKinney for 9 years. He has been a coin enthusiast from an early age when he put aside coins from countries around the world that he lived in while his family was with the Foreign Service. Kim graduated from Texas A & M with a degree in Engineering Technology. He is a member of three numismatic groups including the Collin County Coin Club, Sherman Coin Club and the new Plano Richardson Coin Club. He is a leader in all three clubs and has been president of the Collin County Coin Club for 4 years. Kim was chairman of the education seminar for the 2010 TNA Convention and will be again for 2011. He would like to focus on numismatic education and to provide reliable representation to all of District 5.

**For District VI Governor**
Ed Stephens

**For District VII Governor**
Frank Galindo

**For District VIII Governor**
David Burke

**For District IX Governor**
Gober Pitzer

**For District X Governor**
No Candidate

**For District XI Governor**
Doug Hershey

**For District XII Governor**
Tom Bennington

**For District XIII Governor**
E. B. “Rob” Robinson

**For District XIV Governor**
Robert Kurczewski

**For District XV Governor**
Barbara Williams

**For District XVI Governor**
No Candidate

**For District XVII Governor**
Paul Garner

**For District XVII Governor**
Alan Wood
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PLEASE VOTE FOR ME!

★ TNA SERVICE ★
Past Treasurer
Exhibit Chair
Girl Scout Program Chair
Convention Registration and Volunteer Chair
Texas State Quarter Committee Member
Volunteered in other areas as needed

Debbie Williams

★ OTHER NUMISMATIC SERVICE ★
Fort Worth Coin Club President (2 terms)
Fort Worth Coin Club Vice President
Fort Worth Coin Club Board of Directors
MidCities Coin Club President
MidCities Coin Club Vice President (2 terms)
MidCities Coin Club Treasurer (3 terms)
Madison/Ridgeland (MS) Coin Club Vice President
Dallas/MidCities Coin Show Committee Member
ANA National Money Show Exhibit Chair
Mentor ANA Diploma Program
ANA District Delegate
ANA Club Representative
Fort Worth & Dallas Newsletter Contributor
MNA Show Registration Chair

★ TNA RECOGNITION ★
Mac Kennedy Award
Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award
Outstanding Service Award
Best in Show Exhibit (twice)
1st Place Exhibit

★ OTHER HOBBY RECOGNITION ★
ANA Outstanding District Delegate
Numismatist Reader’s Choice (2nd Place)
Colorado Springs Best in Show Exhibit
WIN Scholarship Winner

★ EDUCATION & CAREER ★
ANA Diplomate of Numismatics Diploma
Associate Degree in Business Administration
Branch Office Administrator – Edward Jones Investments

In addition to being a member of all the local clubs, I am also currently a member in good standings of the American Numismatic Association; Women in Numismatics; Society of Check Collectors; Society of Paper Money Collectors; Early American Copper Club; Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Collector’s Society; and Civil War Token Society.
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.


One new feature is silver, gold, and platinum coins and more die variety listings.


1) Why are there three types of U.S. gold dollars in the short space of 3 years?

2) What is the technological improvement in minting that first came to U.S. half dollars in 1836 and resulted in reeded edges for half dollars beginning in that year?

3) When buying a used numismatic book, does a prior owner’s bookplate in the front raise or lower the value? Is there any impact?

4) Who was David Rittenhouse and what did he do in Philadelphia?

5) What do you think about the collectability of Mardi Gras tokens? Legitimate?

6) A collector seeking to buy a representative example of a pre-U.S. mint copper coin from the colonial era in uncirculated condition will have the easiest time finding what piece?

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**Dr. Coyne Responds:**

1) The gold dollar, first issued in 1849 was a tiny coin. In diameter, it was the smallest coin ever issued by the U.S. The second type, beginning in mid-1854 had planchets of the same weight as type 1, but larger in diameter and thinner. This was an effort to ease the handling of the coin in commerce. The thin planchet, however, led to striking difficulties on many pieces. The type 3, of mid-1856 through 1889 featured a larger “Indian Princess” head using a design very similar to that of the $3 gold pieces.

2) The 1836 reeded edge half dollars were the first US half dollars to be struck in a “close collar”. This “third die” surrounds the planchet during the striking as the obverse and reverse dies impart their images. The planchet expands radially to meet the collar, and whatever design (reeding) is engraved in the collar die is transferred to the edge of the coin. On half dollars previous to this labor-saving innovation, the edge lettering was applied in a separate operation before coining. Conventional wisdom has it that the first close collar coins were the half dimes and dimes of 1828 (at the first US mint), but some researchers think there were production-run experiments before that. The half dollar was a high mintage coin and it likely made sense to prove the concept on the smaller issues first and wait for the steam presses and the much larger production capacity at the second US mint to begin close collar half dollars.

3) A bookplate, also known as an ex-libris [Latin for “from the books of...”] sticker, is usually a small print or decorative label pasted into a book, often on the inside front cover, to indicate its owner. These miniature artworks are often attractive as free-standing pieces, and in fact, there are collector organizations devoted to them. As for denigrating the value of a numismatic book, I’d say it depends on whose bookplate it is. If you happen on a volume on, say Large Cents, to have William Sheldon’s bookplate in it would be a strong plus. Similarly, Bolender’s copy of Early Silver Dollars would be enhanced by his bookplate. But to have Mr. NoName in a more common reference would, to me, modestly impair the value of the book. In many cases, it makes no difference.

4) David Rittenhouse was the first Director of the US Mint in Philadelphia. He was an important scientist with good mechanical skills and a personal friend of George Washington. His first task after appointment in 1792 was to obtain property and see the building of the first US Mint. These buildings were the first federal buildings to be built. He had the first mint up and running (making Chain Cents of 1793) within a year. His health began to fail, and he was replaced as Director in 1795 by Henry W. DeSaussure.

5) Mardi Gras tokens took their present form about 1960 when H. Alvin Sharp told the Rex Crewe that he’d done some designs that could be struck in aluminum and made inexpensively enough to throw to crowds along the parade route. Subsequent enhancements included anodizing the aluminum in every color of the rainbow. There are now thousands of designs and millions of pieces have been produced. As a profit-making enterprise, “doubloons” of gold or silver are now being made for sale to collectors. It is fair to say this branch of numismatics is becoming better organized. Dr. Coyne thinks the name for these pieces should be “medals: and not “tokens” since there is no intention that they trade as money or have a face value. They are commemorative in nature.

6) The collector seeking the most modestly priced US colonial coin in uncirculated condition will likely find the 1773 Virginia Halfpenny to be it. These coins, struck late in the colonial period, feature the head of George III on the obverse, and were not popular among colonists of 1774-1776 during the War for Independence. Many of these coins came down to modern collectors in unused condition, though non-ideal storage conditions has led to spotting on many of them. Even “red” ones are available.
Scavenger Hunt, Club Challenge & Exhibits Highlight 2011 National Coin Week

On April 12, 2011, the United States’ bloodiest conflict began with the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. The ANA is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Civil War during National Coin Week, April 17-23. The theme for the 88th annual event is “Blue, Gray & Greenbacks.”

Members are invited to get involved by promoting the hobby in the community and participating in ANA activities.

Scavenger Hunt
Beginning March 14, weekly video clues have been posted on www.money.org and on the ANA’s YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/AmericanNumismatic. The clues challenge participants to collect Civil War-related numismatic items and feature ANA staff, numismatic icons and a very special guest.

Club Trivia Challenge
Member clubs are competing in a Civil War trivia challenge. Members can still register for the challenge by sending an e-mail to ncw@money.org.

In the Community
There is a wealth of material on www.money.org, including a sample press release, proclamation and interactive brochure.

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REMEMBERING JOE OLSON

TNA member and leader, Joe Olson, passed away February 14, 2011 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Joe was born April 10, 1955 in Abington, Pennsylvania to Dr. Joseph and Mary Ann Olson. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia Southern University, a Master of Accountancy from the University of Georgia, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas. Joe developed a legal practice in taxation and bankruptcy and was known for his honesty, integrity and comprehensive overview. Joe was a deeply committed Christian whose counsel spoke as much from his heart as from the canons of law. On the weekends and evenings Joe pursued his lifelong passions of history and art. His expertise also included the archeology of ancient American culture. Joe was known in the collecting world as a driving force of the Texas Numismatic Association where he served as President at both the state and local levels. He was author of, “Texas Currency: A Catalogue 1813 – 1868”. Joe was a member of both the Texas State Bar Association and AICPA.

He is survived by his wife Lou Ann of thirty years; a daughter Cassandra; his parents Dr. Joseph and Mary Ann Olson and several members of his extended family.

Memorials may be made to the Prison Ministry at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, The Texas Numismatic Association, or Providence Hospice.

TNA Members Remember Joe

Hal Cherry

When Joe Olson passed away in January, the TNA lost one of its most dedicated members, biggest supporters, and best friends. His contributions to the Association were numerous. His primary collecting interest was Texas paper money and historical documents.

Joe joined the TNA in 1984 and was actively involved in TNA leadership roles for more than 25 years. He served as TNA President longer than any individual, a total of 8 years, from 1993 to 1997 and from 2003 to 2007. First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and District Governors are other elected offices he has held in the Association.

During his more than 20 years as Legal Advisor, he was responsible for handling TNA’s incorporation and securing the 501(C )(3) designation from the IRS. The Coins for A’s Program was originated during his first term as President. Additional services include being Chair or member of numerous committees.

The author of a book, “Texas Currency: A Catalog 1813 through 1867”, Joe was also a member of the TNA Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Lewis Reagan Award. In 2010, Joe received the TNA’s highest honor, being named an Honorary Life Member. A resident of Waco, Texas, Joe was a member of the Waco Coin Club.

Jim Bevill

Joe Olson and I shared a love of Texas history and in particular the Republic of Texas era. As a fellow author, we shared countless conversations on the subject of Texas money and it’s place in the formation of the new nation - always learning from each other. Joe was delighted to hear about the long awaited Texas! exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and was eager to participate. It is with great sadness that he slipped the bonds of this earth before he could share parts of his collection for the exhibit.
In addition, currency notes are often beautiful objects in themselves and can be studied as examples of the art of engraving and printing. The imagery associated with the notes -- from classical goddesses to bison to railroads to cotton bolls -- tells us something about the culture and its aspirations and ideals.

**About the Digital Collection**

The metadata, or information for each currency note, captures important features of each item. The notes are searchable by decade, county of origin, town of issue, bank issuer, and denomination, as well as by individual keywords.

The bank notes are assigned a rarity number ranked from 1 (least rare) to 7 (rarest). In this collection the rarity of a note is indicated by the letter “R” and the corresponding rarity number, for example, R.5. Also in the metadata for this collection, there is occasional reference to Medlar or Bieciuk and Corbin (BC), authors respectively of Texas Obsolete Notes and Scrip and Texas Confederate County Notes and Private Scrip. Reference to these resources is indicated in the Notes field by either “Medlar” and a page number or “BC” and a page number.

Each side of the note was scanned as a 1200 ppi, 16-bits per channel, RGB .tif file. The derivative images you see in the online collection were created by combining the recto and verso, and resizing the composite images as 3000 pixels on the long edge, 8-bits per channel RGB .jpg files. Users may zoom in on the currency notes using the magnifying tool for a more detailed view.

**DeGolyer Library Digital Collections**

The John N. Rowe III Collection of Texas Currency is one of a family of digital collections from the DeGolyer Library that focuses on Texas, the U.S. West, Mexico, and Latin America.
help bring that relevant story to life - and worked on the design, narrative and content with the museum design staff. He did that by gathering hundreds of original documents and pieces of Texas money from across the state (much of it from fellow TNA members) writing the content panels and individual descriptions and using his background as an author and numismatist to illustrate this unique numismatic story for the general public. For his efforts, Bevill was named as the Consulting Curator for Numismatic History for the Texas! exhibition by the Houston Museum on Natural Science.

Fascinating Educational Content

The deep Spanish and Mexican heritage of colonial Texas is reflected in the earliest money used by the soldiers who manned the mission outposts in the mid 1600’s. The last Spanish Kings who reigned over Texas are brought back to life through the everyday commerce in early Texas.

These pieces include the 1817-1818 Texas (New Spain) jola 1/2 reales, the first appearance of the lone star symbol for Texas and a dozen pieces of “hammered money”—crude silver coins which widely circulated in colonial Texas. Gold doubloons and pieces of eight, paper pesos and the earliest paper money issues used in San Antonio de Béxar, Nacogdoches, and DeWitt’s Colony on the River Guadalupe are also exhibited.

The first Republic of Texas currency, called “Star Money,” was issued from the City of Houston in 1837-1838. This currency was withdrawn a year later when it was replaced by an intricate system of engraved notes, bearing the signatures of Presidents Houston and Lamar—depending on who was in office at the time.

The location of the seat of government was constantly changing in the Republic of Texas, resulting in a stream of treasury issues and paper currency from different cities. Visitors of the Texas! exhibition can essentially see the location of the Texas capital move, from San Felipe de Austin, Washington-on-the-Brazos, Harrisburg, Galveston, Velasco (now Freeport), Columbia (now West Columbia), Houston, Austin, then again Houston, Washington-on-the-Brazos, and Austin.

Rarities abound - from the first Texas treasury warrant, dated Nov. 28, 1835 at Gonzales to a payment for the release of Mier prisoners on the last day of the Republic of Texas, Feb. 19, 1846 - the exhibit in broadly inclusive. A complete collection of all Republic of Texas issues are on display including all known examples of the extremely rare exchequer bills, along with error notes, military pay certificates and Naval Pay Certificates. In all, about 236 individual pieces were consigned by Bevill and an elite group of Texas collections, which included 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 individual TNA members, making this the broadest and most comprehensive exhibit of Texas money ever assembled.

The exhibit opened March 6, 2011 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and runs in Houston until Sept. 5, 2011. It will then travel to Hall of State, at the Dallas Historical Society, opening in October 2011 for six months. In May of 2012, the exhibit will open at the Plains Panhandle Museum in Canyon, before its final destination at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, where it is scheduled to open on Nov. 10, 2012 for the final six-month tour of Texas. The collective exhibit of priceless Texas artifacts will present a once in a lifetime experience for anyone fortunate enough to relive the story of Texas though this immersion in numismatics, military history, and our deep Spanish and Mexican roots.
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May 20 - 21, Ft. W orth

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Please look through your library and pick out some items for the TNA Convention Silent Book Auction. Bring them with you to the Show or have someone bring them for you. We had a great auction last year and we are looking forward to have a large auction in 2011.

For further information please contact:
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The obverse of the 2011 TNA medal features General Edward Burleson, vice president of the Republic of Texas. He was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, on December 15, 1798. He was married to Sarah Griffin Owen on April 25, 1816, and they had nine children. He arrived in Texas in 1830, and by 1832, he was elected Lt. Colonel of the militia of Austin Municipality. On October 10, 1835, he served under Gen. Stephen F. Austin in the army as a Lt. Colonel. On November 24, 1835, he replaced Austin and became general of the volunteer army. As a representative of the Second Congress from 1837 to May 1838, he served on various committees, including Military Affairs, Post Offices, and the committee of Indian Affairs.

In 1841 he was elected to serve as vice president of the Republic of Texas. In 1844 he campaigned for the office of President of the Republic, but was defeated by Anson Jones. The state’s First Legislature on March 24, 1846 established Burleson County, in honor of General Edward Burleson, a prominent figure in early Texas history.

Burleson died of pneumonia on December 26, 1851 and was the first person buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. The medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

For information, contact Frank Galindo at karfra1@netzero.net or at P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217.

Let’s make 2011’s Exhibition Arena even more fun and exciting than last year’s.
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May 20 - May 22, 2011

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Arlington, TX 76094-0181
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A Youth Coin Auction for children under 17 years of age will be held at this year’s TNA Convention. Last May, over 140 people (including parents and friends) attended the auction and show. Competition was brisk for over 140 numismatic items up for bid. These auction lots were provided by donations from coin dealers, clubs, collectors and the TNA.

On Saturday of the 2011 TNA Show we will again have two auction sessions. We are challenged again with accumulating enough numismatic items to produce a successful event. If we wish to continue the program, we need YOUR support; so as in the past, we come to you for your help. Almost anything relating to numismatics is acceptable. Most lots average about $8 to $12 each, but lesser values can be combined. This may be your opportunity to help more youths not only learn of our hobby, but actually participate in it at no cost to them. Looking to the future of our hobby it is important to have as many young people as possible take an interest in collecting.

Frank Schick is the TNA Youth Auction Chairman and is leading the effort to provide quality Youth Coin Auctions at the 2011 TNA Show. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Schick at:

Email: frankschick@sbcglobal.net. Or phone 817-656-5271.

Donations of material or cash can be sent to the address below with checks payable to the Texas Numismatic Association or TNA.

Frank Schick, TNA Youth Auction
7940 Kandy Lane, North Richland Hills, TX 76182-8714
**COIN OFFENSES**

San Jose, CA - Vince Falcone of Falcone Coins has reported the theft of several Judd pattern coins from a customer. The coins were taken from the victim’s residence while he was out of town.

- 1859 pattern cent Judd 228 copper nickel proofs R6...unc R1
- 1859 copper half dollar R4 Judd 238
- 1870 Silver quarter dollar R6 Judd 883
- 1874 Gold dollar aluminum R7 Judd 1366
- 1879 Copper metric dollar R7 Judd 1619

The coins were raw and not graded.

Any information: contact Doug Davis - NCIC

Cheyenne, Wyoming - Investigators are currently working a burglary of an auction house in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The suspect or suspects entered the business and took approximately $50,000 in coins. The coins were being prepared for auction when stolen.

The following is a partial list of stolen coins.

- 1851 Ty1 $1 gold circ, 1910 2.50 gold circ, 1906 2.50 gold circ, 1860 c $5 gold circ, 1880 $5 lib gold, 1859 TyIII $1 gold, 1889cc $20 lib circ, 1845 D $5 gold circ, 1862 $3 gold circ, 1856s $20 Lib gold., 1944 half PCGS MS65, 1912 Barber unc, 1942D half NGC MS66, 1798 Bust dollar VF, 1899 P dollar PCGS MS65, 1893cc VF, 1892 Barber Proof, 1928 Peace dollar unc and assorted CC dollars.

Any information: contact Doug Davis - NCIC

The following coins have been reported stolen. The coins were sent via U.S. Postal Service but were never delivered to the final destination. The coins last known location was the Baton Rouge LA facility.

- 1867 2 Cent - Abigail Fillmore Series

Any information: contact Doug Davis - NCIC

**SUPECT ARRESTED**

A suspect has been arrested in the February 18, 2011 theft of a Spanish Colonial coin collection in Port St. Lucie, Florida. The collection was comprised of 136 Spanish coins, mostly cobs from early Potosi through the late 1700’s. Also included were several Pillar dollars, Portraits and old world cobs.

Forty five of the 136 coins have been recovered. Ninety one coins are unaccounted for at this time. Dealers or collectors who are offered or come across a group of Spanish colonial coins that fit the description should contact Doug Davis at 817-723-7231 or Doug@numismaticcrimes.org.

From The Victim

I am pleased to announce that there has been an arrest in this case. One suspect is in custody and has been charged with possession of stolen merchandise and another charge having to do with his efforts to pawn the coins.

Thanks to everyone for their consideration and supporting emails. A special thanks to Ernie Richards of Plus Ultra and Doug Davis of NCIC. I urge everyone to support these two gentlemen and their endeavors.

Regards,

Marlin (Buddy) Martin
In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers. We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material.

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

A special section at the end of Texas Happenings will contain longer newsletter articles of member experiences, opinions and numismatic information.

DISTRICT ONE

NORTH EAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

January Meeting - President Steve Lehr presented the “State of the Club” at the January meeting, summarizing many of the Club’s highlights in 2010, and outlining plans for 2011.

Sometimes in the midst of all the activity, we forget some of the major milestones for the Club in 2010:

• Co-sponsored the ANA National Money Show, March 25-27 at the Tarrant County Convention Center. This show is one of only two conducted annually by the ANA and attracted 500 national dealers and vendors.

• Supplied numerous volunteers for the ANA show, not only adults working as Ambassadors to assist visitors, but also youth working as floor pages.

• Supplied the usual large number of volunteer workers for the TNA show, May 14-16. Areas worked included registration desk, Youth auction, Club table, setup and teardown.

• Under the leadership of Jack Gilbert, helped to initiate a page program at the TNA show by supplying the majority of volunteer pages.

• Conducted Kids Night, a special program led by Richard Wallace and Jerry Stuart to educate and encourage youth to collect coins. 17 kids participated.

• Conducted the usual fare of informative and interesting monthly educational programs.

• Initiated a membership/visitor emphasis led by Ken and Sue Ann Campbell. They also helped man a Club table at area coin shows.

• The Club had 97 paid members at year end.

• Average 2010 attendance was 61. This average includes the February meeting held during the record 12-inch snowfall (20 hardy souls still made it).

Steve also outlined plans for 2011. He not only discussed the program calendar (see a summary of activities on page 2), but also initiatives for growing the Club and expanding its educational role.

Every member should take pride that our Club is one of the most vibrant clubs in Texas. However, it takes participation from all of our members to maintain that lofty status.

February Meeting - President Steve Lehr welcomed visitors and news members. He reminded the club of the upcoming April meeting. We’re preparing for our annual donation auction and we need your support. We don’t need large donations, just a few items from each member will do – maybe your duplicates or coins you really no longer care about. Items of $10-$20 retail value are suggested.

In addition to donating items, we ask that you come to the auction prepared to bid. This is our major fund raising event and helps pay for the monthly rent, refreshments, door prizes, Christmas party bingo prizes, quiz night prizes, summer doggie roast, and many other expenses.

Please bring your items to the March meeting so an auction list of available items can be published before the April auction. Contact Russell Prinzinger if you need more information.

DISTRICT FOUR

CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB

January Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President, Bill G. There were 21 members and no visitors present.

New Business: A motion was made to increase our effort to get more young people involved in the club. To do this John E. was elected to be a go-between for the club and the Boy Scout Program. He will assist the scouts in working on the merit badge for coin collecting. John is very qualified in that he is an Eagle Scout with a coin collecting merit badge.

A discussion was held about transportation for some of the older members who aren’t able to drive at night and would like to attend the coin club meetings. Some members volunteered to do this.

Starting in February, a coin grading seminar will be held at some of the meetings. This will be chaired by three of our members who have good grading skills. The expectation is that this can evolve into an expanded program to help collectors gain knowledge in identifying altered coins.

February Meeting - The meeting was called to order by B. Gillespie, President. There were 13 members and 1 visitor present. The visitor later joined the club. The weather was bad resulting in a decreased number of members present.

John E. gave a report on the meeting he had with some local Boy Scout leaders concerning the coin collecting merit badge program. They requested some further information about the coin club, and this will be put together for them.

Upcoming coin shows and locations was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the club that the number of coin shops in and around Austin has increased.

The program for this month’s meeting was a coin grading seminar. Three people who are experienced in grading coins, did so for several members. Over all, the response was good even with the small number of members present. Approximately 25-30 coins were graded including gold, Peace and Morgan dollars, key date cents, and some type coins. The grading committee reported the big problem was cleaned coins. A video on grading coins will be presented as the program for next month.

March Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President, Bill G. There were 19 members present and no visitors. Old Business: A report on the Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge was given. The Scouts will hold a work shop on merit badges in September of this year.
Our club representative will attend the meeting to offer information on coin collecting for a merit badge as well as information on the coin club.

New Business: The lack of a web site for the club was discussed. A effort is under way to set up a proper web site.

Program: An ANA video on grading coins was presented. Due to the length of the video, another meeting will be required to finish it.

A small auction was held with several people offering items to auction.

**DISTRICT FIVE**

**January Meeting** - The regular meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding. There were 16 Members present, and John Mueller brought a guest.

Allen reminded everyone that our motto is “Friendship and Knowledge through Numismatics.” The meeting began with all Members introducing themselves and telling about their numismatic interests.

The Dallas Coin Club’s 1000th meeting will be held in September. A vote was taken to approve $100 in door prizes and $500 in raffle prizes for the event. A discussion was also held about getting news releases to local media and numismatic publications.

Mary Hunter suggested that our club needs a website. She was going to look into that possibility and expense involved.

Tony Hales mentioned a recent donation that he had made to the TNA Youth Program and encouraged others to make a donation for the Youth Auction. The club voted to send a $50 donation to the Youth Auction.

Show and Tell: A very interesting group of items were shown this evening.

Program: The program was given by Frank Clark on MPC Training Certificates. Frank showed many slides with examples of these. Thanks, Frank for a very interesting program. Many of us had not heard of these certificates before...

**February Meeting** - The regular meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding. There were seventeen members present.

Allen reminded everyone of the joint meeting with the Collin County Club which was to be held on February 24 at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano.

The club voted to get started on establishing a club web site. Mary Hunter is the contact person for this. George Morris mentioned that he had a Facebook fan page for the DCC. The drawing for the Educational Grants was won by David Swann.

The club received a thank you note from the TNA for a donation to the Youth Auction Program.

John Payne, a DCC member from Minnesota, sent a note along with his 2011 dues. He hopes to be in Dallas and attend a meeting this year. John – we hope that you can!

An announcement was made concerning the sad news of Joe Olson’s death. Joe had been active in the TNA for 25 years.

Show and Tell: A nice variety of items were shown this evening.

Program: Mike Grant spoke about Counterfeit Coins and Slabs. He mentioned that as often as several times a week customers visit his store hoping to sell coins, and they are quite surprised and disappointed when they find out that the coins are counterfeit. Mike said that some of the fake coins are very authentic looking. Some of them even appear in certified holders (also very convincing fakes created by the counterfeiters).

The slabs would often hold copies of coins created by joining an obverse of one coin with a reverse of another. Generally, only the most astute numismatists would ultimately become suspicious upon realizing that the condition of the “graded forgeries” far surpasses the highest expected grade of the authentic version.

One of the coins which is often counterfeited is the 1804 dollar. Other coins that Mike had “discovered” were a 1986 trade dollar, an 1898 Silver Eagle, and an 1889 CC AU53 dollar in a PGCS slab. Recently some Morgan dollars graded MS 68 were seen in the Dallas area.

Counterfeiting has become more difficult to detect as the counterfeiters get better. There have been people in this area who have lost thousands of dollars because of counterfeit coins. The Secret Service is the government agency that deals with counterfeit money, but they are mainly focusing on counterfeit currency.

To avoid being the victim of a counterfeiter, Mike suggested that you know what you are buying and what the value should be. He suggested that you buy from a reputable dealer. Also, if a coin is “too good to be true” – stay away from it!

Thank you, Mike, for a very interesting program. Hopefully none of the DCC members will lose money because of this ever growing counterfeiting problem.

**COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB**

**February 24 Meeting with Dallas CC**

Approximately 35 people attended the meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano. Nine people were from the Dallas Coin Club. The group enjoyed a great meal followed by a Raffle and Auction. Everyone in attendance received a door prize.

**DISTRICT SIX**

**January Meeting** - There were only informal meetings during January.

**February Meeting** -

February 7 - There were 22 members and guest at the meeting. Garth presented information that a club election is scheduled for March 7. The club stated to elect the same board. There is still time to change any of these nominations.

Sebastian Frommhold noted the club had enough items for the May 7 children’s auction. Jim Bevill noted that the Museum of natural science is having a Texas exhibit with a section based on his book, Paper Republic. The exhibit was scheduled for the Alamo in San Antonio. The Alamo chose to cancel the exhibit. Garth asked Joanne Hungerford to organize the Houston museum trip. Garth Clark noted national coin week, April 17-23, is commemorating the United States civil war. The club will plan a numismatic day at the Museum of natural science. If you would like to display, contact any board member. Richardo DeLeon noted that his program is called Maximilian Coins is scheduled for the next meeting. Richardo also noted he is a summer seminar teacher, this July, in Colorado Springs. The following members presented a show and tell, Garth Clark, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Gene McPherson, Ron Miller, Alan Morgan, Alvin Stern, and John Zanders. Alan Morgan won the show and tell prize.

February 21 - There were 31 members and guest at the meeting. Richardo DeLeon presented his program, Maximilian Coins. After the program Garth Clark discussed his Maximilian coin. Jim Bevill presented an update on the Museum of natural science’s Texas exhibit, opening March 6 with a section based on his book, Paper Republic.
January Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Edwin Johnston at the new location, Baseball America. There were 4 guests and approximately 60 members in attendance. There were many favorable comments regarding the new location especially the ability to have a meal (this time supplied by Carl & Pat Schwenker) and the mini-bourse.

Members Kutz, Holland, Tyre, Frommhold, Johnston, Johnston, Barber and Brichford brought items for Show and Tell.

The regular Educational Program featured other collecting interests of members. Examples included transit maps, amethyst heart jewelry, antique car replicas, antique cars, comic books, Gulf Oil memorabilia, minerals, antique maps of Italy, match book covers, pearl handle knives, Texas arrows and spearheads, and WWII brass shell casings re-worked into vases.

The members approved the application of Manish Gupta for GHCC membership.

Coins for As was active in December as more than 200 report cards were received and many more already in January. There are two possible YN candidates for the summer ANA program.

February Meeting - The meeting was called to order by President Edwin Johnston with 45 members and three guests attending. Chad Bell with his mother Sherri was attending as part of his Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge. A possible 50th Anniversary Medal was discussed for presentation in 2015.

The Educational Program was given by John Barber on “How to Do Digital Coin Photography” with numerous examples of equipment, lighting techniques, set-up and use of Photoshop Elements. It was well-prepared and presented and included ethics of manipulation.

On a motion by Barbara Trout the following new members were approved: Alexey Koyfman, David Southerland, Claudia Aycock, and Lisa Schwartz.

Coins for As: The Administrator reported that 75 requests had already been filled in February, seventeen applications for membership had been mailed to Juniors; three have already been returned with dues and/or donations.

February Meetings - Feb. 10 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 21 signed in members with no visitors attending. Will R. opened the floor and warmed up the crowd with some classic lawyer jokes and some other humorous topics.

The Roundtable had many interesting items. At the conclusion of the Roundtable, it was then announced that the winner of this event was Tim W. with his presentation of his 2011 Canadian Silver Maple Leaf. Tim received a U.S. Large Cent dated 1845. Attendance Prize winner was Walter S. Walter received an 1878 Morgan Dollar.

There was a numismatic presentation made by Larry A on the subject of the very confusing English coin system used before the Victorian era. Larry tried to explain the Denominations list he found on the internet. We all found out that a Leopard is not just a big cat.

Feb. 24 - The meeting was called to order by ACC President Fernando Razo. The meeting was attended by 27 signed in members with 1 visitor attending.

After an interesting Roundtable it was announced that the winner of this event was Fernando. This was randomly chosen by Gwen C., but no payola was made (not fixed). Thanks Gwen! Fernando received a Canadian silver dollar for his participation. Attendance Prize winner was Vernon D. Vernon received a 1986 ASE encased in a holder.

THE GATEPOST

Gateway Coin Club

December Meetings - Dec. 2 - The meeting opened with 21 members and 1 visitor present. Our visitor was Travis Scott, Walter’s son. That evening Travis joined our club and is now our newest member. Welcome to our ranks, Travis! The attendance prize, a 1986 Ellis Island proof commemorative dollar, was given to Robert. Karla had a Christmas Party sign-up sheet for members who plan to attend our annual party on December 16th. Thank you, to Roger, who made a generous contribution to help cover part of the Christmas Party room rental expense.

The roundtable session was most enjoyable, as several members brought a variety of very interesting numismatic items.

Dec. 16 - The Gateway coin Cub’s annual Christmas Party was attended by 24 members and 3 guests. Our special guests were Nancy Anderson, Mary Weinstrom and Linda Scott. The attendance prize was given to Jim Rogers.

There were 5 members who brought items for the roundtable session.

January Meetings - Jan. 6 - The meeting opened with 24 members and 3 visitors. Our visitors were Eric Hulse, Don Grigsby and John Harper. All three visitors signed-up for membership that evening. Welcome aboard! Don Grigsby was the lucky recipient of the attendance prize, which was a gleaming 2010 American Silver Eagle dollar.

There were several roundtable participants.

Jan. 20 – The meeting was attended by 32 members and 3 visitors. The visitors were: Sam Foster and Brian & Mary Helen Clem. The attendance prize, a dazzling 1984 US Olympic commemorative silver dollar, was given to one of our members.

A lively roundtable discussion was shared by several members.

That evening the educational program was presented by Clifton Valley. His topic was “Slovakian 20th Century Coins.” Thank you, Cliff, for an outstanding presentation.

February Meetings - Feb. 2 - The meeting was officially cancelled due to inclement weather.

Feb. 17 – The last meeting of the month opened with 25 members in attendance. No visitors were present that evening. The attendance prize, a shiny US Constitution silver dollar, was given to Tom.

The roundtable session was very informative, as several members showed some of their numismatic items.

David Fuqua presented the educational program. His topic was the “Coin Dealers Newsletter,” usually referred to as the “Grey Sheet.” Thank you, David, for an interesting program.
DISTRICT THIRTEEN
GREENBELT COIN CLUB

February Meeting - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bryan Sweitzer. Fourteen members and one visitor, Buck McCarty, were in attendance.

George Woodburn suggested that we change the club meeting time from 7:00 to 7:30 to allow members from out-of-town more time to get to the meeting after work. This was approved by the members.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of wheat cents. There were actually 147 wheat cents in the bag and James Pilcher was the winner with his guess of 199. In addition to the wheat cents, the bag contained three two dollar bills in sequential order.

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

Tony Zupkas provided an interesting program about world coins with unusual denominations. He said that the US had it’s share of unusual denominations such as the half cent, two cents, three cents, twenty cents, and two and one-half dollar coins, but that the world coins offered some that were really bazaar. Tony passed around such coins as a 1/24th Thaler from Saxony, 1/24th Shilling from the Isle of Jersey, 5/10th Real from Argentina, 1 ¼ Centessimo from Panama and 15 Kopecs from Russia just to name a few. He said that the prize of unusual denominations should go to Brazil with the following denominations of the Reis: 37 ½, 75, 150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, 2500, 3750, and 5000 Reis. The last 3 were gold coins according to Tony. The largest denomination he mentioned was the 500,000 Lyra from Turkey.

Bryan Sweitzer provided his usual bag of coins for folks to guess the number of wheat cents. There were actually 156 wheat cents in the bag and James Pilcher was the winner with his guess of 161.

WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB

January Meeting - The meeting was called to order with 14 Members present and one visitor: Buck McCarty who became a member of the club. George Woodburn announced the Delbert Todd won the gold coin members prize at the Christmas party at Lubby’s.

Connolly O’Brien said that there were two options available for the upcoming coin show and explained each to the members.

February Meeting - The meeting was called to order with 20 Members present and no visitors.

Old Business: Connolly O’Brien outlined the preparations for the June 3-4 Coin Show.

Program : Tony Zupkas talked about odd denominations in word coins. He said that most people are aware of denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50. Tony explained that the United States has had denominations of 1/2, 2 cents, 2 1/2, and 3 cents. Tony explained that there are various examples of odd denominations throughout the world. Tony passed out sheets of coins with various denominations. He showed a 1/24 denominations from Thayer and New Jersey. He talked about a 5/10th coin from Argentina which was odd because it wasn’t a 1/2 denomination.

Also, Panama had a 1/14 denomination coin. Tony explained that a variety of countries had produced coins in the 3 and 4 denomination for coins. He went through some higher odd denominations for coins such as 15, 40 and 80 denominations from Brazil. He showed a 500,000 Lira coin from Turkey. He said that England did away with the Farthing in the 1950’s as it had a low value. He displayed a 1/4 Farthing for those present to see. He also talked about a 1 1/2 Pence from England, and explained that these are very collectable and usually relatively inexpensive.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN
BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

March Meeting - The meeting was opened by Peter and the pledge of allegiance was done.

Judy presented a Program on Half Cents 1793-1857. There are 4 Principal Types with 88 varieties and 11 sub-varieties. (1) 1793-1797 Liberty cap; (2) 1800-1808 Draped Bust; (3) 1809-1836 Classic Head; (4) 1840-1857 Braided Hair.

Key events included the following: an1825 First Half Cent Proof coin. In 1833 new Mint opened in Philadelphia. 1852 Proof Only year.

Oddities of the half cents include the fact that many of the fakes are worth a great deal of money. Although a number of 1799 coins were reportedly minted they have never been found which leads most to believe the coins were minted with a previous date.

It was a very informative presentation and Judy was able to provide a number of actual specimens of the coins she was discussing.

15 members attended the meeting. 10 people won door prizes with a 2010 Silver Eagle being the grand prize.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN
WACO COIN CLUB

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

February Meeting - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 15 members in attendance.

HISTORICAL FACTS

In 1922, the very last of America’s $20 Gold Certificates were issued. Just 11 years later, FDR’s Gold Recall Order halted the redemption of paper money in gold and called for the confiscation and destruction of all Gold Certificates by the Treasury.

As a result, very few specimens remain for today’s collectors. Exquisitely engraved in gold and black ink, each large size note bears the words “Twenty Dollars In Gold Coin Payable To The Bearer On Demand” and features the same portrait of George Washington that is used on today’s $1 bills.
MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

In recent years, the US mint introduced new reverses on coins to address a disinterest in the long-standing designs in circulation. Excluding dollars, obverse designs in clad form have been in place since 1965.

However collectors sometimes complain that current coinage offers almost no premium above face value. True, MS-70 certified coins and certain modern commemoratives command big prices, but where can collectors find value in pocket change?

Answer is, examples are numerous, but you have to closely examine your coins:

- 1974-D Kennedy half, DDO – $50
- 2004-D Wisconsin quarter, high leaf – $300-500
- 2004-D Wisconsin quarter, low leaf – $200-300
- 1983-P Washington quarter – $21-55
- 1983-D Washington quarter – $10-35
- 1982 Roosevelt dime (no mintmark) – $225
- 1983 Lincoln cent, DDR – $300
- 1984 Lincoln cent, doubled ear – $250
- 1972 Lincoln cent, DDO – $700
- 1969-S Lincoln cent, DDO – MS-64 Red example sold in 2008 Heritage auction for $126,500

Values are for uncirculated examples. Consult your Red Book for more details on how to identify.

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

The Columbian Exposition, also known as the Chicago’s World Fair opened on May 1, 1893 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’ arrival in the New World. In its six-month run, the Exposition attracted over 27 million visitors, or the equivalent of half the U.S. population at the time.

The Exposition covered 630 acres and contained 200 buildings of predominantly neoclassical architecture. Its scale and grandeur far exceeded any world’s fair up to that date, and became a symbol of America’s emerging power.

The U.S. Mint issued its first two commemoratives, a half dollar and a quarter dollar. 5 million halves featuring Columbus on obverse were issued for $1 each, with 950,000 dated 1892 and the remainder dated 1893. Even with 2 million returned to the Mint, the large number of surviving examples are relatively inexpensive ($20 in AU-50, $90 in MS-63).

There were also 40,000 quarters minted, honoring Queen Isabella of Spain who sponsored Columbus’ journeys. These were offered at $1 and sold poorly; almost 16,000 were returned to the Mint for melting. Today, these coins run $500 in AU-50, $700 in MS-63.

A NEW ADDITION AND DISCOVERY MADE TO THE $1 SILVER CERTIFICATE

Folks, look at your 1934 series $1 silver certificates, there is a new discovery made of an unlisted type.

What’s been discovered is that there is a Series 1934 but with the Face of 1928.

The 1928’s and 1934 series will all have the “Funny back” design, while the 1935-present will have the familiar back design with the eye above the unfinished pyramid.
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