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Send your information via email to: tnanews@sbcglobal.net

Greetings!

I received a nice surprise at the TNA Board Business Meeting during the annual Convention. It was voted that we continue with the TNA News in full color. Of course I had no objection to this opportunity. "People photos" look a



lot nicer and numismatic items deserve to be viewed in color. "A picture is worth a thousand words" certainly applies in a publication such as ours.

This issue features our annual coverage of the TNA Convention and Show and required extra pages to cover all the show activity. Doug and Mary Davis went the extra mile in producing this show as noted by President Mike Grant in his column on page 2. Debbie Williams had an extensive lineup of exhibits and our Book Auction was overflowing with material. After taking a few photos on the bourse floor it was time to head over to the morning Youth Auction. I couldn't believe it when I walked in. The place was packed. We had to hustle up additional chairs and we still had people standing. Chairman, Frank Schick, and auctioneer, Charlie Mead, were all smiles. The afternoon group was not quite so big, but they made up for it in enthusiasm with spirited bidding.

Heading back out to the front registration I could see that Patricia Mann was welcoming attendees and helping them with registration, making sure they knew about TNA membership. As a result, we now have many new members.

As I roamed the bourse floor I came across two young men set up at our Coin Dealers of the Future tables. I understand they did very well and plan to return next year. I got to meet new dealers and see old acquaintances - always a great experience.

Our Awards Ceremony on Saturday was a good time. I had the good fortune to present three of the literary awards to those attending. Our Kalvert K. Tidwell Award winner, Mark Benvenuto, lives out of state, however, he has already received his award via USPS.

We have plenty of items in this issue for our readers to peruse and hope you enjoy this edition.

It's time to get this COLOR EDITION to the printer.

Until next time, Ron Kersey



FROM THE PRESIDE

want to tell everyone what a great show we just had. My hat is off to Doug and Mary Davis for a spectacular show. We had more dealers than we have had in years with more national dealers coming to be in our show. The room was set up very professionally and our volunteers had everything ready by 10:30 Thursday morning: a new record. Doug is even thinking of letting the dealers in earlier next year. He arranged the room so we had more visibility with the public and had isles wide enough to get down without knocking someone over, this worked well as we had several handicapped persons attending. Doug ran a lot of advertising this year and it paid off; we had more people through the door than ever.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our show possible: the set up and take down crews and everyone that helped plan and work during the show. I just want you to know we could not put on a show like this without you.

We had tables set up for young dealers this year and this worked so well I think we might have set a trend. This event is one of our most popular events. We had an overflow crowd for the first session. I was able to look in on the auctions and both sessions were filled with enthusiasm again this year. The Boy Scouts were with us again this year and were working on their collecting badges. I saw several of the kids walking around the show; we are very glad to have them. Our educational seminars were well attended and covered some items that are very important - how to photograph coins and listing coins on eBay, I personally cannot do either.

We had a very successful raffle with Heritage Auction Galleries donating the five gold coins for the raffle. A big "thank you" to Heritage for helping us again this year.

I also want to thank Spink Auction House for conducting one of the best auctions I have seen. These people do know how to run an auction and it was so large this year that we had three sessions. I look forward to working with them again next year.

Our front desk really went all out to make sure the public knew about joining the TNA. We signed up over 80 people and one of our volunteers (Trish Mann) signed up over 50 of those. Congratulations and thank you to everyone that worked on

I read some reviews of our show on the Internet from dealers that attended and they all spoke very highly of our show and reported they would be back next year and invited others to come also. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising and it is great to see national dealers talking about our show in such a positive way. Again, congratulations to everyone that helped put the show on and make it a success.

Sincerely, Mike Grant - President



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JEFF SHEVLIN NAMED NEW ANA **Executive Director**

Jeff Shevlin has been appointed executive director of the American Numismatic Association. Board of Governors announced

today. Shevlin brings a wealth of valuable management and leadership experience with him when he joins the ANA on lune 18.

In Memoriam

RON SWINEY

TNA member, Ronnie Swiney, passed away Friday, April 20. He joined the TNA 2/27/01 as member R-6260.

Ronnie owned many businesses, including his life's passion of a coin shop. He married Pam Perkins on June 19, 2004. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol Simmons; and son, Ronnie Jr. Survivors: Wife,



Pam Swiney; children, Eric Wedel, Michael Swiney and Sommer Swiney; grandchildren, Erica Wedel, Saber Wedel and Aubry Wedel; sisters, Frances Gunter and husband, Doug, and Sharon Swiney; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

BOB NOONAN

TNA member, Bob Noonan, passed away Friday, April 27. He joined the TNA 5/16/10 as member R-7025.



Bob was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Woburn, Mass., and graduated from Mauldin Catholic High in Mauldin, Mass. He came to Texas at the age of 19, loved it here and jokingly claimed he had his "green card." In the 1970s, he attended engineering school at UTA, worked as a machinist at Manesco and founded MC Vending Co. He was a past president of the

Euless Jaycees. In the 1980s he began an outstanding career in automotive sales.

A passion for collecting coins began at age 7, and over his lifetime, Bob amassed an impressive collection. After retirement he daily spent hours on further refinement and growth of the collection. He was a member of Mid-Cities and Fort Worth Coin Clubs and Texas Numismatics Association.

Bob is survived by his wife, Nell Noonan, beloved children, grandchildren and friends.

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Lawrence Herrera

Welcome New TNA Members...

Welcome to new TNA members, R-7160 through R-7167. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on March 1, 2012.

R-7168	Lawrence Marsh	R-7190	John C. Kusel
R-7169	Richard Dixon	R-7191	Richard G. Grote
R-7170	Linda Gamble	R-7192	Naomi A. Grote
R-7171	John Yasuk	R-7193	Jim Minter
R-7172	Maria Andrade	R-7194	Susan Minter
R-7173	Donald Gould	R-7195	Sandi Brower
A-7174	Jeanie Gould	R-7196	Paul Philp
R-7175	Teresa Harman	R-7197	Bernard "B.J." Brady
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R-7177	Richard Rodriguez	R-7199	Darrell G. Hutchins
R-7178	Bonnie Sabel	R-7200	James Cahill
R-7179	Gary Shepherd	R-7201	Melinda Fender
R-7180	Terri Steers	R-7202	Melinda Kay Thornton
R-7181	Robert Turner	R-7203	David Horne
R-7182	David Wirman	R-7204	Dann Day
R-7183	Kevin Guiles	R-7205	Ed Dolzel
R-7184	Juan Torres	R-7206	Paul T. Perez, Jr.
R-7185	Steve Mauger	R-7207	Ray Bailey
R-7186	Christian Merlo	R-7208	Steven Fischer
R-7187	Larry D. Ansley	R-7209	Jim Murrey
R-7188	Grady Jones	R-7210	Tim Zirges
R-7189	Mark March	R-7211	Tripp King

The following members have been reinstated on payment of 2012 dues:

C-0068 Bellaire Coin Club R-7053 John Salyer Those listed below have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on July 1, 2012.

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		David H. Ammons
Thomas D. Bowers, Jr.	R-7235	Kathy Doody
Jon Stevens	J-7236	Kevin Doody
Jim Rylands	R-7237	Benjamin Protho
Reynaldo Garcia, Jr.	R-7238	Bart Presti
Navada P. Oster	R-7239	Jerry L. Johnson
Scott Burgess	R-7240	Samuel Lee
Nick Merriman	R-7241	Jose C. Pozas
Robert Rollins	R-7242	Ricardo A.
Grace Barajas		Pagan-Rodriguez
Kerry Keller	R-7243	Tom Atchley
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Phil McAmis	R-7245	Robert Huff
Samuel G. Stephens	R-7246	Danny Overcash
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Mark Carmena	R-7249	Kenneth Gould
Robert Schermerhorn	R-7250	Robert A. Stone
James Hamilton	A-7251	Patricia Stone
R. Alan Bruns	R-7252	Michael S. Tomasic
Walter Fabisiak	R-7253	Blake Cox
Robert Fratzke	R-7254	Jeff Sparks
	Jim Rylands Reynaldo Garcia, Jr. Navada P. Oster Scott Burgess Nick Merriman Robert Rollins Grace Barajas Kerry Keller Paul D. Medlin Phil McAmis Samuel G. Stephens Paul Stinson Jimmy T. Sheppard Mark Carmena Robert Schermerhorn James Hamilton R. Alan Bruns Walter Fabisiak	Thomas D. Bowers, Jr. R-7235 Jon Stevens J-7236 Jim Rylands R-7237 Reynaldo Garcia, Jr. R-7238 Navada P. Oster R-7239 Scott Burgess R-7240 Nick Merriman R-7241 Robert Rollins R-7242 Grace Barajas Kerry Keller R-7243 Paul D. Medlin J-7244 Phil McAmis R-7245 Samuel G. Stephens R-7246 Paul Stinson R-7247 Jimmy T. Sheppard R-7248 Mark Carmena R-7249 Robert Schermerhorn R-7250 James Hamilton A-7251 R. Alan Bruns R-7253

The following members have converted to a life membership: LM-248 Charles Moore

Annual Board & Member Meetings Held During Convention

The TNA board met on Friday, May 18, 2012 during the TNA Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. A review of the annual coin show was given. Generally, it is still improving and increasing in size. Plans were discussed for obtaining nationally-known speakers and worldrenown numismatic exhibits. The need for new cases, lamps, and other show-related items was discussed.

A request was made for a breakdown of the TNA's membership. As of May 30, 2012, the breakdown of the 699 members is as follows:

Club Life Members - 15 Regular Members - 487 Life Members - 148 Iunior Members - 14 Club Members - 23 Associate Members - 12

New policies were passed regarding Investments and Deposit Account Review.

The admission fee for future TNA shows was changed to \$3 for nonmembers. It remains free to members.

The Joe Olson Outstanding Volunteer Award was created. More information on this award is available on the next page.

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association was held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 during the TNA Convention in the Amon G. Carter Building at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas. There were approximately 40 people present.

Mike Grant, TNA President, presented a \$2500 check to Doug Davis for the NCIC program. This program works to educate police about

Debbie Williams, Exhibit Chairperson, reported that there were 13 exhibitors with 60 cases of exhibits.

Ron Kersey, TNA Editor, announced the winners of this year's literary awards. Exhibit and Literary Award Winners are listed on pages 14-15 of this issue.

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. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF

May 3	1, 2012	
ASSETS Current Assets Cash JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/13)	\$27,183.53 \$62,064.36 \$40,000.00	
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year Long Term Assets CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14) Endowment CTB CD (Life-Member - Mat 4/3/2014) CTB CD (McFadden - Mat. 1/23/2015)	\$40,000.00 \$30,000.00 \$70,000.00	\$129,247.89
Total Long Term Assets		\$140,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$269,247.89
LIABILITIES		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
EQUITY Beginning Balance 3/1/2011 Income (Plus) Expenses (Minus)	\$53,339.40 -\$30.061.76	\$245,970.25

TNA ESTABLISHES JOE OLSON OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

In May of this year, the TNA board established a new award to be given annually to a non-board member for outstanding volunteer service to the TNA. This is in recognition that the TNA could not operate without the assistance of it's

many volunteers annual convention with many other youth activities

Net Income

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

This first vear these given to Richard Laster, Frank Schick.



who help with the and show along programs such as and exhibits.

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\$269,247.89

the award was three individuals: Post and

The award is named in memory of the late Joe Olson, a honorary life member who served the TNA in many capacities for more than 25 years. Joe was president for 8 years, vice president, treasurer, governor and legal advisor as well as serving on numerous committees

The TNA board thanks all our volunteers. We could not do it without you!

LETTERS TO THE TNA



Hello Mr. Gilbert and the TNA Staff. We wanted to thank you for allowing Daniel to participate in the TNA Young Numismatist Dealer Table area of the recent TNA Coin Show. We had a great time, met terrific people in the coin business (especially Mr. Jack Gilbert) and

enjoyed every minute of the Saturday event. Daniel was also very excited to start a new area of his coin collecting (vintage Coin Red Books, etc.) His bookshelf in his room is growing with them! We're anxious to attend next year's event too. Please keep us in mind if you plan to have another Young Numismatist Dealer Table section. We would love to set up.

Thank you again for all of your help and hospitality! Best regards, Daniel, Doug and Stacy Kale



To: TNA

Re: Junior Dealer Program

Thank you very much for providing me with a coin dealer's table at the 2012 convention and show in Ft. Worth. It was a great experience and I have learned a lot about

how the dealers operate and make their living. I was also pleased with all of the sales that I made. As the day went on, all of the people who came to look were very nice and helpful. They showed me how I should work the table like a real dealer and gave me the history of what I was selling. If I am able to rebuild my inventory, and if the TNA offers tables to junior dealers again, I would look forward to coming back next year.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to sell my coins. I have learned so much and look forward to selling again. This is a really good program and I hope you will continue it as I had a very good experience as a TNA junior dealer in 2012.

Sincerely, Chad Landwehr Junior TNA Member

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2012 TNA CONVENTION **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS**

The TNA provided three excellent speakers for the TNA convention last May. Each lecture was attended by more than a dozen people wanting to know a little bit more about photographing coins, grading currency and selling coins on eBay.



Kim Groves Seminar Chair

Clyde Townsend photographer for Spink-Smyth talked and demonstrated his method of photographing coins. He explained about equipment needed including camera, Macro lens, lighting, stand and a digital program to help with the camera. He showed us how important lighting and getting a good flat coin to photograph. He gave tips on photographing tough to get images such as coins in slabs, uneven ancients, mirror proof coins and gold.

Sergio Sanchez returned for his second visit to the TNA convention and gave a talk and demonstration on grading paper money. He filled two tables with examples of paper money from good to uncirculated. He showed each piece of currency and why it was graded to eager students standing around the tables. It was a good hands on grading lesson for all attendees.

Barry Healy of South Park Coins gave a talk and PowerPoint presentation on selling coins on eBay. He gave a step by step way to research, price and sell your coins. Barry gave several ways to list your items to achieve maximum exposure and possibility to sell to the buying public. Barry explained the expanding rules on eBay and how they will affect your listings.

All presentations were video taped by David Lesot and he has donated a copy to the TNA library. Each presentation is about 45 minutes and is available to TNA members to check out.



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DEALER - VICTIM OF THEFT - APRIL 14

A dealer returning home from a Charlottesville coin show on April 14, 2012 was the victim of a theft that resulted in the loss of his entire inventory.

The dealer who resides in Anandale, VA pulled into his driveway and prepared to unload. The dealer accompanied by his wife and another relative went inside their residence for less than five minutes. While inside an unknown person or persons entered his vehicle and removed several cases containing coins and a large amount of paper

A large group of Virginia Nationals was taken and included towns of Warrington, Marshall, Fredricksburg, Winchester, Hot Springs, Fairfax and Charlottesville. Individual boxes of silver dollars, Indians & half cents, large cents and an almost complete set of commemoratives.

The dealer may have been targeted at the show and followed home.

Anyone with information should contact: Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

BULLION THEFT - APRIL 22

Detectives with the Wheeling, IL Police Department are investigating a burglary that resulted in the loss of 600 2001 Silver Buffalo coins. The coins were being prepared to be sent in for grading.

300 of the coins were Uncirculated and 300 in Proof. The offense occurred on or about April 22, 2012.

Anyone having any information should contact: Det. Connolly: 847-459-2648 or Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

COPPER COLLECTION STOLEN - MAY 25

Miami Dade Florida police are investigating the loss of a large copper collection and other U.S. coins. The victim stopped after leaving a local coin show and an unknown person or persons broke into his vehicle and removed a vintage briefcase housing the coins. The suspect vehicle is described as a red Ford F150 pickup.

Below is a partial listing of coins stolen:

1803 large cent Accugrade 40, s256 1803 Large cent Anacs 20, s251 1803 Large cent XF40 smooth collection of approx 150 mid-late date large cents all relatively problem free, many in kraft envelopes with cotton liners grading F-XF. Housed in brown coin box and world coin library folder labeled "coins" were approx 80-100 coins including: 1849 half cent, 1850 tan Large cent AU,1804 half cent fine, various key Lincolns and Indians vg-vf and unc Mex 8R coins.

Anyone having information on this offense should contact: Det.Kostopouas: 305-376-4311 or Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, doug@numismaticcrimes.org

• • • PREVENTION TIPS • • •

- Do not leave inventory/valuables at home.
- Do not advertise the amount of money you carry upon your person.
- Do not advertise your travel plans.
- Do not discuss business activities in public places.
- Do not be routine in your daily activities.
- Discuss safety precautions with family and employees.

Do not be apathetic.... it could happen to you!!!!!!!!!

When Five Cents Still Meant Silver - or Nickel and Copper

by Mark Benvenuto

The year 2012 may end up lodged in the minds of collectors as the year in which the Presidential Dollars series was curtailed, or even the year the Royal Canadian Mint decided to put the Canadian one-cent coin to rest. Although the debate about the cost of production of United States one-cent coins and five-cent coins has heated up recently, it's fair to say that both of the denominations will survive and be produced in quantity, at least for a few years into the future. And thus 2012 won't have too much connection to some specific event for either of our smallest denomination circulating coins. But we've been

down this road before, as someone once said, at least when it comes to the cost of making United States coinage. The year was 1866, the most devastating war ever fought on U.S. soil had just ended, and the United States Mint had been ordered by Congress to introduce a five-cent coin made of an alloy of nickel and copper.

In 1866, half dimes were still being cranked out, sporting Mr. Christian Gobrecht's seated Lady Liberty, in the smallest of all its iterations. There weren't too many that came from the main facility in Philadelphia that year, and even the west coast San Francisco Mint only produced 120,000 of them, but they were at least still being made.

The 1866 Shield nickels though, well they were another matter entirely. The design is the work of Mr. James Longacre, the new coin was an

alloy that contained more copper than nickel, and a river of them came spewing out of Philadelphia — a river of over 14.7 million coins. Even with a 25% nickel and 75% copper mixture, that's a lot of nickel.

Plenty of articles and a slew of books have pointed out that one Mr. Joseph Wharton was the mine owner and all around "wealthy guy" who wanted to push his nickel metal onto and into US coinage. Mr. Wharton had got out of the zinc business slightly before buying nickel operations in the rather unimaginatively named town of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. His operations did for some time provide a significant share of the world's nickel supply.

Unfortunately, most of these same sources paint Wharton as one of those greedy men of wealth and power who simply push their ideas on Congress, never bothering to mention that he was also the founder of the Wharton School within the University of Pennsylvania, and one of the founders of Swarthmore College. So it seems Mr. Wharton had a rather developed philanthropic side to him as well.

Whether he was a saint or sinner, Wharton's nickel would be used in United States five-cent pieces for years. As is often the case with a new US coin, the very next year, 1867, saw a change in the design. The rays on the reverse were removed, supposedly in an effort to make the new coins strike up more easily. For those of us looking to assemble a collection of Shield nickels today, that means there are two varieties from which to choose.

With cheaper nickels being produced, one might imagine that the silver half dimes would simply have died a slow death. After all, gold and silver coins were just not to be found during the war years. But in 1871 and

1872, there were a few absolutely huge half dime outputs, which translate into some good opportunities for a collector today. Even the 1872-S saw a mintage of over 800K of these little bits of silver.



The year 1873 was the half dime's last hurrah. Much like the Canadian penny later this year, the United States half dime went the way of the dodo bird before it. There are plenty from the Mint in Philly, and even a respectable number from

the San Fran branch; so adding one to a collection today should not be a huge problem. But this was the end for our smallest silver coin from the original Mint Act.

As the half dime faded, the new nickels were still being pounded out by the cartload. But by 1876 there must have been enough circulating that a two-year hiatus came to pass, at

least on circulating nickels. The 1877 and 1878 were made as proofs, but are expensive enough today that most people who do put together a date run of these early nickels omit those two dates. But we'll have a bit more on these in a moment.

It was 1882 that saw the Mint get back to an enormous output of nickels after a few quiet years. With more than 11.4 million produced, the 1882 is the fourth most common date in the entire Shield nickel series. That means very good prices

today.

By 1883 it was time to change the design, and the Shield nickel gave way to Charles Barber's Lady Liberty design. Both are pretty common, so adding an 1883 Liberty nickel to a growing collection won't hurt your wallet too much (yes, there are two designs for that year, one quite famous — but that's another story).

When it comes to collecting these 5-cent pieces, both silver or base metal, well, feel free to collect these little beasts any way you want — there's eight years of overlap. There are some of the 'S' half dimes that are cheaper than the Philly versions, because they're so plentiful. There's also one super rarity in that half dime crowd — the unique 1870-S. There are also plenty of nickels available, sometimes at

incredibly low prices.

And one final note about collecting the Shield nickels: the proof nickels really aren't that expensive. For example, it will run about \$5,000 for an 1877, which has an estimate of 900 as the official production total. That's so much lower than the 1909-S VDB, the 1916-D Mercury dime, the 1932-D and S Washington quarters, both

in totals and in price tags. That Shield nickel is even rarer than the 1794 Flowing Hair dollar — but of course, it does not have the history or collector desire. Look at other Shield proofs though, and you'll find even lower prices.

As Congress gives our pennies and nickels some serious scrutiny and review, it might be worth the time to do some personal scrutiny and review of some of our past five-cent pieces, as you think about building a collection of some often overlooked coins.

COINS FOR A'S REPORT

Richard Laster

oins for A's continues to be a viable ●option for the kids of Texas. Over the last year, since the 2011 TNA convention, your Texas Numismatic Association has served students from just about every area of our great state. Your Coins for A's coordinator chooses to begin this communication by sharing his personal thanks to the members and friends of the Texas Numismatic Association for their kindness in recognizing him as one of the first three "Joe Olson Volunteer Award" recipients. The association with Joe, a great friend of the organization and a leader in numismatics in Texas, makes the award even more appreciated and sweet. I know we all are indebted to Joe for helping to bring the association to the point where it is today. Naming an award such as this in his honor is quite a fitting tribute.

It is interesting to note how in one way Coins for A's has seen a bit of change this past year. It seems to me that I am receiving just as many requests however the number of first time communications has fallen off whereas the number of those I hear from each time report cards come has grown. There are several young folks whom I can count on to be in touch. I enjoy hearing their stories and how the Coins

for A's program gives them a chance to acquire a few pieces for their collection. Several of these regulars are now active in their local coin clubs and choose to attend coin shows. I know a few were present at the TNA convention's Youth Auction back on May 19th. I'd be delighted to maintain the repeat contacts and to have more first timers as well. Please pass the word along through the members of your club. Information can be found on the club web site by clicking on the "Coins for A's" icon on the left.

Most recently I have been focusing on some new areas of material to be sent to our younger ones. Several months ago a father noted how his son liked "shiny round things." This led me to invest in more common proof sets. Nothing is more shiny and more round than a nice looking 1970's or 80's vintage proof set. For people such as myself this is not a "new" item, but for one born after the turn of the most recent century it is a item of historical significance.

Speaking of that there is one experience I had this year which caused me to assess my mortality, even to evaluate the age I have acquired. Back a few months ago I received a request from a Coins for A's candidate for

> some "old" Jefferson Nickels. Now to me an "old" Jeff is one from 1938 to 1939, perhaps as late as the war nickels series which ended in 1945. So I thought it through

and sent a partial set of Jefferson Nickels to him, ones I had earlier received as a donation, contained in a worn Whitman folder. A couple of the coins did date from the 1930's. The book was definitely heavy in those from the 1940's and the 1950's. When I received a thank you letter from the young man, he was more than delighted because he was expecting items from the 1980's and 1990's. As I understand it in his mind these were "older Jefferson Nickels." By the way he responded I got the opinion that the much earlier nickels were in his opinion so old they were ancient! Just goes to show you how life goes on.

The most recent thing I've done, as your Coins for A's person, is acquire a small collection of old Roman coins. These are not in such bad shape, but are for sure in

> "uncleaned" condition. This brought me to learn a new skill; how to "clean" these "uncleaned" pieces in order to enhance their appearance. After consulting Dr. Coyne, I found the best plan was to use "Extra Virgin Olive Oil" and time. So I can almost quarantee I have the only house in Upshur County, Texas which has several small bowls full of 1,600 to 1,700 hundred years of numismatic history marinating in the window of the garage. We'll see.

It is also fitting that I mention Tom at Texican Coin. Tom, one of our district governors, gifted the program with a stack of One Dollar 1957 Series Silver Certificates and with a number of Two Dollar 1953 and 1963 Series United States Notes. I've shared these, in pairs, with several regular participants. Some, I'm sure, are not familiar with these. Of course I recall both types were in active circulation during my earlier years.

One more thing before I move on . . . there are occasional unexpected benefits to this volunteer gig. There is one 8th grader whom I hear from on a regular basis who is particularly interested in the hobby. For this reason I've tried to send along a variety of material for his consideration and edification. In exchange, and unsolicited on my part, I received in the mail a loaf of "sweet bread" baked by his mother. It was quite a treat and much appreciated by my family during the Christmas season. Wish you all had been close enough to share the experience.

Thanks again to all of you for your support and friendship and for your generous recognition of your Coins for A's coordinator as a volunteer. I enjoy the work, especially the personal contacts. I continue to

solicit your support and thank you for your welcoming of younger ones at area shows and club meetings.

Regards and God Bless.... Richard

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Is acetone safe to use on coins?
- 2) An ancient coin made from electrum has what metals in it?
- 3) Did the U.S. mint ever strike coins for Canada?
- 4) When was Mr. Pat Johnson an active dealer in Texas?
- 5) What country issued proof sets with 17 coins in them?

- 6) Are there any pure silver U.S. coins presently being made?
- 7) In the field of paper money, what is another name for the front of a bill?
- 8) Did the U.S. mint at Dahlonega ever strike silver coins?

Dr. COYNE RESPONDS

- 1) Acetone (also known as dimethyl ketone) has been successfully used to remove greasy dirt and to remove PVC residue from coins. It does not remove metal (as do the thio-urea acids). Acetone does not remove toning. It improves luster if there were surface contaminants which the solvent removed. Acetone is quite volatile (and explosive in high concentrations) and is not healthful to breathe, so use it in a well-ventilated area. In any application in which acetone will work, its chemical cousin methyl ethyl ketone will also work. MEK is a little less volatile.
- 2) Electrum is the name of a naturally occurring gold/silver alloy. The gold content is usually in the range 50% to 90%, but can exceed these limits. The ancient coiners used this alloy as found before techniques for refining were available.
- 3) The U.S. Mint at Philadelphia helped Canada by striking Canadian ten-cent coins in 1968. The Ottawa Mint provided the dies. According to Haxby's excellent new book on Canadian issues: "To expedite production of the nickel ten-cent coins, the Canadian Mint contracted with the Philadelphia Mint to strike about half the new composition coins. The only physical difference between the Canadian and U.S. productions is found in the edge reeding. The Philadelphia coins have reeding with flat-bottomed grooves; the Ottawa coins have V-shaped grooves between the peaks". Specimens of either style are available in the numismatic market for less than a dollar. Some folks have heard about Canadian cents with a "P" mark that looks like a mintmark, but it denotes that the planchets are part of a test run of multiply-plated (copper and nickel layers on steel) cents. This "P" on Canadian one-cent coins does not stand for Philadelphia.
- 4) Pat Johnson was a proprietor of Houston Numismatic Exchange in Rice Village (Houston) for many years beginning in the 1960's and ending with his death in July, 2011. The business is still operating at the Times Boulevard location. They bought and sold bullion, U.S. coins, supplies, and world coins. Dr. Coyne valued their expertise and loved their inventory of Spanish Colonial pieces.

- 5) The most elaborate proof set which comes to mind is the 1887 Jubilee year set of Great Britain. Denominations stretch from farthing (bronze) to five pounds (gold). A Maundy set of 1p 2p, 3p, and 4p in silver was included along with a proof example of the circulating penny. The usually-seen octagonal red leather cases seem to all be unofficial.
- 6) Since 1986, the U.S. Mint has been producing 1 ounce silver eagles (denominated "one dollar") sold at prices related to the spot price of silver.





These are .999+ fine (essentially pure, the only U.S. silver coins above 900 fine).

7) In the field of paper money, the front of a bill is called the "front" or "face". The term "obverse" is for coins, tokens, and medals.



8) The U.S. Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia was active on almost the same schedule as the branch at Charlotte, North Carolina -- from 1838 to early 1861 striking gold coins only. No silver or copper denominations were ever coined. Coinage operations at this branch mint ceased when the bullion ran out



after the start of the Civil War. The mint building burned, but was rebuilt on the same foundation. Today it appears not very different from how it did during its time as a mint.

A SAMPLE OF THE FINE EXHIBITS THAT WERE ON DISPLAY...



INTRODUCTION TO MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN COINAGE



GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: MEDALS, MONEY, AND BUTTONS



RAILROAD STOCK CERTIFICATES



MODERN MEXICAN CURRENCY 1925 - 2010



THE 1936 COLUMBIA COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR: A BOOMING COIN



NEW MEXICO COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS



DRAGONS - 2012 IS THEIR YEAR



THE KING'S KALA PA'A



SPECIAL DISPLAY



TEXAS
NUMISMATIC
ASSOCIATION
MEDALS AND DIES

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS INCREASE NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE



ATTENDEES ENJOY 54TH ANNUAL

NEW MEMBER SIGN UP CHAMP! Patricia Mann signed up 70 new TNA members as she welcomed attendees to show and worked registration.



Registration Desk Stays Busy



Allen Scott, Charlie Mead & David Swann at Registration



Jim Waite is happy with Raffle Tickets sales as Kay Kurczewski awaits more customers.

2012 TNA RAFFLE WINNERS

DAVID HORNE, GRAPEVINE, - \$5 WASHINGTON COMMEM. JERRY JOHNSON, GRAND PRAIRIE - RUSSIAN 5 ROUBLE BRYAN BLACK, DALLAS - 1/10 OZ. U.S. EAGLE RICHARD DIXON, HARLINGEN - MEXICAN 2.5 PESO MATT ALLEN, WACO - SINGAPORE 1/20 OZ.

HERITAGE GALLERIES DONATED PRIZES AGAIN THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU HERITAGE!



Navada & David Oster (top) & Ron Suprenant with Kenny Smith at local club desk.



Tommy Bennington & Doug Hershey

take care of Book Auction.

Coin Dealers of the Future

Young coin dealers getting their feet wet: Top - Daniel Kale with his dad, Doug Kale looking on, shows his inventory to John Post.



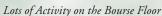
Right -Chad Landwehr, along with granddad, Hal Cherry & and Dallas CC president, Allen Scott await next customer.



TNA CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW



Dist. 1 Governor Russell Prinzinger, President Mike Grant and Youth Auction Chair Frank Schick







Jimmy Davis & Sam Estrada discuss their purchases.



Spink Personnel Show Auction Lots to Prospective Bidders.

Gerald & Audrey Warren of Albany Coins & Jewelry Co. from Albany Georgia.



Chris McCawley & Lucas Baldridge of CVM Early American Coppers.



Ralph Ross makes the journey from Sugarland, Texas



Currency and Historical Items from Jim Fitzgerald



Richard Wallace, Dustin Aiello & Bill Kiblinger discuss Jefferson nickels.

acquisitions.



Proud mom, Patricia Mann, with pages, Kimberly & Michelle



Don Vaughn from Hill Country Coins & Currency

TNA MEMBERS ENJOY ANNUAL

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT MIKE GRANT



RUSSELL PRINZINGER VIP AWARD



JACK GILBERT LEWIS REAGAN AWARD



DEBBIE WILLIAMS HALL OF FAME AWARD

Doug Hershey & Tommy Bennington MAC KENNADY AWARD

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HAL CHERRY PRESENTS NEW AWARD



RICHARD LASTER RECEIVES JOE OLSEN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD. ALSO RECEIVING AWARD: JOHN POST AND FRANK SCHICK WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING.



MIKE GRANT PRESENTS DONATION TO DOUG DAVIS OF NCIC



MIKE GRANT RECEIVES MEETING FLAG FROM PAUL GARNER

LITERARY AWARDS PRESENTED BY TNA NEWS EDITOR RON KERSEY



RICHARD LASTER RECEIVES BEST NEWSLETTER AWARD AS EDITOR OF TYLER COIN CLUB'S "YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH". PHOTO LEFT IS DWIGHT SOWLE, TYLER CC PRESIDENT. PHOTO RIGHT IS RICHARD'S MENTOR, JOHN BARBER, GREATER HOUSTON CC'S "DOUBLE SHIFT" NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

KALVERT K. TIDWELL LITERARY AWARD FIRST PLACE: MARK BENVENUTO FOR.

"SOMETIMES, THE PROBLEM IS WHAT MAKES THE COIN" (MARK WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.)



KALVERT K. TIDWELL AWARD SECOND RUNNER UP:

KALVERT K. TIDWELL AWARD FIRST RUNNER UP: TOMMY SAWYER FOR. "THE HOBO NICKEL"

MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

EXHIBIT AWARDS PRESENTED BY DEBBIE WILLIAMS. EXHIBITS CHAIR



GARRY MOORE: FIRST PLACE -CLASS 1 - THE KING'S KALA PA'A

PATRICK CURRAN: THIRD PLACE - CLASS 2 A HISTORY OF U.S. PAPER MONEY FIRST PLACE - CLASS 6 MODERN MEXICAN CURRENCY 1925 - 2010

BENNY BOLIN: SECOND PLACE - CLASS 9 - DRAGONS -2012 IS THEIR YEAR

RALPH Ross:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

AWARD FOR NATIONAL COIN

WEEK THEME EXHIBIT



BOB MILLARD: SECOND PLACE - CLASS 2 - RAILROAD STOCK **C**ERTIFICATES

CHUCK STEWARD: FIRST PLACE CLASS 2 FUNNY BACK NOTES



KIM GROVES: SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FOR TNA MEDAL DIES EXHIBIT



LAWRENCE HERRERA: PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD U.S. COUNTERFEIT DETECTORS AND SCALES CLASS 9: FIRST PLACE U.S. COUNTERFEIT DETECTORS AND SCALES

2012 TNA EXHIBIT **AWARD WINNERS**

BEST OF SHOW

MIKE Ross: Introduction to Medieval EUROPEAN COINAGE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE (TWO WINNERS)

JOHN GROST:

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: MEDALS. MONEY, AND BUTTONS

LAWRENCE HERRERA: U.S. COUNTERFEIT DETECTORS AND SCALES

CLASS 1

FIRST PLACE: GARRY MOORE THE KING'S KALA PA'A

SECOND PLACE: CARL STANG THE 1936 COLUMBIA COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR: A BOOMING COIN

CLASS 2

FIRST PLACE: CHUCK STEWARD FUNNY BACK NOTES

SECOND PLACE: BOB MILLARD RAILROAD STOCK CERTIFICATES

THIRD PLACE: PATRICK CURRAN A HISTORY OF U.S. PAPER MONEY

CLASS 4

FIRST PLACE: MIKE ROSS INTRODUCTION TO MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN COINAGE

CLASS 6

FIRST PLACE: PATRICK CURRAN MODERN MEXICAN CURRENCY 1925 - 2010

CLASS 7

FIRST PLACE: JOHN GROST NEW MEXICO COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

CLASS 9

FIRST PLACE: LAWRENCE HERRERA U.S. COUNTERFEIT DETECTORS AND SCALES

> SECOND PLACE: BENNY BOLIN DRAGONS - 2012 IS THEIR YEAR

THIRD PLACE: JOHN GROST GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: MEDALS, MONEY, AND BUTTONS

Enthusiastic Young Collectors



MORNING AUCTION HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE!

Registration desk was busy...



Morning



Prize Winners



Happy lot winners...













Attend Youth Coin Auctions

Registration desk ready for afternoon signups.

AFTERNOON CROWD READY FOR ACTION!



Volunteers assist auctioneer. Charlie Mead and auction chairman, Frank Schick.

MANY THANKS TO OUR **AUCTION** DONORS:

JOHN ADLING AL'S COINS ANACS ANON ARLINGTON COINS CHARLIE BATHMAN JOE DAVID BROOKS DAVID BURKE JOHN CHAPIN CISCO COIN CLUB W. PRESTON COLE BILL COOPER

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Hopeful bidders.





Mystery lot winners...





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



MARCH MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order with 59 members (one YN) & 3 visitors in attendance. Four new members joined the club.

John Post was recognized as past president with the presentation of a medal. Bob Millard gave an update from the ANA regarding National Coin Week coming up in April. He passed out a "2012 ANA TRIVIA CHALLENGE" questionaire associated with the week.

Educational Program:: Doug Davis gave a presentation on "Investigative Resources for Dealers, Collectors, and Law Enforcement". He gave case histories of "bad guys" and pointed out how some of these cases might have been prevented. He is the Bourse Chairman for the upcoming TNA show and gave suggestions for security measures for this and other shows

APRIL MEETING - President Matt Miller

called



What is the record for the worlds most valuable rare coin?

Answer:

Graded PCGS Specimen-66, it is the finest known 1794 dollar and believed by several prominent experts to be the first silver dollar ever struck by the United States Mint. The Contursi specimen 1794 Flowing Hair silver dollar sold for \$7,850,000.



meeting to order with 46 members in attendance which included one YN. There were 4 visitors present. There was a new member, Sharon Anderson.

Bob Millard gave an update on the "2012 ANA TRIVIA CHALLENGE" questionnaire.

Jimmy Davis was recogonized for coordinating volunteers for the club's show in March. On April 12, 2012, the Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club hosted an auction to raise funds for their club. Our club was invited to attend and participate in the auction.

Educational Program: Ray Ashley gave a presentation on Civil War coins and tokens, highlighting historical facts about them.

NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

APRIL MEETING - President Allen Scott gaveled the meeting to order with 67 members and 4 visitors present. The club welcomed new member, Greg Stuteville.

John Post announced that Tony Hale has been selected as show chairman for the ANA show in Dallas October 18-20. He also asked for volunteers to lead the effort for ambassadars (greeters) and the scout merit badge program for collecting

ambassadors (greeters) and the scout merit badge program for collecting. He stated that ambassadors and others working the show will receive free admission as well as a 6-month membership in the ANA.

Bob Millard spoke about National Coin Week. He asked if those who were completing the associated quiz would turn the answers into him.

Merle Owens announced we need a few more volunteers to work the TNA front desk. A signup sheet was distributed. We will also man a club table on the bourse floor, and a call for volunteers to assist with this worthy endeavor was also made.

The highlight of the night was the donation auction. Approximately 85 items were donated, and members were amazed of the overall quality of the items donated. Bidding was extremely spirited, with about half the hammer prices in excess of their estimates. By the time the smoke had cleared, the auction netted over \$2,500 to be utilized for club and youth activities.

A special thanks goes out to Frank Schick who organized everything, and Jim Waite who called the auction in a very humorous and fun way.

MAY NEWS - Tenth Anniversary - When a small group of area collectors showed up at W.C. Martin Methodist in May 2002 to form our Club, who would have believed the growth we have seen over the past ten years. In addition to now being one of the largest Clubs in Texas (with over 100

active members in 2011), our members enthusiastically volunteer for every numismatic event.

Merle Owens recounted the history and accomplishments of the Club and each member received a special commemorative item.



NETCC Founding Members

DISTRICT FOUR



MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by president, B. Gillespie. There were 20 members and 1 guest present. The reading of the minutes of the April meeting was dispensed with.

New business: The Temple Coin Show is on May 5th. There are still some dealer tables open. McBride's Coin Shop donated several boxes of old Red and Blue Books for us to use as we see fit.

A suggestion was made to have a program soon on terms used in numismatics and their definitions. This is being looked into and will be presented soon.

Program: The program consisted of a "Quiz Bowl" about coins and currency and their designs and various other interesting things related to numismatics. The ones who answered the most questions were awarded prizes. There were six top winners: Christian M., Rick B., Moton C., Mitch L., Harry C., Brian M., and Brian J. The program was well received with great participation.

DISTRICT FIVE

COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

MARCH MEETING - The meeting was brought to order with President, Mike W. presiding with 18 members and one guest attending.

Mike W told the club the results of the questionnaire filled out last month by the members. Most comments

w e r e useful and some suggestions will be implemented.

The program was provided by Mike W. on the various grading services. Mike talked about the status of the grading services and the grading services they offered. He explained that the services have gone through changes and each changes the appearance of their holders when a change is made. Mike brought some examples to show the different styles that have been provided over the years.

APRIL MEETING - The CCCC show is this weekend and volunteers were encouraged to participate. The show closing was moved up to 4:00 to return tables at the requested time.

The program was a "show and tell" hosted by Kim G. He showed off a map of the world with coins placed on each country. The coins were obtained from dealer junk boxes and chosen to represent the character of each country. He thought this would be a good teaching tool for numismatics and geography.

James T. brought a coin from Palestine. This coin was interesting because it had two languages and number systems on it. Palestine as it existed when the coin was minted does not exist.

Adam H. brought a notebook he had put together with world coins. He identified each country with a flag from the period of the coin. This was colorful, easy to identify the country and added the interest of history to each holder.



MARCH MEETING - Meeting #1006 was called to order by President Allen Scott. Twenty-four people attended and we welcomed four visitors: Joergen Jensen, Ana Calderon, Cherie Mueller and Jean McDowell.

Vice President Stewart Huckaby mentioned that there was interest in increasing the joint meetings with Collin County Coin Club from twice a year to four times a year. That was agreeable to all me Stewart also passed out 2012 Heritage Calendars to everyone.

New Business: Allen Scott, John Post, Tony Hales and Hal Cherry met with ANA staff concerning the National Money Show to be held at the Dallas Convention Center October 18-20, 2012. Coin club members will be needed to assist in several different areas and will have a chance to volunteer in the summer or early fall.

There were numerous interesting items brought for Show & Tell.

Program: A program on Coin Grading was presented by Stewart Huckaby. Stewart gave a brief overview of the grading system for US coins. He then passed around ten coins that had been graded by various grading and certification services. Members were invited to test their own grading skills against the slab grade for each coin. After a brief discussion of the grades of the ten coins (some of which were surprising), it was agreed by all that a person should "Buy the coin, not the slab."

There are several great instructional books on coin grading. Also, PCGS has a Photo Grade App available. The App is free!!

Thanks, Stewart, for a great program that was well received and enjoyed by all..

APRIL MEETING - Meeting #1007 was called to order by President Allen Scott. There were 18 present, and we welcomed three visitors: Jimmy Davis, Michael Jensen, and Ryan Smith and a new member, Lorenzo Horalek.

Mary Hunter mentioned hearing a discussion on NPR Radio about the legislature debating the \$1 bill versus \$1 coin.

Many interesting items were brought for Show and Tell.

Program: The program for the evening was a discussion of the questions on the ANA Trivia Club Challenge. Although we were not able to answer all the questions, the members had a good discussion about the possible answers. By the end of the meeting, several members offered to research some of the questions before submitting the answers to the ANA.

DISTRICT SIX

MARCH MEETINGS - March 5 - There were 29 members and guests at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. This provided more time for Brian Holland's program about Byzantine coins. Garth Clark and Michael Wolford reminded everybody about membership dues. All

attending tonight are paid members.

March 19, 2012. There were 31 members and guests at the meeting.

Jim Bevill noted that the meeting had the most number of past Bellaire presidents attending. The presidents were Jim Bevill, Garth Clark, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, and Clayton Jennings.

Garth Clark gave a mini report about a completed investigation on "Jola" coins.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Jim Bevill, Garth Clark, Tom Cooper, Richardo Deleon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, and Alan Morgan. Brian Holland won the Show and tell prize.

APRIL MEETINGS - April 2 - There were 28 members and guests at the meeting. Most of the meeting was about the May 5-6 show.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Jim Bevill, Richardo Deleon, Sebastian Frommhold, Michael Wolford and John Zanders. Richardo Deleon won the Show and tell prize.

April 16 - There were 24 members and guests at the meeting. Garth Clark noted that today was income tax day.

Garth discussed details about the May 5-6 show.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Jim Bevill, Garth Clark, Richardo Deleon, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Paul Krail, Alan Morgan, Alvin Stern, and John Zanders. Paul Krail won the Show and tell prize.



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MARCH MEETING - The meeting started at 6:30 PM. Of the fifty attendees three were guests: David Lloyd, Daschiell Jacobs age 10 - John Zanders grandson.

Show and tell was the first activity of the night with several interesting items on display.

Alan Morgan had a robbery and serves as a reminder anyone can be robbed. John Zanders spoke about safeguarding valuables. He advocates keeping valuables in a bank's safety deposit box.

If you have a security sensor in your home, be aware of blind spots and possible points of entry that will not be detected. Review your home security and identify where your security systems do not provide coverage and find a solution.

Mike Riveria of the Houston Police Department began speaking at 7:41. If you come home late from work and a car is tailing you, be aware. Know that if someone wants to rob you, they will do it. He advises to get a concealed handgun license and a gun. He discussed the Money Show theft and tactics.

APRIL MEETING - Called to Order with Gail Brichford presiding and 55 attendees. Visitors wer John Domarat, Cheryl Domarat & Wendy Russell.

Swearing in of Officers – Administered by Edwin Johnston (Past President) Gail Brichford President, Bill Watson VP, Claude Mathes Treasurer, Rick Ewing Secretary, Kevin Scace Advisor(new), Mike Greenspan Advisor, John Trout Advisor, John Barber Advisor, Steve Kutz Advisor(New)

Show-N-Tell offerings were shared. National Coin Week - Early to Credit Cards – Ralph Ross – Gave brief history of early "Diner's Club" Ricardo De Leon – Elementary School – used shredded paper money as classroom activity - illustrating recycling.

DISTRICT SEVEN



APRIL MEETINGS - Apr. 5 - The meeting opened with twenty-six members and three visitors in attendance. The visitors were Andy G., Reed G., and Tim E. The attendance prize, a silver Mexican 1953 Hidalgo 5 pesos, was given to Alex R.

San Antonio Fiesta 2012 schedules were brought by Karla G. and were available for the members.

The roundtable included many interesting items.

The raffle winners were: Stan M., Karla G. (2 times), Reed G., and

The meeting ended with a fun-filled auction that featured a variety of attractive numismatic items. Thank you to all the members who participated and to our auctioneer that evening, David A.

Apr. 19 - The last meeting of the month opened with twenty-one members and two visitors present. Our members warmly welcomed visitors Peggy and Tom R. The attendance prize, a silver Mexican 1953 Hidalgo 5 Pesos, was given to Robert "Bob" K.

Karla G. announced that that the sign-up sheet for the May 26th Coin Show will be available at the May 3rd meeting. On Saturday April 7th, a memorial service for Cliff A. was held at the Witte Museum, with several club members in attendance. A commemorative medal was given to those who attended the service. Tom B. read information about Cliff A. from the memorial program.

The numismatic roundtable discussion was led by Brian C. who brought a challenge coin given out by the Progress Energy and other members shared their items..

The educational program on Scripophily was presented by David A. Scripophily is the study and collection of stock and bond certificates. He brought several ornate stock certificates with decorative graphics and colorful vignettes. He asked that we listen closely because he would conduct a quiz after the presentation. His program was most interesting as he spoke about the hobby of collecting stock and bond certificates and described the vignettes that adorn the certificates. Some of the most popular categories with collectors are the mining and railroad stocks. He said that grading is important when buying or selling these pieces. He concluded the program with a quiz. The first six members who answered the questions correctly had their names entered in a drawing. The winner of the drawing was Karla G.

MAY MEETING - May 3 - The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with twenty-two members in

The Attendance Prize, a silver Mexican 1952 Hidalgo five-pesos, was won by Karla G.

The following announcements were made:

One of our members made a recent visit to the Roundrock show and his opinion was that the show had changed from previous years. He mentioned that the show primarily catered to those interested in bullion, basic modern U.S. coins and slabs.

Cliff V. mentioned that the Witte Museum previously had a coin collection on exhibit that has now been placed in storage, but may be available for research.

Bill D. mentioned that the San Antonio Museum of Art has reduced the size of its coin exhibit.

Larry F. mentioned that the Boy Scouts were having a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church near Ingram Park Mall.

David A. announced that he would have a table at the Saxon Gun Show at the San Antonio Event Center at Marbach Road and SW Loop 410. There was a warning that if you park in the wrong parking section at that gun show, your vehicle will be guickly towed.

LeRoy M. reminded everyone before the Numismatic Roundtable to complete the roundtable forms and to give them to him as he circulates around the room. The Numismatic Roundtable included several interesting

Raffle winners were Leon W., Andy C., Bill D., Ray T., Walter B. and

The auction was conducted by David A. and Fernando R.

DISTRICT TEN



INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

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MARCH MEETING - The March meeting was conducted by John Grost, President. 37 members and 6 guests were present. Visitors were introduced and a new member, Ken, was welcomed.

During the business meeting, John announced that we had a successful coin show with 70 tables, which was an increase over last year, although the attendance was down over last year. We will need to work on the publicity for next year. John awarded plaques to Harold, Pat and Abe. The Best of Show plaque went to Chuck. Introductions were made by Luciano, Steve, Willie and B.L. Each gave information about their numismatic interests.

Members guessed the country of Singapore for John's Power Point presentation of "Name the Country" during the "Stuff of the Month" presentation. In addition, Steve presented Confederate Currency, advising that if the overprinting is red, the currency is more valuable.

A very entertaining and lively auction was held by Pat, B.L., and Willie. Numismatic door prizes were won by Chance, Luciano, Setsuko and Helen.

APRIL MEETING – The meeting was opened by President John Grost. He welcomed 36 members and 1 visitor. Membership applications were approved for 2 new members – Jeff and Jeri.

John announced election of officers for 2012-2013 will take place at the May 7th meeting. Several numismatic show dates were announced. Chuck won Best of Show at the Nebraska Coin Show. Abe was absent at the March meeting, therefore, John presented him with a plaque for his exhibit at the coin show in February. Bob, Hank, Joe, Raymundo, and George introduced themselves to the club. Each outlined personal and numismatic interests, and number of years in the coin club.

John discussed the Communion Tokens which were little medals given to Presbyterian Churches. They were given to members by the elders and one had to have a token in order to take communion. There are about 6500 different tokens around the world. They were still used in 1971. Bob talked about Mexican notes and the Mexican Revolution rubber stamp. In 1915 Pancho Villa paid troops with paper money. They were in packs of three and one bill in each pack had the rubber stamp.

The club auction was conducted by Pat, Steve and Willie. Door prize winners were Juan, Jeff, Jim and Joe.

MAY MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President John Grost greeting 36 members and 1 guest. The guest was introduced as a previous member who has moved to California.

John gave all members who participated in the February coin show a Red Book. Officers for 2012-2013 were elected and Hank will serve as the new board member. A report was given by those attending the Albuquerque Coin Show. Introductions were made by Jerry, Zig, Leo and Tyler. They told interesting personal, as well as numismatic, information about themselves.

Under "Stuff of the Month" John, the country of the month, Zaire, now the Republic of Congo, was correctly identified with one guess by Phil. John explained his clues in helping members guess the correct country. Steve gave a presentation on Pancho Villa money. He gave a history of Pancho's life and showed examples of Mexican money of that era.

Door prizes were won by Helen, Jim, and Ken. The club auction was conducted by Pat, Steve, and Willie.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order with the following members in attendance: Mike Nowak, Michael Eklund, Doug Hershey, Rick Morie, Avi Deckard, Phil Witt, Kurt Gehring, Paul Otts, Steve Urben, and Rodney Laubhan. Mike Nowak presided over the meeting.

Precious Metal Prices: Gold - \$1,677.70, Silver - \$32.98, Platinum - \$1,652.00

Committee Reports:: TNA – Doug Hershey will attend the TNA Show in Fort Worth May 18-20th.

Coin Show - 11 tables sold have been sold. The insurance has been transferred to State Farm.

New Business: National Coin Week is April 15 to 21. The theme is Cowries to Credit Cards this year.

Coin Trivia – Doug Hershey presented a program on the Texas Centennial Half Dollars. They were minted between 1934 and 1939 at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Proceeds from the sale were used to fund the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin.

Coin Program – Chuck Freas presented a fine program on Coins of the Crusades.

Show-and-Tell –Rodney Laubhan had a Homesteaders Insurance token and Mike Nowak brought some cardboard trade tokens.

Prize Drawings –Rick Morie won a 2012 Red Book and a Liberty Half dollar. No gift certificate winner. Next month's certificate will be worth \$15.

DISTRICT TWELVE



MARCH MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Dwight who called for Pledge to the Flag and for our opening prayer.

Attendance was a total of 33 numismatic enthusiasts representing both club members and visitors.

President Dwight offered the opportunity for club members to volunteer to answer questions from the annual ANA Treasure Hunt, an educational challenge. Also President Dwight placed before the group the chance to participate in the 2012 ANA Scavenger Hunt.

Barry shared a few words about our upcoming show including the information that Richard has volunteered to work with children at the event. Barry also was proud to inform us that tables are selling quickly and that there are dealers coming from 5 or 6 states. There is a great deal of interest from both collectors and investors in the show. More information is forthcoming.

Members then enjoyed Tom's calling of our legendary spirited auction. A total of 39 auction lots came to the fore with 28 being sold and 11 were past upon. The club netted \$11 from donated items.

APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Dwight who called for Pledge to the Flag and an opening prayer by Richard.

Attendance was a total of 28 numismatic enthusiastic club members.

Dwight has the 2011 club newsletters ready to enter in the ANA newsletter contest.

FOX news has requested an interview with Dwight next week about National Coin Week

If members have any old (or new) cent albums or other numismatic items, please get those to Richard for the kid's section of our August Coin Show

Club Auction (Tom): 7 auction lots sold (includes donated items) \$1,281.00. 1 donated auction item(s) sold: \$10.50

MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Dwight with pledge to the flag.

Attendance: Members present: 23; Guests present: 7; Total Present: 30; New Members:1

Dwight has entered the 2011 club newsletter in the ANA and TNA newsletter contests.

Please get your donated books to Tom for the TNA Silent Auction by Thursday 5/17/12

Tony Hale – TNT Coins and Texas Representative for ANA Dallas show this fall.Club Auction (Tom)

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 42 members present plus two visitors. The 6 new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 94 for the year 2012. 8 door prizes were given out.

The club kicked off its first fund raiser of the year with a 3-Gold coin raffle. Tickets will be sold for \$2 each with the drawing to be held at the July Monthly Meeting on the 9th. The 3 gold coins being raffled are Mexican - a Dos Pesos, Dos y Medio and a Cinco Pesos. Proceeds go towards more advertising and security for the November coin show.

The Youth Coin Club meetings have been going great at the 'new' McAllen Public Library. There are now 2 youth classes.

The beginner collector class is learning lessons from the red book starting with cents. The Advanced class is learning more about grading coins.

We had a lively auction of about 80 lots with Dave Busse serving as the auctioneer

MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 32 members present and two visitors. The 2 new members that applied the month before were accepted. The HCC now has a membership of 97 for the year 2012.

Information about the T.N.A. Convention & Show was discussed and

passed out to the membership. The gold coin raffle is going well with less than 2 months before the big drawing of winners.

The beginner youth coin club is learning about U.S. Mint quarters and half dollars this month. The advanced group has been learning about bidding and winning strategies for on-line auctions such as Ebay. The next club meeting is devoted to learning about silver dollars.



Youth teacher Raul H. Gonzalez shares some knowledge with Hugo Solano and Dillon Klein

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



MARCH MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Peter Dereinzi. 13 members were present and no guests. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Judy Mathern and Barbara Williams. The minutes from the February meeting were accepted by unanimous vote. The treasury report was read by Judy Mathern and were accepted by unanimous vote.

New Business: Barbara Williams announced that the clubs ANA dues have been paid for 2012.

Program: The program was a tandem act by Jerry and Barbara Williams. It gave a great insight into coin shows on a national scale vs. local They also discussed their recent trip to Hawaii and numismatic adventures they had in the 51st state.



MARCH MEETING - The meeting was called to order with 13 members present.

The program was given by Dennis on the top 5 greatest coin collections of all time. We had an interesting time trying to guess the elite group. Some of our favorites did not make it, but here are the top 5 starting with #5 King Faruk, #4 John J. Ford Jr., #3 ANA collection (from donations by collectors like Harry Bass), #2 National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institute and finally #1 - The Eliasberg Collection.

APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order with 10 members and 1 guest present.

Committee member names are: ANA Barbara and Jerry; TNA Barbara and Jerry; Auction Jerry and Carlton; Christmas Party Tracie and Susan.

The program was given by Tracie on Franklin half dollars. Franklin's face is on the obverse and the Liberty bell is on the reverse. She has collected a beautiful display of Franklin halves. The program was very informative and Tracie really loves her Bens.

The program for May will be given by Morgan. Door prizes: Joe - Washington Commemorative half 1982, Barbara N. - proof set 1976,

Shirley - Uncirculated 1978 set, David - Jefferson nickel set and Susan - proof set.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

MARCH MEETING - Paula called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were nine (9) members present with no visitors or new applications for membership.

Program: Mark gave a program on United States modern proof sets. A summary follows:

Modern United States proofs first started in 1936 and have continued to the present. There were proof coins in the 1700's but they were not continuous and were mainly presented to kings or queens. The first proof set in 1936 consisted of five (5) coins: penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half dollar which sold for \$1.81 (face value of \$0.91). It is now valued at \$7000 and with a high grading can be worth from \$13,000 to \$15,000. At the time, a proof penny could be purchased separately for \$0.16 while a nickel and dime could be purchased for \$0.20 each. The quarter was priced at \$0.50 and the half at \$0.75 if bought separately.

Proofs were issued from 1936 through 1942. There were no proof sets struck from 1943 through 1949. In 1942, proof sets contained either one (1) or two (2) nickels – the second nickel being the silver coin. This silver nickel "cameo/frosted" on rays is extremely rare and valued from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The maximum grading for proofs from 1936 through 1942 is "Proof 64." For proof sets struck from 1950 through 1953, the maximum grade is "Proof 65." For proof sets struck from 1954 through 1967, the maximum grade is "Proof 66." For proof sets struck from 1968 through 1977, the maximum grade is "Proof 67." For proof sets struck from 1978 through 1988, the maximum grade is "Proof 68." After 1988, most proof sets grade at "Proof 69."

The 1936 proof set came in a $2'' \times 2''$ box with each coin in a separate cellophane baggie with all five baggies stapled together. The coins didn't do very well with this type of protection. Flat packs were then used to better preserve the coins.

In 1964, the first Kennedy Half dollar was included in the proof set. This is the only year that a 90% silver Kennedy half was included as the silver content of the proof was reduced, and has remained reduced to 40% after 1964. From 1965 through 1967, there were no proof sets issued, only "special mint sets." This was caused by a shortage of circulating coins that started in 1961. One of the problems was that pay phones were not emptied often enough. These special mint sets did not have a mint mark on them. San Francisco started minting the proof set again in 1968 and this is where they are still being produced. In 1971, the Ike dollar was struck in a silver clad coin but was issued separately from the regular 1971 proof set. In 1973, the Ike dollar was included in the proof set but an "S" mint proof could also be gotten separately in a brown box. In 1979, the Susan B. Anthony dollar was introduced and included in the proof set. The mint had a lot of the older Ike dollar flat holder on hand so put the smaller dollar in that spot. From 1984 through 1993, a purple box was used for holding the proof sets. From 1994 through 1998, a green box was used for the sets. In 1999, the 50 state quarter set made its first appearance so the sets became nine (9) coin sets. From 2000 through 2008, the dollar coin was back in the set. Also of interest was the three (3) piece silver proof set issued in 1976. One of the biggest proof sets was issued in 2009 as it included the Sacagawea dollar, four (4) presidential dollars, four (4) Lincoln cents, six (6) quarters and a nickel, dime, and half for a total of eighteen (18) coins! Also available were "Prestige" sets that included a commemorative dollar and half dollar (starting in 1983) and "Premier" silver proof sets from 1992 through 1998.

APRIL MEETING - Paula called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. We were sorry to hear of Barbara's fall and hip injury in Arkansas. She and Jerry are (were) still there.

Program : Dale gave a program on United States early small cents. A summary follows:

In 1857, the cost of minting large cents and half cents had risen and barely paid expenses to make and distribute them. The coins were also unpopular due to their size and weight.

The act of 1857 authorized minting of small cents weighing 72 grains or 4.67 grams with a composition of 88% copper and 12% nickel. It had a diameter of 19mm which is the same as today's cent. In 1856, an estimated 1500 to 2000 pattern coins were minted. This was the Flying Eagle cent and the 1856 mintage is the rare date. The Flying Eagle cent was minted from 1856 through 1858 with proofs made each year. In 1858, there were small and large dates and an 8 over 7 overdate. In 1859, the Indian Head penny was issued. It was really Liberty with an Indian headdress. The first year featured a Laurel wreath on the reverse which was changed the next year to an Oak wreath with a small shield, making the 1859 striking a single type coin (Variety 1). Variety 2 was issued (Oak wreath) from 1860 through 1864 and proofs were made for each year. There were no rare dates during these years. The metal was changed to bronze in 1864 with the same design used through 1909 when the Lincoln cent was introduced. The composition of the coin was 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc. This third variety had more expensive coins minted in the 1860's, 70's, and 80's. The 1908S, 1909S, and 1877 are the rare dates. Some 1864 bronze coins have an "L" on the hair ribbon for the designer, James Longachre. In this year, proof coins with and without the "L" were struck. Only twenty (20) proof coins with the "L" were minted making it the most expensive proof.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

MARCH MEETING - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 20 members in attendance.

Cash prize- The winner was here to receive his prize. In April the prize will be \$25.

Shane Howard is working on a new website for the club.

Officers were nominated and elected. President- Tom Campbell; Vice President- Alan Wood; Treasurer Bob Schueltze; Secretary- Alton Hassell. HISTORICAL FACTS: This information was taken from: American Historic Society

The "Scandalous" 1917 Standing Liberty Quarter





This scarce 1917 "bare-breasted" Standing Liberty quarter caused quite a scandal when it was first introduced into circulation. Because Lady Liberty's right breast was exposed, the coin was publicly denounced as immoral. Religious leaders used words like "obscene" and "filthy" to describe the coin. Public pressure grew so intense that

the Mint was forced to redesign the Quarter in 1917 – a suit of armor was crafted to chastely clothe Miss Liberty nearly to the neck in chain mail.

Bare-breasted Liberty quarters began to rapidly disappear from circulation, making them among the scarcest of vintage American coins.

APRIL MEETING - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 17 members in attendance.

Cash prize-Alan Wood was not here to receive his prize. In May the prize will be \$35.

HISTORICAL FACTS: This information was taken from: American Historic Society, Mintgov.com and Coinworld.com

Minted for circulation for only two years in 1875 and 1876, the Seated Liberty 20-Cent Piece is the shortest-lived denomination in U.S. history. Struck from .900 fine silver from the Comstock Lode, the coin was created as a tactic for increasing U.S. silver exports – it was meant to circulate on a par with the widely used silver Franc. But the public absolutely hated this coin because its design, size and weight were too easily confused with the Seated Liberty quarter.

Less than 1.4 million specimens were produced, giving the Seated Liberty 20-Cent Piece one of the lowest circulations in U.S. Mint history.

First proposed by Thomas Jefferson as part of his decimal model for U.S. currency, the 20 Cent Piece wasn't adopted until the massive amounts of silver pouring out of the Comstock Lode in Nevada made it feasible. Alas, like the Susan B. Anthony Dollar 100 years later, it was too close to the size of a quarter for the public to accept it. Only struck from 1875-78, it was only available in proof in 1877 and 1878.

The obverse of the 20-cent coin bears a modified rendition of Christian Gobrecht's design of 13 stars around a figure of Liberty

seated on a rock.
on the silver and William Barber are credited with modifications use on the 20original design by

Gobrecht's design was first used dollars of 1836. John Hughes Barber are credited with made for the design's cent coin. An Barber – showing

a facing eagle with partially raised wings, three arrows in the eagle's right claw, olive branch in the other – was used on the reverse. According to numismatic researchers this design is considered an heraldic faux pas, favoring the arrows of war over the olive branch of peace, but it was copied from the Trade dollar, which Barber also designed.

Barber, as chief engraver, engraved both the obverse and reverse designs of the coin. He served in the position of chief engraver for a short time, dying Aug. 31, 1879, just eight months after the death of his predecessor James B. Longacre. Barber's son, Charles, an assistant engraver at the time, assumed the chief engraver's position after his father's death.

Although William Barber is one of the most well-known Mint engravers who did much original work on pattern coins and also designed many medals, only the 20-cent coin and the Trade dollar were his designs selected for circulating coins.

Seated Liberty 20-cent coins were struck for only four years: 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878, the last two years in Proof only. Coins dated 1875 were struck at the Philadelphia, Carson City and San Francisco Mints while coins dated 1876 were struck at the Philadelphia and Carson City Mints only. The first year of issue saw 38,500 coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint and 1,200 Proofs are known for this date. At the Carson City Mint there were a total of 133,290 circulation strikes but no known Proofs. There are six to seven Proof 1875-S coins known, probably struck to celebrate the first (or last) year of this denomination at the San Francisco Mint. No official Proof mintages were reported for this year, but it was the largest mintage of the series with 1,155,000 business strikes.

Virtually all 10,000 of the 1876-CC coins were melted at the Carson City Mint and no Proofs are known. A few of the circulation strikes escaped, possibly as souvenirs given to visitors. Fewer than 20 are known today. Only 14,750 1876 coins were struck for circulation and 1,150 Proofs were made at the Philadelphia Mint. The Philadelphia Mint struck 510 Proof coins dated 1877 and 600 dated 1878.



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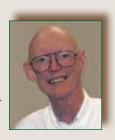
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WHAT IS TYPE SET COLLECTING?

by John Barber



Vour editor has been happily engrossed in a half-century journey to assemble a type set of regular issue U.S. coins which illustrate the evolution of our coinage and the growth of the country. This article is about the "causes of attractiveness" of collecting in this way. When visitors and prospective new members come to GHCC meetings and say they are interested in U.S. type coins, I applaud. It is a great way to collect and be exposed to three centuries of economic and cultural history as our coinage evolved from rude and crude to its present level of machine-made fineness.

Members of the public at large generally do not even know what "type collecting" means. The shortest explanation is: Collect an example in the best condition available to you of each deliberately-different design. Coins of any specific date or mint are not needed, unless a design type comes from only one date/mint. If a coin is from a run of identical (except for date mint) pieces, the logical type coin is the most common and least expensive one.

One of the strengths of type set collecting (as opposed to forming a "series set" like Mercury Dimes), is that the collector gets to define what coins constitute the set. Sure, he can abdicate his responsibility and say "I will collect whatever is in the Dansco album", or he can go by the holes provided in the old Wate Raymond "National Brand" coin pages. But the opportunity to adopt one's own definition or goal for completeness is a lot broader than for "series" sets.

I put my own goal out here, but it is not implied that this should necessarily be the goal of any other collector. Type is how you define it. My goal is: a representative specimen for each regular issue of the U.S. mint from 1793 until the end of regular issue silver coins(1969). I want to include all denominations from half cent through \$20 gold. This construction allows me to exclude items such as a \$4 gold (Sella) and other pattern-only issues. It allows

me to select a Flying Eagle Cent of 1857 or 1858 and not the much more difficult 1856. It allows me to select the available 1917 Type 1 Standing Liberty Quarter instead of the difficult 1916.

Early on, I wanted to establish that the goal was a "comprehensive" US type set, so it made sense to gather certain supporting issues with it, even if they did not come from the U.S. mint after 1793. Sebastian pointed out the very important role of the Spanish Colonial silver pieces in our commerce beginning almost with the first settlers and continuing until 1857. So a Pillar Dollar (actually representatives from three different rulers) joined the set. A Pine Tree Shilling from Massachusetts and Colonial coppers issued by the various states and a representative Fugio copper of 1787 joined the "must have" list.

For many years, I thought I was in good shape with a 1792 half disme (a pre-mint issue), until the Secret Service carried my specimen away as a counterfeit struck in the 1860's. A replacement has still not been found. This key issue, along with an original Continental Currency "Dollar" remain as "must haves" for a comprehensive U.S. type set.

The core set is also supported by a collection of commemorative issues of the Classic Era 1892-1954. This is mostly half dollars, but with one silver dollar (1899), one quarter (1893), and eleven gold coins. Lest you might think the set is done, I must here declare that the two Pan Pacific \$50 issues of 1915 have been deliberately deferred, as I feel that there are coins still wanted that are actually scarcer than these, but which do not command the prices in the market that the showy \$50 pieces do.

The first rule of GHCC membership is: Foster a spirit of sharing of knowledge and support education in numismatics. For me, enthusiasm for type set collecting fits right in.

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THREE-LEGGED **BUFFALOES**

The 1937-D "3 Legged" Buffalo Nickel is unique type of error which remains very popular with collectors and non-collectors alike. The coin takes its name from the buffalo (actually a bison) on the reverse of the coin that appears to only have three legs. Collector fascination with this unusual appearance has made this one of the most famous coins of the 20th century.

The Buffalo Nickel itself is a uniquely American coin. The obverse is a composite of 3 American Indians (Sioux, Kiowa, Cheyenne). The reverse displays an American bison, purportedly one named Black Diamond living at the New York Central Park zoo.

The "3-Legger" was evidently created by a clashing of the dies without a blank planchet between the dies. This caused the dies to receive impressions from one another.

> After the dies clashed, a fairly inexperienced mint employee used an emery stick in an attempt to polish off the clashing evidence instead of switching the dies, which would have been the more appropriate procedure. Due to the

over-polishing of the dies, the details of the bison's front right leg had been accidentally removed from the reverse die.

Mint inspectors did not discover the error until the coin had already entered circulation.

Since this variety commands a strong premium, many counterfeiters have tried to alter or remove the bison's leg on regular inexpensive 1937-D nickels to give it the appearance of a genuine and quite expensive 3-Legged Buffalo Nickel.

Collectors are strongly urged to only purchase examples certified by a recognized national service. However, collectors should familiarize themselves with some of the distinguishing characteristics of a genuine example:

The motto "E Pluribus Unum" is further away from the bison as opposed to a regular 1937-D Buffalo nickel, where the letters "E" and "U" of "E Pluribus Unum" touch the bison's back.

The portion where the bison's leg is missing should also be clear of any marks or possible alterations attempting to remove the bison's leg.

The right rear leg will display weak detail.

A SMALL PILE OF OLD ROMANS

ooking back over the years I realize I should have paid a bit more attention to the presentations at the various clubs I've been part of. In particular I'm thinking about show and tell and program format times from folks such as Brian at the Houston Club and Gene at the Bellaire Club, ones who have a passion and overall expertise in numismatic history which hasn't been in the everyday pocket for more than fifteen hundred years. I don't know, for example, exactly when an "Ancient" coin ends and the next era begins. I don't even know for sure what the next era is. Over all these years I've been focusing on a fairly new financial invention; paper. Of course paper money in itself isn't so new having a history dating back to the Fourteenth Century in China. Yet even those who were printing currency back then would look at the basic "Ancient" coin as a long ago thing.

What brings me to this point is the very small group of "uncleaned" Ancient Roman coins which I purchased the other day as interesting material for the Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's program. The first thing I did was write to Dr. Coyne for details on how officially to clean these up. One



of the questions posed and answered a few months ago dealt with this exact science. Following a bit of a cosmetic adjustment it is my intention to learn a bit about what I'm looking at. I'll solicit the assistance of the few I know for hints on identification, approximate date of issue, and I'll do what I encourage the Coins for A's group to do, explore history, biography, and the significant events of the day to see how the coin and its design fit in.

The neat thing is the price. I know from listening to the folks mentioned above how expensive the pure quality collectible Ancient Coin can be and how scarce. For example Brian tells fascinating stories of particularly uncommon Roman gold coins and offers insights into the times and people whose portraits are present. I have marveled at the historic details which are known and the scarcity level of the coins passed around for observation and edification. But the little lot pictured early in this article contains coins which are not at all scarce and are really fairly cheap. I actually invested less per piece for these than I have paid in the recent past for less expensive U. S. proof sets and even for the small group of Mercury Dimes I acquired a year or so ago when silver was a bit lower than it is today.

I am hoping these will spark an interest in those who receive a piece as a response to good work in school. I know Roman coins such as these are fairly common in such condition and that hoards are still unearthed even after more than sixteen or seventeen centuries since the passing of the Roman Empire. But on the other hand I still think they are sort of neat and a great way to introduce history and to meet some interesting folks from the past, and even a few who find joy in collecting Ancients in the present. This entire experience also underscores the diversity to be found in the hobby and how important it is to share knowledge and the thrill of discovery with each other.

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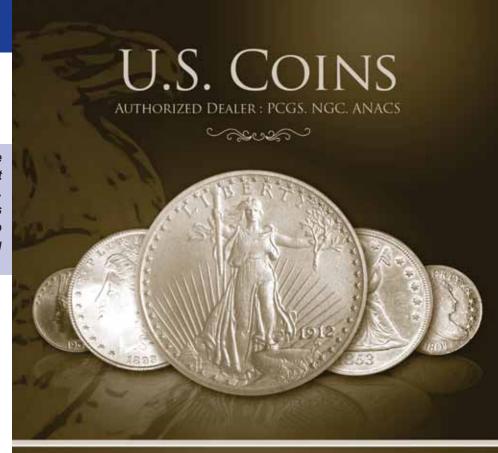
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TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, GOLD PRIZES! Contact: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

JULY 7-8 50 TABLES FORT WORTH

COWTOWN SUMMER COIN SHOW at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5. Sun 9-3. Free parking, snack bar. Hourly \$10 Dealer Gift Certificate Drawings. Adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. Jan. 28, 11am-5pm; 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com.

JULY 14 SILSBEE

SILSBEE COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the Silsbee Community Center, 835 Hwy 96 South, Silsbee, Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Coins-Paper Money, Jewelry, Sports Cards, Bullion. Free Parking, Drawing for Free Silver Proof Set. Open to Public; \$2 admission for adults. Bourse Chair - Jerry Williams, PO Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 1-409-385-7028.

AUGUST 11-12 60+ TABLES **A**MARILLO

The Golden Spread Coin Club will be hosting our Annual Coin Show in Amarillo on August 11 & 12 at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Early Bird passes are available. For table information Call Mike at 806-353-1595.

AUGUST **24-25** 90 TABLES **T**YLER

FIVE STATE COIN & CURRENCY SUPER SHOW @ TYLER The Tyler Coin Club Invites You To A Collector & Dealer Friendly Show At The Lone Star Event Center, 4036 FM 2767 (Old Kilgore Hwy), Just Off East Loop 323, Tyler. Show Hours Are: Friday 8/24, 1pm-7pm. Saturday 8/25, 9am- 5pm. FREE Admission, Lots Of FREE Door Prizes, Plenty Of FREE Parking, And FREE Coins For All Kids. Plus Sandwich & Snack Bar, Coin Raffles, Full Time 24 Hour Security, Special Discount Room Rates. Buying, Selling, Trading Coins & Currency, Gold & Silver. For Table Or Show Info Contact Chairman Barry Carter at 903-752-6300 Or Email tylercoinshow@suddenlink.net Or See Website: www. tylercoinclub.com

SAN ANTONIO August 25

ALAMO COIN SHOW - August 25, 9 AM -5 PM. Live Oak Civic Center in the BIG room. Admission \$2 18yrs+; Early Bird Pass \$10: 7am-8:30am.BUY •SELL •TRADE. DOOR PRIZES. ANACS Grading Service. EXHIBITS, SEMINARS, SECURITY. Children's Auction at 2pm! For Bourse or Club Information, write to: Alamo Coin Club, 318 Kemper / SA, TX 78207 or email: alamocoinclub@yahoo.com.

JUNE 1-2 WICHITA FALLS

WICHITA FALLS COIN AND STAMP SHOW at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC), 1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls TX, Friday, June 1, from 1PM - 6PM and Saturday, June 2, from 9AM to 5PM. Free Parking. Admission \$2, children under 12 free when accompanied by parent. For more information, call Connolly at 940-631-0817, or email conrobrus@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 15 BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the Elks Lodge, 11431 Highway 90, Beaumont, Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Coins-Paper Money, Jewelry. Free Parking, Drawing for Free Silver Proof Set. Open to Public; \$2 admission for adults. Bourse Chair - Jerry Williams, PO Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 1-409-385-7028,

NOVEMBER 10 PORT ARTHUR

PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the Masonic Lodge, 5901 39th St. (39th & Gulf St. Off Hwy 73), Groves Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Buy-Sell-Trade, Coins-Paper Money, Bullion, Jewelry, Sports Cards and More. Free Parking, refreshments, snacks. Drawing every hour for free coins; \$2 admission for adults. Bourse Chair -Jerry Williams, PO Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 1-409-385-7028.

November 17 SAN ANTONIO

ALAMO COIN SHOW - November 17, 2012 9 AM -5 PM. Live Oak Civic Center in the BIG room. Admission \$2 18yrs+; Early Bird Pass \$10: 7am-8:30am.BUY •SELL •TRADE. DOOR PRIZES. ANACS Grading Service. EXHIBITS, SEMINARS, SECURITY. Children's Auction at 2pm! For Bourse or Club Information, write to: Alamo Coin Club, 318 Kemper / SA, TX 78207 or email: alamocoinclub@yahoo.com.

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