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Greetings!

Where does the time go? Time again for "Season's Greetings" and checking that stocking to see if there are any "coin goodies" inside. Anything gold or silver would be great with copper of certain dates and condition also appreciated.



The Dallas ANA National Money Show was a lot of fun with plenty of numismatic treasures on display and quality items from numerous dealers. I especially enjoyed the young exuberance in the "Kids Zone". Of course there were both kinds of kids participating. You know who you are! The exhibits were superb with our own TNA members garnering top recognition. We have photos on pages 16-17, as well as, a review of the Educational Talks by Kathy Lawrence on page 15. For full coverage of the show visit the ANA website (www.money.org) and go to the National Money Show under the Numismatic Events column.

We had to expand this issue another 4 pages. Our clubs contributed plenty of reports for our "Texas Happenings" on pages 18-25 and club newsletters provided plenty of articles for us to pick from for publication. Thanks a bunch to the newsletter editors and their contributors.

We also have several other articles for your enjoyment this issue. They are interesting and informative. We hope they will provide our readers with help in their numismatic endeavors.

We encourage you to write to us with your comments about this publication. Hopefully you will consider it our Christmas present to a great TNA membership. It has been a fun year and we look forward to the coming year of numismatics in Texas.

It's time to get this edition to the printer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Ron Kersey

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy Holidays to Everyone,

I hope you all are looking forward to the Holidays this year. We seem to have turned the corner for the recession. I say that optimistically, with the fiscal problem coming up in January plus Spain and Greece still in bad shape. Housing sales are up and a few other indicators are better than the last five years so I am looking forward to a good Holiday Season.

I am hearing that the coin shows are still strong with collector interest and the bullion people are buying silver and gold. The local shows are doing well and national shows are very busy. We just had the ANA Fall show in Dallas and it was very well attended. Dealers for the most part had a strong show, and collectors I spoke with found some great items to add to their collections.

The Dallas Coin Club invited the dignitaries from the ANA and the TNA board members to have dinner with the club at Celebration Restaurant. The dinner and meeting was a lot of fun with the ANA board members speaking to us about some ideas for the future of the ANA. We really enjoyed getting to spend time with them.

A few words on our TNA show next May. The show will be held the last weekend in May, first of June. We have the same room and Doug Davis has signed up a lot of the dealers already. He has some more improvements planned again this year and he has retained great ideas from previous shows. I am looking forward to this one.

At the time of this letter I see gold is \$1725.00 and silver is \$33.15. Gold and silver have been holding in this area for quite some time with dips and highs only small margins from these prices. Both are at the upper end of the pricing I am speaking of, but most people believe that this is only the beginning of the rise. We see that there is still strong demand and that some inventories are lower than normal. I cannot say if gold and silver are good investments, but I don't think that they are any worse than anything else at this time.

Regardless, have a great time with your collections.



Merry Christmas, Mike Grant

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LAWRENCE HERRERA

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Welcome to new TNA members LM-250 and J-7258. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on November 1, 2012.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on January 1, 2013.

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Patricia Mann

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

> Thank you, Larry Herrera



TREASURER'S REPORT Jack Gilbert - Treasurer

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OCTOBER **31**, 2012

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Long Term Assets CTB CD (Mat 4/3/2014) CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14) PBOT (Mat 9/21/15) Endowment PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017) CTB CD (McFadden - Mat. 1/23/2015) Total Long Term Assets TOTAL ASSETS LIABILITIES	\$30,000.00 \$40,000.00 \$25,000.00 \$30,000.00 \$70,000.00	\$195,000.00 \$317,963.97
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BOOKMARKS

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

2013 North American Coins & Prices by David Harper, et al. Iola, WI: Krause, 2012. (ISBN 9781440230844: \$16.23).

Confederate Currency by Pierre Fricke. Shire Library No. 655. Oxford (England): Shire, 2012. 56 p: ill (some col.), maps. (ISBN 9780747810803; \$9.95)

Fiat Paper Money: the history and evolution of our currency by Ralph T. Foster. 2d ed. Order by making check/MO payable to Ralph T. foster in the amount of \$46.00 and mail to Foster Publishing, Coin & Stamp Co., 2189 Ban-croft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. For more information call 510-845-3015 or email to tfdf@pacbell.net .

Medal Yearbook 2012 by John W. Mussell. Honiton: Token Publication, 2011. 600 p.: ill. (ISBN 18700192 46X; \$43.00)

The Official 2013 Price Guide to World Coins by Marc Hudgeons and Tom Hudg-eons. Other titles: 2013 Official Blackbook Price Guide to World Coins and Price Guide to World Coins, 2013. NY: House of Collectibles/Random House Reference, ©2012. 16th ed. (ISBN vii, 592 p.: ill. (ISBN 9780375723643; \$\$9.00).

One Coin Is Never Enough: Why and how we collect by Michael S. Shutty. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, ©2011. 253 p.: ill. (ISBN 9781440217012; \$10.00)

Strike It Rich With Silver In Coin Rolls by David J. Conway. Iola, WI: Krause Publications, ©2012. 123 p: ill. (ISBN 9781440232121; \$12.16).



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ATLANTA, PORTLAND SELECTED FOR FUTURE NATIONAL MONEY SHOWS

Atlanta was selected as the host city for the 2014 National Money ShowSM and Portland, Ore., will be the location for the 2015 spring show following votes by the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors during an Oct. 20 meeting in Dallas.

The board voted to permanently move the spring show back to March, with some flexibility. This change begins with the Atlanta show, which will be held Feb. 27 to March 1 at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

The Portland show runs from March 5-7 at the Oregon Convention Center. The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association and Willamette Coin Club were selected as host clubs.

AUSTRALIAN HOLEY DOLLAR RETURNED TO ANA MONEY MUSEUM

The 1813 Holey dollar was returned to the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum on Oct. 23.

The Holey dollar is an 1813 Australian coin struck on a 1788 Spanish-American real piece of Charles III from Mexico City. It has a large hole punched out of it; around the hole is an added legend "NEW SOUTH WALES 1813" on the obverse and "FIVE SHILLINGS" on the reverse. Australia's first domestic coin, around 350 Holey dollars survive today.

The Spanish real was widely used by many countries as international currency because of its uniformity and milling characteristics. Some countries, like Australia, countersigned the Spanish dollar so it could be used as their local currency. The Spanish dollar remained legal tender in the U.S. until the Coinage Act of 1857.

"We are delighted to have the Holey dollar returned to our museum collection," said ANA Executive Director Jeff Shevlin.

The historically significant coin was among more than 300 stolen from the museum by former ANA Collection Manager Wyatt Yeager, who was sentenced in April to 27 months in federal prison, two years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$948,505 in restitution.

Yeager sold the Holey dollar in a July 2007 auction in Melbourne, Australia.

Coinworks, Ltd., the Australian numismatic firm that returned the Holey Dollar to the ANA, acquired the coin from an Australian auction house in July 2007. The company specializes in Australian rare coins and notes.

"Coinworks is an organization that prides itself on its strong ethic and commitment to the industry. That Coinworks initiated the discussions regarding the return of the 1813 Holey dollar to its rightful owner (ANA) is a clear demonstration of the principles by which we operate," said Belinda Downie of Coinworks.

Other recovered coins

The ANA has also recovered several other stolen coins, including a gold pattern from The Netherlands, several Mexican Reales from the 15th to 17th centuries, a Tetradrachm of Lysimachus from Thrace, and coins from Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica and Peru.

Upon their return, the coins were photographed, cataloged and returned to the Money Museum's vaults.

Additional security measures

The ANA upgraded its security and surveillance systems following the theft, and continues to enhance security measures. In the coming months, the museum also will hire additional parttime staff to catalog and photograph the ANA's museum collection and make museum resources available online to members.

EARLIEST KNOWN MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FROM 1894 DONATED TO ANA BY DWIGHT MANLEY

Colorado Springs, Colo. — The earliest known surviving American Numismatic Association membership certificate, dated July 1, 1894, has been acquired by California real estate developer and long-time coin collector, Dwight Manley, and donated to the ANA. Manley's donation also includes 16 other documents and materials dating back to the early years of the association that was founded in 1891 by Dr. George F. Heath of Monroe, Mich.

The items were purchased by Manley in the Oct. 6, 2012 auction conducted by David Sklow Fine Numismatic Books. The 6-by-9 inch ANA certificate of membership was described by Sklow as "possibly the rarest piece of history from the American Numismatic Association's very early years."





COINS FOR A'S REPORT



knew it was going to happen sooner or later, just when was the question. As I mentioned at the board meeting back in May already had in place, in bowls in my garage window, a small collection of ancient coins. These were marinating in a nice quality extra virgin olive oil which I understood from Dr. Coyne to be the best way to remove whatever dirt, rust, etc. had accumulated during their 1,500 years or so underground. Last week I made the decision to bring them inside and to reclaim them from their place of honor. Even though they are not in top flight condition the process of oil, window, and time heightened what images were to be found. My immediate motivation was a request from a younger one for some "ancient" coins. I was pleased to oblige and was able to do so because of the vision and support of the Texas Numismatic Association. I like to think that there is at least one in our service area who will have a new understanding and appreciation for history just through touching a coin supplied by the Texas Numismatic Association through its members and friends.

It never ceases to expressed in the letters As l've said before, official signup sheet, guarantee we'll match least l'll do my best can be expected. On receive confirmation



amaze me the interests of request I receive. and have noted on the even though I can't the specific desire, at and yes, substitutes the other hand when I of the arrival of

the numismatic item sent we always receive "thanks" and never disappointment. It is a real blessing to be in contact with these younger folk, to get to know them as much as I can at the level of our communication, and to help broaden their horizons and perspective. It is our privilege and our duty to welcome these young people when they contact us through the mail, or even better, at our local shows and club meetings.

Our last time together, back in May, was near to the end of the school year. For this reason requests have been relaxed since then. I had a handful over the summer, mostly those who didn't get them to me prior to the end of the semester. It is now the end of the first six weeks of the 2012 / 2013 school year. I have received only a handful, but expect more in the next week or so. Of those I have received, approximately a dozen, all but two are repeat friends. Of the two new ones both are from the Tyler area, one who received information at the recent show held by the Tyler Coin Club, and another encouraged by a local dealer. I'm pleased to know that such personal contact still works, even in our technology focused times. Whatever the means let's keep up the work. I sent to each member of this body a copy of the handout. Please distribute in whatever ways you can, especially through shows and club gatherings.

Our Coins for A's "warehouse" is in fairly good shape at the moment. The ancient coins I mentioned above remain in a fair quantity. There are both Roman and Greek coins in the lot. I have a quantity of basic interesting United States items including Mercury Dimes, Indian Cents, Buffalo and "V" Nickels. Also present are a quantity of world coins, many silver, which I was fortunately enough to pick up for a fraction of their silver value. A big boost came through a friend of the TNA and a fellow member of the Tyler Coin Club, named Todd, who is also a vest pocket dealer, he passed along a nice group of proof and mint sets as well as a variety of other useful material.



Regards and God Bless, Richard Laster tnacfa@yahoo.com



SHIELD NICKELS



by Sam Fairchild

The shield nickel was born out of the need for circulating small change. In the years before, during, and immediately following the American Civil War, citizens hoarded all circulating coinage for its intrinsic value. The shortage was filled by such means as merchant tokens, encased postage stamps, and fractional currency, issued in denominations as low as three cents. In 1864, Congress began the process of restoring coins to circulation by abolishing the 3-cent note and authorizing bronze cents and 2-cent pieces, both with low intrinsic values, to be struck. These new coins initially proved popular, though the 2-cent piece soon faded from circulation.

To further relieve this shortage, Congress authorized a 3-cent piece and a 5-cent piece in 1865 both with a composition of 75% copper and 25% nickel. They figured that the coins would not be hoarded since the intrinsic value was much less than the face value.



Several different designs were suggested, and a considerable number of patterns were created. The most interesting featured the busts of George Washington or Abraham Lincoln on the obverse. The mint director knew of Washington's

objection to using his portrait, and he feared a portrait of Lincoln would be hated in the recently subdued South. He therefore chose a simpler design.

The obverse of what would become known as the Shield Nickel

was similar to the 2-cent piece introduced in 1864 with some minor modifications. A large shield was prominent in the design, with horizontal lines on the upper portion and vertical lines beneath. A large cross was placed on top, and arrows were visible to both sides on the bottom.



The motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" was placed above a n d the date below.

The reverse design featured a large numeral 5 within a circle of 13 stars with rays between the stars. In production, the

copper-nickel composition the rays increased the flowed on the design, weakly struck pieces. during 1867, thereby variety. Even with this proved hard to strike, and metal that had to be resulting in many The rays were removed creating a second design modification, production

difficulties continued, causing the vertical lines in the shield to be quite mushy.

Minting of the Shield nickel for circulation was suspended in 1876 for over two years due to a glut of low-denomination coinage, and it was struck in only small quantities until 1882. It was replaced by Barber's Liberty head design (the "V" nickel) in 1883.

These coins are usually not expensive, but you should search diligently for full shield examples.



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Silver dollars are the most popular coin collected today. There are many dates, types, VAMs and other varieties to collect & enjoy. Collectors often need numismatic help when trying to accumulate a collection and/or portfolio. Collecting Silver Dollars may be very complicated and you may need to consult a dealer. There are thousands of coin dealers in the U.S. When you see a regular doctor, he may need to send you to see a "specialist." The same goes for Silver Dollars. That is where the National Silver Dollar Roundtable (NSDR) comes in. When it comes to Silver Dollars, you really do need a "specialist". The following dealers have been very carefully selected and approved by the NSDR Board of Governors. The National Silver Dollar Roundtable has recently celebrated its 28th Anniversary. Below is a complete list of current NSDR members. We are proud of our members and recommend them all to you. Remember, when it comes to collecting Silver Dollars, don't just call any coin dealer, consult a "NSDR SILVER DOLLAR SPECIALIST!"

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STOLEN COINS UPS SHIPMENT - SEPT. 26

The following coins were stolen from a UPS shipment to Gary Tancer Coin Gallery of Boca Raton. The UPS box was empty when received and appeared to have been opened and repackaged.

These are the invoices that were stolen out of the UPS package:

Invoice number: 3573036 - Lines 1: 1914 \$5 NO grade; 2: 1834 \$5 classic VF30; 3: 1857 \$5 AU55; 4: 1891-cc \$5 AU55; 5: 1896-s 45 AU58; 6: 1908 \$5 no grade; 7: 1907 \$5 MS63; 8: 1912 \$5 AU58; 9: 1912-s \$5 AU58;10: 1904 \$2.5 MS65NGC.

Invoice number: 3573037 - Lines 1: 1874 G\$1 no grade; 2: 1836 \$2.5 no grade; 3: 1871 \$2.5 AU58; 4: 1909 \$2.5 MS60; 5: 1909 \$2.5 MS60;6: 1914 \$2.5 no grade; 7: 1929 \$2.5 MS62; 8: 1885-S \$5 MS62; 9: 1882 \$5 MS62; 10: 1912 \$5 MS 62.

Anyone having information on this offense should contact: Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

FRAUDULENT BULLION PURCHASES - SEPT 28

During the past ten days we have received information from dealers receiving requests for gold bullion purchases. This activity had slowed for several months but appears to have started up once again.

The suspects are using different names and addresses. They also want to send cashier's checks and have the gold sent by express mail.One dealer received a bogus cashiers check and is out \$15,000.

The following are suspect addresses and names: woodsonj46@gmail.com johnster392@gmail.com mark.manderson128@yahoo.com gregcondon15@yahoo.com tOc3nmodz@gmail.com 902 Jimmy D'Angelo Way Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 8563 Quail Dr. Show Low, AZ 175/176 Burkholder Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

The emails received are written with broken English in the body of the text. Suspects are wanting quick responses, payment via cashier's check and purchase sent express mail. Dealer's who have received phone calls have indicated the subjects are of foreign nationality. These are all red flags!!

Dealer's should use extreme caution and screen thoroughly before completing any transaction.

FUGITIVE SIGHTED IN FLORIDA - Nov. 8



Christopher Glenn Hearne a fugitive wanted for a \$100,000 burglary of a coin dealer in Louisiana was identified as a suspect in a theft of coins which occurred in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Tuesday November 7, 2012.

Hearne was driving a silver Mercury and possibly headed towards Orlando. Hearne is in the company of a female identified as Aime Ainsworth. Hearne

has family in Orlando and may attempt to sell the coins at local shops.

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

STOLEN/MISSING - Nov. 2 CASE #1

A certified package enroute to CAC from CT. has been reported stolen/ missing. The last known location was the Morgan St. Post Office New York City. The package included the following \$20 Gold coins:

1908 MS66 PCGS 2787773,1908 MS66 PCGS 4631558,1924 MS66 PCGS 50118084,1924 MS66 PCGS 30002057,1924 MS66 PCGS 30002057, 1924 MS66 PCGS 50117692,1924 MS66 PCGS 50097963, 1924 MS66 PCGS 50114444, 1924 MS66 PCGS 30001245, 1924 MS66 PCGS 50117914, 1924 MS66 PCGS 50117907, 1924 MS66 PCGS 50118045, 1924 MS66 PCGS 90004604, 1925 MS66 PCGS 50119504, 1925 MS66 PCGS 50051294, 1925 MS66 PCGS 50118203, 1927 MS66 PCGS 50112318, 1927 MS66 PCGS 50117895, 1927 MS66 PCGS 50112903, 1927 MS66 PCGS 50114927, 1924 MS66 PCGS 9000485, 1927 MS66 PCGS 30001246, 1928 MS66 PCGS 4901233, 1928 MS65 NGC 163052-015.

CASE #2

A lot of 20 high grade walking liberty half dollars enroute to PCGS has been reported stolen/missing. The coins originated in Ruston, LA to Shreveport, LA and then California via USPS.

CASE #3

A 1933 \$1 FRN, Richmond-Major Fold Over Error, PMG 40 EPQ FR 1918-E S/N E76728097 D has been reported stolen from USPS Miami Florida.

CASE #4

The following coins have been reported stolen: 1910 gold 21/2 Indian NGC MS62 3130631,1911 gold 21/2 Indian NGC MS62 3147500-012, 1911D gold 21/2 Indian PCGS AU55 25577472, 1912 gold 21/2 Indian PCGS 14867354, 1913 gold 21/2 Indian PCGS 12120994.

Anyone having information on this offense should contact: Doug Davis, 817-723-7231, Doug@numismaticcrimes.org

"AMERICA NOW" - Ост. 23

The "America Now" TV show hosted by Leeza Gibbons featured the Numismatic Crime Information Center in a story on "Protecting your coin collection from thieves" which began airing nationwide today.

http://www.americanownews.com/story/19033794/rare-coin-robberies

LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR



The Numismatic Crime Information Center presented a Numismatic Crime Investigation seminar for law enforcement on October 18, 2012 in conjunction with the ANA Money Show in Dallas, Texas. Forty-seven local, state, and federal investigators attended the 8-hr accredited training which armed them with the basic skills and resources to investigate a numismatic crime.

The seminar is one of several educational initiatives within the strategic plan of

the Numismatic Crime Information Center. The goal is to present these seminars in association with major coin shows across the country.

Special thanks to the American Numismatic Association, Paul Minshull, Heritage Auctions and Mike Fuljenz for their participation and support.

THE 1804 HALF CENT A COMMON DATE WITH SOME TOUGH VARIETIES

🔁 ot change for a cent? Kind of a Unidiculous question today, especially with all the talk of doing away with the lowly cent, but in 1804 the question would have been commonplace. The U.S. half cent was minted from 1793 to 1857, and from the standpoint of face value was the lowest denomination coin ever used in the USA. Most Americans, and possibly a considerable number of coin collectors, may not even realize our nation ever used such a coin. But back in the 1790's and early 1800's, such a denomination was very important in commerce. Back in those days, everything from Spanish colonial silver and gold, to state coppers and private tokens were in circulation. An item that sold for one Spanish Real, or bit, could be purchased for 12 and one-half cents in American coin. And goods were often priced in half-cent increments.

As a coin collector for over 50 years, I have always been fascinated by the half cent. I can remember reading the following statement at the front of the half cent section in my 1961 Redbook: "All half cents are scarce, but the series has never enjoyed the popularity of some of the other series, hence the more common dates are reasonably priced." I think this statement is still true today. In fact, U.S. copper specialist, Steven Ellsworth, has said, "I think the half cent is the most undervalued series in U.S. numismatics. Overall, fewer half cents have survived than all the known 1909-S VDB Lincoln Cents." This statement may sound a bit far-fetched until you consider that less than 8 million half cents were minted during the 65 year history of the series, and most copper specialists estimate that only around 5 to 10 percent of the original mintage still survives. Half cents and large cents were very unpopular when discontinued in 1857, and millions were melted and the copper used to produce the new small cents.

The 1804 half cent is probably the most common half cent as a date and has always been one of my favorites, because the first half cent I bought back in 1967 was a Plain 4 Stemless Variety. Mint records show that 1,055,312 half cents were minted in 1804, but that figure



1804 R-1 Without Stems means very little according to Walter Breen. Per Breen, "Hundreds of thousands of coins were delivered in 1805 and even 1806 from 1804-dated dies, just as tens of thousands of half cents were delivered in 1804 bearing 1803 dates." Back in the late 1700's and early 1800's, it was a common mint practice to use dies as long as possible, and mint records reflect the number of coins minted during a calendar year regardless of what date was on the coin. This is because dies were made by hand one at a time, and quality die steel was hard to come by. This was especially true in the 1803 - 1805 time period when the mint's supply of die steel was nearly exhausted. The primary supplier at the time was Matthew Bolton of England, and Bolton was either unable or unwilling to provide the needed die materials during this period. For this reason, the 1804 is the date with the largest number of die varieties (13), and it is rich in rare dies and bizarre or extreme die breaks, as dies were used long after they would otherwise have been discarded.

There are five major varieties of the 1804 half cent that are listed in the Red Book, and they are pictured here. They are, from most common to scarcest, the



1804 R-1 Crosslet 4 With Stems

Plain 4, Stemless Wreath; the Crosslet 4 Spiked Chin; the Crosslet 4 with Stems; the Crosslet 4, Stemless Wreath; and the Plain 4, with Stems. Other sub-varieties exist from a total of 5 obverse, and 7 reverse dies that were used to produce the 1804-dated coins. For example, the crosslet 4 obverse exists showing High 4, Low 4, Widest Date, and narrowest date. Reverse dies show variations in the width of the fraction (1/200) and number of berries in the wreath just to name a few. Two of the scarcest of the sub-varieties are the Low 4 obverse/closest zeros



1804 R2 Crosslet 4 Without Stems

reverse and the High 4 obverse/widest fraction reverse. Coins from these two die combinations are extremely rare, the first being rated at R-7 and the second at R-8, meaning that less than a dozen examples are known (see Sheldon's Rarity Scale).

Probably one of the most popular and best known varieties in the entire half cent series is the Spiked Chin Variety. The spiked chin is not really a die break



1804 R-1 Crosslet 4 With Stems "Spiked Chin"

at all. The most likely explanation was suggested by Paul Munson in 1965. It is commonly believed that the obverse die struck a planchet atop which, by accident, a small bolt had dropped. The spiked chin and protruding tongue are marks from the bolt head, and the parallel, curved grooves in the right field, must have come from the bolt's screw threads. Per Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents, "probably seconds after this accident, the press was stopped, the ruined planchet discarded, the obverse die removed so that the squashed bolt could be pried loose, and the die surface reground and repolished to remove burrs and other projections. No attempt would have been made to rework the profile at the chin and lips as this would require re annealing and re hardening of the die" (The mint did not want to take these steps and risk losing the die given the current die shortage). I guess this worked to the mint's advantage, as the spiked chin by E.B. 'Rob' Robinson Governor, District 13



obverse die outlasted 4 reverse dies. That's right, there are 4 different varieties of the spiked chin half cent because of the 4 different reverses used with the single obverse die.

Of the five major varieties pictured here, the toughest to find, by far, is the Plain 4 with Stems. Breen's book lists this variety as R-4 (76-200 known). I have



1804 R-4 Plain 4 With Stems

seen recent auction catalogs showing this variety as R-2. I definitely take exception to the R-2 listing as I searched long and hard for a decent example of this variety for my set. I originally had my set housed in a Whitman Bookshelf Album which only had two 1804 openings – the Crosslet 4, and the Plain 4. A couple of years ago, I decided to house my set in the Dansco Album which has holes for all five of the major varieties. I didn't realize at the time what I was getting myself into. The Spiked Chin was pretty easy to find, with the Crosslet 4 Stemless a bit tougher. But when it came to the Plain 4 Stems variety, I had a heck of a time finding one. I finally located a corroded example to fill the hole but continued to search for a better example. I finally found one, but

SHELDON'S RARITY SCALE R-8, Unique (1-3 known) R-7, Ext. Rare (4-12) R-6, Very Rare (13-30) R-5, Rare (31-75) R-4, Very Scarce (76-200) R-3, Scarce (201-500) R-2, Uncommon (501-1250) R-1, Common (Above 1250) I had to go to an Early American Copper specialist at a larger show to get it. And, if you happen to find a decent example of one of these, you can pretty much throw the Red Book value out the window.

In closing, let me say that I have collected half cents for over 30 years and I have really enjoyed collecting and studying the series. The coin is steeped with history, but was relatively ignored and unpopular in its later years of production, and has pretty much remained so with modern collectors. As a result, dates like the 1804 are still reasonably priced when compared to other more common issues, and you never know when one of the really rare varieties might turn up at a bargain price. As a coin collector, you just can't ask for more than that!!

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by Garry Moore TNA R-6805

awaii's latest addition to the coin collecting community is the 2012 Hawaii Volcano National Park Quarter, which is part of the U.S. Mint's on-going America the Beautiful National Park series. The other two numismatics treasures from the last state admitted to the union are the 1883 Kingdom of Hawaii Quarter and the 2008 Statehood Quarter

KINGDOM OF HAWAII DESIGN

The Charles E. Barber designed obverse of the quarter, or Hapaha which is Hawaiian for quarter, shows the head of King Kalakaua looking right with the inscription "Kalakaua I King of Hawaii."

The reverse design was minted with a portion of the King's official Coat-of-Arms and the royal motto -"Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I KaPono" (The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness). The motto was adopted by the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1843 and was used in an address by King Kamehameha III at ceremonies following the return of his kingdom from Great Britain.

The four stripes in two of the quarters of the shield represent the eight main islands. The Pulo ulo u, or tabu ball and stick, in the second and third quarters was carried before the king and



placed before the door of his home, signifying his authority and power. In the seal it is a symbol of the authority and power of the government.

"Two Bits...



The Hawaiian Trio: Kingdom of Hawaii, Statehood, and National Parks Reverse Designs

The San Francisco Mint minted 500,000 quarters for the king, but a large number of them were sadly destroyed when Hawaii formally became a territory of the United States in 1903. The U.S. Treasury Department issued an order to withdraw the Hawaiian silver coinage from circulation and replace it with U.S. coinage. These coins would no longer be honored as legal tender currency after January 1, 1904. Fortunately for us, not everyone complied with this order and a small number of coins still remain today. Of the original 500,000 quarters minted, only 242,600 survive today.

Kalakaua was Hawaii's seventh and last king. He was also one of the world's most progressive rulers as well. King Kalakaua palace, Iolani Palace, was the first royal palace in the world wired with electricity.

In 1881 King Kalakaua accomplished a feat no other monarch had ever accomplished before. He became the first monarch to ever travel around the

Hawaiian Style"

world. The King received a royal welcome in San Francisco, the first stop on his journey. He traveled through 15 counties where he met with at least seven different heads of state to include Umberto I of Italy, Viceroy of Egypt, William II of Germany, U.S. President Chester, and Queen Victoria of England.

STATEHOOD DESIGN

The inscriptions of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, QUARTER DOLLAR, LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST and the mintmark are all found on the obverse of the coin along with a portrait of



King Kamehameha

George Washington. The image of the First President of the United States is included on the obverse of all of the Statehood and America the Beautiful related coins and were designed by John Flanagan.

The reverse of Hawaii's statehood quarter features Hawaiian monarch King Kamehameha I stretching his hand toward the eight

major Hawaiian Islands. The inscriptions on the reverse are the state motto "UA MAU KE EA O KA 'AINA I KA PONO," ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness"), "Hawaii" and "1959."

A great warrior, diplomat and leader, King Kamehameha I united the Hawaiian Islands into one royal kingdom in 1810 after years of conflict. Kamehameha I was destined for greatness from birth. Hawaiian legend prophesized that a light in the sky with feathers like a bird would signal the birth of a great chief. Historians believe Kamehameha was born in 1758, the same year Halley's Comet passed over Hawaii.



NATIONAL PARK DESIGN

The reverse of the national park quarter depicts an eruption on the east rift of Kilauea Volcano. The inscriptions on the reverse are HAWAI'I VOLCANOES, HAWAII, 2012 and E PLURIBUS UNUM. It was designed and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Charles L. Vickers.

Kilauea Volcanoes is one of five shield volcanoes that together form the island of Hawaii. K lauea means "spewing" or "much spreading" in the Hawaiian language, referring to its frequent outpouring of lava. The volcano has been continuously erupting in the eastern rift zone since 1983, making it the longest rift-zone eruption of the last 200 years. Thirty-six eruptions have occurred since 1952. Lava less than 1000 years old covers 90% of Klauea and the volume of erupted material is large enough to pave a road around the world three times.

Once again, this proud island state in the Pacific archipelago, where the locals "Live Aloha", has another numismatic treasure to its very own – the 2012 Hawaii Volcano National Park Quarter

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

1) How do I tell if my Franklin Half Dollar has "Full Bell Lines" ?

2) What was the first bimetallic coin made by the United States

3) Citizens have become used to having the same persons on our U.S. currency for quite a while... Washington on the \$1; Lincoln on the \$5;, etc. When was the most recent time that this "rule" has been broken? On denominations below \$500?

4) When was Anthony Swiatek active in commemorative half dollars?

5) When was the first issue of the 5-coin "flat pack" proof set by the U.S?

4) Mr. Anthony Swiatek is still very much with us and remains a foremost

authority on the "classic" commemoratives of 1892-1954. In fact, he has

a new book out: "Encyclopedia of the Commemorative Coins of the

5) The first "flat pack" U.S. proof set came midway through 1955. Early

1955 sets came in the small cardboard box with the coins in individual

U.S." KWS Publishers (2012) 712 pages, nicely hard-bound.

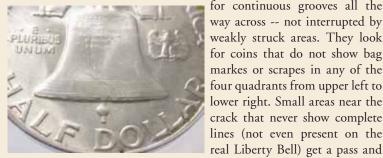
6) How do I tell if my 1815 U.S. Large Cent is real ?

7) What was the first government-authorized copper coin made outside the original 13 colonies in lands which later became part of the United States ?



DR. COYNE

1) Full Bell Lines refers to the design feature on the reverse showing the grooves that are part of the real Liberty Bell. There are two sets; one at the very bottom of the bell, and a set about 12 inches above the bottom (on the real bell). These design elements are not cut very deeply into the master die, and are thus among the last parts of the design to "fill" on the struck coins. Additionally, the mint used the original master die from 1948 through 1959 (reworking it only in 1960 after it had become quite worn), so an increasing fraction of the struck coins through the earlier years came with indistinct bell lines. The grading services look



LucyBop's image of continuous FBL

2) The first bimetallic U.S. coin has to be the "Birch" pattern cent of 1792 which was of nearly pure copper containing a plug of silver near its center. Only a handful were made.

3) We have had the same



Not Dr. Coyne's coin

faces on our federal currency since 1924. The images of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Hamilton, Jackson, Grant, Franklin, and Cleveland have varied in size and color a bit, but the same portraits adorn the same denominations consistently. The newest rule-breaker that Dr. Coyne

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find could came on the Series 1923 United States Note \$10, showing Andrew Jackson's portrait. Before locating this obscure note, Dr. Coyne thought hat the \$10 Gold Note of Series 1922 showing Michael Hillegas might be the one.



for continuous grooves all the way across -- not interrupted by weakly struck areas. They look for coins that do not show bag markes or scrapes in any of the four quadrants from upper left to lower right. Small areas near the crack that never show complete lines (not even present on the

cellophane sleeves stapled at the top (as had 1950-1954 sets). The new design came in one double-sized pliofilm holder inside a medium kraft envelope. Today, collectors seem to prefer the 1955 flat pack sets to the boxed sets The flat pack continued in use through 1964. 6) It is not real. There are no genuine Large Cents carrying the date 1815. The War of 1812 had interrupted the supply of

purchased ready-to-strike planchets coming from Boulton & Watt of Birmingham, England, the U.S. Mint ran out during 1814. When the War of 1812 was over, the supply was restarted, but no dies were prepared for 1815. The first new supply came a bit earlier than anticipated by the Mint Director Patterson, however, and since cents were needed right away for circulation, he put newly prepared 1816 dies into service late in calendar 1815. The same dies were carried over into 1816 (and perhaps later).

7) Under the Articles of Confederation which followed the Revolutionary War but preceded adoption of the Constitution, the states (former colonies) had the right to coin circulating coppers, and several of them did. These would be the Massachusetts Cents, New Jersey Cents, etc. we now collect. Vermont had similar issues in 1785-1788. Vermont was the first non-former-colony to issue them. It appears the Texas Jolas of 1817 and 1818 are the second. This response ignores the slew of privately issued tokens of the 1790's, many of which were issued in England but circulated to some extent in America.

8) Federal paper money called Fractional Currency of 1862-1876 was issued in denominations under one dollar. The size of the bills was roughly proportional to the denomination, and all



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

8) Citizens have become used to having the same size U.S. currency for quite a while. The current small-size bills were introduced with the Series 1928. When was the most recent time that federal currency was issued on paper smaller than our current size bills?

- 9) When was William Sheldon active in U.S. Large Cents?
- 10) Why did there need to be 6 coins (including two nickels) in the 1942 proof set?
- 11) What are "flow lines" visible on some uncirculated coins?

Responds

were smaller than the thencurrent "horse blanket" size reserved for denominations of \$1 and above. In fact, the Fractional Currency was printed on paper smaller than we now use for current Federal Reserve Notes. Of the five different series of Fractional Currency three were size specific, meaning the note



of the smaller denomination, as small as three cents, is smaller than the note of the larger denominations, the largest being fifty cents. In other words these were graduated in size from the smallest to the largest denomination. Notes in the first two series were of equal size, no matter the denomination. (five, ten, twenty-five, fifty cent all the same size).

9) Dr. William Sheldon made his main contributions to Large Cent collecting near the time of publication of his book "Penny Whimsy" (originally Early American Cents 1793-1814") in 1949. This detailed but readable work built on pioneer works by others in describing all the die varieties of 1793-1814 cents and estimating rarity for each. He also invented and applied the 1 to 70 grading scale which we now use for many different coin series. Beyond his fine contributions to numismatics, however, there remains his discredited, scientifically unsupportable assertions that human behavioral traits can be inferred from one's body type. It was also proven many years after the fact that he stole many coins from the American Numismatic Society collection (by substituting inferior specimens of the same die variety when working with the ANS collection).

10) The 1942 U.S. proof set was initially offered with the usual five coins (cent through half dollar). When the War Nickels were authorized for regular issue, a silver nickel was added to the 1942 set. Since proof set issue was suspended after 1942, the 1942 proof nickel is the only year available in silver. It is a type coin often sold apart from the set in which it came.

11) Flow lines are the almost-microscopic channels carved into the surface of a coin by the moving metal as it rushes from the middle of the coin's surface toward the edge of the coin at the moment of striking. The marks, which are miniature valleys always run radially from the center toward the edge of the coin, like spokes on a wheel. They are also called die erosion lines, and are increasingly evident as the die wears in use. The shape of these marks catches the light and is the cause of "cartwheel" luster seen most prominently on large silver coins.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Gateway Coin Club, Inc. was established in September, 1962, at Lackland Air Force Base , known as "The Gateway to the Air Force," thus the club name. Although since 1974 the club has not held meetings on the Base, it has continued to meet in the city of San Antonio where Lackland Air Force Base is located. A special 50th anniversary banquet was held on September 20th, 2012, to celebrate this important milestone in the club's history, and a commemorative 50th anniversary medal was struck for the occasion which were presented to the members in attendance. The medals were designed by Gateway Coin Club President Frank Galindo, who also serves as the Medals Officer for the Texas Numismatic Association.



There are a few extra medals available for sale to collectors. They are \$10.00 each, postpaid, and may be ordered by sending a check or money order made payable to Gateway Coin Club, Inc. and mailing it to Gateway Coin Club, Inc., Inc., P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964. Frank Galindo can be contacted by e-Mail at karfra1@ netzero.net.



SILVER DOLLARS NORTH OF THE (OTHER) BORDER

by Mark Benvenuto

With the price of silver having attained some amazing heights in the past year or so, and with no apparent end in sight for these enhanced metal prices,

a person might just get a bit discouraged when it comes to collecting silver dollars. Certainly the high end pieces with grades of MS-65 or better seem to be priced out of reach of us normal mortals. Fortunately, there is more than one coin that gets the title 'silver dollar.' For some attractively priced big silver, we need to look north of the border. Look north to Canada, that is.

For much of the time that the United States Mint was struggling with the production of big coins like silver dollars, Canada was not even in the competition. Being still part of a very large British Empire, Canada was patient about getting into the silver dollar business, and happened to do so right as the US was putting on the brakes. The very first Canadian silver dollars were minted in 1935, the same year as the final Peace dollars.

While the 1935 and 1935-S Peace dollars are not exactly rare, they command a small premium, at least in the high end grades. The 1935 Canadian dollar is in the same boat. With a mintage of 428,707, it's probably not right to consider it rare. But since it is a one-year issue – the obverse legend honored the 25th year of King George V's reign and was changed the next year – and was the first year of issue, there will always be some demand for this coin. But still, it's not an impossible find, even in mint state.

The 1935 Canadian dollar was supposed to be a one year type piece. The 1936 was not. But that's what happened when, in 1937, King George VI made his debut on Canadian coinage. Thus, the 1936 also is a dollar that has some collector interest focused on it almost constantly. With a total of 306,100 pieces to its tally, it is a bit scarcer than its first year sibling, but not much. And so, again, it's not a coin that will flatten your collecting budget.

If you are like many collectors, when you move into a new field, you debate whether or not to try for an entire date run as opposed to a type set. When it comes to Canadian silver dollars, a type set can be a fun starting point, in part because it is then easy to flesh it out into a date run, or something more. Keeping this in mind, there are plenty of George VI dollars spanning from 1937 up to 1952. Not every year saw an issue of silver dollars, and some of the issues were quite small. But what makes the dollars in this span interesting is not missing years, but the differing reverses. What gets called the Voyageur reverse is the standard design, showing a Native American and a fur company voyageur paddling a canoe. But there are

commemorative reverses in 1939, and in 1949. You can decide for yourself if these constitute different "types" or not. Whatever you choose though, there are some good dollars within these years. The year 1953 was the first that saw the portrait of a young Queen Elizabeth grace the Canadian silver dollar. Still made of silver (well, 80% silver and 20% copper, to be exact), the 1953 Elizabeth













dollar was coined to the tune of 1,074,578 pieces, which is actually quite a high number within this series, having only been exceeded once prior. Prices remain attractive and reasonable today.

This first design of Queen Elizabeth is often called the Gillick portrait, after the artist, Mrs. Mary Gillick. Once again, an obverse design stayed with these silver dollars for quite a while, although the Voyageurs paddled off the design reverse a couple of times, only to return after a year. The 1958 dollars, for example, sport a totem pole on the reverse, and the centennial 1858 – 1958 year, for the year in which British Columbia became an English Crown Colony. There are plenty of stories that one of the totems signified death, at least to the local Native Americans, and that the coin was unpopular for that reason. Its 3-million-plus mintage, and subsequent low price on the other hand, make it very popular with collectors today.

A somewhat more mature Elizabeth appears on Canadian silver dollars starting in 1965. This design, in which the queen wears a tiara, is often called the Machin design, after artist Arnold Machin. By now the mintages are always in the millions, and thus the prices are quite down to earth.

In 1965 the United States eliminated the silver from its dimes and quarters, and reduced it in the half dollars. It was 1968 that saw the demise of the silver in Canadian silver dollars. Now, the dollar coin was reduced in size, and turned into a nickel coin. Indeed, all the silver coins of Canada went "silver-less," as it were.

The use of so much nickel in Canadian coins, when in the US uses an alloy of nickel and copper, and a copper core, is simply a matter of how much nickel our neighbors in the north have. The Sudbury, Ontario nickel refineries remain one of the largest on earth. During the Second World War, almost all the nickel used by the allies came through these refineries. The Canadian Rockies simply have a lot of the metal.

Despite that, the nickel silver dollars were never all that popular as a circulating coin in Canada. Couple public apathy with large mintages, and what you get today is a large number of very inexpensive dollar coins. Tracking down all the commemorative reverses might take some patience, but that's a big part of the fun of collecting.

The "loonie," the current, bronze-on-nickel dollar coin, was introduced in Canada in 1987. That put an end to anything that could be called a Canadian silver dollar. But

it didn't put an end to collectors' desires to assemble good looking sets of these coins. Best of luck to you as you start your voyage to find all the Voyageur dollars issued by our friends up north.



ANA NATIONAL MONEY SHOW EDUCATIONAL TALKS COVERED A VAST ARRAY OF TOPICS

By Kathy Lawrence

any of the best educational opportunities in numismatics Mare free, including informative programs at club meetings and talks at conventions, including the annual TNA Convention.

The recent ANA National Money Show held in Dallas included two days of Money Talks presentations, formerly known as Numismatic Theatre. TNA members Barbara and Jerry Williams attended many of the programs. A number of the thirteen speakers were from Texas and several are well known for their efforts on behalf of the TNA.

Arguably, one of the programs most suited to a wide audience of numismatists was Patrick A. Heller's presentation, "Create Fun-Filled Numismatic Presentations for the General Public." Patrick wears many hats, including serving as a precious metals commentator for Numismaster.com. He provided numerous examples of ways to engage an audience and provided handouts covering the material for future reference. Anyone who presents programs to coin clubs or other groups can benefit from his sage advice.

The Curator of the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum, Douglas Mudd, gave a very informative and detailed presentation, "The Currency of Hawaii," that included the historical context. The materials he covered included coins, paper money and scrip.

Walter Ostromecki, currently the ANA Vice President, tends to develop programs about collecting materials that are off the beaten path. His "Paranormal Coins and Currency" presentation HE PRESENTED TO CONGRESSMAN 0.J KVALE US REP. 71H DIST. MINISTOR THE CREATION OF THE NORSE MEDALS drew a curious audience. The topics included

dragons, vampires, devils and angels. In addition to slides with images, Walter also brought a number of examples for attendees to examine more closely. Colorful German notgeld was the source for many of the themes presented.

ANA Governor Gary Adkins discussed Harry Bass and his collection during "Harry W. Bass, Jr.: Extraordinary Collector-A One-of-a-Kind Collection." Numerous coins from the stupendous collection that reside at the ANA Museum were brought to Dallas and displayed during the show.

A truly outstanding collection of Norse American Centennial Medals was available for examination during Dave Schmidt's talk, "Norse American Centennial Medals of 1925: An Update of Those 'Thick and Thins' and More." Dave's show and tell program was a fantastic opportunity to not only learn more, but also closely examine a number of rare pieces.

Although Jim Bevill discussed Texas jolas in his award-winning book, The Paper Republic, much has been uncovered about them in the intervening period, largely through Jim's efforts in gaining cooperation among a number of parties to gather a large percentage of the known surviving jolas together in one location for scientific study. Jim shared the tale of his journey to learn more about these pieces of Texas history that included the lone star symbol in their design.

Tom Laughlin discussed "Ancient Roman Coins." Although he prefers coins with the images of the Empresses, he collects many different types of ancient coins, including replicas.

"The 1936 Columbia, SC Sesquicentennial Commemorative Half Dollar: A Coin that Booms!" talk by Carl Stang was very informative. The symbolism behind the designs was covered and he discussed commemoratives that include Civil War and Revolutionary War themes. Carl's programs are always enjoyable.

> There are very few certified appraisers. As one of the few, Alvin Stern discussed a number of court cases he has been involved in during "Estate Numismatics and the Courts."

Gary Parent is passionate about transportation tokens and his enthusiasm shone through during "Transportation Tokens from the U.S. and Canada." Perhaps one of the most interesting portions of the

UNIQUE NORSE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL program was the image of various tokens and the objects represented on them, from horse cars to streetcars and beehives. Gary promoted the American Vecturist Association. The group sells a

> Ricardo de Leon Tallavas presented "The Emergency Mints of Chihuahua, Zacatecas, Durango, Guadalajara and Guanajuato 1810-1823." Ricardo always does a great job engaging the audience and sharing his enthusiasm for the material.

Benny Bolin's, "Fractional Currency Look-a-likes and Payables," was very well illustrated. Among other groupings, Benny displayed numerous examples of ad notes from a vast assortment of merchants.

Money Talks concluded with Bill Murphy's "GATA Winning Against Gold Cartel: Prices of Gold and Silver to Explode." GATA is the Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee.

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PROOF TRIAL SPECIMEN STRUCK AT THE PHILADELPHIA MINT

DALLAS HOSTS ANA N



Tony Hale, Host Chairman, and ANA President, Tom Hallenbeck, cut ribbon to welcome attendees to Dallas ANA Money Show



Hal Cherry accepts Louis S. Werner Host Club Award on behalf of TNA



Tony Hale accepts Louis S. Werner Host Chairman Award



MANY THANKS TO JOHN POST, Assistant Host Chair, for his hard work in making this show a success.



Allen Scott, President of Dallas Coin Club, accepts Louis S. Werner Host Club Award

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DISTRICT GOVERNORS, ALAN WOOD & TOMMY BENNINGTON AT THE TNA TABLE



ADAM HAMJER READY WITH INFO ABOUT COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB



PAGES COLLIN P., CAMERON S., TIANNA K. & TAYLOR W. READY TO HELP ON THE BOURSE FLOOR.



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



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SEPTEMBER MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order with 49 members which included 2 YN's.

Educational Program: Gary Rollins gave a presentation on counterfeit and altered coins. He had several examples for the members to view.

Auction: Frank Provasek conducted an auction of 43 lots. Walter Fabsiak and Jimmy Davis served as runners.

OCTOBER MEETING - President Matt Miller called the meeting to order with 48 members which included 2 YN's.

New Business: The list of officers presented to the members were as

FUN COIN FACT



The first woman on a dollar coin was Susan B. Anthony, a leader in the women's rights movement. The second was Sacagewea, who was instrumental in helping Lewis & Clark explore the Louisiana Purchase.



not a nickel? Answer:

Five-cent coins minted from 1942 to 1945 aren't nickels... Why? Because they don't have any nickel in them! During that time, the United States Mint used a special wartime alloy instead—copper (56%), silver (35%), and manganese (9% That way all the saved nickel could be used in the dall the saved nickel could be used in the war effort.

follows: President– Matt Miller; Vice President– Bob Millard; Secretary– Ed Lasko; Treasurer– Richard Wallace; Director– Ron Suprenant; Director– Earl Coppersmith; Dennis Wynn is the lead for taking additional nominations.

Educational Program: Allen Scott gave a presentation on 20th century U.S. Type sets.

Auction: Frank Provasek conducted an auction of 34 lots. Walter Fabsiak and Bret Gruber served as runners.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

OCTOBER MEETING - President Allen Scott opened the meeting with 69 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Victor Sullivan. New members: John and Quinn Arnett, Kent Lyles, Chris Markos, Kyle Lewis.

New Finds: Jack Gilbert described a new phone app from NGC which accesses an image of a certified coin from its holder serial number. This is particularly useful to guard against purchasing coins in counterfeit holders.

Allen Scott announced plans for the Christmas dinner. Hard-Eight will cater the BBQ brisket/chicken dinner. Cost will be \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for kids.

Richard Wallace told of a collector who brought in several key date coins that were counterfeit. Richard reminded members to always buy from trusted dealers or certified by a major service.

The program for October was a hands-on grading session led by Stewart Huckaby. Members were divided into 10 tables. Each table was then given a certified coin with the grading covered. Members at each table briefly examined the coin and came up with a consensus



grade, as well as other characteristics such as red/brown color, full bands, proof and proof-like. After a very short period, the coins were rotated until each table graded 10 coins. There was a spirited discussion about each coin, reinforcing three principles about collecting – (1) grading is very subjective, so learn everything you can; (2) buy the book before buying the coin; (3) buy the coin, not the holder.

NOVEMBER MEETING - President Allen Scott opened the meeting with 79 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Perry Abbott,



Visitors recognized: Perry Abbott, Steven Halloway, Gary Holcomb, Jonathan Sessions, Tina Penney, Mike Lacy, Russ Kiwg. New members: Charles Moore, Bryan Sharp.

In keeping with Veterans Day, Boy Scout Troop 1905 began the meeting with presentation of the



flag, and leading of the pledge of allegiance. This was followed by recognition by Allen Scott of all veterans attending the meeting.

Aedan Parkes told the history of Veterans Day. The day was originally set aside in 1938 as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I. This day was expanded in 1954 to include and recognize all veterans. There are approximately 21.5 million veterans living today.



A guest from Mid Cities Coin Club (the one who found the German flag displayed by Merle Owens at last year's Veteran program), told of his time in service and displayed 2 Vietnamese flags – one North and one South. Charlie Bathman displayed

a survival kit from his time in service. Hal Cherry read a postcard from his father who served as a rifleman in World War II.

New Finds: Roy Harston found a Japanese bayonet with his metal detector. Bob Millard displayed a railroad company stock certificate.

The program for November was a very interesting presentation by Steve Lehr on Challenge Coins. During his 24-year tenure in the Navy,

Steve rose to the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, the highest enlisted rank in the Navy. The Navy



has an interesting tradition whereby attendees at a bar or club "challenge" other sailors to show their squadron medal, or challenge coin. If a sailor cannot produce a challenge coin, he must buy a round of drinks for all those who could produce one. Usually a sailor had multiple copies of his squadron's medal where he or she could trade with other sailors present. Over time a sailor could acquire dozens or even hundreds of these challenge coins.

The rumor is that the tradition started in the Army Air Corps during World War I. The story tells of a pilot who was shot down over German lines and was captured. He later escaped and made his way toward Allied lines. As he approached French lines, he was challenged to identify himself. However, he had been stripped of all identification except his squadron medal. Evidently this medal satisfied the French, and the rest is history.

DISTRICT FOUR



OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President, Bill G. There were 17 members and no guests present.

Old Business: A report was given by the committee looking into a projector for the use of the club.

A reminder was given about the December Winterfest Program put on by the library. All members were encouraged to participate. The program was a success last year.

The Christmas dinner committee reported there were three places from which to make a choice. After discussion, a vote was taken between two places, and the majority voted for Cannoli Joe's Italian Restaurant. The dinner will be on December 6th.

Program: The program planned for this month was cancelled. Mike M presented a discussion on fake trade dollars and some Irish coins. Christian M. presented some thoughts on the way to choose the proper grading company and reasons for choosing each company.

DISTRICT FIVE



SEPTEMBER MEETING - The meeting was

brought to order with President Mike W. presiding. There were 22 members present. CCCC welcomed guests Ted W, Joseph K, Keith M, and Bill M. Door prizes were won by Joseph K and Keith M and

David A. Lotto prizes were won by Joseph K and Tom C and David A

The Dallas County Coin Club has invited the CCCC to attend their meeting on October 18, which coincides with the ANA National Money Show being held at the Dallas Convention Center on October 18, 19 and 20. CCCC will have a table at the show.

Kim G proposed an amendment to the bylaws to make all club memberships serve as family memberships.

This proposal was accepted by the membership. The treasurer will start charging dues accordingly, but the actual bylaw update will not be submitted to ANA until additional bylaw changes are needed.

Program: Terry G showed an amusing advertisement that he found in an unnamed magazine for "The Lost Kennedy Halves." This scam ad offered to sell Kennedy halves at over market value as if these halves were made and hidden in a bank vault, but how these halves were lost and by whom was not revealed in the advertisement. Kent H showed a 1938 half dollar with an altered mint mark. He also brought in some old currency brick ends used, in the days before bricks were wrapped in cellophane, to sandwich stacks of 4000 bills. Adam H showed three of his national coin notebooks from Austria, Switzerland, and South Africa.

OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was brought to order with President Mike W. presiding. There were 12 members present. There were several other members that attended the Dallas Coin Club meeting to hear speakers from the ANA. The Collin County and the Dallas club meetings were held at the same time. CCCC welcomed guest Bill L.

Door prizes were won by Terry G, Pat H, and James P. Lotto prizes were won by Vane P, Robert B, Gary R, and Pat H

Auction: David A conducted the auction and Mike W served as runner. There were 38 lots on the auction table



SEPTEMBER MEETING - Meeting 1012 was called to order by President Allen Scott. There were twenty-seven people present. We welcomed visitors Ana Calderon, Eddie Nunn, Delia Smith and James Lemons.

Allen recognized Ben Hong as a Lifetime Member of the Dallas Coin Club. Congratulations, Ben! A beautiful certificate acknowledging Ben's participation and service to the Dallas Coin Club was created by Kathy Lawrence and Judy and Gary Dobbins.

A special meeting will be held at Celebration Restaurant. We hope to have several special guests from the ANA at this meeting. We have also invited the Collin County Coin Club. The speaker will be Jeff Shevlin, Director of the ANA. The meeting will start at 6PM and members and guests will order from the regular dinner menu.

Allen Scott spoke about Officer Elections for 2013. Any members who are interested in serving as an officer should speak to Allen.

Show and Tell: Items brought for Show and Tell were very interesting. Thanks to those who participated.

Program: Ben Hong spoke about an 1817 New Spain (Texas) Jola. Ben found the coin along the San Antonio Trail (near Texas/Mexican



boarder), with the use of a metal detector. This took place on a trip that Ben was taking with two friends about twenty five years ago. This coin was sold in a recent auction. While early whole and fractional types of Mexican and Spanish Real coins still circulate in numismatic circles, the 1817 New Spain (Texas) Jola is quite rare. They may have been known to a small number of Texas collectors for several decades. Not until the publication of Bevill's book, The Paper Republic (2009), is there a detailed and widely circulated accounting of this important part of Texas numismatic history. Ben offered the club a very interesting story of his own successful discovery of an 1817 New Spain (Texas) Jola. Thanks, Ben, for a wonderful program and Congratulations on such a great find!

OCTOBER MEETING - The 1013th meeting of the Dallas Coin Club was held at Celebration Restaurant on October 18, 2012. Since this was the opening day for The American Numismatic Association's National Money Show, we had quite a few guests from the ANA, TNA and Collin County Coin Club. There were a total of 46 members and guests present.

President Allen Scott welcomed our guests. Everyone ordered from the regular menu and enjoyed a great meal. We received a sad announcement that one of our members, John Mueller, had passed away a few days earlier due to a heart attack, our condolences to the family.

Allen reminded everyone that officer elections are coming up. Anyone interested in serving as an officer should contact Allen before the next meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Jeff Shevlin, executive director of the ANA. Mr. Shevlin spoke about his 35 year career as an IT Manager and College Professor before bringing his considerable skills and ideas to his new position with the ANA. He expressed interest in bringing the ANA "to the people". He promised that we would see many improvements to the ANA website in the future. Mr. Shevlin also expressed a strong desire to bring upgraded security to the ANA home in Colorado Springs, while simultaneously making it a more enjoyable and organized place to visit.

DISTRICT SIX



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS - September 3 -No Meeting (Labor Day).

September 14 - There were 25 members and guests at the meeting. Garth Clark thanked Tom Cooper for refilling the door prize box. Garth Clark presented door prizes IOU's to Ken Benson,

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Barbra Trout and Bill Watson.

Garth Clark noted possible topics about future show and tells. The topics are Junk box treasures, Political memorabilia. Samuel Gold welcomed a visitor. Alvin Stern reminded everybody about the American Numismatic Association's 2012 Fall Money Show at the Dallas Convention CenterThe following members presented a Show and tell, Garth Clark, Sebastian Frommhold, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, Alan Morgan, and Alvin Stern. Gene McPherson won the Show and tell prize.

OCTOBER MEETINGS - Oct. 1 - There were 25 members and guests at the meeting presided over by Past president, Sebastian Frommhold.

Garth Clark continued the meeting. Garth presented more cards from the August show. This time the cards were different. Instead of one company, there were many companies. Each card was worth \$25. The official list had which volunteer, received a number of cards. Alvin Stern presented, American Numismatic Associations show discount cards and member applications. During the break, before the auction started. Garth presented Robert Lewis, his card for volunteering at the August show. The following members presented a Show and tell, Bruce Burton, Garth Clark, Richardo Deleon, Sebastian Frommhold, Bud Holton, Paul Krail, Gene McPherson, Wendy Russell, Ed Stephens, and Alvin Stern. Gene McPherson won the Show and tell prize.



Oct. 15 - There were 27 members and guests at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. This provided more time for Sebastian Frommhold's program about numismatic vocabulary. Garth Clark presented a report about the Bellaire Christmas party.

Tonight the children's auction play cash has been given to Sebastian Frommhold, auction volunteer. Sebastian Frommhold presented the program about Numismatic Vocabulary.



there were no minutes taken at the meeting. **OCTOBER MEETINGS -** Called To Order: Gail Brichford, however,

there were no minutes taken at the meeting. AN OUTING TO THE DROP PRESS



John Barber, Double Shift Newsletter editor, was recently treated to a fun outing to the Texas Renaissance Festival near Plantersville, Texas (this year open until November 25th). The best part was a stop at the "mint"



where a large drop press was available to strike RenFest medals in a variety of compositions. GHCC's own Rick Ewing is the designer of this year's meda. Here are a couple of action shots and a close-up of Rick's design:

DISTRICT SEVEN



Alamo Coin Clips

AUGUST MEETINGS - Aug. 9 - The meeting was called to order by President Fernando Razo. There were 2 visitors present at the meeting. Thirty-three dedicated collectors were present.

The first order of business was to thank everyone that was present. Also we welcomed our 2 visitors, Kathryn and Nancy A., daughter and wife of our late friend and member Cliff A. The attending members were then greeted with a bit of opening humor by Will R.

Several members brought interesting items for the Roundtable. The winner of the Roundtable was Vernon D. Vernon received a 1964 D Kennedy Half Dollar.

After the break, the raffle and membership drawings were conducted.

The Attendance Prize winner was a stunned ACC Secretary Cecilia G. Cecilia won a 1989 D US Congress Bicentennial 50¢ graded MS 69 and a silver 1978 Mexican 100 Pesos.

There was a brief presentation made by Fernando R on the money of Mexico during the period known as the Post Mexican Revolution which was from around 1920-1945.

There was an Auction conducted by David A. and Clinton B.

Aug. 23 - The meeting was called to order by President Fernando Razo. There were 2 visitors present at the meeting. Thirty-four dedicated collectors were present and signed in.

The first order of business was to thank everyone that was present. Also

we welcomed our 2 visitors, Gwen and Py's daughter Diane C. Also we announced a visitor that has become our latest club member and actually BECOMING a Junior member, Jonathan G.

The attending members and visitors were then greeted with a great heart wrenching story about the men and their individual stories that were immortalized by the Iwo Jima Memorial. This story was read by our good friend Will R.

After the reading, the Roundtable was then started. The Roundtable session was conducted by Will R. and assisted by Fernando R. with a great assortment of items.

The winner of the Roundtable Prize went to David A. David A. won and received a silver Mexican 1940 Un Peso.

The 2012-2013 Alamo Coin Club Officers are:: ACC President Fernando R.; ACC VP I Tim W.; ACC VP II Larry A; Editor Fernando R; Treasurer Robert J; Recording Secretary Cecilia G; Membership Secretary Betty T.

After the break, the raffle and membership drawings were conducted.

The Attendance Prize was won by Jonathan F. Jonathan received a Proof 1986 S Statue of Liberty Commemorative Dollar.

There was no numismatic presentation made as this meeting was scheduled with the Officer Installation.

The Auction was then conducted by Larry A. and Tim W.



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS - Sept. 6 - The meeting opened with thirtythree members in attendance. No visitors were present that evening. The attendance prize was given to Andy C., who received a 2007 Mexican one hundred pesos coin commemorating the state of Puebla.

Under old business was the 50th anniversary medal, which was coordinated by President Frank G. He reported that the medals have been ordered and will be available at the banquet.

Under new business, the election of club officers took place. All current officers were re-elected by acclamation.

The numismatic roundtable session was conducted by LeRoy M. with many interesting items displayed.

The lucky Raffle winners were Art G. Sr. (2 times), Chuck M., Andy G., Stan McM., Fernando R. (2 times), and Tom B.

The meeting ended with an auction that featured a variety of exceptional numismatic material.

Sept. 20 – The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Annual Anniversary and Installation of Officers Banquet.

Guests in attendance were Delia C., Andy C's wife, and Pat R., Alex R's wife. Total in attendance were thirty-two members and the two guests. The colorful enameled GCC 50th anniversary medals were distributed by Karla G.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Andy C. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karla G. Following the salad and entrée (choice of fish, chicken or beef), the special 50th anniversary Italian cream cake was served for dessert.

The attendance prize was won by Alex R., who received a one-hundred pesos dated 2007 commemorating the Mexican State of Puebla.

An Awards ceremony was conducted, honoring those who served the club as officers or who presented a numismatic educational program during the past year. The officers, Frank G., David A., Ray T., and Fernando R., were presented Gateways Coin Club certificates of appreciation. Those who presented numismatic educational programs received both Gateway and ANA certificates. Those recipients were Brian C., Alex R., James W.,

William D., David A., and Fernando R.

Following the awards ceremony, the 2012-2013 officers were installed by District 7 TNA Governor Frank G. Inducted were President Frank G., Vice-President David A., Secretary Fernando R., and Treasurer Ray T. Member Walter Bowman stood in for the president during the installation.

OCTOBER MEETINGS - Oct. 4 – The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. at 7:05 p.m. Twenty-four members were in attendance. The Attendance Prize, a beautiful silver 1974 Cayman Islands \$2 coin, was won by Karla G.

Old Business, medals were distributed to members who were not at the banquet. Under New Business, it was reported that there were thirty medals remaining. A motion was made and seconded to sell those for \$10 postpaid. President Frank G. will send a press release to several numismatic publications (Coin World, Numismatic News, The TNA News, The Numismatist and The Mintmark) announcing the availability of some of the 50th anniversary GCC medals., in hopes that some of the publications will print it.

It was reported that former local coin dealer Bobby Sandage passed away. Karla G. announced that she had some discount coupons for any club members who were planning to attend the ANA show in Dallas. She also mentioned an article in the Express-News about the Alaska note to be sold at auction at the ANA show.

LeRoy M. conducted the Numismatic Roundtable. Raffle winners were Clifton V. (2 times), Art G., Sr. (2 times), Andy G., Ray T., and Robert J.

The meeting closed with a fun filled auction with many members happily participating.

Oct. 18 – The meeting opened with twenty-six members and one visitor in attendance. The visitor was Brian C.'s son "Chito". The Attendance Prize, a 1923 Peace Dollar, was won for the second meeting in a row by Karla G.

Under Old Business, Ray reported on the show's new location at the Norris Conference Center at Wonderland of the Americas Mall, starting in 2013. Under new business, James W. recommended that the club members consider setting aside ten minutes at each meeting for members to ask for some "expert help" on a numismatic subject with which they are having trouble. It was announced that Frank G. sent photos and publicity articles to numismatic publications about the club's 50th anniversary medal, and offering the extras for sale at \$10.00 each.

Plans for a Christmas party were discussed. It was reported that Art G. Jr. suffered a stroke. Karla reported on a recent numismatic article about the Alaska note to be auctioned at ANA.

The Roundtable was led by Clifton V. with many interesting pieces presented. Raffle winners were: Clifton V., Karla G., Jim R., Jim R., Andy C. and Fernando R.

The educational program was presented by Karla G on the history of a local historical site known as the Hot Wells Resort located on the far south side of San Antonio. She brought a set of tokens from the Flame Room which was located at the resort. The Hot Wells resort reached the pinnacle of its popularity between 1900 and 1917. About that time, the Star Film Company established an office in San Antonio, and made films there. Many famous persons of that era visited the Hot Wells resort, including Cecil B. de/Nille, Rudolph Valentino, Will Rogers, Hoot Gibson, Tom Mix, Teddy Roosevelt, and Douglas Fairbanks. In 1944 the resort's bath house was converted into the Flame Room, which was a neighborhood bar and grill. The tokens from the Flame Room are comprised of a set of three aluminum tokens Good For 5, 25 & 50 cents In Trade. Karla also brought some early postcards that showed the Hot Wells Resort hotel and its grounds as it looked in its early days.

The meeting ended with a very spirited mini- auction that offered many interesting numismatic items.



DISTRICT TEN



INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

SEPTEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don with 28 members present.

During the business meeting the coin design for the February Coin Show was discussed. Several designs were presented for discussion.

Bob gave an interesting presentation on the various Greek and Pan Hellenic games through the years. The Greek games began with women and soon became all male events. He showed various tetrarams. Daniel brought items with mint problems for display.

OCTOBER MEETING - Acting President, Don, called the meeting to order. There were 30 members and 2 guests present. The guests were introduced. Two new members were welcomed into the club.

During the business meeting it was announced that we need a new TNA Governor to represent the club. TNA Governor Pat has moved out of town. Acting President Don volunteered to be the TNA Governor for the coin club.

Bob gave an interesting presentation on Russian coins. He began with background information on feudal Russia. They didn't have much of a currency, and started making money from silver wire. He went through the different rulers and gave examples of the coinage. Coinage in the 18th century after Peter the Great had portraits and they are rare. He was able to show the coinage from various books.

NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was conducted by Acting President Don. He welcomed 43 members and 1 guest.

The design for the February Coin Show was submitted by the Bourse Chairman John. 1000 steel medals will be ordered to be given away as people enter the show. John encouraged all club members to prepare a one to two case exhibit, or a mini exhibit with one item. Steve will conduct the kids' auction. The kids will be given real money for bidding (other than U.S. money). Chuck read the prizes for the coin show. The prizes are worth at least \$2000.

Members were reminded that the library in available in John's office.

Chuck gave a very informative presentation on legal tender and North African Notes. He described his 16 PCGS Registry sets. All are graded PMG EPQ 64. Most have EPQ designations. He gave the numbers printed of each denomination.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order with the following members in attendance: Mike Nowak, Michael Eklund, Francis Runkle, Troy Harris, Phil Witt, Steve Urben, Rick Morie, Tommy Tompkins, Chuck Freas, Doug Hershey, Rodney Laubhan, Kurt Gehring, Paul Otts, and Norm Goodfellow. Our guests included Reid Gehring, Philip and Claudia Muller. Mike Nowak presided over the meeting.

Committee Reports: TNA - Doug Hershey advised our club to submit a grant request to help promoted numismatics in our area. Mike Nowak said that he would prepare a grant request. Doug suggested that GSCC submit their meeting minutes to the TNA for inclusion in the TNA newsletter.

New Business: CC Stewart, a long time member of the Golden Spread Coin Club, passed away on October 24th.

The 2013 show may be in the spring and at a different venue than the Civic Center. The Christmas party will be December 3rd at the Country Barn.

2013 Board Members - The following members were nominated to fill the following board member positions for 2013: Mike Nowak - President, Mike Eklund - 2nd Vice President, Rick Morie - Treasurer, and Paul Otts -Secretary.

Coin Trivia - Mike Nowak did a coin trivia on gold. Show-and-Tell -Several interesting items were presented.

Coin Program -Mike Eklund did a program on the 2 cent piece. James Longacre was the designer and it was minted from 1864 to 1873 entirely at the Philadelphia mint. It was the first U.S. coin to bear the motto "In God We Trust".

DISTRICT TWELVE



OCTOBER MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. There were 32 members and 4 guests present.

The club was lead in prayer by John D. Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members: Don, Canda, Jim and Scott. Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of October.

Motion made last month for the officers to explore ideas on types of donations the club could make to Meals on Wheels. Members will submit additional ideas to Dwight and club will take a vote at the November meeting.

New club logo competition; two design already submitted.

David H. discussed information about the Salvation Army Angel Tree (giving back to the community). Angel trees are usually displayed just before Thanksgiving with purchased items due back a few weeks later. It takes about \$250 to secure everything on a child's wish/needs list. Cash donations will be accepted at the November meeting. Of course, all members are encouraged to participate. Proceeds from donated items sold at the November auction will also go towards funding the Salvation Army Angel Tree project.

Club member, Bert D., gave an outstanding presentation on Large Cents and Indian Peace medals. Bert brought an impressive collection for the viewing pleasure of club members, and his question/answer format challenged even the most seasoned collectors.

NOVEMBER MEETING - The club was lead in prayer by Ronnie S. A moment of silence was observed in honor of our military veterans.

Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members:

Dwight distributed a voting ballot for the type donation the club could make to Meals on Wheels. Options included lighting, selected donated item auctions, flat monthly donation, volunteer drivers and monthly monetary donations. Votes will be tallied and results presented at the December meeting.

Update on new club logo competition; 3 designs have been submitted. Voting will be by secret ballot at the January 2013 meeting.

Proceeds from tonight's donated auction items as well as cash donations were for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The total amount donated came to \$460. David, Sherry and family will secure the Angel Trees items and deliver to the Salvation Army on behalf of the club.

Nominations for 2013 club officers were opened. Club members will vote at the December meeting.

Dwight, Bruce, David, Richard and Ray discussed their encounters at the ANA Money Show in Dallas.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

SEPTEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bryan Sweitzer with 13 members in attendance.

New business. Rob Robinson announced that the show date for the 2013 Wichita Falls coin show was up in the air due to the ANA and TNA moving their show dates to conflict with ours. Bill Howard announced that Steve Ramsey is not doing well. He asked that members observe a moment of prayer for Steve. Bill also suggested that the club consider appointing a club chaplin. Bill volunteered to serve in this capacity if there were no other volunteers or nominations.

Jim Spears provided a jar of Canadian Coins to be given away to the member who guessed closest to the face value of coins in the jar. There was a face value of \$5.73 and Charles Lynn was the winner with his guess of \$5.80.

Progtram: Tony Zupkas discussed coin cards. That is, post cards or cards that have examples of circulating coins embossed on them. Per Tony, these cards are designed for use by banks to identify coins by country and denomination. Different series of cards have been produced by different manufacturers. Tony passed around a book with examples of several countries' coins from the 1920's. Tony said that he first learned about these coin cards from a program that Ray Whyborn gave at the club meeting several years ago. Since then, Tony has been collecting them.

OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett with 15 members in attendance.

Tony told about his recent trip to Prague. He also traveled by bus to the Octoberfest in Munich and to Reagansburgh, one of the oldest walled cities in Germany. Tony told about an interesting museum he attended there that was housed in an old Convent built around 800 AD. Of interest to us numismatists, the museum contained a cache of gold coins from the 1600's that had been found in 1998. Rob Robinson displayed an advertisement which was ran recently in the Wichita Falls Times Record News from the World Reserve Monetary Exchange that was selling a "V" nickel, a Buffalo Nickel, and an Indian Head Cent for \$17 plus \$4.75 for shipping and handling. He wondered how many people would be duped into purchasing these coins, worth about \$3.00 total. George Woodburn told of attending a stamp show in Houston. He passed around a purchase he made at the show, an old stamped envelope that was mailed from his home town of Seymour in 1897.

For the program, Tony Zupkas talked about a recent article in Coin World about Euro coins. He said that the purpose of having a standardized coin for European countries was to encourage trade freely across nations without worrying about exchange rates. He passed around an uncirculated set of Euro coins enclosed in a Dansco Album. There were sets from 12 different countries in the album. Tony said currently a Euro is worth \$1.30 in US funds.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - Rob Robinson introduced new members Mike Cato and Mike Isbell to the club.

> Old Business: Jeff Hogue said that he reserved a room on 13 December 2012 for the Club's Christmas Party at Luby's Restaurant.

OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Rob Robinson with 17 members present. New business. Rob reminded everyone that our next meeting will be held on the third Thursday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Tony Zupkas also announced that the Comanche County coin show in Lawton would be held on November 10 and 11. He said that admission is free and that there would be approximately 35 dealers on hand. George Woodburn said that he had attended a stamp show recently in Humble TX. While there, George made a couple of interesting purchases: One was a 1931 first day cover showing the battleship Texas. The other was a stamped envelope from his hometown of Seymour TX which was postmarked in 1897. The letter had been addressed to someone in the Northeast, and the envelope somehow ended up in a dealer's stock at the show where George was able to buy it and bring it back home 115 years later.

Delbert Todd said that on Nov 2, a United Pacific steam railroad engine would be making a stop in Wichita Falls from 12:15 to 1:00 PM on its way from Fort Worth to Childress. It is all part of a celebration of United Pacific's 150th anniversary. Per Delbert, the steam engine is Number 844 and was the last one of the series built in 1944. The train engine is very powerful and is capable of speeds of up to 90 MPH.

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DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO COIN CLUB OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY Established in 1960

OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 34 members present plus two visitors. The 2 new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 108 for the year 2012.

The club's membership voted to hold its second 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 Fall Coin and Collectibles Show on Nov. 3 & 4. The 3 gold coins being raffled are Mexican - Dos y Medio, an American Gold Eagle 1/10th oz. and a Cinco Pesos. Proceeds go towards more advertising and security for the Fall Coin Show scheduled for November 3 & 4, 2012. The members of the coin club were offered a \$5 discount if they buy 2 books of 10 tickets each which would have normally cost them \$40.

The Youth Coin Club is composed of 2 youth classes which are now being held at the Lark Community Center & Library in McAllen, Tx.

The Beginner collector class is learning about U.S. Commemoratives (Early and Modern) and were asked to choose their favorites. The Advanced collector class had an 'open floor' discussion and



Youth club members & some parents enjoying a 'Penny Search' activity.

many coins were brought for a show and tell sesssion.

The new Edinburg Youth Coin Club has an initial 5 new students that joined and met on Oct. 20th at the Edinburg Sekula Public Library. This club is set to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1 - 3pm.



NOVEMBER MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 45 members present and 2 visitors. The 2 new members that applied the month before were accepted. The HCC now has a membership of 110 for the year 2012.

The club was given an expense report from the Fall Coin & Collectibles Show that was held on Nov. 3 & 4. Even though we had less dealers and fewer customers than before, the club still made a good profit. The selling of tickets for the gold coin raffle was instrumental in reaching our goals. Many members were recognized at this meeting for their help in making the show a success.



Our next coin show is set for Feb. 2 & 3, 2013. The 25th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show will be held in the same location. The club is actively seeking new dealers for this show. A 3 gold coin raffle will take place and the services of ANACS grading company will also be available for those wishing to take advantage of 'show specials' for their coin submissions.

Doug Jenkins and his son, Dillon Klein were kept busy at the club's table during Fall Coin Show.

It was election night at this Nov.

meeting for the 5 office positions of the HCC. There were no nominations or anyone seeking a position. The members voted by acclamation to keep the current 5 officers for one more year. Serving as President is Raul H. Gonzalez, Vice-President-Douglas Jenkins, Secretary-Cynthia Bebon, Treasurer-Gordon Taylor and Historian-Jesus Solano, who also serves as the show chairman.

The Beginner youth coin club has just started the fall session with a new group of students. They are learning coin collecting basics and history. The Advanced Class learned what new coins and sets are being produced at the U.S. Mint. and have begun learning the art of 'Coin Grading'.

A brand new Youth Coin Club is being set up in Edinburg, Texas - just a few short miles north of McAllen. The Edinburg 'Dustin Sekula' Public Library on Closner St. (Bus. 281) will be the home of this new club for students.

This new coin club will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. The McAllen based youth club will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

The HCC is actively seeking new coin dealers & vendors of collectibles to be included in the 25th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show set for Feb. 2 & 3, 2013. If you are interested in participating, contact show chairman, Jesus Solano at 956-330-1918 or email him at : platinum]js@yahoo.com. You may also visit our web site to download and print the application at www.hidalgocoinclub.com.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



SEPTEMBER MEETING - Here are minutes from the meeting on 9-17-12. August Minutes were approved and appreciated by all. Beaumont Coin Club Show Re[prt - Good show report; dealers were happy as were the patrons of the show. Everyone liked the new venue at the Elk's Club, and we hope that we can have our show there again next year.

October 18-20 will be the ANA National Money Show in Dallas Where RL will also man a table. There will be much in the way of educational programs available there. It will be at the Dallas Convention Center.

We have to change the Christmas Party to Thursday December 20. We have cleared this with the Silsbee Club, so it is firm.

Pete gave a great program on the Federal Reserve System. It was created in 1913 in response to financial panics. It is actually our 3rd banking system. There are 12 Federal Reserve Districts. Their Board of Governors consists of 7 members who are nominated by the President for 14 year terms; they cannot be removed.

OCTOBER MEETING - The meeting was opened by Peter at 7 PM. Barbara led the pledge of allegiance with her new American flag which was donated by Betty.

The officers report was highlighted by a request for auction items because the next coin club meeting will be "Aution Only" and will feaure about 100 lots. If you are receiving this report yo should consider coming to this auction as there will be no regular club functions just an opportunity to purchase nice coins at no reserve. It will be held at Gander Mountain at 7PM on November 19.

Door prizes were won by Ed Meadows, Richie Rich (Kenneth), RL Tim Chris and Judy.

The program was by Jerry Williams who did a wonderful Job. The topic was dear to his heart. Commemorative coins of the USA. He showed a portion of his collection and it was just fantastic. Jerry thank you for the program and sharing your knowledge.



AUGUST MEETING - Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Shirley gave the program on photo grading coins. Very interesting program and learned a whole lot about the difficulty in the grading process. Door prizes: Morgan-1979 uncirculated mint set, Jerry - 81 proof set, Rochelle - 83 proof set and Dennis - 1939 mercury dime.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - The pledge of the allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes were not given this evening (secretary was on vacation). Treasurer's report was approved with no activity for the last month.

Port Arthur Coin Show is scheduled for November 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on 39th St. Admission is 2.00 and parking is free. Houston Money Show is November 29th-December 1st at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Carlton reported that Hal Cherry with the TNA is looking for volunteers to man the TNA booth during the ANA convention in Dallas.

Carlton reported that he is taking donations for the children's auction in Orange next year.

OCTOBER MEETING - The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the past two meetings were read over and corrections were made to September minutes.

The Port Arthur Coin Show is scheduled for November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on 39th St. The correction has been noted and the change has been made. The August minutes were approved by Shirley and Joe. Treasurer's Report was given and approved by Joe and Shirley.

New Business is the up coming shows Bellaire on the 27th and 28th of October. Port Arthur Coin Show on November 10th. The Houston Money Show is in December.

Program was given by Carlton with some very interesting "Did you know?"

Door prizes: Morgan - Washington silver proof half, Shirley - 1968 mint set, Joe - 1984 proof set, Susan - 1980 proof set and Carlton - Ike dollar.



SILSBEE COIN CLVB

SEPTEMBER MEETING - Paula called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors/New Members: We were happy to have Mr. Richie Rich visit us this evening.

Program: Barbara presented a program on the trip and Jerry and she had recently completed. A summary follows:

Their "Gulf tour" lasted sixteen (16) days, went through ten (10) states, and covered 4800 miles. The first day brought them to Dallas where they visited the Cowboy Stadium. The stadium is currently the biggest in the world. The had their picture taken on the 50 yard line. In Oklahoma, they visited the site of the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City and saw the memorial. The next stop in Oklahoma City was the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Next visited was the capital of Kansas – Topeka, and then on to Dodge City, Kansas where they enjoyed a show at the saloon that night. Jerry was made an honorary marshal and got a garter from one of the showgirls in appreciation for his dedicated service. There was also a cowboy and cattle town show. Des Moines, Iowa, was next on the agenda. The capital building has several domes with the center dome covered in 23 karat gold leaf. Unfortunately for the citizens of Iowa, the gold has to be replaced every ten (10) years due to its' wearing off. The Salt Prairie house (?) was also visited in Iowa. Barbara and Jerry had previously visited Mt. Rushmore in 1991 but were able to view it at night and during the day this time. They were able to take a bus trip around Custard's National Park and later visited the "Crazy Horse" monument which looked about the same as when seen in 1983. While in North Dakota, they picked up a book on Sacagawea. They were reminded of the Mt Rushmore commemorative coin and Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemorative coin. They also visited the "Arbor Day Farm" in Nebraska City, Nebraska, the Minnesota state capital at St. Paul, the Mall of Americas also in Minnesota and ended up in Branson, Missouri.

OCTOBER MEETING - Paula called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Program:Rick presented a program on pengos. Humm – what's a pengo? If you ever watched "Shop Around the Corner" staring Jimmie Stewart, you would know! The pengo is the Hungarian currency that was in use from January 1, 1927 to July 31, 1946. When trying to come up with a name for the new currency, they chose the Hungarian participle pengo that means "ringing" that referred to silver coins making a ringing sound when struck on a hard surface. After World War I, the currency in use was the korona which suffered from inflation like the German currency. On January 1, 1927, the korona was replaced by the pengo at a 12,500 to 1. Even though the pengo was defined as 3,800 to one kilogram of fine gold, it was not obligated for exchange. Until the financial crisis caused by the Great Depression in 1930, it was the most stable currency of the region. After 1930, the pengo had to be devalued and the debt of the country increased. World War II caused enormous costs and, later, even higher losses to the relatively small and open Hungarian economy. The national bank was practically under government control and the issue of money was proportional to the budget demands. After World War II, the pengo suffered the highest rate of hyperinflation ever recorded. After a while, higher denominations were introduced including the milpengo or 1,000,000 pengo. In 1946, the b- pengo (or bilpengo) was introduced at 1,000,000 milpengo or 1,000,000,000,000 pengo! The largest denomination produced was 100 million b-pengo (100 quintillion or 1020 pengo). The note was initially worth about US\$ 0.20 - a far cry from an original 100 pengo note issued in 1927 being worth US\$ 19.01. In July 1945, prices doubled every 13.5 hours.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO SEPTEMBER MEETING - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 15 members in attendance.

Raffle prizes. Rudolfo Torrez, Bob Hacker, Mike

Ross, Mark Cobb.

Door prizes Mike Warner. Cash prize- Greg Hofen was not here. In October the prize will be \$35.

There were two thank you letters from MCC students for each of the two \$250 scholarships.

OCTOBER MEETING - Alan Wood called the meeting to order. There were 9 members in attendance.

Canada is minting their last pennies in 2012. The pennies cost more than 1 cent to make.

HISTORICAL FACTS

The Confederate Half Dollar

At the onset of the war, there were three government mints operating in the South, located at New Orleans, Louisiana, at Charlotte, North Carolina, and at Dahlonega, Georgia. The New Orleans facility was by far the busiest, minting large quantities of gold and silver coins.

On January 26, 1861, the State of Louisiana seceded from the Union and shortly thereafter seized control of the New Orleans Mint. On March 7, Louisiana transferred control of the New Orleans Mint to the Confederacy. The Mint Superintendent, William A. Elmore, retained his position only after taking an oath of allegiance to the CSA. The mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega, seriously lacking a bullion supply, likewise came under the control of the Confederacy, but were quickly relegated to assay office status and never factored into the plans of the CSA.

Jefferson Davis and other leaders of the South envisioned minting coins bearing new CSA designs, to assert their newfound sovereignty and earn the respect and possible assistance of European powers. The New Orleans Mint, renamed the Confederate State Mint, was to be the major hub of coinage activity, as an ample supply of bullion was available to the Mint, at least initially.

While CSA Treasury Memminger was of a Confederate half of Union half dollars the same federal dies.

In early April 1861, a Confederate half dollar be made from the same die, but the proposed Confederate coat of cotton and sugar cane, southern economy.

Before full scale minting

commence, the price of precious metals rose dramatically as the reality of war set in. Moreover, bullion supplies at New Orleans were exhausted, with no hope of replenishment any time soon. Given these circumstances, Memminger concluded that releasing Confederate coinage would be futile, and ordered a suspension of minting operations.

Little was it known then, that before shutting down on April 30, four genuine CSA half dollars were struck by Chief Coiner Benjamin F. Taylor, one of which was presented to President Jefferson Davis. Taylor kept one of the half dollars for himself, while the other two went to local dignitaries. Taylor also retained possession of the dies.

Secretary Christopher arranging for the creation dollar design, minting continued as before using

Memminger approved of design. The obverse was to Liberty Seated federal reverse featured a new arms, surrounded by important symbols of the

of the CSA half dollar could





ECONOMICS OF SLABBING

by John Barber

Your editor has written several times before on factors which affect the decision to submit a given coin for third party grading or not. Support has been given to the idea of slabbing certain coins in order to get the grading company's opinion of authenticity as well as to get their opinion of grade. Sometimes it is worth the fee and sometimes it is not. Here are some actual coins that illustrate the arguments.....

Here is an attractive 1879-S Morgan Dollar which in your editor's opinion is not worth submitting. There is no doubt about its authenticity.



But its market value (about \$50 if it should turn out to be judged MS-63) is not high enough to support a grading fee (including return postage) of \$20 or so. Nor is there any payoff if it should turn out to merit marginally higher grade. The spread between MS-63 and MS-64 is not enough to support the fee to get it



into the plastic. Now comes th

Now comes the cousin of the 1879-S – a 1903-O. This once-famous date is one of those released in the Treasury releases of November 1962 and the following summer. Although the size of the 1903-O release was not nearly as large as that of some other dates, the number of uncirculated specimens available to collectors went up by a lot. Although this coin has a market value in the \$500 range, your editor still thinks

it is NOT a prime candidate

for third party grading because it is not a "spread" coin - the steps in price between MS-62, 63, 64 are quite small, and it is not worth risking the \$35 (or so) fee solely to get the service's opinion.

The opposite situation prevails on some "spread" coins like the 1915-S Pan Pacific Commemorative Half Dollar or the 1923-S



Monroe Half Dollar. On these, a point in grade makes a BIG difference in price. In fact, the market has evolved to where these issues in MS-65 must be in top-tier TPG holders to command their full value in the market. It would be stupid to sell a true MS-65 in the "raw" state and realize only the value of an MS-64 or lower coin. The counterpart of this fact has led to the phenomenon of cracking out borderline coins and submitting them over and over again until they come back with the desired grade.





Your editor has made the point in earlier articles that some popular scarce coins are worth the cost of submission to get the guarantee of authenticity alone. I would not hesitate to submit a 1916-D dime and pay the \$35 fee to get the "genuine" tag, even if the coin was obviously cleaned and not fully gradable. There are too many false pieces of this issue in numismatic circulation to allow a prospective purchaser to buy one "raw".

What about coins that have already been to a third party grading service? Your editor would argue there is no need to submit the following 1893-S dollar again. The coin is accompanied by a photo-certificate from ANACS from 1981. It is obviously the same coin. But in today's market could it be that some folks want "fresh" slabs ONLY??



John's article was taken from the Greater Houston Coin Club "Double Shift" Newsletter

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The five (5) statewide Officers are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also being elected are the District Governors. Election procedures no longer involve being be nominated for office by another member or club. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from January 2, 2013 until April 17, 2013. A nomination by another member is not acceptable. All candidates must be residents of the State of Texas except as noted and the candidates for District Governors must reside in the district they represent with the exception of District X where residents in the adjacent areas of New Mexico within 75 miles of the Texas border are eligible.

All candidates must be approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws at the time of their filing for office. No member shall be eligible for the office of President until they have served in at least one elected office in the Association. No President or Vice President shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they can not run for any other office. Candidates can only run for District Governor in the district in which they reside. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices.

State Officers of the Association are elected by members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws. District Governors are elected by the Members of the Association, in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws, in their respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no provision for a run-off in the event a candidate does not receive the majority of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event two candidates receive the same number of votes, the election winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent out to those voters where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for office the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to office at a Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership. Ballots will be mailed to Members by April 22, 2013 and must be received (not post marked) by the Secretary by the end of the day May 17, 2013. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. Ballots will only be mailed to approved members of the Association in line with Section 2.02 of the Bylaws. The results of the election will be formally announced at the Annual Meeting of the membership in Fort Worth, Texas on June 1, 2013.

Candidates may also submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the Association's official publication and web site. Candidates names and any biography will be published in all issues of the Association's official publication, the TNA News, prior to the end date of voting and also posted on the web site when received. (Candidates may also purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.)

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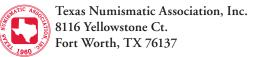
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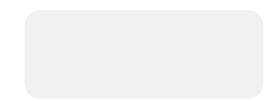


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