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## Greetings!



The 59th Annual TNA Convention and Show will be a pleasant memory by the time you receive this issue of the TNA News. Having been held June 2-4, I was not able to have a recap of the show. Our July/August issue will carry a report on the show with plenty of photos.

However, I am able to announce the winners of this year's Literary Awards which were presented at our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Saturday. The TNA News considers these awards to be a special opportunity to recognize TNA members who have gone "above and beyond" in their commitment to our publication. We are fortunate to have several members contributing articles and local clubs providing newsletters and reports for our Texas Happenings section.

It is always my pleasure to present these awards at the annual ceremony. As usual, this year it was no easy task to pick the winners of these awards. The TNA has some excellent writers and club newsletter publishers.

Here are the winners for this year:



Our First Place Kalvert K. Tidwell Award winner this year goes to Garry Moore for his article, *Hawaiian Numismatic Rainbows*. Garry was busy in 2016 with two other excellent articles.

Mike Ross is the Kalvert K. Tidwell Award First Runner Up for his article, *Henry VIII's Notorious Numismatic Legacy*, which ran in the September/October issue.



Rob Robinson is the Second Runner Up for the Kalvert K. Tidwell Award for his article, *Peter the Mint Eagle*, which appeared in the July/August issue.

Richard Laster is editor of Your Two Cents Worth, a

publication of the Tyler Coin Club. Richard and the club win the Best Club Newsletter Award this year. Their newsletter is always interesting and full of good numismatic reading material.



Congratulations to all our winners this year and thank you to all who contribute to the TNA News. I would also like to give recognition to John Barber, Lane Brunner, Sam Fairchild and Mark Benvenuto for multiple articles this past year. Your work is much appreciated.



## From the President

Debbie Williams

his is my 25th and final president's message to write for the TNA News. When I was elected four years ago several people asked me how it felt to be the first woman president in the TNA's 53-year history. My response was, "let me answer that question in two years," which has ended being four years and two terms later. I am happy to say the experience has been overwhelmingly positive. I have never felt anything but support by the other officers and the governors. Any time I have reached out for assistance with a project, large or small, the response has been nothing less than eagerness to help. The TNA membership is truly made up of an amazing group of people. I have many dear friendships within the organization that I will treasure forever. Thank you to all TNA members, officers, and governors for your support over the past four years.

My last official duty as president is to announce the recipients of the 2016 TNA annual awards. They are as follows:

Jim Halperin and Steve Ivy were both inducted into the TNA Hall of Fame. This prestigious award was established in 1983 to honor members for ongoing service significant enough to have a lasting impact on the TNA. As owners and chairman of Heritage Rare Coin Galleries and Auctions, the largest collectibles auction house in the world, Jim and Steve have made significant contributions to the numismatic hobby for more than four decades. For the past 12 years, they have been the sole donors for the TNA's annual benefit auction by contributing several gold coins for our lottery. Heritage has also been one of the TNA's largest advertisers for many years, helping make our award-winning TNA News possible. Jim and Steve are both life members of the TNA.

Kim Groves received the Lewis Reagan Memorial Award. This award was established in 1961 and is awarded to a member who has made significant contributions to promote Texas numismatics. Kim has served as TNA District 5 Governor since 2011. He has actively supported the TNA, especially at the Collin County, Dallas, and Richardson/Plano coin clubs. As Convention Program Chair, Kim has consistently lined up top-notch speakers for our Numismatic Theatre presentations, who have increased attendance. He has also served as our Historian for many years.

John Post and Jack Gilbert received the Mac Kennady Memorial Award. This lifetime achievement award was established in 1996 to honor Stanford "Mac" Kennady. The award is presented to a member who has served as an officer, governor, or on one or more active committees for 10 years or more.

John was a vital part of the Coin Show Committee for many years before officially receiving the title of "Convention Chair" in 2012. He spends a tremendous amount of time working with show producers, Doug and Mary Davis, to insure a successful show each year. John served as Second Vice-President from 2013 – 2017, and is our incoming First Vice-President.

Jack has served as TNA Treasurer since 2009. In addition to his original duties, he has taken on administration of all five Financial Assistance Programs, as well as correspondence pertaining to our non-profit donations. He chaired our Travel Policy Committee which resulted in a complete rewrite. Jack has served on several temporary committees including the 5-10 Year Visioning Committee. He has served on the Coin Show Committee and also directed the Young Numismatists who serve as our Show Pages.

Russell Prinzinger received the 2016 VIP Award for signing up the most new members. Russell is a very strong TNA supporter, especially in the Northeast Tarrant and Mid-Cities area where he serves as District 1 Governor. Russell is a multiple recipient of this award, possibly qualifying him as our biggest supporter.

Dalia Smith and Jimmy Davis received the Joe Olson Outstanding Volunteer Award. This award was established in 2012 to honor past president and prolific TNA supporter, Joe Olson. It is presented to a TNA member who demonstrates excellence in volunteer work and is reserved for an individual that does not serve as either an officer or governor. Father and daughter team, Jimmy Davis and Dalia Smith, have always impressed me with their enthusiasm and desire for results. This is their third year to oversee our Youth Auctions. Each year they bring something new and exciting to the program, which is not only keeping the program alive but also thriving.

John Barber received the Governor of the Year Award. John's contributions to promote the TNA and Numismatics are numerous. He actively promotes the TNA at all four member clubs in District 6. He often presents educational programs across the state, and usually at his own expense. John is an active member of the Houston Money Show, and editor of the Houston Coin Club's newsletter, Double Shift. He is an ongoing contributor to the TNA News. John chaired the three member 5-10 Year Visioning Committee, and wrote the final five-page report, plus a summary report on the committee's findings, along with their recommendations to achieve the TNA's 5-10 year goals. Their findings were well received by the board of governors.

Ron Kersey and Carl Stang received a special presidential award honoring their contributions.

Ron was recognized for receiving the ANA's 2016 first place award for Outstanding Regional Newsletter. This is a very hard award to achieve! The TNA News has received second or third place several times. But, this year we achieved FIRST place! Congratulations, Ron!

Carl was recognized for his educational efforts on behalf of the TNA. At our 2016 convention, he taught a popular seminar on U.S. coin grading. As president of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club, Carl led the effort to take advantage of both TNA grants available to all clubs but rarely used: the grant to Promote Numismatics, and the grant to Promote Young Numismatists. He also volunteered his time to be an instructor for both programs.

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## Secretary's Report

MAY/JUNE 2017

By Lawrence Herrera

#### WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS!

Welcome to new TNA members C-235 and R-7610 to R-7621. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on May 1, 2017.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on July 1, 2017.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7622	Larry Johnson	website	5
LM-274	Faith Boyd	Conversion	1
R-7623	Ken Byrd	Unknown	17
R-7624	Jerry Foster	Debbie Williams	15
R-7625	Gene Janulis	website	4

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Dues are \$20 and should be mailed to:
Lawrence Herrera
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## TREASURER'S REPORT



JACK GILBERT

#### TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

Program Oversight Committee – Jack Gilbert – David Burke – Karla Galindo – Larry Herrera

Once again I am looking forward with great anticipation to attending the TNA Show and Convention the beginning of June.

As I write this column, all of the Library Grant winners have been reimbursed (up to \$125) for the books they found for their library. I hope the planning continues for winners to attend the ANA Summer Seminars in Colorado Springs.

Each year, TNA awards five \$125 Grants and two paid trips to the ANA Summer Seminar. Current TNA members who have been members for at least two years are eligible to enter the drawings unless they have been winners in the last two years.

TNA members who would like to submit entries to the drawing for these grants please mark your calendars for August 1st. That is when I will start accepting entries for this year's drawings. Drawings will take place at the TNA Board's fall meeting (usually held in early December).

#### TNA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

This would be a good time for the leaders of your coin club to review the TNA Educational Grant Programs detailed at

http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna\_news\_sept-oct\_2013.pdf

One of my coin clubs has received TNA support each year for a couple of years now.

Earlier this year Northeast Tarrant Coin Club submitted two requests under the Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics and the Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists.

The former is to assist in hosting several Numismatic Educational programs at a local coin show in the fall. The latter is to assist in funding numismatic material and supplies for the club's annual Kid's Night hosted at the club's June meeting.

The requests were for \$250 each. The Oversight committee unanimously approved the request for funds.

#### **COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

There have been no new requests since the last edition of the TNA News.

#### KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE FOR CONTINUING PROGRAM NEWS

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included:

Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show;

Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and, Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar.

All of these Programs are open to all members (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online - http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna\_news\_sept-oct\_2013.pdf)

Clubs interested in the TNA Programs for: Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; and/or Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

## TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 2017

AS OF APRIL 30, 2	017	
ASSETS Current Assets Cash ID Margan Chase NA Chapking Asseurt	¢17.766.00	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt. PBOT (Mat 9/21/2017) PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$17,766.08 \$48,419.03 \$40,000.00 \$25,000.00	
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year Long Term Assets Origin Bk CD (Mat. 8/30/2018)	\$50,000.00	\$131,185.11
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19) Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00 \$60,000.00	
Endowment PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017) Total Long Term Assets	\$30,000.00	\$200,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$331,185.11
LIABILITIES Total Liabilities		None.
SURPLUS Beginning Balance 3/1/2017		\$335,957.79
Income (Plus) Expenses (Minus)	\$11,895.40 -\$16,668.08	
Surplus		-\$4,772.68

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#### **DANIEL BOONE COMMEMORATIVE**

by Sam Fairchild

aniel Boone was an American pioneer, woodsman, and frontiersman, whose exploits made him one of the first American folk heroes. Boone is most famous for his exploration and settlement of what is now western Kentucky, blazing his Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap in the Appalachian Mountains. Boone remains an iconic figure in American history due to publication of an account of his adventures in 1784, After his death, he was frequently the subject of heroic tall tales and works of fiction, with the mythology often overshadowing the historical details of his life. With this in mind, it shouldn't be too surprising that some type of coin would be proposed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his birth. Money raised from this coin was meant for the Daniel Boone Bicentennial Commission, as well as the American Order of Pioneers, in order to restore several sites important in Daniel Boone history. Congress acted quickly by authorizing the issuance of 600,000 half dollars. The coin was designed by Augustus Lukeman, an American sculptor known mainly for American historical monuments. The obverse features a bust of Daniel Boone, bareheaded facing left. While the bust remains a fantasy, it appears to be a more lifelike

image of Boone than that which appeared on

the 1921 Missouri
Commemorative,
where he is seen
wearing a coonskin
cap, a type of
hat that Boone
apparently detested

in person but has become the primary image remembered by the American public of Daniel Boone. The reverse shows a more elaborate design somewhat reminiscent of the reverse design of the 1921 Missouri Half Dollar. It shows Daniel Boone standing and in discussion with Chief Black Fish, of the Shawnee Indian Nation, with Boone holding a musket in his left hand and Chief Black Fish holding a tomahawk (breaking a 1778 siege of Boonesborough, Kentucky). In the background a small blockhouse building and a rising sun are depicted. The Philadelphia Mint struck the 10,000 coins dated 1934 which promptly sold out. Frank Dunn, secretary of the Boone Bicentennial Commission managed to have Congress authorize additional half dollars, albeit with a double date and the words "PIONEER YEAR" on the reverse This second issue had the same mintage at the Philadelphia Mint, 10,000 coins, while the Denver and San Francisco issues had a total mintage of only 2,000 coins each. Dunn heavily marketing the pieces, especially the low-mintage issues. Dunn allegedly purchase the coins at issue price and resold them to the public at inflated prices. A total of sixteen different year/ mint combinations were ultimately produced with small mintages dated through 1938. With

plenty of issues to choose from, most collectors assembling a Classic Commemorative type set should have no trouble finding a nice example.

by John Barber

Your scribe received a surprise email this week from Mr. Len Augsburger, project manager at the Newman Numismatic Portal, and a well-known researcher in the early U.S. coin field. It seems Len had just run across a hand-written letter in the U.S. archives which sheds light on an enigmatic pattern cent. Your editor was delighted that Mr. Augsburger had recalled a brief conversation we had at Summer Seminar last year when he was a teacher at "Developing a Passion for Seated Liberty Coins" as the course was in its inaugural year.

The subject is Judd-159, a "seated liberty cent". Most collectors now see this curious issue as part of the story of the transition between

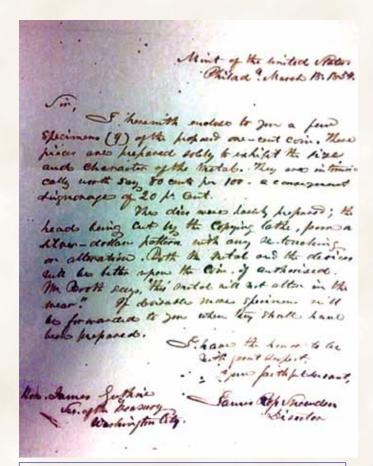
the old copper

Large Cent and the new small-size cent of Flying Eagle design. But your scribe was initially attracted by the connection to the seated liberty series of silver coins.

By the 1850s, the large copper cent was proving inconvenient for the public to carry and expensive for the mint to produce. There were repeated proposals for adoption of a smaller cent, which bore fruit in 1856 with the Flying Eagle Cent.

The letter Len found, reproduced and transcribed below (by me with some difficulty), shows that by March 1854 there had been some pattern coins prepared to illustrate what the size and metal fabric of a new design might look like. The letter is a cover letter for transmittal of nine related coins (now known by collectors as Judd 156 – Judd 159) from the Director of the Mint James Snowden to Treasury Secretary

## **GOING FOR**



Mint of the United States Philada. March 18, 1854

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you a few specimens (9) of the proposed one-cent coin. These pieces are prepared solely to exhibit the size and character of the metal. They are intrinsically worth say 80 cents per 100 - a seigniorage of 20 per cent.

The dies were hastily prepared; the heads being cut by the copying lathe, from a silver-dollar pattern with[out] any re-touching or alteration. Both the metal and the devices will be better upon the coin if authorized. Mr. Booth says "this metal will not alter in the wear." If desirable more specimens will be forwarded to you when they shall have been prepared.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director

## THE GOLD

James Guthrie. Snowden is careful to say that these coins are not well-made and are not intended to reflect the best the mint could do. They are meant to illustrate coin size and color for various metallic compositions.

The letter does not say it, but collectors know by the coins that P C G S 1854 E1C PR63BN J-159 11654.63/5367220

exist now that these patterns were made in copper and several flavors of copper-nickel and the coppernickel-zinc alloy known as "German silver". They were apparently made from just one set of dies.

The most common of these is the copper version, J-159. This piece, and all others seen by your editor show the prominent circular pattern of lines across the device. The mint used its reducing lathe and a regular 1954 Seated Liberty Dollar to quickly prepare an obverse die for use with the various planchets of differing composition. The transfer process was rather



crude, and the crossbar of the "4" of the date did not transfer well; it appears more like 1851 on the coins. They prepared a new reverse die not used on any other patterns. The reverse die, while giving results closer to what collectors today expect of "proof quality" still shows some sloppy workmanship. Note how the letters of CENT do not align well.

The most enigmatic coin of this family is the "mint made electrotype". It seems these were made using a die-struck example of J-159 as the model for the electrodeposition of thin shells which could be joined and filled by a heavy metal (probably lead). Your editor's example shows a couple of gray spots peeking through where the obverse shell was not quite thick





enough. Why the mint found it necessary to make this kind of piece is today unknown. There are not many of these around (rated R- 6), and it appears that this one is one of just two pieces to come to auction in the past 15 years.

Your editor's focus on collecting these is though their tie to the Seated Liberty Dollar series, but his regret is in failing to acquire the copper nickel specimen offered by Andy Lustig about ten years ago. It would have "completed the set" of the various compositions. There seems to have not been another chance since then.....

## GRADING FOR

Lane Brunner -

## A BRIEF HISTORY

### PART FIVE-GRAD

The 1970s were an interesting time for grading coins. The first grading book using photographs was written by James Ruddy. Also in the 1970's The American Numismatic Association finally published a set of grading standards for United States coins in the hopes of establishing a universal benchmark for grading coins. Despite the best of intentions, such hopes would not be the case as many collectors and dealers continued to use multiple sources as "standards" for grading coins. As time moved forward, Photograde by James Ruddy and the Official A.N.A. Grading Standards became the two primary sources for grading guidelines. The venerable Brown and Dunn faded slowly away into the background.

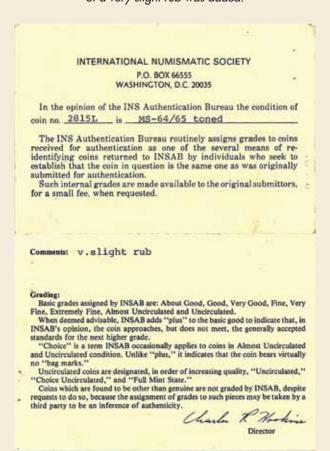
Another exciting development was occurring during the early years of the 1970s. In an effort to help collectors



Above: an example of an early ANACS certificate. Note that no grade is provided, only an opinion on the coin's authenticity.



Above is an International Numismatic Society Authentication
Bureau photo certificate of authenticity and below is the
supplemental grading card.
Note the coin is graded as mint state, but the comment
of a very slight rub was added.



## THE REST OF US

Tyler Coin Club

## OF COIN GRADING

### ING IN THE 1970'S

and dealers combat the influx of counterfeit 1909-S VDB cents and 1916-D dimes, The ANA Certification Service was started. Hobbyists could send their coins to ANACS, (as it would be later known) authenticity would be evaluated, and the submitted coin would be returned with a decision. If the coin was deemed authentic, the submitter would receive a certificate signed by Charles Hoskins, the ANACS director, with a photo of the coin's obverse and reverse. It would not be until 1980 that ANACS would add grading to its certificates – several years after the ANA's own official grading standards were published.

The first organization to authenticate and grade coins was the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau. From 1975 through 1989, the INS would evaluate a submitted coin and return a pair of sealed Polaroid photographs (back-to-back in a vinyl pouch) along with a card with the coin's grade. The INS assigned a grade to the coin as part of the authentication process to ensure the coin being considered was the same coin featured in the photographs. The coin's grade, however, was not routinely disclosed to the submitter, but could be included for an additional fee. As such, it was clear that authentication was the primary focus of the INS and grading was just supplementary.

(Just above, and on the bottom of the previous page, is an International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau photo certificate of authenticity with the supplemental grading card. Note the coin is graded as mint state, but the comment of a very slight rub was added.)

During the 1960s and 1970s there was also a strengthening interest in collecting and understanding FIDOs. No, not the dogs so many of us call companions, but "freaks, irregulars, defectives, and oddities." Today, we know them by their less colorful modern term, "errors." In response to so many fake errors entering the marketplace and capitalizing on collector and



dealer lack of understanding of the minting process, the Numismatic Error Collectors of America offered an authentication service that started in the 1960s and lasted through the latter years of the 1970s. While grading was not offered as part of the service (and grading of errors today remains somewhat controversial), grading of errors would become part of the certification in years to come. Today, certificates from the Numismatic Error Collectors of America are quite scarce as most were abandoned as modern third party grading companies began to authenticate and grade errors.



A certificate of authenticity from the Numismatic Error Collectors of America. This certificate is from 1976. Note this error was authenticated by the icon of error coins, "Lonesome" John Devine.

As authentication and grading in the 1970s became more popular, the interest set the stage for the most important decade in modern coin grading. The 1980s would be the birth of professional third party grading as we know it today.



## REACHING BACK FOR SOME

by Mark Benvenuto

opper has always been the lowliest of coinage metals, being more common than silver or gold, and always being less expensive. Yet there are some copper coins and copper series out there that are absolutely fascinating. Let's put together a group that might at first seem rather strange, but that can bring some of the "fascinating" to our collecting very quickly and relatively inexpensively.

#### NOVA CONSTELLATIO, 1785

There is a huge number of colonial and pre-Federal copper coinage that was produced in one location or another as the United States was moving from colonies to country. Perhaps this



variety is what scares off some collectors. After all, there is no nice, neat check list or blue book to fill out when it comes to such coins. But there is often some way to chop up a field that is large and confusing into something much smaller and easier to categorize. For us, we're going to use a single word: price.

With prices in mind, the first early copper that could be entered into this new collection is one of the Nova Constellatio coppers of 1785.

These coins have a beautiful sun dominating one side, with an eye in the center. Thirteen colonies becoming one nation were definitely a,



"new constellation," at least among the world's kingdoms and other nations of the time. A look through the "Red Book" indicates there were plenty of Nova Constellatio coppers issued from 1783 to 1876 – or at least there were plenty of varieties. The least expensive is the pointed rays variety of 1785, which will probably run about \$500 in something like VF-20 condition.

Two notes as we go forward in this exercise in collecting early coppers: first, there will almost always be multiple varieties. It seems there were always several dies used to make such coppers. Second, while the prices may appear reasonable or slightly expensive in the middle, circulated grades, they are routinely quite costly

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in any form of mint state. These coppers were all designed to do the work of making change; most appear to have done that job over and over.

#### MASSACHUSETTS COPPER



The Bay State was one of a few that took advantage of the Articles of Confederation, at least in terms of coinage, and the fact that they allowed states the right to coin their own money.



Among the many varieties of 1787 and 1788 coppers that were produced, the least expensive will cost about \$200, for either year. Curiously, while the figure of the Indian on what might be called the heads side is attractive on well-struck

pieces, it is the heraldic eagle dominating the reverse design that ended up on so many of our nation's coins after state coinage disappeared.

#### **AUCTORI CONNEC**

In the earliest days of our newly independent country, state legislatures that decided to produce coins didn't vote for the creation of a state Mint, with all that would cost. They tended to farm out the work. Connecticut is one such example, giving the authority to make copper coins to several gentlemen who went at it for four years running, 1785 – 1788.

The Connecticut coppers are generally considered rather crude in design, but this doesn't mean ugly. Rather, they have a homemade sort of charm, as if they are trying to copy the designs of something larger. The obverses (there are again plenty of varieties) show the bust of a classically dressed figure wearing a laurel wreath, and are surrounded by the words "Auctori Connec" or some variation of





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## REACHING BACK FOR SOME

this. The reverse sports a seated figure that one could even argue was the forerunner of Christian Gobrecht's Seated Liberty design.

#### BRITISH HALFPENNY IMITATION

The next addition we might consider for this growing list of relatively affordable pre-Federal coppers are what, "A Guide Book of United



States Coins," a.k.a. the, "Red Book" calls the British copper halfpenny imitations. Made because real British halfpennies were accepted by many, sporting what we can assume is King



George on the obverse and a seated figure on the reverse, and being dated 1770 up to 1775, it doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to realize where the Connecticut coppers got their general appearance. The only differences are the legends, with these imitation pieces proclaiming dear Georgie to be the king. Once again there are numerous varieties – but importantly the least expensive can be had at near mint state for about \$100 each.

#### NOVA CAESAREA, 1787

New Jersey also got into the coinage business rather early, and in a large enough way that there are many Nova Caesarea coppers for an interested collector today. One side features the horse head and plow, symbols that are still part of the state seal and flag of New Jersey today. The other shows what we now call the federal



shield, and appears to be the first of any U.S. coins to use the legend E Pluribus Unum. Some of the 1787 varieties can be had for about \$200 in the middle circulated grades.

## EARLY, AFFORDABLE COPPER

#### **VERMON AUCTORI**

Putting Vermont on this list is fun, because the state was from 1777 to 1791 for all practical purposes an independent republic. The Vermont



coppers are much like those of Connecticut or the imitation British halfpennies in their design, with the notable exception that most of them are



amazingly crude in their execution. The prices we've mentioned will again land one with some wear, but a person often has to be able to see through some problem on the planchet when deciding on a purchase. It's tough to find one that is problem free.

#### **BRITISH CARTWHEELS**

After this many of the early state coppers, it may seem odd to add a couple of British pieces here on the end, especially after we've thrown in a



British imitation. But what get called the British cartwheels of 1797, the big one-penny piece and the even bigger two-penny copper, can be beautiful coins with some serious heft in the hand. Prices for these two coins span quite a range, based not just on wear, but on how many (or few) nicks there are on the wide, prominent rims.

There are plenty of other early coppers a person might want to collect, but the octet we've looked at here can make a great start. If you're looking for a new direction to take for your collecting, looking back to early copper might prove to be a great deal of fun.

### QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Is a grocery store pound heavier than 12 troy ounces of silver?
- 2) How was the reeded edge applied to 1794-1836 U.S. silver coins?
- 3) When was A. J. Matula most active as a Houston coin dealer?
- 4) When was the first federally authorized circulating paper money issued?
- 5) Do Third Party Grading companies slab Daniel Carr fantasy overstrikes?
- 1) A grocery store pound is indeed heavier than a precious metals pound. A grocery store pound of 16 ounces (avoirdupois) is equal to 454 grams. The precious metal ounce is 31.1 grams, and there are twelve troy ounces in a troy pound. Thus the troy pound totals 373 grams.
- 2) For many years, U.S. numismatists believed the conventional wisdom that the edge treatments on all early U.S. coins were applied using a Castaina machine (sliding parallel bars) on the planchet before striking with the obverse/reverse dies in a human powered screw press. Certainly that remains the case with all the lettered edge coins (half cents, cents, half dollars, dollars). But the latest research, led by Brad Karoleff, is that the reeded edge silver coins (half dimes, dimes, augrters) were struck in a one-piece collar having the reeds engraved on the surface facing the coin's edge from the very start of mint silver operations in 1794! The best evidence for this theory comes from research on off-center mis-struck coins, none of which show any reeding on their edges. If the edge reeding had been pre-applied, it would be present even on off-center struck coins. Correspondingly, no one can find examples of skipped (interrupted) reeding or overlaps with double reeding. These defects are relatively common on coins whose edge treatment was applied on a Castaina machine. Additionally, the reeded edge coins which have come down to today's collectors are more nearly perfectly round than the pieces which had their edge treatments applied via Castaina machine and were then struck using an open collar.
- 3)Mr. A. J. Matula was an active coin dealer in downtown Houston in the 1950's and 1960's. He was perhaps best known for his claim to "control over a quarter of the mintage" of 1950-D nickels. This popular modern scarcity seemed to reach its height of popularity during the roll-and-bag boom which ended in 1964. Prices on the 1950-D took over 50 years to again reach 1963 levels. Matula's claim of "quarter of the mintage" would equate to around a half million nickels, or \$10,000 face value. It remains unsaid what connections he exploited to line them up.
- 4) The earliest federal currency would be the Continental Currency issues of May 1775. Lacking sufficient specie, our infant federal government financed the Revolutionary War with nearly a dozen issues, all of which became severely

6) What dates (	years) of	U.S.	half	dollars	do	not	exist
(none struck)?	-						A

- 7) Is this piece a U.S. coin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Can you tell the purity of a silver coin by knowing its specific gravity?



#### DR. COYNE

depreciated and out of circulation by 1783. The era of state chartered and private bank issues then followed. Again in 1861 Congress found it necessary to issue federal notes, led by the Demand Notes which helped finance the Civil War. Following the end of hostilities, it took until 1876 before sufficient specie was returned to circulation to consider retiring all federal notes. But by then the populace had found convenience and trust in federal currency, and we have had a growing body of issues ever since then.

- 5) The Third Party Grading services have taken differing approaches to encapsulating the products of the Moonlight Mint. ANACS has been an early adopter and a strong supporter with all manner of Carr overstrikes to be found in their holders. There has been mention on the blogs that PCGS may soon begin to accept certain issues, such as the 1964-D Peace Dollars, but they have not done it yet. NGC has taken a wait-and-see attitude, though many regard NGC as the leader in encapsulating many kinds of medals from around the world.
- 6) U.S. half dollars cannot be found with the dates: 1798, 1799, 1800, 1804, 1816, 1922, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1930-32, 1975. Did you miss the 1975? (a year when Bicentennial coins were struck, but dated 1776-1976). Since 2002, Kennedy half dollars have been issued every year, but not for circulation. The 1816 is related to a fire at the mint. The 1930-32 omission is a result of reduced demand during the depression.
- 7) The illustrated piece purports to be a 1792 half disme, which would be a U.S. coin. Were it authentic, it could be argued that it is the first U.S. mint product which reached circulation. The latest scholarship indicates the first batch of the real coin was made in the basement of John Harper's saw shop in Philadelphia in July, 1792 on equipment that would shortly be installed in the first U.S. Mint, but in summer 1792, the mint buildings were not yet ready. Latest research also indicates a second batch of 1792 half dismes was made in the new mint in December. No one seems to be able to tell if a given coin came from the first batch or the second batch, but the total mintage is solid at 1500 specimens. Too bad (for Dr. Coyne) that the illustrated coin is a fake made about 1862. It was part of the collection for many years before its true status was revealed.

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

- 9) Why were the first U.S. gold coins not issued until three years after the mint opened?
- 10) What year was the first hard plastic packaging used by the U.S. Mint for its issues of collector coins?
- 11) What dates (years) of U.S. silver dollars have plain edges (not reeded or lettered)?
- 12) When was tin used as a part of the alloy of U.S. regular issue coins?
- 13) When was the last circulating silver half dollar issued?
- 14) Is this piece a U.S. coin?\_\_\_\_\_



#### RESPONDS

- 8) We CAN successfully infer the purity of a silver/copper mix from careful measurement of its density. Since pure silver has a density of 10.49 g/cc and pure copper has a density of 8.96 g/cc, we know a coin composed only of copper and silver that shows a density of 10.33 g/cc is composed of 90% silver and 10% copper (i.e. 10.33 is 90% of the way from 8.96 to 10.49). BUT this only works for binary mixtures; if there is a third component present, it does not work. Additionally, the measurements must be done with high quality equipment including dry and wet measurement to 0.01 grams or better. Few home setups can do this.
- 9) The first gold coins issued by the infant U.S. Mint in Philadelphia were Half Eagles (\$5) carrying the date 1795 and issued in that year. The new mint had been making copper half cents and cents for two years. The April 2, 1792 law authorizing the mint provided that the Chief Coiner and Chief Assayer would be required to post large bonds (\$10,000 each) before they could handle the precious metals. This immense sum proved impossible to meet. Pressure by David Rittenhouse, the first Director of the Mint on congress (and perhaps his personal underwriting of part of the new bonds) resulted in lowering the requirement and allowing the first silver and gold coins. The first silver coins were the 1794 silver dollars.
- 10) The first use of a hard plastic holder for collector coins issued by the U.S. Mint came with the 1966 Special Mint Sets.



- 11) U.S. silver dollars with plain edges were issued for circulation only in 1836 (Gobrecht Dollars). The early dollars, 1794-1804 had lettered edges. The Seated Liberty Dollars, Morgan Dollars, Trade Dollars, and Peace Dollars had reeded edges. The Ike Dollars, whether silver clad or copper clad had reeded edges. The Sacagawea and Presidential Dollars had lettered edges, except for a few error coins which missed the edge lettering step.
- 12) The first use of tin in the alloy for regular issue U.S. coins came in 1864 in the "French Bronze" used for Two Cent Pieces and beginning mid-year in Indian Cents. These were 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc. The tin part was typically around 2% in the early years. The tin did not disappear completely until 1962 when the Lincoln Cents became "brass" composed of only copper and zinc.
- 13) The last circulating U.S. silver half dollar is the 1969 issue. These contain 40% silver. By this time, the final silver dimes and quarters (dated 1964) had been produced. The 1970-D Half Dollars are the final 40% Kennedy halves, but they were available only in the mint sets, sold to collectors at prices over face value.
- 14) The illustrated piece is a U.S. coin. This 1893 Isabella commemorative quarter was produced for the 1892-93 Columbia Exposition in Chicago. It is the only 25 cent piece in the classic commemoratives series. They were sold for \$1 each in connection with the fair. Sales were disappointing (perhaps not seen by buyers as a good value compared with purchase at the time of a half dollar for the same \$1 price), and today they are scarce. The obverse inscription is about the Board of Lady Managers at the fair.



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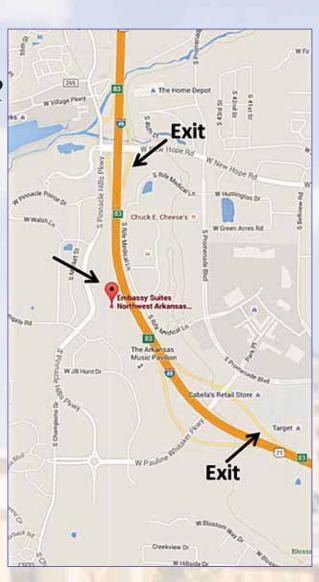
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by Garry Moore TNA R-6805 ANA 12121927

n March 29, 2017 Wyoming's Senior Senator, Mike Enzi, and Arizona Republican Senator John McCain reintroduced Senate Bill S.759 - the Currency Optimization, Innovation, and National Savings Act of 2017, also known as the COINS act, legislation that suggests moving to a \$1-dollar coin, reducing the cost of nickel production, and suspending the minting of the penny, which currently costs more than one cent to produce. Enzi claims that the measures could generate up to \$16 billion in taxpayer savings.

This bill outlined several valid reasons for doing away with the Lincoln Cent and replacing the dollar bills with the dollar coin. These reasons include the total cost savings – both short and long-term, the cost of production, life spans of the dollar coins versus the dollar bill (18 mos vs. 30 yrs), and so forth. Now this is where the fun begins, especially given the lack of bipartisan cooperation in Washington D.C. these days. We can count on a countless number if special interest groups – the copper industry, the nickel industry, the paper industry, concerned citizens

from Lincoln's hometown, and even a

handful of numismatist will all come

forward with all the direst of circumstances that could occur if either of these programs is halted.

The reality is that both of these denominations are



simply scared cows that need to be brought to market. Much in the same way that nearly every other nation in the industrialized world has already done – which was accomplished without the sky falling I might add. This is not the first time these scared cows have been driven up the proverbial Chisolm Trail only to find the gates to the slaughter house boarded up.

There has been more than one attempt to eliminate either one or both of these types monetary exchanges from our national currency. And yet, the end result has been the same – no action taken. One of the primary reasons stated by Uncle Sam for this lack of action is that the American public will never accept the change. Well, the US government is incorrect. In fact, they have the perfect lab to test this theory –the U.S. military – and this is where the G. I. comes in.

The average man and woman who has served in our armed forces has been stationed overseas at least once during their term of service. And if there is one constant in the life of every G.I., it is knowing the location of the PX (post exchange) or BX (base exchange). The exchanges are the lifeblood and the proverbial watercooler of any military base. The

### PENNY AND THE DOLLAR BILL?

A G.I.

exchanges and the post bank handle virtually all of the currency that passes through the base. Interesting enough is the fact that the U. S. Government does not ship pennies overseas due to the cost. This means that cash transactions are rounded up or down accordingly. The transactions are rounded down if it is five cents or under and it is rounded up if it is six cents or up. During my 23 years in the Army, I never heard a single G.I. complain that they felt like they were being short-changed by the government.

The second hole in this theory that the average American will not use the dollar coin can be addressed by the G.I. once again. I will use myself for this next example.

My last overseas assignment was at RAF (Royal Air Force) Molesworth, located about one-hour north of London, England. During my four-year tour of duty, I conducted an untold number of transactions on the local British economy, all without the benefit of a paper one GBP (Great British Pound). In fact, they were also conducted without the benefit of a paper two or five GBP. This was the direct results of the work years prior by the Bank of England, Her Majesty's Royal Mint, and the British government' to reduce the production for coins of the British Empire. Sure it took a little while to get used to, but before you knew it, you didn't even give those extra coins in your pocket a second thought.



Lastly, I can almost say with absolute certainty that new life will be blown into the one-dollar coin and the two-dollar bill if this Senate Bill is passed and signed into law. Sure, it will take the average American a little time to get use to having a few extra coins in their pocket but they will not even give it a second thought before you know it. I can just see the conversation then turn to the issue of why did we wait so long to make the switch.

I applaud Senators Mike Enzi and Arizona Republican Senator John McCain reintroduced Senate Bill S.759.

My hope now is that the rest of their counterparts will follow their lead

and support the bill because the one thing we can illafford in these days of our ballooning national debt is a few more scared cows.

(Author's Note: No scared cows were harmed while

writing this article.)



#### by Richard Laster

## CONFEDERATE CURRE



Your editor acknowledges that the note pictured above is, shall we say, not in the best of collectible form. Some might even say that, speaking numismatically, it is "just plain ole' ugly." Truth is both descriptions are fair however there is something unique about this piece, and four other Confederate notes in such, and even worse, condition which is your editor's point of "show and tell" for this issue. Incidentally, two other notes from the "archive" of my consideration are featured on the first page. They too are "ugly," but in a good kind of way.

ike so many other experiences shared in this brief presentation space this one begins with a multi – year pull in the direction of acquiring a particular, and somewhat unique, item for your editor's collection of paper. As I know you recognize from previous such articles here in this newsletter, I do NOT follow conventional collector practices and enjoy what one person from whom I purchase every now and then calls "odd stuff." I "resemble" that remark for sure!

Back some years ago your editor became aware of a distribution of Confederate currency from, of all places, the United States Treasury. The details are quite simple. The American Civil War was finally over and citizens on both sides of the political and geographical line were in the process of heading home in order to get back to their lives and come to whatever point of "new normal" which was awaited them. It was in essence time to move on and for many signs of the struggle were not welcome sights.

On the Southern side a variety of relics remained including a stack of paper money which had been issued by the Confederate government from 1861 to 1865. As members of the Union Army moved throughout the South they came across currency in very large quantities in banks, stores, and homes. Because Confederate States of America currency was a sign of the struggle, and what had been, there were very few folks who felt the call to maintain more than a limited holding of pieces of CSA paper money as souvenirs. Truth is the post-war stack of old paper money grew to epic proportions claiming space throughout a variety of U.S. Army facilities.

A sort of solution came about in 1867 when all of the currency was consolidated into one place under the care of the U. S. Treasury Department. As your editor understands the story, this oversized collection of Confederate fiscal challenge remained virtually untouched for several decades. These same notes were victims of time, the elements, critters, and honest, emotional neglect.

Scroll ahead nearly fifty years. By this time, starting in 1911, the scars and hurt of the Civil War had been replaced by a sense of euphoria and nostalgia. Those who were once enemies were now combining their reunions, so it wasn't uncommon for Grand Army of the Republic veterans (Dang Yankees!!) to "tent" in the vicinity of and in partnership with members of the United Confederate Veterans. One such opportunity came in July of 1913 when nearly sixty thousand Civil War veterans representing both Union and Confederate forces, from 46 of the then 48 states, gathered to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. According to an original report of the day men from both camps were seen "with clasped hands and they buried their faces into each other's shoulders."

## NCY - STACKS OF MEMORY



Above is a famous photo from the Battle of Gettysburg's Fiftieth Reunion Encampment held in July of 1913. Note on the left the presence of flags representing both Union and Confederate forces.

During this same period of years, the Semi – Centennial of the Civil War, now over one hundred years ago, there were those who were finally open to acquiring souvenirs of the Civil War. Such an attitude gave the Treasury Department of the United States a chance to relieve itself of some of their currency holdings. Someone in the Treasury Department,



This picture is a scene of the proliferation of tents in place for use by the veterans. By this time most of the surviving veterans were in their seventies or quickly progressing in that direction.

your editor cannot find out who, made the suggestion that the stacks of Confederate paper money locked away in storage should be distributed for "historical" purposes. Letters written over the signature of then Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh, dated early in 1913, were prepared for various institutions in the country such as schools, museums, fraternal organizations, veteran's organizations, etc. These letters were arbitrarily mailed out in government envelopes to such institutions all over the nation. Included

within each envelope was a quantity, usually four or five pieces, of time-held Confederate Currency, such as the one at the beginning of this article, tow more on the first page of this newsletter, and a couple of examples pictured just below.

Several years ago, from the dealer who first identified your editor as the one seeking "odd stuff," your editor acquired another such letter, along with the original envelope and four cancelled Confederate notes. This small archive was addressed to a Grand Army of the Republic group in Oklahoma. The one which entered my life just recently contains a letter worded a slight bit differently than the first. Even though some of the personal attributions have been marked over it is still possible to know that this letter, and I am assuming the five notes that came with it, was sent in 1913 to a university library. Wish I could identify which library.

Because these were sent out sort of "blind" there is no way of knowing how many were made available through the mail to various institutional collections and the quantity of these which found their way into personal hands and, heaven forbid (!), into local landfill or were in other ways destroyed as trash. Through the years your editor has viewed or read about a handful of sets. They do come up occasionally in sales and auctions. Having two is a real treat, especially since the letters for distribution are slightly different.

Your editor wonders how many sets remain in the original institutions to which they were sent. At the least it is good to recognize that by 1913 the causes which were central in the division which ignited the American Civil War had mostly passed on. From what I have read the Semi – Centennial was quite an event one which did, indeed, affirm that enemies were friends.

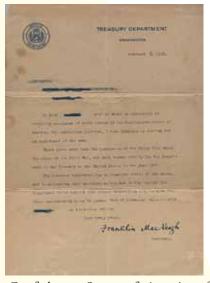
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### Confederate Currency





Two more "ugly" notes from the archive mentioned above. Your editor has yet to see a note attributed to this distribution which isn't cut cancelled or in other ways worn, damaged, or defaced.



A sized down copy of the original 8 ½ by 11 letter on United States Treasury Department watermarked paper, signed by Franklin MacVeagh, describing the content of little packges of Confederate Currency sent to institutions throughout the United States in 1913.

The letter tells the story: "As your library will no doubt be interested in receiving specimens of notes issued by the

Confederate States of America, for exhibition purposes, I take pleasure in sending you an assortment of the same . . . These notes came into the possession of the Union Army about the close of the Civil War, and were turned over by the War Department to the Treasury of the United States in the year 1867 . . . The Treasury Department has no complete series of the notes and in presenting such specimens as are now in its custody, the Department feels assured that proper disposition will be made for their safe – keeping as so to render them of permanent value to your library as historical relics . . . Very Truly Yours . . . Franklin MacVeagh . . . Secretary"



If in full size the piece pictured above is a "big ole' honkin," and quite heavy, United States mint medal featuring the likeness of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh, who served as such from 1909 to 1913. It is McVeagh's signature which adorns the letter documented above.

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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

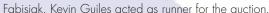
FWCC APRIL MEETING - President Ed Lasko began the meeting with 42 members and guests in attendance. Officers: President Ed Lasko, Vice President Frank Hezmall, Director Kevin Guiles, and Treasurer Walter Fabisiak, and Secretary JC Drake.

Old Business: FWCC Spring Coin Show March 31 through April 2, 2107. Coin show was discussed in depth by the members present and consensus of those members attending the Show suggests it was a successful endeavor. Approximately 160 persons attended the Show. 25 dealers displayed items for sale. Kevin Guiles discussed the role of Bourse committee and chair as it had impacted the Show.

Education: "American Art Medals" presented by John Post. Raffle: Frank Hezmall raffled four coins and a proof set.

Refreshments: Joyce Martin provided baked russet, baked sweet potatoes, and a delicious chili - along with various other accoutrements. Ed Lasko reminded the membership of the voluntary tip jar that goes to pay for the refreshments. Thank you, Joyce, for providing a great meal.

Auction: There were 50 lots in our auction. The auctioneer was Walter





## **MID-CITIES**



MID-CITIES MAY MEETING - Bill Proenza presented "Metal Detecting Concepts: Relation to Metals & Numismatics". In a packed meeting, he

spoke on a history of US legal tender coinage related to the connection between Numismatics and metal detecting; how coin metals react in the ground and under fresh & salt water; shared first-hand experiences on the condition found coins including a "cache" find; & demonstrated metal detectors and how they discern metal targets.



NETCC APRIL MEETING - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 56 members and visitors present at 7:00.

Mike Ross encouraged members to exhibit at the TNA show. It can be a simple, one-case display, and Mike can guide you through the process.

Visitors recognized: Danny Mok. New members: Ed Lasko.

Due to the length of the donation auction, all other normal business was suspended.

We then conducted our annual donation auction consisting of 113 items. Bidding was quite spirited, with several members outbidding themselves! Richard Wallace put in a standing \$5 opening bid on EVERY item, and kept bidding lots higher.

Jim Waite called the auction in his lively and witty manner - you had to always be listening to catch his rapid-fire humor. When the smoke

had cleared, the Club had raised \$2,573. While most of the proceeds will be utilized to pay operating expenses of the Club, a portion of the proceeds can be earmarked for youth activities and scholarships.

In addition to Jim Waite, special thanks goes out to Kenny Smith who organized the process (again providing a PowerPoint display of each auction lot), and to all those who contributed such great auction items.

Every youth in attendance was awarded a door prize, so that no kid went home empty-handed.

The door prizes were won by Mitch Miller, Randall Carman, Kevin Kell, Danny Mok and John Neinast. The progressive door prize was won by Jim Waggoner..

MAY MEETING - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 52 members and visitors present.

Frank Hezmall spoke about the need for volunteer workers at the TNA show in June. Areas to work include set-up, teardown, registration desk and Youth action. He explained how each volunteers would receive 5 lottery tickets for 6 gold coins, and how the Club receives an allocated share of \$1,000 based on volunteer participation. His immediate need was help for Thursday set-up.

Jesse Owens reminded members that this meeting marks the 15th anniversary of the Club. A group of 14 folks met at Martin Methodist Church in May 2002, of which 6 are still active members. He read off the names of the 30 charter members (roster at May 2003), and the presidents who have led the Club. He also told of member testimonies of what the Club has meant to them.

New Finds: Henry Block acquired silver rounds of each president. Frank Hezmall spoke about a find of original wooden nickels (size of a business card), primarily by eastern coin clubs issued in the 1930's and 1940's.

Visitors recognized: Byron Behrens. New members: Byron Behrens.

Kevin Kell conducted Quiz Night. Members were divided into eight teams. Each team had one minute to formulate an answer to a series of 10 questions. Questions ranged from the first US minted coin (1792 half disme), to the last year of a 40% silver coin (1976). While the winning team answered all 10 questions correctly, there was a fight for second place with three tie breaker questions required to determine second and



third place. The pictured team of Cheryl Rybka, Tom Atchley, Mike Krzywicki, Glenn Roberts, Susanna Roberts and Bill Rogers took first place. Each member of the top team received three TNA raffle tickets.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary, a very special cake

was prepared and served. The amazing cake pictured was designed by

Jack Gilbert's daughter, Genevieve Russell. The only thing to match the design was the taste. She does this professionally and has prepared many wonderful baked goods for the Club, but this one literally "takes the cake".



Each person in attendance received a TNA raffle ticket for the gold coin drawing and every youth in attendance was awarded a door prize, so that no kid went home empty-handed.

The door prizes were won by Brian Murphy, Cheryl Rybka, Navada Oster and Carl Stang. The progressive door prize was not won and will be added to June's prize..

#### **DISTRICT FOUR**



**CAPITOL CITY APRIL MEETING** - The meeting was called tooOrder. Reports: Coin shows coming up in a week, followed by another the following week.

Old  $\bar{\text{B}}\textsc{usiness}$ : ANA Club Membership has been updated. Discussed the TNA convention.

Program: Club discussed their answers to the ANA National Coin Week Trivia Challenge A number of people had answers and the officers will combine the answers and come up with the best set and send it in.

Door Prize: Moton Crockett III; Three Legged: Brian Moody.

#### **DISTRICT FIVE**



**DALLAS MARCH MEETING** - President Mike T. was not in attendance so Stewart presided over the meeting. There were 32 members in attendance and 5 guests, Dalia S. ,Christine S., Jimmy D., Gary F. and Linda C.

Dalia and Jimmy who are coordinators for the 2016 TNA Youth Auction talked about needing coins for the youth auction and Christine was collecting for a jump rope for the heart donations and pledges.

Frank H. reminded the members that he is still looking for club volunteers for the TNA convention 1-3 of June. There are multiple shifts available. TNA will make a donation to the club based on the number of volunteers. There will be a general drawing for 6 gold coins, volunteers will be given 3 chances for their service.

Stewart presented members and visitors in attendance with 50th anniversary Dallas Coin Club Token Medals and reminded us the 90th anniversary is not too far away.

Judy presented Stewart with an Educational Award Certificate.

Jose announced the programs of the year for 2016: 1st Place went to Allen for his report on James Longacre the 4th Chief Engraver for the U.S. Mint. Second place was a tie between Judy's Muscial Theme Coins and Doug's Numismatic Crimes. Third place was Stewart's Colonial Coppers.

SHOW AND TELL: Sseveral interesting items were shared.

PROGRAM: Jose shared some history and discussed the varieties of the 8 reales (reals) coins. He provided the members with a hand out showing examples of each type from the 8 reale Coins: Carlos & Johanna, Cobs, Pillars, Portraits of Spanish Kings such as Carlosus III and Ferdinand VII, also the classic Cap and Rays. from Mexico. He brought three of his favorite books which contain a wealth of numismatic and Texas history. These books are listed below for anyone interested in adding to their knowledge of Spanish and Mexican Reales. These books provide information on the History of the Spanish coinage, chop marks, Spanish Viceroyalties/Mexican mints and the minting process some of which he discussed in his presentation. Mexico led the world in Spanish production for 285 years.

Recommended books: The Practical Book of Cobs: 20th Anniversary Edition (Daniel Sedwick and Frank Sedwick)

The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas (James P. Bevill)

Resplendores: Cap and Rays 8 Reales of the Republic of Mexico 1823-1897 (Mike Dunigan and J.B. Parker)

DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE PRIZES were handed out with some very lucky winners. AUCTION: Very large auction/multiple lots and a lot of activity: (87 Lots).

**APRIL MEETING** - President Mike T. was not in attendance due to a business conflict so Stewart presided over the meeting. There were 28 members in attendance and no guests this time.

Tony reported the new date for the coin show in Denton will be June 24 and another show is planned for October 31st, Halloween.

John reminded the club of the 2017 TNA show will be the first weekend of June. 6 Gold coins will be raffled at the end of the show on Sunday. You don't need to be present to win.

Frank H. reminded the members that he is still looking for club volunteers for the TNA convention June 1-3. There are multiple shifts available. TNA will make a donation to the club based on the number of volunteers. Volunteers will be given 3 raffle tickets for those 6 gold coins as a thank you for their service.

George provided a follow up with Dallas Historical Village and plans to discuss with Mike to see if there is any interest in exhibiting.

OFFICER REPORTS: Judy: The club received an endorsement request from John W. Highfill who is running for Governor of the ANA.

The club got all the answers to the Trivia Quiz last month right, but our name didn't get drawn for a prize. Thanks to all who contributed answers. The answers will be published in the next newsletter. Jose: Reported some interesting information about NGC. Two million Chinese coins have been certified by NGC only 18 months after the first million. This shows a significant growth in China. NGC has upgraded its facility to 15,000 sq ft. A new NGC app has been rolled out and they recently reduced some of the pricing tiers. PCGS is offering retro labels for a limited time.

SHOW AND TELL: Sseveral interesting items were shared.

PROGRAM: 2017 National Coin Week, April 16-22

Club Trivia Challenge: Club members answered as a group 15 questions for an array of prizes for participating coin clubs. Sponsored by the ANA and beautiful ANA bookmarks were presented to the members in attendance.

AUCTION: 57 out of 123 items offered sold last night. Several sellers brought more than the 6 items per person that we allow. Just a friendly reminder; the club has a limit per person to keep the auctions manageable.

Some key items included: an 1876 trade dollar, a whole stack of Numismatic magazines, a 100 Franc Palladium proof commemorative for Lafayette, a (possibly under graded) 1904 Indian Head Cent slabbed in MS64, and a high relief 1921 Peace dollar. Bidding for currency holders was especially fierce.)

DISTRICT SIX

BELLAIRE MARCH MEETINGS - March 6 There were 28 people at the meeting. The club noted local stores that sell selected numismatic items. Current stores are Barnes & Nobles Books and Hobby Lobby, and others. Karl K stated that a long time ago, comic books with

Since 1963 advertising for certain items, you get cash. Garth C discussed the Sheldon grading scale. The club discussed going back in time and collecting your favorite items. Gayland S noted the past club sponsored shows received large profit. Club noted past library donations. Wendy R suggested making it two donations. The first donation would be library week, in April. The second donation would be in July to advertise the Bellaire's August show. Richard H stated the August show only had 18 tables left. Wendy R announced, a Gem and Mineral Show in Pasadena. Garth thought about getting business cards about the show. This is similar to what Ed Stephen uses for a Sunday free admission card. Richard D noted to leave a blank space for information the changes, each show. Richard H announced the website had at least 47,000 visitors. Michael W reminded about board elections.

The following members presented a Show and tell: Garth C, Richardo D, and Paul K. Garth C won the Show and tell prize.

Richard H. attended a stamp meeting to invite them to the August show. Left the ticket with Michael W. His ticket actually won. March 6, Richard picked up his prize.

March 20 - There were 28 people at the meeting. Garth C presented the election for 2017. The club motioned by unanimous decision to keep the same board members. The vice president, Tim C has busy schedule, can't attend the meetings. Tim still wants to continue with the vice president duties. Garth C presented business card ideas for advertising the club. The club discussed what is needed on card. Then discussed what to do

when there is a major change.

The club continued the August show discussion. Gary O wondered about advertising on channel 2, the local NBC. Gayland wondered about the club joining the American Numismatic Association. Gayland knew about individual membership, wondered about discounts as a club. During the auction, Donnie Fondon, new Young Numismatic, was a runner. After the auction, Donnie received bonus gifts for a job well done. The following members presented a Show and tell, Richard Hyde, Wendy Russell and Alvin Stern. Wendy Russell won the Show and tell prize..

APRIL MEETINGS - April 3 - There 19 people at the meeting. Garth C noted an email about a possible business card design to advertise the

club. The club discussed the details.

Richard H presented an August show report. The Shriner's has an estimate of 55 sold tables out of 72 available, 17 tables left. The Bellaire civic center would only have a maximum of 42 tables, with a waiting list. The August show plans to create an information list. The Editor has a past information sheet, but should be updated. There are no club sponsored shows in Houston, between April and August. Haven't checked for Ed Stephen's shows dates.

John B presented the Texas Numismatic Association raffle. The prizes are Heritage gold coins. The ticket is a dollar each. The club motioned

and voted a unanimous yes, to buy 10 tickets.

Garth C stated John B found a 1912-1914 planchet of metal. Garth C noted was searching for an inscription from pictures on Google. Google was automatically translating the text to English.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Karl B, Richard H, Paul K, Gene M, and Alvin S. Richard H won the Show and tell prize.

April 17 - There 19 people at the meeting. Alvin S volunteered to run the club meeting.

Gene M noted April 22, is the San Jacinto battle reenactment.

The club discussed the August show. Richard presented more August flyers. Dealer packages were passed out, with applications and ballroom pictures.

Karl B volunteered to help set up educational videos, when there is not a program. Program example, children's auction and scout workshops.

The Bellaire show is the largest in Houston, next show August 2017. The Houston show has moved north to Conroe, next show January 2018.

Tomball, the newest club, hasn't discussed plans to create a show. Alvin S noted the Bellaire budget, reminded that the club should send members to the American Numismatic Association summer seminar.

Jack P wanted to confirm if the August show would have a children's auction. Richard H and Alvin S, want to have another all area club day.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Tim Conway and Alvin Stern. Tim Conway won the Show and tell prize. Both show and tell presenters decided to donate the one prize to Donnie F, the only Young Numismatic attending.



**GHCC MARCH MEETING** - Called to Order –Pres Jack D. Pledge of Allegiance - Opened the meeting. Visitors: Tom B's son, Scott F. guest of Alvin S. Peter J. and Ann J. from Connecticut, Guests of Chuck B.

Show and Tell Tom S., Chair with several items presented. S&T drawing winner was Bill S.

Monthly Quiz conducted and vetted by John B. and Chuck B. - Quiz won by Stuart G. with 4 right answers.

Program: The Mint at Potosi in Bolivia, by Ricardo and Chuck B. in a tandem presentation.

Business portion of the meeting: New member applicants John C. and Howard C. were elected to membership. Also it was noted that several certificates of membership have been left unclaimed.

Eve B. has two items to be auctioned for the Coins for A's Program tonight.

Jack D. conducted election to elect the slate presented by the committee Paul P., Norris T., and John B., Chair. All nominees presented were elected without dissent.

Levinson Awards were announced and awarded to Roxanne P. (one session), Andrew C. (one session), and Rick E. (partial, transportation only)-Some scholarships are supplements depending on other applications made to ANA.

Attendance award was awarded to Tom B. by random drawing.

The 100+ lot auction was capably called by Alvin S...

APRIL MEETING - Jack D. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack D. Called for all persons to pick up any unclaimed membership certificates. Eve B. and Cheryl D. were thanked for providing the cupcakes snacks. It is requested that members view the auction lots before the meeting or during the break; please do not interrupt the auction to view lots.

Visitors: Carl L. and Israel L. are visitors to the meeting.

Show-And-Tell: New procedure enacted limiting each speaker to 3 minutes, with enforcement. Tom S. conducting the Show and Tell

Numismatic Quiz for the month was distributed and winner determined to be Rick E. with 3 right answers; no tiebreaker needed.

Bill W. spoke on the EC - action - stepping down as soft drink provider for the meetings. He related a story about milking cows, very humorous. He claimed the story is being reprinted for "Coin World."

Claude M. (Club Treasurer) presented the annual report on the budget and financial position for the year as provided by the By-Laws and Standing Rules. Some discussion and questions were answered. Motion to approve the budget was made and seconded and passed without dissent. 39 members present and voting for the budget and report to be adopted.

Business Portion of the meeting: Installation of Club Officers and Directors for the year 2017-2018. The Oath of Office was administered by Tom S. (former director).

ANA Trivia Quiz status explained and help sought. Al S. offered to research possible answer to one special question.

A report of the donation to the Mini-mint at ANA was made.

Hugh R. won the attendance Door prize

The 100+ lot auction was capably called by Sebastian F..

#### DISTRICT SEVEN



GATEWAY MARCH MEETINGS - Mar 2 - The meeting opened with thirty-one members in attendance, including all officers. Under Old Business: The sign-up sheet was circulated so members could volunteer to work at the March 4th GCC coin show. Under Announcements, David A. announced that he is still looking for volunteers to present educational programs at future club meetings.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. There were several interesting items shared by members.

Tom B. presented a mini-program on the US bombing raid on Japan that took place on April 18, 1942. The raid lead by Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle is commonly called "Doolittle's Raid." Sixteen B-25B bombers took off from the USS Hornet, a Navy aircraft carrier that was anchored deep in the Western Pacific Ocean.

It was an interesting educational mini program. A brief discussion followed the presentation.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. who led a discussion on the increased interest in the bitcoin industry. Since the bitcoin is a virtual coin, one wonders in the future how much money will be lost by heirs not being able to access the deceased's virtual currency estate.

GCC Registry Set: James W. was the only member to bring a US half-cent to the February 16 meeting. His name was listed as the Champion with the half-cent in the "Best Condition" and the Champion with the "Most Valuable" half-cent. The committee named Andy G. the Champion with the large-cent in the Best Condition because of his 1855 coin in XF-45. At the March 16 meeting, members were encouraged to participate by bringing their US two-cent coins.

Raffle Winners were Nancy M., Stan M., Andy G., Larry F. (2), Todd B., and David A.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Junior Auctioneers Luke B. and Matt B., who were assisted by Frank G. The attendance prize, a 1945-S Philippines fifty centavos coin, was given to Robert J.

Mar 16-The meeting opened with one visitor and twenty-eight members in attendance, including all officers. Our visitor was Tom B.'s grandson, Patrick L. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report. Under Old Business: Karla G. gave a report on the attendance at the GCC Coin Show held on March 4th. The next GCC Coin Show is scheduled for May 27th . Members were asked to mark their calendars and to plan to attend and to volunteer. Vice President David A. reported that he still needs volunteers to present educational programs at our monthly meetings.

Under New Business: Karla G. brought the new flyers advertising the May 27th coin show. She asked that everyone take some to distribute to as many businesses and locations as possible. Under Announcements, member Alex R. announced that he will be moving to the Dallas/Tyler area.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several items.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. who started the session discussing a turtle in Thailand, who was living in a pond where people toss coins to make wishes. During a medical procedure, over 950 coins were removed from the turtle's intestines. Bill D. also led a general discussion on British coins. The Brits do not seem to be big on slabbing their coins. They also do not put much value on coins with minting errors.

GCC Registry Set: In the absence of James W, Nancy M. showed the club the worksheet James has created to record the results of the GCC Registry Set. On the April 6 meeting, members should bring their US threecent nickels if they wish to participate in the Registry Set. Raffle Winners were Matt B. (2), Ed B., LeRoy M., Paul R., David A., and Gene F.

Andy G. presented the Numismatic Educational Program on "Franklin Halves." These half-dollar coins were minted in ninety-percent silver from 1948 through 1963, replacing the Walking Liberty half. Andy's primary

areas of interest in these coins are the "Full Bell Lines" and the "Cameo Proofs." Following his program, Andy presented prizes to eight members, who were each the first to correctly answer a question based on the presentation. Winners were Matt B., Karla G., Andy C., Walter B., Paul R., Walter S., David A., and Frank G.

The Mini-Auction was conducted by David A. and Junior Auctioneers Luke B. and Matt B., who were assisted by Frank G. There was an anonymous donation of some coin albums and folders for the auction, with the proceeds going to the club. Larry F. purchased the "Twentieth Century US Type Coins Album." Robert J. purchased a lot consisting of five different US coin collecting folders. Steve M. also purchased a lot consisting of five different US coin collecting folders. A total of \$17 was raised from these three auction lots. The club thanks our benefactor and the three purchasers for their contributions to the club.

The attendance prize, a one-ounce copper round commemorating the Walking Liberty coin, was given to Robert J.

APRIL MEETINGS - Apr. 6 - The meeting opened with two visitors and thirty-one members in attendance. Vice-President David A. was absent. The visitors were Stewart C. and Frank C. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report. Under New Business: At the next GCC meeting, Karla G. will have the sign-up sheet for the May 27 coin show. There are three meetings remaining before the show, so everyone will have the opportunity to volunteer to work at the show.

Under Announcements, Cal B. reminded members to watch for new items being released from the US mint. A special Congratulations Set was recently released that contained a 2017-S silver eagle. Karla G. reminded the club that the Texas Numismatic Association Convention will be in Arlington on June 2-4, 2017. She will have raffle tickets for the convention at the next few GCC meetings, so everyone will have a chance to buy some tickets.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. Several members brought interesting items.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. who started the session discussing the "gimmicks" that the US mint uses to sell their coins. Minting the 2017-S eagle shows that the mint is having problems marketing the silver eagles. The vending machine lobby is keeping the paper dollar in circulation. Things being considered to save on minting costs are a smaller US one-cent coin and a possible change in the metal composition of the US five-cent coin. The session closed with a discussion about the stock market

GCC Registry Set: Bill D. became Champion with the Best Three-Cent Nickel coin and the Most Valuable Three-Cent Nickel coin. James W. displaced LeRoy M. as the Champion in both Two-Cent categories.

At the April 20 meeting, participating members should bring their US three-cent silver coins.

Raffle Winners were Andy C., Larry F., Robert J., Gene F., Nancy M., Paul R., and Cal B.

The Auction was conducted by Cal B. and Junior Auctioneers Luke B. and Matt B., who were assisted by Frank G. An anonymous person donated some US coin collecting folders for the auction with the proceeds going to the club. Visitor Stewart C. purchased the first lot of three folders. Paul R. purchased the other two lots, each containing three folders. A total of \$10 was raised from these three lots. The club thanks the donor and the three purchasers for their contributions to the club.

The attendance prize, a one-ounce copper round commemorating the Seated Liberty coin, was given to junior member, Luke B.

Apr. 16 - The meeting opened with one visitor and thirty-one members in attendance. Our visitor was Marcus D., who prefers to be called Marc. Before the end of the meeting, Marc became the newest member of GCC.

Karla G. passed around the sign-up sheet so that members could volunteer to help at the next GCC Coin Show scheduled for May 27, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables on Friday, May 26, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed at the following times on the day of the show:

Under Announcements, David A. announced that Blue Diamond would

be holding an auction on Sunday, April 23. Karla G. announced that she had raffle tickets to sell on behalf of the Texas Numismatic Association. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, June 4, the last day of the TNA Convention. The raffle items are six gold coins donated by Heritage Auctions. Price of each ticket is one dollar. You do not need to be present to win. Karla G. urged members to take some flyers for the upcoming GCC coin show and distribute them.

In the absence of LeRoy M., the Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. who discussed a recent documentary on "The Secret World of Gold." This documentary examined the power and politics of gold. Bill said that the top three countries that acquire gold are China, Russia, and India. One of the topics of the documentary was gold leasing This led to a discussion of China counterfeiting coins. Steve M. said that the March 2017 edition of the Reader's Digest contained an article entitled, "Mind-blowing Facts about Your Money." Steve recommended that members read this article.

Raffle Winners were Stan M., Ed B., Jim M., Andy C., Gene F., David A., and Bill I.

Steve M. presented April's educational program on "Philippine Coins Minted in the United States." Following the Spanish-American War, the United States gained control of the Philippines. Beginning in 1903, the Philadelphia Mint began producing coins for the Philippines based on the Peso/Centavo monetary system. After the program concluded Steve gave everyone a hand-out listing the mintage and current value of Philippine coins. Thanks Steve.

The Mini-Auction was conducted by David A. and Junior Auctioneers Luke B. and Matt B., who were assisted by Frank G.

The attendance prize, a one-ounce copper round commemorating the Buffalo Nickel, was given to Chuck N.

#### DISTRICT TEN



#### INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO MARCH MEETING - The meeting was opened by President John Grost with 40 members and 1 guest present. The guest, Henry Pattridge, was introduced and asked to tell the group about his numismatic collection.

During the business meeting John Gomez, Richard Morris and Albert Ponce were favorably voted upon as new members. President John made announcements about the recent coin show. Four members in the club displayed exhibits. Bob Pick received \$25.00 for the best mini exhibit.

Presentations were made by Don and John. Don presented a numismatic quiz for the members, and John gave a presentation on the three-cent piece. He explained the mint produced two different three-cent coins for circulation: the three-cent silver and the three-cent nickel. Additionally, a three-cent bronze coin was made as a pattern in 1863. During the period 1865-1873, both coins were minted in very small quantities for the silver three-cent piece. Using power point, John discussed the difference in the three types.

An auction was held by Bob, Steve, and Willie. Numismatic gift winners were Bob, Don, and Raymundo.

**APRIL MEETING** - The meeting was opened by President John Grost. There were 36 members present with 6 guests. All guests were introduced and asked to explain their numismatic interests.

After the business meeting several presentations were made:

- 1. Don discussed the 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter.
- 2. Bruce talked about the penny and mint errors.
- 3. Ed presented a discussion on the Eisenhower Dollars.
- 4. Roger discussed the trade dollar made for China.
- 5. John talked about the Lincoln penny and said he had always wanted to own a 1909S VDB Lincoln.

6.Terry presented the 1915 gold commemorative2-1/2 dollar coin with the image of Columbia.

A lengthy auction was held by Bob, Mike and Willie.

Numismatic winners were Bob, Brent, Raymundo, Bob and Jerry

**MAY MEETING** - The meeting was opened by President John Grost. There were 43 members present with 1 guest. The guest was Mark Garcia, a former member now residing in California.

During the business meeting the change in date for the meetings was discussed. The club will now meet on the second Monday of each month, instead of the first Monday. This change was due to scheduling at the church where the club meets.

David Telles was favorably voted upon for membership in the club.

Chuck discussed the metal for the 2018 coin show. The metal will depict the El Paso street car. He will have images and a layout at the June meeting.

The club also has eight wooden tables for sale at \$25.00 each.

It was announced that there would be a coupon available at the numismatic gift table for a one year free membership for ANA.

Using power point, John displayed a 221 pound gold coin made in Canada and stolen in Berlin.

Juan gave a presentation on Ferdinand Maximilian, Archduke of Austria and 2nd Emperor of Mexico (1864-1867). He displayed several centavos, explaining their mintage and value.

The meeting was concluded with a lively auction conducted by Steve, Bob and Willie. Winners of the numismatic prizes were David, Jerry, Luciano, Bob and Don

#### **DISTRICT ELEVEN**





Old Business: Reminder that our coin and currency show will be held July14-15. A motion was made and carried that the club purchase a \$2 ½ Gold coin and 4 Silver Eagles for our Show door prizes. Members are invited to show off parts of their collections at the show and/or Lecture on numismatic topics. If interested, coordinate with Mike Nowak. Mike Nowak has created a Facebook page for our club.

New Business: The coin show in Austin, Tx. will be held June 30-July 2. The World's Fair of Money is held in Denver, Colo. on August 1-5.

Show and Tell: Chuck Freas gave a power point presentation on the History of Various Types of Currency and Money.

Drawing: The drawing was for a Dept. of Treasury, Bureau of Engraving, International Women's year printing of the Women of the Treasury and a set of Presidential Medals incl.: Lincoln, Arthur, Garfield, and Madison. Michael Eklund was the winner. The gift certificate of \$30 was not won. At the May meeting it will be \$35.

MAY MEETING -The meeting was attended by A. Paul Otts, Michael Eklund, Doug Hershey, Tommy Tompkins, Kelly Archer, Chuck Michael, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Norman Goodfellow, Chuck Freas, Kurt Gehring, Mike Nowak, Steve Urben, Phil Witt, Jeff Webb, and guests Charles Roberts and Joann Urben.

Old Business: Reminder that our coin and currency show will be held July14-15. Mike Nowak made the appropriate purchases for our raffle prizes.

On April 7, one of our members, Marie Hughes passed away, 7/17/46 – 4/7/17.

Presentation: Chuck Freas gave a power point presentation on the Atocha Shipwreck Treasure.

Show and Tell: Mike Nowak presented 1794 Condor Tokens, Chuck Freas showed an 1857 Half Cent MS 64, Paul Otts presented an interesting find of a 1976 Washington Quarter with an apparent extra deep relief, and Tommy Tompkins showed off a 1971 Wooden Nickel from The Amarillo Coin Club.



Drawing: The drawing was for Brass Indian Peace Medals with a Roosevelt Inaugural obverse and a Benjamin Harrison Inaugural obverse. Phil Witt was the winner. The \$35 gift certificate was won by Rick Morie. At the June 5, 2017 meeting the gift certificate will be for \$5

#### **DISTRICT TWELVE**







TYLER MARCH MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight S. with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members: 37 Visitors: 2 New Members: 2 Total: 41. The club was lead in prayer by Bruce B. Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members. Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of March.

Books and magazines from the Corbin estate were on display for member consideration.

Dwight reminded members of Lane's upcoming workshop, Honing Your Grading Skills, on March 18th.

Dwight presented Lane with an ANA Certificate of Appreciation for his education program in 2016.

Larry discussed preparations for an exhibit at the upcoming TNA show. Lane will present Collecting Capped Bust Half Dollars at the April meeting.

Dwight distributed a 2010 cent and blank planchet to members, courtesy of the ANA.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) donations for March - \$50.

Club Auction (Tom.) 14 auction items sold - \$321.00.

Door prize winners: Barry, Ed, Howard, Sandra, Sue Ann.

Refreshments: A big Thank You to David & Sherry for providing refreshments!

APRIL MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Dwight S. with pledge to the flag

Attendance: Members: 38 Visitors: 2 New Members: 2 Total: 42. The club was lead in prayer by Curtis S. Please keep Randy, Kenny, David and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members. Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of April.

Answers for the ANA National Coin Week Club Trivia Challenge are due April 24th. Larry V. got a jump start already answering the first 5 – Thank you Larry!

Barry provided brief update on the 2017 coin show.

Please bring collectable items to May meeting for donation to Raffle at June coin show. Books and magazines from the Corbin estate were on display for member consideration. Signup sheet for Workshops, Prayer Leaders, and Refreshments was circulated to members.

Dwight distributed a 2010 cent piece along with a blank cent planchet, courtesy of the ANA, to members who were not present to receive these at the March meeting.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) donations for April - \$51.

Presentation - Collecting Capped Bust Half Dollars (Lane B.)

Lane gave a very informative presentation on Capped Bust Half Dollars which included the history of the series, major die varieties, and die states. Lane covered several ways one might collect including type coin, year set (1807-1836 without the 1816), Redbook set, Overton set, over-date set and die state set. Bust half dollar die varieties were organized into a catalog, in 1967, by Al. C. Overton called: Early Half Dollar Die Varieties 1794-1836. Overton numbers are used to identify die combinations. Thank you Lane for an outstanding presentation!

Club Auction (Tom) 40 auction items sold.

#### **DISTRICT THIRTEEN**

## **GREENBELT COIN CLUB**

**GREENBELT MARCH MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Sweitzer. Thirteen members were in attendance.

Announcements. Rob Robinson said that he had attended the Duncan show on Saturday, Feb 11. Connolly O'Brien said that he had a table at Duncan and that it was a pretty good show for him.

Drawings were held and Rob Robinson was the winner of the membership drawing – a 1973-S 40% uncirculated lke Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Bryan Sweitzer, a Canada 2017 Silver Maple Leaf; Del Shumate. A 1971 Proof set; Dan Walker - a 1993 Proof Set; and Jon Montrol - a 1991 Proof Set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 77-lot auction of which 38 items sold.

**WICHITA FALLS MARCH MEETING** - The meeting was called to order with 22 members were in attendance.

New Business: Rob Robinson said that Hayden Richards brought in a donation from Collector Coin Shop, in Bellaire, TX who donated a Westward Journey Nickel series for the club to auction off. Nancy Lammond

donated two books, one on paper money, and one on world coins for the club's auction. Program: Tony Zupkas said that March 6th is

the anniversary of the Alamo falling, and March 2nd was the anniversary of the founding of Texas. Tony explained that April 21, 1836 was the date of the Battle of San Jacinto when Sam Houston defeated Santa Anna. Tony said that over the years, a number of commemorative coins have been produced honoring the Alamo. Tony talked about the Texas Half Dollar Commemorative which was minted for a number of years, and passed it around for the club to see. He said that the 2004 Texas State Quarter Dollar was his favorite design.

Membership Prize: 1971 "S" Eisenhower Silver Dollar Proof: Mike Cato Auctioneers: Rob Robinson, # of Consigners 6, # of lots 45.

APRIL MEETING - Meeting called to order with 21 members.

Program: Tony Zupkas talked about coins minted by the United Kingdom. He said that a Queen Victoria type set includes multiple coins minted while she was the Queen of England, and Ireland, and later as the Empress of India. Queen Victoria's picture is on the coins from numerous nations that were minted over many decades. Tony passed around an almost-complete type set of Victorian coins for members to see. Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819, as the daughter of the fourth son of King George III. Tony said that Queen Victoria ruled during a time when Germany became united. King George III had 15 children, and King William IV ruled for 10 years. At the time of her birth, Victoria was 5th in line for the throne, which would make it appear unlikely for her to attain the throne. Fate, however, had other plans. Her father passed away only one year after her birth, and George the 4th succeeded him from 1820 to 1830. He passed away leaving no heirs, and Victoria's uncle, William the 4th, then took over at age 64. Since William the 4th also had no children, it was understood that Victoria was next in line, so she was schooled accordingly. William served from 1830 to 1837 and died shortly after Victoria's 18th birthday. Shortly after becoming Queen, Victoria was pressured to marry and produce heirs to the throne. As a result, she married Prince Albert and the union produced 9 children. He died after 21 years of marriage. Victoria became Queen on June 20, 1837, and she was coroneted a year later when she turned 18 years old. Queen Victoria married Prince Albert and remained married to him for 21 years. Queen Victoria was the first Queen to live in Buckingham Palace. Tony said that Queen Victoria died at 81 years of age on January 21, 1901. Upon her death, Queen Victoria had served as Monarch for a total of 63 years, 7 months, and 2 days. This was a record for many years until surpassed by current Queen Elizabeth who has now served for over 65 years.



#### DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 45 members present plus 4 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC has 90 members as of this meeting. We start brand new every year with previous members renewing their memberships. 7 door prizes were given out.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as always. At this meeting, over 100 coin lots were auctioned off with Sam Rodio and Michael Hecht serving as the auctioneers and Rene de la Garza and Brent Garza as the money runners.

The HCC is currently getting ready for the 2nd Annual Spring Coin &Collectibles Show. The club will be offering 4 Gold Coins for the raffle to be held at 4pm on May 13th. This year's featured exhibit will be the Rio Grande Valley Railways Club. A running model train as well the history of trains coming to the valley will be on display. ANACS grading company will be on hand to take coin submissions.

The Youth Club is currently working on a 'Coin Design' project. Their objective is to create a Commemorative Coin with the subject matter of 'Space'. All students and adults are participating in this endeavor and are receiving pointers at every meeting from Mr. Gonzalez. The design project will be due on July 20, 2017 and will be judged by the HCC membership during the August Monthly Meeting. Every designer will be awarded for their efforts.

Our club took a big step forward this month. The HCC has now become a member of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

Pictured is the plaque we received. Blanca Cardenas, the VP of Membership Services at the Chamber, is also a member

of our club and has made great arrangements to host our activities.

MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez. This fifth meeting of 2017 was attended by 33 members and 2 guests. The new members that applied have been accepted. The Hidalgo Coin Club is off to a tremendous start to the new year. We have reached 95 members already for the year 2017. Every year, we start from scratch as members renew their memberships and new ones apply. 10 Door Prizes were given out of which 5 were free ANA memberships.

Our 2nd Annual Spring Coin & Collectibles Show was held on Sat. May 13th. The show was very successful for being the newest in our large

A special 'thank you' goes out to our membership from the Executive Council for volunteering to help set up the bourse floor as well as serving as 'greeters' at the front door. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well here at the Hidalgo Coin Club shows.



Pictured are the 2017 HCC Executive Council. Seated (L to R) Pres. Raul H. Gonzalez, VP Douglas Jenkins, Sec. Rene de la Garza, Treas. Gordon Taylor, Standing (L to R) Sam Rodio, John Gilliland, Mike Alaniz and Brent Garza, (not pictured is Historian Leo Ris).

Our membership with the McAllen Chamber of Commerce is beginning to pay off. Our officers have attended 2 luncheons and a breakfast sponsored by the Chamber

in which we were able to promote our club as well as our shows. This partnership is poised to be very fruitful as we get ready to move our popular Friday Night Shows to the Conference room of the C of C in

down town McAllen. These shows will begin in August.

The Youth Coin Club has been working on a coin design contest this year. The subject is 'Space' which entails anything to do with planets, astronauts, the universe, NASA, space vehicles, etc. All coin designs will be due in July and judged by the HCC members at the August Monthly

We held a 'Penny Search' exercise with the Youth Club in early May. All of the students and adults really enjoyed looking through hundreds of Lincoln Cents. No key dates were found, however, one student did find an 1898 Indian Head Cent. More penny searches are scheduled for the next 2 months.

The May meeting ended with a lively auction of about 100 coins with Auctioneers Sam Rodio and Michael Hecht and 2 Money Runners - Rene de la Garza and Brent Garza.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



BEAUMONT MARCH MEETING -There were 12 members in attendance, plus six guests with one joining our club. The meeting was called to order by President John W. The Pledge of Allegiance was led

The Show committee brought forth some different ideas to promote the show. The club is going to reach out to the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout councils to see if they are interested in a workshop to help the Scouts complete their Coin Collecting Badge.

RLF presented on the topic of Counterfeiting and Collectibles

2 Silver Eagle Door prizes were distributed, and a lively auction was conducted.

APRIL MEETING - There were 13 members in attendance, plus one guests who also joined. The meeting was called to order by President John W. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry W.

The Show committee updated on advertising progress for the show. Rick E presented about Operation Bernhard

Door prizes were distributed, and a fun auction was led by Tim B.

### SBEE COIN CLI

SILSBEE FEBRUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors/New Members: We were happy to have Gary and George visit us and hope they can continue to attend whenever possible.

Old business: The Silsbee Community Center has been reserved for July 8, 2017 for our annual show. Flyers and application forms were handed out to the dealers attending the Orange Coin show. Advertising in the TNA magazine and other numismatic magazines has been arraigned.

Program: Everyone was to bring a favorite numismatic item as a show and tell. A summary of the program follows: Rick brought a Series or 1899 \$5 Silver Certificate or Indian Chief note. The note depicts Running Antelope, Chief in the Hunkpapa tribe of Lokata (Sioux) Indians. The engraving was based on a photograph taken in 1872 but because of the space limitation, his Sioux headdress was replaced with a squatter Pawnee war bonnet. This depiction infuriated and humiliated the Sioux and became an embarrassment to the government.

Jerry brought a 1867 Shield nickel with rays between the stars. The rays had been included in 1866 nickel but during the second year of production, it was decided to remove them as they kept breaking the die. There were only 2,019,000 made with a current price range from \$14 to over \$3,000 with PF-63 coins well above \$30,000.

Dale brought a 1926 S "Teardrop" Standing Liberty Quarter. This coin



contained an extra piece of metal next to her left thigh that formed a teardrop. He also brought a 1928 S Quarter for comparison. This is called a die state coin rather than a true variety but has proven popular with collectors.

Barbara brought her collection of Mercury Head Dimes which referenced the winged Mercury. The wings are actually symbolic of the Liberty of thought. They are fascinating coins that were minted from 1916 through 1945.

Leon brought Peace dollars. He has been attracted to their design ever since he was given some of them by his grandmother. At that time, it was easy to take paper money to the bank and exchange it for silver dollars. The challenge now is to find these coins in great shape with high relief.

#### DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



#### waco coin club

WACO MARCH MEETING - March 2017

Report for March is not available.

April 14 and 15 is a two day show. People need to plan now to work at the show. Tom does

not have two people for each two hour slot.

There will be a TNA coin show in Arlington on June 1.

TNA members can get scholarships for the week of coin education. APRIL MEETING - Bob called to order. Financial report was accepted. Minutes were accepted.

10 members, 1 visitor (Raymond Hill) and two new mwmbers (Edmund Olszewski and James Haney) were present.

Raffle prizes: We did not do a raffle tonight.

Cash prize: Chris Ross was not present. \$65 next month...

The show was good for the club. Dealers said it was so-so.

Our fall show is Sept 9.

There will be a TNA coin show in Arlington on June 1.

TNA members can get scholarships for the week of coin education. ANA members can go to an ANA show free, nonmembers \$6. TNA members can go to a TNA show free. Everyone is encouraged to join. For \$20 you can receive the TNA magazine every other month.

#### HISTORICAL FACTS

This information came from Heritage Auctions, Rare Coin News and

Another relic of the California gold rush – in fact, also technically an ingot – is the 1851 Humbert Octagonal \$50 dollar coin. The Humbert-US Assay Office was a provisional mint, but its issuances were not considered coins, although for all purposes they were treated as coins. Whether coin or ingot, the octagonal fifty dollar slugs made at the beginning of the Gold Rush are highly collectible, none more so than the PCGS-graded in this auction. This is the

> PCGS, with but one piece It sold for \$352,500.

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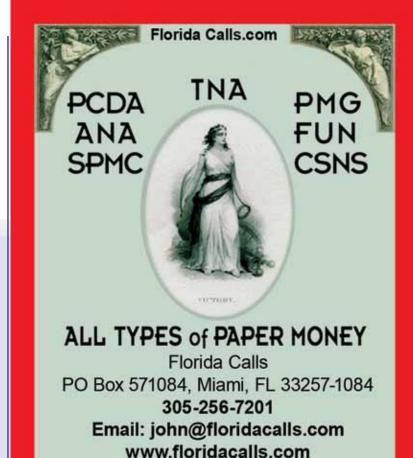
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surpassing it at NGC Their octagonal them some of most in the numismatic have earned a place by Jeff Garrett, "The States Coins," and are the most asked-

desirable "oddities" marketplace. Thev in the famed book 100 Greatest United without a doubt, they about single item from our catalog of SSCentral America artifacts. only 13 original "slugs" Unfortunately, there were recovered from the shipwreck site and those were in average quality of

AU (about uncirculated) and they sold out immediately. Today the starting price for one of those 13 originals would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 or more.

It is widely believed by experts in Pioneer Gold that of the original "slugs" from 1851 and 1852, there are between 400-600 survivors in all conditions, with most exhibiting severe damage. Even those with extreme damage trade regularly at \$15,000 or more. The finest-known slugs of each variety are valued at \$500,000 or more, with the highest



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#### HIDALGO COIN CLUB

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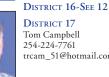
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