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Ron Kersey



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It's springtime! Thought I would give our cover some color this issue with a Texas favorite scene of wild flowers.

There is a lot of information in this issue. Highlights of the ANA Money Show held in March and the Houston Money Show held in January. We have show quality in Texas with more on the way - our 60th Annual TNA Convention and Coin show coming up June 1-3 in Arlington. Inside you will find information on all the activities that you can enjoy at the show. Doug and Mary Davis, along with a great bunch of TNA volunteers, are busy with preparation to make sure you have an entertaining and educational experience. Hope to see you there!

We have some excellent numismatic articles this issue. Our Convention Medals chair, Frank Galindo, has a Tribute to the Texas Rangers as part of his coverage of the show medal design for this year. Lane Brunner and John Barber have something to say about spotting a quality coin versus the "market hype" specimen. A new writer, Allen Brown, Jr. from Tyler CC, educates us on Confederate Bank Notes. Lunch tokens, commemoratives and palladium coins are also covered in this issue - quite a mix for everyone.

What a pleasure it is to work with the membership of the TNA in producing this publication. I must direct your attention to the notice at the bottom of this page. Would you like an opportunity to really get involved with the TNA? Here's your chance!

Now it's time to get this issue to the printer.

Have a great springtime - see you at the show!

*Waco Club member, James Haney responds to last issue's challenge:
"Of course I recognized the Waco suspension bridge, even as a recent resident to this area it is part of a nice walking trail along Brazos river."*

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To find out more about this opportunity contact:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Richard Laster

As most of you realize the 60th Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.'s Show and Convention is scheduled for the Arlington Convention Center June 1 to 3. It is absolutely amazing how many component parts go into putting a three day event together. Plans are made a year or more in advance to secure a first rate venue. Volunteers are recruited to cover specific pieces of the puzzle. All of this is in progress thanks to a team of individuals working with John Post our Convention Coordinator, and Doug Davis as show director.

Let's take a few moments to consider what is before us June 1 to 3. The Convention itself is manifest in interpersonal times when members and friends of the Association visit with each other on the floor at the Arlington Convention Center, over dinner, or wherever plans are made to exchange pleasantries, memories, numismatic insight, and other forms of friendship. We also will come together on Saturday afternoon for an Association meeting where business is offered and awards presented. Part of the experience includes a meeting of the official Texas Numismatic Association Board of Governors. If you have thoughts to share please see the list in the back of this magazine where you'll find contact information for YOUR governor.

During the hours of the show there will be found a gathering of first class dealers, created space for dialogue and discussion, plenty of handshaking and moments to smile at each other. It has come to your president's attention that ours will be the largest show in the region and being a regional show we'll have dealers and enthusiasts present from beyond the immediate area, meaning there will be new faces and more expanded inventory than we are wont to see on a regular basis.

And don't forget the specifics: Frank, with assistance from Karla, has prepared and is seeing to the minting of our *Annual Medal Set*. There is an article in this edition telling the story. Frank tells me that the medal designs he has created as **Medal Officer** date back to 1980, making this his 39th medal series. Medals are prepared in limited quantity and are always a collector favorite. Dalia and her dad Jimmy are once again capably offering the annual *Youth Coin Auction* where our younger guests will receive what they call "Kids Kash" for real collector coins. The Youth Coin Auction is held twice on Saturday.

Our illustrious Scout coordinator will gather candidates for the *Coin Collecting Merit Badge* Saturday afternoon. Kevin will work with both Boy and Girl Scouts for their respective award recognition.

Also of note: Kim is in the process of recruiting *Educational Speakers* for presentations on Saturday. Our always popular *Silent Book Auction*, featuring numismatic literature, will be set up on Friday by Tom and Doug, giving convention attendees plenty of time to access the best lots for a last minute bid when the auction is called closed on Saturday afternoon. Judy and Gary are soliciting, even now, both *Competitive and Noncompetitive Exhibits*. How about sharing your collector passion with fellow enthusiasts? Contact information, for all mentioned above, can be found on the information page near the end of this publication.

Then last but by no means least, once again our friends and supporters at *Heritage Auctions* have provided numismatic treasures for the *Annual TNA Raffle*. Official TNA raffle tickets are available at only a dollar each and can be acquired through your district governor or at the registration table at the convention. I am excited to say that this year Heritage Auctions has generously donated five United States gold coins for the raffle: a 1914 Quarter Eagle and four One Dollar coins (1851, 1853, 1856 and 1857).

One last thought, actually a visual. While visiting with friends on the floor of the American Numismatic Association's *National Money Show* I was discussing our upcoming convention and show with all who would pause to listen. Close by were two of the before mentioned volunteers. I think these two faces epitomized the positive spirit to be found within the Association in general and, concerning the show / convention, in specific.



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By Lawrence Herrera

Secretary's Report

MARCH/APRIL 2018

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members C-235 and R-7661. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on March 1, 2018.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on May 1, 2018.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
LM-279	Steve Hicks	Conversion	1
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LM-281	Michael Hess	Conversion	22
LM-282	Edward Hammond	Conversion	4
LM-283	Michael Abbott	Conversion	6
LM-284	Robert Cook	Conversion	5
R-7662	Kelly Archer	Doug Hershey	11
R-7663	Gene McPherson	Unknown	6
R-7664	Kay Magnus	Walter Magnus	1
R-7665	Steve Urben	Doug Hershey	11
R-7666	Michael Eklund	Doug Hershey	11
R-7667	Michael Marshall	Website	5
R-7668	Paul Hamilton	Unknown	1
R-7669	John Squier	website	22
R-7670	Mike Nowak	Doug Hershey	11
A-7671	Chase Russell	Jack Gilbert	1
R-7672	Michael S. Hecht	Rene De La Garza	14
R-7673	Lamar Garza	Rene De La Garza	14
R-7674	Edward Jackson	Rene De La Garza	14
R-7675	Sam Rodio	Rene De La Garza	14
R-7676	John Gilliland	Rene De La Garza	14
R-7677	Jan Rigsby	Rene De La Garza	14
J-7678	Kamden McKenna	Jack Gilbert	5
R-7679	Keith E. Burnam	Jack Gilbert	5
R-7680	Richard Kline	John Post	5
R-7681	Karl Nash	Doug Hershey	11
J-7682	Abby-Kate Jacobs	Richard Laster	5
R-7683	Jerry Honeycutt	website	1
R-7684	Raul Gonzalez	Debbie Williams	5
R-7685	Ferdinand F. Wirth	Jack Gilbert	22
R-7686	Yvonne Flowers	Richard Laster	5
R-7687	Ted Christie	Debbie Williams	1
R-7688	Jack Bonds	website	5
R-7689	Tim Shaw	Jack Gilbert	5
R-7690	Robert Wilson	website	1
R-7691	Martin Lawrence	Richard Laster	16
R-7692	Jim Krueger	website	5
R-7693	Curtis Coleman	website	1

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4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, TX 75209

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P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393
Email: Coins4As@gmail.com

TNA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Numismatic Association will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm during the TNA Convention at the Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas.

In Memoriam

JAMES BARNEY HARDING



James Barney Harding, 86, a resident of Abilene Texas, passed away March 2, 2018.

James grew up on the Texas/New Mexico Border near the town of Texico, NM. His family farmed in that area for 100 years.

James served in the Navy during the Korean War. He graduated from NM State with degrees in Soils Science and Psychology.

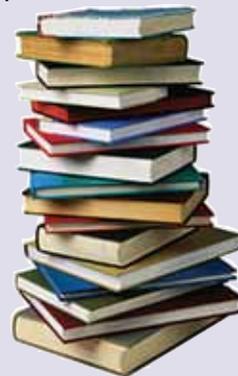
He married Carol Windham in 1995 and they ranched in Callahan County for 20 years.

James joined the TNA 1/7/2000 and served as a TNA Governor for several years. He owned Wolverine Coins and was a respected bourse dealer at Texas coin shows.

WE NEED BOOKS!

DONATE TO THE SILENT BOOK AUCTION

Please look through your library and pick out some items for the TNA Convention Silent Book Auction. Bring them with you to the Show or have someone bring them for you. We had a great auction last year and we are looking forward to a large auction in 2018.



Tom Bennington:
texican@suddenlinkmail.com



Doug Hershey:
dhco@amaonline.com

TNA CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE!

Heritage Rare Coin Galleries has once again generously donated gold coins for our raffle.

This year there are 5 coins to be won.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at your local coin club or by contacting:

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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

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

So far, two of the five IMPROVE YOUR LIBRARY winners that were announced in the last issue of The TNA News have made their purchases and received reimbursement up to \$125 each. Congratulation to all!

GRANT TO ATTEND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

The two winners of the GRANT TO ATTEND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR have planned their trips and the courses that they will attend.

Mark your calendars for August 1st. That is when entries will be accepted for the next drawing in December.

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

The Dallas Coin Club, on March 2, 2018, submitted a request for a grant of \$150 to assist in the funding of an Educational Display regarding Obsolete Currency of the United States. The location for the display is to be in the Old Bank Building at the Heritage Village in the Old City Park in Dallas. The display will be a permanent donation to the non-profit entity that operates the Village, which is visited by 70,000 people a year including students. I am happy to report that the Program Oversight Committee has voted unanimously to approve the Grant and funding is "on its way" as of this writing.

GRANT TO PROMOTE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

The GHCC sponsors a coin show known as the Houston Money Show. There are many activities for young numismatists during the show. GHCC requested a "Grant to Promote Young Numismatists" from the TNA to offset the expenses of this activity. The Program Oversight Committee reviewed the club's proposal and unanimously approved the requested grant.

Now is the time for your Coin Club to start planning Programs to help promote Coin Collecting and/or promote Young Numismatists.

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 FEBRUARY 28, 2018

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$13,781.19
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt.	\$28,463.65
PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$25,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 8/30/2018)	\$50,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$117,244.84
Long Term Assets	
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19)	\$60,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00
Endowment	
Lifetime Member Fund (Intermingled other CDs)	
PBOT CD McFadden Fund (mat 10/19/18)	\$70,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$190,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$307,244.84
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2017	\$335,957.79
Income (Plus)	\$55,784.91
Expenses (Minus)	-\$84,497.86
Surplus	-\$28,712.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$307,244.84

YOUNG NUMISMATISTS (YN) DEALERS INVITED TO FREE TABLE



JACK GILBERT

Once again the TNA is inviting all YN Dealers to sell their wares at a free table at the upcoming TNA Show and Convention the first weekend of June 2018. Any YN who meets the qualification below and is interested should review the Policy and sign-up information below.

YOUNG NUMISMATISTS (YN) DEALER POLICY AND SIGN-UP FORM

This statement enumerates the guidelines for participation in the YN Dealer Initiative for the Texas Numismatic Association. The purpose of this initiative is to entice YNs to sign-up for a table on Saturday June 2, 2018 at the 2018 TNA Show and Convention and bring inventory to sell to the general public. The tables will be provided to the YN at no cost.

Interested YNs must be at least 12 years old and not over 21 years old as of May 1, 2018. Parents of YNs under the age of 18 must provide an email or letter signifying the parent's approval for the YN to participate. The YN, or a close relative (parent/grandparent), must be a current TNA member

It is expected that the inventory of the YN will be limited to items with a value of \$100 or less. The YN should accumulate inventory to display at the show during the upcoming months. This inventory is expected to be displayed in one (1) case which will be provided by the TNA. Additional inventory may be brought to the show, but each YN will be allowed a four (4) foot space on the table to display and sell their inventory.

Table space for the YN Initiative may be limited and not all interested YNs may be accepted. Priority will be assigned based on a "first come" basis.

There will be adult TNA members to assist and supervise the YNs at all times in an effort to ensure that purchases or sales are not disadvantageous to the YN and to advise the YN if necessary. The TNA assumes NO LIABILITY for the purchases or sales of the YN, but attending adult members will use their best efforts to provide good advice to the YN.

Interested YNs should indicate their interest in participating by notifying Jack Gilbert no later than May 15, 2018. Emails may be sent to gilbej@yahoo.com; and must include the information requested below.

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ILLINOIS COMMEMORATIVE

by Sam Fairchild

The British had a desire to establish an Indian “buffer” territory in the area adjoining the southern shores of the Great Lakes. This led to their incursion into Indiana and Illinois territories during the War of 1812. This in turn pressured Congress to organize Indiana and Illinois as states shortly after the war ended in 1815. In addition, the admission of Mississippi and Alabama as slave states created the need for two “free” states. Therefore, Indiana was admitted to the Union in 1816 and Illinois in 1818.

The State of Illinois wanted a US commemorative coin to mark the centennial of its admission to the Union. However, since none of the twenty states admitted prior to Illinois had requested a commemorative issue, Congress was reluctant to authorize it. Only when the State of Illinois agreed to pay for the cost of dies and purchase the entire issue, and use proceeds to defray costs of local celebrations and help returning WWI soldiers, was the mintage of 100,000 coins approved by Congress.

The designs were prepared internally at the Mint. The obverse design, depicting Abraham Lincoln, was created by Chief Engraver George T. Morgan. He worked from a photograph of a statue of Lincoln designed by Andrew O’Connor; Lincoln is shown beardless, as he was when living in Illinois before he was elected president in 1860. The obverse also contains the mottoes LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST, as well as an inscription noting the centennial.

The reverse was designed by the assistant engraver who would succeed Morgan on his death in 1925, John R. Sinnock. It is an adaptation of the Seal of Illinois, an eagle perched on a rock mound, with

the rising sun beyond it. The bird holds in its beak a scroll with the state motto, STATE SOVEREIGNTY, NATIONAL UNION and it clutches the Federal shield. An olive branch is seen, but without any arrows representing war, as seen paired on U.S. coins.

The coins were minted in August 1918, and were sold to the public for \$1 each. There was no official packaging, although a few were used in badges for the Illinois Centennial Commission. While coins were not publicized much outside Illinois, the entire issue sold.

Numismatic writers have generally admired the coin, considering it one of the more handsome American commemoratives, with many calling it the finest work Morgan ever did in his 48 years with the Mint. The reverse is deemed by some as “the finest work Sinnock ever did for a legal tender coin”, including the Roosevelt dime and Franklin half dollar.

Most known specimens are in Mint State and have lustrous, frosty surfaces, typically with contact marks on the portrait of Lincoln and in the obverse field. The relief and rather complicated design of the reverse serve to protect the reverse field from such marks, with the result that it is not unusual to see a coin graded much lower on the obverse than the reverse. Certified examples are generally graded strictly on the obverse condition.



61st Houston Money Show A Grand Success

Move to Conroe location proves advantageous to all involved.

From all indications the 61st Houston Money Show was a huge success. After moving from its previous location in downtown Houston, this year's show was held in Conroe, TX. at the Lone Star Convention



MELVIN NEAL OPENS SHOW

Center. Also, the date of the show was moved from early December to the third weekend in January. Changes in both the date and location proved to be tremendously successful.

The crowd was consistently heavy over the two-day show. Over 1200 attendees were present for the first show at this new location. Strong support from the Conroe Visitors Bureau and the staff at the Lone Star Convention Center aided the Show during its inaugural

year. The Lone Star Convention Center was a pleasing venue to both the dealers and the general public. Free parking, free wi-fi, a spacious bourse, plenty of rooms for exhibits, scout merit badge clinic, meetings, etc. all contributed to the overall appeal of this venue.



SOON AFTER BOURSE OPENED

The bourse floor was filled to capacity with 122 tables, plus a waiting list. Dealers attended from many states coast to coast. The overall consensus was that the show was well-organized and a success.

Plans for next year's show have already been put in place for January 18 & 19, 2019. The event will again be held at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, TX. As indicated from early dealer sign ups, the show should be popular and desirable to attend.



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AUSTIN COIN & CURRENCY SHOW July 6-8, 2018



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62ND HOUSTON MONEY SHOW

JANUARY 18TH & 19TH, 2019

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QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Where are the dentils located on a coin (on a coin that has dentils)?
- 2) Has there been a year since 1793 in which the U.S. Mints coined no silver?
- 3) Before 1970, how many pennies were there in a British Pound?
- 4) What is the most common type and denomination of U.S. Fractional Currency?

1) The dentils are the decoration, usually dots or elongated pellets or triangles, which form the "frame" around the rim of the obverse or reverse. They have also been called dentilations. They are the outermost feature of the obverse or reverse die. They are not part of any edge die or collar die.

2) There was a fire at the mint in Philadelphia in January 1816 which heavily damaged the middle building (of three) main buildings, resulting in the loss of the roof and much of the machinery. Rebuilding took almost a year, but the opportunity was taken to install a new and more robust rolling mill, including the first steam engine in the mint. No silver coins were struck until 1817. Cents were made in 1816, but they were made from purchased ready-to-strike planchets. In the modern era, our U.S. mints coined no silver in 1977-1981, nor in 1985.

3) The long reign of the pounds/shillings/pence system in Great Britain ended with decimalization in 1970. In the LSD system, there were 12 pence in a shilling, and it took 20 shillings to equal a pound sterling; thus there were 240 pennies to a pound.

4) The most common U.S. Fractional note in collectors hands today would appear to be the 5th issue (1874) Ten Cents with Meredith portrait (also known as the "grumpy" note, from his appearance). Close runner up would be the 25 cent note (shown) from the same 5th series with Walker portrait.

5) The Third Party Grading companies have built an enviable record of detecting counterfeit and altered coins when they are submitted and refusing to encapsulate them. That is why for many key dates, just a "genuine" label, but with the coin in a TPG slab, is a worthwhile proposition for coins with cleaning, environmental damage, or other problems which prevent them from being in a straight-grade slab. There are a few "counterfeit" coins which were created a long time ago as "circulating counterfeits" to pass at face value (and not to fool collectors) that are seen in slabs. An example would be the Machins Mills coppers of the 1780's. The most notable more modern TPG encapsulation came in the case of the Micro-O Morgan Dollars which were finally shown to be counterfeits only about ten years ago. Some of these are still in TPG slabs.

5) Do Third Party Grading Companies encapsulate counterfeits and label them such?

6) What is a "Mule" coin?

7) Is this piece a U.S. coin? _____



DR. COYNE

6) A mule coin is a coin made from obverse and reverse dies which were not intended to be used together.

Coins, tokens, and medals have all been muled. Sometimes it is accidental, but usually it is done on purpose, sometimes with intent to sell a "manufactured" delicacy to collectors long after the original dies had been created. Private mints are more likely to do it than national mints. This has led to an elaborate range of collectible issues in the Conder and Civil War token series. Mules are also known for paper money, but there of course it is mismatched printing plates rather than dies which were used.

7) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin. It may bear passing resemblance to some one-cent U.S. pattern pieces of around 1890. It is a regular issue piece of One Centavo from Mexico, minted at the Mexico City mint.

8) This somewhat obscure vocabulary word is neatly explained in a note in the E-Sylum (the free online weekly journal of the National Bibliomania Society, Wayne Homren, editor): *It's a panel intended for lettering. In a medallion design where an area purposely left open, the area is called a "reserve." But it's a cartouche when it has a border surrounding the open area. Lettering can be in the die, or if left open it can be inscribed later within the cartouche after the piece is struck. A cartouche is particularly useful for an award medal as it aids in customizing the medal by inscribing a recipient's name, date, and often, details of the award.*

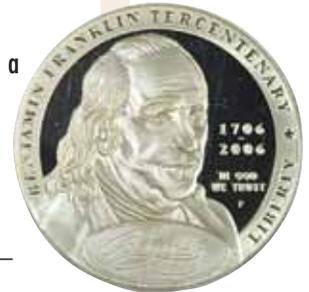
A cartouche can be any shape, usually rectangular or square, or even contained in a ribbon. Originally it came from a scroll, with rolled edges, but evolved into a tablet-like shape, and later in simpler forms.



The Cartouche

- 8) What is a "cartouche" on a coin or medal?
- 9) Has there been a year since 1793 in which the Philadelphia Mint coined no one cent pieces?
- 10) Which of the 1883 Hawaii coins is the most common in uncirculated condition?

- 11) Are U.S. \$2 bills still being printed?
- 12) Can you tell how long a coin has been in a Third Party Grading Company slab?
- 13) What does the expression "Buried in a coin" mean?
- 14) Is this piece a U.S. coin? _____



RESPONDS

Collectors encounter medals both inscribed, or "uninscribed cartouche" -- without any lettering therein. Really cheap organizations bestow uninscribed medals with the instructions for the recipient to have his jeweler engrave the appropriate inscription (but this seldom occurs).

9) Cents made in Philadelphia are available from all years except 1922, when cents were only made in Denver and there are no U.S. cents dated 1815. The supply of ready-made planchets purchased from Boulton's Soho Mint in England had run out as the War of 1812 raged. They were not available again until very late in 1815. The first new cents made from them seem to have been dated 1816.

10) It is the 25 cent piece which is the most available in uncirculated condition to today's collectors. A fairly close second place is held by the dime. All the 1883 coins were made in San Francisco, though without any "S" mintmark. Designs and engraving were by Charles Barber at the Philadelphia mint. These circulated in the islands only briefly before being largely replaced by regular U.S. coins.

11) The U.S. \$2 bill is still a current denomination and is still being printed. When U.S. currency was changed to its current size, the \$2 bill was issued only as a red seal United States Note. Production went on until 1966, when the series was discontinued. Ten years passed before the \$2 bill was reissued as a Federal Reserve Note with a new reverse design. After its initial release, supplies of the Series 1976 two-dollar bill were again allowed to dwindle until August 1996 when a new series dated 1995 began to be printed. This series was only printed for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Subsequently, later series have been printed for other Federal Reserve Bank districts. \$2 production has approximated 1% of total number of notes printed for the last decade.

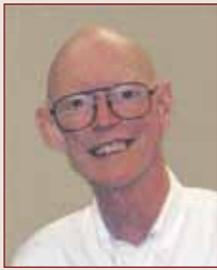
12) The Third Party Grading companies have gradually improved their holders. The style, color, typeface, gasket, or "prongs" has periodically changed, with each TPG introducing a new "generation" with sometimes subtle changes

from their earlier product. Collectors who follow the timing of these changes can make an informed guess as to how long a given coin has been in the holder. For example, PCGS only used the thin "rattler" holder with a plain white label printed on a dot matrix printer for their first few months of operation in 1986. The "Old Green Holder" lasted longer, but any coin found now in them has been there for 25+ years. There are now collectors for specific vintage holders by type of holder, without respect to the coin inside. Some collectors favor the 25 year old holders as a sign the coin has not been recently tampered with, while others believe that "grade deflation" has made such coins candidates for resubmission in hopes of getting a higher current grade.

13) The usual usage of "buried in a coin" means that there is no hope that you'll ever be able to recoup your investment in a coin. Perhaps you paid too much, or perhaps the market has moved against you since acquisition.

14) The illustrated piece is a U.S. coin. It is a commemorative silver dollar of 2006, honoring Benjamin Franklin. The reverse is styled after the "1776" Continental Dollar which has the sundial motif and legends suggested by Franklin and used on the Fugio copper and the Continental Currency paper money. These commemoratives contain the same silver as a traditional U.S. silver dollar and trade in the market at a modest premium above bullion value.





by John Barber

THE GOOD, THE

The article in this month's Double Shift hits a theme that has been the subject here before. The author believes that on balance the emergence of Third Party Grading firms and their "slabs" has been a good thing for the hobby. But those firms are businesses, with stockholders, and they are motivated by profit. They have taken many opportunities and managed clever marketing campaigns to enhance their cash flow.

The item currently sticking in the craw of your editor is the TPG's efforts to "make" a collectible out of something that should not be a collectible. This is the "First Strike" labels on their slabs of ordinary bullion modern coins. The qualifications for "First Strike" are mostly bogus, and despite the recently prevailing market prices for these concoctions, I am thinking the longer future will unmask them and pull the prices down to more reasonable levels.

Any reasonably educated numismatist and fan of minting technology will know that die life (the number of acceptable

strikes which can be made from a given die) is not unlimited. The die begins to deteriorate as soon as it is put to use in the coining press, and absent some sudden accident, it wears at a fairly predictable rate as the cumulative number of strikes rises. Perfect, audited figures

are not at hand, but some have said that the dies used for American Silver Eagles are in general used for 50,000 strikes before being replaced with new dies. Doubtlessly different totals would be relevant for different designs and uses. The acceptable cut-off point also varies with the particular coin under discussion and its intended use or market. Circulation strikes (particularly of lower denominations) have now reached typical die lives past 2 million strikes per die. But standards of acceptability are lower there than on collector/investor pieces.



Now comes the deception: I do not call it a fraud (though others are not so kind, and they actually sued): The TPGs are encapsulating as "First Strike" any piece that is submitted with documentation that it was coined during the first 30 days of production! During all that time, SEVERAL sets of dies would have been newly installed in the press, coined thousands of pieces, and reached the end of their lives and been replaced by new dies. A given die, running at full press speed of perhaps 75 strikes per minute on American Gold Eagles, will last less than 24 hours before being replaced. Clearly, all the coins produced from it cannot be "first strikes". They must include many "average strikes" and toward the end, some "verge of worn-out" strikes. Yet PCGS puts the "First Strike" label on all of them (just because the coining was done during the first month of production. Wouldn't it be more in keeping with truth to call them at best "Early Production" and make no claim on the state of the dies or the degree of excellence on the resulting coin? But that would justify no market premium and result in one less potential collectible in the market. NGC settled the suit(s) and has begun using this less-offensive term. PCGS continues to use the term, but now reveals that it just means (to them) "from the coins made during the first month of production".

A while back we saw this from NGC: "NGC does not assert that the coins eligible to be labeled First Strike are among the first coins struck but are coins shipped within the first month of release. Further, NGC includes in the First Strike category "coins of early or first release. A general term for these coins is first strikes." NGC calculates the cutoff date for Early Releases and First Releases based on the "release date." A release date is the day that a new coin issue is first released from a mint."

By the way, NGC was also sued over this and they lost in court. That is one of the main reasons why NGC is no longer labeling coins as "First Strikes". They settled and paid a penalty.

With that rant against "moderns" out of the way, your editor goes on to question again the quality control (or maybe basic numismatic scholarship) shown in handling some more

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obscure numismatic pieces (though at full fees!). Consider this overstruck Spanish Colonial 8 Reales with the mark of George III on the neck. These were done as an emergency measure at the Tower Mint beginning in 1797 and ending by 1803. Thereafter, the Soho Mint in Birmingham was engaged to completely overstrike the Spanish Colonial pieces with new dies in the name of the Bank of England. That work began in 1804 and continued to 1811. But nevertheless, we have PCGS labeling this piece: _____



Probably not involving weak scholarship, but likely involving inadequate quality control, we see this nice dime: If this is a "No Arrows" specimen, what are those pointy things alongside the date? When asked about this very piece at a show, PCGS

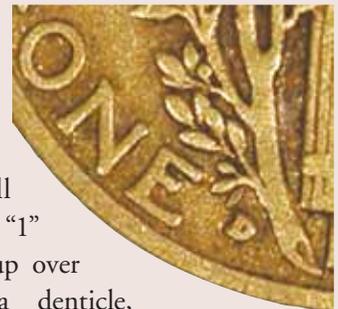


representatives told me "Send it in, you pay the postage, a review fee, a fee for the transmittal sheet, and return postage" and we will fix it. Likely, that would be around \$36. I would say: not a customer-friendly attitude.

In the introduction to this article, I mentioned that there is some undeniable good done by the Third Party Graders. Their best work centers on the filtering out of

counterfeits, alterations, and processed coins. There are so many fakes in the marketplace, it now makes complete sense to only acquire TPG coins of certain commonly encountered counterfeit pieces such as 1909S VDB cents and 1916-D dimes.

The TPGs are certainly up on the die markers of the genuine coins in popular series, and they will very seldom make a mistake and slab a fake coin in their holder. They will know at a glance about the "1" of an 1893-S dollar lining up over



a denticle, and they won't miss the "rabbit tracks" in the "R" of liberty or the die scratch in the "T" of liberty. The TPGs seem to offer fair value-for-the-fee on pieces that are popularly counterfeited.

Members of GHCC have another resource freely available to them in deciding whether to submit a given coin to a TPG and incur their fees. It is the

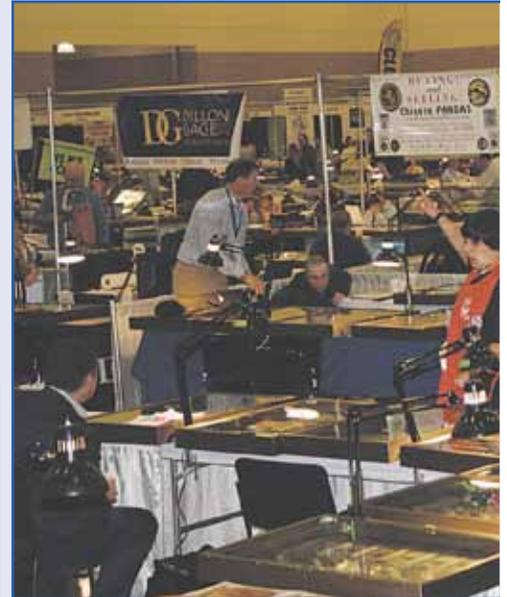


monthly meeting of the GHCC, where friendly, experienced collectors and dealers gather for a social event and a learning experience. Feel free to bring any number of coins, medals, tokens, or paper money for discussion.

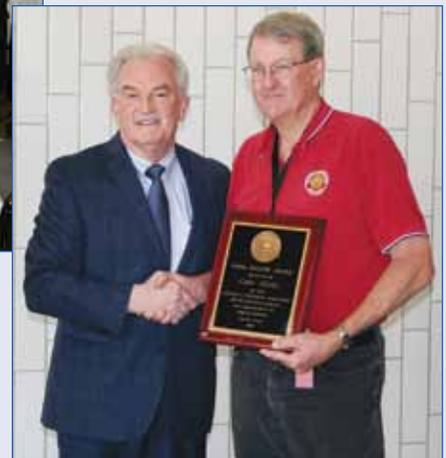
ANA MONEY SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



ANA President, Gary Adkins, and Carl Stang, Host Chair, cut the ribbon to open the show.



Jesse Owens, President of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club and Richard Laster of the Texas Numismatic Association (above) and Carl Stang, Show Host (right), receive recognition from ANA President Gary Adkins.



Kagins' (kagins.com) conducted three official ANA auction sessions during the show.



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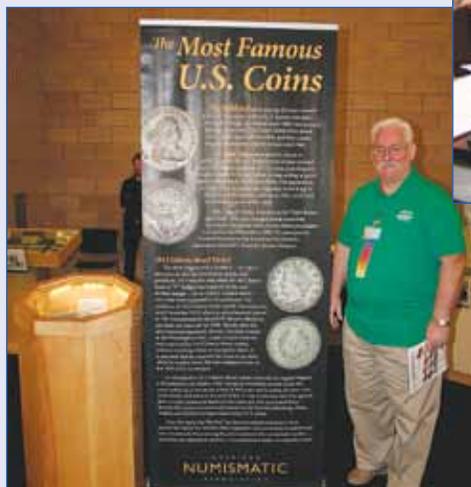
ANA Governor, Ralph Ross, with TNA Exhibit Chair, Judy Dobbins, at the ANA Exhibit Area



Eugene Freeman displays training materials for Scout Merit Badges.



Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC) Law Enforcement Training by Doug Davis, Founder of NCIC



Jack Gilbert of NETCC with the 1804 Dollar and 1913 liberty Head Nickel display.



TRIBUTE TO THE REPU

By Frank Galindo

In the annals of Texas history, one group of men stand as gallant defenders of early Texas, even before it became a Republic. It is the courageous Republic of Texas Rangers and their history that the new TNA medal honors. This 2018 medal also acknowledges and commemorates the one hundred and ninety-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Texas Rangers and their dedicated service to Texas.



Stephen F. Austin is known as the "Father of Texas," but he could also be appropriately called the "Father of the Texas Rangers." It was Austin, an American empresario, whose responsibility was to colonize and protect the original three-hundred families that arrived in the Mexican province of Tejas. To protect the families from fierce Indians raids, he founded the renowned Rangers in 1823.

The Rangers later became one of the most dedicated fearless forces to patrol and defend vast areas of



uninhabited terrain. They were often on the trail for weeks in search of Indians and cattle rustlers, thieves, murderers and an assortment of other dangerous criminals.

Ranger companies were called by many names at various times. They were known as Spies, Scouts, Ranging Companies, Mounted Volunteers, Mounted Rifle Companies, as well as others.

John C. Hays, who is featured on the obverse of the 2018 medal, was born January 28, 1817 in Wilson County, Tennessee. In 1836 he traveled to Texas. Sam Houston had a close connection to the Hays family, so he appointed him to a company of Texas Rangers. Hays soon became a leader and led the Rangers on several important campaigns against the violent attacks by the rebellious Indians.

Ranger Captain John C. Hays was one of the most daring and respected leaders of the Rangers. The companies he led were comprised of Anglos, Tejanos and Indians, who served proudly in all ranks, from



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private to captain. In the 1840s they were often engaged in battles and clashes with several hostile Indian tribes, Mexican bandits, thieves, as well as horse and cattle rustlers.

Captain Hays died April 21, 1883 in California and is buried there. A courageous man of many laudable accomplishments, he was a Soldier, Colonel, Freemason, Sheriff, U.S. Indian Agent, Surveyor, Rancher and Texas Ranger. Hays County was named in his honor. There is a monument of John Coffee "Jack" Hays located on the Hays County Courthouse lawn in San Marcos, Texas.

The history of the Texas Rangers is well known to many Texans. There are countless early Rangers of the Republic who played important roles in the development and protection of our great state. In 1839, two companies of volunteers were raised in San Antonio. One was led by Col. Juan Seguin and comprised of Tejanos, and the other was comprised of Anglo-Americans led by L.B. Franks. Each company was composed of fifty-four or fifty-five men. The men had to supply their own horses, weapons, rations and other equipment. These companies were authorized by a Proclamation of Mirabeau Lamar, while serving as President of The Republic of Texas.

Many have been forgotten, but these heroic men are now being recognized, thanks to historians, researchers and genealogists, who are now helping to identify them. Two of these Rangers were brothers, Trinidad and Antonio Coy.

Last year I attended a Texas Ranger ceremony honoring one of two Texas Ranger brothers. The Ranger being honored was Trinidad Coy, a former Republic of Texas Ranger who served under Captain Hays. A Texas Ranger memorial cross, provided by the Former Texas Rangers Association, was unveiled marking the honored Ranger's grave. A Defender's Medallion, awarded by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for service in the

Texas Revolution of 1835-36 by Rangers Trinidad and Antonio Coy, was also unveiled. Both brothers served as Texas Rangers in Captain Hays Spy Company. Retired former Ranger Ray Martinez was there to represent The Former Texas Ranger Association and dedicate the Texas Ranger Memorial Cross. "The Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Program" is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Historical Foundation and generous donations from Texas Ranger descendants."



The information used for this article was obtained from several sources:

The Former Texas Rangers Association Museum, The Handbook of Texas Online, and personal conversations with my friend, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, author, researcher, genealogist, historian and descendant of Ranger Trinidad Coy. She generously provided invaluable copies of documents and historical books related to the Republic of Texas Rangers. Thank you, Yolanda, for all your help.

The obverse of the 2018 TNA Medal features Captain John C. Hays, one of the most renowned Texas Rangers of the Republic of Texas. The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. The medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

Orders for the 2018 TNA medal may be placed for the silver and bronze medal set or single bronze medals, by contacting Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer, via e-mail at karfra1@netzero.net or at P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217. Single bronze medals are \$6.50 postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one silver) are \$45.00 for each set, plus \$4.50 per set for postage and handling. If insurance is requested, there is an additional cost of \$2.50 per medal set. Make checks or money orders payable to TNA. The Medals will be mailed after the TNA Convention.



Lane Brunner

GRADING FOR THE REST OF US

Originality, Part One

A casual glance at a dealer's offerings on the bourse floor or a perusal through the offerings on eBay and one fact is self-evident; sellers love hyperbolic adjectives. Whether describing a Buffalo nickel as having a hammered strike, the proof-like fields of a Morgan dollar as being a mile deep, or the monster toning of a proof Washington silver quarter, sellers have an affinity for embellishing the descriptions of the coins they have for sale. It seems as if they don't tell you how magnificently spectacular their coin is you will forever be unfulfilled numismatically.



One of the subtler of these fancy adjectives is original. It's a word used commonly to describe the packaging that accompanied the coin when issued in "old time" dealer's envelopes and flip inserts, and even a coin that just looks nice. It's the latter example that is slightly afoul of what originality means. Originality does not necessarily mean attractive eye appeal. Originality means the coin does not have the appearance of being cleaned or manipulated in any way as to alter its surface. While defining originality may be somewhat easy, describing it is not. Trying to provide an all-purpose definition reminds me of the 1964 quote attributed to Justice Potter Stewart when describing obscenity, "I know it when I see it."

To best appreciate originality in coins, it takes viewing a lot of coins with identifiable problems and a lot of coins that are suspected not to have any easily discernable problems. While viewing images of coins may be convenient, examining the coins in-hand is far better and provides the ability to view the coins at multiple angles and under different intensities of light. The best approach is to view the coins with a dealer or fellow collector who has the requisite expertise. In other words, view the coins with your numismatic coach.

The two Seated Liberty quarters above illustrate a challenge with interpreting the originality of 19th century coins. Both coins have about uncirculated

details, yet distinctly different appearances. The first quarter (s/n 34475985) has a homogenous medium gray color that many collectors find attractive. This coin, however, has been cleaned and resides in a Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) "Genuine" holder. One indicator that the coin has been cleaned and is thus not original, is the uniformity of the gray color around the devices, such as the stars, date, rays, and lettering to that of the fields and on top of the devices. For example, the gray color between the rays on the reverse would be a different shade of gray than the fields and tops of the letters on a coin with such little wear.

The second quarter below (s/n 82938845) is graded by PCGS as AU-50. Thus, the coin is "market acceptable," but is the coin original? Unlike the above quarter, the coin's surface does not have a uniform color across the fields and devices. In fact, the quarter below has toning of various colors with uneven borders across the surface of the coin. Such toning often results from placing a coin that has been lightly cleaned into a paper envelope or storage in some other source of sulfur. Had the coin been heavily cleaned, PCGS would have placed the coin in a "Genuine" holder. The coin in its current PCGS holder was submitted to the Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) and it was not approved (i.e. the coin did not receive a green or gold CAC sticker). The rejection of the coin when submitted to CAC supports the position that the coin is not original, even though it may be market acceptable and viewed as attractive by many collectors.

Sometimes, original coins are not very attractive. Even though nothing has been done to the coin to improve its surface, the coin may be unsightly and not one a collector may readily wish to add to his or her collection. In the next installment, we will look at some original coins that many would view as unattractive.





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Hawaii School Lunch Tokens Update

This is an update to an article that was published in a past issue of the TNA News and in the June 2017 issue of The Numismatist titled A Primer on Hawaiian School Lunch Tokens.

There has been a staggering number of Hawaii School Lunch tokens available on Ebay over the course of the past two weeks (Jan. '18 to Feb. '18). You can find 5-8 of these tokens on a slow week on Ebay and 10-15 on a good week. However, both of those numbers combined pale in comparison to the 100 tokens offered the past two weeks.

Some of the prices these tokens went for was equally staggering, even for those tokens considered 'common dates'. This also marked the first-time in a long time that several of these tokens have appeared on the auction block.

The highlights of the week include the following:

2TL-43:	KALANIANAOLE HAWAII SCHOOL	\$1,624.00
2TL-78:	NAALEHU SCHOOL	\$2,026.00
2TL-88:	PUUKOLII SCHOOL	\$2,025.00
2TL-113:	WAIAKEAUKA SCHOOL	\$611.00
2TL-114:	WAIKEAUKA (MISSPELLED) SCHOOL	\$375.00

Without a doubt, the star of the week was a previously undocumented lunch token for an elementary school. The electronic gavel came down the HAAHEO SCHOOL token at \$2,356.00. Haaheo Elementary School is a public middle school in Hilo, which is located on the Big Island.



I guess the old adage that all good things come in sets of three is definitely true if you deal in Hawaiian School Lunch tokens. In October 2015, the final bids for three HAIKU SCHOOL tokens broke the \$1,400.00 barrier. Now three different tokens broke the \$2,000.00 barrier. Is breaking the \$3,000.00 barrier close behind?



by Mark Benvenuto

A PALLADIUM \$5 COIN –

In January of this year, the United States Mint released a palladium coin as a new offering in what might be called its larger bullion coinage program. This new beauty sports Mr. Adolph A. Weinman’s classic design for the Winged Liberty or Mercury dime as its obverse, and another Weinman design for the



reverse, that used once before for the American Institute of Architects gold medal. Apparently, the sales were robust, as the big numismatic periodicals reported the coins were sold out very quickly after their availability was made known.

So then, the United States has expanded its offerings of bullion coins to a different metal, palladium. Now might be a great time to learn a bit more about element 46, and about who else might be making coins from it.

Since most of us are aware that there is no history to palladium coins within the United States, it’s a safe bet to say that throughout history there has not been



much in terms of using this metal anywhere in the world for any type of coinage. Fair enough. The element was only discovered in 1803. Curiously, it was named by its discoverer, William H. Wollaston, after the asteroid Pallas, which had been discovered in 1802, and which had itself been named

after the Greek goddess Athena. According to the Greeks myths, she slew Pallas, and she could then be called Athena Pallas – although apparently in ancient times she was still often just thought of as Athena. Despite an impressive lineage for its name though, palladium wasn’t found to be useful for all that much, at least not at the beginning. That came later.

Jumping ahead to the present time, we find that palladium has a number of uses that one branch of our government or another considers important enough that the metal’s production needs to be tracked. For example, the Department of Defense says in its, “Strategic and Critical Materials 2013 Report on Stockpile Requirements,” that palladium is needed for: “Motor vehicle parts, Semiconductors and electron tubes, Electronic components.” The United States Geological Survey looks at it in a slightly different way, and notes we are 66% dependent upon imports for it, mostly from South Africa, Kazakhstan, and Russia. Most sources also indicate it is used extensively in different processes that require a catalyst – a chemical that promotes some reaction but that is not used up in the process.



While such uses are important, they seem pretty far removed from palladium as a coinage material. We get a bit closer when we find that palladium is on occasion used in jewelry, sometimes as a stand-alone metal, sometimes in alloys. The

metal has been used as a component of white gold in the past, although the term “white gold” is an imprecise one, and often means platinum alloyed with gold.

Moving from jewelry right to coinage, we find that there have been a few attempts at some kind of palladium coin in the past decades. Arguably, the two with which collectors are going to be the most familiar will be a bullion series that came out of the Soviet union in its final years, and some different issues from the Royal Canadian Mint.

The Soviet Union always took pride in the high standard of its state run ballet, and chose to honor that on a series of 5 Ruble, 10 Ruble, and 25 Ruble palladium coins in the early 1990’s. As might be expected, the relatively small 5 Ruble coins were all 1/4th ounce versions of the precious metal, while the 10 Ruble pieces were 1/2 palladium ounce

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per coin. The big guns – the 25 Ruble coins – had a full ounce of palladium in each. While they are definitely bullion coins, the totals were always low enough that it's hard to imagine these coins being much of a factor in influencing prices on the world's precious metals markets.



Canada has tried palladium on more than one occasion, but its bullion coins are probably those with which collectors are most familiar. The Canadian Maple Leaf program began with gold coins as far back as 1979. Silver was added, then in the early 1990's platinum was. The ones we're interested in, the palladium Maple leaves, well they came out first in 2005 and lasted for three years. The Royal Canadian Mint gave the metal another shot in 2009, but then kept the presses quiet until 2015. The pessimists among us will claim that this means the market can't take much more palladium. The optimists will point out that this is a new offering, and that the U.S. has a much larger collector base for all coins U.S., as opposed to all coins foreign. As someone famous once said, time will tell.

Curiously, we stated that the Soviet Union and Canada have produced the palladium coins with which we are probably most familiar. But the question: who produced the first palladium coins, appears to have a strange answer.

It's Tonga. We can all be forgiven if we have to pull out a map of the Pacific and require some time to pore over it to find the right set of specks that represents Tonga, but it



appears that they produced three different denominations and weights of a palladium coin back in 1967. They are the 1/4th Hau, the 1/2 Hau, and the Hau. Their production run was small enough that it will indeed be a dedicated and patient collector who can hunt down a set today.

So, it seems that palladium does have some history to it, some industrial uses for it, and now some coins made from it. I for one am hoping our new palladium bullion coin will not be a flash in the pan, but rather the first of a long string of United States palladium Eagles. Here's wishing any and all of us well as we try to get one.



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By Allen S. Brown, Jr.

GENUINE AND REPLICA

WHAT'S THE

For those of us who value history as worthy of study and collecting rather than to be destroyed through cultural cleansing, discriminating between genuine and replica (some would say “fakes”) is as critical to assembling a respectable collection as it is to protecting our wallets.

This article is merely an introduction to a few, basic principles of differentiating between genuine and common, facsimile Confederate States of America (CSA) bank notes. This limited scope does not include discussion about types or varieties. My only purpose is to provide a few pointers to help recognize genuine vs. fake notes which permeate today's market place.

“Bogus” notes are not addressed, either. Bogus notes are fantasy notes which were printed in much the same manner as genuine notes but never issued by the government entity named on the note. Many bogus notes are collectable.

As a disclaimer, I am not an expert on CSA notes. There are collectible, counterfeit notes printed during the War Between the States (a.k.a. the War of Northern Aggression) which require in-depth knowledge to recognize them. I have read background material and gathered a small collection of both genuine notes and common replica notes. My primary reference book is Confederate States Paper Money edited by George Cuhaj, et al. (Krause, 2012)

As with so many commodities for the CSA, paper was of limited supply. Genuine Confederate notes were printed on whatever paper the CSA could requisition, scavenge or import. Consequently, there are differences in shades of paper color within the same denomination. With so many engraved plates used to print genuine bank notes, small differences in plate engraving can also be found, sometimes including slight differences in sizes of the notes.

The first characteristic I observe is how the note looks. All of the replicas I've encountered simply do not “look” right. The best detection method is to compare

a suspect note with a genuine note. Look for differences rather than similarities. A magnifying glass is useful to inspect lines in the original note which are absent or broken in the fake. These fine lines are found in the portrait and in the various artistic designs.

The most commonly sold replicas are of the 1864 series of Confederate notes, and I have found denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$100. For purposes of illustration, I provide images of the 1864 \$10 note. The following general points also apply to other replica and genuine denominations.



“FACSIMILE” can be found printed on many replica notes.

Observe the striking difference of the reverse (back) of a genuine \$10 CSA note and a common facsimile note sold in souvenir shops. The image at top is a genuine, almost uncirculated note, and the lower image is a replica (for which I paid 75¢).

As the reader can see, on the bottom left of the replica's reverse, “FACSIMILE” is printed in tiny font. Unethical individuals will carefully remove the word in order to facilitate misrepresenting the replica as genuine. A search on eBay will find multiple listings of this style of facsimile without even a hint by some sellers that the note is a replica. Often, the description includes a laughable statement of provenance such as “found in my grandfather's trunk.”

Other than the obvious contrast in paper color, the differences of the obverse of both of these \$10 notes is not as apparent as for the reverse.



Here are images of back designs of a genuine CSA 1864 \$10 and a common \$10 facsimile. The only similarities between the two designs are that both have “TEN” spelled out in the center and have the numeral in each corner.



Genuine 1864 \$10 note at top compared to a common facsimile at bottom.

With a quick, cursory glance at the obverse of the same \$10 notes, the replica, at the bottom, does not look that bad when the design is compatible with the genuine

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at the top. However, a careful and deliberate study of the printed images reveals the lack of detail in the replica. Under magnification, inspect the fine engraving of the bust of Robert Mercer Taliaferro Hunter (1809 – 1887) on the original. The portrait seems to stand out from the background (which, under magnification, looks like a fine window screen of tiny squares). The portrait on the fake bill, below right, appears dull, flat, and "lifeless," and seems to blend in with the background. Using a magnifying glass the student will note that the tiny squares in the background are poorly defined with some appearing as filled-in spots of black ink.



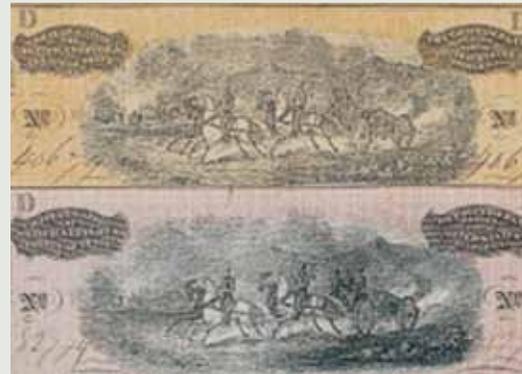
Front of 1864 \$10 bust of CSA cabinet member, R.M.T. Hunter: left genuine and right facsimile.

The difference in quality is due to the original being printed from finely engraved, metal plates while the replica note is often printed by a photo-mechanical method using flat rollers similar to a mimeograph machine (for those of us old enough to remember such a device).

The vignette on the front, as shown, is another useful area of comparison. Similarly to the portrait, the vignette of the facsimile, on the right, lacks the finely engraved detail of the genuine note. As with Hunter's portrait the scene of the horse-drawn cannon with riders featured just below on the replica note at the top of the picture, does not stand out like that on the original note pictured at the bottom of the image. The fine detail and more vivid appearance of the original come from the use of finely engraved plates.

Another sign of authenticity is the fact that the signatures and serial numbers on genuine 1864 notes of denominations One to Twenty Dollars are never printed but always individually handwritten. Sometimes, the ink bleeds through the paper so as to be visible from the back of the note (in reverse, or course).

Stamped serial numbers (SNs) appear on some, but not all, of the Fifty Dollar and higher denominations of the 1861 First Issue notes. Then, stamped SNs seem to have been replaced with handwritten SNs until the April 6, 1863 Sixth Issue Notes, when, again, only Fifty Dollar and higher denominations displayed stamped SNs, along with the small Fifty Cent note. This Fifty Cent note always had printed signatures, probably because so many were printed.



Comparison of CSA 1864 \$10 note's vignette on a facsimile at top and genuine at bottom.

The second distinction which I notice about a CSA note is the paper. Such an up close study requires carefully handling the note. The student need look at only a few genuine notes in order to recognize how thin the paper feels to the touch. A well circulated note is apt to tear with the slightest mishandling. A note with little or no circulation has the feel of thin paper which has not yet been weakened through handling.

Replica (or "facsimile") notes are, generally, printed on a variety of paper styles, none of which feel remotely the same as a genuine note. Some of the fake notes which I have encountered and collected are printed on a stiff, parchment paper colored so as to appear aged.

There are a variety of facsimile notes which are printed on non-parchment-like paper which feel about twice as thick as that of genuine notes. To the touch, the paper is too heavy, not unlike a common sheet of paper used in copy machines.



Most of a CSA Treasury validation seal on the lower left corner of a genuine 1864 \$50 note.

The reverse of some genuine CSA notes will exhibit a portion of a red Confederate Treasury Seal at one of the corners. The purpose of the seal was as an anti-counterfeiting measure, identifying the note as genuine. To save time, the seal was stamped onto the corners of 4 notes prior to cutting the sheet therefore every note which was stamped has only a portion of the seal. Sometimes, only 1/4 of the seal is visible. As the majority of CSA notes lack this red seal, a slight premium may be added to the value of any note which exhibits any portion of it.

My word of advice to those who encounter Confederate notes: listen to and learn from the mistakes of other. Speaking from my own experience, we need each other since there are so many fake / facsimile notes out there and none of us will live long enough (or have enough disposable income) to make the discoveries all by ourselves.



In addition to club meeting reports we receive several club newsletters. We are going to include portions of these newsletters that we hope will be of interest to our readers.

We encourage our member clubs to send us news to share with the TNA membership. We need more photos of your meetings and events so we can include them in your section. Please set your digital cameras for medium to high resolution for use in printed material.

Meeting reports from the clubs include special events and program presentations.

Please send your stories and reports by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September or November to: tnanews@sbcglobal.net

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

DISTRICT ONE



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES FEBRUARY MEETING - Member Mike Ross spoke & presented "Jacques Wiener's Greatest Edifices of Europe: The Man, the Monuments, and his Medals". Jacques Wiener was a Belgium medalist 1840-1870 before going blind. His niche was architectural medals especially cathedrals. Mike Ross, as an independent



researcher & aspiring numismatist, spoke before the British Medal Art Society at Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, London on October 9, 2017, and he shared his in-depth research, digging through 19th century books & letters, endless hours translating the French/German source documents, and examining dies. As Mike put it, "one thing lead to another" - he amassed a mountain of information for his manuscript he hopes to have published. Coin club members enjoyed hearing & learning.

Raffle Winners were Allen S. won an 1875 three cent. Russ K. won a 1924-D one cent & 1876-S quarter. John P. won an 1895 half dollar. Vernon R. won a 1936-P dime. Jimmy D. won a 1955-P half dollar. Bobby M. won an 1858 FE one cent. Grand Prize winner Bill K. won a 1949-D half dollar..



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC FEBRUARY MEETING - President Jesse Owens opened the meeting with 65 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Dustin Reynolds, Joyce Martin, Jason Phillips.

New members: Zac Menerey, Cooper Broughlin,

Darrell Rose.

Jesse Owens announced that it is time to start gathering items for the April donation auction. The auction is a major source of funding for the Club. Donation items should be given to Kenny Smith or Russell Prinzing.

We are a co-host of the ANA show in Irving March 8-10. Frank Hezmall encouraged members to volunteer as "ambassadors" who would help with everything from greeting, answering questions and directing visitors around exhibits. Our Club traditionally supplies a large proportion of volunteers. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Since the ANA show is in town during our March meeting, Russell Prinzing was able to convince Governor Ross to speak at that meeting. He lives in Houston and is quite involved in youth numismatics.

The Collector's Forum will resume meeting on Tuesday, 2/26 at the North Richland Hills library at 7:00pm. Members, friends and the general public are invited. Sessions last around 1½ hours.

Joyce Martin from the Fort Worth Coin Club gave the presentation on Notgeld notes. These colorful notes were issued in Germany and Austria 1914-24, first during wartime and then during hyperinflation. The notes essentially replaced change due to in scarcity of specie. The estimated 125,000 different notes issued by some 5,500 localities contained a wide variety of subjects, from local landmarks, to myths and legends, to storytelling and even cartoons. Her presentation generated numerous questions afterward.

All youth present received their choice of a coin plus a nice Mercury dime. No one won the progressive door prize, so it will be added to the March prize. The usual auction of 40 items, as well as the silent auction was conducted.

NOTE TO ALL DFW AREA YOUTH: The Bureau of Engraving & Printing Western Currency Facility, 9000 Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth TX has FREE "special exhibits & activities" for youth ages 8-18 (8:30am-4pm) during June 26-29 & July 24-27. Go early & witness Intaglio engraving, learn about plate making for offset printing presses & see how currency was printed circa 1900 at the refurbished spider press. For more info call 817-231-4000

DISTRICT FOUR



CAPITOL CITY FEBRUARY MEETING - The Club in February, started preparations of getting a committee together to work on designing a coin or medallion for their 50th Anniversary coming in 2019.

Instead, they met a few days later at a local eatery where various ideas were discussed about the upcoming programs for the year as well as ideas for the anniversary coin. Tom Patin volunteered to take over the duties of Vice President which would be officially done at the next meeting of the club.

The club webmaster is looking for a replacement and Mike Marotta volunteered to take over.

Mitch also discussed the donating of club records to the Austin History Center so that all the paper files currently held by the secretary do not get lost over the years as some records have.

The program this evening was on John Riddell, chief melter of the New Orleans Mint and his life outside the mint as a writer.

MARCH MEETING - The meeting was held at the club's old meeting location of Yarborough Library due to the availability of the meeting room since construction that was planned a year ago still has yet to commence. More discussion and a rallying cry for members to join the 50th anniversary committee went up and a couple more people volunteered. Some discussion of who and how the medals were brought up, but that will ultimately be left to the committee.

A topic of discussion that evening was ways to garner new members, whether it is by advertising or printing flyers or holding live events at local malls or schools to see if we can get an influx of new members.

TNA contacted the club about trying to entice members to bring displays to show at the show in June. Mitch emailed out the info to the members in case they want to try their hand at display making.

This evening program was by Mitch who did a trivia program where all the questions were from a program done by the club in 1974. The next program will be by Kurt Baty on the 105th Anniversary of the Buffalo nickel. Keep on collecting!

DISTRICT FIVE



DALLAS JANUARY MEETING - President Mike opened the first meeting of 2018 and quoted today's spot prices of \$1,330.30 for gold and \$17.05 for silver.

Total attendance was 28 members and 5 guests Will, Linda, Benny, Dustin, and Marvin. Guest Mike was welcomed back!

Frank is still looking for ANA volunteers and ambassadors for the upcoming Money show in Irving, Texas in March. It's a great experience!

Gary reported on the Society of Paper Money Collectors which had a booth at the Houston Money Show. Benny used to be an editor and Frank was a former president. Mike encouraged new members to join.

PROGRAM: Dallas Coin Club History by Frank C. The Dallas Coin club was founded on May 24th, 1928. Frank provided some club history and meeting locations. The club issued yearbooks from 1934 to 1966. The 1953 yearbook was the club's 25th anniversary and had a silver color. That was also the year the 1st medal was issued. 1966 marked the last yearbook. The club's founder William A. Philpott, Jr. was also president of the Texas Bikers Association from 1913-1964. As the story is told William A. Philpott, Jr asked Sidney if he would be interested in attending the Dallas Coin Club meeting at a local gas station and that was the 1st meeting. The Dallas Coin Club is the oldest coin club in the south.

FEBRUARY MEETING - DMike opened the meeting with today's gold and silver prices. (\$1,331.55 and \$16.82). Both prices are doing quite well!. 29 members were in attendance with one guest: Dustin.

The Board has been planning for the 90th Anniversary celebration later this year and will update the club at future meetings.

Program: Alan S. - US Mint: 1936 Commemoratives . Alan presented a detailed synopsis of the commemorative coins produced by the US. Mint in 1936. The U.S. Mint produced Lincoln cents and the circulation strike quarters at three different mints that year. The proof nickels were produced in both satin and brilliant finishes with the brilliant finish being worth a little more than the satin finish.(PF-68 satin auctioned recently for \$8,338 and the brilliant same grade \$8,625.) Dimes in 1936 only had one type of proof strike made. Proof sets in 1936 included both a half and quarter dollar.

A total of 56 commemorative coins were struck in 1936. A mint set of commemoratives then was about \$70.00. Today it can go for tens of thousands in superb gem condition. Each coin discussed was superbly designed and many represent iconic American history. Some are moderately inexpensive and others very pricey in gem condition.

DISTRICT SIX



BELLAIRE FEBRAURY MEETINGS

-February 5 - There were 29 people at the meeting. Garth C passed out the rest of the thank you cards for volunteering at the August show. Garth presented an updated list needed for getting a Boy Scout merit badge. Jack P noted that the girl scouts wanted a donation. Garth C stated that the club account had been for a corporation since the 1970s. Garth announced that elections are coming up. Garth asked for suggestions about a new slate or keeping the current board members. The club discussed the treasurer's duties. Richard D and Gene McP reminded the American Numismatic Association Money Show in Irving Texas. Ed S noted another coin show at the VFW, near Long Point and Campbell. The following members presented a show and tell; Garth C, Tim C, Richard D, Michael D, Richard H, Paul K, Michael L, and Alvin S. Paul Krail won the show and tell prize.

February 19 - There were 28 people at the meeting. Garth C reminded about the coming elections. The current slate is the following. President Garth Clark, Vice President Tim Conway, Treasurer Gayland Stehle, Website Richard Hyde, Newsletter Michael Wolford. Normally in the by-laws, a vote is in January and takes office during February. The library had changed it schedule, being closed on both January meeting nights. During the next month, if you have a suggestion, contact any board member. Garth C stated that February 16-17 is another coin show at the VFW. Garth noted that this past weekend it was the Chinese new year of the dog, and president's day. Rupert S brought an updated version of his wife, Celica's obituary, died in 2016, reprinted in December 28, 2017. Rupert had Tim C read it out loud. During the reading, Michael W saw Rupert tearing up. Michael found a tissue for Rupert. The following members presented a show and tell; Karl B, Paul K and Wendy R. Karl B won the show and tell prize. After the prize was awarded, Tim C had a late show and tell.



GHCC JANUARY MEETING - President Jack D. called the meeting to order. Donnie F. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Called for all visitors and guests to be identified.

Show and Tell (Tom S., Chair) Three minute maximum.

Show and Tell drawing winner - Bill S.

Monthly Program - Thomas Cleveland., Introduced by Bill W., does submissions for coin designs to the US Mint. Currently he has more than 15 designs to his credit on coins, either obverse or reverse on coins now circulating in the US.

New Member Election - David M., David H. both were elected without without dissent and presented membership certificates to mark membership.

Executive Committee Update - Paul P. was elected to the Executive Council to replace Mike G. who has resigned for personal reasons.

Money Show Report - Melvin N. reported on the need for volunteers - contact Cheryl D. to get possible assignments. Some help loading the truck at the storage center for supplies and then unloading at the convention site was needed.

Coins for A's Report - Eve B. - CFA's is between reporting periods and has several activities at the Money Show for participants and possible new participants in the Coins for A's program.

Levinson Award applications are due, asking for financial assistance to go to the ANA summer seminars.

Nominating committee is being formed and looking for worthy candidate for officers and directors of the GHCC.

Chuck B. - ANA Representative announced the seminars that are going to be offered at the ANA Irving. Certificates were passed out for

presentations made during the year that had not been picked up at the year-end banquet.

FEBRUARY MEETING - President Jack D. called the meeting to order. Donnie F. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack thanked Barbara and Sebastian for the snacks provided for the club.

Jack also passed out certificates for previous presentations.

President called for visitors to stand and be recognized: Kent (has applied for membership), Austin K. visiting his grandfather.

Show and Tell (Tom S., Chair) Several items were shared.

Show and Tell drawing won by Al Sch. - Franklin Half

Monthly Numismatic Quiz (Chuck B., Chair) - Questions were distributed and the winner determined. The tiebreaker was used with three members getting a perfect score and Tom S won on a random drawing as no one got the tie breaker question right, regarding Roman numerals on contemporary coins of the US..

Monthly Program - introduced by Bill W. Chuck B. presented a program - "Role of Supply and Demand in Determining Values of Coins"

Examples : 1909S VDB - 1/2 Million issued - EF CV \$ 950 example 10 times as many collectors than there are coins available. This is an example of a demand driven coin. It also has a high turn around rate when offered to a dealer or on a dealer's shelf for sale.

1876 20¢ piece - 14,750 mintage - EF \$ 500 - a type set collectors coin. This is a low demand coin as collectors tend to favor the CC mint issues over the rarer 1876.

1915 \$20 Gold piece - gold coin with metal as the driving factor and not date and mintmark. Gold is attractive but not demand driven - EF \$1275 - Invest demand not collector's demand. Gold usually did not circulate in favor of paper money.

1929 50 Centavos Nicaragua issue - silver issue - 20,000 issued - EF \$75.00 - there are no real coin collectors in Nicaragua. Probably the rarest of the four coins discussed - but has the least value - probably will wind up being melted due to little to no value other than silver content.

Examples: 1983 Olympic coins - 2006 San Francisco Mint Centennial - most modern commemorative are listed based mostly on metallic content due low demand. Non-Circulating Legal Tender (NCLT) - Vanity issues for all interests - not real collectors items.

DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY JANUARY MEETINGS - Jan. 4 - The meeting was opened with thirty-two members and one visitor in attendance, including all officers. The visitor was David F.'s wife, Margarita. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Under Old Business: David A. and Karla G. discussed the final details of the "Coins, Collectibles, and Antiques" event scheduled for January 6th. David A. is still looking for volunteers to present educational programs. Andy G. will present a program at the January 18th meeting titled, "Modern Bullion Coins."

Under Announcements, Cal B. reminded members to check the schedule of 2018 releases by the US Mint. This year the mint releases will include a World War I Centennial Set, a breast cancer awareness coin, and another silver eagle set.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A.

The Raffle Winners were Chuck N., Debbie W. (2 times), Cal B., Ray T., Don P., and Andy G.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B., with the assistance of Frank G. and Luke B. Mike G. donated several coin folders that were purchased by Todd B. The sale of these donated lots raised a total of \$4.00 for the club's treasury. GCC thanks Mike G. and Todd B. for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1922 US Peace Dollar, was won by David F.

Jan. 18 - The meeting opened with twenty-nine members and three visitors in attendance. Vice-President David A. was not present, due to illness. Our visitor was Robert J.'s wife, Esther. The other two visitors, John M. and Kate M., became the newest members of GCC. Welcome aboard, John and Kate!

Under Old Business: Karla G. discussed the GCC Coin Show scheduled for February 24th.. Volunteers are needed to assist Bourse Chairman, Ray T., with setting things up on Friday, February 23rd. Volunteers are also needed to assist at the registration table. Volunteers are needed to perform other tasks and to help monitor the doors. Also, under Old business, the club discussed the "Coins, Collectibles, and Antiques" event held on January 6th. Under Announcements, Cal B. mentioned a new collectible coin for anyone who collects Coca Cola memorabilia. Fiji has released a Coca Cola coin that has been officially licensed by the Coca Cola Company. Andy C. said he brought this coin to show during the Roundtable. Karla G. announced that the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show will take place March 6-8 in Irving, Texas.

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

The Raffle Winners were Pat W., Kate M., Leon W., Steve M, Cal B., Jim M., and Andy C.

The Numismatic Educational Program was presented by Andy G. who spoke about "Modern Bullion Coins." Andy's presentation focused on the Mexican Libertad and the American Silver Eagle. The Libertad is in its thirty-fifth year of mintage, while the Silver Eagle is in its thirtieth year. The Libertad began production in 1982. The Libertad has no stated face value, while the Silver Eagle has a face value of one-dollar. Andy pointed out that the annual mintage numbers of the Libertad have been consistently much lower than the corresponding mintage numbers of the Silver Eagle. Surprisingly, while the Libertad is rarer, the Silver Eagle has a higher market value. This makes collecting the Libertad bullion coin much more affordable. Andy brought nine Libertad coins to show the club. He ended his presentation by randomly awarding prize coins to three lucky members: Kate M., Don P., and Bill D. The Auction was conducted by Cal B. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. One lot was donated by Frank G. and purchased by John M. The sale of this donated lot raised \$3.25 for the club's treasury. GCC thanks Frank G. and John M. for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923-D US Peace Dollar, was won by our new member, John M

FEBRUARY MEETINGS - Feb.1 - The meeting opened with thirty members and two visitors in attendance. All officers were present. Our visitors were Robert J.'s wife, Esther, and Leon W.'s son-in-law, Steve W.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Under Old Business: Karla G. discussed the GCC Coin Show scheduled for February 24th. A sign-up sheet was circulated so members could volunteer to help with various aspects of the show. Bourse Chairman, Ray T., will need assistance. Members, your help is needed so please volunteer to help to make this another successful coin show. Volunteers are also needed at 4:00 p.m. to assist with cleanup. The sign-up sheet will be available at the February 15th meeting, so members can volunteer their services for the show.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M.

The Raffle Winners were Bill J., Cal B., Larry F. (three times), and Paul R. (two times).

The Auction was conducted by Cal B. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. The Attendance Prize, a 1923-S US Peace Dollar, was won by Frank G.

Feb.15 - The meeting opened with thirty members and one visitor present. All officers were in attendance. Our visitor was David F.'s wife, Margarita. Two attendees became our newest GCC members: Jerry J. and Alexander C. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report. Under Old Business: Members, held a brief discussion about the upcoming GCC Coin Show.

The meeting opened with thirty members and one visitor present. All officers were in attendance. Our visitor was David F.'s wife, Margarita. Two attendees became our newest GCC members: Jerry J. and Alexander C. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report. Under Old Business: Members held a brief discussion about the upcoming GCC Coin Show. The sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated so members could sign-up to help at the show. It was announced that all of the GCC display cases have now been returned and are available for club members to use.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A. with several interesting items being presented.

The Raffle Winners were Stan M., Steve M., Paul R., Leon W., Mike G., David F., and Chuck N.

The Numismatic Educational Program was presented by Chuck N. who spoke about "The Infamous Vampire Note of Germany." When the German 10,000 reichsmark banknote was released on January 19, 1922, it was the largest denomination of circulating currency ever issued by the German government. By August of that year, the heavy war reparations required of Germany by the Treaty of Versailles would cause a complete collapse of the mark. The 10,000 reichsmark note bears the image of a German worker. If the note is tilted to the side, it is possible to see a vampire on the neck of the worker. The superstitious Germans said it was the image of the French sucking the blood out of Germany through the war reparations. In early 1922, 10,000 marks could buy 250 pounds of meat. By the end of 1922, 10,000 marks could buy only five pounds of meat. A smaller version of the 10,000 reichsmark banknote was released later the same year. Chuck N. brought twenty of the larger 10,000 reichsmark notes to circulate among the members. After the presentation he gave all the notes to twenty lucky members. Thank you, Chuck for your program and generosity.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Matt B., with the assistance of Frank G. and Luke B. Several lots were donated by Frank G., Chuck N. and Larry F. The donated lots were purchased by David F., Steve M., Don P. and Luke B. The sale of the donated lots raised \$27.00 for the club's treasury. GCC thanks the donors, the lucky bidders and all the participants for their support.

The Attendance Prize, a 1934-D US Peace Dollar, was won by Jim M.

DISTRICT TEN



ICCEP

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.
(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO JANUARY MEETING - President John opened the meeting with 33 members present.

Discussion during the business meeting centered around the upcoming coin show to be held February 16, 17, and 18.

Jason talked about the Coins for A's program held by the Texas Numismatic Association. He mentioned how the program puts coins into the hands of kids for only the cost of an A on a report card. He also showed how to find the application online and examples of the coins that TNA had sent to his niece and nephew.

John gave a presentation on the use of tokens in saloons in El Paso. He told the story of El Paso Constable John Selmon Sr. shooting gunfighter John Wesley Hardin in the back at the Ace Saloon.

Steve, Bob and Willie conducted the auction for the evening.

FEBRUARY MEETING - President John presided over the meeting with forty-one members were present and one guest.

President John encouraged all members to purchase a raffle book of tickets for the coin show. There are 25 tickets in each book for \$20.00. He feels that our show is one of the best run medium size shows in the US. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Thursday, to work in the front selling raffle tickets, to help tear down on Sunday, etc. Bob Pearson has constructed a new sign system for vendors. This is our show and everyone is needed to show up and participate. The Past President of ANA will be

present. He will conduct a Treasure Hunt with the kids.

Brian's book will be for sale at the coin show. The cost is \$80.00 at the show.

We have sold 53 tables for the coin show with a couple of new dealers. Our theme this year is the "Return of the Trolley," and the trolley people will be present. A retired Motor Man will cut the ribbon.

During presentations, Terry talked about "Buyers Beware" of altered 1979S and 1981S proof dollars and only buy from reputable dealers or club members.

Mike displayed a 1914 Christmas Box. He explained that Princess Mary had the box designed for all British soldiers. It contained, among other items, British cigarettes and a Christmas envelope from the Royal Household. This box belonged to George Evans. He put his picture in the box. He was killed the same day he received the box. Mike also displayed an 1858 Indian Head Penny, proof extra fine 45. Only 1000 were minted.

Our auctioneer team of Steve, Bob and Willie conducted a lively auction.

Numismatic prize winners were Steve, Juan, Bob P. and Steven.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD FEBRUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order. In attendance were Paul Otts, Michael Eklund, Chuck Michael, Doug Hershey, Chuck Freas, Norm Goodfellow, Mike Nowak, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Steve Urben, Kelly Archer, and Kurt Gehring.

The Lubbock Coin Show will be held Mar 30th - 31st, 2018 at Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Lubbock, TX. This gun show is promoted by Fitzgerald Currency & Coins.

Doug Hershey gave us a rundown about the TNA meeting. Those who had let their memberships lapse or who wished to join the TNA were sponsored by Doug and given instructions for entry.

The report # for numismatic crime information was given to those present. It is: 817-723-7231. Information can be found on the web site, numismaticcrimes.org or Doug's email, doug@numismaticcrimes.org

In Show and Tell, Chuck Freas presented an 1854-D/S MS60 nickel, and a 1939 Doubled Monticello nickel. Steve Urben showed a quarter struck on a dime planchet. Kelly had a 1946-S MS65 quarter. Mike presented a beautiful 2015 Canada Proof Decimal set.

This month's drawing was for 1904 & 1906 Indian Cents. Chuck Michael was the winner. The \$25 gift certificate was won by Doug Hershey. At the March meeting, the gift certificate will be \$5..

MARCH - The meeting was called to order. In attendance were Paul Otts, Kurt Gehring, Rick Morie, Phil Witt, Karl Nash, Chuck Michael, Michael Eklund, Mike Nowak, Chuck Freas, Norman Goodfellow.

Precious metals prices: Gold \$1322.3 slightly lower from last month, Silver \$16.43, also slightly down from last month, Platinum \$952, significantly down from last month, and Palladium \$978, also with a significant drop.

The Lubbock Coin Show will be held Mar 30th - 31st, 2018 at Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Lubbock, TX. This gun show is promoted by Fitzgerald Currency & Coins.

There was an open discussion of various topics, including cryptocurrencies and metals prices.

Chuck Freas gave a PowerPoint presentation about, "Collections for Sale and Other Interesting Things and Finds". Once again, Chuck's presentation was very thorough and quite interesting.

For Show and Tell: Chuck Freas - 1942-D Washington quarter MS64, doubled obverse; 1964-D Kennedy Half Dollar MS63, Doubled obverse; 2008 Silver Eagle MS70-Rev. of 07. Mike Nowak - Blakesly Effect clipped coins (weak strike opposite clip); Palo Duro Serial #18 silver and bronze "Texas" musical medals. Paul Otts - dime sized foreign coin presented for opinions of origin. (Since found to be a Japanese Yen coin, thanks guys).

The door prize was 2 presidential inaugural medals. Norman

Goodfellow was this month's winner. There was no winner for the gift certificate so at the April meeting it will be worth \$10.00.

DISTRICT TWELVE



TYLER FEBRUARY MEETING - Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. Attendance: Members: 31 Guests: 0 New Members: 1 Total: 32

The club was lead in prayer.

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

Lane presented Barry C. with a plaque honoring his 9 years of service as a club officer. The plaque was inscribed: With Our Greatest Appreciation We Hereby Honor Barry Carter For Your Unconditional Commitment and Dedicated Service as Treasurer & Bourse Chair of the Tyler Coin Club Thank You!



Lane continued discussion of a member buyer's page on the club website. Lane also addressed educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) encouraging member participation at monthly meetings.

Tyler Coin Show Update (June 22-23, 2018)

David H. updated members on coin show progress including sales and major expenses, venue, security, and advertising. A mail out is planned for the 75702 zip code which will reach over 11,000 Tyler residents. Five exhibits are confirmed with others under consideration. In addition to door prizes, a raffle will be held. Members were encouraged to bring donations for raffle at their earliest convenience.

There will also be a gold/silver drawing based on 500 member/guest invitations. Members invite a guest to the show using a specially marked, club-supplied printed invitation. All guests bringing the special invitation to the show will be entered into a drawing to win a 1/10th oz Gold Eagle (member will win 1oz Silver Eagle).

Presentation - Collecting Buffalo Nickels (Larry V.)

Larry gave a wonderful presentation on Buffalo Nickels which included different ways one might collect the series, aspects of grading, and understanding strike quality especially when negotiating a purchase. Larry stated the Buffalo Nickel is one of only a few series of coins that looks really good in the grade of Fine/Very Fine. And that was a determining factor as he assembled his Buffalo set. Larry also displayed a grading board he built which covers Buffalo Nickels from the grade of About Good to mint state. A quick discussion on issue coins, including acid dipped, pitting and planchet flaking, rounded out the presentation. Thank you Larry for an outstanding presentation!

Door prize winners: John, Randy, Ray, and Todd

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT JANUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Brian Sweitzer. Ten members and one visitor, Tom Robinson, were in attendance.

Program. Rob Robinson passed out a quiz on "How much do you know about the nickel?" After giving some time for folks to complete the quiz, Rob provided the answers to the 10 questions. Tony Zupkas was the only member to score 100.

Drawings were held and Bryan Sweitzer was the winner of the

membership drawing - a BU 1982 George Washington half dollar. Raffle prize winners were Jon Montrall - a 2017 Canada Maple Leaf; Don Vanadore - a 1977 Proof Set; Jon Montrall - a 1989 Mint Set; Bryan Sweitzer - a 2006 Proof Set; and Del Shumate - a 1990 Proof Set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 56-lot auction of which 30 items sold..

FEBRUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Sweitzer. Ten members and three visitors, Tom Robinson, Harlan Screws, and Mike Cato, were in attendance.

Old Business. An election of officers was held and approved to continue with the current slate of officers, consisting of Bryan Sweitzer, President; Dan Walker, Vice President; George Woodburn, Treasurer; and Rob Robinson, Secretary.

Program. Tony Zupkas provided a show-and-tell by passing around his set of Buffalo Nickels. The set was complete except for the two popular error Buffalo Nickels - the 1918/7-D and the 1937-D Three Legged. The group then discussed various error coins, including the rare 1969-S double die Lincoln Cent. Rob Robinson passed around an interesting error coin -- a 1979 Jefferson Nickel struck on a copper cent planchet.

Drawings were held and Julio Cuellar was the winner of the membership drawing - a BU 1982 George Washington half dollar. Raffle prize winners were Julio Cuellar - a 2017 Silver Eagle; Bryan Sweitzer - 1968 Proof Set; Harlan Screws - a 1976 Proof set; and Harlan Screws - a 1991 Proof Set.

Rob Robinson conducted the 47-lot auction of which 35 items sold..

WICHITA FALLS JANUARY MEETING - 19 Members present with 2 visitor: Anthony and Doug Carlisle. Program: Connolly O'Brien said that a friend found a 1936 "D" three and a half legged Buffalo Nickel under a building in a piggy bank. Connolly said that the mint polished off the coin dies and created varieties such as a 1936 three and a half legged Buffalo Nickel. Connolly said that he had a 1918 Buffalo Nickel for sale for \$2.50 in a bargain bin and a friend told him that he needed to sell it for more. His friend pointed out that the coin was a two feather variety Buffalo Nickel for sale and it is really worth about \$100.00. Connolly cautioned everyone to check for the two feather variety of Buffalo Nickels as they can be missed easily. Connolly said that the mint polished the coin dies which created varieties such as the two feather Buffalo Nickel. Rob Robinson talked about the three cent silver coins, which were minted from 1851 to 1873. Rob said that James Longacre designed the three cent coins. Longacre also designed the Flying Eagle Cent, the Indian Head Cent, the Shield Nickel, and the two cent piece. Rob said that the three cent silver coins are regarded as the smallest U.S. silver coins minted, only weighing 0.8 grams each. The three cent coins were not very popular because they could easily be lost or bent. Rob said that people called the coins fish scale coins. Rob said that the Type I three cent coins were minted from 1853 to 1853 and had a Roman numeral three on the reverse. The Type I was minted in .75 silver. The Type II three cent coins were minted from 1854 to 1858. The Type II coins added an olive branch and arrows to the reverse. The Type II coins were minted with .90 silver. Rob said that the Type III coins were minted between 1859 and 1873, and had slight changes over the Type II design to improve striking quality. The Type III coins are considered to be the rarest of the set as many of the coins during this period were melted down.



DISTRICT FIFTEEN



BEAUMONT JANUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Colby B..

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara W. 17 members and 3 guests were in attendance. We welcomed two new members.

The Show date has been set for September 29, 2018 at the Holiday Inn. A deposit for the ballroom has been made to reserve it. Door Prizes were drawn and a fun auction was conducted.

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB

GREATER ORANGE JANUARY MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Jerry. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 12 members in attendance.

Carl listed the upcoming Orange coin Show on The clubs web site and has received positive feedback from a number of individuals.

Preparations for the coin show next month, Feb 15 16 17. Invitation cards for the show have been printed and addressed and ready to mail.

Food for the vendors was discussed. It was decided that large "Subway" type sandwich would be made available during the show. There would also be coffee and donuts available.

New Business: Carl explained the benefits of having the clubs web site announcements of the upcoming show "Pushed up" on the internet for \$30.00. This would allow forward the shows information to automatically e-mailed to thousands of local people. Motion was made and passed.

Program: Joe gave a brief talk about errors on the state quarters including but not limited the spitting horse Delaware, In God We rust Kansas, Extra leaf Wisconsin. Joe received a silver eagle for his efforts.

FEBRUARY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by president Slabugh. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

The club welcomed its newest member Rick Ewing.

Old Business: Carl reported that he had "Boosted" the internet ad for the coin show and that approximately 500 users had received the notifications. This is in addition to being listed on other coin show sites.

New Business: Gary stated that not all the tables had been sold for the upcoming coin show. He hoped to have payments for additional tables soon. Mike Poe thanked the club for attending the recent Houston coin show an helping make their show a success.

Program: Carl presented an excellent program on Josh Tatum, The man who stopped the US Mint by gold plating "V" nickels in 1883, and passing them as \$5 gold coins.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO JANUARY MEETING - Tom called the meeting to order. There were in attendance 11 members and 1 visitors Luane Freeman

The nominated slate of officers was elected with the exception of Bob Schuetze who declined the nomination. The officers are: Pres Tom Campbell; VP Alan Wood; Treas James Haney; Sec Alton Hassell; Director Collin Kubacak.

Cash prize: Dave Lindeman was not present. \$35 next month

Our spring show will be March 30 and 31. That is Good Friday.

FEBRUARY MEETING - Tom called to order. There were in attendance 13 members, two new members (Busty Baker and Walter Seeger) and 3 visitors: Joann Freeman, Malay Lucas, and Royce Walston.

Business: Collin is going to talk to Anna about ways to make better use of advertising.

Our spring show will be March 30 and 31.. That is Good Friday. Please be prepared to sign up for 2 hour time slots to work at the coin show.

There was a discussion about interesting the Boy scouts in coins. Maybe we could help them with the merit badge.

Eugene Freeman is planning to do Scouting at the ANA show. He is sending information to all scout councils. People in uniform get in free.

Eugene showed a bag of woven alpaca with coins attached. The coins had to have holes in them. These coins were from many different

countries such as Mexico, Bolivia, etc. The Bolivian proclamation coins were used this way. They were the same size as 1 real or 2 real planchet.

Tom told of coins from Jordan, and Egypt and another country that were to be commemorative coins. Tom showed coins of Jordan that were called Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

HISTORICAL FACTS

The images and information came from Heritage Auctions.

Seldom Seen Rare 9 Leaves, BD-3 1795 Capped Bust Right Eagle

The Philadelphia Mint struck gold coins for the first time in 1795, when a reported mintage of 5,583 Capped Bust Right eagles was accomplished. It is likely that the 1795-dated dies continued to be used in the early part of 1796, however, so the surviving population for the date is somewhat larger than the modest production total would suggest.

Five die varieties are known for the date, and in our upcoming Long Beach Signature Auction, we are pleased to offer an example of the famous BD-3 variety, with nine leaves in the palm frond on the reverse. The "Nine Leaves" variety is the rarest and most famous of all the Small Eagle ten dollar varieties, with a surviving population of 18-22 examples, according to PCGS CoinFacts. John Dannreuther believes the BD-3 accounted for 210-500 examples of the original mintage for the date. The obverse die was used previously to strike the BD-2 variety of this date, and used again to produce the final BD-5 variety. The reverse die shows several defects on all known specimens, including a die break at the tip of the second leaf, a crack from the edge through the top of the first T in STATES, and another faint crack at the lower right of the first A in AMERICA. These defects may have been caused by die buckling during the preparation of the dies, before the coins were struck. It seems likely that the reverse failed quickly, accounting for the rarity of the BD-3 today.



Although the "Nine Leaves" reverse is a celebrated issue today, it was unknown to early students of the series. John Colvin Randall identified four varieties of 1795-dated eagles by 1885, but he did not mention the "Nine Leaves" reverse in the catalog of his collection when it was sold by W. Elliot Woodward in June of 1885. Likewise, Silas Wodell exhibited three varieties of the 1795 eagle at the 1914 ANS Exhibition, but the BD-3 variety was not represented. The first numismatist to publish a description of the variety was Edgar Adams, in his article in the May 1934 edition of *The Coin Collector's Journal*: The BD-3 received little publicity before about 1980, and it was seldom attributed in its infrequent auction appearances before the turn of the millenium.

The coin we offer in Long Beach traces its history only back to December of 2003, when it appeared as lot 979 of the Classics Sale, by American Numismatic Rarities. It is an attractive NGC-graded AU55 example that exhibits well-detailed design elements, with just a trace of wear on the high points. Like most BD-3 examples seen, some small planchet flaws are evident in the lower left obverse field. Walter Breen believed these voids were caused by foreign matter adhering to the dies. The pleasing antique-gold surfaces show the expected number of minor abrasions for the grade, including a hair-thin scratch below the eagle's wing to the R in AMERICA. Both sides retain significant amounts of original mint luster and eye appeal is quite strong for this early gold rarity.



**RECOVERED COIN
JANUARY 29**

On December 24, 2017 the Numismatic Crime Information Center sent out an alert regarding the theft of the below pictured coin from a shop in California. The coin has been recovered. A dealer in California bought the coin and then saw the alert and contacted NCIC. The dealer provided information on the person who sold him the coin and NCIC immediately contacted the investigating agency.

The investigation is on-going.

**FEDEX THEFT/LOSS
FEBRUARY 7**

A package being sent via FedEx from Houston to Dallas was tampered with and contents removed. The package contained the following items.

- 5- Ten ounce Credit Suisse Bars
- 9- One ounce Gold Eagles
- 5- One ounce Gold Buffalos
- 5- One Ounce KRands
- 4- One Ounce Maple Leafs

**PARTIAL STOLEN LIST
JANUARY 30**

The following is a partial list of stolen coins taken from the murder victim's house in Indianapolis, Indiana. An in-depth list will be sent out later today with NGC/PCGS cert numbers.

Multiple 1/10 eagles NGC 1986-1991 raw and NGC PR70

Several 1925 \$20 St.Gaudens PCGS/NGC

Multiple 1/2 ounce gold eagles NGC MS70

Multiple Gold Medal of Honor \$5 Proofs

Large number ASE 86-2013 slabbed NGC/PCGS

Flag,Trolley, Bald Eagle labels

Liberty \$2.5 gold 1896 PR67 CAM

\$1 Princess 1882 MS67PL NGC 3214116-001

Slabbed 3 Legged Buffalo AU NGC

The victim had a large collection and it may be possible that a female may try to sell the coins. Additional details will be available as the investigation progresses. **Contact Doug Davis: 817-723-7231, doug@numismaticcrimes.org for more info.**

**PROOF MORGANS STOLEN
MARCH 2**

The Numismatic Crime Information Center has been requested to assist in the burglary of New England Patriot's tight end, Rob Gronkowski. His home was burglarized on February 4, 2018, on the night of the Super Bowl. Among items taken were two Proof Morgan dollars.

STOLEN COINS:

1879 PCGS Proof Morgan 81852050

1896 PCGS Proof Morgan 81296984

**BURGLARY
MARCH 2**

California dealer Brad Watts, (Classic Currency), had his home broken into and entire inventory stolen.

The loss included Large and Small size notes, Obsolete notes, coins, a number of graded CC Dollars and silver bullion.

We will update this alert once we get a definitive inventory list. Be alert for anyone who is attempting to sell a large quantity of material as described above.

**STOLEN 1880 PROOF SET
JANUARY 31**

A FedEx package being sent from Carson City, NV to Dallas has been compromised. The box contained an 1880 Proof Set. The shipment weighed 4.8 pounds when it left the Carson City station and 1.8 pounds when it hit Memphis. Contact Doug Davis: 817-723-7231, doug@numismaticcrimes.org for photos of stolen coins.



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