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Greetings!

From your TNA News Editor, Ron Kersey



We're already almost half way through the year 2018 and by the time you read this the 60th Annual TNA Convention and Coin Show will have taken place. I hope those who attended our show this year made some quality additions to their numismatic collection, learned something new at one of our seminars, and had a chance to visit with old friends in the hobby. Congratulations to our gold coin raffle winners and to those who won at the book auction. Many thanks to those who exhibited at the show.

A special "Thank you!" to our show volunteers for helping to set up and take down the show equipment. We also thank those who worked at the front registration desk and to those who gave of their time during the youth coin auctions.

Exhibit, Literary and Presidential awards were presented at our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Our next issue will carry full coverage of the Convention and Show.

We have another eclectic assortment of articles for your enjoyment this issue. We also have reports from our Youth Chair, Dr. Ralph Ross and our District 7 Governor, Frank Galindo. Doug Davis has some important information from NCIC on page 34. Please take time to look it over.

A look at Texas Happenings will show that our member clubs are enjoying the hobby by providing education and numismatic fellowship during meetings all over Texas. If you don't belong to a coin club already take a look at the Club Directory on page 36. It will provide the information you need to find one near you.

Again it's time to send this issue to the printer.

I hope all of you have an exceptional numismatic experience in the coming months.

Would you like the challenge of putting together a publication in which you can interact with members of the numismatic community in Texas?

Would you like to keep up with the latest news in the coin collecting world?

If you are interested in a rewarding experience with the Texas Numismatic Association we would like to hear from you.

A position as Editor of the *TNA News* is now open. To find out more about this opportunity contact:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Richard Laster

Friends... At the moment of this writing we are still on the forward side of the 2018 Texas Numismatic Association's Convention and Show. For that reason, even though I am already aware of a majority of the awards to be presented at our annual Association meeting, held on Saturday, June 2nd, I am not quite at liberty to share the information here. Suffice it to say that our numismatic fellowship is blessed to have so many stellar members who choose to give of their talents and resources in order to be a strong presence in our Great State of Texas, for those who honor the aptly identified "king of hobbies."

I began my numismatic adventure in the same way as many of you. It was on my seventh birthday that my grandfather (aka Papau – a touch of Cajun there) gifted me with seven real silver, silver dollars. I still have these in my hoard of material, and can identify several of them as the longest continuing items in my modest collection. For this reason I am acutely aware of how important it is for we older folk, being a grandfather myself now, to pass on the spirit of our collector universe to one of our younger ones. I can't say for sure what the interest will be but it is my plan to provide my grand kids with some silver numismatic something when the age of seven rolls around. Even though the challenge of ("YN's") is ever present I am confident with a touch of encouragement I'll find the coin collector gene within my oldest (and only) grandson and / or among his sister and cousins all of whom remain a few years shy of seven.

As a follow up to my thought just above . . . I am confident that our future is coming on strong and bright. I saw this at our most recent Tyler Coin Club meeting. Two young members of the church I serve as a United Methodist pastor, having been bitten hard, or maybe "stung" is a better word, they were both were "thrilled" to be invited to and to attend the meeting with me. I am sure theirs was an eye opening experience. I was particularly taken by the way one of the two, J.T. who, found joy bidding at the auction. I wish I could harness some of his enthusiasm. And what made it all sweeter were the gifts the pair received. Several members came forward with collector coins as mementos of the event and as tangibles to assist in building their collections.

Our own Texas Numismatic Association does support Young Numismatists. We are one of the first collector associations to offer Coins for A's. Also, we have someone in place whose talent leans in the direction of older children and youth. Information for Ralph Ross can be found on the contact information page in this issue of the TNA News. He has a track record of establishing coin clubs in the schools at which he has taught. I know he'll have direction for a successful program for the school aged ones in your neighborhood. Also you'll find contact information for our Coins for A's Administrator on the same page. I know both are ready and willing to serve.

One more thing before I move on. At the Convention one of the agenda items took center stage. Owing to a variety of circumstances, most beyond our immediate control, your Board of Directors and Governors is considering what needs to be done in order to keep our beloved TNA functional and solvent for years to come. Bottom line is finances. Your thoughts are welcome. I encourage you to be about recruitment of new members, even though such a reason is not the primary reason to recruit, there are benefits in membership and a variety of areas where we encourage others to tag along. I also invite you to consider a tax free gift of cast, or in kind, to be used by your Association to enhance numismatics in our state.

For now it is best for me to move on. I thank you for your time and interest. I trust that we enjoyed each other's company at the convention and show just past. I am always open to getting to know you who are member of the TNA in specific and of the numismatic collector family in general. It is a treat for me to be in contact with you. See you when time allows.

Regards and God Bless, Richard Laster Texas Numismatic Association President tnacfa@yahoo.com

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Secretary's Report

MAY/JUNE2018

By Lawrence Herrera

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members LM-279 to LM-284 and R-7662 to R-7693. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on May 1, 2018.

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

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7694	Roberto del Bosque	website	14
R-7695	David Schmidt	Joseph Lopez	3
R-7696	Patricia Correia	Joseph Lopez	3
J-7697	Keira Neal	Joseph Lopez	3
J-7698	Amy Neal	Joseph Lopez	3
R-7699	Michael Carolan	website	22
R-7700	Ellis C. Jones	website	6
J-7701	Mason Phelps	website	1
R-7702	Adam Spikes	website	6
R-7703	Dennis Seidenberger	Bill Welsh	2
R-7704	Michael Nebgen	Gene McPherson	6
R-7705	David Swann	Gary Dobbins	5
R-7706	John Hutson	website	1
LM-285	John Erwin	Conversion	5

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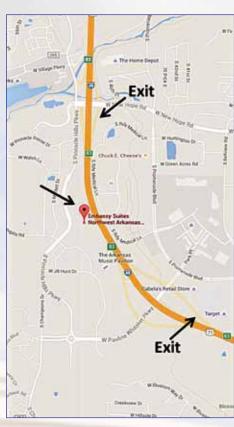
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Sunday, July 8 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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OF THE SHOW





FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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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, three of the IMPROVE YOUR LIBRARY winners, that were announced in the last issue of The TNA News, have yet to find the right books for their library. They will receive reimbursements of up to \$125 each.

GRANT TO ATTEND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

The two winners of the GRANT TO ATTEND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR will be headed for Colorado Springs shortly after receiving this issue of the TNA News.

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

In March, the NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club submitted a request for a grant of \$250 to assist in the funding of its annual Youth Night. TNA has assisted in financing this event for several years. At its June 14th meeting NETCC will host two sessions specifically directed at Young Numismatists aged 6-10 and 11-18. Club members Carl Stang and Richard Wallace are again presenting the Youth Program. Grown-up members will enjoy an educational program about coins and currency of the Civil War.

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 APRIL 30, 2018

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ASSETS Current Assets Cash		
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt. PBOT (Mat 4/5/2019) Origin Bk CD (Mat. 8/30/2018)	\$9,714.01 \$28,473.17 \$25,000.00 \$50,000.00	
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year Long Term Assets		\$113,187.18
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19) Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00 \$60,000.00	
Endowment Lifetime Member Fund (Intermingled other CDs) PBOT CD McFadden Fund (mat 10/19/18) Total Long Term Assets	\$70,000.00	\$190,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$303,187.18
LIABILITIES Total Liabilities		None.
SURPLUS Beginning Balance 3/1/2018		\$307,244.84
Income (Plus) Expenses (Minus)	\$14,035.98 -\$18,093.64	
Surplus		-\$4,057.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$303,187.18

WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY.

AUGUST 14-18, 2018





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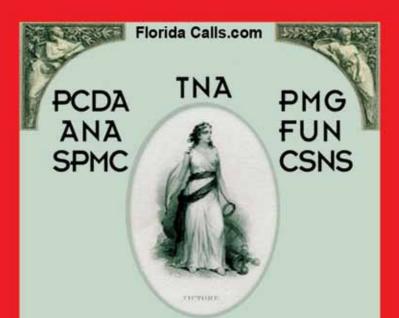
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KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE

by Sam Fairchild

arallel as the boundary.

With the introduction of the cold war, China fell under communist control in 1949, as Stalin was aggressively seizing territory

in both Asia and eastern
Europe. A North Korean
communist government
under Kim Il Sung (Kim
Jong Un's grandfather)
secured backing by the
Soviets and Chinese and
invaded South Korea on June
25, 1950.

North Koreans advanced quickly, leaving only a small pocket of resistance around Pusan. President Truman persuaded the United Nations to act and a force made up mainly of Americans was sent to hold the Pusan pocket. In what may be the most audacious military move in history, Douglas MacArthur landed troops at Inchon, thereby cutting of North Korean supply lines and effectively destroying the North Korean army.

MacArthur moved quickly into North Korea, occupying virtually the entire country. This alarmed the Chinese who sent some 425,000

well-armed "volunteers" south and drove UN forces back. The conflict soon settled into a 2-year stalemate, roughly along the same 38th parallel. An armistice ending the fighting (but not the war) was signed in 1953.

In 1991 commemorative silver dollars were produced to mark the 38th anniversary of the Korean War and to honor those who served and the 33,000 Americans who died. The oddly chosen anniversary date is refers to the Korean division at the 38th parallel.

The obverse design depicts a soldier charging up a hill with naval ships in the

foreground and two aircraft
flying above. The inscriptions
within the right field read
"Thirty Eighth Anniversary
Commemorative Korea"
and "In God We Trust".
Additional inscriptions are

found on the hill "1953 1991" and at the base of the coin "Liberty".

The obverse was designed by John Mercanti.

Appearing on the reverse of the coin is a map of Korea with the division at the 38th parallel and the "yin and yang" in the south. An eagle's head appears to the left of the map. Inscriptions include "One Dollar", "E Pluribus Unum", and "United States of America". The reverse was designed by James Ferrel.

Some 800,000 coins were issued, with proceeds used to construct a Korean War Memorial along the Mall in Washington DC. The Memorial was completed and dedicated in 1995.



Ralph Ross Youth Chair

TNA YOUTH

SPARTANS ATTEND HOUSTON COIN CLUB MONEY SHOW

The Spartans Coin Club members of Stafford High School in the Stafford Municipal School District, left school on January 19th, 2018 on a yellow school bus headed to Conroe, Texas for the 61st Annual Greater Houston Coin Club Money Show.

The students, happy to be on a field trip, anxiously anticipated the Coin Show, for most, their first show. A few students attended last year's show at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, but this was everyone's first time in Conroe at the GHCC inaugural show at the Lone Star Convention Center.

Twenty-five eager students jumped off the bus, with exhibits in tow, and went to the ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ceremony they set up their exhibits which were well received by show attendees. Several students got honorable mention for their display and all vowed to return again! Back at school the students were recognized for their awards and encouraged fellow students to join the Spartans Coin Club!



Spartans Coin Club entering the convention center. Members pre-registered for the coin show by email avoiding the wait in long lines.



Students were excited to set-up their numismatic exhibits. "Just what is an exhibit?" Seven of the members were first time exhibitors. According to the Oxford Dictionary, an Exhibit is an object or collection of Objectives on public display in an art gallery, museum or trade fair. To a Numismatist, an Exhibit may feature a certain coin, currency, token, medal or piece of paper money.



The Spartans Coin Club at the 61st GHCC Money Show in Conroe.



Stafford High School Spartans
Coin Club officers: standing
left to right, Jackie Yang,
Parliamentarian; Paul
Phung, Historian; Anton
Tran, Vice-President;
Shauzad Murad, President;
Dr. Ross, Sponsor; Andrea
Patino, Secretary. Front
kneeling left to right: Dung
Trinh, Treasurer; Correna
Feimster, Data/Records; and
Jasmine Nguyen, Convention
coordinator.



Dr. Ross presents Vice-President Anton Tran, a first time exhibitor, with the First Place Winner Award in the YN category for his exhibit, 'Brazilian Currency'.



Young Numismatists are not hard to find. I found a few; let me introduce them to you! George, age 8 in 5th grade, his brother Paul, age 10 in 6th grade; they both enjoy mathematics. These young collectors are from the greater Houston area and members of the GHCC.

GHAIR REPORT



National Coin Week Celebration and Pizza Party!

We celebrated National Coin Week (April 15 - 21, 2018) with piping hot pizza, chicken-wings, pop, and prizes on Thursday, April 19th, 2018.

The mayor of Stafford, Texas proclaimed April 19th, 2018 as National Coin Day!

Ten (10) Educational exhibits were on display in the school library.



Spartans Coin Club ... Table set up in cafeteria during NCW ... working to recruit new members.

During the week the Spartans Coin Club set up a table in the cafeteria for all three lunch periods and recruited 75 new members. They also distributed pencils, bookmarks, wooden tokens, mint-state nickels, and dum-dum suckers (candy).

This picture hangs outside the classroom of Dr. Ross, room A-200 in The College and Career Center of the Stafford Municipal School District. It is a reminder to all the Spartans Coin Club members to focus on the role of numismatics in building bridges and promoting unity and reconciliation since education through numismatics is a valuable treasure connecting cultures for life. The Spartans are now getting ready for National Coin Week, April 15 – 21, 2018, The 95th NCW theme is: "Connecting Cultures: From Many, One".





Dr. Ross and Phyllis (his wife) at the Spartans Coin Club NCW party

"I won too"!



"I won a door prize"!



Members enjoying the fruits of NCW.
Piping Hot Pizza Chicken Wings ... Cold Pop!



National Coin Week display at local library during NCW.

Young Numismatists Receive Well Deserved Recognition...



Hayden and his fraternal twin brother Hills, They live in Pontiac, Michigan and are experienced numismatic exhibitors.

Hills won Junior Best of Show and Hayden honorable mention at the 2017 Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Show. MSNS President Bret Irick and Dr. Ross in the background. (Hayden and Hills age 10, are the grand-nephews of Dr. Ross)



Paige Price age 14, 9th grade and her favorite subject is History. Paige, from Bolivar, Missouri, has been collecting since she was 11 year old, she is a member of the Ozark Coin Club. Paige gave a talk on World War II Emergency Currency at the ANA national Money Show in Irving, Texas

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QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) Can edge lettering or diagonal reeding be applied to a coin while it is in the coining chamber being struck with obverse and reverse dies?
- 2) What regular issue U.S. coin has the lowest intrinsic value?
- 3) Has the U.S. mint struck coins for use in Cuba?
- 4) When were U.S. \$500 and \$1000 bills most recently printed?

- 1) The productivity improvement brought to the larger silver coins in 1836 at the Philadelphia mint was the "close collar". This strong ring of steel surrounds the edge of the coin at the moment of striking with the obverse and reverse dies and restrains the edge of the coin as it moves outward due to pressure. If the inside of the collar is smooth, the resulting edge of the coin is smooth. If the inside of the collar is engraved with reeding or other decoration, the edge of the coin receives that design. At a moment after striking, the upper die quickly withdraws from the coining chamber and the lower die rises up while the collar is fixed in place and the completed coin is forced out of the top of the collar and is swept off to the coin gathering/counting/packaging area. If the just-completed edge design is other than vertical lines (reeding), the parts that are raised on the coin's edge would be damaged or scraped off as the coin ejects. Exception: we can get fully lettered edge pieces (such as St Gaudens Double Eagles) if a more sophisticated "segmented collar" is used. This device springs apart radially into three or more segments at the moment after the striking, and edge devices are not scraped off as the coin ejects.
- 2) The regular issue U.S. coin (1793-2018) having the lowest intrinsic value has to be the cent of 1943. Intrinsic value is the metal value of the contained ingredients of a coin. The zinc coated steel of a 1943 cent is below even the value of the 1982-2018 copper coated zinc cents.



3) The Philadelphia mint was the regular source for Cuba's circulating coinage for 1898-1961. Several denominations were struck and are available to collectors today at moderate prices. After Fidel Castro came to power, the U.S. began an economic embargo of Cuba. The last US produced coin was the 1961 five centavo piece. Since 1962, the U.S. mint was no longer a supplier. After 1961, Spain and Eastern European countries were the primary minters of Cuban coinage. The Cuban Mint was established in 1977. Since 1977, Cuba has minted a range of commemorative coins and their own coinage for circulation.

- 5) Are Third Party Grading Company slabs air tight?
- 6) What does the expression "That coin is a moose" mean?
- 7) Is this piece a U.S. coin?



DR. COYNE

- 4) The most recent U.S. \$500 and \$1000 bills in collectors' hands are of Series 1934-A and seem to have been printed until 1945. Since about 1950, as the still-legal-tender bills circulated through banks, they have been gathered up and returned to the Federal Reserve rather than recirculated. Today, collector value for used but not abused examples is in the range of double face value. The \$100 green seal Federal Reserve Note is the largest denomination now being printed.
- 5) The Third Party Grading companies are claiming their holders are getting closer to being air tight. The holders from 1986 to about 1996 were far from air tight. The new holders still will admit air or gasses under pressure, but will probably not leak water into the coin area if dropped in a pan of water. The failure to keep out pressurized gasses has allowed nefarious actors to create toned-in-the holder coins. This type of artificial toning is not easy to detect. Collectors can look for deliberate damage (or small drilled holes) to the plastic as evidence of "gassing", but even undamaged holders permit some exchange with the outside atmosphere. Inadvertent toning can be minimized by storing the slabs in an atmosphere that is as sulfur-free as possible.
- 6) The slang term of "moose" applied to a coin implies that it is a giant among its peers. The most common aspect is luster and/or toning. In many series, a moose is valued at multiples of the price of a "normal" coin. No universally accepted standards exist for these. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
- 7) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin. It is a circulating counterfeit likely made over 150 years ago. It matches the photo and description in Keith Davignon's book on counterfeit capped bust half dollars. He calls this one 1823 Obverse 1, Reverse A, and notes that they are "common" and are known in copper and copper with a silver wash. This seems to be one of the silver washed ones,

which then circulated long enough so that much of the thin wash is worn off.

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

- 8) Can blank planchets escape from the mint?
- 9) In the early years of the U.S. Mint, was there ever a year in which all ten denominations of coins authorized in the 1792 Mint Act were actually struck?
- 10) Has the U.S. mint struck coins for Peru?
- 11) What is the reverse design on a Series 1886 five dollar silver certificate?
- 12) Can collectors submit coins directly to PCGS, NGC, and ANACS, or must they be submitted by dealers?
- 13) Are the current copper plated zinc cents lighter than the old solid bronze cents?
- 14) Is this piece a U.S. coin?__



RESPONDS

Collecting of this extensive series has become popular, and many pieces trade in the market at prices higher than the genuine coins in the low grades in which these are usually encountered.

- 8) Blank planchets (the unstruck disk of metal which becomes a coin) escape all the time from the mint. One cent blanks are the most common, and are available in the market for a dollar or two. Purists will note that "Type 1" blanks do not have the upset edge that is on "Type 2" blanks, and that the type 1's are larger in diameter than type 2's. The mint, and its outside suppliers of ready-to-strike planchets have perhaps become better in recent years in capturing these "errors" before they reach distribution. Higher denomination blanks are scarcer and those for silver dollars are particularly hard to find.
- 9) The April 1792 Mint Act provided for issue of copper, silver, and gold coins in ten denominations from half cent through ten dollars. But it would be 1796 before all ten were prepared in a single year. Even so, the 1796 contains significant rarities in the half cent, quarter dollar, half dollar, and quarter eagle pieces.
- 10) It seems that some of the very first work undertaken by the U.S. mint for a foreign power was a series of pattern coins developed for Peru. These were documented in a Coinage of the Americas presentation in 1988 and became more widely known in the hobby following publication of proceedings of that conference in 1989, page 183. It appears these patterns by James B. Longacre did not result in any issue of coins for circulation.
- 11) The reverse of the Series 1886 \$5 silver certificate has as its main device a portrayal of five Morgan Dollars (presumably of 1886) with the eagle side



showing on four of them, and thus displaying the first use of the motto "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency.

- 12) Each of the Third Party Grading companies has different procedures for accepting submissions directly from collectors. PCGS offers a Collectors Club (multiple options available) which include free gradings for a fixed fee (\$25 \$99) per year. NGC offers direct submission to ANA members. ANACS offers simplified direct submission to any collector. All three main services still get most of their submissions through networks of authorized dealers. Such dealers also provide "screening and advice" before submission under the dealer's account. The services claim that once a submission is in the grading room, it is "anonymous" and the graders are not supposed to know the source of the submission.
- 13) The current copper plated zinc cents are significantly lighter than the pre-1983 bronze cents. It may be hard to distinguish in hand without using a scale, but CoinStar machines do reject most of the pre-1983 bronze cents. The authorized weight of the bronze cents was 3.11 grams, and the zinc ones are now 2.5 grams.
- 14) The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin. It is a privately issued token of 1837, having the weight and size of the then-circulating half cent. These are part of the "Hard Times Token" series, issued following the panic of 1837, when financial conditions resulted in hoarding of many regular-issue U.S. coins. Pieces of this type are collected with the half cent series, and it even appears among the regular half cents in the Red Book.





Lane Brunner

GRADING FOR Originality: Part

PART TWO In the prior installment of this series, the term

originality was introduced with respect to a coin's surface and what may be some ways to determine if a coin is considered original or had its surface altered in order to improve its appearance. In part 2 of the series, we will explore coins considered original, yet may not have a great deal of eye appeal or may have minor "flaws" that intrude on the coin's desirability.

Circulated coins are charming. These are the coins placed into the money system with a job to do. They are used to buy groceries, pay for a movie, and facilitate all sorts of other financial transactions. And, of course, to be found by us and placed into our collections. Coins are hearty. They are designed to be used for decades and to be passed thousands of times. As they are out in our community doing their job, many show the signs of their journey. In addition to having their designs worn down, coins get scratched, dinged, holed, cleaned, bent, and just about anything else you can imagine. While their stories may be charming, the weary road they have traveled may leave them in a state that is not very charming for collectors.



1923-S Buffalo nickel graded VF-35 by PCGS and verified by CAC. Note the prominent scratch on the obverse and cuts on the Buffalo. Also seen are somewhat rough surfaces on both obverse and reverse. This roughness is the result of the coin being struck with worn dies and is common for the Buffalo nickel series.

Shown is a key Buffalo nickel in a very nice, mid-level circulated grade. The coin has a nice strike and surfaces that look appropriate for the VF-35 grade assigned by the Profession Coin Grading Service (PCGS). Upon closer inspection, it's becomes clear that the coin has a few cuts on the reverse and what appears to be a significant scratch across the Native American's nose, cheekbone, and hair. These marks were not enough for PCGS to reject the coin as genuine, but ungradable, and CAC even verified the coin for its grade and originality. The result is a coin that is market acceptable but may not be one which collectors wish to add to their set.

Originality does not always equal attractiveness. Some coins never make it into commerce and some are removed from circulation very quickly after issue. How the coins are stored afterwards can greatly affect the appearance and resulting desirability. Sometimes toning adds so much to an already beautiful coin and sometimes toning is just plain awful. The toning may be original and natural and acquired over decades in storage, yet the result is a coin with little eye appeal.

Following are two high-grade half-dollars graded by PCGS and verified by CAC. Both coins are graded as 'gems' and the CAC sticker assures the coins have an original appearance and are graded accurately. Neither coin has attractive toning, however, the toning is original. The coins have not been cleaned or enhanced in any other way. The coins were just removed from their storage and sent into PCGS for grading. The coins are accurately graded, but their appearance is such that it will take a special collector (or a special price) for the coins to be appreciated.

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1947-D Walking Liberty half-dollar graded MS-66 by PCGS and CAC verified. Note the uneven, mottled toning on both sides of the coin. While original, the coin does not have the look most collectors seek.





1957-P Franklin half-dollar graded MS-66+ and verified by CAC. The deep toning on the reverse is afflicted with a small amount of mottling is mildly, but not significantly, distracting. It's the odd, uneven toning on the obverse that negatively affects the eye appeal of this gem Franklin.



Proof coins are special. Not only is their production limited and intended for collectors, but the method in which the coin blanks are prepared and the planchets are struck embodies the great care that is used to produce these remarkable coins. The surfaces of the TY coins are quite delicate as that well. The smallest bump, the faintest scratch, and the

lightest handling show on the coin. Some proof coins are stored in a manner to maintain their freshly-struck appearance and others reveal that storage has been less than perfect and the surfaces have toned with a hazy film that mutes the proof fields and devices from their full glory. While remaining original, these hazy-toned



1938-P Jefferson proof nickel graded PF-67 by PCGS and CAC verified. The coin is a remarkably well-preserved proof nickel with a hazy toning that has likely developed over several decades. Although original, and likely appealing to some collectors, the hazing toning impedes realizing the coin's true beautiful proof appearance.

coins do not have the same eye appeal as brilliant proofs or proofs with other types of toning.

The inaugural year Jefferson proof nickel below is such an example of a high-grade, original proof nickel that has acquired a noticeable hazing toning on both the obverse and reverse.

Toning and originality often go together. Although one does not directly guarantee the other, the originality of the toning is one of the factors to consider when grading coins. In the next installment, we will examine toned coins that may or may not be original.

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GRADING FOR **Originality: Part**

PART THREE In the previous installments we

explored originality as it relates to altered surfaces intended to 'improve' a coin's appearance. We also examined how years of circulation and storage can affect the appearance of a coin and yet remain original without being affected by attempts at "improvement." In this last installment, we will examine a more subjective facet of originality, namely how toning can affect a coin's appearance and the perception of a coin being original or enhanced.

Silver and copper, two of the primary metals used in many of the coins we collect, are highly reactive substances. Silver and copper tone (or tarnish) over time. Sometimes we can ward off toning through careful storage or technologically advanced holders, but eventually all coins will tone over time. Depending on storage conditions, coins can tone quickly (over months to years) or slowly (over decades).

How coins tone naturally over time is greatly dependent on the storage medium (e.g., paper envelopes) and the atmosphere (e.g., high humidity). The storage conditions help determine whether the coin has attractive toning that enhances the coin's appearance or ugly toning that causes collectors to weep in despair. As you are quite aware, more attractive coins cost more money. This has led unscrupulous individuals to try and deceive buyers by accelerating the toning process. These coins are commonly referred to as "artificially toned" or sometimes as coins with "accelerated toning." Since coins will tone over time, the difference between those that tone "naturally" and "artificially" is often the intent of the person. Philosophical rhetoric aside, let's look at some well-preserved and attractive coins and examine whether or not the toning is "original" or "questionable."

The first coin is an 1881-S Morgan dollar with colorful toning likely resulting from exposure to a United States Mint canvas bag over years and years. The subtle pattern of the canvas can be seen embedded in the obverse toning while the reverse remains untoned and brilliant.



Toned 1881-S Morgan dollar with multicolored obverse toning from years of exposure to a United States Mint canvas bag containing sulfur and otherchemicals.

The second coin, an 1882-O Morgan dollar, has toning on the reverse suggestive also of long-term storage in a United States Mint canvas bag, but with the coin's reverse not evenly exposed to the surface of the bag.



Another toned Morgan dollar with multicolored toning on the reverse. A toning pattern from the United States Mint canvas bag is less evident as the coin likely rested at an angle against the inner surface of the bag.

The two Morgan dollars above show a small sampling of natural toning from long-term exposure to the sulfur in a United States Mint canvas bag. Spectacular toning from this type of storage is possible and can add significant value to the price of an otherwise 'common' coin.

Sometimes toning is intentionally applied to coins through chemical means or heat. Most often this is done to hide problems with a coin or to add toning to a coin whose surface is dull or cleaned. Early American

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copper coins fall prey to storage or environmental problems that lead to unappealing surfaces. Some collectors and dealers attempt to conserve these pieces leading to coins with surfaces that are definitely not original and sometimes overtly odd looking. The 1826 half-cent below is an example of a high-grade early copper piece that was cleaned and then retoned leaving an unnatural appearance. Copper is an remarkably delicate surface that is quite reactive to its storage environment.



This 1826 half-cent piece is what happens when copper coins are cleaned and either left to retone or are artificially retoned resulting in a coin with an odd toning pattern.

The 1873 proof Trade dollar imaged below has attractive peripheral toning around the obverse that simulates storage in a 'bookshelf' album, such as those by Wayte Raymond or Dansco. The reverse is fairly monochromatic, yet still attractive. When this coin was submitted to the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) for certification, the graders deemed it 'questionable toning' and thus not original.



A rare 1873 proof Trade dollar that has been artificially toned to simulate storage in a coin album or coin folder.

In general, toning takes years of exposure for vibrant colors to develop on silver coins. In some instances, that toning can occur more quickly in an environment with higher humidity and elevated heat. With beautifully toned coins bringing strong premiums in today's market, some folks have devised ways to accelerate the toning process so that deep, vibrant toning occurs over a fairly short period of time. Below is a 2015 American Silver Eagle with beautiful blue, purple, pink, and russet toning. The toning mimics a "target" where the deeper colors are on the periphery and the lighter colors are near the center, although PCGS has deemed this coin as "original" and not "questionable toning." In other words, this Silver Eagle is "acceptable" in the marketplace. However, it would not be surprising if this coin's toning received some outside help to develop such deep toning over such a short time period.



This 2015 American Silver Eagle is beautifully toning, but the vibrant toning may be the result of some outside "acceleration." A few years ago, some encapsulated silver coins with similar toning patterns were found to be exposed to gas while the coins resided in their slabs.

Collecting toned coins can be an extremely gratifying avenue in our hobby. Not only are these coins beautiful, but they can also be quite expensive. A careful understanding of how coins tone naturally and how some toning can be "accelerated" are powerful tools for collectors and dealers.

While originality can be in the eye of the beholder, the untrained eye may be drawn to coins that appear nice, but upon closer inspection are not original. It's important what you collect brings joy. Add to that joy by carefully inspecting coins for originality. Your extra care will be rewarded time and time again.



MODERN COMMEMORATIVE

by Mark Benvenuto



he United States Mint has been back in the business of making commemorative coins for almost forty years now. In that time, collectors can argue that Congress and the Mint have learned a lot in some areas, and possibly nothing in others. For example, the ideas that members of Congress have put forward for one commemorative theme or another have ended up becoming some truly beautiful designs. Both Congress and the Mint seem to have done an excellent job of producing commemoratives that are as beautiful as any coins the world has ever seen. Yet when it comes to keeping the number of designs low, and the mintages in check, well, we are certainly within our rights to claim that there hasn't been too much learned since the 1930's, when what is now called the classic commemorative series reached a rather astonishing level of coins, despite a limited market. But this recurring situation too many commemoratives, with too small a collector base - might actually yield up some finds, some sleepers, if you will. Let's focus on the gold \$5 half eagles and see if there might be a few "nuggets" out there for the savvy collector.

First, the Statue of Liberty half eagle

The first commem of any kind, the one which gets the starting position for the series, is the Washington half dollar of 1982. It's neat, but it's not gold, so let's move on. The first gold commems were the eagles honoring the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles. Once again, neat, but this time we'll move on because they became the only \$10 gold pieces to be part of the program for several years. In 1986 though, the Mint issued a set of commems for the Statue of Liberty's centennial year, and the three coins include a \$5 gold half eagle.

This first year of what would become a string of half eagles saw an official mintage of 404,013 proofs and only 95,248 uncirculated pieces. The reason there are far more proofs than uncs is simply because the Mint allowed folks to order directly back then, and then filled the orders. We're collectors; we like to collect the best.

The number of proofs though is important. This one coin became something of a baseline, since almost all of those that were issued later were minted in smaller quantities. This is generally because as more commems came out, folks got a bit jaded, or felt they were spending too much each year. The end result? Scarcer and scarcer commemorative half eagles.

Now, some less common \$5 gold pieces

Okay, we have a single Statue of Liberty coin that we can use as a baseline, a start point for any and all of the other gold half eagles that have been produced as part of the modern commemorative series. Using this, let's make a table and compare a few of the less-well-known half eagles. We have picked seven of them at random, and stuck with the proof versions of each coin.

HALF EAGLES - SOME HIDDEN GEMS?



Date	Theme Off	icial Mintage
1986	Statue of Liberty	404,013
2001	Capitol Center	27,652
2002	Olympic Games	32,877
2006	San Francisco Mint	41,517
2007	Jamestown	47,050
2008	Bald Eagle	59,269
2011	Medal of Honor	18,012
2011	U.S. Army	17,173

A look at any of the major price guides lists the Statue of Liberty half eagle as a coin that costs about \$350 in a grade like PF-65 and about \$400 in the almost perfect grade of PF-69. The amount of gold in the coin is the same as past half eagles – the circulating coins of a past day and age – meaning 0.2418 ounces of the precious metal. So, if gold trades at \$1,300 on the world's markets, there is \$314.34 worth of gold for the just-quoted price. All things considered, that is not too big a mark-up for an excellent \$5 gold piece.

But look at the "lucky seven" we happen to have picked to compare with our common half eagle. They span a range of a decade, and we'll steer clear of the argument of which ones can be considered beautiful, which ones are ugly ducklings, and which ones are just, plain ugly. We'll focus instead upon the mintages. Only three of these have official Mint tallies that are even 10% as high as the Statue of Liberty piece. Yet another look into the price guides indicates that all of these have prices at or very close to that of the common commem. None have PF-69 values posted at more than \$450. That's amazing, really.

For those of us who collect with an eye on investing, it might seem like these seven are a perfect group of sleepers, poised to rise in value sometime soon. To be sure, the definition of a sleeper is an undervalued coin when one compares its price and availability. But an important point is that just because a coin is undervalued does not mean it is going to rise in price at any specified time. That may very well be the case here, especially as none of them have risen in the past few years. The collector base for them may simply be saturated.

Are there more?

We could probably extend or expand this table to include plenty of other \$5 gold pieces. It doesn't take too much imagination to realize that the logical extreme is to make a table that includes every one of these gold pieces, and see if there are others that can be considered sleepers. But another way to look at this aspect of collecting is to factor in time. For example, long ago, a friend commented to me that if you ever want to make your grandchildren rich, buy a decent plot of land in a rural area, where there is very little chance the land will ever be developed, then plant walnut trees, give them plenty of room and care, and let them grow. They'll take nearly a century to mature, and you will most likely be nothing but a beloved memory to those grandchildren who harvest them, but the return on investment will be amazing (I didn't take his advice, by the way!). Again, it doesn't take much imagination to recognize the same might prove true for these undervalued gold commems. These hidden gems might indeed have some great returns. It's that pesky question of time.

by John Barber

If it is the "story" of the coin that makes it interesting and adds value, the class of coins showing "seawater effect" are among the most likely to find a place in your editor's cabinet. True, by their nature all these coins are "damaged", but the story overcomes the surface impairments.

One learns some good history while unraveling the story of how these artifacts came to bear their

The term "seawater effect" covers two types of surface impairments commonly seen on coins that have spent a long time at the bottom of the ocean. The first, chemical corrosion, is caused by compounds dissolved in the water and which attack the coin's metal surface. This action is comparable to corrosion effects which can occur in the air to coins which are not submerged, but it is often more extreme on coins which have spent decades or a couple of centuries in salt water. The second type of surface impairment is due to mechanical abrasion by sand or other solids in the water moving past the coin due to ocean currents, waves, and tides. Some submerged coins, protected by other coins or by remnants of the ship or lying in very deep water are not exposed to this kind of mechanical damage.



A Spanish Colonial coin, the 8 reales of Mexico City was present on many, many ships which went down in the perilous journey to Spain.

SEAWATE

Treasure on the plate fleet of 1715 is perhaps the most famous. The 1783 coin shown is typical of this class, though it came from El Cazeador. This ship held the majority of the entire mintage of this denomination, and all of them were in brand-new condition when they sunk. Today, most of the original details are visible, but the coin's surfaces are pock marked and granular. Like all seawater effect coins, this piece would not straight grade at a reputable Third Party Grader. They would call it "environmental damage" or even use the term "seawater effect". Many coins are more severely damaged than this one. There has even been a scale of 1 to 5 invented to describe the degree of damage, though its use has not been universally embraced by the hobby. Despite the story of the sinking of El Cazeador and subsequent recovery of these coins, even a relatively good one such as this sells for a discount compared to a never-sunk example of the same type.

> Another coin that is known mainly today by the recovered shipwreck pieces is the 1808 10 cash and 20 cash coppers made by Matthew

Boulton's SOHO mint for the East India Company. These come from the wreck of the sailing ship Admiral Gardner (built 1797,

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lost January 1809). The coins all seem to have an unnatural pinkish color and pitted surfaces caused by the saltwater exposure and subsequent cleaning. Collectors admire the intricate die work on the obverse and note that Boulton's products of this period were far superior to those of the British Royal Mint (then in its final years at its ancient home in the Tower of London).

In the period following the gold discovery in California, coin and bullion shipments from the West Coast to mints and customers on the U.S.

1883-So 50 Centav PCGS Certified S.S. Central America Treasure

East Coast increased dramatically. Despite the use of more modern steamships, the number of shipwrecks increased

apace. An important
one of these was the
SS Central America
(now known as the
Ship of Gold, a 280
foot sidewheeler)
lost in a hurricane in
September

1857. She carried newly minted U.S. gold coins from San Francisco and silver from former Spanish Colonial mints in Mexico and South America. Your editor

got to visit the Pawn Stars store in Las Vegas

recently and felt compelled to buy this well-marketed piece as a memento of the visit from a highly competent lady numismatist skillfully working the counter in the store. This piece shows some original surfaces, but also evidence of incomplete cleaning along an arc near the rim. From the date and from the evidence on the coin, it is likely this one circulated briefly after its striking in Santiago, Chile.

Also very likely from the SS Central America is this 1857-S Double Eagle. Before recovery from the wreck, these were quite rare. Now, they are a relatively common type coin for the Type





1 Double Eagle. Unlike the copper and silver coins shown above, gold coins can typically spend a century or more under water and come out looking good as new. The gold is nearly immune to chemical action, and as long as the surrounding water is still, there is no abrasion. These can be straight-graded by a TPG after "conservation" of surface debris, as this one has been.

There are many options for collecting shipwreck recovery coins. A complete set is a virtual impossibility. A collector-defined type set is the way to go. It is the story and the history which gives a lot of the value of including these as a supplement to a regular collection. This is one type of a "details-graded" coin which is not to be looked down upon.



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NATIONAL COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES IN DISTRICT 7

ANA's National Coin Week is a perfect opportunity to promote our hobby and to reach out to youngsters, as well as adults. It also affords all TNA officers and members to get involved and help to publicize this important event. I derive immense pleasure promoting NCW and enjoy introducing numismatics, especially to young people. Members, I encourage you to take an active role by helping to mentor, guide and teach basic coin collecting to all novices. Remember, all youngsters are potential TNA members and are the future of our hobby.



NAN SHEIDEN, CHIOE FRAME AND MOLLY MYERS, PARTICIPANTS IN ANA'S NATIONAL COIN WEEK, FLASH DELIGHTFUL SMILES AS THEY HOLD COINS AND ANA BOOKMARKS.



DURING ANA'S NATIONAL COIN WEEK, JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE GATEWAY
COIN CLUB POSE WITH BOOKLETS PRESENTED TO THEM BY TNA DISTRICT
7 GOVERNOR FRANK GALINDO. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: TNA DISTRICT 7
GOVERNOR FRANK GALINDO, EMMA, LUKE AND MATTHEW BUREK.



CORA CHRISTENSEN CHEERFULLY SMILES AS SHE HOLDS NUMISMATIC ITEMS PROMOTING ANA'S NATIONAL COIN WEEK.



CYNTHIA COWLES, A DEDICATED SUPPORTER OF ANA'S NATIONAL COIN WEEK, WEARS A PROMOTIONAL BADGE AND HOLDS SOME NUMISMATIC ITEMS.



CHARLIE BEUHLER PROUDLY HOLDS A BOOKMARK AND A BIRTH YEAR SET OF COINS HE RECEIVED FROM TNA DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR FRANK GALINDO.



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NUMISMATISTS, JACOB VIESCA AND LORENA MARTINEZ, PROUDLY HOLD
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GOVERNOR FRANK
GALINDO PRESENTED
CYNTHIA COWLES A BIRTH
YEAR SET OF COINS. SHE
WAS ELATED TO RECEIVE
THE COIN SET AND EAGER
TO HELP PROMOTE ANA'S
NATIONAL COIN WEEK.

2018 National Coin Week Collage of coins and medals



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

NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC MARCH MEETING - President Jesse
Owens opened the meeting with 65 members and
visitors present. Visitors recognized: Barbara and
Gavin Ward, Ralph Ross, Victor Gonzalez, Daniel
and Madison Schuman, Rae and Hayden Howard, Gerri Jones, Jason

Ross. New member: Jason Phillips.

Again we had to bring out additional seating and tables.

Jesse Owens announced that the dates for the Donation Auction and the Quiz Night have been switched. Since we have received a smaller number of items to date, it was decided to delay the auction to give members more time to donate. The auction is a major source of funding for the Club. Donation items should be given to Kenny Smith or Russell Prinzinger.

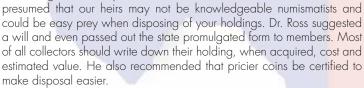
We are in the middle as co-host of the ANA show in Irving March 8-10. Some members were late as they worked the show until close.

Members will be recruited to serve on a refreshment committee for 60-90 day stints. These folks will help in both set up and securing meeting snacks and drinks.

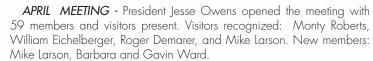
The Collectors Forum is restarting and will be held now on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the North Richland Library at 7:00pm.

Since the ANA show is in town during our March meeting, Russell Prinzinger was able to convince ANA Governor Ross to speak at that meeting. He lives in Houston and is quite involved in youth numismatics. He began collecting at the age of four when his parents gave him a Canadian nickel with a hexagonal pattern.

Governor Ross spoke on things members should consider when disposing of their collection or leaving a roadmap for heirs to follow. It is



All youth present received their choice of a nice coin. Adult door prizes were won by Susana Roberts, Larry Dibler and Daniel Schuman. No one won the progressive door prize, so it will be added to the April prize.



Jesse Owens again made a plea for numismatic items for the Donation Auction to be held in May. The auction is a major source of funding for the Club. Donation items should be given to Kenny Smith or Russell Prinzinger.

We were a co-host of the ANA show in Irving March 8-10. As a token of our efforts, the ANA presented the plaque to the right to President Jesse Owens at the opening of the show.

The next big coin show, the TNA annual show in Arlington June 1-3 again need volunteers to assist in set up, registration and tear down. Frank Hezmall circulated a sheet which allows members to volunteer for service. Participants receive five raffle tickets for the five gold coins that will be given away.

Kevin Kell conducted Quiz Night. Members were divided into eight teams. Each team had one minute to formulate an answer to a series of 10 questions. Questions ranged from the year of the first Liberty Seated Dollar from New Orleans (1846), to the designer of the Matron Head large cent (Scott). Questions overall were tougher than previous years. While there was a clear winning team, there was a fight for second place with a tie breaker question required to determine second and third place.

The pictured team of Bob Foster, Mike Branson, Jerry Ozdych, Kenny Smith and Roger Demarer took first place. Each member of the top team received five TNA raffle tickets. Members of the second place team received



three tickets; third place team received one ticket each.

All youth present received their choice of a nice coin. Adult door prizes were won by Jerry Ozdych, Ellen Dibler and Ron Surprenant.

DISTRIC FOUR



CAPITOL CITY APRIL MEETING - he Capital City Coin Club met in April at the Old Quarry Branch Library. President Alan Russell reported that graders were need for the program in June where members can bring in a coin or two and have it graded by our guest graders. The search for a new Vice Pres. Is back on as Tom had to step out from the club. The club is looking to go to a new Internet Service Provider as the current one is difficult to work with.



The club compiled their answers to the ANA coin trivia contest and they will be sent in soon. Kurt Baty presented a look at the 105th Anniversary of the Buffalo nickel.

MAY MEETING - The May meeting continued the search for a VP. Mitch London, Secretary asked for everyone to please pay their dues. Still \$3 a year. Reminding people they need to make at least 3 meeting to be invited to the Christmas Party. Mike Marotta and John Doty have been working together to get the website up and running and the officers met the previous week to discuss the choices for a new ISP. The clubs next coin show will be July 21st. We would like people to come out to support the show. The TNA coin show is the weekend after our June meeting. The club also discussed putting on a display at the library to show they club off to people who frequent the library.

Mitch London presented a program on highlights from the clubs history since its founding in 1969. The first copy of minutes showed the dues for members was \$3 just as it is nearly 50 years later. Next months program will be a grading night and while the graders are working people are asked to bring in some interesting foreign paper money.

DISTRICT FIVE



DALLAS MARCH MEETING - President Mike opened the meeting and quoted today's closing prices for gold \$1,315.70 and silver \$16.37. and). 30 members were in attendance and 7 visitors: Daniel A. (visiting from Florida), Wendy A., Linda C., Bob K., Marty, Andrew R., and Rachel R.

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PROGRAM: The 1937 ANTIETAM COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR by Bob Korver. The 1937 Antietam Half Dollar, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the battle, was designed by William Marks Simpson, Jr. [1903-1958]. Bob gave a very comprehensive history lesson on the Battle of Antietam. He then goes on to talk about the artist, William Simpson: William Marks Simpson, Jr. has been a most elusive artist. So little has been written about him that I am working on several NumiStorica.com lectures, and have created a new website! Simpson's sculpture of the Young St. Francis of Assisi won him the coveted 1930 Prix de Rome prize, with three years of study at the American Academy of Rome (plus travel). Within 5 years of his return to the United States, Simpson was designing three official American commemorative coins ~ all struck in 1937. The 1936-dated Norfolk -- struck in 1937 -- was designed with his wife Marjorie Tilghman Simpson. The 1936 Norfolk Commemorative Half Dollar was also designed by William Marks Simpson, Jr. along with his wife Marjorie Emory Simpson.

Simpson's obverse design was of the main protagonists...was there really any other choice? And, while arguments could be made that other sites might have been more important in the battle the Burnside Bridge provided a much richer and artistic subject than either the Cornfield or the Sunken Road.

Simpson's name was well known to readers of The Numismatist in 1937 which made it a "selling point" in ads for all three commemoratives.

It may be hard to visualize but less than a decade after designing the Antietam commemorative, Simpson was in the U.S. Army at Guadalcanal, serving his country as a mule-skinner. Yes! The winner of the 1930 Prix de Rome, the designer of three American coins, was tending Army mules!

Before the end of the war, Simpson designed and sculpted the entrance panels for the new headquarters of the U.S. Army, Pacific.



DISTRICT SIX

WILLIAM COM

BELLAIRE APRIL MEETINGS -April 2 - There were 23 people at the meeting. Tim C stated April 16, that Gene McP would do a Roman Bronze Money program. Alvin S presented the August show report. There are 20 tables available. The sold out show is 75 tables. Richard H and Alvin S along with other members would

Since 1963 and Alvin S along with other members would attend the American Numismatic Association

show in Irving Texas.

Ricardo D reported about an October international numismatics convention in Peru. Ricardo would represent the American Numismatic Association. Ricardo asked us to send a letter supporting the activity.

The following members presented a show and tell; Karl B, Garth C, Tim C, Richardo D, Paul K, Gene McP and Alvin S. Karl B won the show

and tell prize.

April 16 - There were 24 people at the meeting. Karl B, treasurer, stated that Garth C, president, would miss the meeting because of tax day. While Karl was discussing this. Tim C, vice president, arrived. Tim continued the meeting. Alvin S noted that the show has enough coin dealers and want to get more collectible and antique dealers. Alvin announced that some of the visitor had nothing to do and noticed the coin show sign. Richard H and Karl B along with other members would attend the San Jacinto Day in Baytown. The August show, there are only 16 table left of the currently 73 available. The Shriners have extra tables, if needed. Alvin announced the armed security during the August show. Karl suggested a special meal to thank the volunteers.

Gene McP presented nation coin week bookmarks and Ralph Ross's wooden nickels. There was no show and tell drawing. We had a program on Roman Bronze Money, 753 BC to 2nd Punic War. Karl B won the attendance prize. Karl donated back to the club for future drawings.



 $\ensuremath{\textit{GHCC}}$ $\ensuremath{\textit{MARCH}}$ $\ensuremath{\textit{MEETING}}$ - President Jack D. called the meeting to order.

Donnie F. a club YN, led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jack D. called for guests and visitors to stand and be recognized. Guest Rush G. (guest of Freddie G.) is interested in ancient and Middle Eastern coins and Leon T. was gathering information on collecting in regards to material he has acquired.

New Members: Two members were elected to membership status: Ken O, Austin K. and presented with their membership certificates.

A special YN item was auctioned for the Coin's For A's fund – it was sold for \$20.

Show-And-Tell (Tom S. Chair) There were several members contributing with a good assortment of items to be shared. Show and Tell drawing winner – Benton M. won by random drawing of the presenters.

Monthly coin quiz was passed out by Chuck B (chair) questions were passed out by the YN's in attendance. 4 questions asked and a tie breaker if needed -- two club members got 3 right– Larry R. won the quiz by a drawing as neither got the tie breaker question right.

VP Bill W. introduced the program presented by Rick Ewing, Operation Bernhard, a history of the counterfeiting operation by the Germans in regards to English Pounds. His presentation was met with many questions.

Officer election recommendations of the nominating committee for the membership were made and all incumbents were elected without dissent.

ANA gathering was reported on as many members attended the Irving show.

A 50/50 Drawing will be introduced and explained at the April meeting. Attendance drawing door prize: Donnie F. (YN) was the winner Summer seminar information was announced for the membership.

Also announced that member Fran E won a scholarship to ANA Summer Seminar awarded by the TNA.

APRIL MEETING - Meeting called to order by President Jack D. Andrew C. led Pledge of Allegiance. Tonight is the first nightof the 50/50 raffles

Eve B., Barbara T., and Barbara P were thanked for the baked goods for the meeting. Paul P. was thanked for lugging the soft drink chest with drinks to the meeting.

Jack D. Called for visitors to stand and were introduced Dick J., Bob W. Jack B.

Show and Tell (Tom S - Chair) There were several members contributing with a good assortment of items to be shared.

Monthly Coin Quiz (Chuck B. Chair) passed out the questions. Question was depression-era themed coin strikes.

Winner determined with three answers right excluding the tiebreaker. Bill S. was the winner by virtue of a random number generator because

of a tie. Bill is now ineligible for the rest of the year.

Monthly Program - Financial report was given on the status of the Club, required by the By Laws and standing Rules to maintain our 990 statuses as a nonprofit. Items and presented by Claude M. (Treasurer), Jack D. (President), Melvin N. (Show Chairman). Gail B. made a motion for acceptance and was seconded by Tom S. and was approved by the members present without dissent.

Business meeting. Jack D. called all incoming officers forward for the installation pledge administered by member Jim S.

Coins for A's - some items are in the auction for fund raising

John B. announced TNA raffle tickets are for sale and also GHCC member eligible tickets were distributed.

Also John B., District Governor of the TNA made a call for exhibits to be displayed at the TNA convention in Arlington in

early June.

Attendance drawing Gary M. - declared the winner.

50/50 Drawing was drawn and the winner was Melvin N.

A special birthday cake was shared for Tom Schwartz.



DISTRICT SEVEN



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY MARCH MEETINGS - Mar 1 - The meeting was opened with twenty-four members and four visitors in attendance. All officers were present. One visitor was David F.'s wife, Margarita. Karla G. gave a comprehensive report of the GCC Coin Show held February 24th.

Under Old Business, we discussed participating in additional shows at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall. The membership unanimously voted to host a "Collectibles and Antiques Show" in September as well as one in January 2019.

Under Announcements, Karla G. announced that Walter Bowman, a long-time GCC member, died on February 12, 2018 after a brief bout with cancer. Our club will hold the special GCC Memorial Service for Walter at the March 15th meeting. LeRoy M. announced that he will be offering U S mint sets for auction at upcoming GCC meetings.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with many interesting items discussed.

The Raffle: Member Mike G. generously donated a one troy ounce silver Peace Dollar replica as an additional prize in the evening's raffle. Raffle Winners were: Paul R., Bob K., Don P. (2 times), Pat W., LeRoy M., Debbie W., and Esther G.-J.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. and our newest Junior Member, David G. The Attendance Prize, a 1922-D U S Peace Dollar, was won by Karla G.



Mar 15 - The meeting opened with, twenty-eight members and two visitors in attendance. All officers were present. Our two visitors, Ana Maria M. and her husband Felix M., became the newest members of GCC

The Gateway Coin Club's Six-Coin Numismatic Memorial Ceremony was conducted in memory of our recently deceased member, Walter B. The ceremony was developed and led by President Frank G., who was assisted by Karla G. and Vice-President David A.

Steve M. proposed awarding a prize at each GCC meeting to a lucky participant in the Numismatic Roundtable. This proposal was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the members present.

He also proposed awarding an annual prize in September to one lucky presenter of the ten Numismatic Educational Programs presented during the previous twelve months. This proposal also passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, Karla G. discussed the GCC Coin Show scheduled for February 24th.. Volunteers are needed to assist Bourse Chairman, Ray T., with set-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.

Vice President David A. announced that he still needs members to present Numismatic Educational Program. Please contact David to volunteer.

Under Announcements, Cal B. said he had attended the ANA midyear coin show in Irving, TX.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by David A. with several members participating.

The Raffle: Member Mike G. generously donated two additional items to be included in the evening's raffle prizes: a silver Bicentennial Eisenhower dollar and a 2006-D Sacagawea dollar. Raffle Winners were Stan M., Mike G., Gene F., Karla G., James W., Don P., Robert J. (2 times), and Larry F.

The Numismatic Educational Program on "British India Rupees" was presented by James W. The British India Rupees were issued 1862-1947. There are 110 distinct coins in a complete set of the rupees. Thanks James, for an interesting presentation.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. Several lots were donated by Mike G., Andy G., Robert J., and Gene F. The donated lots were purchased by Don P., Stan M., and Gene F. The donated lots raised \$25.75 for the GCC treasury. We thank the donors and the purchasers for their generosity. The Attendance Prize, a 1923 U S Peace Dollar, was won by David A.

APRIL MEETINGS - Apr 5 – The meeting opened with thirty members and three visitors in attendance. All officers were present. Two visitors were Emma B. and Carolyn B. the sister and mother of members Luke B. and Matt B. The third visitor was Joe J.

Under Old Business: Karla G. and David A. reported on the upcoming "Antiques and Collectibles Show" to be hosted by GCC on September 15, 2018. The rules for the show will basically be the same as the rules for the January 2018 show.

Steve M. reminded the membership that the names of the ten presenters of the Numismatic Educational Programs since October 1, 2017 will be entered a special drawing on September 20, 2018 at our annual Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Officers.

Under Announcements, David A. announced that a special Swap Meet will take place on April 14th at Hobby Town. Dealer spaces will be free, but you must provide your own tables, chairs, and shade. Steve M. also announced that beginning this evening, GCC will start awarding a prize to one participant in the Numismatic Roundtable. Karla G. announced that she and Frank are selling raffle tickets for a Mother's Day Gift Basket valued at \$500+ to support the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with several members presenting their items - an interesting session.

A number was assigned to each Numismatic Roundtable participant. The numbers were placed in a container and one lucky number was drawn. Steve M.'s name was selected as the winner and he gave visitor Emma B. his Numismatic Roundtable participation prize, which was a 1985 East German (DDR) mint set.

The Raffle: Member Mike G. generously donated one item to be included in the evening's raffle prizes. Winners of the raffle were visitor Joe J., Paul R. (2 times), Stan M., James W., Don P., Gene F., and John M.

The Auction was conducted by Matt B. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. and Luke B. Several lots were donated by Mike G. and Andy G. and purchased by Larry F. and Don P. The donated lots raised \$15.50 for the GCC treasury. We thank the donors and the purchasers for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923-S U S Peace Dollar, was won by Jerry J. Apr 15 - The meeting opened with thirty-one members and four visitors in attendance. All officers were present. Three visitors were Emma B, Samuel B., and Carolyn B. the sister, brother, and mother of members Luke B. and Matt B. The fourth visitor was Joe J., who filled out the paperwork and became our newest GCC member.

Under Old Business: Karla G. said that Victoria is still working on the fliers for the "Antiques and Collectibles Show" to be hosted by GCC on September 15th. Victoria will provide more details at a later date.

Under Announcements, Karla G. announced that she and Frank are still selling raffle tickets for a Mother's Day Gift Basket valued at \$500+ to support the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund. Walter S. announced that one of our regular coin show dealers, James Lewallen, recently suffered a massive heart attack. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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The Raffle: Members John M. and David A. each generously donated one item to be included in the evening's raffle prizes. Winners of the raffle were Paul R., Gene F., Luke B., Steve M., Ray T., David A., LeRoy M., Pat W., and Ed B.

The Numismatic Educational Program. Vice President David A. gave this month's presentation on "Identifying Chinese Cash Coins of the Qing Dynasty." The Qing Dynasty spanned the years 1616 through 1911 and was ruled by twelve emperors. David's very useful handouts gave the Chinese characters for the name of each of the emperors. Thank you, David, for an interesting and informative program.

The Auction was conducted by Matt B. and Gene F., with the assistance of Frank G. and Luke B. Several lots were donated by Mike G., Frank G., and Steve M. These lots were purchased by Edward B., Matt B., Paul R., Robert J., and Steve M. The donated lots raised \$65.50 for the GCC treasury. We thank the donors and the purchasers for their generosity.

The Attendance Prize was a special gift box donated by Mike G. The tin box contained numerous items including plastic coin capsules of varying sizes, 2"x2" coin holders, a small vise, magnets, a Payday candy bar, Greg Maddux baseball cards, and over three ounces of 0.999 fine silver. Nancy M. was the lucky recipient of this gift box. GCC thanks Mike G. for this generous donation to our club.

DISTRICT TEN



INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO MARCH MEETING - President John Grost presided over the meeting. There were 44 members and 3 guests present. Guests were invited to share their numismatic interests.

President John announced exhibit winners from the recent coin show. First prize went to George for his exhibit of a complete set of fractional currency. Second prize went to Juan for a Maximillian exhibit. Mini exhibit winners were Charles, Mark and David.

The El Paso Coin Show was well run. The new dealer signs were outstanding and Jason did a great job. Steve has a list of items left from the Kids' Auction. We are getting rid of some of the old display cases and



ordering new ones to take their place.

Harold gave a brief report on the coin show. We sold 3500 tickets – selling 100% of the tickets before the end of the show. Pre-sales were ok, better than usual. For the second year 67% of the prizes were won by club members.

The following new members were favorably voted upon for membership – Donna, Diane, Merrill, Charles and Kay.

A motion was passed to give Walt Ostromecki, Past President of the ANA, honorary life membership in the club.

Harold, Brent, and Eddie will serve on the Nominating Committee, and make their report at the April meeting.

Bob displayed a coin of Constantine the 10th with a bust of Constantine and Christ. The coin was overstruck with a date of 1050-1060 AD.

John presented "Guilty or Not Guilty?" concerning a token. He posed this question – Why would you walk around with a Bail Bond's token and phone number in your pocket if you weren't guilty?

A presentation was made by Steve on a silver shekel, which was originally minted in the Phoenician City of Tyre. The coin's date is uncertain, but it was minted in Jerusalem. The coins appear in the Bible as:

(1) Money used to pay the temple tax, (2) the coin Peter found in the fish's mouth, with which he paid his and Jesus' tax, (3) the coins of the money changers in the temple when Jesus overturned their tables and chased them out, and (4) the 30 pieces of silver Judas received for betraying Jesus.

Steve said perhaps his coin is actually one of those mentioned above. The auctioneer team of Bob, Steve, and Willie conducted an entertaining auction. Winners of numismatic prizes were Brent, Bob, Don and Armando.

APRIL MEETING - President John Grost presided over the meeting. Thirty-five members and two guests were present.

Seven older display cases were offered at \$50.00 each at the meeting, and were immediately sold.

The Nominating Committee made their report and elections took place. Five members were elected by acclamation. The officers are President, Jason; Vice-President, Don; Secretary, Jackie; Treasurer, James; and Sgt. At Arms, Robert.

Voting for two vacant director positions will take place at the May 14th meeting. Those agreeing to run for the director positions are Brent, Edward, Bob, Robert and Charles.

Presentations were made by Bob on the overstruck Coin of Constantine the 10th. John presented the Highlights of Great Britain's Portable Antiquities Scheme and Selected Coin Price Comparisons – 1989 and today.

A very lively auction was conducted by Steve Bob and Willie. Numismatic prize winners were Steve P., James, Juan, Helen, and Steve F.

DISTRICT ELEVEN



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order. In attendance were Paul Otts, Chuck Michael, Michael Eklund, Tommy Tompkins, Rick Morie, Karl Nash, Kurt Gehring, Kelly Archer, and Chuck Freas.

Precious metals prices: Gold \$1342.70 slightly higher from last month, Silver \$16.57, slightly up from last month, Platinum not indicated, and Palladium also not indicated.

Chuck Freas gave a PowerPoint presentation about "California Gold". Chuck just keeps making great presentations. Thank you, Chuck!

For Show and Tell: Chuck Freas: 1915 MS62 Fractional Gold (25 cent) and a Pony Express Centennial Medal MS67. Michael Eklund presented: A collection of Seated Liberty Dimes and Quarters and a British Common (Seychelles) Aluminum coin. Kelly Archer submitted: A 1673-1936 MS65 (Elgin) 50 cent coin.

The door prize was a Truman Inaugural Bronze and a (Andrew) Johnson 1865 Presidential Medal and was won by Kurt Gehring. The \$10 Gift certificate was won by Tommy Tompkins. The gift certificate will start over at \$5 at the May meeting.

DISTRICT TWELVE







TYLER MARCH MEETING - Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. Attendance: Members: 30 Guests: 0 New Members: 2 Total: 32

- The club was lead in prayer by Tommy L.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of March
- Lane continued discussion of a member buyer's page on the club website.
- Lane addressed educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) encouraging member participation at monthly meetings.
- Several members spoke briefly about their visit to the ANA National Money Show in Irving, TX. Martin recounted seeing coins he had only seen in books. Horst did find a 1905-O Barber Half in XF at the show. However, it was part of a complete set the dealer would not break apart. The quest continues.

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. Scheduling show volunteers will begin at the April meeting. 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).

Club Auction (Tom): 25 auction items sold - \$747.00

Door prize winners: Ed, Horst, Jeff, and John

Refreshments: A big Thank You to Dutch for providing refreshments!

APRIL MEETING - Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag Attendance: Members: 42 Guests: 3 New Members: 4 Total: 49

- The club was lead in prayer by John D.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of April.
- Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report and reminder that 2018 membership dues are due.
- David H. updated members on coin show progress including sales and major expenses, venue, security, and advertising. Show raffle, exhibits, and volunteer needed were also discussed.
- Richard L. brought two YN (young numismatist) guests to the meeting;
 both received a packet of United States and World coins.
- Lane continued discussion of a member buyer's page on the club website.
- Lane addressed educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) encouraging member participation at monthly meetings.
- Allen B. handed out complimentary copies of the CPG Coin & Currency Market Review quarterly price guide.
- 10th Annual Tyler Coin Club Show is June 22 23 at Harvey Hall. Presentation – Developing Educational Exhibits (Larry V.)
- Larry's presentation covered developing educational exhibits for numismatic shows and conventions. Larry brought two exhibits. My Favorite Portraits on Silver Coins included a 1918 Illinois Centennial Half Dollar with Abraham Lincoln's portrait. Other coinage included



portraits of Maria Theresa, Jose Morelos, and Queen Victoria. The exhibit titled Interesting Bank Notes included a 200,000,000 German Mark, Fractional currency, and a 1928 Federal Reserve Note contrasted with

Presentation – Paper Money Errors & Oddities. Richard' L.'s presentation encompassed various errors, accidents and adjustments as it relates to paper money and currency. Items referenced during the discussion included United States currency, Republic of Texas Treasury Department note, Republic of Texas Consolidated Fund certificates, Texas Treasury Warrants, and Confederate currency.

Club Auction (Tom): 29 auction items sold - \$1,516.25 Door prize winners: Barry, Harvey, Jeff, and Tony

DISTRICT THIRTEEN

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT MARCH MEETING - The meeting of the Greenbelt Coin Club was held at the Vernon College Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Bryan Sweitzer. Thirteen members were in attendance.

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

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

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

DISTRICT FOURTEEN



HIDALGO APRIL MEETING - The April meeting of 2018 was called to order by President Mike Alaniz with 37 members present plus 2 visitors. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC currently has 86 members. We start brand new every year with previous members renewing their memberships. 7 door prizes were given out.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as always. At this meeting, 80 coin lots were auctioned off after the business part with Sam Rodio serving as the auctioneer and Rene de la Garza and Brent Garza as the money runners.

Plans were finalized at this meeting for the upcoming Spring Coin & Collectibles Show to be held on Sat. May 12th at the Nomad Shrine hall in Pharr, Tx. A sign up sheet made its way around the room for volunteers to help with the set up and to serve as greeters at the front door.

District Governor, Rene de la Garza, announced the upcoming TNA Convention and Show to the members. He also sold many tickets for the gold coin drawing to be held during that show.

The Hidalgo Youth Coin Club, headed by past President, Raul H. Gonzalez continues to meet twice a month at the Lark Community Center Library in McAllen, Tx. Many donations of coin books, folders, albums, magazines and foregn coins by the HCC members have been distributed to all of the students. Mr. Gonzalez 'thanked' the membership for their generosity...

MAY MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Alaniz. This and all meetings for the year 2018 was held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. The new members that applied have been accepted. The attendance was low with only 30 people. Every year, we start from scratch as members renew their memberships and new ones apply. We have 87 members at this point. 7 Door Prizes were given out.

We just had our 3rd Annual Spring Coin & Collectibles Show on May 12th at the Nomad Shrine Hall. Everything was going just fine until we lost power around 1:00pm. The dealers and customers were very resourceful by taking out their cell phones and using the flashlight app to see the coins for sale. We had to shut down the show an hour later because the room was becoming too warm with the temperature outside being 95 degrees.

The Youth Club met on the 18th and began learning their first steps toward understanding the Sheldon Grading System.

The May meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 coins with Auctioneer Rene de la Garza and 2 Money Runners - Mike Alaniz and Mike Tidwell.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN



BEAUMONT MARCH MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Colby B.. The Pledge of

Barbara W. 21 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The Show Committee shared that we are adding several exciting new information sessions to the show and Texas Bullion Exchange will be presenting at 1:00 pm. The popular Children's Auction will be at 3:00 pm. Door Prizes were drawn and a fun auction was conducted.

APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Colby B.. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara W. 23 members and 4 quests were in attendance.

The Show Committee shared that we have committed and paid for tables, it looks like we will fill all of them. The Club has compiled our answers to submit to ANA for the Coin Week Challenge.

Door Prizes were drawn, and an interesting presentation on Saint-Gaudens Gold coins was given by Donnie W. Colby B led us in a large auction.

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB

GREATER ORANGE MARCH MEETING - The meeting was called to order by president Slabugh. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 13 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Did You Know: A British news paper reported on the salvage of the 1838 ship wrecked off the North Carolina coast. As of the articles date more than 6,000 silver coins had been recovered.

Old Business. A Motion was made and passed to pay Gary F for security services at the clubs recent coin show.

There was also a discussion of using additional signs for future shows.

New Business: Motion made to purchase a gold coin for next years coin show. Also, the winner need not be present to win.

It was suggested that fliers for future coin shows should contain the number of tables available and cost of tables to attract more dealers.

There was a brief discussion of possibly soliciting a metal detector dealer for future shows.

Program: Jerry S presented an excellent talk on the 1861 C Half Eagle .

APRIL MEETING - The meeting was called to order by president Slabugh. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 13 members and 1 guest in attendance.



Did you know: The U S mint has instituted a new product return policy due to the fact that speculators are purchasing vast amounts of new coins and returning them for a full refund when prices do not increase as expected.

New Business: Silsbee will be having their annual coin show July 7th at their usual location, The Silsbee community center. A copy of the shows flier is available on the Orange coin club's web site.

There was a question on the clubs silver eagle supply for those members who present a program this year. It was reported that the club has enough eagles for the balance of this year.

Program: Carl gave a great talk on Toning of Morgan Dollars. He went on to explain how many Morgans have been "dipped" through the years and stated that it was usually the higher grade coins that have been dipped and that the best toning coins are the lower grade ones.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB

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

Old business: The Orange Coin Club show was held on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday with good attendance. There were seventeen (17) children present for the children's auction. Our show will be July 7, 2018 at the Silsbee Community Center. There was no other old business.

Program: Jerry gave a program on gold coins.

The US mint started minting coins in 1792 and three (3) years later in 1795, it started minting the \$10 eagle and the \$5 half eagle gold coins. The \$2.50 quarter eagle was fist minted the next year in 1796. Other denominations of gold coins were the \$1 (first minted in 1849), the \$3 gold piece (first minted in 1854), and the \$20 double eagle (first minted in 1849). The \$4 gold piece was minted in 1879 and 1880 and is considered more of a pattern coin.

Before the Civil War there were three (3) mints striking gold coins. They were Charlotte, North Carolina (which only minted gold coins), Dahlonega, Georgia, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Once the war started, two (2) of them closed down with only the New Orleans mint reopening after the Civil War from 1878 until 1904. San Francisco started minting gold coins in 1854 after the start of the gold rush followed later by Carson City (1870-1893). Denver opened up their mint in 1906. In 1907, the President wanted different types of gold coins, something with a little Roman type. The Liberty Head had been struck for 57 year so it was felt that it was time for a change. Augustus Saint-Gaudens designed the new \$20 gold piece with high relief and Roman numerals for the date. Banks did not like the coin as the high relief made them impossible to stack so they were returned to the mint and melted down. Saint-Gaudens then lowered the high relief a little but this too was unacceptable to the bankers and returned. His final effort was accepted when he lowered the high relief more and replaced the Roman numerals with a normal date. These coins were produced in 1907. In 1908, Bela Lyon Pratt designed the \$2.50 and \$5.00 Indian head gold coins which were incuse (pressed in). These were minted from 1908 through 1929. In the 1930's, President Roosevelt shut down gold coin production and had legislation passed that prohibited keeping gold coins with common dates. In 1974, a law was passed that you could own gold coins, which at that time gold was valued at \$35 per ounce. The first US gold coin minted after President Roosevelt shut down production was 51 year later when the Olympic \$10 gold coin was produced at West Point. In 1986, the US mint came out with the \$5, \$10, \$25, and \$50 gold coins which could originally only be purchased as a set of four (4).

In 1792 gold was \$19.32 per troy ounce. In 1934, it rose to \$20.69 then changed to \$35.00 per ounce in 1935 where it remained until the 1970's. Now it is around \$1300.00 per troy ounce.

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

Old business: Our show will be July 7, 2018 at the Silsbee Community Center. There was no other old business.

New business: The third week of April is "National Coin Week". Jerry wrote to the ANA and received some button and book markers celebrating the event of April 15th through April 21st and is going to set up an exhibit in the Community Bank in Silsbee which will include the ANA supplies and some of our "business cards." There was no new business.

Program: Dale gave a program on Hawaiian coins.

The Hawaiian Islands were created by a crack in the earth's mantle which raised the crust into volcanoes. The crack extends to the northwest and includes present day hot spots that will eventually create new islands along with the active volcanos on the existing islands that extend the existing land mass. There are eight (8) major islands and several small atolls making up the Hawaiian Islands. The first settlers were South Sea Islanders who found and colonized them. The British explorer James Cook, the captain of the HMS Resolution on his third voyage in the Pacific, was the first European to not only "discover the Hawaiian Islands but also the first to see the Eastern coast of Australia and to circumnavigate New Zealand. He made landfall in January 1778 at Waimea harbor on the island of Kauai and named the archipelago the "Sandwich Islands" after the fourth Earl of Sandwich, the acting First Lord of the Admiralty. From the Sandwich Islands, Cook sailed north and then north-east to explore the west coast of North America north of the Spanish settlements in Alt California. His journey sent him North to Alaska and to the Bering Strait along which his mapping and discovery of the Cook Inlet was aptly named after him. He returned to Hawaii in 1779 and after a loss of a cutter (a small boat), he attempted to kidnap and ransom the King of Hawaii, Kalanipuu, for its return. The natives distracted and attached him on the beach killing him and four (4) marines and wounded two (2) others.

As the Islands became civilized, the need for coins became apparent. In 1847, King Kamehameha III had 100,000 "Hawaiian Keneta" or one (1) cent coins minted privately in the United States for distribution in Hawaii that had the King's portrait on the obverse. They were not well accepted as many were corroded by the time they got there and the denomination was misspelled as "Hapa Haneri" instead of "Hapa Hanele." It remained legal tender until 1884 but 88,000 were melted down. There are six (6) different varieties to make matters more confusing! In 1881, a five (5) cent pattern coin was minted at the San Francisco mint but was not circulated. In 1883, King Kalakaua I had silver dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars minted at the San Francisco mint with his portrait on the obverse. They were designed by Charles Barber (designer of the U.S. Barber nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars 1892 to 1913 (nickels) or to 1916). When Hawaii became a US territory in 1900, the legal status of these coins was removed and most were withdrawn and melted. Also used during this time were Plantation Tokens issued by private firms as money for use in the Hawaiian company stores. One (1) of these coins had a peculiar denomination of 12 ½ cents which was the equivalent to a day's wages on a sugar plantation and was related to the fractional part of the Spanish eight-real coin. The Kahulaui Railroad also issued coins in 1891 with denominations of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, and 75 cents. The plantation and railroad tokens are all a little pricey.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO MARCH MEETING - Tom called to order. There were in attendance 11 members, a new member (Gayle Avant) and 4 visitors: Michael Nye, Daniel Nye, James Fabbre, James

Kubacak

Raffle prizes: Gloria Lucas (3), Alton Hassell (2), Tom Campbell,

Door Prize: Bob Hacker

Cash prize: Ed Terry won \$25. Next month prize will be \$25.

TNA this year is first weekend in June.

It is time to send ANA summer scholarship applications.

Show and Tell: Tom had several Cuban bills, some of which were marked plata (silver). He also had several coins: 1949 20 Centavos, 1953 50 centavos, 1965 souvenir, 1915 40 centavos, 1938 1 peso, 1953, 1 peso, 1932 1 peso, 1933 1 peso. The bills included 5 centavos, 50 centavos, 1 peso and 3, 10 and 20 pesos. He also had the modern coins 1, 5 10, 25 centavos.

APRIL MEETING - Tom called to order. There were in attendance 15 members, 3 new members: Michael Nye, Daniel Nye and James Fabbre and a visitor Malay Lucas.

Raffle prizes: Noryce Callaway, Daniel Nye(2), Randy Neyland

Door Prize: Alton Hassell

Cash prize: James Haney won \$25. Next month prize will be \$25.

Business: The show was not as good as had been hoped. There were fewer dealers and less crowd, We did make a little money.

It appears that there will not be a fall show. San Antonio coin club moved to our date and there is no other date available at the Bellmead Center.

HISTORICAL FACTS

The images and information came from Heritage Auctions. Seldom Seen Selections: Condition Census 1881 Proof \$3

With only 500 circulation strikes produced, the 1881 three dollar gold piece boasts the lowest mintage in the series and is an important key date. High-grade survivors of the circulation issue are rare. Equally rare, however, is the proof variant. Paul Taglione once wrote (1986): 1881 Proofs rank amongst the best preserved of the series and there are some really exceptional specimens of this date ... I would dare claim that it is





distinctly possible (likely?) that there are more high quality Proofs known than counterpart business strikes." This remains true strictly in terms of high-grade populations, but it misrepresents the availability of the 1881 proof overall

The accepted mintage of the proof issue is 54 coins, but this was not always known. In the Dr. Wheeler, et al Collection sale (5/1937), Thomas Elder stated that "probably not over 15 or 20 proofs" were struck, which was in line with the perceived rarity of the issue at the time. Estimates of the mintage gradually increased over time, and the 54-coin figure began appearing in the 1960s. In his Proof Encyclopedia, Walter Breen presented coinage figures drawn from Mint records, consisting of 40 pieces issued in gold proof sets on February 9th, 10 additional coins delivered in late March, and four more in the final quarter — a total of 54 proofs.

The modern-day availability of this issue is one of more active debate. Q. David Bowers, in his 2005 treatise The United States Three Dollar Gold Pieces: 1854-1889, estimates the number known to be 45 or more pieces. However, in years past, the availability of proofs has been skewed by misattribution of prooflike circulation strikes. David Akers (1979) wrote: "... deceptive first strikes exist that are virtually indistinguishable at first glance from actual proofs." The combined PCGS and NGC certified proof population records 76 grading events, which is highly inflated by resubmissions. Since our Permanent Auction Archives began in 1993, we have offered an 1881 proof three dollar piece on only 20 occasions, including two appearances of an impaired coin. In our experience, this issue is significantly rarer than Bowers' estimate of at least 45 coins suggests.

Gold Dollars (Judd-136 to Judd-148)

The reason for experimentation with gold dollars (Judd-136 to Judd-148) was to provide a larger, more convenient diameter for the coins. Gold dollars were small and easily lost, and in the early 1850s they represented a substantial amount of money for the average worker. Convenience lost out, however, to a more practical solution: The amount of silver was reduced in most subsidiary coinage in 1853, which returned the silver denominations to the channels of commerce rather than going to the melting pot. And the gold dollar diameter was increased in 1854, via the Type Two format.

Judd-145 is an annular (ring-shaped) pattern with a wide opening that restricts the legends to the date, denomination, and country name, struck in gold with a plain edge. The lower half of the reverse displays a wreath. Both thick and thin planchet variants are known of this pattern. The thicker variant weighs around 32 grains, and examples are believed to be original strikings. The restrikes weigh around 25 grains and are struck on thinner planchets.









FRAUDULENT CREDIT CARD PURCHASES APRIL 4

A long-time PNG dealer (who wants to remain anonymous) says his company has seen a significant increase in the number of attempted, fraudulent credit card purchases coming from the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area. These attempts are apparently linked to a source or sources in Venezuela and involve stolen credit card numbers.

The attempted purchases were made via the company's online store and online ordering system. Some attempted fraudulent credit card purchases appeared to be "tests" with the buyer trying to order only \$100 of merchandise, but other attempts involved orders for \$1,000 of merchandise.

Any dealer who has experienced a recent influx of suspicious orders or purchases with stolen credit cards please contact NCIC.

USPS PARCEL-STOLEN - BULLION APRIL 11

An overnight parcel being sent from Studio City, Ca to Indiana arrived eight days after being shipped. Upon arrival the package had been damaged and the bullion contents replaced with weights. It is unclear at what point in transit the compromise took place.

List of items stolen: Engelhard 5 oz items with serial numbers 51496 58012 239877 C220622 240063 2 without serial numbers Engelhard 10 oz items with serial numbers P423125, P288824, PO25789, PO65788, PO96323, C112511 P116211, P427344, P427407, P215620, P211824, 2 JMC 3 oz silver bars 1 Engelhard silver bar serial number 39834, 1 JM 14.1 oz silver bar 79669, 1 Engelhard 1969, 4 piece Hallmark 100 gram set. In case with booklet. Engelhard 2 oz gold bar Hoffman and Hoffman 5.21silver bar JM 100 gram bars with serial numbers Canada 002078 Canada 001525 JM 100 gram bars with no serial numbers Garantito Silver Jubilee Sweitzerisher Bank J&M.

ATTEMPTED ACH PAYMENTS/CREDIT CARDS APRIL 11

The Numismatic Crime Information Center has been notified of an individual who has attempted to make large purchases for coins using ACH payments and Credit Cards.

The individual uses the name Kevin Shreves with an address out of the state of Washington. The customer sent bogus ACH payments but when processed by the bank turns out to be invalid account numbers. He also tried to use three different credit cards and all were declined.

MISSING/STOLEN APRIL 12

A package being sent express overnight from Kansas to Virginia with guaranteed delivery next day has been reported missing/stolen. Tracking indicates the package stopped at the Sandstone distribution center Richmond, VA.

The package contained double row boxes of collector coins ranging from dollars to cents. The coins were housed in 1x1's, 2x2's, flips and marked with red circled prices and purple cost numbers.

INDICTMENT APRIL 13

Agent Joe Boche with the Minnesota Commerce Fraud Bureau has been investigating Burnsville Coin Company and its owner, Barry Skog, for selling counterfeit coins to victims across the country for months. Boche's efforts has resulted in the indictment of Skog for the sale of counterfeit coins and mail fraud.

Agent Boche is a member of ICTA's Anti Counterfeiting Task Force and works closely with NCIC.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY APRIL 23

Investigators with the Medina, MN police department are investigating a burglary where someone entered a residence and stole more than \$27,000 worth of uncirculated Presidential dollar and Kennedy 1/2 dollar coins. The dollars were 2007-2017 and the halves were from 2000-2017.

Anyone with information contact: Investigator Kevin Boecker Medina Police Department Desk 763-473-8851

COIN SHOP BURGLARY APRIL 23

A break-in recently occurred at California Numismatic Funding Vista, CA. Suspects entered the building and took a large number of bulk coins in canvas bags imprinted with "CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC FUNDING ".

Additional items stolen:

Large box of capital plastic proof sets and older mint sets in flat

Banker box of foreign proof sets

Ike dollars

Massive bag of French centimes

Silver bullion USVI ingots, movie silver bullion, misc. rarities mint

A more detailed list is being compiled along with photos of suspects.

SILVER BAR THEFT May 2

Investigators with the Chelan, WA Sheriff's Department are investigating the theft of 49-100 ounce silver bars from a residence. The bars were a mixture of Sunshine and J&M. Chelan County includes the towns of Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Lucerne and Winton.

The only information being provided at this time is that there were three possible suspects possibly driving a black Escalade or black expedition. One of the suspects may have ties to individuals in southern California.

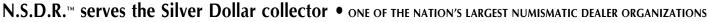


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