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Hello!

One of the benefits of your TNA membership is the opportunity to have your expenses covered to attend the American Numismatic Association's annual Summer Seminar learning sessions in



Colorado Springs. Refer to page 5 for details on entering the drawing for 2023. This educational opportunity was postponed the past two years, so everyone was very excited to be back in person to learn from and visit with fellow collectors and experts from around the country. Check out the stories from those who attended this year beginning on page 17. John Barber has provided us with an excellent article detailing his takeaways from the Commemoratives class he attended (taught by TNA members Carl Stang and Jeff Nolen).

I am so pleased to share with you a thorough and comprehensive article on ancient Roman coinage in this issue. Based on the work of David R. Sear, John Stich has detailed the rise and fall of the twelve Caesars, their family relations, scandals, triumphs, and the coins associated with their reigns.

Finally, Mark Benvenuto has provided us with a great guide to putting together an "affordable" gold type set. Gold is going to be inherently more expensive to collect than most other metals, and putting together an 1840's-era gold set while maximizing eye-appeal can be quite challenging. Mark has done some great research and suggests looking for certain high mint output years while maintaining an AU standard.

Check out the great Show and Tell submissions beginning on page 26 and think about what you may want to submit for the December TNA News. I'd love to hear from you!

Next Publication Deadline: October 31

Please email your articles and club news to theTNAnews@gmail.com

TNA News SEPTEMBER 2022



Rick Ewing TNA President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall Greetings!

Fall is around the corner, and we are looking forward to a festival or two with later, yearending holidays. As for the TNA, if you have been a member for at least two years, please consider placing your name in the hopper for a one-week scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar or the several Library Improvement Grants to be distributed by the TNA. The only restriction is that you should not have won either award within the last two years of drawings (see page 5 for entry details). In 2022, the TNA sent several members to the Summer Seminar. Covid cancellations caused a back-up and all took advantage of the reprise of the event this year. I include myself among these Summer Seminar Scholarship winners, as I was drawn back in 2020 and was planning to attend the first year of canceled seminars. I can report that the seminars were a pleasant renewal of a chance to learn more about an area of numismatics that possibly needed some expansion in the knowledge of a collecting sphere of interest. As for me, I took Grading One, a course I had shied away from over the past times of attendance. Talk about "rust" on the skill of grading would put it mildly. I could decide the "grade" but these numbers like good - 6 were alien to me. I was harkening back to the days of Brown & Dunne where the written word put you in the ballpark without pictures. Now I have discovered I have a long way to go to become fluent in the modern numbering system so prevalent in our world today. I also like the renewed friendships that have formed over the years of attending the seminars and having meals and postclass discussions that sometimes cover topics not touched upon in class.

As we look farther into the TNA year, the convention committees involved in scheduling and putting on the Arlington gathering have announced the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau cleared our traditional dates of the first weekend in June 1-4, 2023 as ours. Make your plans and save the date so you come and enjoy the full schedule and pick up some possible additions to your collection.

Another aspect of this coming year, those TNA members who are in leadership positions that require being elected should make their intentions known to seek reelection (or for others who desire to attain these leadership positions) by notifying Larry Herrera at LHerrera@flash.net your intent to be on the appropriate section of the ballot and stand for election. It is my intention to seek reelection as president, and if anyone who feels that I have not been doing the job that I was elected to perform should file and seek the position of president or for that matter any other position you feel the urge to serve in that capacity. Our bylaws cover deadlines for elections. This is from Section 5.02a - *"Candidates for office may file for office with the Association's Secretary from the period of one hundred fifty (150) days to forty-five (45) days before the date of the Annual Meeting."* So, given the annual meeting date, the secretary of the TNA can't accept candidate nominations until January 4, 2023. Any official nominations received before then are invalid, but feel free to reach out with questions at any time. See page 9 of this issue of TNA News for detailed information on the election procedures.

Thank you! Rick Ewing, TNA President

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TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lawrence Herrera TNA Secretary **SEPTEMBER 2022**

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members LM-295 through LM-300, C-241, and R-7935 through R-8004. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members. The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members in October 2022.

TNA#	Name	Proposer	District
R-8005	Richard Neal	Karla Galindo	22
R-8006	James Kaufhold	Rob Robinson	13
R-8007	Jean Spanier-Sweitzer	Rob Robinson	13
R-8008	David Dennis	None	1
LM-301	Kevin Small	None	6
R-8009	Jason Maida	None	6
R-8010	Dean Richardson	None	1
R-8011	Kelly B. Bryan	Thomas Campbell	17
R-8012	Joshua Rosenthal	Frank Galindo	7
R-8013	Norman Goodfellow	Doug Hershey	11

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Adult Membership: \$25 Youth Membership: \$10 Associate Membership: \$10 Lifetime Membership: \$500

Dues should be mailed to: Lawrence Herrera TNA Secretary 4717 W. Lovers Lane Dallas, TX 75209

(See page 43 for membership details)

ELECTRONIC DUES PAYMENT OPTION

Pay electronically through Zelle to TNApayments@yahoo.com

Please include "TNA DUES" and your contact info in the payment notes to ensure proper attribution.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary's office of any changes to your address.

(214) 526-0334 or LHerrera@flash.net

The mailing list for the TNA News is prepared by the Secretary's office.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Use the application on page 43 or visit TNA.org and download a digital form you can print or email to prospective members.

If you would like a black and white, home-printer-friendly application for your club or show emailed to you, contact theTNAnews@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: To be good stewards of membership dues and focus funds towards our mission of numismatic education and outreach, the costs associated with physical membership cards were phased out in 2019. Your TNA Membership status is maintained by the Secretary, and your member number is available upon request.



TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Gilbert TNA Treasurer

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – JACK GILBERT – DAVID BURKE – KARLA GALINDO – LARRY HERRERA

2023 LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT & ANA SUMMER SEMINAR GRANTS

Individuals and clubs who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing for one of five grants of up to \$125 to improve the member's numismatic library.

Individuals (not clubs) who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing for one of two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the 2023 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Winners from 2022 and 2021 are not eligible to win the same grant in 2023.

NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES - SEND IN YOUR ENTRY FORMS TODAY!

Please send one entry for each drawing to be eligible and include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. **Include the following contact information: Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and Email.** Entries may be submitted by email (preferred) at **gilbej@yahoo.com** or by U. S. Mail at Jack E. Gilbert, 1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248.

The Drawing will be held around the end of the year and will be announced in the March edition of TNA News.

A couple of this year's Library Grant winners are still searching for that special book to add to their library, and you can read reflections from many of the ANA Seminar winners from the last 3 years beginning on page 17 of this issue. Just another perk of TNA Membership!

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JULY 31, 2022

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ASSETS Current Assets Cash		
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market PBOT CD (Mat 4/5/2022) PBOT CD (Mat 10/28/2022)	\$6,130.83 \$70,714.28 \$75,000.00 \$75,000.00	
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year		\$226,845.11
Long Term Assets PBOT CD (Mat 10/20/2024) I-Bonds	\$25,000.00 \$10,000.00	
Endowment (Intermingled other CDs) Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000 McFadden Fund - \$70,000		
Total Long Term Assets		\$35,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$261,845.11
LIABILITIES		
Total Liabilities		None.
SURPLUS		
Beginning Balance 3/1/2022		\$281,087.02
Income (Plus) Expenses (Minus)	\$27,164.24 -\$46,406.15	
Surplus		-\$19,241.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$261,845.11

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested a \$250 Grant to defray the costs of hosting the Club's annual Kid's Night on June 9th. Approximately 10 prospective Young Numismatists participated. Richard Wallace and Jack Gilbert hosted the younger group and older group respectively. The YNs were well entertained and went home with LOTS OF NUMISMATIC MATERIAL.

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 at TNA.org). Clubs interested in the TNA Assistance Programs should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.



Garv & Judy Dobbins

Exhibit Co-chairs

AN INVITATION TO ALL TNA MEMBERS

Where: The Annual TNA Convention/Show, Arlington, TX

When: June 2-4, 2023

You are invited to make and display an educational exhibit at the 2023 TNA Show. The Exhibit Area is one of the most exciting areas on the Bourse floor. Each exhibit contains a coin, coin series, paper money or other numismatic items and their historical information. You can arrange your educational display in one or several lockable cases (provided by TNA), where viewers will enjoy and learn about your numismatic display. In previous years our exhibits have included coins, paper money, medals and other numismatic items from all periods of time and from all over the world. Think about it over the coming months. There might be a topic out there that you have always wanted to know more about, or a coin/set that you want to show off. Please consider sharing your knowledge, research and creativity by making and displaying an exhibit at the 2023 TNA Show. Perhaps the most difficult part of creating an exhibit is getting started - it's a "learn as you go" process, especially for Newcomers.

What are the benefits of making and displaying an educational exhibit?

- * Pride of sharing a favorite item or topic with others.
- * Feeling a great sense of satisfaction for work well done.
- * Making new friends.
- * Recognition, certificates, awards.

How do I get started?

- * Decide which numismatic topic you will use.
- * Research your topic and write about it.
- * Arrange your coins/paper money/medals in the case along with information from your research.
- * Remember help is just an email or phone call away!

Gary and Judy Dobbins, Educational Exhibit Co-Chairs g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net • (214) 335-7578

TNA COINS FOR A'S

Encourage Young Numismatists In Your Area

Coins for A's is a program from the TNA to enhance the collections and numismatic knowledge of children in Texas. By submitting their good grades, students can receive U.S. and international coins or paper currency relevant to their collecting interests. This program is open to K-12, Montessori, and home school students with at least one A (or A-equivalent) on their report card. Flyers for the new 2022/2023 school year are available at **TNA.org/coins_for_a.htm** if you want to download and print information to distribute in your local schools. Contact the Coins for A's Administrator at **Coins4As@gmail.com** for more information on promoting this program in your area or to request a packet of printed flyers.

Contribute to the New School Year

As we begin the new school year, we are hoping to fill the inventory so we are able to send our hard-working students the exact types of coins they are interested in collecting. Many students request Liberty Nickels, silver quarters, and world coins featuring animals, plants, or other imagery not usually seen on American currency.

If you have any coins or paper currency you would like to donate to the TNA Coins for A's program, they would be greatly appreciated! You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation, and you will help inspire the next generation of collectors. Please direct any questions to **Coins4As@gmail.com**, and item donations can be mailed to **P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393**.

Honoring Someone Special

Consider giving to the Coins for A's program when honoring the service of members in your club. Recognition can appear in the TNA News at the donor's request. Contact **Coins4As@gmail.com** with any questions.

Monetary donations to support the Coins for A's program should be mailed directly to TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert at **1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248**. Please specify "Coins for A's" in the memo line of the check so your donation can be properly attributed. Thank you for supporting this important program!

NUMISMATIC COMMUNITY NEWS

ANA President Dr. Ralph Ross presented the ANA Presidential Award to long-time members of TNA and ANA, Frank and Karla Galindo of San Antonio, Texas. They were surprised and elated when Dr. Ross presented the ANA Presidential Award to them at the TNA convention for their many years of continuous service to numismatics. The recipients have been members of TNA for forty-eight years and have held membership in ANA for forty-seven years. The Galindo's have been very active in numismatics for many years and have served as officers of the Gateway Coin Club and the TNA.

Knights and Ladies of the St. Eligius Numismatist Brotherhood, U.S.A. met at the recent Texas Numismatic Association 64th Annual Convention. The convention afforded members of the St. Eligius Numismatist Brotherhood the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Frank Galindo and his wife Karla. Frank founded the Brotherhood in 1995 after being Knighted in Canada by the founder of the Canadian St. Eligius Numismatist Brotherhood, Claude Proulx. For information on the

Numismatist Brotherhood contact Frank at KARFRA1@netzero.net.

Knight Jason Elwell, President of the International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc., received his membership certificate from Chancellor Frank Galindo of the St. Eligius Numismatist Brotherhood, U.S.A., during the recent Texas Numismatic Association Annual Convention. Karla & Frank Galindo

Frank Galindo, Jason Elwell, and Ralph Ross

Frank Galindo and Jason Elwell 🕨

TNA LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: JIMMY DAVIS

The Mayor and Chief of Police of White Settlement, Texas recognized TNA Youth Auction Co-Chair Jimmy Davis for assisting officers in an arrest of a fleeing suspect. Jimmy was presented with a coin and a certificate of recognition, which read as follows:

On Saturday, June 18, 2022, Corporal Jon Porter and Officer Samuel Brown attempted to stop a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of South Cherry Lane. As officers initiated the stop, the suspect fled from the stolen vehicle on foot. White Settlement resident, Mr. Jimmy Davis, saw officers pursuing the man on foot and noticed one officer struggling to keep up with the other officer. Without hesitation, Mr. Davis jumped into his car and offered a ride to the officer. The quick action of Mr. Davis resulted in assisting the other officer in taking the suspect into custody without incident. On this 5th day of July, 2022, Mr. Jimmy Davis is formally recognized for his selfless actions, for his support of the White Settlement Police Department and his genuine care and concern for his community.











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Annual, 4-issue rates	<u>Single-issue rates</u>
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Quarter Page: \$125	Quarter Page: \$35

Professional Directory: \$30 Club Directory: \$20

Your ad dollars help support the educational outreach efforts of the TNA. State-wide youth programs, such as Coins for A's, encourage the next generation of collectors by rewarding academic achievement with curated numismatic items. The TNA regularly issues grants to clubs and individuals to create or enhance educational events and numismatic libraries in their region. Thank you for being part of the numismatic community of Texas.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TNA NEWS

Contact: theTNAnews@gmail.com

This past year, TNA News was awarded Third Place by the American Numismatic Association for Outstanding Regional Publication. This award recognized the TNA Members who filled each page of the magazine with their excellent contributions. Educate and inspire members across Texas by submitting to the TNA News!

Your submitted article can be any length, but it may need to be trimmed down to accommodate the space available in the magazine. Keeping it shorter than 1,500 words is a good rule of thumb. There is no time frame on submitting, as new content is always needed.

Magazines are published in March, July, September, and December.

JOIN TNA LEADERSHIP

APPLICATION WINDOW: JANUARY 4 - APRIL 19 NOTIFY LAWRENCE HERRERA: LHERRERA@FLASH.NET

Join the TNA leadership and make a difference in your community! 2023 is an election year for the TNA. If you want to get more involved in promoting numismatics in your area and grow the membership of the TNA by becoming a Governor or joining the Officers team, now is your chance!

Reelection

If you are an incumbent Governor or Officer, you need to notify your intent to run for reelection with the TNA Secretary during the application window (Jan. 4 - April 19).

New Nominees

If you intend to run for a Governor or an Officer position, you need to notify the TNA Secretary during the application window (Jan. 4 - April 19). Please include your name and your desired position title. All nominees must be up-to-date on their membership dues and Governor nominees must live in the District. See details from the TNA bylaws on the following page for additional information.

Promote Your Campaign

You are encouraged to publish a statement giving your biography and promoting your campaign in the TNA News magazine December 2022 or March 2023 issues. Contact editor Ann Marie Avants at theTNAnews@gmail.com by October 31, 2022 to make it into the December issue or January 31, 2023 for the March issue. Reach out any time with questions!

Ballots

Ballots will be mailed to all TNA members for state-wide Officer positions or individual districts for Governor positions if two or more people are running for that position. Unopposed races will not be issued ballots. Ballots will be mailed by April 24 and must be returned by May 19. See the following page for more details.

TNA ELECTION PROCEDURES

The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA Bylaws and the TNA Board. The 2023 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two-year period beginning after the end of the 2023 TNA Convention and through the end of the 2025 TNA Convention. The election is by secret ballot.

The five statewide Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, District Governors are up for election. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from January 4, 2023 until April 19, 2023. Section 5.02a of the TNA bylaws: Candidates for office may file for office with the Association's Secretary from the period of one hundred fifty (150) days to forty-five (45) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A nomination by another member will not be accepted. All candidates for statewide offices must be Texas residents. All candidates for District Governor must reside in the district they are running for with the exception of District 10 where New Mexico residents within 75 miles of the district border are eligible.

All candidates must be members of the TNA at the time they file for office. See Section 2.02 of the TNA bylaws. No member shall be eligible for President until they have served in at least one elected office in the TNA. No President or Vice-President shall serve more than two consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they cannot run for any other office. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices if the resident restrictions allow.

State Officers are elected by all TNA members. District Governors are elected by TNA members in the respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no run-off in the event a candidate does not receive at least fifty-one percent of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event candidates receive the same number of votes, the winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent to TNA members where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for an office, the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to the office. Ballots will be mailed to TNA members by April 24, 2023 and must be received (not post-marked) by the Secretary by May 19, 2023. Section 5.03c: The Secretary shall be authorized to mail official ballots to members forty (40) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Ballots must be returned and in the Secretary's office fifteen (15) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted.

The results of the election will be announced at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the membership in Arlington, Texas. Section 5.03d: The President shall appoint an Election Committee at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the Annual Meeting to judge and count the ballots. The Committee shall consist of the Secretary and two (2) other Board Members; however, no Election Committee Member shall be involved in a contested election.

Candidates may submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the TNA News and TNA website. If publishing deadlines allow, candidates names and any biography will be published in the TNA News. The same may be posted on the TNA website. Candidates may purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.

Section 2.02 of the TNA Bylaws provide: A Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by the Secretary by the first day of the next month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.

Incumbent Governors by District

1: Frank Hezmall 10: Don Tomko 2: Bill Welsh 11: Doug Hershey 3: Open 4: Robert Kurczewski 13: Rob Robinson 5: Judy Dobbins 6: John Barber 15: Tracie Updike 7: Frank Galindo 8: David Burke 17: Tom Campbell

9: Greg Cronholm

12: Stephen Gipson 14: Catalina Amaral 16: Stephen Gipson

Incumbent TNA Officers

President: Rick Ewing 1st Vice President: Rene de la Garza 2nd Vice President: Adam Spikes Secretary: Lawrence Herrera Treasurer: Jack Gilbert

Unsure of your assigned district? Send your zip code to TNAquestions@gmail.com

THE TWELVE CAESARS BY JOHN M. STICH

Julius Caesar (100-44 BC):



Coin: 46 BC, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1403, silver denarius Obverse: Head of Ceres, right, DICT ITER COS TERT Reverse: Simpulum (Iadle), sprinkler, jug and lituus (crooked wand), AVGVR PONT MAX

Born in Rome, Gaius Julius Caesar pursued the traditional path of a young aristocrat and did not rise to political prominence until the latter part of the 60's BC. He was elected to the prestigious lifetime office of pontifex maximus ("Greatest of the Pontifices", supervised the ceremonies connected with the state religion) in 63 BC, and the next year held a praetorship (administrators of civil law and commanders of provincial armies) followed by a successful military command in Spain. In 59 BC, Caesar embarked on the first of five consulships (highest ranking magistrate with supreme power in both civil and military matters). Being now in a position to take the initiative in the political arena in Rome, he proposed a coalition between himself, Pompey and Crassus, which came to be known as the First Triumvirate. Although not an officially constituted body, like the Second Triumvirate 16 years later, this alliance between the three most powerful and influential men in Rome was very strong and could not easily be opposed, even by the Senate. It led to Caesar obtaining a 5-year proconsular command in Gaul which was to provide him with the military prestige and resources to make his ultimate bid for supreme power a decade later.

The delicate balance of power was fatally disrupted in 53 BC when Crassus was defeated and killed during his invasion of Parthian Mesopotamia. Caesar and Pompey were now left to face one another as rivals for supremacy. Matters came to a head in early 49 BC when Caesar invaded Italy from the

north, driving Pompey from Rome to seek refuge in Greece. The eventual outcome was Caesar's victory over his rival at Pharsalus (August 9, 48 BC) resulting in Pompey's political downfall and assassination a few weeks later. The struggle between Caesar and the Pompeians, led by Pompey's generals and his two sons, continued for several years and was only finally resolved on the battlefield of Munda in Spain (March 45 BC). Caesar's political preeminence was now undisputed and at the beginning of the year 44 BC, the dictator gave orders for his portrait to be placed on the regular silver coinage of Rome. This development was instrumental in bringing to a head the grievances of those republicans who feared that Caesar was aiming at the establishment of a monarchy. Accordingly, on the Ides of March, he was struck down by a conspiracy of senators led by M. Brutus, D Brutus and Cassius. Caesar had adopted as his heir Gaius Octavius, the grandson of his sister Julia. Remarkably, the young man was willing to take up his great-uncle's political ambitions and was destined to become the founder of autocratic government in Rome under the name of Augustus.

Octavian/Caesar Augustus (63 BC-14 AD):



Coin: 2 BC-4 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1597, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate head of Augustus right, CAESAR AVGVSTVS DIVI F PATER PATRIAE

Reverse: Gauis and Lucius Caesars standing facing, C L CAESARES AVGVSTI F COS DESIG PRINC IVVENT

Gaius Octavius was born on September 23, 63 BC and his grandmother, Julia, was Julius Caesar's sister. His remarkable political career began when Caesar adopted him as heir, thus changing his name to C. Julius Caesar Octavianus. Although only 18 at the time of Caesar's assassination, Octavian already had political acumen to hold his own against his political rival, Mark Antony, who was nearly 20 years his senior. Towards the end of 43 BC, Antony, Octavian and Aemilius Lepidus formed a political alliance known as the Second Triumvirate. Its first task was to defeat the threat posed by the Republicans led by Brutus and Cassius. This was accomplished at the battle of Philippi in 42 BC. Through astute political maneuvering and luck, Octavian gradually succeeded in dominating the triumviral partnership. The year 36 BC saw the removal of two of his principal rivals - Sextus Pompey, the younger son of Pompey the Great, and the triumvir Lepidus. The final confrontation with Antony was postponed until 31 BC, and was much facilitated by Antony's intimate relationship with Cleopatra VII, queen of Egypt. Early in September, the famous naval battle of Actium was fought in which the fleet of the Eastern command was easily routed and put to flight. Antony and Cleopatra fled back to Alexandria, and Octavian had achieved his goal of undisputed mastery of the Roman world (age: 31).

The next two years were spent in consolidating his hold on power and planning the details of a constitutional reorganization. As a result of the changes enacted early in 27 BC, and over the following four years, Octavian in effect became the emperor of Rome, though his receipt from the Senate of the title "Augustus" on January 16, 27 BC is usually taken to mark the commencement of his reign.

The final changes put into effect in the summer of 23 BC put the finishing touches to change the Roman government from a republic to a monarchy. He received complete control of the state for himself and his successors. Despite the outward appearance of constitutionality, Augustus had effected a revolution in the government of the Roman Empire.

Under his administration, the Empire prospered and stability was restored to all aspects of life, from the revival of agriculture in war-torn Italy to the complete reform of the state's finances and money.

Augustus lived a long life and outlived many of the members of the imperial family. His grandsons Gaius and Lucius Caesars died tragically in 4 AD and 2 AD respectfully, and he was left little choice but to designate Tiberius, the empress Livia's son by an earlier marriage, as heir to the throne. His relationship with Tiberius had never been good and this unfortunate turn of events doubtless embittered the emperor's final years. He died on August 19, 14 AD. His legacy was a peaceful and secure state free from the strife which had characterized the final decades of the Senate's rule. When he passed away, there was universal grieving and a strong desire to honor his memory and commemorate his enormous achievements.

Tiberius Caesar (42 BC- 37 AD):



Coin: 17-21 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1763, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Tiberius right, TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS Reverse: Female (Livia?) seated holding scepter and branch, PONTIF MAXIM

Tiberius was the elder son of aristocrat Tiberius Claudius Nero and Livia Drusilla. When he was three years old, his parents divorced and Livia married the triumvir Octavian, who became Rome's first emperor under the name of Augustus. His relationship with his step-father was always strained, and his marriage in 11 BC to Augustus' daughter Julia was most unhappy. This probably contributed to his decision in 6 BC to go into voluntary exile on the island of Rhodes, where he remained for eight years. He returned to Rome in 2 AD, and on the death of Augustus' grandson Gaius Caesar two years later, the emperor was reluctantly obliged to adopt Tiberius and acknowledge him as heir to the throne. Ten years later, when Augustus died, he became Rome's second emperor.

Although an able administrator, Tiberius was suspicious and reclusive by nature, and always resented the unfair treatment which he felt he had received from his step-father. His reign was marred by a series of tragedies within the imperial family and by the hostilities of the powerful praetorian prefect Sejanus who, prior to his downfall in 31 AD, was probably aiming at usurping the imperial power itself. In 26 AD, Tiberius once again retired at an island retreat, this time Capreae, and never again set foot in Rome. He died at Misenum on March 16, 37 AD in his seventy-ninth year and was succeeded by his greatnephew Caligula. His one son, Drusus, had died fourteen years before, probably a victim of Sejanus, a Roman soldier who had befriended Tiberius.

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Caligula (12-41 AD):



Coin: 37-41 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1827, Brass sestertius Obverse: Bust of Agrippina Senior, AGRIPPINA M F MAT C CAESARIS AVGVSTI

Reverse: Carpentum drawn left by two mules, S P Q R MEMORIAE AGRIPPINAE

Gaius Julius Caesar Germanicus was the great-grandson of both Mark Antony and Octavian. He was the youngest son of Germanicus and Agrippina Senior. He acquired the nickname "Caligula" from the tiny military boots or "caligae" that he wore as a young child during his father's campaigns in Germany. In the latter part of Tiberius' reign, Caligula's mother and two elder brothers all fell victim to the political ambitions of the praetorian prefect, Sejanus.

In 32 AD, he moved to Capreae where he was the constant companion of his great-uncle, the elderly and reclusive Tiberius. On the emperor's death in 37 AD, Caligula ascended to the throne and occupied it until his assassination less than four years later. The excesses and debaucheries of his short reign are well documented. In the early months, when he was probably under the influence of his grandmother Antonia, he showed promise of becoming a worthy ruler, but later in the year he fell seriously ill and soon began to exhibit clear signs of insanity. The situation deteriorated rapidly until virtually everyone in the palace and in government circles began to feel personally threatened. Ultimately, a plot was formed amongst the praetorian guard and the emperor was murdered in his palace on January 24, 41 AD.

Claudius (10 BC-54AD):



Coin: 41-42 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1861, copper As Obverse: Bare Head of Claudius left, TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP Reverse: Minerva advancing right, brandishing spear and holding shield, large S C Tiberius Claudius Drusus was the younger son of Nero Claudius Drusus, brother of Tiberius, and Antonia, daughter of Mark Antony. He had some physical issues (paralysis) and was ridiculed by family members. So, he devoted himself to scholarship, authoring histories of Etruria and Carthage.

On the assassination of his nephew Caligula, early in 41 AD, Claudius was proclaimed emperor by the soldiers of the praetorian guard. Despite his disabilities, he proved himself to a surprisingly competent ruler and even added to the territory of the Empire by the invasion and partial conquest of Britain. His marital affairs, however, were less fortunate. His third wife, Valeria Messallina, was notorious for her promiscuity and Claudius ordered her execution in 48 AD. He then married his own niece, the younger Agrippina, and adopted her son, Nero, as his heir. Claudius' own son, Britannicus, was thus disinherited, presumably because of the disgrace of his mother, Messallina. Claudius died in 54 AD possibly by poisoning by his politically ambitious fourth wife. He was succeeded by Nero, who was the last of the Julio-Claudian emperors.

Nero (37-68 AD):



Coin: 66-67 AD, David Sears, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #1945, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Nero right with aegis on neck, IMP NERO CAESAR AVG P P Reverse: Salus enthroned left holding patera (shallow bowl), SALVS

Originally named L. Domitius Ahenobarbus, he was the son of Domitius Ahenobarbus and Agrippina Junior, sister of Caligula. Later, when Agrippina married her uncle, the emperor Claudius, her son was adopted for the imperial succession and his name changed to Nero Claudius Caesar Drusus Germanicus. Three years later, Claudius died, possibly poisoned by Agrippina, and Nero became the fifth emperor of Rome.

In the early years of the new reign, political power was in the hands of wise counselors. Agrippina had quickly been deprived of the position of influence which she had hoped to occupy under the new regime.

But from 62 AD onward, the young emperor fully asserted his independence, and with the encouragement of dissolute companions, his behavior became increasingly erratic and unpredictable. In the summer of 64 AD, a great fire laid waste to much of central Rome, and Nero, who was rumored to have been the author of the conflagration, eagerly took advantage of the opportunity to build a magnificent extension of the imperial palace, known as the "Golden House". He also fancied himself as a great artist, poet, and theatrical performer, and spent much time in Greece in the latter part of his reign. The Roman world eventually tired of his follies and revolts broke out in several provinces. Trouble arose initially in the East, where the outbreak in 66 AD of the First Jewish Revolt, led to the appointment of the future emperor Vespasian as supreme commander in the area. Unrest soon spread to the western provinces and serious uprisings in Spain and Gaul led ultimately to the proclamation of Galba as emperor and the suicide of Nero in the early summer of 68 AD.

Galba (3 BC- 69 AD):



Coin: 68-69 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #2107, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Galba right, IMP SER GALBA CAESAR AVG P M Reverse: Roma standing left holding Victory and eagle-tipped scepter, ROMA RENASCES

Sevius Sulpicius Galba, born of an aristocratic family and a favorite of Empress Livia in his youth, had a most distinguished public career culminating as a Governor in Spain during the latter part of Nero's reign. When Vindex, governor of Gallia Lagdunenis, rebelled against Nero in March 68 AD, he invited Galba to join him and promised to support him as Nero's replacement on the imperial throne. Vindex soon died, but by then Galba had already committed himself to the revolt and Nero's suicide soon afterwards assured his success. Galba's reign was destined to be a short duration. He failed to gain popularity, principally because of his ruthlessness in implementing reforms and his notorious avarice. This caused a serious rift with the praetorian guards to whom he refused to pay a promised donation. His supporter in the revolt against Nero, M. Salvius Otho, had hoped to be adopted as his successor. But when, early in January 69 AD, Galba selected L. Calpurnius Piso as his heir, the disgruntled Otho wasted no time in organizing a conspiracy of the praetorians. On January 15, 69 AD, Galba and Piso were both assassinated in the Forum, their severed heads being taken to Otho in the Praetoran camp.

Otho (32-69 AD):



Coin: 69 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, # 2162, silver denarius Obverse: Bare Head of Otho Right, IMP M OTHO CAESAR AVG TR P Reverse: Securitas standing left, SECVRITAS P R

Marcus Salvius Otho was prominent in Roman society in the 50's and became a close friend of the young emperor Nero. However, Otho's wife, the beautiful Poppaea Sabina, attracted the emperor's attention and Otho found himself posted to distant Lusitania as governor (58 AD), an office which he retained for the following decade. Poppaea remained in Rome as Nero's mistress and in 62 AD became his second wife, though three years later she died from the effects of a kick from her imperial husband. Otho thus had little reason to love his emperor and in fact gave his enthusiastic support to Galba's revolt in 68. Disappointed in his hopes of being adopted as Galba's heir, Otho fomented disaffection amongst the praetorian guard and seized the throne in a coup d'etat on January 15, 69. However, just two weeks earlier the Rhine legions had declared for Vitellius and the inevitable trial of strength between the two rival emperors took place within three months. Otho's army was routed in a battle fought near Bedriacum in northern Italy and he committed suicide on hearing of the defeat (April 17, 69).

Vitellius (15-69 AD):



Coin: 69 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #2197, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Vitellius right, A VITELLIVS GERMAN IMP TR P Reverse: Jupiter seated left holding Victory and scepter, IVPPITER VICTOR

Aulus Vitellius was the son of the illustrious Lucius Vitellius who had been one of Claudius' principal advisors. Aulus thus moved in elevated circles and was a close friend of all the emperors from Caligula to Nero. Towards the end of 68 AD, Galba appointed him to the important military command of Lower Germany, believing that his reputed indolence made him less of a threat in this important posting. At the beginning of 69 AD, the legions of the German frontier refused to take the oath of loyalty to Galba and on January 2, 69 Vitellius was proclaimed emperor by his troops. Two weeks later Galba was overthrown in Rome and his place taken by Otho. The army of Vitellius, under the command of two of his principal generals, advanced slowly on Rome and was eventually victorious against the forces of Otho at the battle of Bedriacum (April 16). Vitellius was now undisputed master of the Empire and proceeded in a leisurely manner to the capital, not arriving there until July. It was only then that he assumed the title of Augustus. In the meantime, however, T. Flavius Vespasianus had been proclaimed emperor by the legions in the East (July 1) where he had been sent by Nero to quell the First Jewish Revolt. Vitellius' unpopular regime was finally overthrown towards the close of the year when forces loyal to Vespasian invaded Italy and advanced slowly on Rome. The emperor was arrested in his palace, dragged through the streets of the city and brutally murdered by the mob (December 20, 69).

Vespasian (9-79 AD):



Coin: 74 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #2299, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Vespasian right, IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Reverse: Winged caduceus (symbolic staff represents Mercury), PON MAX TR P COS V

T. Flavius Vespasianus rose from relatively obscure origins to enjoy a most successful military career, playing an important role in the Claudian invasion of Britain in 43 AD as commander of Legion II Augusta. At the time of the Jewish Revolt in 66 AD, Vespasian was already in his late fifties and living in semi-retirement. Nonetheless, the following year Nero appointed him to supreme military command in the East with orders to put down the serious uprising. With the help of his elder son, Titus, he achieved great success in this task, but in the meantime the Julio-Claudian dynasty had been overthrown and the Empire plunged into civil war. After three emperors had been proclaimed in rapid succession (Galba, Otho and Vitellius), Vespasian decided to use his power base in the East to make his own bid for the throne. Leaving Titus to prosecute the Jewish War, he returned to Rome where his authority had

already been established following the collapse of Vitellius' regime before the advance of armies loyal to the Flavian cause. The accession of Vespasian saw the rise of Rome's second great imperial dynasty and his decade of power (69-79 AD) marked a return to strong government after the disruption occasioned by Nero's misrule and the ensuing civil conflict. Discipline was restored to the armies and the praetorian guard was reduced to its old size. The year following his capture of Jerusalem in 70 AD, Titus returned to Rome and celebrated a magnificent joint triumph with his father. He became a full partner in the government of the Empire, receiving the tribunician power and sharing the office of censor with Vespasian. This led to the recruitment to the Senate of many new Italian and provincial members. The emperor's younger son, Domitian, remained very much in the background, though he was accorded a not inconsiderable share in the coinage. Vespasian's industry and simple lifestyle made him popular with the people and on his death in 79 AD there was genuine public sorrow. His deification the following year was the first such honor bestowed on an emperor since Claudius in 54 AD and only the third in the history of the Empire. The succession of Titus was smooth and Domitian became heir to his brother's throne.

Titus (39-81 AD):



Coin: 80 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #2516, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Titus right (var.), IMP TITVS CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M Reverse: Wreath on curule chair, TR P IX IMP XV COS VIII P P

Titus Flavius Vespasianus, the elder son of Vespasian and Flavia Domitilla was a close boyhood friend of Britannicus, son of the Emperor Claudius, with whom he was educated. During the reign of Nero he served as a military tribune in Germany and Britain, and in 67 AD accompanied his father to Judaea, where he commanded Legion XV Apollinaris. When his father made his bid for the imperial throne in 69 AD, Titus was given supreme command over the Jewish War. In September 70 AD he captured Jerusalem, thus effectively ending the Jewish Revolt, which had begun four years earlier during the reign of Nero. Although he bore only the junior rank of Caesar throughout Vespasian's reign, Titus was his father's colleague in the government of the Empire. They celebrated a magnificent joint triumph in Rome for the Jewish victory (June 71 AD) and Titus was accorded a considerable share in the imperial coinage, with large scale issues in all metals. The share of his younger brother, Domitian, was considerably smaller and there can be little doubt that the latter felt bitterly resentful of his inferior status (a resentment which was to find expression in the tyranny of Domitian's own reign a decade later). Titus succeeded to the imperial throne on the death of Vespasian on June 24, 79 AD. He reigned for a little more than two years, but this brief period witnessed a series of natural disasters. The most famous of these is the eruption of Vesuvius, which destroyed the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 AD. In the following year, the capital suffered from both plague and a devastating fire. It was in connection with these disasters that Titus issued a series of coins commemorating the services of prayer and reconciliation through which he attempted to allay public alarm. One of the rare highlights of the reign was the dedication in June 80 AD of the great "Amphitheatrum Flavium", better known today as the Colosseum. This magnificent arena, still one of the principal landmarks of modern Rome, had been commenced by Vespasian in 71 AD on the site of the stagnum (pool) formerly in the gardens of Nero's Golden House. The dedication by Titus was accompanied by lavish celebrations for the Roman people. Probably exhausted and depressed by his ordeals, Titus died on September 13, 81 AD at the age of forty two. He was succeeded by his younger brother Domitian who, as an heir to the throne, had been accorded a considerable coinage in all metals during the reign of Titus.

Domitian (51-96 AD):



Coin: 89 AD, David Sear, <u>Roman Coins and Their Values</u>, #2732, silver denarius Obverse: Laureate Head of Domitian right, IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P VIII Reverse: Minerva standing left holding thunderbolt and spear, shield at side, IMP XIX COS XIIII CENS P P P

Titus Flavius Domitianus, the younger son of Vespasian and Flavia Domitilla, was in Rome at the time of his father's rebellion against Vitellius in 69 AD, and was lucky to escape with his life when he and his uncle, Flavius Sabinus, were besieged on the Capitol in the final days of Vitellius' regime. Although given the rank of Caesar, like his elder brother Titus, he was kept very much in the background during the 10-year reign of Vespasian. The bitter resentment which he felt over his treatment at this time and the inferiority of his status in the imperial family eventually found expression in the highly autocratic behavior which he exhibited when he succeeded to the imperial throne on the early death of Titus in 81 AD.

Domitian has gone down in history as one of the worst of the Roman tyrants and his memory was condemned by the Senate immediately following his death. But this harsh judgment is not fully borne out by the facts and owes much to the bitter feelings of a resentful aristocracy. He certainly exhibited cruelty in dealing with those he considered to be his enemies and this increased with the discovery of plots against his regime, especially after the rebellion in 89 AD of Saturninus, governor of Upper Germany. However, he exhibited some aptitude as a military commander during his campaigns on the Rhine and Danube and the frontier arrangements between the two rivers were improved. He was the first emperor since Claudius in 43 AD to campaign in person. He maintained high moral standards in public performances and showed respect for religious ritual. As a builder he was tireless, restoring the temple of Jupiter on the Capitol in monumental style and adding significantly to the imperial palace on the Palatine. In financial affairs, he improved the weight and quality of the precious metal coinage and raised military pay by one-third, thereby ensuring his continued popularity with the army and the praetorian guard. The people were entertained with frequent public spectacles and banquets, and in October 88 AD the Secular Games were celebrated in Rome with great pomp and ceremony. Domitian's relations with the Senate, however, remained strained at best and were sometimes openly hostile. The executions of at least twelve ex-consuls are recorded during this reign, a state of affairs which led inevitably to further conspiracies and ultimately to the emperor's violent downfall. In the late summer of 96 AD a palace group, involving the court chamberlain and possibly even the Empress Domitia Longina, hatched a plot against the emperor's life and on September 18 Domitian fell victim to the assassin's knife in his private apartments. Thus ended Rome's second imperial dynasty which had lasted a mere 27 years.

	Emperor	Lived	Ruled	Cause of Death
	Julius Caesar	100-44 BC	49-44 BC	Assassination
	Caesar Augustus	63 BC-14 AD	27 BC-14 AD	Natural Causes
	Tiberius Caesar	42 BC-37 AD	14-37 AD	Natural Causes
	Caligula	12-41 AD	37-41 AD	Assassination
	Claudius	10 BC-54 AD	41-54 AD	Poisoning
	Nero	37-68 AD	54-68 AD	Suicide
	Galba	3 BC-69 AD	68-69 AD	Assassination
	Otho	32-69 AD	69 AD	Suicide
	Vitellius	15-69 AD	69 AD	Murdered by mob
	Vespasian	9-79 AD	69-79 AD	Natural Causes
	Titus	39-81 AD	79-81 AD	Natural Causes
	Domitian	51-96 AD	81-96 AD	Assassination

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ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

2022 marked a return to in-person learning sessions at the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

After a two year hiatus, the annual ANA Summer Seminar returned in June for in-person learning sessions at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Many members and friends of the Texas Numismatic Association were in attendance (pictured below), and they reported that the time spent together was joyful as well as informative. Six TNA members in attendance had their seminar fees, housing, and travel expenses covered by winning our annual grant drawing. If you have been a member for at least two years, you can enter to win for 2023. See page 5 for entry details. TNA Governor John Barber and many of the TNA grant recipients have sent in photos and statements about their experiences to share and inspire others to join them in Colorado next year.

Rick Ewing, TNA President: At the conclusion of each session of the ANA summer seminar, a "graduation" banquet is held to mark the event. Each place setting has a souvenir of the occasion for the participants to take home as a reminder of the week. Joe Panaossa, a long time attendee, provided these tokens. This year (2022) we mourned the loss of Dan "Tiny" Cross, a fixture and popular figure beloved by all who he encountered or was befriended by him. He passed away in his sleep shortly after our last Seminar before the covid crisis. Each of the tokens marked the week of the event. In the process, the Week II die producing the tokens fractured and created a variety cherished by some of the attendees. Mr. Panaossa reported about 40% of Week II exhibited the tell tale die break. We can thank John Barber of the Greater Houston Coin Club for the wonderful images of the tokens pictured here.



Week 1 TNA members and friends

• Week 2 TNA members and friends

• Week 1 souvenir token



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Week 2 souvenir token with die break

UPWARD TREND IN THE COMMEMORATIVE MARKET

IN CLASS AT ANA'S SUMMER SEMINAR 2022 -



I had eagerly anticipated the resumption of ANA Summer Seminar for years. When the opportunity to sign up for "Classic Commemoratives" and attend with friends and be taught by knowledgeable hobby luminaries, I jumped at the chance (last January). Together we waited for the class to "fill" adequately to go forward. In the end, 13 signed up, and that was great!

At the opening, teachers Carl Stang and Jeff Nolen greeted us and asked for a brief statement of collecting experience, goals, etc. so the course might be tailored to the expectations of the students. Nice gesture, and the right mind-set, even though the slide content was largely already set. The path chosen by our teachers and slightly modified by the discussion questions provided by the students was 100% what I had hoped.

At the outset, it is reasonable to ask: Is now a good time to be forming a set of Classic Commemoratives? And the associated question: Should I seek colorfully toned coins, or should I seek blast white ones?

To the second question, the main answer has to be: Collect what you like! It is your collection and your decision; there is no one right answer. It is interesting, however, that the approach and preferences of our two teachers at the course differed. Carl, primarily a collector, prefers toned coins in general, though he is careful to acknowledge that there is "positive toning", "neutral toning", and "negative toning". Degrees of toning (tarnish) occur across a spectrum.

In our course, however, Jeff (primarily a dealer in Classic Commemoratives) commented on the market: "Most of my customers are looking for blast white coins." Jeff agrees that attractively toned specimens do bring a premium in market price, but on average are more difficult for him to sell.

So readers, how do YOU feel? Would you rather collect toned coins or are you seeking blast white examples?

Carl showed slides recapping actual sales of specific coins, and the "positively toned" ones generated auction prices well in excess of the "white" ones of the same issue and slab grade. Differences past +50% were sometimes seen.

On the second question, about whether now is a good time to be gathering a set, there is some value in considering the market price history of the series. Long ago, in my teenage years, the conventional wisdom was "Classic Commemoratives are one of

Charts from: www.pcgs.com/prices/coin-index/silver-and-gold-commemorative Article originally appeared in the Greater Houston Coin Club newsletter, *The Doubleshift* Coin photos courtesy of John Barber the most cyclical coin series". Folks knew that "blue chips" like early Federal gold coins, nice Large Cents, and key dates in popular series had long shown steady, if uneven, price appreciation. They had also seen both ups and downs in Commemoratives pricing, reflecting popularity fluctuations more than supply fluctuations. Dealers and others promoting Commemoratives acquisition now would emphasize this record over the last three years. See the top chart on the right from PCGS depicting this time period.

From prices compiled by PCGS, it shows the market has been trending upward since early 2021, with perhaps a cumulative change of 8% or so since then. This index takes into account the separate records of all the coins in the series. I do not know what weighting factors or system is used. I suspect it is not far from a simple addition of the separate coins' values from Greysheet, at the grades listed. It would not matter here, but I bet there is no allowance for "gradeflation" over time, nor for general currency inflation either.

One gets a different perspective, though still supporting arguments for acquisition now by looking at a longer sweep of history in the same index. See the second chart showing a 10-year comparison in this market. Here we see that a big and disturbing decline in market prices took place from 2014 levels, continuing right through 2020. The average piece lost perhaps 40% of its value! Following that decline, what recovery in market attention and favor would be needed to bring 2012's buyer back to whole? Are we seeing the nose of that in the last year and a half?

Your scribe hesitates to put forward here yet another, longer perspective. But today's buyers need to be aware of what can happen. Consider this third PCGS index chart for the series, now comprising a 50-year history. Here, the peak reached briefly in 1989 was very high. It was a frenzied market. Everyone who bought Classic Commemoratives then is likely to be "under water" even now. The declines on some individual issues reached 90%. In my own case, I have to look clear back to 1981 or so to find prevailing prices that are on a par with today. While my "paper profits" on my first 48-piece set vanished after 1989, I guess I'm lucky that most of the coins were acquired in the 1970's, and that they were able to be sold at a modest profit about six years ago.

Conclusions: Using the view of history as a backdrop, now is a good time to be forming a set of Classic Commemoratives. Follow your own preferences on "white" coins vs. toned; the market is strengthening for both kinds.







ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

Jack Gilbert: While it was a couple of years in the making due to COVID, since I won the TNA Scholarship Grant in 2019 for the 2020 Summer Seminar, the 2022 Seminar was certainly worth the wait. I got there a day early, visited a nearby coin show, and then stayed overnight in the dorm that I would occupy for the next 6 nights. Memories of my college dorm 50 years ago with no air conditioning, no phones or TVs in the room, rest rooms at the end of the hall, and evening bull sessions on the front porch. Despite the altitude in Colorado Springs, walking to the cafeteria and classes was not too strenuous; and the campus was beautiful and historic.

My class was on World War II Numismatics. It was small but the amount of information and knowledge in the classroom was enormous. Fred Schwan and Joe Boling presented the course and are true experts in the field of Allied Military Currency and Military Payment Certificates (as were several of my classmates). I thought that coin collectors were embroiled in the minutia of the hobby, but these guys don't just collect the items themselves, they collect the straps/bands that held the notes, the boxes they were shipped in, the memos and receipts of the transportation of the items, even pictures of the MPCs being distributed to the soldiers too. It was an incredible experience and added significantly to the limited knowledge that I had before attending the class.



 Pictured Left to Right: Jack Hunter, Kellen Hoard, Larry Gibbs, Fred Schwan, Joseph Boling, Ken Nakayama, Jack Gilbert, and Douglas Bell

Photo courtesy of Jack Gilbert

Debbie Williams: I thoroughly enjoyed the week I spent immersed in coin collecting at the 2022 ANA Summer Seminar. I am extremely appreciative to the TNA for the expense paid scholarship. I took the Classic Commemorative class taught by our very own Carl Stang and Jeff Nolan. I learned so much and highly recommend both the seminar and the commemorative class. I encourage all eligible members to apply for this amazing opportunity. It's easy and the reward is that of a dream come true!

Gary Foreman: I was excited for the opportunity to participate in the grading class. The instructors enthusiasm showed in their ability to share their knowledge in a manner that was easy to understand and enjoyable. Being able to network with others who share my love of numismatics was refreshing. I feel blessed to have received the scholarship that enabled me to go. I look forward to attending more seminars in the future.

Judy Dobbins: Attending the ANA Summer Seminar was the highlight of my summer. My main class was Classic Commemorative Coins, taught by Carl Stang, assisted by Jeff Nolen. I never imagined that I would go all the way to Colorado Springs to take a class taught by Texas Numismatic friends who live less than an hour from me! Carl and Jeff proved to be amazing teachers, organized and well prepared with many examples of coins and Power Point presentations. I also attended a night session, taught by John Frost, on Oddball Denominations: 2 cents, silver 3 cents, nickel 3 cents and 20 cent coins. Each of those denominations were short lived and are sometimes neglected by collectors. Both classes were very enjoyable, and I learned a lot, too! ANA's Summer Seminars offer an incredible experience - spending five days learning, sharing and "talking coins" with other numismatists. I am grateful to TNA for the scholarship grant that made this opportunity possible.

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2) How does an "Over Mint Mark" such as D/S come about? Does current technology prevent this from happening?

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4) What is "tab toning"?

5) What was the first circulating coin struck by the U.S. Mint for a foreign government?

6) Why are the 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollars so hard to find?

7) Who was Abe Curry and what did he do in Nevada?

1) What variation substantially increases the value of this already exceptional colonial coin?

Pine Tree Shillings were struck in Boston by John Hull from 1652 to about 1682, all bearing the 1652 date. The "large planchet" coins (like this one) were struck on a rocker press before Hull's mint installed a human-powered screw press and began issuing the "small planchet" pine tree shillings. This beautiful coin's value is enhanced by the "No H" variation (variety Salmon 9-F). Comparing it to the second coin pictured here, you can see that "MASATUSETS" is missing its H. This variation will run you a modest increase over similar pieces in Fine and below, but expect

a premium price of thousands of dollars more if you want an example in Very Fine or better.

2) How does an "Over Mint Mark" such as D/S come about? Does current technology prevent this from happening?

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Overmintmarks, such as the 1950 S/D quarters (pictured below) and the 1938 D/S Buffalo Nickel are products of a time and technology that has passed. Before the 1990's, the master hub for coins of a year did not include a mintmark. The working dies were hand-stamped with an appropriate mintmark just before being hardened and put in the press to make coins. Sometimes, the wrong mark was applied by the workman, and if he promptly recognized his error, the correct mark could be applied over the wrong one. In the cases of the 1938 Buffalo and the 1900 O/CC Morgan Dollars, it is more likely that unused dies were returned to Philadelphia at the end of a series and remarked to continue at a different branch mint. At any rate, in the 1990's when the mintmark began to be a part of the master hub for each year, the possibility of overmintmarks (and repunched mintmarks of all kinds) went away.



3) When did the 1793 Liberty Cap half cents become legal tender?

The 1793 Liberty Cap Half Cents, like all series of half cents, did not become legal tender until the passage of the Coinage Act of July 23, 1965, Public Law 89-81. In practice, however, the half cents and large cents circulated at par and without many refusals in the eastern United States beginning at the time of their first issue in 1793 and continuing until they were replaced with small cents in 1857. All copper coinage was not popular in the western U.S. until the early 20th century.

4) What is "tab toning" ?

The term "tab toning" refers to the pattern of coloration (tarnish) which forms over many years on certain Classic Commemorative Half Dollars that were issued in cardboard holders and have remained in those original holders for a long time. Under some environmental conditions, the sulfur in the paper and perhaps in chemicals from the glue cause the silver surfaces of the coin to darken in the shape of the cardboard "tabs" or cut-outs. Some collectors prefer these to completely white coins, as the tab toning is a sign that the coin has not been dipped and has likely not been out of the cardboard since the time of issue, and thus has been protected from careless handling.



5) What was the first custom designed and minted circulating coin struck by the U.S. Mint for a foreign government?

Following the successful integration into their circulating coinage of 1.2 million 1835 U.S. Large Cents and 200,000 1835 U.S. Half Cents purchased directly from the U.S. Mint, Venezuela was the first customer for custom designed and minted coins. In 1875-76, Philadelphia made over 10 million 1 and 2.5 centavo coins of copper/nickel/ zinc not otherwise used in U.S. coinage. This was also an early example of ready-to-strike planchets from a private supplier (Benedict & Burnham of Waterbury, CT). It should be noted that 20 years earlier, in 1855, the U.S. Mint did just design work on some foreign coins. They did a series of patterns for Peru, as noted in the ANS publication: The Coinage of El Peru (1985). Between 1875 and 1984. the U.S. mints turned out more than 11 billion coins for more than 40 countries. The highest production came in the final year, when 46 million pieces were made for

year, when 46 million pieces were made for Panama. After 1984, growing domestic demand for circulation coinage and new commemorative and bullion coin programs used all of the capacity of our mints, and the foreign contracts came to an end.

Thank you to Jim Sandy of the Greater Houston Coin Club for his contributions to this answer.

6) Why are the 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollars so hard to find?

The 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollar is tough to find because the entire issue of 2,150,000 pieces came as part of the year's mint set, and thus was never available at face value. The 1970-D is the final issue of 40% silver half dollars of the 1965-1970 period.

7) Who was Abe Curry and what did he do in Nevada?

Abraham V. Curry is the self-described and much-loved "Father of Carson City". He was an early settler in 1858, seeking business success in real estate. He developed the Carson City townsite on part of his Eagle Ranch, and was very influential in bringing the state capitol to the new town. He was the guiding force in establishing the Branch Mint at Carson City, and he was its first superintendent. He was prime contractor for many of the town's best early buildings. He died in Carson City in 1873. The mint outlasted him (as a coining facility) by twenty years.

Back to Basics? A Basic Gold Set, That Is

By Mark Benvenuto

Then an early United States Congress got down to the business of making money by making some money, they authorized specific coins for the young country. On the bottom of the ladder, as it were, there were half cents and one cent coins made of copper. Moving up, every denomination from the tiny half-dime to the big dollar coin were to be silver. And on top of the list were three coins to be made of gold: the quarter-eagle, the half eagle, and the eagle, which collectors know quite well had face values of \$2.50, then \$5, and finally \$10. Back at the start of it all there were no onedollar gold coins, no \$3 gold pieces, and definitely no \$20 gold pieces or double eagles. Using just this as a guide line, it seems that for any of us who might have stayed away from gold based on the perceived cost, the simplest gold type set a person could assemble would include only three coins. Let's have a peek at just what might be possible then, in terms of both beauty and cost, when trying to put together the simplest of all possible gold type sets.

The Quarter Eagles

The United States Mint was authorized under Congress' Coinage Act of 1792, but that didn't mean anyone got around to pounding out any quarter eagles right at the get go. It was 1796 before any of these little, gold gems came out, and even then, the number was downright tiny – a total mintage of only 963 pieces. As we might expect, the cost for one today is going to be furiously expensive. It would be almost forty years before an annual mintage even made it up to six figures, meaning that in 1834 a total of 112,234 pieces were coined. That still qualifies as a low mintage that is today coupled to a high price.

If we want to get to anything resembling a common \$2.50 gold piece that came out before 1849 – the year that \$1 gold pieces were added to the mix – we'll end up landing at 1843, amidst the Coronet Head design gold pieces. Curiously, it is the 1843-O from the branch Mint in the Big Easy that pounded out the most of these in that year, which comes to 288,002 of them with a small date, and another 76,000 of them with a large. The main Mint in Philly ponied up another 100,000 of them, with the branch Mint in Charlotte and Dahlonega each adding a small amount more.

When it comes to price tags, since there is 0.12094 ounces of gold in each quarter eagle, the value of the precious metal alone is going to be just under \$220 when gold trades at \$1,800 per ounce on today's markets. But any classic piece with this much age to it will perhaps obviously cost more. Something at the low end of mint state will run over \$2,000. But in a bit of good news, dropping to a grade such as almost uncirculated, or AU-50, will slash the price to about \$900. That's not pocket change, but it's not through-the-roof expensive either. And the coin will still be a beauty.

The Half Eagles

Like the quarter eagles, the half eagles were part of the original package when it came to the original Mint and the original money system. Also, like the quarter eagles, the half eagles didn't get out of the gate until a couple of years later – 1795 to be exact – and saw plenty of very lean mintages prior to the unveiling of the Coronet Head design in 1839. To be fair, there are a few dates prior to this with that got close to six figures, with the 1811 coming the closest. But all these early half eagles have prices that fly extremely high.

The year 1847 saw 915,981 of the Coronet Head half eagles produced in Philly, which is a big enough total that just about anyone with the deep desire can get their hands on one today. In an interesting twist, for pieces in grades like the just-mentioned AU-50, the price is actually the same as for their smaller siblings, the common date quarter eagle. This is certainly not based on the amount of gold in each piece. It's based more on



how common these classic gold coins are perceived to be. But whatever the reason, this is some good news about the second coin of the trio we are looking at.

The Big Guns – The Eagles

If we are to start with a comment about the scarcity of the earliest eagles, it's fair for everyone to say something like, "Yes, yes, we get it, early U.S. gold coins are scarce." But to give a bit of credit to the folks who worked at the Mint right after it got up and running, \$10 was a considerable amount of money, and there probably was little need to have a lot of \$10 gold pieces in circulation. To reinforce this with an example from roughly that time, our first Northwest Territory was the current states of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. In the early 1800's, a man could buy a one-squaremile farm there for \$1. Yes, that's a single dollar. And many farmers complained that this cost was too much! So, the idea of walking about with \$10 in one's pocket takes on a different flavor when we think about what it could buy then.

In an interesting coincidence, it was again 1847 that was really the first year in which these big coins can be called common. That year saw 862,258 of them pounded out in Philadelphia, and a further 571,500 anted up by the branch Mint in New Orleans. The price tags for them in MS-60 are quite high, but again, dropping to grades like AU-50 or even to extra fine, EF-40, saves us a lot, and gets us to prices like \$1,200 per coin.

Beyond these three?

On purpose we looked for three common, classic gold pieces that predate the production of one-dollar, or three-dollar, or twenty-dollar gold pieces. This can become a trio of truly classic and beautiful U.S. gold. But of course, we don't have to stick with these dates or this time. There are plenty of gold issues after these dates which ended up with very high production runs – in the millions really – and for which we won't have to hunt too much to land one. But here we've taken a look at just what it might take to put together a very basic gold type set. Good luck to any of us who take up the challenge.

Pictured below:

1843-O \$2.50 Eagle AU-58, PCGS *Sold in 2020 for \$960*

1847 \$5 Eagle AU-55, PCGS *Sold in 2021 for \$750*

1847 \$10 Eagle AU-53, PCGS Sold in 2022 for \$1,320



TNA Show & Tell

Show & Tell is a staple of many club gatherings, and we are pleased to highlight some great items from collectors across the state. If you want to share something from your collection, this is your opportunity to participate from the comfort of your home. Contribute to the next issue by emailing theTNAnews@gmail.com by October 31.

PERFORATED EDGE CURRENCY Robert Wise, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

During the Civil War, using paper money cost you more for a purchase as opposed to using coins. People began hoarding coins because the melt value was very near the face value of the coin and people didn't trust paper currency. With coin shortages, merchants suffered, so in order to keep the economy moving, Congress authorized "postage currency" in denominations less than a dollar to keep the economy moving. In theory it was felt that no one would hoard these notes. The first designs copied postage stamp designs. For a short time, the first issues in 1862 were issued on perforated sheets that could be hand torn apart. Soon the perforation was discontinued for several reasons. First, most people cut the sheets, the perforation didn't always tear properly, it cost slightly more to produce, and the main reason was soon the demand for the postage currency exceeded the perforating machines capacity. Perforated "postage currency" or fractional currency generally commands a higher price than the straight edge currency....and yes, these notes are still legal tender at face value.



1895 CHILEAN 1 PESO Larry Vann, Texarkana Coin Club

In going through my small pile of foreign junk silver coins, I ran across a Chilean peso. It was instantaneously recognized as a Chilean coin by the familiar Andean condor found on the obverse. I have had other coins, in the past, with this same design of copper centavos.

The peso is a crown sized coin having a composition of 0.8350 parts silver and an ASW of 0.5369 troy ounces. This particular coin is of a design minted from 1895 to 1897. Since I like designating the side of the coin with the date as the obverse, that is how we'll proceed.

The obverse depicts the denomination of UN PESO within a wreath. An S mintmark for Santiago is positioned above the denomination and the date of 1895 just below. Santiago was founded by the Spanish in 1541 and the Chilean mint, in Santiago, was founded in 1743. While the Santiago mint first produced coins when Chile was still a Spanish colony, it has since that time produced coins and currency for the Republic of Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Venezuela, Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay, and others.

One of the more interesting aspects of the coin is the use of the "Hammer and Sickle" motif interwoven in the base of the wreath. It is utilized here over 20 years before being adopted as the communist symbol of the Soviet Union.

The reverse of the peso consists of a defiant condor, sitting on a mountain outcrop, facing left (his/her right). The condor is surrounded by the inscription REPUBLICA DE CHILE. The Andean condor is a South American bird and is the largest fly bird in the world by combined measurement of weight and wingspan (just under 11 ft).





CANADIAN SHORT SNORTER NOTE

Frank Galindo, President of the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio





As a collector of "Short Snorter" notes, I am always glad to add an autographed note to my collection. Signed notes from WW II are one of my favorite autographed notes in the collection. In communicating with a long-time friend in Canada, the subject of "Short Snorters" came up. I told him of the various notes in my collection and the country of their origin. Not long after our communication I received in the mail an autographed Canadian one dollar note. It was a most welcomed surprise and a wonderful gift. This was the first Canadian note in my collection and is an excellent addition.

The obverse of the one dollar note features a portrait of a youthful King George VI. The obverse of the note does not have any autographs or handwriting. The text under the portrait reads Ottawa, 2nd Jan. 1937.

The reverse shows the date 7-14-47. Inscribed at the bottom edge of the note is "God Save The King" and the name Vi Bradatseh. There are several autographs that are written across the allegorical figure of agriculture on the reverse of the note, which I am still trying to decipher.

I am very thankful to my Canadian friend and fellow St. Eligius Knight, Sir Scott Douglas, for his generous gift, which I sincerely appreciate.

ANGOLA ONE-MILLION KWANZAS EDUCATIONAL NOTE

Karla Galindo, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

Collecting paper currency with educational themes is one of my favorite collections. This is a 1995 onemillion Kwanzas note from Angola issued by the Banco Nacional De Angola.

The obverse shows conjoined busts of Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Antonio Agostinho Neto at the right. The reverse shows a schoolgirl at left center and mask at upper right.

António Agostinho Neto, an Angolan politician and poet, served as the first president of Angola from 1975 to 1979. When he died on September 10, 1979, dos Santos became the president. Jose Eduardo dos Santos was the former president of Angola from 1979 to 2017, who recently died in Barcelona, Spain at the age of 79 on July 8, 2022. His thirty-eight years in office made him one of the longest serving presidents in the world.



TNA Show & Tell

CLAUS VON STAUFFENBERG: GERMAN PATRIOT Chuck Nail, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

On July 20, 1944 Claus von Stauffenberg, age 36, along with 200 other German military officers, attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler and overthrow the Nazi regime. Hitler largely had taken power through the democratic process, but he quickly established a dictatorship in which dissent was not tolerated. A total of 40 assassination plots were attempted during the war.

The closest plot to succeeding was led by von Stauffenberg, who placed a briefcase bomb into a meeting with Hitler at the Wolf's Lair military headquarters in present-day Poland. After the failed assassination attempt, von Stauffenberg was executed that same night shouting, "Long live holy Germany" before being shot by a firing squad. In the weeks following, nearly all 200 of the plotters were murdered. On August 3, 1944, leading Nazi Party member Heinrich Himmler declared "Every last member of von Stauffenberg's family will be destroyed." Von Stauffenberg's widow Nina survived the war. She died on April 2, 2006, at age 92.

In 2021 the German government marked the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's assassination attempt and spoke out against antisemitism. Von Stauffenberg's plot against Hitler was

dubbed "Operation Valkyrie." Stauffenberg has a mixed legacy in Germany, with some seeing him as a hero and others as an opportunist who only turned against Hitler once defeat in the war was a military For certainty. the government German and myself, Stauffenberg was a patriot and should be celebrated as part of the wider anti-Hitler movement. Von Stauffenberg's likeness is seen on an American-Baden Friendship medal. The US and German state of Baden flags are on top of the medal.



NEW CALEDONIA 1952, FIVE FRANCS COIN Pat Weems, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

The French Overseas Territory of New Caledonia is a group of about 25 Islands in the South Pacific. They are located about 750 miles east of Australia. The first European to sight New Caledonia was British Capt. James Cook in 1774. The French took possession in 1853 and established a penal colony. In 1998, New Caledonia changed its French Territory status to a French Associated State.

This highly sculptured 1952 Five Francs coin shows its connection to France. The obverse displays a seated figure holding a torch while the reverse is a Kagu bird within sprigs and the value listed above. The coin's metal is 1.30 grams of aluminum.







COLLECTING REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CONSOLIDATED FUND NOTES

Mario Ward, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio

Texas is unique – We were an independent nation for ten years before joining the United States as the 28th state on December 29, 1845, with formal entry in 1846. During those ten years, Texas struggled financially and economically to finance its efforts to become established, protect its frontiers and pay for the revolution. During that same time in the United States the bank panic of 1837 brought a period of business depression that lasted from 1837 until 1845, a period practically tied with the life of the Republic. No coins were ever minted by or for the Republic, but paper currency was issued.

Eight different cities are recorded as serving as the capital with two being Houston (April 1837 to October 1839 and March 1842 to September 1842) and Austin (October 1939 to March 1842 and 1844 to present). Both cities are recorded as issuing Consolidated Fund notes that were a form of interest-bearing scrip in which the floating debt could be funded by the Republic. These notes are collected because of their important historical significance in that they allow us to make a connection with people, places, and events of another time in the rich history of the State of Texas.

Below are pictorial examples showing the three different border designs used on the small size Consolidated Fund notes along with markings of the cities where they were issued.



LOCAL CLUB NEWS: Please enjoy this selection of meeting minutes, educational talks, and updates from coin clubs across our state. We encourage all of our member clubs to send us news and photos to share with the TNA membership. Make submission hassle-free by adding theTNAnews@gmail.com to your regular club news distribution list.

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FWCC MAY MEETING: President Kevin Guiles called the May 5th meeting to order with 2 members via ZOOM, 22 in person, and 2 guests. The members were asked by a show of hands who would be interested in putting on a coin show in 2023. By overwhelming response, the members do want a show in 2023. The members would also like the return of the monthly "Door Prizes". Walter will look into securing some prizes. ANA National Coin Week contest was brought up again. Several members would like to work on the questions together and submit the answers as a club. It was brought up that we would like to encourage Junior Members (under 16 years of age) to attend meetings. The club will waive the 2022 dues for the Junior Member and their parent/driver as well.

Ed L. presented an interesting educational program about Japanese Invasion Money, (JIM). Once a country was invaded, all local and hard currency was seized. It was replaced with JIM, officially known as Southern Development Bank Notes. The notes were stamped with a letter that would designate where the JIM was issued. For example, P-Philippines, B-Burma, M-Malaya, S-Netherlands Indies, O-Oceania. A second block letter after the country identified the issue of that currency group. PA-first issue, PB-second issue, After PZ you might see P/AA. It was a very informational program.

Show and Tell: Danny brought in some foreign coins from the Netherlands. Richard showed us a page of Mexican silver coins in recognition of Cinco de Mayo! Walter showed us some Full Bell Lines Franklins. Frank Provasek conducted an auction consisting of 30-40 lots.

JUNE MEETING: President Kevin Guiles called the June 2nd meeting to order with 16 in-person attendees, 4 via Zoom, and 1 guest. Kevin submitted the ANA National Coin Week contest answers for the FWCC.

Kevin presented the educational program: US Coins in the Numismatic Collection video from the Smithsonian. Show and Tell: Frank H. brought in a Libertas Americana 1776 5oz. silver coin and a Canadian 2018 .99 silver proof set. Danny brought in some ship wreck coins, a Dutch coin



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from 1627 (pictured) and a French one from 1734. Walter showed us an MS60 detail re-colored penny and a 1934 Texas Commemorative half dollar hand painted by Coinucopia. Club auction was held.

JULY MEETING: Treasurer Walter Fabisiak called the meeting to order with 18 in-person attendees, 3 via

Zoom, and 4 guests. The club will be hosting a picnic in lieu of a meeting on August 4th. Spouses and guests are invited by paying a \$10 fee. Paid club members are free. We will play BINGO with numismatic prizes. BBQ will be served along with all of the sides, drinks and desserts. We will be practicing social distancing and will be serving one table at a time. The club will purchase all of the items, no need for attendees to bring anything but a smile and an appetite! It was announced that John Post is resigning as Vice President of the club. Thank you, John, for your great support to the club.

Alex S presented a great educational program on how useful a 3D printer can be. A 3D printer can be used to enlarge the face of a coin in order for a visually impaired individual to be able to enjoy looking at coins, Die Cast Replica printing. He's also made some neat storage containers for coins. We all enjoyed the presentation and 3D Fort Worth Coin Club tokens he printed up to share with each of us. Thank you, Alex!



Show and Tell: Walter brought in some coins with unusual toning on them. Robert mentioned he received a "W" Quarter he received as change. Elliot brought in a recent acquisition, a case and books filled with lke dollars. Danny brought in some neat coins from Greece and a Parthian piece. He also recently bought an Eastern Nigerian money, a steel bar from 1600-1900 AD!

Jimmy Davis talked about his recent support of the White Settlement Police department during a foot pursuit of a stolen vehicle suspect. Jimmy saw the pursuit; it was a very hot Texas day. One of the two officers was having difficulties keeping up with the chase. Jimmy jumped into his car and picked up the officer and drove him around the corner where the other officer had apprehended the suspect! Jimmy was recognized by the White Settlement City Council.

An auction of 20 items took place after the business meeting

NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB



NETCC APRIL MEETING: President Allen Scott opened the meeting with 35 members and visitors present. Next month will be the 20th anniversary of the Club's founding. We are planning special activities to commemorate this momentous occasion including

circumstances surrounding its founding, history of the Club, invitation to previous members, recognition of past officers and other leaders, and of course, something special to eat. June will see us restart our traditional Youth Night, after the unfortunate COVID break of the past two years.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Finds: Roy Harston continues to locate gold and silver jewelry on virtually every visit to the field. We would like to know his stellar profit return on his metal detector purchase.

The April program was our traditional Quiz Night. Gabe and Tyler conducted the event, and can be blamed for the intense difficulty of the questions. Members were arranged at tables of 5-6 members, somewhat balanced as to numismatic knowledge (as best you can, since you can't divvy up the knowledge of Bob Foster and Stewart Huckaby to every table). A series of ten questions were asked such as Robert Morris' proposed units to the dollar (1440), Barber coinage denomination without a "micro o" (quarter), and details about number of stars on St. Gaudens double eagles (46, 47, 48). The team of Mark Johnson, Stewart Huckaby, Sam Fairchild, Jerry Ozdych and Jack Gilbert each received the first-place award of five TNA raffle tickets. Gabe and Tyler pledged to make next year's even harder, as the winning team answered nine of ten questions correctly.

All youth in attendance received door prizes. The adult door prizes of proof sets were awarded to Barbara Gallagher, Jerry Ozdych and Judy Moser. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.

MAY UPDATE: The May meeting marked the 20th anniversary of the

Club's founding. A small group of collectors met at Martin Methodist in May 2002. Amazing, six of those original collectors are still members! Who better to discuss our Club than our two founders – Merle Owens and Russell Prinzinger? (pictured) First up was Merle, who made a supreme effort to attend. Merle spoke of the close relationships developed with members. He detailed how there was always someone to step up, to do a job, lend a hand, greet a visitor. He singled out several members, including David Oster, who after treating the entire Club to BBQ remarked where else could one find 50 new friends. Next up was Russell who spoke about the history of the Club, even back



to an unsuccessful start in 1998 in the back of Baker Blvd. Antique Mall. Running in the back was a looping slide show with memorial Club events going back to our inception. And of course, no anniversary would be complete without cake. We welcomed back several members who have been unable to attend in person since the COVID pandemic.

JUNE UPDATE: Youth Night: After a short business meeting, the kids in attendance departed to other rooms to participate in this year's Kids Night for youth 17 and under. The kids were divided into two age groups of roughly equal size. The younger group of kids 10 and under enjoyed a program focused on collecting several different series. Topics covered where to find dates and mintmarks, difference between proof and business strikes, and how to select coins for each series. Each participant received several folders packed with nice examples, and even some nice proof sets. This group was led by Richard Wallace. The 11 and older kids were led by Jack Gilbert who spoke on how to purchase coins on eBay, auctions and other internet sites. Things to look for included reliability of seller, whether the lot was certified or not, which coins to avoid, etc. Jack also demonstrated how to research a coin series to get value in what they collect. This year's Kids Night was both interesting and educational for the eight kids who participated. The kids also walked away with lots of fun and interesting coins.





DALLAS CC APRIL MEETING: Mike opened the # 1127th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club with 25 people in attendance including

3 guests: Ronnie, Robert, and Eric. Stewart: It's National Coin Week and tonight's program will be the ANA Trivia Questions. Zeke will present in May on Coin Hoards. Pat has a lot of numismatic literature; let him know if you're looking for something.

Show & Tell: Mike: Trade dollar with Chop marks / Carl: 2022 new 25C Proof / Frank: Mexico Maximillian Commemorative gold token / Greg: Completed his Buffalo nickel collection and sold all but 14 / David R: Franklin Mint: Bicentennial medal: Gilroy 2000 Grain Coin: Bronze / George: \$3000 counterfeit coins in display cases / Frank C: 1986 Dallas Coin Club Christmas dinner picture.

MAY MEETING: Mike opened the 1,128th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. Quite a special night as it's our 94th anniversary. 20 people in attendance with 2 guests: Dave Z and Amber C. Frank had the TNA Show volunteer book and reminded us the DCC gets paid for members volunteering! He said they are expecting 150-160 dealers at this year's TNA.

Show & Tell: Mike: .9995 Silver 1 oz: A D. Hanmm / Carl: Buffalo nickel with cut marks / Frank: Interesting tokens/ancients/ Woodland High School item (Ca?) / Don D: Pricing guide for coins/paper money for sale. Compares to PCGS guide. / Jeff L: Canadian proof Set 2017 (150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada). /Mary: 2022 Mongolia 1 oz. silver Woodland Sprites Deer. Extreme high relief! / Pat: British Royal Coins magazine / Jeff Le: Comics from ANA magazine / Jim J: 2021 Samoa 2 Tala .999 1 oz silver / Stephen T: Asked what price sheet should he work with at the TNA?

Program: "Notable Pattern Coin Reference" by Stewart H. about a pattern coin in a one-coin collection. The obverse looked like an 1863 25 cent and the reverse a design by Anthony C. Kaike for the \$20 gold coin in 1861 before the new design Stewart also mentioned, there is now also a lowball collection of patterns as the bottom of the PCGS barrel! Counterintuitively, The lower the grade the higher the price!

Door Prizes: American Silver Eagles Book: 2nd Edition: by John Mercanti: Mike, and Jim J. / Modern Coin Rarities Book: by Ian Clay: Frank, Jeff L, Jeff Le. Raffle: Frank H. - 2017 1 oz Kookaburra / Don D. - 2000 Library of Congress / John P. - 2022 Silver Eagle / Pat O. - 1938 D 5c / Mike - Septimius Severus AD 193-211

JUNE MEETING: Mike opened the # 1129th consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club with 24 people in attendance and 2 guests: Bill R. and Hillary R. Frank C. said this was an extremely good TNA show! Everyone was happy along with the dealers. We had 25-30 volunteers. It's one of the biggest shows we've had and the auction along with the book auction were both very successful. Frank also mentioned it was very good from a dealer perspective.

Show & Tell: Mike: \$1 1918 Federal Reserve Note: Dallas / Frank: Magician's coin: 2 Headed Morgan: 1882/1904 / Jack G: 1918 Federal Reserve note: Boston (battleship reverse) and 1836 Exchange bank of Pennsylvania. / Carl: WWII Operations unit medal. / Jim J. TNA Medals turned into different medals / Frank C: 1930 Buffalo Numismatic Association member with his name / Kelly L: 1800's type set

Program: "Four Dollar Gold Stella" by Jose S.: In the 1870's several countries advocated for a universal coin that would correlate to several international currencies. The 1874 Bickford pattern \$10 Gold Piece was a previous effort. Dana Bickford an entrepreneur wanted an easier way to convert money while traveling. Because of the everchanging relationship of world currencies it was unworkable. Two are known in gold and examples in several other medals. The U.S. minister to Austria-Hungary, John A. Kasson (nineteenth-century lawyer, politician and diplomat from south-central lowa) proposed a \$4 gold coin with the content stated in metric units to make it easier for Europeans to use. The purpose was to facilitate international commerce and travel for U.S. citizens. The new coin would approximate in value the Spanish 20 Peseta, Dutch 8florin, Austrian 8-florin, Italian 20-lire and French 20-franc pieces, among others. Congress became interested and the mint produced a limited run of the \$4 gold pieces so congressmen could assess the coins. The coin weighs 7 grams with a composition of, 86% gold, 4% silver and 10% copper with a reeded edge. They were all produced as proofs in 1879

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and 1880. Chief Engraver Charles Barber prepared an obverse design that depicts liberty facing left with long, flowing hair. George Morgan created a motif with coiled hair. The only difference between the two are the dates and portrait. She's wearing a headband with liberty inscribed on all the coins. The 1879 Flowing Hair Stella is the most readily available of the four known varieties. As it was made for congress. It's estimated 725 were minted (425 supposedly struck) in production. The other three varieties: 1979 Coiled Hair, 1880 Flowing Hair, and 1880 Coiled Hair are very rare. It's one of the most popular coins to collect ever produced. At the edge the inscription 6 G .3 S .7 C 7 grams is in a circular design surrounding Liberty's portrait. This was to indicate the weight and standards of the coin for proper exchange. The reverse has the EPONYMOUS star in the center containing the words: One Stella 400 Cents. Circumscribing the star are the words E Pluribus Unum / Deo Est Gloria further encircled by United States of America / Four Dol. The coin failed because it didn't really fit into our own coinage system.

Door Prizes: 1942 D 1c: Don D. / 1945 S 1c: Ron B. / 1946 D 1c: Bill R. / 1947 S 1c: John P. / 1949 D 1c: Jeff C. Raffle: 1869 5c AU 55: Kelly L. / 2020 Silver Eagle: John E. / 1963 Greece 30D: Jim C. / 1963 Franklin 50c: John E. / 1902 USA 15c Fractional Currency: Mike.



GHCC MAY MEETING: Opening remarks from Jack D., including prayers and well wishes for to Barbara P. while she is away attending treatments for her illness. Show & Tell (conducted by Tom S., Chair): 1. Jack D. -Donation from a retiring person who is divesting his collection to our club, which included a medal for work, engraved on back indicated it was awarded to the person for service by Professional Chemical Work & Companies organization. / 2. Tom S. – Talked on Counterfeit slabs – silver commemorative example. / 3. Bruce B. – showed "Centennial Publication of the American Numismatic Society" - outlines a lot of ancient and middle age articles – multiple articles in various languages other than English. A vast expanse of history, this book is included in tonight's auction. / 4. Ricardo D. T. - Talked on the civil war of Mexico - involving a vacuum of power - depictions of liberty and chivalry. Also shown was a note from that period. / 5. Gail B. - showed an example of Charles II- 1266-1285 who commissioned a design for a coin as a salute to Jerusalem - a tribute to him as king of Sicily and Jerusalem, illustrating the coming birth of Christ. / Show & Tell drawing winner - Ricardo DLT

Club Quiz - conducted by Chuck: 4 questions plus tie-breaker; Jim S won a German silver piece. Club Business: Book give away to attendees; names were drawn randomly and books were picked on a what was available at the time the name was drawn. One book had a tag hidden to indicate it comes with a special bonus book. New members were elected and all were given a letter of welcome to the membership in the GHCC. Eve B. reported on "Coins for A's" - ten Red Books were recently mailed out and ten more to be mailed out very soon. Other coins are going out as students report their grades. Money Show Report - it was announced that Money Show would be themed Women on Coins starting with Maya Angelo as pictured on the reverse of the first 2022 US Quarter and followed with more women through the year. It was noted that the obverse of the 2022 guarters had a redesigned effigy of George Washington that was submitted by Ms. L. G. Fraser. George Washington is also facing right, unlike on the previous issues since 1932. It was announced that a new procedure for auctions will be used in June with intent to speed the auction. Coins not getting a dot during previewing will be skipped and not put up for auction. Officer election was conducted a few months ago and tonight the officers will be inducted with an oath of office. Cheryl administered the oath. Auction ably conducted by Chuck Bianchi

JUNE MEETING: Called to order by President Jack D with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack discussed the book sale (auction) taking place of the Monthly Quiz at tonight's meeting to benefit the "Coins for A's". Visitors introduced included Joe M, who is applying to be a member, and guest John G. Amy also applied for a family membership along with her son, a potential YN.

Show And Tell – Tom Schwartz, Chair: 1. Bruce B. – Book about Netgeld (emergency money) from Germany after WWI / 2. Bill S. – talked on the Liberty effigy models, for US coins – Peace Dollar and Morgan Dollar and the Mercury Dimes, he also identified the actual names of models used for our coins. / 3. Rick E. – showed a propaganda note he just received over the last week with a translation supplied by a friend from Jordan that works in Vienna for the European Union. / Coin Flip to decide the winner – Bill S won.

Program: Jim S introduced the speaker – Gail Brichford – Medieval Silver Coins: Catalog illustrating Classical Coins from the Auction. Also shown was the key dates of the Roman Empire decline and the rise of various other kingdoms. Charlemagne Empire was a Franks. His dream was to have a river (canal) link from the North Sea to the Med. Gail illustrated examples of various coins from subsequent rulers from the son of Charlemagne and others, mostly silver issues through the European regions. Coins of the same basic design from the 1200's through 1400's – Early dated coin of 1403 from Germany. He also spiced the story with personal insights of his collecting experience.

Business Meeting: New members – 3 New Rob D, Ben (YN), Ann Jones (family addition) all accepted without dissent. Coins for A's – over 100 mailings this month for the for year-end school marking period. Jim S – new policy for YN kids so they get various incentives to stay a coin collector and member of the club. This uses proceeds from the Money Show. Money Show report - tables sold out and we have a waiting list. Advertising is in place. We have a new chair for educational exhibits for the Money Show. Christmas party December 15th – Embassy Suites – mark your calendar. National Coin Week Results – GHCC has a perfect score – our 3rd in a row. Attendance prize won by Chuck.

DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR

THE GATEPOST GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY CC APRIL 21 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 30 members and 2 visitors, Danny K. and Phil J, in attendance. Numismatic Roundtable: Marc Denny – Challenge coin, military, DET 75, ROTC @ San Diego State Univ, San Diego, Ca. / Leigha A. – Crucifixion coin, in lieu of the Easter season, Christ on the cross. / David A. – 1923 Peace dollar, MS-63 PCGS, old "Rattler" holder. / Joan C. – 1945 New Zealand, ¹/₂ cent, MS 64. / Tim C. – Code Talker coin & currency, 2016 US \$1 coin and currency set, "Code Talkers" edition. / Karla G. - WWI medal, Obv.-angel w/horn & olive branch, text at bottom-peace. Rev.- War began August 1, 1914, US entered April 6, 1917: Armistice signed June 28, 1919. Scarce WWI peace medal. / Frank G. - Good for \$.05 token, obv.-Swanson's lunch & beer, Stratford, Iowa, rev.-Good for \$.05 in trade. / Robert J. – Australia \$1, Funnel Web Spider, 2015 1 oz., .999 silver round. / Walter S. – Greece 250 Drachmai, 1982, silver proof, Pan American Games. / Paul R. – Mexican bill (Revolution), 1916 bill (un peso), from the Mexican Revolution, Columbus on the left, eagle in the center, stone head on the right, rev.-a peso M 1903, Go Bierno Provisional de Mexico (Provisional Government of Mexico). / Mario W. - Republic of Texas Consolidated Fund note, \$200. / Mike G. – Pieces of Eight (reproduction). / Chuck Nail – Ukraine, "O" Euro souvenir note, 2022 German "O" Euro piece. Roundtable prize –1989 US Mint Uncirculated coin set.

The Auction was conducted by David A. and Tim C. The winners of the raffle prizes were Richard G., Vernon D., David A., Johnell H., Tim C., William V., Paul R. Frank G donated nickel & guarter folders to auction.

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MAY 5 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 37 members in attendance. Roundtables: Mike G – War nickel, 1944 P, MS, chip on the obverse, 35% silver / Fernando R – Genghis Kahn, Mongol Empire, Jital coin of the Mongal Empire, coin is of Temujin, aka Genghis Khan, the founder and 1st ruler of the Mongolian Empire / John M – Pepsi "Bottle Cap" silver, 2022 Chad, vintage Pepsi logo, \$.05 bottle cap NGC PF 20, 6534974-087 / Robert J – Challenge coin, American Legion Post 336, Audie L. Murphy, Veterans Still Serving America / Paul R – 50 Escudos, 1968, from Portugal, 500th anniversary of the birth of Pedro Alvares Cabral, navigator, discoverer of Brazil. / Walter S – LaFayette Dollar, 1900 LaFayette, silver dollar commemorative / Tim C. – Display case, mahogany case made for ANACS with 5 20th century uncirculated world coins / Mario W – 1 pound coin, 2000 / Roundtable winner –1990 US Mint Uncirculated coin set – Fernando R,

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were John M, Richard G, Andy C, Fernando R, Paul R, Tim C. Auction: The auction was conducted by Gene F, Fernando R, and Tim C. The Attendance Prize: Cuauhtémoc/Aztec Calendar, 1 Troy oz., .999 fine silver

MAY 19 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 20 members in attendance. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Chuck Nail, assisted by Kate Murray. John M – 2022 Silver Eagle PF70, congratulations set / Paul R – 1987 silver round commemorating Pope John Paul's visit to San Antonio / Walter S – 1913 type 1 Buffalo Nickel / Tim C. – Roman Coin, Crispus (316-326) AE, He was Constantine's first son who he had executed. / Leon W – Coin honoring the American Veteran / Karla G – Trade token, Giddings, Texas, Farmer's Supply Co., Good for \$1 in trade / Wm. V – 1821 Five Francs that featured Louis XVIII / Frank G. – San Antonio token, McCreeless Shopping City, blank reverse / Robert J – circa 1970 Pizza Menu showing quite an increase in the prices and cost of living the last fifty years (NOTE: Robert said he started working there in 1965 washing dishes for 60-cents an hour.) / Roundtable winner –Walter Scott – 1983 proof set.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were John M, Bob J, Marc D, Chuck N, and Paul R. Numismatic Educational Program: Tim Conway presented the program titled "The Severan Dynasty Roman Coins." He showed slabbed and framed samples of several coins from his collection. Auction: The auction was conducted by Gene F and Tim C. The Attendance Prize: Won by Gene F.

JUNE 2 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 18 members in attendance. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Chuck N. and assisted by Kate M. Mario W. – 2schilling, 1947 Southern Rodesia / Leon W. – Trump coin, The Revenge Tour, 2024 / John M. – 1923 Peace dollar, MS65 NGC / Robert J. – 1992 Euro Medal, Scotland, twenty-five ECU, Europe, pattern for Euro coin / Johnell H. – U S Military Academy Challenge Coin, 2022 Replica / Walter S. – 2017, Canada, \$5 coin, "Lynx" / Paul R. – Silver medal, by Paul Keith, Medallic Art Co., 1971, 1891 Cripple Creek, Co. / Mike G. – 1946, Cuba coin, 250m / The Numismatic Roundtable winner – Mario W. - 2009 1 cent Log Cabin.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Karla G., Mario W., Robert J., Johnell H., William V., and Mike G. Auction: The auction was conducted by Gene F and Chuck N. The Attendance Prize: Chuck N. -Liberty Indian/Bison, 1 Troy oz., .999 fine silver

JUNE 16 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 19 members and 2 visitors, Kevin and Cindy G., in attendance. Kevin is the president of the Ft. Worth Coin Club and Cindy is the secretary. They saw the Wonderland Show flier at the TNA show and said they then planned a visit to San Antonio to attend the GCC club meeting, the show on Saturday and other attractions in the city. Announcements: The ANA President Ralph Ross presented Frank and Karla with the ANA Presidential Award at the TNA convention. The plaque and medal were presented for their fifty years of volunteer service to numismatics at the local, state, and national levels. Also present at TNA were GCC members Johnell & Barbara H. and Cal & Neccia B.

Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Chuck

N. and assisted by Kate M. / Kevin G. – 1819 British Crown, British Celtic coin / Chuck N. – 1986 East German stamp cover, celebrating 25 years of the "Anti-Fascist Rampart", i.e., The Berlin Wall / Mike G. – 2 - 50 cent pieces, 1776-1976 imprints on both, different imprints / Paul R. – 1844 Z, ½ Real, MS 63, Silver, these coins in BU are hard to find, 1860 z, 1869 z are available in BU / Walter S. – 1960 "Blue Book" / Robert J. – 2016, U.S. American Eagle, 1 oz., uncirculated coin OGP, (30th anniversary) / Frank G. – Transportation token, Dallas City Lines, center shows cut-out letter "D," reverse – good for one city fare / Karla G. – 1980, Olympics, Russian five-Rubles coin, .9000 silver, scenes of Kiev, reverse- Russian symbols / John M. – 1961, Proof 69 Quarters, NGCPF69Cam 1961 quarter, NGC PF68Cam 1961 quarter / Debbie W. – 2015, Token-Frost, Texas Folklife Festival / Leon W. – 1968, token, five schillings, Bank of Uganda / Numismatic Roundtable winner – Paul R. - 2017 S US Jefferson nickel.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Andy C., Chuck N., Cindy G, Paul R., Mike G., and Gene F. Numismatic Educational Program: The "Anti-Fascist Rampart": Remembering the Construction of the Berlin Wall, presented by Chuck N. At the end of World War II, East Germans were fleeing to West Berlin and into W. Germany. On August 13, 1961, the East German regime began sealing the boarder using barbed wire and soldiers. This day became known as "Barbed Wire Sunday." The Wall symbolized the Cold War's "Iron Curtain." The wall was opened on November 9, 1989. At least 171 people were murdered during this period as they tried to cross into West Berlin. Crosses erected in remembrance of them still exist today. Chuck showed commemorative pieces in his collection from this historical event.

Auction: The auction was conducted by Gene F, Chuck N., and Cal B. The Attendance Prize Winner: Steve Wilson - 1880 Morgan Dollar

JULY 7 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 19 members in attendance. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Chuck N. and assisted by Kate M. Leroy M. – 1966, (one) un peso / Debbie W. – 1956, New Zealand, one penny / Leon W. – 1983, Australia, coin / Robert J. – 1990's, Irish coin set / Paul R. – 1942, German movie pass token / Mario W. – 1970, U.S. Proof set, five -coin set / The Roundtable winner was Robert J., who received a1968 D, U.S. Kennedy half dollar.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were John M., Paul R., Robert J., Walter S., Chuck N., and Andy C. Auction: The auction was conducted by Kate M., Chuck N. and assisted by Frank G. The Attendance Prize: John M. won a Liberty Indian/Bison, 1 Troy oz., .999 silver

DISTRICT 10 - DON TOMKO, GOVERNOR



INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO APRIL MEETING: President Jason E called the April 11th meeting to order with 37 members and 4 guests present. Jason announced that the El Paso Historical Society would not be able to attend our April meeting to select the winning design of our 2023 medal. However, special guest Mike B, Secretary of the El Paso Philatelic Society would be honored to pick the winning design. He also will be doing a presentation about coins on stamps. John G issued prizes for exhibits. Main exhibits were Don T-Counterfeit coins, Juan R-Modern Mexico and Bob P-Aviation El Paso. Mini exhibit prizes were issued via drawing. Bob P, Roger W, Jackie T, Steve P and Jim F. John mentioned there were 37 ballots for the large exhibits, 27 for the mini exhibits and the main purpose of the exhibits is to educate the public about coin collecting. Jim P, James V and Ray S were favorably voted upon for membership. Ward V and Elisa R will be voted upon at the May meeting. Under old business, NGC is no longer responding to Jason's emails or calls about being a guest at the 2023 show but Juan R announced that ANACS is very interested in attending our 2023 show

through conversation he had at the Albuquerque coin show.

Special guest Mike B did a presentation about coins on stamps. He compared how coins have been around for over 2,700 years but stamps have only been around for 182 years. He stated how a French stamp from 1849 – 1850 was the first stamp to feature coins. Mike showed 1963 Airmail Stamp from Tonga that was round in shape and featured coins. He also showed U.S. stamp that featured an Indian head cent and even a stamp that showcased the hobby of numismatics.

After Mike's presentation the club was presented with three design concepts for the 2023 medal. Design number 1 City of El Paso Charter 150th anniversary public notice trees by Barbara A. Design number two Hueco Tanks by Bettie E. Design number 3 Victorian Era City Hall Building by Woody B. Mike B chose public notice trees as the winner.

At the drawing, Numismatic prizes were won by Richard Morris, Barbara A, Eli H, Don S and the grand prize winner as Juan J. The Auction was conducted by Steve P, Bob P and Willie T. Volunteers also assisted. Bob P kindly recognized the two attending youths with Proof 70 1971 S Roosevelt dimes.

MAY MEETING: President Jason E called the May 9th meeting to order with 42 members and 2 guests present. Our new ANA district representative Phil V spoke about the great opportunities that the ANA provide to clubs and members such as ours. He mentioned they have a monthly magazine, E learning courses and an extensive library. President Jason presented Phil with one of the clubs Zeppelin medals as a thank you for making the trip to El Paso.

Ward V and Elisa R were favorably voted upon for membership. Richard T, Stephen N, Geraldo G S and Jason Z will be voted upon at the June meeting. Jim P, James V and Ray S had badges available for them. New business: Chairman of the nominating committee Bob P announced there were no contested officers. All running candidates were approved. Positions are as follows Officer positions: President-Jason E,

Vice President-Don T, Secretary-Bettie E, Sergeant at Arms-Bob P, Treasurer-Sebastian D. These are one-year terms. Board member positions: Even year elected directors are Linda M and Charles K. These are two-year positions.

John G did a presentation of women on U.S. coins. John mentioned the 1893 commemorative quarter featuring Queen Isabella. He also mentioned the Helen Keller quarter and the Sally Ride quarter.

Jason did a presentation on grading Lincoln Cents. He provided an example of the ANA grading standards guide book and the book was passed around. He also provided images of Lincoln Cents in various grades. He also demonstrated how to use the PCGS cellphone app on grading coins.

At the drawing, Numismatic prizes were won by Sebastian D, Enrique L Sr., Frank and Luciano. The grand prize, a large cent, was donated by Nelson D J. Jason won the prize and decided to pay it forward and make it a grand prize for next month. The Auction was conducted by Steve P, Bob P and Willie T.

JUNE MEETING: President Jason E called the June 13th meeting to order with 30 members and 5 guests present. Harold S was recognized for managing ticket sales for the 2021 coin show, he received a 2oz silver bar and a plaque. Richard T, Stephen N, Geraldo G S, Jason Z were favorably voted upon for membership. Badges were available for Ward V and Elisa R. New guests were announced. Dominic B, Mark M, Robert M, Carl D and Tom S. Bob P gifted prizes to the new guests.

Carl D, the Liaison of the El Paso County, did a presentation on Veteran assistance. He mentioned how the veteran knows the VA system, but when the veteran passes the spouse is unaware of available assistance. He also left pamphlets and booklets on veteran topics. John G did a presentation of women on U.S. coins part 2. John continued with a presentation of Rocket man medals. John mentioned Elton John was not the original Rocket Man, but it was actually Robert Hutchings Goddard. At the drawing, Numismatic prizes were won by Lloyd G, Sebastian D, Mark M and Gary H. The grand prize, a large cent was also won by Sebastian D. The Auction was conducted by Bob P, Bob P and Willie T.

Special Announcement: This year will be the last term for Jason E as the club president and bourse chairman. Bob P announced this will be his last term as Sergeant at Arms.



ACC OUTREACH UPDATE FROM BYRON KESNER: The Albuquerque Coin Club has a reputation for being one of the premier clubs of the Southwest. We are also nationally known as a leader in member activities. This is no accident. Much of our reputation throughout the ANA is a chapter that "gets it done the right way" because of our talented and dedicated members and extensive Outreach efforts and activities.

Outreach efforts promote numismatics throughout the Southwest, New Mexico and our local community. Outreach has become a vital part of not only bringing in new members to the ACC and the ANA, but for promoting numismatics to the general public as a hobby that is fun, educational and interactive for all ages. It's safe to say that through our outreach efforts, we bring in folks new to the hobby, folks who never heard of numismatics, and some who are interested in learning more. Our outreach efforts take many forms. First and foremost are our Coin Shows. To ensure a successful outcome each show takes a tremendous effort for planning and execution by an army of ACC volunteers. However, the potential for outreach to the public and the opportunity to sign up the public as new members makes our coin shows an unequivocal success. Secondly, the ACC has exhibited and participated at the New Mexico Expo (a.k.a, The State Fair) each autumn since its founding in 1953. This monumental effort to encourage exhibitors and have Club members interact with the walkin public provides an equal level of Outreach success at our Coin Shows. Not only is the public encouraged to actively vote on their favorite exhibit, but ACC provides educational seminars that the public can participate in. Our award-winning newsletter, "Pocket Change" provides an excellent forum for members to do research in their numismatic specialty and share this knowledge with both members and the general public. We regularly provide copies of Pocket Change to visitors and new members at out general membership meetings, our Coin Shows, and at the NM Expo. Finally, our Young Numismatists (YN) efforts provide Outreach at the most important level of all - to kids just starting out in the hobby.

DISTRICT 11 - DOUG HERSHEY, GOVERNOR



Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.

GOLDEN SPREAD CC MAY MEETING: The meeting was called to order with Michael E, Kelly A, Chuck M, John J, Derwin C, James W, Chuck F, Karl N, Phil W, and Mike N in attendance. We had one visitor this evening, Elvin who came with Chuck. He has a general interest in coins and wanted to check out our club. Chuck had a great presentation entitled "Gold Coins for Sale." Chuck covered a wide variety of coins including Tudor, early Territorials, Macedonian pieces, and Pan-Pac examples. Show and tell included a nice example of an 1869 red and brown two cent along with a wonderful Athena Tetradrachm. The door prize drawing was won by Kelly A and the gift certificate was won by Michael E so we are at \$5 next month.

JUNE MEETING: The meeting was called to order with Michael E, Kurt G, Chuck M, Karl N, Bobby C, Derwin C, Jeff W, Kelly A, Chuck F Mike N, and Charles R in attendance. Chuck had a great presentation entitled "Coming To A Planet Near You." Chuck delved into the potential of celestial mining and the potential that would have on semi-precious and precious metals.

Show and tell included a nice Mexican type set, struck thru error cent, and 1791/92 Pillar dollar.

Door prize was won by Kurt G. Tommy T was not present for the gift certificate so we are at \$10 next month.

JULY MEETING: The meeting was called to order with Derwin C, Jim W, Jeff W, Norman G, Karl N, Chuck M, Elvin A, and Mike N in attendance.
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Show Report: Discussion about the upcoming show and the club's raffle. It was decided on how we would award the ten silver Krugerrands that are to be raffled off. We further discussed setup and tear down of the show. Show and tell included a 1721 Phillip 2 Reales, 1958 Totem Dollar, 1879-O Morgan, and a brothel token. No drawing this month for the gift certificate so we are at \$15 next month.

DISTRICT 12 - STEPHEN GIPSON, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC JULY MEETING: Meeting called to order by President Richard Graham with Pledge to the Flag and 39 attendees. Stephen G (TNA Governor) presented

Lane B. with the Texas Numismatic Association Honorary Life Membership in honor of his outstanding performance and service (pictured).

David gave an update on the upcoming Tyler Coin Show (August 12-13) including progress of advertising. Carl confirmed the ANA mail out is on schedule and that a Facebook Ad is planned. Royce gave

an overview of what's involved with volunteering at the show as well as progress with food vendors. Larry gave an update on the educational exhibits planned for the Tyler Show. One of our very own club members won the raffle prize at the TNA Coin Show in June!

Martin brought Euro coins from his recent trip abroad for club members to see. Kern gave a presentation on Russian coins including those from the era of Catherine II, Alexander I, and Nicholas I. Ed W. advised that Mohegan Tribe Chief, Marilynn Malerba, had been appointed as Treasurer of the United States. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing can now proceed with production of a new series of Federal Reserve notes bearing the signatures of Malerba and Yellen. Club Auction (Kern): 22 auction items sold. Door Prize Winners: Allen, Becky, Corky, and Kern

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT CC MAY MEETING: The meeting was called to order at by President Jean Sweitzer. 14 members and 2 visitors, Richard J and Heather L, were in attendance. The visitors were guests of Robert J. New Business. George P announced that he had closed his gun store in Vernon and that the building, which is located at 1430 Main Street, would be available if we wished to hold our meetings there. After some discussion, it was decided that the club would consider making the move in July.

Program. Rob Robinson provided a program about the 1804 Spiked Chin Half Cent. He discussed the difference between die varieties and die states. In particular, he talked about the Cohen 6 variety of the spiked chin half cent pointing out that there were 20 reverse die states known for this variety. Rob passed around 3 coins showing die states 2, 10, and 20. The die state 2 example was from a virtually perfect reverse die with only one small die crack. Die State 20, however showed how the die became severely broken and the resultant coin showed cuds almost completely around the rim of the coin due to breakage of the die. The die state 20 example is the terminal or final die state, meaning that the mint retired/ destroyed the die at this point. As Rob pointed out, dies were made by hand back in those days and they were often used as long as possible despite the damage incurred during coin production.

Drawings were held and Del Shumate was the winner of the membership prize – a 1982-D Commemorative Washington half. Raffle prize winners were Jean Sweitzer, who won twice, Tony Z, Lee J, and Rob R. Rob, Connolly, and Tony all took turns conducting the 59-lot auction from 4 consignors. All but 18 were sold.

JUNE MEETING: The June meeting was called to order by President Jean Sweitzer. 14 members and 1 visitor, Gray G of Washington DC, were in attendance. Gray is the grandson of Donna and George P. Announcements. Rob R announced that he was seeking new members for the TNA. He passed around a copy of the TNA News and told that members would get this magazine each quarter as one of the benefits of joining. Cost of membership is \$25 per year. There was considerable discussion about the need to purchase 20 chairs for the new meeting place. There was discussion about the Wichita Falls club sharing the expense since a number of club members were also members of that club. It was decided to table that suggestion, and it will be brought up at the next Wichita Falls club meeting for a decision at that time.

Drawings were held and Donna P was the winner of the membership prize – a 1940-S Walking Liberty half dollar. Raffle prize winners were Del S, George W, George P, Tony Z, Lee J, and Robert J. Tony and Connolly took turns conducting the 68-lot auction from 5 consignors. All but 19 were sold.

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WICHITA FALLS CC APRIL MEETING: Called to order with 18 members and 4 visitors present. Visitors: Nancy L, Brian L, Linda D, and Bill D. Announcements: Rob R let the members know that long time coin club member John Van Dunk passed away. Rob passed around a sympathy card for the members to sign that he said he will send to John's family. New Business: Connolly O'B said that

the Duncan Coin Show he sold a lot of silver and gold to other dealers. He said that there were only seven dealers and not a big number of potential customers compared to other shows. Membership Prize: 1971-S Eisenhower 40% Silver Dollar: Ralph C. Raffle Prizes: 2022 Silver Eagle was won by Tom A / 1947 Walking Liberty Half Dollar was won by Lee J / 1980 Mint Set was won by George W / 1989 Proof Set was won by Duane P. Auctioneer: Rob R, # of Consigners 6, # of lots 74.

MAY MEETING: 17 members present and 3 visitors: Mike H, Gary D, and Kaushik S. Program: Rob Robinson presented information about the Draped Bust Half Cents minted from 1800-1808. He developed and passed out a handout for the members which provided details about the different Spiked Chin Die varieties of 1804. He explained that the dies the mint used in the 1700s and early 1800s were hand-made and were labor intensive to make. Rob said that the United States started minting 1/2 cents in 1793. He said that a book written by Mr. Roger S. Cohen entitled American Half Cents was first published 1971. Rob said that a mint die variety is usually when the actual die has some kind of unique characteristic that is repeated exactly, or progressively, among multiple coin strikings. Just about every series has its own unique traceable die varieties. He said that this is different than a mint state error which is a mechanical (machine) malfunction of some sort. The mint machine could have been bumped, the planchet or die slipped, turned, tilted, vibrated, or one of probably a hundred things that could go wrong during the striking process. Rob talked about the coin mint screw press process for minting coins. Rob then focused on the Spiked Chin $\frac{1}{2}$ cent coins. He went through the various types identified by Cohen. around some examples of the spiked chin coins that he owned for the members to look at. He Explained that the Spiked Chin 1/2 cent varieties may have been caused by a screw being accidentally input in the die creating a mark by the chin on the profile of Lady Liberty. He discussed the C-5 variety as having the widest fraction, the C-6 having a wide fraction and the bar almost touches the 2 on the coin. He pointed out the triple leaf near the "F" on the C-7 variety and close fraction on the C-8 variety.

Membership Prize: 1982 "S" Proof Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar won by Ollie G. Raffle Prizes: 2022 Silver Eagle was won by Eddie M / 1967 Mint Set was won by Tom R / 1971 Mint Set was won by David T / 1987 Proof Set was won by Mike I / Steel Penny Set was won by Jean S / San Francisco Circulating Coinage was won by Ollie G / 1935 Silver certificate: Kaushik S. Auctioneer: Rob R, 5 Consigners, 56 lots. JUNE MEETING: 21 members and 1 visitor present. Visitors: Derek B. New Business: Rob Robison said that the Vernon Coin Club is trying to buy chairs for their club meeting place. Rob said that he wanted to see if anyone wanted to contribute to the Vernon Coin Club to assist them to buy the chairs. After some discussion, a decision was made for the chapter to contribute \$150 to assist buying the chairs. Rob said that there are only 8 TNA members in our area. Rob said it costs \$25 a year and it would be great of more members joined TNA in our area. A number of members asked Rob for applications for join.

Tony Z asked about a Wichita Coin Club website. George W said that the coin club's website was discontinued due to concern over robberies of coin club members. Tony Z said that a website could bring in new members. A motion was made to postpone the discussions until next month. David T suggested that we could place applications for the coin club at coin shows.

Membership Prize: 1971 Proof Eisenhower 40% Silver Dollar: George W. Raffle Prizes: 2022 Silver Eagle was won by David T / 1937 "P" walking Liberty Half Dollar was won by Eddie M / 1994 Proof Set was won by Robert J / 1972 Mint Set was won by David T / The Evolution of American Nickels was won by Robert J / 1935 Silver Certificate and Rare Coins: David T. Auctioneer: Tony Z, # of Consigners 7, # of lots 75

DISTRICT 14 - CATALINA AMARAL, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO CC MAY UPDATE: The 2022 May monthly meeting for the Hidalgo Coin Club took place at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce in McAllen, Tx. The meeting in the Conference Room started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. It was followed by the giveaway of 7 door prizes, of which 5 coins were silver. We have 76 total members that have renewed or are new to the club. 38 members and 5 guests showed up with some of them wearing masks. It was about 50/50 with some wearing one and some not. This makes our 20th meeting in a row (since Oct. 2020) that we have been able to meet in-person. We are lucky that we have a large building that is also owned by the Chamber where our members could sit at a distance from one another. The members of the club were able to pick up left over coupons, pamphlets, and promotional materials from the Amazing Race for the Gold game. Free passes to 2 museums, a free hour of game play at Main Event and several brochures.

Raul H. Gonzalez composed a PowerPoint Presentation of the results for the Amazing Race for the Gold game. He showed it on a large screen for all of the members of the Hidalgo Coin Club to view what the racers had to maneuver through in order to pick up coins, clues and many extras provided by the participating businesses. A big round of applause followed and the Executive Council was praised for all their hard work.

Our club has a dilemma about hosting a large show. One possibility we are looking at to remedy that, is the development of new coin dealers made of current members. A dealer workshop is in the future plans for those that are ready to sell some of their own personal coin collection or that want to learn some of the techniques that current dealers use.

We also had our usual coin auction after the business part of the meeting with TNA 1st V-P, Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer and Edgar Navejar along with Ubaldo Robles serving as the money runners. About 80 coin lots were auctioned off.

Our monthly Friday Night Coin Shows have been attended by record numbers of people. During and after the pandemic, we've managed to hold one ever since Oct. of 2020. The set up for dealers and guests had to be rearranged in order to keep distances from one another. So far this year, we've been averaging about 80 customers for the 3-hour show. All Friday Night Shows are held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce and are scheduled 4 days after the Monthly meeting. The Executive Council continues to be very impressed with the loyalty and cooperation of the membership during these trying times of the Covid pandemic.

Towards the end of May, Raul H. Gonzalez sponsored a Coin Dealer Workshop on the 23rd to 'home grow' coin dealers from our membership. The workshop was held at the Lark Community Library with 8 HCC members attending. Raul gave out handouts and explained the inner workings during the 2 hour lesson.

JUNE UPDATE: President Edgar Navejar presided and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 41 members and 5 guests in attendance. Our membership has grown since Jan. of this year to 80 members. This was the largest attended meeting for the month of any June that we could remember.

Little by little we are getting more members attending the monthly meetings. Our Friday Night Coin Show this month experienced a lot more people from the community attending and have been purchasing more silver and gold than ever before. We attribute that to more blasts on Facebook throughout the Rio Grande Valley; not to mention the War in Ukraine and inflation woes the country is experiencing.

Our website is setup to feature higher valued coins (than normal auction items) that members can view for about a week before the monthly meeting. The object is for everyone that is interested in bidding on them, to bring the appropriate amount of money to the meeting should they were to win the expensive items. It's just another cool feature we've added to make our auctions more interesting.

(pictured) The HCC honored our District 14 Governor, Mrs. Catalina Amaral for being selected as the Governor of the Year at the June 2022 TNA Convention and Show. It's quite an honor for her and all the work she does to advance the numismatic hobby in the Rio Grande Valley. She also serves as the President of the newly formed South Texas International Coin Club based out of Brownsville.



(pictured) Our Young Numismatist, Jacob G (17), was one of 40 students from the United States selected to attend the PCGS sponsored Witter Coin University, led by Seth Chandler of Witter Coin in San Francisco, California. This program began in 2021 to teach and inspire YN's to learn the ropes of the hobby by holding several planned classes. It is a weeklong educational



camp for students aged 13 to 21 that is being taught by many experts in the field. The organizers are paying for all student's flights, hotels, meals and many more amenities during their 8-day camp from July 23 to 31, 2022. They'll even get a chance to visit the Old Granite Lady Mint for a grand tour. Jacob gave the Hidalgo Coin Club a 10-minute speech and explained the wonderful experience he is about to embark on. We are very proud to have Jacob represent the HCC of the Rio Grande Valley in San Francisco.

The meeting ended with a lively auction of about 70 lots with Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer. The two money runners were Edgar Navejar and Ubaldo Robles.

JULY UPDATE: With President, Edgar Navejar presiding, the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 37 members were in attendance. 7 door prizes were given out with some being silver coins. The club has grown to 88 members that have renewed their memberships or are new ones. There were several guests at this meeting as well. This is a great growth for our club at the mid-point of the year. We are hoping to reach the century mark before the year is out. That is an accomplishment that hasn't been met since 2018.

We are now taking the initiative to develop more coin dealers from our membership. The goal is to have a few more enter the business so that we can hold large shows in the future. The dealer workshop that was held in May is starting to pay off. Two of those that attended have now started

selling at our Friday Night Coin Shows. We are hopeful that more of them will start jumping in at future shows.

(pictured: YN, Jacob G receives donations presented by Pres. Edgar Navejar) At the start of the July Monthly Meeting, we made an announcement and asked for donations



LOCAL CLUB NEWS

to help our YN, Jacob G have some spending money before he left to the PCGS sponsored Witter Coin University to be held from July 23 to 31, 2022 in San Francisco, California. The HCC members were very supportive and was able to donate a total of \$225 to help him during his stay.

Our Executive Council is preparing to hold a Gold Coin Raffle in the near future as well as scheduling a large coin show for February of 2023. The auction was held after the business part of the meeting with Rene de la Garza serving as the auctioneer. The two money runners were Edgar Navejar and Council Member, Ubaldo R. About 70 coin lots were auctioned off. Our club is doing well down here in the Rio Grande Valley and we're off to a strong start at the mid-point of the new year.

South Texas International Coin Club

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB MAY MEETING: The meeting was opened by President Catalina Amaral welcoming the members and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag.

In attendance to the meeting were the club officers, Catalina Amaral, President and TNA Gov. Region 14; Calvin W, Vice President; Octavio A, Treasurer; Gary W, Secretary, Rene De La Garza, Executive committee member and TNA Vice- President; and John G, executive committee member. The club's official colors, logo and shirts vs vests were discussed at length. Using her computer, Catalina Amaral presented the host of choices. The choices were finalized with the club's official colors being Green and Yellow and the official club's garment being a green colored pocketed vest with a zippered closure. It was also suggested that the vest have the members name and "Founding Member" be added to the front stitching. The club logo was discussed and Catalina A presented 2 possible designs. Jacob G volunteered to construct additional choices for the next meeting.

There were 6 raffle winners. The Coin education presentation was delivered by Gary W. His presentation was on "Shipwreck coins". The shipwreck described was the Spanish galleon the "El Cazador ", which sunk off the coast of Louisiana with a heavy load of silver coins in 1783. The ship wreck was found in 1993 and therefore the many coins and artifacts were recovered. The members were able to examine two 8 reales coins from the El Casador.

The "Found in the Wild" presentations were delivered by Octavio A and Calvin W. Octavio presented two one dollar "star" notes he found and Calvin presented a special wheat penny he found. The auction began with Rene' De La Garza as the Auctioneer. The coin/cashier runner was Jacob G. The auction covered several sets of coins and was deemed a success.

JUNE MEETING: The meeting was opened by President Catalina Amaral welcoming the members and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag.



In attendance to the meeting were the club officers, Rene De La Garza,

Chairman and TNA Vice- President; Catalina Amaral, President and TNA Gov. Region 14; Calvin W, Vice President; Octavio A, Treasurer; Gary W, Secretary and John G, executive committee member.

There were 7 raffle winners. The club colors and were decided to be Green and Yellow and the club vests were to be Green with a map of Texas in a Circle in Yellow for the logo. Catalina Amaral reported on the trip to the TNA coin show in Arlington, TX. Five of the club members attended the show. At the show, Catalina was awarded "Governor of the Year" by the TNA. Also she won 2nd place in her Coin Education Exhibit category, which displayed three important dates in Mexican history with the corresponding silver PF 70 Ultra Cameo Commemorative coins; 200 years of National Independence, 500 years of Mexican Tenochititian and 700th Hundred Year of the founding of Mexico. Rene De La Garza was awarded 3rd place in his Coin Education category with US Mission coins spread over a background of the Texas flag and displayed in three separate cases. A possible future

Silver Coin raffle was discussed. The proceeds to finance the Club's End of the Year banquet. The raffle to be held in August.

The "Found in the Wild" program was presented by Rene De La Garza. He presented a \$2 bill with the www.whereisGeorge.com printed on it. This relates to a "Bill Tracking report", in which various bills are tracked, by their serial number, in their circulation world-wide. He presented computer graphics of a couple of bill's tracking around the country and overseas.

The auction began with Rene' De La Garza as the Auctioneer. The coin/ cashier runner was Gary W. The auction covered several sets of coins and was deemed a success.

DISTRICT 15 - TRACIE UPDIKE, GOVERNOR

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COIN CLUB

SWLA APRIL MEETING: President, Donna Crochet opened the meeting with 17 members present. Club Newsletter – Coin Chronicle quarterly issue is available. Members discussed club membership in ANA and voted unanimously to join. Mike R made suggestion that the club could get sponsors for the show, to increase our numismatic footprint, modernize the show, and provide educational materials for our show attendees - he offered to be the club representative when contacting potential sponsors – all members agree unanimously. Show Update: (Donna) 17 tables have been sold to date – all dealers from last year confirmed for tables and bourse applications will be going out in a couple of weeks, as soon as the floor plan is finalized. Program: Donna C – on the half union. Attendance prize drawing conducted. And awarded to Tracie Updike and Gary F. Door prize/Raffle conducted. Auction conducted.

MAY MEETING: President Donna Crochet opened the meeting with 13 members and 1 guest present. Show update: tables are sold out, 24 tables total (17 last year). Going to have an educational area, need items to borrow for the club memorabilia display. Program: Madelyn H on Susan B Anthony. Attendance prize drawing conducted and awarded to Tracie Updike and Donna Crochet. Door prize/Raffle conducted. Auction conducted.



GREATER PORT ARTHUR CC APRIL MEETING: The meeting was called to order by president Tracie and followed with a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Tracie reminded all about the "test" A.N.A. sent out to its members and their annual National Coin Week. Also discussed was the upcoming T.N.A. convention as well as the A.N.A summer seminar and the annual Beaumont Coin Club's show. Gary F also showed off the new flyers he had made for Port Arthur's show. The program was given by Rick Ewing who has a very interesting collection of World War 2 wartime currency. This was followed by the drawing for door prizes which were won by Dennis F (Silver Eagle) and Rick Ewing (Silver half dollar). A great auction was conducted by Carlton S.

Greater Orange Texas Coin Club

ORANGE CC MAY MEETING: President Tracie Updike opened the meeting with 2 guests present: Bill A and his daughter Melissa. New Business: Members briefly discussed obtaining an American Flag for the meetings that would belong to the club. Program was given by Lou B on collecting. Program list for rest of the year: June – Mike P / July – Carlton S / August – John K / September – Tracie Updike / October – Declan S / November – Richard F. Attendance prize was given to Jerry S. Door Prize given to Donnie W.





MISSING PACKAGE - NV TO WA

JUNE

A package being shipped priority mail flat rate small box from Reno, NV to Milton , WA has been reported missing/stolen. The package contained an 1874 Doubled Die Obverse Shield Nickel FS-102 PCGS AU-53. The package was last scanned in Tacoma, WA.



POTENTIAL THEFT - GEORGIA JULY

A dealer at the recent monthly Atlanta coin show was loading his car and observed a subject watching him. The dealer started to approach the individual who immediately turned and walked away. Before leaving the parking lot the dealer checked the tires on his vehicle and found a sharp object attached to a piece of cardboard under one of his tires (pictured below).

The dealer drove home and several minutes after arriving, the suspect got out of a vehicle occupied by a second suspect and walked up the driveway in an attempt to locate the dealer's vehicle. No contact was made. The suspect was the same individual who he observed watching him load his car at the show. There is no further information available at this time.



Coin show dealers and promoters should be on high alert going to and from shows due to the increase in offenses during the past sixty days. Coin show security personnel should identify suspicious persons or activity during the show and be extremely diligent during load in and load out.

STOLEN COINS - CALIFORNIA

JUNE

A package being shipped from NJ to Torrance, CA was received by recipient sliced open and four coins were removed. The package contained the following coins:

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JULY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT TNA CONVENTION & SHOW: JUNE 1-4, 2023

SEPTEMBER 10

BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Saturday, September 10 from 9am to 5pm at the Holiday Inn at Walden Road and I-10. FREE PARKING. \$2 adult admission and FREE for Military, First Responders, and Children under 17. Kid's Auction at 3pm. Hourly Door Prize Drawings. Free appraisals. Buy, sell, and trade coins, paper money, and bullion.

Contact: GW Foreman, PO Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626, (409) 697-0454, BMTCC1964@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 17

SAN ANTONIO

THE GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. OF SAN ANTONIO and the Wonderland of the Americas Mall is presenting a "Collectible, Antique and Coin Show" on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Located at IH-10 and Loop 410 on Fredericksburg Road. There is FREE PARKING for vendors and guests and FREE ADMISSION for guests.

For details and rental of vendor spaces, contact Karla Galindo at KARFRA1@netzero.net or P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964

SEPTEMBER 23-25 60 TABLES

GRAPEVINE

TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy. 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, THREE PRIZES!

Contact: Ginger Pike, P.O. Box 550, Whitesboro, TX 76273 Email: TexasCoinShows@aol.com

NOVEMBER 4-6 60 TABLES GRAPEVINE

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NOVEMBER 5

Port Arthur

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Saturday, November 5 from 9am to 5pm at a new location: USW Hall, 1609 Port Neches Ave., Port Neches, TX 77651. FREE PARKING. \$2 adult admission. Kid's Auction at 3pm. Free appraisals. Buy, sell, and trade coins, paper money, and bullion.

Bourse Chairman: Gary Foreman, PO Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626, gwforeman66@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 12 25 TABLES PARIS

NORTH STAR OF TEXAS COIN CLUB is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Saturday, November 12 from 9am to 4pm at the Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas 75460. Free admission and free parking.

For more information, contact Auddie Neisler at (903) 715-1395

NOVEMBER 18-19 40 TABLES TEXARKANA

TEXARKANA COIN CLUB is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Friday, Nov. 18 from 12pm-6pm and Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9am-5pm at the Texarkana Convention Center, 4610 Cowhorn Creek Rd. FREE admission, FREE parking, and hourly door prizes.

For more information, contact Frank McFarrin (903) 824-4167 or Larry Vann (903) 570-1516

DECEMBER 9-11 60 TABLES GRAPEVINE

TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy. 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, THREE PRIZES!

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JANUARY 20-21 125 TABLES

66th HOUSTON MONEY SHOW presented by the Greater Houston Coin Club. Friday, Jan. 20 9am-6pm and Saturday, Jan. 21 9am-5pm. Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road at FM 3083, Conroe, TX. Free Parking. Admission \$3 per day and free for children under 17 and active military. Visit www.HoustonCoinShow.org for more information.

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FEBRUARY 25 50 TABLES SAN ANTONIO

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. is hosting the San Antonio Coin & Collectible Show on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway,. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for 17 and younger. FREE PARKING.

For Bourse information, contact Ray Tate, P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, retate@msn.com or 210-271-3429. Visit www.GatewayCoinClub.com

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Donations to the Texas Numismatic Association have increased and have already surpassed all of last year. I have been in correspondence with one our members who has planned out regular monthly donations to the TNA supporting various initiatives. In one of the emails exchanged, the donor wrote:

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Donations this year have been to support several of the TNA educational initiatives, including the Youth Auction, Coins 4 A's, to sponsor Educational Exhibit Awards, and just donations to the TNA General Funds. It is encouraging, especially in these times, to see an upswing in donations, from individuals as well as member Coin Clubs.

If you, dear reader, would be interest in supporting our hobby, consider donating to the cause. Discuss with your TNA Governor or your local coin club, your desire to support numismatics and find out HOW TO DONATE. One way is to send your donation to:

TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert 1093 Sunset Ct. Keller, Texas 76248 Zelle payments are also accepted at tnapayments@yahoo.com - Please include "donation" and your name in the payment notes so your gift can be properly attributed

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