

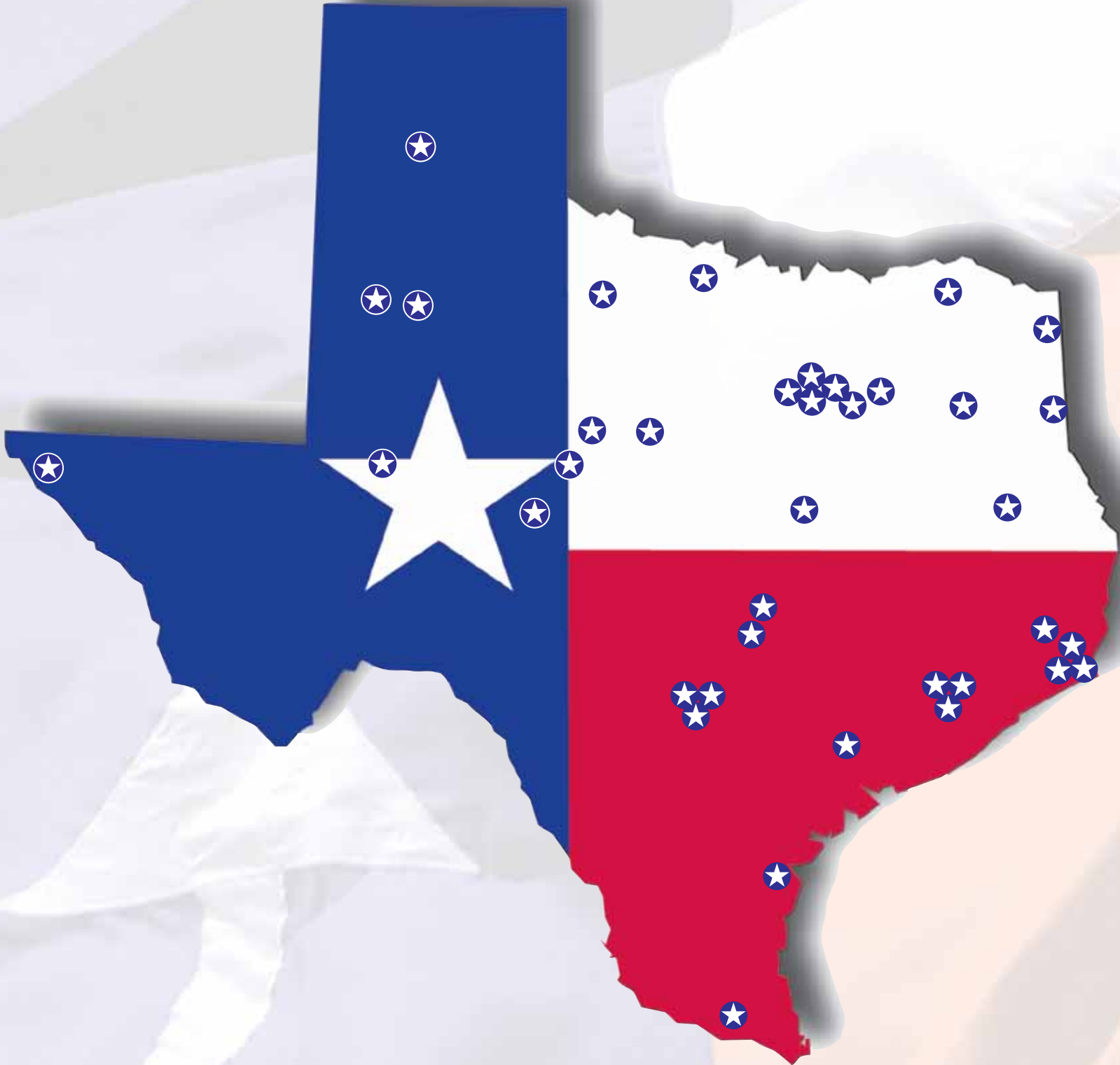
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It was my pleasure to present Literary Awards during this year's TNA Convention & Show at the 2014 Annual Member Meeting and Awards Presentation.

First Place for the Kalvert K. Tidwell Award went to Henry Brasco for his article, "Thirty Pieces of Silver" which appeared in the 2013 July/August issue.



First Runner Up went to John Barber for, "The Blessing of Hoards" appearing in the January/February issue in 2013. Second Runner Up for this award went to Sam Fairchild for his article, "1896 Education Notes" also appearing in the July/



August issue in 2013. These writers also contributed other excellent articles for the TNA News. Choosing the winners was not easy as there were many contributors throughout the year who I want to thank for their well written pieces.



I receive newsletters from clubs all over Texas and picking the Best Club Newsletter is quite a task. Frank Galindo, Editor of the Gateway Coin Club "Gatepost" newsletter deserves the honor this year. His reports are comprehensive and always interesting to read, a great part of "Texas Happenings".

Congratulations to this years recipients. I look forward to enjoying all the articles and newsletters from our TNA Clubs throughout the year.

Until next time,  
Ron Kersey

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# “Thank you” from President Debbie Williams

I want to send out my most sincere “thank you” to all the volunteers who came together to make this year’s convention such a huge success. We had a show to remember and Ron Kersey has done a great job of covering the highlights in this issue of The TNA News. For me, the highlight of the convention was the awards presentation on Saturday, when I was privileged to present some very special awards to some very deserving members.



**Karla Galindo** was inducted into the **TNA Hall of Fame**. The prestigious Hall of Fame Award was established in 1983 to honor members for ongoing service significant enough to have a

lasting impact on the organization. Karla has been a very active TNA volunteer for over four decades. She has worked tirelessly behind the medals table for the majority of those years and currently serves as Assistant Medals Officer. Karla has served on a number of committees and currently serves on the Educational Grant Committee.

**David Kerr-Burke** received the **Lewis Reagan Memorial Award**. This award was established in 1961 and is awarded to the member who has done the most to promote numismatics in Texas throughout the year. As our Webmaster, David spends many hours maintaining the website and has added many new features this past year. The number of people that visit our web page has increased significantly and we have attracted quite a few new members as a direct result of our web presence. He has also found time to serve on the Educational Grant Committee.



**Carlton Simmons** and **Barbara Williams** both received the **Mac Kennady Memorial Award**. This lifetime achievement award was established in 1996 to honor prominent member



Stanford “Mac” Kennady. The award is presented to a TNA member who has served as an officer, governor, or on one or more active committees for a minimum of 10 years. Carlton has faithfully served as the TNA’s Librarian for over 13 years. Barbara has served as District 15 Governor for 18 years and as an ANA Representative for many years.

**Kim Groves** received the **VIP Award** for signing up the most new members throughout the year. Kim currently volunteers as TNA Historian and serves on the show committee. He also promotes the TNA at the Collin County Coin Club where he has held several officer positions.



He is also a founding member of the Richardson Coin Club. Even though Kim is a strong promoter of the TNA, he was surprised to learn that so many fellow club members had accepted his recommendation and returned their signed applications for TNA membership.

**Patricia Mann** received the **Joe Olson Outstanding Volunteer Award**. This award was established in 2012 to honor past president and prolific TNA supporter Joe Olson. It is presented to a TNA member who demonstrates excellence in volunteer work and is reserved for an individual who does not serve as either an officer or governor. As Volunteer Coordinator, Patricia worked tirelessly to recruit volunteers and coordinated their efforts throughout our 2013 show.



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Patricia was also instrumental in signing up a record number of members throughout the show. Considering our status as a volunteer organization, the Volunteer Coordinator holds an extremely important job and requires a lot of dedication. Patricia's leadership skills and expertise made a difficult job look easy.

Hal Cherry and Jack Gilbert each received a special **Presidential Award** for their tremendous support throughout my first year as president. It would be difficult to list their many contributions so I will only mention a couple.



As the Oversight Committee Chair for the Educational Grants program, Jack Gilbert has spent many hours writing, rewriting, and tweaking these five programs. He administers the

programs and writes an informational column for each issue of The TNA News. These duties are not part of Jack's position as treasurer – they are volunteer duties he does in addition to those required as treasurer.

Hal Cherry is a walking textbook of TNA history! His knowledge of facts, figures, and details has saved me



a tremendous amount of research time. Plus, he always seems to know right where to go to find documentation to support his facts. Hal also does a great job with communication and follow-up. He maintains a very good database and I can

always count on him to send out an email on my behalf in record time.

*Congratulations to Everyone!*



*TNA Officers and Board members fulfill their duties at Annual Business Meeting.*



*Annual TNA Member Meeting and Awards Ceremony attendees.*



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# Secretary's Report

MAY/JUNE - 2014



## Welcome New TNA Members...

By Lawrence Herrera

Welcome to new TNA members R-7353 to R-7363 and LM-256 to LM 258. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on May 1, 2014.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on July 1, 2014.

Member #	Name	Member #	Name	Member #	Name	Member #	Name
A-7364	Margie Wood	R-7388	Jacob Acosta	R-7412	Richard Peeple	R-7536	Jess E. Moore
J-7365	David Pike, III	R-7389	Dave Baker	R-7413	David Roden	R-7437	William Bell
R-7366	Ron Mirr	R-7390	David Beving	R-7414	Charles Tuppen	R-7438	Jose Serrano
R-7367	James Newsome	R-7391	Ronnie Deschenes	R-7415	Karl Howard	R-7439	Lenis Terry
R-7368	Hollie Hale	R-7392	Joe Murphy	R-7416	Gilbert Barton	R-7440	Keith Stout
R-7369	Paul Otts	R-7393	Dr. Thom Curtis	R-7417	Allissa McClain	R-7441	Al Smith
R-7370	Lane Brunner	R-7394	Carolyn Graham	R-7418	Larry Vincent	R-7442	Randy Borland
R-7371	Lethaniel Logan	R-7395	Allen Clonch	J-7419	Seth Myers	R-7443	Reynaldo Garcia, Jr.
R-7372	Hall, Robert L.	R-7396	Richard R. Rodriguez	R-7420	Tony Myers	R-7444	Doug Wyper
R-7373	Kevin Bryant	R-7397	Luke Ellis	R-7421	David K. Kelley	R-7445	Mary Laigle
R-7374	Mike Bezayiff	J-7398	Jaxton Cranfill	R-7422	Raj Shiwach	R-7446	E. Tony Baumgard
R-7375	Brian Holt	R-7399	Keith Warren	R-7423	Patrick D. Alsabrook	J-7447	Tony Baumgard
R-7376	Margie Wood	R-7400	Walker Hunter	R-7424	Brian Smeal	R-7448	James Hanson
R-7377	Thomas Caster	R_7401	Allan Schiller	R-7425	Scott J. Smith	R-7449	John Davis
R-7378	Isadore Goldstein	R-7402	Ray Hassen	R-7426	Carlos M. Kier	R-7450	Chuck Baker
R-7379	James Wheeler	R-7403	Bill Burke	R-7427	Anthony Ardila	R-7451	Michael Ross
R-7380	Tulsi Singh	R-7404	Larry Meddaugh	R-7428	Scotty Osborne	R-7452	Charles D. Stepps
R-7381	Josh Robins	R-7405	Curtis Coleman	R-7429	Steve Carr	R-7453	Earl Shaffer
R-7382	Vickie Bates	R-7406	Tom Navy	R-7430	Marcus Page	R-7454	Lewis J. Radford
R-7383	Brian Hunt	R-7407	Chuck Michael	R-7431	Lloyd Blair	R-7455	Alan G. Swopr
R-7384	Isaac Wallie	R-7408	Kevin Kell	R-7432	Rick Cubbins	R-7456	Adrin Theus
R-7385	Nathan Owens	R-7409	Barbara Gallagher	R-7433	Dean K. Pettit	R-7457	Sherry Wright
R-7386	Ted Archer	R-7410	Bill Bickley	R-7434	Richard Gonzalez	R-7458	Jonathan S. Coolidge
R-7387	Drew Conway	R-7411	Brian Marianelli	R-7435	Taylor Munkittrick		

The following have applied to convert their regular membership to life membership:

LM-259 Edwin Fricke  
LM-260 Jim Fitzgerald

## VIP LEADER FOR 2014

Richard Laster

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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The following have applied for life membership:

LM 261 Robert Randford

## TNA LIBRARY

At the Sat Board Meeting we decided to abolish the library and after removing a few historical items, it was sold in this year's book auction.

All seemed to agree this seemed the practical thing to do.

This decision was based on it's very infrequent use and it's material being out of date and of little general interest. Also, with all of our other educational activities, not having a library would not impact our standing with the IRS as an Educational Organization.

## LOST & FOUND

A binder with the title, "REALLY OLD" was turned in at the TNA command center. Will you put a notice in the next TNA News, please, asking the owner to contact me at [old-post@sbcglobal.net](mailto:old-post@sbcglobal.net). If they can describe the binder and contents, I'll arrange to return it to them.

John Post

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# TREASURER'S REPORT



JACK GILBERT

## TNA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

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

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included: Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and, Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar.

All of these Programs are open to all members and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online - [http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna\\_news\\_sept-oct\\_2013.pdf](http://www.tna.org/downloads/tna-news/2013/tna_news_sept-oct_2013.pdf) )

### 2014 FUND YOUR LIBRARY AND ATTEND THE ANA SEMINAR DRAWING

The Program Oversight Committee has set the time period for entering the drawings for these two programs. Entry forms will be accepted starting August 1st, 2014. The next TNA News will contain full info on the entry period, forms/methods to use to enter the drawing, and other relevant information. The drawing will be held at the TNA Fall Board Meeting held on Saturday at the Money Show of the Southwest this coming December 6th, 2014.

2013 ANA PROGRAM winners, Carl Stang and Garry S, Moore, hopefully are eagerly anticipating their upcoming trips to Colorado Springs. We look forward to hearing about their numismatic adventures in the next TNA News.

As previously reported, NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club was granted funds to create a program to promote numismatics. The club used the funds to rent meeting space at a local coin show and delivered an afternoon of educational programs. Topics for these programs included how to collect AU-58 coins, Walking Liberty halves, Federal Reserve bills and classic commemoratives. Speakers included Kenny Smith, Sam Fairchild and Carl Stang. Another such activity is planned on September 20th in conjunction with the Texas Coin Shows in Grapevine, Texas.

### COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

There have been no new requests for funding for any of the Programs since the last edition of the TNA News.

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

## AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

To the Members of the Texas Numismatic Association:

On behalf of the American Numismatic Association, please accept our sincere gratitude for supporting the ANA's Summer Seminar Program by awarding scholarships to Carl Stang and Garry Moore.

The American Numismatic Association recognizes the importance of organizations, such as the Texas Numismatic Association, to local collectors as well as the entire hobby. Belonging, participating, educating and collecting: your Society is all this and more. Your organization and others like it are the key to the continued success of numismatics.

Again, thank you for believing in the importance of education and for supporting the ANA Summer Seminar and your club members.

Sincerely,

Susan Mc Millan

Education Project Manager

## TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF MAY 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$49,894.23
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$33,049.39
CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14)	\$40,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$122,943.62
Long Term Assets	
PBOT (Mat 9/21/15)	\$25,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 2/28/16)	\$40,000.00
CTB CD (Mat. 4/3/2017)	\$60,000.00
PBOT (Mat 2/25/18)	\$25,000.00
Endowment	
PBOT CD (Life-Member - Mat 9/19/2017)	\$30,000.00
CTB CD (McFadden - Mat. 1/23/2015)	\$70,000.00
Total Long Term Assets	\$250,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$372,943.62</b>
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2013	\$367,792.36
Income (Plus)	\$29,951.34
Expenses (Minus)	-\$24,800.08
Surplus	\$5,151.26
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$372,943.62</b>

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## COIN RECOVERED FROM 2007 THEFT

The American Numismatic Association has recovered a coin that was stolen in 2007 from the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum: an 1863 U.S. Indian Cent Pattern.

The 1863 U.S. Indian Cent Pattern Judd 302 is graded Pr-66CA. It was returned to the ANA by a collector who wishes to remain anonymous.

"We are thrilled to have this coin back where it belongs — in the Money Museum's collection," said ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick. "We encourage collectors who may have purchased coins that are missing from the museum collection to be a part of the ANA's recovery process."

### COIN RECOVERY EFFORTS CONTINUE

The recent recovery stems from the ANA's collaboration with various law enforcement agencies and specifically targeted recovery efforts. As part of the ongoing recovery efforts, the ANA has released reorganized lists of missing and recovered coins from the Money Museum at [Money.org/CoinRecovery](http://Money.org/CoinRecovery). Collectors who believe they may be in possession of a stolen coin are encouraged to contact the ANA. The ANA may, at its discretion, offer reimbursement for stolen artifacts, which will not exceed the purchase price of the coin.

"Our goal has always been to recover all of the artifacts missing from the Money Museum, but we also want to be fair to the collectors who unknowingly purchased stolen coins," said ANA Vice President Jeff Garrett. "We don't want to victimize those collectors who purchased a coin in good faith. We want to work with them to come to an agreeable solution to all parties. We hope that our reorganized lists will enable the numismatic community to more easily review their collection and determine whether they are in possession of the ANA's missing coins."

The ANA has received insurance funds to help with recovery efforts.

Anyone with information about the stolen coins from the Money Museum is encouraged to call 719-482-9841 or email Garrett at [Garrett@money.org](mailto:Garrett@money.org).

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by John Barber

# Collecting Efficiently

This month's publisher's editorial reveals how patience in a collector's mind-set can save money in the long term and lead to a better collection at the same time.

How many times have you stood before a dealer's case or stared at his published advertisement and said to yourself, "Here's an item on my want-list, BUT it is not just right". Perhaps it does not have the right grade or eye appeal, or perhaps its price is not what you expected. But you buy it anyway thinking, "This is a temporary place-holder until I can find the specimen I really want". This diatribe is to convince you: Don't do it!

The first way that you lose if you buy a coin which you will later have to replace is that you will be losing the buy/sell spread (i.e. dealer margin) on a coin with which you were never satisfied. When you finally come to the coin that you want, your funds are tied up in the "place-holder", and you cannot immediately act on the coin which you want and should have held out for initially. In the very most optimistic case, the same dealer is involved in both coins and will give a trade-in of some sort on the first one. But he will be looking for normal margin on the second (better) one, and if there were eye-appeal flaws on the "placeholder", he is reasonable to discount his offer. You could have avoided the whole can of worms by showing some patience and refusing to accept the distorted logic of "trade up later". I'd say it is only in the case of extreme rarities where this advice breaks down. If the item is so rare that you may never see another candidate in your lifetime, then standards may have to be bent. But such items are few. In my own experience, I admit that in "hometown collecting" of an obscure western bank who only issued a few notes, I have talked myself into acquiring some

pretty sorry rags, suspecting that another example may not come my way before I'm six feet under and no longer studying numismatics.

A second way that you lose if you compromise and acquire a raw coin or a coin in a second-tier Third Party slab which you say to yourself, "I will just have this crossed over to PCGS or NGC" comes when you try to do the crossover. You may think you got a deal on the raw or off brand slab coin, but you missed some marks or cleaning evidence or a bit of corrosion which the top-tier company will see and put your piece into a "genuine" holder instead of a fully-graded one. Depending on the degree of impairment, you've surely lost a third to half your value. At the very least, it may take a second submission (or even a third) to try to get the piece into a fully-graded holder (if indeed it is possible at all). I would never be one to say "Never buy raw", but I certainly say, "Never buy raw unless you are confident of your grading ability and have the experience to see flaws that TPG's will see". To do otherwise in today's market is to commit economic suicide.

Buy once, and buy well. Have a defined collecting goal in mind.

As an attendee of GHCC or other local coin club meetings with its cadre of friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful members, there are many resources available to ask opinions on specific pieces. General questions applying to whole series are also in order and can be addressed. Local clubs and the Texas Numismatic Association are blessed with experts in many areas, and most of them come with a spirit of sharing. There is no reason to be eaten alive on the bourse with these resources available to your call.



by *Mark Benvenuto*

# AFFORDABLE GOLD

Some of us might find it amusing to refer to any gold as “affordable,” especially with our economy rebounding, but not entirely rebounded. Gold is, after all, the traditional king of the coinage metals, and has always been expensive. Certainly the collector who sets strict limits on his or her numismatic purchases probably does so at a level – like \$50 or \$100 – that almost always excludes gold. Yet there are some collecting possibilities for those of us who like to keep our money in our pocket, but who still enjoy having a bit of this precious metal in their pocket as well. Here are five coins we can all consider:

## A US CORONET HEAD HALF EAGLE

As the nineteenth century turned to the twentieth, the United States Mint had been in the business of producing gold coins for more than a century. The then-current design was the work of Mr. Christian Gobrecht, the same man we know for the Seated Liberty design. His image for these half eagles also graced the smaller quarter eagles, and the large eagle coins, the latter with a face value of \$10.



The year 1900 is not particularly significant for gold \$5 pieces, other than that is the first in the series not to have an 1800's date on it – and a significantly large mintage. In 1900, 1.4 million of these small gold pieces were produced. By the standards of \$5 gold pieces, that makes it a rather common coin. Each contains 0.24187 ounces of gold metal. As for prices, well, common Coronet half eagles in grades such as AU-55 or MS-60 hover around \$500 as this is being written.

## A BRITISH SOVEREIGN

The next gold piece on our budding list is a coin that enjoyed a place in world commerce that the United States dollar generally enjoys today. In other words, in 1900, you could spend a British sovereign almost anywhere. Each



has 0.2354 ounces of gold in it, and today they are both collected, and still traded for their precious metal. This in turn means that unless you are shooting for a specimen in some higher grade of mint state, the cost of a sovereign is not much higher than the value of its gold. For example, if gold is at \$1,300 per ounce, the sovereign contains \$306 of the metal. The price will float a bit, but that's not bad for a single coin that is both a piece of gold and a piece of history.

## A FRENCH ROOSTER

Like Great Britain and the United States, France had been in the business of making gold coins for quite a while by the time the year 1900 rolled around. The 1800's had arguably



been much more tumultuous for the French government than for the British, but between 1899 and 1914, France used a 20 francs gold piece often called the rooster today, simply

# FROM 1900 TO THE PRESENT

because one graces these coins so prominently. They each contain 0.1867 ounce of gold, which makes them a bit less expensive than the sovereigns or half eagles we had just looked at. But just like the sovereign, within the collecting fraternity today, French roosters usually sell for the price of the precious metal and some small premium. In 1900, and just about all the years the rooster was minted, the totals were quite high, meaning there are plenty of coins from which to choose today.

## AN IMPERIAL GERMAN 20 MARK

One of the more curious gold coins a person can add to any growing collection is a German 20 mark piece. The curiosity is due to the fact that at first glance, there seem to be a lot of German monarchs at or around 1900. To clear up the confusion, we need to look at a bit of history.



Before 1871, there had been roughly a millennium in which the word “Germany” didn’t mean much more than an area in the middle of Europe. There were numerous countries, city-states, and even bishoprics that all fell within what we would call Germany today. The people living in them probably thought of themselves as “German” in the same way that we in the U.S. consider ourselves “North American.” Sure, we are, but it doesn’t mean much. To forge a unified country, and to get all these noblemen to become part of a greater whole, there were some compromises. One was that while little coins, up to the silver 1 mark piece, were all to be of common design throughout the new empire, the bigger silver coins, and all the gold coins, still sported the royal noggin of whoever ruled that land prior to unification. Thus, there are Prussian 20 mark pieces, Bavarian 20 mark pieces,

and quite a few 20 mark gold coins from the smaller states. Keeping in mind our desire to keep costs down, a Prussian or Bavarian 20 mark will probably be the least expensive.

## ANY ¼ OUNCE MODERN GOLD BULLION COIN

We started with a classic US piece, then did a quick jaunt across the Atlantic for a trio of inexpensive gold pieces, so it might be fitting to throw the final of our five possibilities up for grabs.



Sure, it won’t be dated 1900, but



plenty of countries have been in the business of making gold bullion coins for the past 30 years or so, the US included. Many make the ¼ ounce size, which translates to a \$325 cost, again if gold is \$1,300 per ounce (before any sales

mark-up). Having the choice of a ¼ ounce US gold eagle, Canadian Maple Leaf, Chinese Panda, Australian Nugget, or any of a host of other modern gold pieces provides collectors a wonderful way to round out this fistful of gold.



## BEYOND THIS?

Perhaps we have let our 5-coin set expand a bit, by squeezing in multiple possibilities for the modern gold piece at the end here. But seriously, other than the numismatic premium often associated with the \$5 gold pieces of our own nation, these coins tend to cost very little more than the price of gold metal. That’s not too bad an outlay, all things considered. So, let’s get collecting, shall we?!



by *Mike Ross*

# ANCHOR

There are many reasons that we choose to collect coins: the tangible history, the pursuit of completing a complete set, or nostalgia for past issues we remember from our youth among many reasons. Sometimes a story may have caught our attention – the tug-of-war over the 1933 Double Eagles, the setting of an auction record for a famous issue or perhaps the story of an incredible hoard coming to light. However, unusual coins sometimes cross our path without drawing undue notice. Such coins often have interesting histories of their own if we just take a brief moment to divert our attentions and focus onto them. This article is the first of a series to provide that occasional glance at the maybe-not-so-ordinary coins and exnumia that find their way to our part of Texas.

I picked a British colonial quarter dollar of 1822 out of a collection being worked up at a local coin shop. It caught my eye for a number of reasons – it was relatively old, relatively high grade, and - when tilted in the light just right – possessed a gorgeous patina. There was also a certain level of mystery to the piece: it seemed a strange denomination for a British coin, the inscriptions gave no real indication of the specific colonies intended for its use, and the coin has a visibly blatant overdate. Furthermore, why was the coin catalogued under “British West Indies” when its first use was in Mauritius? Clearly, this was a coin worth some attention and a plunge into history.

Great Britain had steadily been expanding the contents of its empirical holdings since the 16th century. However, it was in the wake of Lord Nelson’s victory over Napoleon’s forces at the naval Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 that Britannia indeed proceeded to rule the waves – and the pace of colonization rapidly quickened. By 1820 Britain had added numerous colonies in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, often at the expense of the French. These colonies clearly had a role in projecting British military power worldwide, but they also played an important economic role for Britain facilitating its rise as the dominant trading power in the world.

In the 17th century, the dominant economic model of mercantilism focused on trade of raw materials and finished goods; regulation of colonial currency was not of primary importance and was left to the individual colonies themselves. The American colonies in particular experienced problems stemming from differing exchange rates with the Spanish

piece of eight, and the prevalence of lightweight, clipped coinage in circulation – which further exacerbated the varying exchange rates. A Royal Proclamation was signed by Queen Anne on 18 June 1704 defining maximum exchange rates and advocating exchange rates based on intrinsic content. However, it proved nearly impossible to enforce, and individual colonies muddled their way through the 18th century settling upon different solutions ranging from a gold standard in the West Indies to paper currency in the mainland American colonies.

Britain had finally brought its own homeland fiscal house to order in 1816 with the successful adoption of a gold standard and having gold coinage circulating side-by-side with a token (undervalued) subsidiary silver coinage. In that year a circular was drafted seeking input from colonial governments regarding the monetary system of their individual colonies and improvements that could be made. The responses were twofold: that the currency would be valued on par with the widely circulating reales (“dollars”) of the Spanish empire, and that the colonial currency should not be legal tender in Britain – to prevent the specie from flowing right back to England.

In a seemingly unhurried response to the survey, the Colonial Minister engaged the Royal Mint three years later in July/August of 1819 to help develop a pan-British colonial coinage. William Wyon, the Royal Mint engraver, prepared the dies and according to Fred Pridmore’s *Coins of the British Commonwealth of Nations, Part 3, West Indies* a small handful of 1820-dated pattern pieces were struck. However, the Royal Mint has neither the dies nor any pattern pieces in their possession to corroborate the claim. King George III, in the midst of his final bout of madness, caught pneumonia and died relatively suddenly on 29 January 1820. This rendered the engraved dies unusable, and William Wyon prepared a new set of dies bearing design elements representative of the new king George IV.

The obverse of the coin is dominated by an ornate shield bearing the arms of George IV and its inscription reads *GEORGIUS IV D:G: BRITANNIARUM REX F:D:* (“George IV, by the Grace of God King of Britain, Defender of the Faith”). The reverse motif is that of a crowned anchor, flanked by its fractional denomination expressed as a Roman numeral. The inscription reads *COLONIAR: BRITAN: MONET:* (“Money of the British Colonies”) with the date below.

# COINAGE



Figure 1 – The subject specimen of British Anchor Coinage – a quarter dollar of 1822.

Not surprisingly, this coinage became known as “Anchor Coinage” based on its obverse design motif. The anchor highlighted the role of the British navy in acquiring and maintaining the colonial empire. The inscriptions purposefully omitted any mention of an issuing country as the intent was to utilize a single coinage throughout all the colonies. The fineness of the coinage was based on the Spanish real rather than the English sterling; this was to facilitate localized trade with the ubiquitous Spanish coinage. The Home Government authorized the purchase of 50,000 reales to be melted and recoined into anchor coinage. The 1820 issue included 1/4, 1/8 and 1/16 dollar denominations which corresponded to the Spanish 2, 1, and 1/2 reales respectively.

The Indian Ocean island colony of Mauritius was the first well-documented user of the new coinage. In January of 1820 the Governor of Mauritius ordered new coins which the Royal Mint began to strike in March and shipped in April. A total of 161,536 1/16 dollars were struck, 119,696 1/8 dollars, and 99,792 1/4 dollars. The coinage was evidently successful, for in October 1821 the Governor made a second request for coins, this time to include a half-dollar. According to Royal Mint records, the contract was issued on 9 October 1821. Dies had been prepared bearing the 1821 date; however, it became evident that the order could not be completed in the calendar year. Thus, the last digit of the date was hastily re-engraved so as to bear the year 1822 and the coinage commenced being struck on 18 October. The hurried approach to repunching the date resulted in the 1821/2 overdate as shown in Figure 2. A total of 142,222 1/16 dollars were struck, 142,223 1/8 dollars, 71,111 1/4 dollars, and 88,889 half dollars.



Figure 2 – The 2/1 overdate is evident even to the unaided eye.

Another group of coins were minted in 1822 without the overdated dies, this time destined for delivery in the Caribbean, primarily Barbados. An increase in the value of Spanish gold caused a drain on the existing (primarily Spanish) silver coins in use in Barbados and other Caribbean colonies. This was the largest mintage to-date: 561,710 1/16 dollars, 414,368 1/8 dollars, and 362,400 1/4 dollars, but no half dollars. There is, however, no evidence of anchor coinage circulating in other colonies – Africa, Asia or North America. While the Caribbean colonies were able to leverage the British Navy to transport the coins for “free”, the cost of transport would normally be added to the value of the coins, and thus a colony would lose money on every coin provided. Some references, including the Krause catalogue, claim the coinage circulated in Canada, but no hard evidence exists and Spanish coinage already circulated there.

This grand experiment in a pan-colonial coinage was suspended in 1825. According to Robert Chalmers’ *A History of Currency of the British Colonies*, the causes were two-fold. First, the loss of Spain’s American colonies by 1820 had limited the supremacy of the “Spanish” dollar. The multiple issuers of dollars from Mexico through South America resulted in regional coinages in place of the previously universal Spanish dollar. This provided an opportunity to establish the sterling as a new universal coinage. The second cause was the experience of currency stability in Britain since the establishment of its token silver coinage in 1816; why should it not work equally as well in the colonies? Further, the new Mint had been expanded to accommodate this Great Recoinage of 1816 and was now capable of meeting the increased coining demand. The potential seignorage to be gained by striking more token silver coinage was attractive as well. The “Order of Council” of 23 March 1825 (in effect a Royal proclamation) decreed that all Colonies should be on the pound sterling:

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"WHEREAS it has been represented to His Majesty at this Board by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury that they have given directions that His Majesty's Troops serving in the several British colonies and possessions abroad should in certain cases be paid in British silver and copper money and that with a view of securing the circulation of such money in those colonies it would be expedient that an Order in Council should be issued declaring that in all those colonies where the Spanish dollar is now either by law fact or practice considered as a legal tender for the discharge of debts or where the duties to the government are rated or collected or the individuals have a right to pay in that description of coin that a tender and payment of British silver money to the amount of four shillings and four pence should be considered as equivalent to the tender or payment of one Spanish dollar and so in proportion for any greater or less amount of debt."

According to Chalmers, the Order in Council "proved as mischievous as it was intended to be beneficial" - the exchange rates specified in the Order were disadvantageous and thus there was a little incentive to comply. Although the Order was theoretically binding, not all colonies made an immediate switch. In Mauritius, "Ordinance No. 3" was passed by the Governor in Council on 25 November 1825. This legislation introduced sterling as the denomination for public accounts, starting 1 January 1826, ordering that "a tender and payment of four shillings British silver money or British silver and copper money shall in this colony and its dependencies be considered equivalent to and a legal tender and payment of one current dollar of the colonial money of account of Mauritius." Note that the Mauritius ordinance hedged on the exchange rate compared to the Order in Council from London. The conversion from colonial dollars to the British sterling was unfavorable relative to the still circulating Spanish coinage, and even worse relative to the de facto gold standard in place in the Caribbean colonies and thus adoption of the mandatory Order continued to lag. The ordinance overvalued the Spanish dollar, which by Gresham's Law drove the sterling coinage out of circulation. A second royal provision in 1838 reiterated the demand to convert, but did amend the exchange rate to be more favorable and was thus more successful across the range of colonies. However, in Mauritius

even 25 years later the circulating coinage was a polyglot of issues, as evidenced by Bolton's Mauritius Almanac and Official Directory for 1851 as shown in Figure 3.

COINS OTHER THAN BRITISH RECEIVABLE IN THE PUBLIC OFFICES AT MAURITIUS.			
Description of Coin.	Value.		Authority fixing Rate.
	£	s. d.	
<b>GOLD.</b>			
Doubloon of Spain, Mexico, or the States of South America .....	3	4 0	The Queen's Proclamation approved by Order in Council of 1st February 1843, put in force on 27th May following, by the Governor's Proclamation of 23d.
Gold Mohur of the East India Company's Territory, coined since 1st September 1835 .....	1	9 2	
Twenty-Franc Piece of France.....	0	15 10	
<b>SILVER.</b>			
Rupee of East India Company's Territory, coined since 1st September 1835.....	0	1 10	5 Francs received at 3s. 10½d.
Dollar of Spain .....		4 2	
Do. Mexico.....			Ordinance of 25th November 1825.
Do. of South American States.....			
Five-franc, Two-franc, and One-franc Pieces of France.....			
English Colonial Money coined at the Royal Mint, of the same weight and fineness as the Spanish Dollar:.....			do. of 4 Aug. 1831.
Half Dollar.....	0	2 2	
Quarter do. ....	0	1 1	
Eighth of do. ....	0	0 6½	
Sixteenth of do. ....	0	0 3½	
Dollar, Decaen .....	0	4 0	do. of 25 Nov. 1825.
Token .....	0	0 8	
<b>BILLON.</b>			
Marquee .....	0	0 0½	

Figure 3 – The table of exchange rates from Bolton's 1851 almanac on Mauritius. Note the varied coinage evidently still circulating 26 years after the sterling was intended to replace them. The anchor coinage is that grouped under the Ordinance of 25th November 1825.

Thus the grand, but short-lived experiment in pan-colonial coinage gradually drew to a quiet close.

This brings us to the end of this brief sojourn into nineteenth century British colonial currency. One small coin indeed can provide a substantial window into the complexities of empire and the fiscal calisthenics that occurred. For those whose interest is piqued, I suggest Rene Frank's *Munzen und Geld: The Anchor Coinage*, a recent and brief introduction to this subject, albeit in German. For the less linguistically adventurous, Chalmers' *A History of Currency of the British Colonies* is readily available online and contains a wealth of historical context including the coinages of the American colonies.

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## RED-BROWN CENTS

by Sam Fairchild

At some point, every collector of uncirculated Indian or Lincoln cents minted in 1864 or after will come across a designation after the grade of "RD", "RB" or "BN". It is important to know the differences in these designations, as pricing for a "RD" is frequently a multiple of pricing for a "BN" example of the same grade.

A coin comprised mainly of copper when first struck exhibits a lustrous reddish orange color. Unfortunately, copper is highly reactive with substances naturally found in the atmosphere such as oxygen, water vapor and various acids, which react with the copper and cause it to tarnish. This oxidation, combined with other chemical reactions, results the natural bright reddish orange color to gradually turn into a deep chocolate brown color.

In general terms, the more original red remaining on an Indian or Lincoln cent, the higher the appeal, and hence the higher the value. This is because the cents look closer to what it did when they were minted.



MS-65 RD

Most coin graders state that any copper coin that has retained 90% or more of its original orange red color will be designated as red or "RD".



MS-63 BN

Conversely, any copper coin that has retained 10% or less of its original color should be designated as brown or "BN".

The real quandary centers around coins with 10-90% of their original mint color, or the red-brown category ("RB"). Determining the color of these coins is very subjective, especially when the color is on the boundary between shades. While it is possible to determine red from brown on the a color palette of paints, trying to pick out red from brown, and especially red/brown from red and brown can be a little difficult.

Value can vary widely with "RB" graded coins because of the percentage of red remaining on the coin surface. Also, spotty toning can negatively affect the eye-appeal, and hence the value. Lastly, blemishes and carbon spots should generally be avoided.



MS-64 RB

Remember, all copper-based coins will ultimately tone to brown. Just because a holder certifies "RD", don't rely solely on that grade – the coin may have toned in the holder.

One word of caution – don't try to change the color of your coins to make them look more desirable! Most coin collectors and certification services can quickly pick out what coins have been dipped in chemicals or artificially toned. Such coins are worth far less than naturally toned coins.

# QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

1) Is this item a token or a medal?



2) What U.S. coin was produced on the thinnest planchets?

3) What is the matter with keeping coins in PVC "flips" for long term storage?

4) What is the title of the standard reference on world coins 1801-2000?

1) This is a medal. Tokens differ from medals in that tokens are intended to pass as money (even if they don't always state their face value), while medals are commemoratives of persons, places, events, and are not intended to pass as money. Tokens and medals can both be issued by governments or private parties.

2) It is the three cent silver coin which was struck on the thinnest planchets. Although the Type 1 gold dollars had a smaller diameter than the trime, they were thicker and heavier.



3) Clear, flexible coin envelopes have been in use for nearly 60 years, but experience has shown that the flips made from



polyvinyl chloride (PVC) can damage coins as the plasticizer which makes the flip flexible leaches out onto the surface of the coin. The oily plasticizer then reacts with the surface metal of the coin. This Jefferson Nickel was placed into this flip in 1963, and it is now a goner. See the "green slime"?

4) While William D. Craig had published three editions (first 1966) of his "Coins of the World 1750-1850, most numismatists would say the standard reference for these pieces now is Krause's "Standard Catalog of World Coins" – now broken into multiple volumes each serving one century's worth of coins and each over 1000 pages. The DVD version of these references is making headway in the market.

5) A cast coin of any metal will have surfaces that show a different texture than the surfaces of a struck coin. Fine porosity or bubbles are often visible. Most cast coins also do not have the crisp detail that is possible in a struck coin. Additionally, most casts are lighter than the genuine coin they mimic. A seam may be visible around the edge where the mold halves were separated.



5) If a fake silver coin is a "cast", how can I tell?

6) What is different about the process of making a proof coin, compared with business strikes?

7) What is a planchet lamination, and how can I tell it from a die break?

8) What U.S. coin was produced on the thickest planchets? Hint: recent.

6) Proof coins are struck multiple times (usually twice in modern production) on specially prepared planchets from polished dies on presses which run slower and apply a higher striking pressure than those used to make business strikes. This makes possible the extra detail, mirror surfaces, and high square rims which we associate with modern proofs.



7) This is an example of a Lincoln Cent with a planchet lamination.



A lamination is a type of error usually resulting from improper mixing of the alloy or contaminants in the alloy before it is rolled into coinage strip. After the coin is struck, a thin layer near the surface separates from the

body of the coin. It can remain attached (even folding over), or it can be lost from the body of the coin, leaving a fissure. Jefferson Nickels of the war years seem particularly prone to this fault. It is less common on 90% silver coins. Planchet laminations can occur anywhere on the coin, and no two are identical. Die breaks, on the other hand, affect all coins struck from the damaged die, and the breaks are always in the same place on all coins from that die. Die breaks show on the coin as raised lines, often with a jagged course.

8) It is the 2009 Ultra High Relief \$20 coin (Roman numeral date) which was struck on the thickest planchets. These pieces are smaller in diameter than the 1907-1933 \$20 pieces, but about twice as thick. They are slightly thicker even than the 1915 \$50 commemorative Pan Pacific pieces.



**DR. COYNE**

- 9) What is the standard reference on Swiss shooting medals?  
10) What silver dollar shows a lower value in BU condition in the 2015 Red Book than it did in the 15th Red Book (1965)? What nickel is lower now than then?  
11) Certain older coins are made from "bath metal". What is "bath metal"?

- 12) How does the mint avoid scraping off the edge lettering as the coin is ejected from the collar on Presidential Dollars (incuse lettering)? How was it done on St. Gaudens Double Eagles (raised lettering)?  
13) Some Canadian coins carry an "H" mintmark. Where is the "H" mint located?  
14) Some Byzantine coins were struck with curved (concave and convex) surfaces. Has the U.S. ever made deliberately cupped coins?

## RESPONDS



9) The standard reference for Swiss Shooting Medals is Jurg Richter's book from 1985. Nothing else comes close. It is not printed in English, but the excellent pictures and valuations in Swiss Francs are easy to use.



10) Releases of long-held silver dollars from the Treasury in 1962-63 brought to light thousands of Morgan Dollars from the New Orleans Mint of dates 1898 through 1904. Of these, 1903-O was formerly the scarcest, meriting a listing of \$1500 in the 15th Red Book. After the release, these were selling around \$50, but have since tracked the rise in interest in collecting Morgan Dollars and a nice BU example might now be around \$450. Some have called this issue "the Once and Future King". Separately, it is the Jefferson nickels of 1950-D which today are worth less than they were in 1963. Dr. Coyne is still "under water" on some pieces purchased at the ANA summer convention in Denver, 1963.

11) It remains unclear how the alloy got the name "bath metal", but it is a chiefly-copper blend containing zinc and a small amount of silver. The issue most prominently associated with its use is the Rosa Americana pieces, some of which circulated in Colonial America. They were made in Europe in 1722-23 and imported to the Colonies. Some have been dug up near Williamsburg, VA.

The alloy is not fully satisfactory for coinage. It is said that they had to be hot-struck, and many show surface blemishes and discoloration. The small silver content was a nod toward making them more acceptable in commerce where coins of the time were expected to have an intrinsic (metal) value closer to face value than prevails today.

12) The mint strikes Presidential Dollars today in high speed presses with a smooth collar surrounding the coin at the moment of striking. The lettering is added as a second operation before shipping the finished coins (except on a few error coins). The situation on the 1907-1933 St. Gaudens Double Eagles is entirely different. On these, a complicated segmented collar was used. The inside of the collar was engraved with the lettering so that an impression on the edge was made at the same instant the obverse and reverse designs were imparted. Then, before the reverse die rose up to eject the finished coin, the collar sprung apart into three segments, moving away from the coin's edge so the edge inscription would not be flattened as the coin was pushed up and ejected from the coining chamber. Close inspection of the edge of one of these Double Eagles can reveal the three vertical lines where the edges of the segments met.

13) Canadian and British coins carrying an "H" mintmark were struck at the Heaton Mint in Birmingham under contract with the British Royal Mint. The BRM did not always have sufficient capacity (particularly for bronze coins) and arranged to have certain mintages privately struck. The Heaton facilities eventually became the Birmingham Mint, and that enterprise remained in business until just a few years ago.

14) Those willing to wait in a long line at a recent Baltimore coin show could buy directly from the Mint the new "Baseball" commemoratives in clad, silver, or gold versions. It remains to be seen how popular these "new technology" pieces will be in the market.



# GOING, GOING, GONE . . .



by Garry Moore  
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**T**he Big Red Machine's World Series Championships of '75 & '76, Pete Rose's pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Reggie Jackson's three home runs in Game 6 of the '77 World Series, and Dave Parker's throw to nail Rick Downing at home plate in the '79 All-Star Game are just a few of Major League Baseball's iconic moments.



Now the U.S. Mint has added another gold glove winner to its numismatic line-up card with addition of the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coins. But first, let's pencil in our number 1 through 3 hitters on our line-up card.

Batting lead-off is the 1992 Olympic (Baseball) Commemorative Silver Dollar. The obverse design features a pitcher firing a ball to home plate. Legendary Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan's image from a baseball card was used for the design.

Uncirculated dollars made in Denver have the phrase "XXV Olympiad" impressed four times around the edge on a reeded background. With a mintage total of 187,522 for Mint State coins and 504,505 proofs, you can add this numismatic first to your line-up card with relative ease.



Hitting in the number two position is the 1995-1996 Olympic (Baseball) Commemorative Clad Half Dollar.

The obverse design features an umpire, batter, and catcher. Baseball is relatively new as an Olympic sport. It was part of the Olympics as a demonstration sport until 1992. In Barcelona, Spain, baseball was recognized, with full medal status, for the first time.



The reverse design of the 1995-1996 cupronickel clad half dollars share the same mark of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games on a globe. The mark symbolizes nearly 200 nations coming together to compete at the 1996 Games. Despite a mintage of only 160,605 for the Mint State coins and 118,087 proofs, these web gems can be added to your line-up for approximately \$19.50 and \$17.50 each.

Batting third in our numismatic line-up is the great Jackie Robinson. Jackie was honored with a two-coin set: a \$5.00 gold piece and a \$1.00 Commemorative Silver Dollar in 1997.

The obverse design of the \$5.00 gold coin features the portrait of Jackie Robinson in his later years, while the reverse features a baseball as the central element.

# THE MINT HITS A GRAND SLAM

Superimposed on the baseball are the years of Robinson's life (1919–1972) and the inscription, "Legacy of Courage," in the center.

The obverse design of the silver dollar features Robinson sliding into home plate as he did during the 1955 World Series. The reverse design features the 50th anniversary logo of the Jackie Robinson Foundation surrounded by two of Robinson's accomplishments: "Rookie of the Year 1947" and "Hall of Fame 1962."



Adding the gold coin to your line-up might require a few less free agent signings in the off-season, given the very low mintage totals of this coin. However, you can add the silver dollar for a "steal" given its significantly higher mintage totals.

And finally, hitting clean-up is the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coins. These coins are being issued in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, which celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2014.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 112-152), signed into law on August 3, 2012, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue up to:

- 50,000 \$5 gold coins
- 400,000 \$1 silver coins
- 750,000 half-dollar clad coins

All three coins feature a common obverse design that depicts a glove that, combined with the baseball design featured on the reverse, exemplifies the most basic elements of our national pastime or a simple game of catch in the backyard or at the local sandlot. The glove design also highlights the unique concavity of the coin. The common inscriptions on each coin's obverse are LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, and 2014.



They also feature a common reverse design that depicts a baseball similar to those used in Major League Baseball. The common inscriptions on each coin's reverse are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Given this batter's batting average – 100% of the gold coins sold out and 100% of the silver dollars sold out – it is safe to say that the United States Mint has hit a walk-off game winner grand slam with the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coins.

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Grant, receives "get well wishes"  
from fellow dealers, friends and  
clients.*

*Tommy Bennington &  
Doug Hershey provide  
help at Book Auction.*



*Rick Raines of  
Lyn Knight Auctions  
with auction  
catalogue.*



# SHOW - FUN & EDUCATION

## EXHIBITS



*The United States Twenty Cents Piece*



*California Fractional Gold*



*A House Divided – Money of the Civil War  
on loan from the American Numismatic Association*



*Azie Taylor Morton - first African-American female appointed  
Treasurer of the United States*



*Paper Money of the 13 Colonies of the Continental Congress*



*Mexican Revolution*



*John F. Kennedy a special educational exhibit in honor of the 91st National Coin Week*

## SEMINARS



*Bennie Bolin  
"Fractional Currency - Make Change without Coins"*

*Carl Stang  
"Early U.S. Commemorative Coins"*



*Boy Scout  
Coin Collecting  
Merit Badge Class*

# 2014 TNA CONVENTION EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

DR. RALPH ROSS, EXHIBIT CHAIR

I am happy to report on the Educational Exhibits at the 56th Annual Coin and Currency Show sponsored by the Texas Numismatic Association.

## SPECIAL NON-COMPETITIVE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS:

1. The John Rowe Collection of Texas Banks Notes on loan from the Southern Methodist University Library in Dallas, Texas.

2. A House Divided – Money of the Civil War on loan from the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

3. John F. Kennedy a special educational exhibit in honor of the 91st National Coin Week;

The 2014 theme: Coin & Country: Celebrating Civic Service . The exhibit highlights fifty years of the Kennedy Half-Dollar (1964 – 2014). This six case display also featured prominent numismatist Mike Fuljenz and his connection to JFK, while Senator Kennedy was on a campaign stop in Lakes Charles, Louisiana. (Dr. Ralph Ross)

4. Azie Taylor Morton a display describing the first African-American female appointed Treasurer of the United States. The exhibit showed 12 one-dollar star notes from the Federal Reserve Banks including distribution city and state representing the numerical listing 1 thru 12 and alpha characters A thru L. (Phyllis A. Ross)

## COMPETITIVE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS:

### Class #1: United States Coins



RICK RAINES



JOHN E. BARBER

1st Place: Rick Raines, exhibit titled: California Fractional Gold

2nd Place: John E. Barber, exhibit titled: The United States Twenty Cents Piece

### Class #2:

#### United States Paper Money

1st Place: Charles Steward, exhibited titled: Emergency Currency of World War - II



CHARLES STEWARD

### Class #3: Obsolete Paper Money issued in the United States

1st Place: Benny Bolin, exhibit titled: Paper Money of the 13 Colonies of the Continental Congress



BENNIE BOLIN

There were no exhibits for categories 4-8.



ELMER POWELL

### Class #9: General or Specialized

1st Place: Elmer Powell, exhibit titled: Mexican Revolution

**Best of Show Award:** Benny Bolin, exhibit titled: Paper Money of the 13 Colonies of the Continental Congress



BENNIE BOLIN

**People's Choice Award:** John E. Barber, exhibit titled: The United States Twenty Cents Piece



JOHN E. BARBER

*Special thanks for exhibit volunteers and judges: Richard Laster, Frank Galindo, David Gmoser, Patrick Heller, Greg Bingham, Crutchfield Williams, and Ed Arrich.*

The TNA Exhibit Chairman is making a call out for the 2015 57th Annual Coin and Currency Show... 'Get your educational exhibit together and we will put it on display at the future convention'.



# Young Collectors Have Fun at Youth Coin Auctions



*Registration Desk is ready for auction sign up...*



*Drawing for tie bids...*



*Morning and Afternoon Sessions Get Ready...*

*Auctioneer, Charlie Mead, has the pleasure of passing out door prizes as Youth Coin Auction Chair, Jerry Ozdych looks on...*

## *TNA Thanks the Following Youth Auction Contributors*



Bob's Rare Coins  
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 CR Coins  
 Kenny Smith  
 Bob Stewart  
 North East Tarrant Coin Club  
 Fort Worth Coin Club  
 Barbara Gallagher

*If we have missed anyone who has contributed, we apologize and offer our appreciation to you.*



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

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

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

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

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

## DISTRICT ONE



**FWCC APRIL MEETING** - President Ed Lasko called the meeting to order with 42 members and guests present.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Vanessa Liles, Randy Mejia & Hunter Cisco. Vanessa has opened a new Numismatist business in the area; GSC Exchange, (817) 984-1104.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ed Lasko reminded us that the Fort Worth Coin Club Inc. was established in 1954. We can celebrate 60 years of existence this year. Ed was the president during the 50th year celebration, and we hope he volunteers to be our President 10 years from now. Ed spoke about the FWCC March Coin Show. The show was held in a new building. The facilities of the building did not meet the needs of the show. We would not have been able to have the Coin Show, if not for the efforts of Kris Olson. Kris was able to assess the electrical requirements of our show, purchase the correct parts, and fabricated cables to make 3 electrical outlets power over 50 Dealer tables. Kris was also instrumental in planning the table placement so we were able to sell more tables. Thanks again Kris!

Jerry Ozdych spoke again about donations of numismatic material for the TNA youth Auction. Frank Hezmall asked for volunteers for the TNA show. (Remember, each volunteer gets five tickets towards the drawing of five gold coins, and TNA pays the Club for each volunteer.) Additional volunteers are needed for the Sunday part of the Show.

Ed Lasko proposed that the Fort Worth Coin Club donate \$100.00 to the TNA Youth Auction. Bob Millard acknowledged the motion. Jimmy Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ed Lasko proposed a motion that the FWCC will purchase \$100.00 worth of TNA raffle tickets. These tickets will be distributed to any member that attends the May 1st, 2014 Club meeting. Jimmy Davis acknowledged the motion. David Reed seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:** Dan Mok presented a program about his collection of New Orleans Mardi Gras Doubloons. The first Mardi Gras Doubloons were made in 1960 by H Alvin Sharp. Having the HAS initials on a doubloon adds to the value. Blain Kern is also a popular doubloon maker. Most doubloons are made of aluminum. Some, which are called 'heavies', are made of brass or silver. The 2014 Mardi Gras had over 200 types of doubloons. There are many organizations that produce their own type, shapes, and varieties. There are publications for all the types of doubloons for each year. Other Mardi Gras throws that are collectable are; Beads, Cups, Potato Chips, and other trinkets.

**MAY MEETING** - President Ed Lasko called the meeting to order with 52 members and guests present.

Ed Lasko proposed that we award a Life time Membership to Kris Olson. Kris Olson will be presented with a Life Time Membership to the Fort Worth Coin Club. For going above and beyond the Borsch chairman responsibilities, to provide the required electrical needs of all the Coin Show dealers. Without electricity, we would not have been able to have a Coin Show. Ed Lasko made the motion, to provide the Life Membership to Kris Olson. Dennis Wynn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:** The Fort Worth Coin Club will be 60 years old his summer. Jim Minter gave the program as a history lesson about the Club. Jim may be the last charter member of the Fort Worth Coin Club. Being a charter member means that he was one of the first 100 members. Jim was 10 years old when he and his father became members. Originally, there were 20 members, and they held the meetings at the Texas Hotel, which is the Hilton Hotel today. As a boy, Jim worked at the R. E. (Bob) Wallace coin shop. Jim once had a deal with the bank, where the bank loaned him 1000 Morgan dollars. He would sort out the 'CC' and 'O' mint marks, sell them, and split the profits with the bank. Most people collected type sets, and before the monthly meetings, he would trade coins with other boys, to fill his sets. Amon Carter would sell coins in Bob Wallace's coin shop, and he treated Jim like a son. Jim has actually held a 1913 V Nickel, and an 1804 Silver Dollar. He also remembers putting a 1955 Double D penny back into circulation, because it was not identified as being unusual at the time. Jim has seen some wonderful coins and collections, and wonders where did they all go?



## NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

### NETCC APRIL MEETING

President Jack Gilbert opened the meeting with 65 members and visitors present.

Jack Gilbert reminded everyone about the upcoming coin shows, as well as monthly club programs. Jack Gilbert also asked if everyone was receiving the newsletter. Visitors recognized: Kim Groves, Joseph Kunnappally, Brian Murphy.

Trish Mann put out a call for volunteers to help work the TNA show in May. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Volunteers will receive 5 lottery tickets.

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

We then conducted our annual donation auction consisting of a record 113 items. Bidding was quite spirited, with several members outbidding themselves!

Jim Waite called the auction in his lively and witty manner. When the smoke had cleared, the Club had raised \$2,601. While most of the proceeds will be utilized to pay operating expenses of the Club, \$500 of the proceeds has been earmarked for youth activities and scholarships

In addition to Jim Waite, special thanks goes out to Frank Schick who organized the process, and to all those who contributed such great auction items.

### GRAPEVINE SEMINARS



In conjunction with the coin show held at the Grapevine Convention Center, the Club, under the leadership of Carl Stang, conducted a series of programs suited for the general collecting public. Topics for these programs included how to collect AU-58 coins, Walking Liberty halves, Federal Reserve bills and classic commemoratives. Speakers included Kenny Smith, Sam Fairchild and Carl Stang. Attendees seemed quite interested in the topics presented and several indicated interest in attending Club meetings in the future.

This was the first program under the new TNA program to encourage local clubs to provide educational opportunities to interested collectors and the general public. The TNA donated \$250 for room rental and other expenses.

Special thanks goes out to Mark Johnson who provided a laptop and projector, and to Duncan and Collin Parkes who assisted Carl.

**MAY MEETING** - President Jack Gilbert opened the meeting with 45 members and visitors present. Visitors recognized: Ruth Krzywicki (grandmother of Gabriel). New members: Vernon Runyan.

Sue Ann Carpenter will be moving to Tyler in the next month. She will be missed, but she promises to return for the Christmas party.

Jack Gilbert also announced that the ANA allows clubs a credit of \$5 for each club member who is also a member of the ANA. Jack told the group that Sam Fairchild will be sending an e-mail out to members asking if they are ANA members, and if so, if they would supply their ANA membership number.

Trish Mann put out a call for volunteers to help work the TNA show in May. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Volunteers will receive 5 lottery tickets (enough to win EVERY prize).



Mike Grant, who was slated to give March's program, had quadruple heart bypass surgery on Tuesday, and will be in rehab for 6 weeks. A card was passed around for members to jot a note to Mike.

For the program, members were divided into eight tables of roughly equivalent numismatic knowledge. Each table had to answer a series of 10 questions, ranging from naming the first 90% silver coin after 1964 (1982 Washington commemorative) to the three names associated with silver dollars minted 1878-1904 (Morgan, Liberty, Bland). The winning table pictured answered 7 of the 10 questions correctly and won TNA raffle tickets for their effort. The members at the table were Jim Jeska, Tristen Smith, Troy Smith, Charles Moore and Trish Mann.,



## DISTRICT FOUR



**CAPITOL CITY APRIL MEETING** - The meeting was opened with 14 members present.

Program: We went over our Constitution and Bylaws. We will distribute the updates next meeting and vote on them at the following meeting.

Door Prizes: Kelly, Alan, Sharon and Kurt - Thanks to Gary for donating the prizes.

## DISTRICT SIX



**BELLAIRE MARCH MEETING** - March

3 - There were 32 people at the meeting. Ken Benson presented

the election nominations. President Garth Clark, Vice President

Tom Bermel, Treasurer Gayland

Stehle, Secretary Of Records Sebastian

Frommhold, and Newsletter/Electronic

Mail Michael Wolford. The club motioned by acclamation that new slate will begin April 7 meeting.

Mortimer Turdley announced a Texas Numismatic Association raffle. The club motioned to buy \$100 worth of tickets. The prizes are one of five gold coins. If the club wins, after club motion, possibly auction item for additional young numismatic funds. Rest of the meeting was about the February and April shows.

Garth Clark stated that there would be a discussion on the new bit coins. The club had time for one Show and tell.

March 17 - There were 29 people at the meeting. Garth Clark noted that Ricardo Deleon would have a program May 5. Garth Clark stated the April "Bellaire coin club" show is sold out.

The club plans to create a show committee. The committee is Tom Bermel, Garth Clark, and Sebastian Frommhold. The committee is to confirm what is shared between area clubs and shows.

Garth Clark suggested a Bellaire civic center donation.

There was no show and tell drawing. There was no drawing; we did have tickets, just not used, so nobody won the show and tell prize.

**APRIL MEETING** - April 7, - There were 26 people at the meeting. Garth Clark reminded about show set up, Friday. Garth Clark noted

all required actions are all ready. Alvin Stern stated a museum customer noted that dates the show was set up on. The show is on Palm Sunday. Garth Clark presented that the club needs to renew all permits for each show. Rupert Soliz asked the club to make another donation to the city of Bellaire. The last donation was to the Bellaire library in 2004. Possibilities creating donations after the official Bellaire shows in April and August. John Pavlovic noted April 26; the San Jacinto Monument will reenact the famous battle. Pasadena coin club will have a booth. Garth Clark suggested for a door prize is a free membership for one year. The following members presented a Show and tell, Paul Krail, Jack Pavlovic and Neil Robertson. Neil Robertson won the Show and tell prize.

April 21 - There were 32 people at the meeting. Most of the meeting was about the April show. The club needs to create a show volunteer thank you list.

Rupert Soliz volunteered his house for club storage. There has been no motion about the storage location.

The following members presented a Show and tell, Garth Clark, Richardo DeLeon, Gene McPherson, and Neil Robertson. Richardo DeLeon won the Show and tell prize.

**MAY MEETING** - May 5, - There were 25 people at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. This provided more time for Richardo DeLeon's program about Mexican Numismatics called "A Century And A Half Ago". Richardo had to do his program without his computer, last minute broken wire. He brought the presentation coins as back up.

Garth Clark noted that a thank you volunteer list is ready. Next meeting Garth will start to hand out the cards.

There are only 42 tables available. Celica Soliz asked about more Bellaire show flyer. The club discussed multiple versions of a new August flyer. Michael Wolford had his ready for copying.

Zachary Poe started a discussion about how to present history of coin into the area schools. Richardo DeLeon asked something about old flyers. The show and tell time was used for the Richardo DeLeon program.

May 19 - There were 27 people at the meeting. Garth Clark reminded about the Bellaire show August 2-3. Garth discussed which version some members study numismatics. Some members are collectors; just want to buy anything no matter the cost, once in a while selling. Other members are historians, may pay a lot, but want to learn about that time period.

Garth noted that the Smithsonian had a display about the 10 False Comings of Apocalypses. Garth noted Empire Day, the Monarchy created in Canada's Commonwealth on May 25, 1958. Normally celebrated on the first Monday before the month of May.

Elaine Hickey making a motion to create a school projects committee. The suggested committee would be Richard DeLeon and Zachary Poe. Coin In The Classroom, started at the Money Show, but number of teachers is slowing down. Coins For A, John and Eve Barber runs this educational section. Members noted another teacher, Ralph Ross. He has worked at high school and university levels. Zachary Poe suggested checking YMCAs and YWCAs. Visit any location; checking what numismatics they want to know about. Rick Vogt noted that London what going to be fixing metal reports. Keeping the spot price reports. Adjusting the morning and afternoon reports. The following members presented a Show and tell, Richardo DeLeon, Richard Hyde, Alan Morgan, and Neil Robertson. Richardo DeLeon won the Show and tell prize.

Greater Houston Coin Club

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**GHCC MARCH MEETING** - Called to Order – Alan Morgan, President. Guest: Melvin Neal (a past president of GHCC) Show & Tell, - Several interesting items.

Program Introduced by Bill W. "My Current Work on Coins" = Thomas Cleveland. Three Current designs of his are in use – Has 11 current designs that are issued. He gets an assignment – from the mint – AIP (Artist Infusion Program) - Through various progressions that work with the mint is used to determine designs.

Membership Certificates passed out for new members since January 2014. Coins-for A's Report: times are slower right now.

Slate of officer submitted - Voice vote no opposed

Money Show report – revert to the name – Houston Money Show.

**APRIL MEETING** - Meeting Called to order by Alan Morgan – 6:30 PM

John Barber explained the TNA raffle tickets given to all attendees tonight. The leftovers from the 150 tickets purchased by GHCC will be entered in the drawing in the Club's name on May 18th. Members expressed thanks to John for his efforts to help support TNA. Visitors – Alexander N. (2nd time visitor) with Jr. Membership application. Andrea N. – Parent.

Show And Tell – 5 items were shared.

Program - Presentation of the Annual Budget by Claude M. – Budget submitted and seconded and adopted by membership.

Money Show – Name change announced: Now - Houston Money Show 97 tables sold – to date.

Coins For A's Report – Eve B. – Announced Roxanne P. received a GHCC YN Scholarship, Nicholas K going on ANA scholarship, Another Coin for A's participant with the program from beginning is graduating (Joshua V)

John B – Presentation about a 3¢ nickels and proofs of the issues – definition of proofs – 3 coins presented to illustrate proof strikes and proof-like business strikes.



**PASADENA MEETINGS** -

The PCC held meetings; 3/10, 3/24, 4/14 & 4/28;

at the Golden Corral in Pasadena, Texas.

In the March 24th meeting, a letter from Tracy Haynes of Washington DC on collecting African coins and currency was shared with the club. Tracy sent a web page - <http://www.wakanow.com/ng/pages/The-Numismatist's-Resource-Guide-to-African-Coins-and-Currency> with links on the subject, see below for info. Tracy found the PCC by our web site: <http://www.pasadenacoinclub.org>

The Pasadena Coin Club had a table at the San Jacinto Day Festival and battle reenactment. [http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/The\\_Battle/Our\\_Annual\\_Reenactment/](http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/The_Battle/Our_Annual_Reenactment/)



The annual bingo night and officer installation was held 4/28. Officers from last year were given another chance. Volunteers for the next year were requested. We need a coin show bourse chairman (and committee) and a corresponding secretary.



Jack's special raffle blow-out was held on 4/14. This raffle was intended to balance the books for the past several months. Items included lots of large, round & shiny things.

Please consider giving a short program on a numismatic subject. We would love to hear about the best coin in your collection, the most interesting coin series, an unusual coin, the best book in your library, or just about anything coin related. See one of the club officers to schedule a time (or just surprise us and give an impromptu talk).

Gene McPherson - PCC President

## DISTRICT SEVEN



# THE GATEPOST

## GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**GATEWAY MARCH MEETINGS** - Mar. 6 – The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM, with thirty-one members and three guests in attendance. The guests were Pat O., Willie S. and Margarita F. All officers were present. Visitor Reed G. joined the club that evening.

Under Old Business, Vice-president David A. reminded the members that he needed programs for the summer months and to let him know if you are willing to give a program. Under New Business, Ray T. announced that ANA's National Coin Week will be April 20-26 and showed new handouts to promote the event to the members.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Jim. He stated that this day is the anniversary of the fall of the Alamo. Leroy M. then talked about the hoard of old US gold recently found in California. A brief discussion was then held about the likely identification of the creator of the Bitcoins. Jim W. then spoke about which countries are the top gold holders (the top ones were the US, Germany, and the IMF). Next he discussed the story of the 1913 V Nickel and the fate of the five known examples, two of which are in the ANA Museum. Finally, he announced the results of the poll deciding whether to keep or change this "Ask the Expert" segment of our meetings. The overwhelming response, nearly 80%, was to keep it at each meeting and in the same format.

The Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. with many interesting items being presented.

The meeting ended after drawing the attendance prize, a 1977 West German five-mark that was given to Paul R.

Mar. 20 – The meeting opened with Twenty-seven members and two guests in attendance. The guests included Dave F. and Wolfie G. Three new members arrived as guests and joined the club by the end of the meeting: Paul B., Patrick O'C. and Jose F.

Under Old Business, Vice-president David A. announced openings for speakers for the June, July, October, and November meetings. There was no New Business this evening.

Under Announcements, LeRoy M. mentioned the ANA Coin Trivia contest and Ray T. reminded the club members that they are to turn in the completed forms to him and he will mail them to ANA. Karla G. encouraged the members to attend the 2014 TNA convention in Arlington on May 16-18. She said that she had exhibit applications for any members who wanted to prepare and display a numismatic exhibit at TNA and she announced the

details for those members who wanted to participate in the gold coin drawing at TNA.

Jim W. led the Ask the Expert session. David A. led a brief discussion on bitcoins. Jim W. discussed several topics, including that China wants all citizens to have a kilo of gold. He also discussed the weight of gold bars at Ft. Knox and how relative grades of US coins vary, due to often being in mint/proof sets. Leroy M. asked about what would entail a complete set, using the analogy of the Susan B. Anthony dollars, which led to an interesting discussion.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. where several items were shown.

Vice-president David A. introduced Bob K. who presented the Numismatic Educational Program, "US Counterfeit Coins." Bob included a good explanation of how to authenticate these types of coins. He noted that counterfeits and altered coins are confiscated by the Secret Service. He mentioned three primary forms of counterfeit coins. First were merchant pieces which have been made from ancient times to the 1920s, and made by shaving coins, casting, and electroplating. The example cited was the Barber nickel, referred to as the "gangster nickel" which often was made into a five-dollar gold piece. Second were alterations to existing coins by changing mintmarks, removal of marks by "whizzing", and repairs to coins. Finally he mentioned Die Struck counterfeits which are difficult to prove false, with five processes known. The best of these is the one-to-one transfer. A discussion followed and Bob concluded with a detailed look at Chinese counterfeits.

Raffle winners were Jose F., Dave F., Fernando R., Gary B., Cal B., Paul R. Bob E. and Leroy M. After the auction was conducted the attendance prize, a 1976 Proof Eisenhower Dollar, was given to Clifton V.

**APRIL MEETINGS** - Apr. 3 – The meeting was opened with twenty-nine members and all officers present.

Under Old Business, Vice-President David A. discussed upcoming club programs and the need for two more programs during the summer. There was no New Business this evening.

Under Announcements, Karla G. reminded the members that she was still taking money for those wishing to buy TNA raffle tickets for the drawing at TNA State Convention in May. She will order the tickets and should have them at the next meeting for the ticket stubs to be filled out. Leroy M. discussed the problem with ads selling bulk coins, asking if people really read the entire ads and know what they are buying.

The Ask the Expert session was led by James W. He brought the continuing mini contest on gold and silver spot values, then briefly discussed the collection of PCGS/NGC varieties in the packaging and labeling of slabbed coins. Leroy M. also continued with the question of what constitutes a "complete set" of coins. He mentioned the ANA definition but clarified that the term is very relative to the individual collector. James W. then recapped the topics covered this past year during the "Ask the Expert" session and noted that he is stepping down as moderator. Bill D. will begin leading the session in May.

James W. then discussed the idea of relative demand for coins in world markets and how this impacts the coin market here. Other members mentioned that grading may also be a motivator here. The session ended with the discussion of the Hampton Roads meeting after the Civil War and the fact that an invasion of Mexico was considered to appease the Confederate leaders; however, Jefferson Davis said no this idea.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Leroy M.

Raffle winners were Bob K., Bob E., Jim W., Alex R. (3 times!) and Karla G. The meeting concluded with a brisk auction and the drawing for the attendance prize, which was a 1998 Mint Proof Set, was given to Clifton V.

Apr. 17 - The meeting was opened by President Frank G. at 7:10 p.m., with 24 members and 1 guest, Dave F., Jr., in attendance. All Officers were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and Treasurer Ray T. gave the Treasurer's Report. There was no Old Business or New Business discussed this evening.

Under Announcements, it was reported that Roger A. was now home and, while still ailing, was improving slowly. Vice-president David A. reminded the members that he needed programs for the summer months and to see him after the meeting. He also announced that he will begin selling autographs and memorabilia. Bill D. announced that he recently attended the St. George's Night sponsored by the San Antonio British Society.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by James W. He began by reviewing some of the topics discussed during the last year that he has led this session. He revisited the discussion on the Hampton Roads Peace Conference and brought in the numismatic connection that President Lincoln was given a Confederate five-dollar note which he had in his possession at the time of his assassination. Pat O'C. talked about the types of cases in which slabbed coins are placed and noted that there were two main types: 1) the "evolution" types, which were just changes over time in the case designs; 2) the "Promotional" types, which are market driven and include first strikes (now "early release), Providence cases for special collections, and Gold Foil cases for wreck/salvage gold coins.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Eric H. with a tremendous amount of interesting items that were shared.

Vice-president David A. introduced Bill D. as the Numismatic Educational Program speaker for this evening. His topic was "Put Up Your Ducats," which was a brief history of these coins. Most Ducats were only for exchange and they started in the twelfth century in Austria. They still exist, though mainly as bullion issues, and most were made by European states. Bill brought examples, including the earliest pieces from the fourteenth century from Venice and Hungary. Others he brought included several Dutch and German Ducats.

The meeting concluded with an exciting auction and the drawing for the attendance prize, which was a 1973 Indian ten-rupees, which was given to David A. A "special thanks" to all the bidders and participants.

## DISTRICT ELEVEN



### Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



**GOLDEN SPREAD APRIL MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President with 11 members attending.

Unfinished Business: The date set for our Amarillo Coin and Currency show of 2014 is August 23-24, 9-5 Saturday and 9-3 Sunday.

Program: The program was postponed till the next meeting date due to disruption from the fire alarm test in the building.

Show and Tell: Tommy Tompkins passed around a piece of history in the form of an envelope on which was a 29 cent "Numismatics" stamp and on the envelop were "Golden Spread

Coin Club, Inc. Collectors Show, Amarillo" and "Route 66, 66 years", dated 5/30/1992.

Drawing: This month's prize was a Bicentennial Medal. The first pick for the winner was Doug Hershey. Congratulations, Doug. The drawing for our gift certificate of \$35.00 claimed no winner. The name drawn was Wayne Peek, who was not in attendance. Next month's gift certificate will be for \$40.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm due to the disruption of a fire alarm test in the building.

**MAY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President with 10 members attending.

There was a lively discussion about the success of the Oklahoma show and the attending success of one of our own members. This was followed by an enlightening discussion about Canadian cents.

Program: Michael Eklund presented an informative program about the Seated Liberty Coins. Thank you Michael.

Show and Tell: There was no show and tell this month.

Drawing: This month's prize was a couple of sales tax coins. This month's prize was a lengthy process. Numbers drawn were 237, LM26, 185, LM30, 235, 192, and finally the winner, Ted Winton. Congratulations Ted. The monthly gift certificate drawing was won by Rick Morie. Congratulations Rick. Next month the gift certificate will be in the amount of \$5.00.

### CALIFORNIA GOLD FIND UPDATE

A Washougal man is speculating that the gold coins found recently in California could be from a heist in the 1800's.

In 1889, Major Joseph Wham, of the 21st Illinois Infantry and his escort detail were in the middle of a payroll run in Arizona Territory when they were ambushed. After a protracted gun battle, the bandits escaped with \$29,000 in old and silver coins. The money has never been found.

The whole story can be found online using a search of "The Columbian".

### THE CURVED COIN

Cassie McFarland, a San Luis Obispo artist, entered the coin design contest for the National Baseball Hall of Fame about a year ago. She had a mere 24 hours to complete her submission. She settled on a subtle, yet effective design guaranteed to, in her own words, "evoke a little nostalgia on a national level." Her design was of a baseball glove with (in the center of the glove) the words Liberty and In God we trust printed in a circular form in the center of the glove.

Congress had called for a public competition seeking designs emblematic of the game of baseball in the 2012 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act, which authorized the U.S. Mint to issue 50,000 gold coins, 400,000 silver coins and 750,000 half-dollar clad coins bearing the winning design. There were 178 entries from which 16 finalists were selected. After consulting with National Baseball Hall of Fame members, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, the U.S. Department of the Treasury selected McFarland's design in September, 2013.

Along with McFarland's design, U.S. Mint sculptor Oengraver Don Everhart sculpted the baseball, similar to the one used by major league players, on the reverse side.

This coin is the first curved coin ever produced by the U.S. Mint.

## DISTRICT TWELVE

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# Your 2 C Worth



**TYLER APRIL MEETING** - Pledge to the Flag; Prayer List; Prayer – Bruce Bennett ; Introduction of Guests; Club Members April Birthdays & Anniversaries:

National Coin Week – April 20 – 26, 2014; Coin & Country Club Logo – Carl - Shoulder Patch? Order Club Shirts  
Coin Show update – Barry ; Auction – 23 lots sold at a total of \$403.00; Door Prizes.

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month your editor had the honor of visiting with and interviewing new Tyler Coin Club member Eric E. who shared details of his numismatic journey.



(The gift of a handful of Silver Dollars was one of the events that inspired Eric to become a collector.)

Eric, a Chicago, Illinois native, began his collecting interest very early in life. On one of the first birthdays he remembers his grandparents presented him with a handful of silver dollars. The gift included dollars of Morgan and Peace designs. Soon thereafter he received some coins willed to him by a great-uncle. Included in that bequest were a number of Buffalo Nickels, Mercury Dimes and Washington Quarters. When asked what he found of most interest Eric shared a couple of areas. He has build upon the Buffalo Nickel group originally gifted by the great-uncle. Eric's interests also include world proof sets and world currency. Basically Eric declared he likes "something shiny."

His personal testimony includes an interesting story he shared with your editor. Back when he received the handful of silver dollars from his grandparents he took them to the bank and put them in an account. Keep in mind Eric was very young back then. When he returned to the bank to reclaim the items deposited in good faith he said he was disappointed to learn that the bank was going to give him paper money instead of returning his originally deposited silver dollars. Sadly, it was his original misunderstanding that upon deposit the bank was going to hold his coins for him in trust. Definitely a steep learning curve and a tale he offered with a sad shake of the head.

(Collector and new club member, Eric enjoys collecting "something shiny." [Your editor can relate.] Eric's interest in numismatics began in part with some quality numismatic material, including Buffalo Nickels, was willed to him by a great-uncle)



## DISTRICT FOURTEEN



**HIDALGO APRIL MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 44 members present and one visitor. The new members that applied the month before were accepted at this meeting. The HCC now has a membership of 94 for the year 2014. 6 door prizes were given out.



*HCC members perusing the auction items before the meeting begins.*

The April meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as usual. Three new collectors paid their yearly dues to join our club. Before the evening was through, we had a total count of 97 paid members for 2014. We have started a campaign to get businesses or individuals to advertise on our web site. The cost is \$10 a month or \$100 for an entire year (a \$20 savings). The ads run along the bottom of every page in our web site.



The Hidalgo Coin Club Executive Council currently has a position open. The 9-Member council is made of the 5 Officers plus 4 members-at-large from our membership. We meet the Thursday night before our Monday Monthly Meeting to discuss ideas, proposals and procedures for our meetings and coin shows. We took time for a 'moment of silence' to honor a long time club member that passed away a couple of weeks ago. Becky Robertson, wife of Dwight Robertson, had been a great supporter of not only the HCC but of the Youth Coin Club. She will be missed.

We are continuing our monthly Friday Night Coin Shows every month until October. We host a 4 hour show from 6pm to 10pm once a month in order to give collectors and dealers more opportunities to come together and further the hobby in the Rio Grande Valley. It works for us!

The April meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 lots with President Raul H. Gonzalez serving as the auctioneer and Jorge Ramsden as the money runner.

**MAY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 39 members present. The new members that applied the month before were accepted. Everyone that attended the meeting renewed their membership for 2014. The club now has '100' paid members for the year 2014.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 8 door

prizes were given out. First order of business was to congratulate Mr. Mike Alaniz for being the 100th person to pay their dues this year. President Gonzalez awarded Mr. Alaniz a 1960 Benjamin Franklin Silver Half Dollar. We felt it was appropriate to give a coin from the year that our club was established.



Mike Alaniz (L) receives his prize for being the club's 100th paid member from; Raul H. Gonzalez (R)

Two 1/10 oz. \$5 Gold American Eagles have been donated to add to the line-up of the gold coins to be raffled off at our Fall Coin Show - scheduled for Nov. 1 & 2, 2014. The following Mexican gold coins will be offered: a Dos (\$2) Pesos, Cinco (\$5) Pesos and a Diez (\$10) Pesos as well as the 2 American coins mentioned; bringing the total number of gold coins to 5. Only 1,000 tickets will be printed with sales beginning at the June monthly meeting. Never has our club offered so many gold coins in our raffle. Tickets are \$2 each, with members being able to purchase 20 tickets at the reduced price of \$35 (a \$5 savings).

The membership was informed that the council has purchased a new exhibit booth with lights to use at our 2-day shows in Nov. and Feb. The success of the 'Shipwreck Coin Exhibit' during our last show has prompted us to continue to feature this type of exhibit - making it better and expanded. This new booth will be easier to set up, break down and store. Our next big show, Nov. 1 & 2, 2014 will have the newly designed exhibit on the stage of the Nomad Shrine Hall.

Our T.N.A. Governor, Robert 'Ski' Kurczewski and his wife Kay made an announcement about the upcoming TNA Convention and Coin Show. Our members bought all of the TNA gold coin raffle tickets that Ski and Kay had with them. This year, TNA is offering 5 gold coins with the Mexican Veinte Pesos being the grand prize.

The Hidalgo Youth Coin Club began judging the 50 Statehood Quarters and the 6 U.S. Territory Quarter designs on the 2nd week of May. Thirty quarters have been eliminated on this first round. The remaining 20 will be judged, scored and ranked on the 4th week of the month. The students are to choose the Most Beautiful Design and the Best Design of an Historical Event. The Puerto Rico quarter was chosen as the best from the 6 territories.

Stay tuned next month to see what quarters kids think are the best and most beautiful.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the HCC, can visit our website - [www.hidalgocoinclub.com](http://www.hidalgocoinclub.com) or look us up in Facebook. The May meeting ended with a lively auction consisting of more than 80 lots. Mr. James Dunn served as the auctioneer and Jorge Ramsden was the money runner.

## DISTRICT THIRTEEN

**WICHITA FALLS MARCH MEETING** - There were 25 members in attendance.



Rob Robinson said that he thought about the auction from the February meeting and would like to change the way we conduct the auction for the Club.

His motions were approved by those present. Rob then passed out small pieces of paper for every member to guess the price

for three Lincoln Cents minted in 2001. The value of the coins was \$9.50 and Ollie Garrett won with his guess of \$10.00.

Program: Tony Zupkas said that an article in the Wichita Falls Times Record News announced that the vendor was selling bags of 100 unsearched Wheat Cents for \$29.00 a bag. Tony said that the article also stated that in addition to the \$29.00 per bag that the buyer would have to pay for shipping and handling additionally. Tony then said that the 1913 Liberty Nickel recently sold at auction for \$3.7 million dollars, and a 1794 Flowing Hair Silver Dollar sold at auction for over \$10 million dollars. Ollie Garrett passed around two counterfeit 1872 Mexican Pesos that he bought, and he said you need to be careful what you buy.

**APRIL MEETING** - There were 17 members in attendance.

Announcements: Rob Robinson said that the scheduled for the 15 through 17 May 2014 at the Arlington Convention Center. Tony Zupkas said that the ONA Coin show is scheduled for 3-4 May 2014 at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

Old Business: Connolly O'Brien said that the e-mail correspondence about the advertisement for the upcoming coin show were expected to increase by \$500 with Mr. Joe Toms.

Membership Prize: 1972 Eisenhower Silver Dollar was won by: Mike Kinnard.

## DISTRICT FIFTEEN



**BEAUMONT MARCH MEETING** -

There were 19 members in attendance

included two former members who have rejoined. The meeting was called to order by club President George Fortune and the Pledge of Allegiance was led Barbara Williams

Club President George Fortune requested that members propose some new ideas. Les Hansen suggested more auction items. Vice-President Colby proposed a membership drive and it was determined that the member who recruited the most new members would have his/her membership dues waived the next year.

Jerry Williams noted that the ANA World's Fair of Money will be in Chicago August of 2014, and 2015, and that the National Money Show will be in Dallas in March of 2016. Check the ANA's web site ([www.money.org](http://www.money.org)) for additional dates.

Judy gave a very enjoyable trivia quiz. Some examples are: 1) What does FUGIO mean. 2) What does the L that was added to the 1864 cent stand for? And 3) What direction does Hamilton face on the \$20 bill.

**APRIL MEETING** - There were 17 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by George Fortune. And the Pledge of Allegiance was led

Ken asked for the answer to the trivia question and Les (I think)



gave the correct answer that arrow were added to silver coinage (excluding the silver dollar) in 1853 to denote the decrease in silver content. Les also noted that in 1873 arrows were again added to denote the increase in silver content. Les also pointed out that the shape of the arrow was different in both of those years.

The show committee recommended advertising with coinshows, and it was agreed that we should do so. Judy volunteered to have a stamp made so that we could stamp "coinshows.com" (a condition for posting shows on their site) on our fliers since they were already printed.

There were a bunch of coins available for auction. Most of which went home with new owners.

George gave an excellent presentation on Saddleback Notes and Louisiana Bonds. George passed them around and explained that the bonds were issued prior to the Civil War. George also noted that the largest (monetarily speaking) note ever issued was the \$100,000,000.00 bill which was used for bank transfers and was not intended for general commerce. Rather, the \$10,000.00 note was the largest ever issued for public use.

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

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

Our show is set up for July 19, 2014 and will be at the First Pentecost Church located at 1403 North 5th Street (Highway 92 North) in Silsbee. Ten (10) tables have already been spoken for and we are able to have up to fifteen (15) tables. Each table is \$90.00. The show will be from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Beaumont Coin Club show will be September 13, 2014 at the Beaumont Civic Center. There will be a children's auction so donations will be appreciated for that event. The Port Arthur coin show will be November 8th in Groves.

Program: Dale gave a program on Bitcoins. Bitcoins were created by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008. It was designed to be a digital currency that is encrypted for exchange from person to person. The most important part of the bitcoin system is a ledger that records financial transactions in the digital currency, bitcoins. All bitcoin transfers are recorded in a computer file that acts as a ledger called the block chain. Maintaining and adding to the block chain is called mining, and those who do, are rewarded with newly created bitcoins and transaction fee. In 2014 mining is rewarded with 25 newly created bitcoins per block. To claim the reward, the miner includes in the block a special transaction called a coinbase that assigns the rewarded bitcoins to an address of the miner's choosing. All bitcoins in circulation can be traced back to such coinbase transactions. The bitcoin protocol specifies that this reward will be halved to 12.5 bitcoins in 2017 and halved again approximately every four years thereafter. Mining will stop when an arbitrary limit of 21 million bitcoins is reached around 2140 and transaction processing will then only be rewarded by the transaction fees. Users that pay a fee may have their transactions processed more quickly.

The price of bitcoins has fluctuated wildly since its inception, going through various cycles of appreciation and depreciation, which have been referred to by some as bubbles and busts. In 2011, the value of one bitcoin rapidly rose from about \$0.30 to \$32 before returning to \$2. During the 2012-13 Cypriot Financial Crisis, bitcoin prices began to rise, reaching a peak of \$266 on April 10, 2013, before crashing to around \$50. By the end of

2013, the cost of one bitcoin rose to a peak of \$1135, but fell to \$693 three days later. Today (04/24/14), "bitcoin.com" lists the value at \$900. It is estimated that there are 25 bitcoins made every ten (10) minutes.

In 2012, it was estimated that 4.5 to 9% of all bitcoins transactions came from a single online market, Silk Road. The FBI determined that these transactions were for drug purchases and in October of that year, they shut down Silk Road. This is definitely a high risk investment with financial analysts predicting future values from zero (\$0.00) to \$1300.00. Another analysis stated that it could go up to \$40,000.00 while still another states it will be worth less than \$10.00 by July 2014. Buy at your own risk!

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

Program: Donnie gave a program on Two Dollar Bills! The first \$2.00 bill was printed in March of 1862 featuring a portrait of Alexander Hamilton. In 1869, the first \$2.00 bill with Thomas Jefferson appeared with the U.S. Capital also on the front of the bill. This bill went through several design changes through the 1917 series which included being printed as a "Treasury Note" then later changed to be printed as a "United States Note." Other \$2.00 bills included an 1886 Silver certificate featuring Winfield Scott Hancock, a Civil War General, an "Educational Series" Silver Certificate with Robert Fulton and Samuel Morse depicted on the reverse in 1896, a porthole George Washington bill in 1899, and National Bank Notes.

In 1928, the saddle blanket bills were done away with and the new, smaller \$2.00 bill again featured Thomas Jefferson but with his home, Monticello, pictured on the reverse. These were U.S. Notes dated 1928. With the change of either the Treasurer or the Secretary, a letter was added to the date.

Next came the design change in 1953. Note, after 1974, the change of either the Treasurer or the Secretary was considered a major change and hence a Series change (date) instead of just a letter.

The \$2.00 bills produced from the 1928 series through the 1963 series were all United States Notes with a red seal. From 1976 on, the bills were Federal Reserve Notes and printed with a green seal. The 1976 \$2.00 bill reverse design was changed to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It pictures the Committee of five coming before the general assembly with the Declaration..

## DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



### WACO COIN CLUB

**WACO MARCH MEETING** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order with 16 members in attendance.

Cash prize: Collin Kubacak was not here. Next month the prize will be \$75. Next month we will draw until a winner is present.

The next Waco Coin Show will be April 11-12 at the Bellmead Civic Center. We all need to work the show. We may have fewer dealers as Bellaire added a new show on the same date. Dealers who go to the Bellaire shows cannot miss a Bellaire show or they will lose their table at future shows. If you have coins to sell, it might be a good opportunity for two members to share the cost of the table. Members paying for a table actually get two tables.

# U.S. MEXICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 2014 CONVENTION AND EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Our third annual convention will be held Thursday thru Saturday, October 16-18, at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort 6333 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. The schedule of events is as follows:

<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Dealer Setup	12pm-5pm
	Early Entry	2pm (\$10 Donation)
	Welcome Party and Silent Auction	5pm-6:45pm
	Awards Banquet	7pm
<b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY:</b>	Bourse Hours	9am to 6pm
	Speakers	Three Daily at 10am, 1pm and 2:30pm

## SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

Dunigan / Sedwick / Ponterio	Counterfeit Forum 1 – Colonial Pillar 8 Reales
Bob Gurney	Colonial Contemporary Counterfeits
Mike Crowder	Early Republic 8 Real Die Varieties
Carlos Jara	Iturbide Coinage
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Mexican Coin Company	Carefree, Arizona
Dan Sedwick	Winter Park, Florida
Stacks Bowers	Irvine, California
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Dave Wagner	Fort Worth, Texas



**CONVENTION FLOOR.** The convention floor area will be 50% larger this year allowing more space for exhibits, a book sale, and the counterfeit detection table.

**EXHIBITS.** We would like to have around six exhibits on the convention floor. So far we have three excellent proposals. If you are interested in setting up an exhibit, give me a call. Starting this year we will be judging and giving out awards for the best displays.

**IAPN SPONSORED COUNTERFEIT DETECTION TABLE.** We are very excited about this addition to the convention. The International Association of Professional Numismatists has graciously donated four new

microscopes to the Association. The microscopes will be located at a special counterfeit detection table on the bourse floor. Each microscope will be set up with a specific counterfeit coin along with information on the characteristics you can use to detect it. Attendees can use this display at any time during the convention.

**BOOK SALE.** Over the past several years we have received a number of excellent donations of books and auction catalogs from members. We will be setting up a large table to sell these donated items at very reasonable prices, which will benefit the Association. If you have excess books and auction catalogs in your library that you would like to donate, please send them to me at my office address below.

**WELCOME PARTY.** A silent auction and welcome party will be held Thursday at 5pm on the pool area patio just outside the convention rooms. The bar will be open for you to purchase beverages of your choice.

**SILENT AUCTION.** The silent auction is made up of donations from our various members and supporters to raise funds for the organization. Last year a surprising number of members attended and everyone had a great time.

Last year the donations for the silent auction contained a wide variety of items including grading certificates from the three major grading services, NGC, PCGS and ANACS. Great coins included an eight escudo from Heritage Auctions, two Iturbide proclamation medals from John Hughes, a dated 8 real cob from Kent Ponterio, an 1809 cast 8 real with Monclova countermark from Mike Dunigan and high grade Army of the North and Caballito pesos from Mexican Coin Company. A variety of books were also contributed by Joe Flores, Stacks Bowers, Mike Dunigan and Mexican Coin Company.

We are just starting to collect items for this year's auction and if you are interested in making a donation to this worthy cause, please contact me.

**BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY.** The banquet will be held immediately after the welcome party at Blanco Tequila and Tacos, directly across the street from our hotel. The buffet style dinner will include a variety of dishes including ceviche and guacamole appetizers, enchiladas, a beef and chicken taco bar plus a desert table. A full service bar is open where you can purchase additional beverages of your choice. Awards will be presented to various members of the organization for their contributions during 2013. Tickets for the Awards Banquet are \$45 per attendee. Seating for this event is limited, so if you plan on attending please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. You can buy tickets on our website at [usmex.org](http://usmex.org) under the convention section using PayPal or you can simply send a check to my office payable to USMEX.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS.** We have arranged a special room rate at the Resort of \$159 per night. The easiest way to make a reservation is to go to [usmex.org](http://usmex.org) and follow the links. You can make your reservations now and I strongly urge you not to wait. Last year, room rates were much higher after our block sold out.

**ADMISSION.** Admission to the convention will be free to members, \$5 to nonmembers and free to all family members and kids under 15. Early entry is available to members only Thursday afternoon for a \$10 donation to the Association per person.

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### **STOLEN COINS - APRIL 2**

A double row box of coins was stolen from Brian Cushing dba Dick Osborn Rare Coins during the recent Whitman Baltimore Coin Show. Below is a partial listing of coins taken in the offense.

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A reward of \$5000 is being offered for the recovery and arrest of the person or persons responsible for the theft.

Anyone with information should contact:

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The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

## PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

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Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

## TEXAS COIN SHOWS 70 TABLES • GRAPEVINE

2014: JULY 11-13 • SEPT 19-21 • NOV 14-16

2015: FEB 6-8 • MAR 20-22 • JULY 10-12

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, GOLD PRIZES! Contact: Ginger or David Pike, P.O. Box 126, Tom Bean TX 75489-0126. Email: TexasCoinShows@aol.com

## JUNE 13-14 80 TABLES TYLER

FIVE STATE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW sponsored by the TYLER COIN CLUB. Lone Star Event Center, 4036 FM 2767 (Old Kilgore Hwy), Just Off East Loop 323, Tyler. Show Hours: Fri. 6/13, 1pm-7pm. Sat. 6/14, 9am-5pm. FREE Admission, Door Prizes, Free Parking, Sandwich & Snack Bar, Coin Raffles, Full Time 24 Hour Professional Security, For Table Or Show Info Contact Barry Carter at 903-752-6300 or email, tylercoinshow@suddenlink.net or See Website: www.tylercoinclub.com

## JULY 6-7 50 TABLES FORT WORTH

COWTOWN SUMMER COIN SHOW at Bryant Irvin Recreation Complex (formerly Lockheed Recreation Center), 3300 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76109. 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north of I-20. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Free parking, snack bar. Hourly \$10 Dealer Gift Certificate Drawings. Adult admission \$3. Dealer set-up: Fri. July 5, 11am-5pm; 8' tables-\$245. Early bird \$25 during dealer set-up. Contact: Gary Andrews; 817-444-4813; email: apctexas@aol.com.

## JULY 19 SILSBBEE

SILSBEE COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the First Pentecostal Church, 1403 North 5th St., North Hwy 92, Silsbee, Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Coins-Paper Money, Bullion. Free Parking, Drawing for Free Silver Proof Set. Open to Public; \$2 admission for adults. Bourse Chair - Jerry Williams, PO Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 1-409-385-7028.

## AUGUST 9 SHERMAN

COIN SHOW - Saturday 9:00 am -- 4:00 pm. Quality Inn, 3605 Highway 75 South, Exit 56 - FM 1417, Sherman, Texas. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - FREE ADMISSION \* FREE PARKING. Free \$10.00 Gift Certificate given away each hour. BUY \* SELL \* APPRAISALS. US, World, Ancient Coins, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, Jewelry, Collectibles. For Information Contact: Gary Rollins PO Box 744 McKinney, TX 75070. Telephone: 972-978-1611 Email: grollins1@peoplepc.com

## AUGUST 23-24 50 TABLES AMARILLO

AMARILLO COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Amarillo Civic Center - Regency Room, 401 South Buchanan, Amarillo, 79101. Hours: Sat 9am - 5pm / Sun 9am - 3pm. Hourly Door Prizes - Free Parking - 24 Hour Security. Raffle for Gold and Silver Coins conducted by the GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB. Adult Admission \$3. Contact Jim Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 210845, Bedford, TX 76095. 817-688-6994. Email: JFitzShows@Gmail.com

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## SEPTEMBER 12 - 14 40 TABLES SAN MARCOS

SAN MARCOS COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Embassy Suites San Marcos Conference Center, Veramendi Salons C & D. 1001 McCarty Lane, San Marcos, 78666 - Exit 201 off of Interstate 35. Hours: Fri 2pm-6pm / Sat 9am - 5pm / Sun 9am - 3pm. Hourly Door Prizes - Free Parking - 24 Hour Security. Adult Admission \$3. Contact Jim Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 210845, Bedford, TX 76095. 817-688-6994. Email: JFitzShows@Gmail.com

## SEPTEMBER 13 BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at the Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St., Beaumont, Texas. Saturday 9am-5pm. Free Appraisals, Coins-Paper Money, Bullion. Free Kids Auction 3pm. Free Parking, Drawing for Free Silver Proof Set. Open to Public; \$2 admission for adults. Bourse Chair - Jerry Williams, PO Box 1593, Silsbee, TX 77656, 1-409-385-7028.

## OCTOBER 4 MCKINNEY

COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB COIN SHOW at Quality Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy, Hwy. 75 and White Avenue, McKinney, TX Saturday 9:00 am -- 4:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION \* FREE PARKING. Free \$10.00 Gift Certificate given away each Hour. BUY \* SELL \* APPRAISALS - US, World, Ancient Coins, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, Jewelry, Collectibles. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. For Information: Collin County Coin Club, PO Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. Telephone: 972-978-1611. Web Site: www.collincountycoinclub.org.

## NOVEMBER 1-2 48 TABLES McALLEN/PHARR

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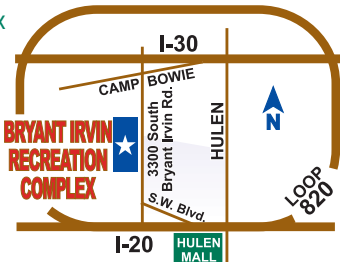
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