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This year is going fast, or does it just seem that way as a person gets older? I remember when I couldn't wait for the birthday that would allow me to get a driver's license - time moved so... slow! Or the holidays that seemed they would never arrive.

Special events are looked forward to by young people. Our Youth Chair, Dr. Ralph Ross, has been doing a great job of taking numismatics to his High School and the community. Be sure to read his account on page 14. The looks on those kids' faces says it all.

There was a very pleased look on my face when I received an email from Jerri Raitz, Senior Editor of ANA's "The Numismatist" magazine. "TNA News" has been selected to receive the second-place ANA Outstanding Regional Club Publication Award. Our award will be presented at the ANA's World's Fair of Money Convention in Chicago on August 9th. Dr. Ralph Ross, our TNA Exhibit and Youth Chair, as well as our ANA Governor, has agreed to accept this award on behalf of the Texas Numismatic Association.

In this issue President Debbie Williams and member Garry Moore share their experiences at this year's ANA Summer Seminars. You will enjoy their stories.

We have a good mix of numismatic articles this issue: ancient coins, early U.S. coinage, foreign and historical numismatics and advice on making educated numismatic purchases. We even have a column on fishing... for coins that is.

Thanks very much to this issue's contributors, we have a nice issue for July/August. Set aside some time to enjoy this edition of our "Award Winning" TNA News. You will be glad you did.

Until next time,  
Ron Kersey

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*DEBBIE WILLIAMS*

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just returned from the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs where I took Mark Borckardt's class, History of the U.S. Branch Mints. My knowledge of branch mint history was somewhat limited and I learned a tremendous amount during the class. As with many of these "specialized" classes, the class size was small, only five students in our case, leading to an especially personable, interactive and fun class. I was honored to share a class once again with our very own John Barber from the Houston area. As many of you know, Mark Borckardt works for Heritage Auctions and lives in the Dallas area. As this may indicate, Texas was well represented at the seminar again this year.

On the first day of class, Mark asked us to prepare a short presentation to share with the class at the end of the week. In keeping with my dedication to numismatic education, I am sharing the report I researched and wrote pertaining to the United States Assay Commission. I hope you enjoy it.

The same 1792 Act of Congress establishing the United States Mint also authorized formation of an annual assay commission. Alexander Hamilton proposed the idea and based it on the English system. The purpose of the United States Assay Commission was to oversee standardization of the weight and fineness of our coinage. The president of the United States appointed committee members and they reported directly to him.

Branch mint officials routinely removed random coins and placed them in sealed envelopes with the date and contents carefully recorded on each envelope. These "assay coins" were sent to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Once a year, Assay Committee members met in Philadelphia to inspect sample coins and determine whether they met the strict standards set for United States coinage. According to Ken Bressett, who served on the committee in 1964, the number of committee members varied each year but was usually between 10 and 20. There was not enough time for committee members to inspect all assay coins so they randomly pulled samples from the sealed envelopes. Designated mint workers then weighed and assayed the selected coins under the scrutiny of committee members. There were never any significant problems discovered. The Bicentennial Assay Commission reported, "knowledge that any coin may be selected for this check has an excellent psychological effect upon the officers of the coinage mints, which is of great value in keeping our coinage standards at the very highest standards."

The work these committee members performed was a very important aspect of our coinage system from its earliest days through 1977. The Assay Commission was the longest running government committee in existence when it was officially disbanded by the Carter administration on March 14, 1980. The introduction of clad coinage and advances in technology contributed to its demise. Members received no pay and were required to pay their own expenses. Even so, it was a very prestigious and sought after position. Many prominent numismatists served on the committee. An official commemorative medal was struck by the United States Mint each year and presented to committee members. These medals were not available to the public and were struck in limited numbers making them highly collectible today.

Former members of the commission formed a group called the Old Time Assayer's Club. Members met each year at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money to reminisce and renew their friendships. One of the highlights of each meeting was receiving a privately struck commemorative medal designed especially for that year.

For two decades, the club met faithfully, but over time many members passed away and attendance dwindled. The final meeting of this historical club was held in August 2012 during the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia, PA. The meeting was held in the President's Room of the Philadelphia

Mint. Members and their guests were treated to a special ceremonial tour on the floor of the Philadelphia Mint.

In recent years, there has been some discussion among lawmakers concerning re-establishing the Assay Commission to oversee the many gold and silver commemorative coins being produced. The idea lacks enough support, however, to become law anytime in the near future.



*Ken Bressett and Debbie discuss Assay Commission.  
Photo by John Barber*

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# Secretary's Report

By Lawrence Herrera



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## *Welcome New TNA Members...*

Welcome to new TNA members A-7364 to R-7458 and LM-259 to LM-261. 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 September 1, 2014.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>District</b>
J-7460	Emily Holcomb	James Holco mb	16
R-7461	James Dunn	Frank Galindo	14
R-7462	James Davis, Jr.	Debbie Williams	1
R-7463	Finnegan Hein	Website	4
R-7464	Wayne Maynard	Website	1
R-7465	Pam Stitely	Debbie Williams	22
R-7466	Allen S. Brown	T.J. Bennington	12
R-7467	Dalia Smith	Debbie Williams	1

## **VIP LEADER FOR 2014**

Richard Laster

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please notify the Secretary's office and not the TNA News Editor of any changes of address. Mailing labels for the TNA News are prepared by the Secretary's office from the membership database which must have current information if you are to receive the TNA News.



JACK GILBERT

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

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To be eligible the person (or club) must be a member in good standing during the year of the drawing and the two years prior to the year of the drawing. Chapter/Club members are not eligible for the ANA Summer Seminar Grant. A prior Grant recipient is not eligible for this Grant until two years has passed from the receipt of the prior Grant.

The Program Oversight Committee has set the time period for entering the drawings for these two programs. Entry forms will be accepted August 1st through November 30th 2014. 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.

You must send one entry for each drawing to be eligible! Entry forms may be sent by email. Please include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. Include all contact information.

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## GRANT TO PROMOTE NUMISMATICS

Earlier this year, 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. The next such activity is planned on September 20th in conjunction with the Texas Coin Shows in Grapevine, Texas.

Additional program information is in right column.



## 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.



## 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) )

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.

## NETCC TO PRESENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Northeast Tarrant Coin Club has finalized the subject matter for the free Educational Talks that will be presented in connection with the September 19-21 Grapevine Coin Show. The presentations are scheduled for September 20 (Saturday) from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and they are titled:

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - "The Philadelphia Mint From 1793-1900" - John Barber**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM - "Introduction to Grading U.S. Coins" - Carl Stang**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - "Appreciating Silver Certificates" - Sam Fairchild**

The Grapevine Convention Center is located at 1209 S. Main Street in Grapevine, TX 76051. Attending the Educational Presentations is free to the public and does not require attending the coin show. There is a \$3 charge if you wish to attend the Coin Show.

## TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JULY 31, 2014

<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Cash			
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$54,309.01		
CTB, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$33,060.43		
CTB CD (Mat. 8/30/14)	\$40,000.00		
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year			\$127,369.44
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>\$377,369.44</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Total Liabilities			None.
<b>SURPLUS</b>			
Beginning Balance 3/1/2013			\$367,792.36
Income (Plus)	\$46,748.47		
Expenses (Minus)	-\$37,171.39		
Surplus			\$9,577.08
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$377,369.44</b>

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The 1787 Brasher Doubloon with designer Ephraim Brasher's 'EB' punch mark on the eagle's wing, will be one of the top attractions of the show. The fabled Brasher Doubloons are the first gold coins made for the United States, and they've been described as the most important coins in U.S. numismatics.

The annual ANA summer convention will be held in Hall A of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, in Rosemont, Illinois, conveniently located near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

The show will feature 500 dealer tables, two official auctioneers, a fun Kickoff Event, tons of educational opportunities, and much, much more.

Admission will be free daily for ANA members and will be free to the public on Saturday, August 9, during Free Appraisal Day when top numismatic experts will give the public complimentary, educational estimates of the value and historical significance of their old coins and paper money. Discount admission coupons are available online at [www.WorldsFairOfMoney.com](http://www.WorldsFairOfMoney.com) for the other days of the show.

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by John Barber

## CLEANED AT THE LAST MINUTE

This month's publisher's editorial cautions against suffering a financial catastrophe by simply not being careful enough at the moment of purchase. We have all made mistakes in buying numismatic material which turned out to be not as initially thought, but it is not too hard to avoid this one....

One of the joys of summer is that your editor takes a change of scene by spending time in Colorado in the mountains. In the same little town is a coin and antique dealer who from time to time "employs" me (pro bono) in his shop. This month a complete set of Peace Dollars came in for evaluation and potential purchase by the shop owner. It was in an old blue Whitman Tri-Fold album (copyright date 1957), and at first glance it looked like all 24 coins might be uncirculated.

First thing I did was pop the 1928 coin out to make sure it was indeed a Philadelphia product, and then I turned my attention to the actual condition of the 1934-S. That key to the set (in high grade) has a very steep price curve and it is important to distinguish an AU from a BU coin.



When I pulled these two pieces out of the cardboard page, right away I noticed that the edges of the coins were dark and that the reverses were a noticeably different color than the obverses. Then it hit me that all 24 obverses had the same flat white look to them. Oh no! On closer look, all 24 showed patterns of hairlines or tiny scratches. It was an easy assessment that they had all been abrasively cleaned. It could have been with sodium bicarbonate paste, or perhaps a silver polishing cloth, or even with a pencil eraser. A little voice in me asked: "When do you suppose this was done?" and "Who did it?". It seems unlikely that

a true collector who knew enough to form a complete date/mint set would perform the dastardly act. My bet is that it was a non-collector heir and that it was perhaps done just days or hours before the set was brought into the shop for evaluation.

So, what can we learn from this numismatic tragedy? First, in your role as potential buyer, you must really LOOK at the surfaces for patterns of closely-spaced hairline scratches. Use good lighting, such as LED or halogen, and rotate the coin under the light so potential scratches will reflect differently than the rest of the surface. Second, use other evidence, such as coins with dark edges and bright obverses or with obverses and reverses markedly different colors as potential "cleaners".

No one with much numismatic experience wants a cleaned coin. The grading services are "death" on hairlines caused by abrasive cleaning. But in the Peace Dollar series, there remain a couple of dates (1921 and 1928) which have value above bullion value even if cleaned.

How severely to knock them down in value is a matter of opinion and of the degree of impairment. Some say "use a price guide and knock two full grades off" to price it. For example, look up AU and price it like VF. One GHCC member who is a very accomplished Morgan Dollar collector has told me that he simply applies the "good" price to any coin he thinks is abrasively cleaned. This seems a bit harsh (pun intended), but he has experience!

My time in the mountains expired before any deal was struck on this sadly impaired set, but I will look forward to my return to find out how it worked out.



by Mike Ross

# NUREMBERG'S NUMISMATIC

This article focuses on another not-so-ordinary coin having a rich and interesting history worth spending a few minutes to probe - a ¼ Thaler “klippe” of 1650 issued in the German city of Nuremberg (Figure 1). This is another example of a coin picked out of a collection being worked up at a local coin shop. Its square shape was the first thing to catch my eye. I also liked the age; for me numismatic mystery comes with age, and at 360+ years old, this piece was likely to be rather satisfying in that regard. Its impassioned iconography was the icing on the cake. A number of questions come to mind when viewing this coin - the very specific date – June 16, 1650 to be exact, the iconography, the mix of Latin and German legends, its shape, and even the odd capitalization scheme on the obverse legends. Clearly, there would be an interesting story behind this coin.

Sixteenth century Europe struggled mightily to deal with the profound changes wrought by the Protestant Reformation that began defiantly, though relatively quietly, in 1517 and quickly and unevenly permeated European society. Within the Holy Roman Empire (roughly modern Germany and Austria), religious and geographic fault lines were drawn between Lutherans and Catholics through the first half of the 16th century. The Peace of Augsburg established a tepid calm in 1555, providing rules and guidelines for co-existence between both the established and upstart western Christian churches. However, the fragile arrangements began to unravel as various personages on both sides of the conflict ignored or undermined its provisions. These events occurred simultaneously

with the beginning of what we now call the counter-reformation. The Catholic Church, at the Council of Trent in 1545, attempted to address institutional reform, while reiterating a lack of compromise with Protestantism on certain ecclesiastical tenets. Just to complicate things a bit further, the Peace of Augsburg provided a settlement only between Lutherans and Catholics. Calvinism, however, had gained wide popularity and acceptance in the meantime but it lacked any political protection or sanction. Somewhat independent of the religious backdrop, the political reality in Europe was one of tension within the German and Spanish branches of the Hapsburg family, Dutch revolt from Spanish Hapsburg rule, the pursuit by a number of countries for control of the Baltic Sea, and an increasingly

uncomfortable France surrounded by Hapsburg holdings.

The match that lit the powder keg was struck in Bohemia in 1618. Conflict erupted over having the Catholic Holy Roman Empire

heir-apparent Ferdinand elected as king of Bohemia, stoking an angry Protestant response. The death of the Holy Roman Emperor shortly thereafter emboldened the Protestants to attempt to determine their own fate and they reached out to a number of sources of potential assistance. This rapidly led to the intervention of many political players, including (briefly) the Ottoman Empire in support of the Protestants and Spain in support of the Catholic Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand III, all of whom had surreptitious territorial ambitions in mind as the price, or at least the indirect benefit, of their support. Thus began the seemingly inexorable slide into a

pan-European war. The initial years of the war focused on localized problems areas in the south and east. However, by the mid 1620's the focus had moved northward toward the Baltic Sea as Denmark and Sweden each became heavily involved. France began its involvement in the mid 1630's and meddled through to the end of the war. The numerous independent German States that comprised the Holy Roman Empire were ground zero for this seemingly interminable conflict.

The impact of the Thirty Years War on the heart of Europe was horrific. Populations were decimated on a scale not seen since the infamous 14th century plague. Armies were expected to live off the land and pillage for their existence. War destroyed crops, creating famine. Famine made people susceptible to disease. Troop movements, refugees, and overcrowding of displaced populations provided ready transportation of disease, outbreaks of pestilence, and epidemics including typhus, bubonic plague, scurvy, and dysentery. Commerce and trade were obliterated. As a result of the war, the German States are estimated to have lost at least 25% of their population, with certain localities losing 50% or more of their population. The misery and destruction left a widespread, bleak pallor throughout the German States to a degree not seen again until World War I.

As the conflict entered its third decade, the major powers began to tire of the war. The cost and damage had become untenable and various parties made small-scale, tentative overtures toward peace starting in 1641. France and Sweden signed the Treaty of Hamburg in 1641 that optimistically advocated a return to the status quo of 1618. The two reconciled combatants issued an invitation in mid-1641 to Ferdinand III, the individual German States, and Spain to attend a peace congress in Westphalia. Ultimately, 109 delegations would participate in the



Figure 1 - The Nuremberg ¼ Thaler commemorating the Peace of Westphalia

# SALUTE TO THE PEACE OF WESTPHALIA

Congress of Westphalia. Religion segregated the peace efforts, with Catholic Münster and mixed Catholic/Protestant Ösnabruck, both located in Westphalia, hosting the negotiations. The clear advantage to these two host cities was that they were to remain neutral and demilitarized during the peace initiatives. Lutheran Sweden and its allies negotiated from Ösnabruck, while France, the Empire, and their respective allies along with the Netherlands and Spain negotiated from Münster.

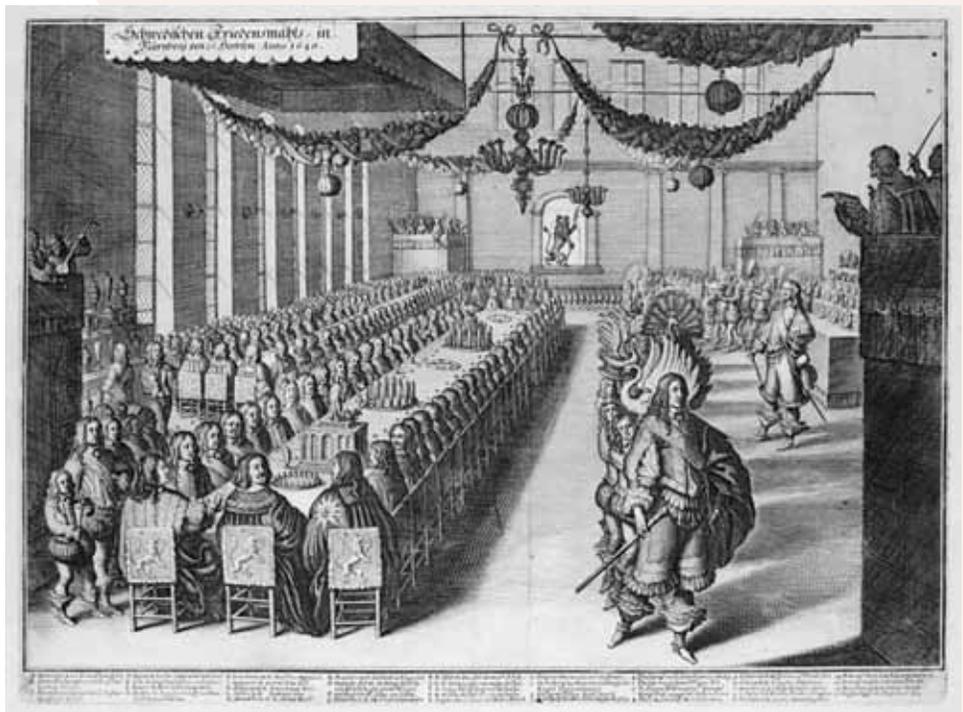
The formal peace effort built momentum only very slowly as Ambassadors to the Peace Congress began to assemble with seeming reluctance from 1642 until 1644. The initial negotiating volleys focused on posturing and arguing matters of formality. In late 1644 the French delegation laid down the first, albeit unrealistic, demands to the other ambassadors. Meanwhile the campaigns and military maneuvering intended to strengthen negotiating positions continued with unabated zeal.

The French and Swedes laid down more substantive demands in mid-1645 that were rejected by Ferdinand III who subsequently issued his own futile counterproposals. Continued warfare gradually stripped the Empire of support, eroded its position, and forced it to a more meaningful negotiating table with the other principals. Negotiations gained momentum by the end of 1645 and well into 1646, with a focus on territorial claims. The Empire and France signed a preliminary treaty on territorial issues in September 1646. Still the military campaigns raged. Bavaria capitulated in early 1647, signing treaties that effectively ended the war for them. This left France and Sweden negotiating just with the Empire. However, an advantage could not be pressed as Spain and the Netherlands concluded their own peace treaty now enabling an undistracted Spain to harass France. The Empire was militarily weakened, but the competing

interests of the French and Swedes provided a somewhat strengthened negotiating position to Ferdinand. Two treaties, The Treaty of Münster and the Treaty of Ösnabruck, collectively known as the Peace of Westphalia, were finally signed on 24 October, 1648. The Peace of Westphalia involved numerous territorial transfers, constitutional changes in the Empire, rather uneven guarantees of religious practice, and monetary payments. This treaty is sometimes referred to as the “Peace of Exhaustion” for good reason.

internal affairs. The treaties serve as a benchmark to significant international treaties of a later age and the maturing concept of international law in general.

Although peace treaties had been signed, there was the not-so-small problem of how to extract all the combatants so as to comply with the terms of the treaties. The level of trust was naturally low, so this presented a conundrum of sorts. Consequently, a diplomatic congress was convened in Nuremberg in the Spring of 1649 to address the mechanics of implementing the Peace



*Figure 2 - Parading of the dishes before the attendees of the Swedish-hosted Peace Banquet of Nuremberg. The host and future Swedish king Carl Gustav is seated at the left corner of the table with Commander of the Imperial Armies Lieutenant General Octavio Piccolomini to his right.*

The traditional, though debated and not universally accepted, view is that the Peace of Westphalia established and codified concepts of legal equality among nation states, and thus territorial integrity and the assertion of a general intolerance in the interference of one nation in another's

of Westphalia. Nuremberg had largely escaped the destruction so widespread in the Empire and served as a relatively intact venue for the congress. In a lucky stroke of history, Nuremberg also had a rich printing and publishing industry that facilitated the documentation of the Congress' events.

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# NUREMBERG'S NUMISMATIC

In 1644 a society of poets called the “Pegnesischer Blumenorden” (the Pegnitz Flower Society – which is still active today; the Pegnitz river flows through Nuremberg) was formed. This group provided an artistic and articulate witness to, and participation in, the unfolding events. Some of their musings are documented in the sixth volume of a work called the *Theatrum Europaeum* published in 1663. In its pages, one can find literally a daily record of the triumphs, the challenges, and the mundane experienced by the delegates.

Negotiations began in April 1649 and centered largely between the Holy Roman Emperor and the King of Sweden. France, Spain, and the individual states of the empire had only secondary roles. The two leaders of the Imperial and Swedish delegations developed an amicable relationship and used social events to build a personal relationship that acted as a catalyst in ensuring progress through the difficult negotiations. An interim peace treaty was negotiated by September of 1649, with the vacillating Empire finally capitulating in the face of a Swedish ultimatum. To celebrate, Carl Gustav, the lead Swedish negotiator and future King, hosted a peace banquet in the Nuremberg town hall on September 25, 1649. Figure 2 depicts an engraving of the event from the *Theatrum Europaeum*. The invitations sought “to assure [the attendees] with good will that the Swedish side desires with all eagerness to restore the German Empire to peace and prosperity.”<sup>21</sup> Sweden was using the banquet not only to celebrate but to strategically solidify the terms of the interim treaty so that the final treaty would retain its provisions. No detail was too small to be overlooked – the mountains of food were ornamental and symbolic in their presentation – alluding to the Empire, Sweden, and France. Live birds were said to have been enclosed in pastries so that when the lids were lifted doves flew out of them. The leaders of the delegations even role-played as simple soldiers who in the end stop firing their cannons in order to make peace. Two oxen were slaughtered and prepared, laid out on tables in the street with bread and drink for the “lower

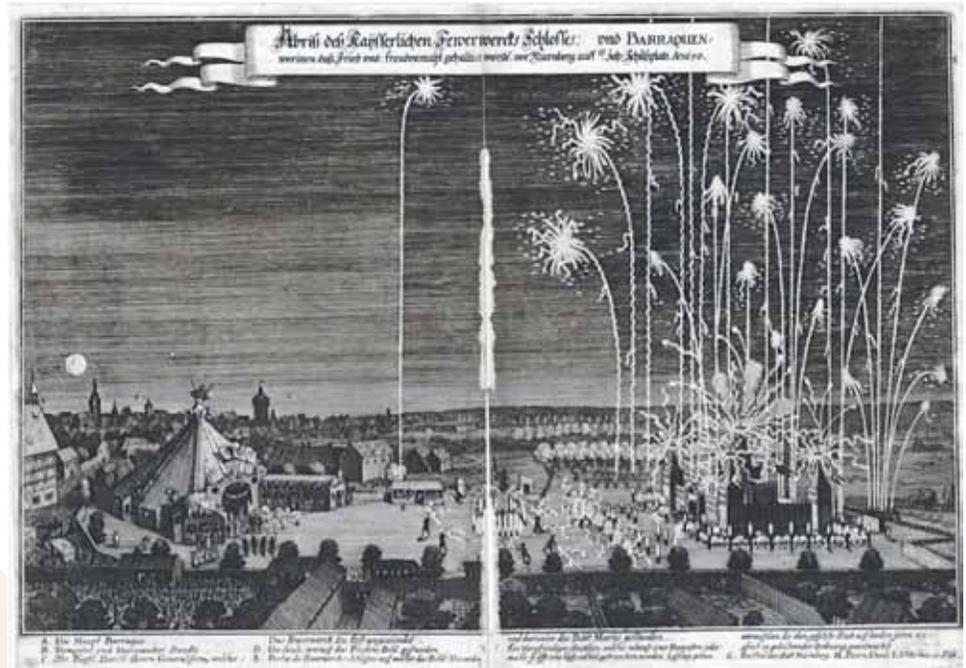


Figure 3 – Engraving of the June 16, 1650 fireworks celebration at Nuremberg. The feasting buildings are at the left and the faux castle to the right. (Image courtesy of Augsburg, University Library, *Theatrum Europaeum*, vol. 6, Frankfurt am Main, (2nd. ed.) 1663, pl. [93 = ad p. 1076] (Augsburg, University Library, 02/IV.13.2.26-6, URN: urn:nbn:de:bvb:384-uba000241-5))

estates”. A brass lion was placed in a nearby dining hall, its mouth a spout that delivered freely-flowing white and red wine to the masses for six hours - with not unexpected consequences. Two days later a dazzling fireworks display was given by the Swedes just outside the city; a pyrotechnic punctuation mark to end the celebrations.

The peace banquet was successful in furthering harmonious relations among the various delegations and additional banquets were held in the ensuing months. Even so, the negotiations still progressed only slowly. At long last on Sunday, June 16, 1650 – the day and date of our coin – the final treaty was assembled and signed. Anticipatory celebrations and banquets had been escalating since the beginning of June. However, the most spectacular feast was held on July 4. Whereas the Swedes hosted the September 1649 feast, this feast was hosted by the Imperial delegation.

With only three weeks of preparation, an almost unbelievably comprehensive event was planned and executed. Two wooden buildings were quickly erected on an artillery range outside the city,

again with excruciating attention paid to the symbolism incorporated into their decoration. Coats of arms, images of shattered weapons, allegorical and mythological motifs, and architectural nods to the Roman Empire and the Holy Roman Empire and its place in the new, peaceful world suffused the setting. Every detail was included with forethought. The city itself was decorated as if for a fair.

A sumptuous five course meal was accompanied by poetic recitations, a multitude of toasts accompanied by music and cannon fire, all capped by a three-act allegorical play. The evening climaxed with a dazzling fireworks display. A faux castle had been erected opposite the feasting buildings and housed the machinery to generate the night's fireworks display (Figure 3). Carl Gustav ignited a rocket that traveled up a guide rope and activated the fireworks from the castle – the display replicating the attack and defense rhythm of a battle. A dance wrapped up the festivities, though rocket fire and cannon shots were said to have continued through the night and into the morning. The war was finally over.

# SALUTE TO THE PEACE OF WESTPHALIA

There were actually a number of coins issued in Nuremberg to commemorate the peace achieved. Square-shaped (Klippe) ½, ¼, and 1/8 thaler issues each with slight variations on the obverse and reverse designs, along with a gold three ducat piece of same size and design as the ¼ thaler piece were minted in Nuremberg. Reinier Boitet in 1730 noted that “Ernest the Pious, Duke of Saxony, had these tokens by manner of ducats and Groschen to be struck, which the Peace Feast so solemnly caused, and has so richly shared such that every schoolchild has obtained at least one groschen...”<sup>2</sup> The three ducat piece is listed in the Krause catalogue; however surprisingly none of the related silver issues are listed.

The obverse of the coin depicts within a roundel the rather non-subtle iconography of God handing a laurel wreath down from the heavens to the supplicating hands outstretched upward from earth. A single rosette fills each corner. Its inscription reads MAGNAS FERTE DEO GRATES PRO PACE RELATA: (Render great thanks to God for peace restored). The reverse displays a single shield depicting the arms of Nuremberg, flanked by floral sprigs. A single rosette fills each corner as on the obverse. The inscription reads IMPER: FERDINANDO. III.P.F: AUGUSTO.; GEDACHTNVS DES FRIEDEN VOLLZIEHVNGS SCHLVSS IN NURNBERG 1650 16 IUNII (Emperor Ferdinand III – Pious and Blessed - Forever August; In Memory of the Peace Executed in Nuremberg 16 June, 1650).

The seemingly odd capitalization rendered in the obverse legend is a chronogram. A chronogram (from the Greek words chronos (“time”) and gramma (“letter”)) is a device in which specific letters, interpreted as numerals, stand for a particular date when

rearranged. In this case the letters “M”, “D”, “C”, and “L” are larger capitals in the legend – when put together as MDCL they are the Roman numeral version of the anno domini date – 1650. Note that the letters don’t have to be rearranged in this instance to provide the correct date.

Klippe-form coins are traditionally associated with emergency issues or quickly issued pieces. Strictly as a matter of conjecture, the author assumes that these commemorative coins are klippe format due to the relatively short notice regarding the successful completion of the Peace effort. One is likewise left to wonder whether the single pair of dies were prepared with all design motifs but the date – to have that final element engraved in short order so that the commemorative pieces could be struck in time to coincide with the celebrations.

One additional whimsical issue accompanied those noted above. According to Schleder in *Theatrum Europaeum* “the youth, too, demanded their share: Thereafter there assembled more than a thousand of the common town boys, each mounted on a stick horse, and all together rode before the lodging of Their Princely Graces and unanimously requested a souvenir of the peace. Upon which Their Princely Graces called them together again the next Sunday, and in the meantime caused to be minted a four-sided silver coin, on the one side of which stood the words VIVAT FERDINANDUS III. ROM: IMP. VIVAT. under the imperial eagle, and on the other the words FRIEDEN-GEDACHTNUS IN NURNBERG around a stick horse with the year

1650.”<sup>3</sup> An example of this type is shown in Figure 4. These silver pieces are found in auctions and fixed-price lists with some regularity. Varieties struck in gold also exist. Interestingly, at least two pairs of dies are readily discernible (“short stick” and “long stick” varieties), each used to strike both gold and silver specimens.

With that, we wrap up our excursion into mid-17th century European warfare and peace prompted by one of its humble artifacts. For those interested in further information, a very informative website on the Thirty Years War is hosted by the Westfälisches Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte. Included is an excellent English language essay on the topic of the 1650 peace celebrations by Hartmut Laufhütte, drawing heavily on the *Theatrum Europaeum* as a source. A full, digitized copy of *Theatrum Europaeum* is also available on the University of Augsburg website. Thanks to Eleonore Reichl of Auktionhaus H.D. Rauch and Katharina Urch of the University of Augsburg for assistance in obtaining images used in this article. Finally, images of the various coin types described herein can be found on [www.acsearch.info](http://www.acsearch.info) by searching “1650 Nurnberg”.



Figure 4 – The so-called “hobby-horse” issues of Nuremberg (Image Courtesy Auktionhaus H.D. Rauch GmbH)

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# JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - LION COIN CLUB

STUDENTS AT JACK YATES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATE THE 91ST NATIONAL COIN WEEK BY DECORATING ('DECK-THE-HALLS') THE CORRIDORS WITH JFK POSTERS.

DISPLAY TAKEN ON ROAD TRIP TO LOCAL COMMUNITY.



DR. RALPH ROSS  
YOUTH CHAIR

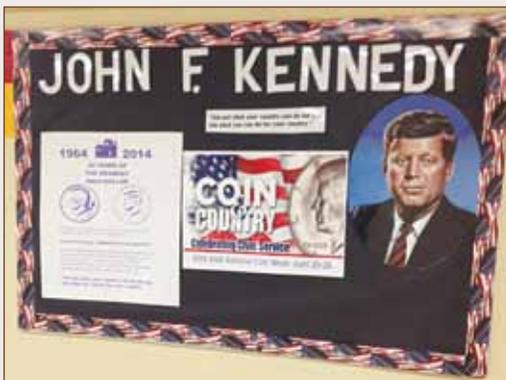
The week of April 20 – 26, 2014 marked the 91st National Coin Week sponsored by the American Numismatic Association. This year the theme was “Coin & Country: Celebrating Civic Service”. Entry rules were to make a poster about John F. Kennedy and display it in the hall. Several students created JFK posters for this event. The English, Social Science, and the Mathematics wings were in contention for the best John F. Kennedy poster. NCW 2014 highlighted the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy Half-Dollar and President John F. Kennedy’s famous call to, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”. Surprisingly, the entire posters looked alike the only major difference was the background color. Well, one of the posters had a proclamation (yellow poster), but the others were basically the same. Background colors were blue, black, green and yellow. Annually there is a display at the local library in Sugar Land to honor NCW. I personally feel that NCW is an opportunity to expand, expose, explore and experience numismatics. It is an official “ally ally in free” week to enjoy coin and currency collecting. One of the students found photos on the web from the Sugar Land library and it went viral. The students took one ‘peek’ at the photo online (electronic) to get some hints and ideas. I was told. The students ‘borrowed’ the idea and there were a lot of similarity with the other posters, amazing huh? Overall it was a lot of fun. We decided all the entries were winners and each student received a Red Book. The Lion Coin Club distributed a special wooden 50-cent piece and a slab 2014 Kennedy half-dollar (ANACS or NGC) during the week of April 20 – 26.

Wednesday April 23, 2014, I took the show on the road by travelling to S.H.A.P.E. (Self-Help for African People through Education) Community Center to deliver a special NCW celebration. I met with over 50 young students to present

and promote coins and currency collecting. The S.H.A.P.E. community center was founded in 1969; the center provides life skills, cultural, recreational, homework assistance and academic enrichment activities for school-aged children 5 – 15 years old. The center is open Mondays through Fridays year round. The center also provides nutritious snacks (fruits, juices, etc.) daily. Cultural enrichment is offered at various community sites. Community service projects, field trips and outings are offered every Friday. Weekly parent sessions are held to strengthen parent skills. I created a mobile-portable poster and carried it to the S.H.A.P.E. center for a visual presentation. The event opened with a discussion on coins and currency collecting. Then, a story to describe how I got started coin collecting. My beginning came serendipitously at the age of 4 years old with a

Canadian nickel. One of the students volunteered to read the mobile poster of John F. Kennedy. I was so overwhelmed with the young man as he displayed his ability to read clearly and concisely. Moreover, the presence of the young students and their robust interest in numismatics created a deep emotion and I began to shed a tear. One of the little boys asked, “Are you sad?” and “Is something wrong?” I replied, “No, I am not sad”, and “nothing was wrong”. I told the little boy I was so HAPPY to see so many young people excited about coins and currency collecting. It is not very often that these children get an opportunity to learn about the history of coins and coin collecting. It was a marvelous thing to witness children with so much energy bubbling with effervesces and a scintillating behavior. Each child received a pencil, mouse pad, bookmark, wooden 50-cent piece, H.I.P. pocket magnifier, and a shiny new slab 2014 Kennedy Half-Dollar. Some of the lucky students won door prizes such as piggy-banks and 2015 Red Books. The event was a cheerful success and yes, indeed the students were told to continue to do their best in school and get those report cards in (Coins for A’s).

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JACK YATES MAIN HALL



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by Sam Fairchild

## GSA DOLLARS

Until the 1960's, silver dollars were quite unpopular with the public. The coins were heavy and bulky, and really only used as Christmas gifts and in Nevada slot machines. In response, the Treasury Department created the silver certificate which meant the government would hold silver coins equal to the value of the certificates, redeemable at any time. Because of their lack of use, some 180 million silver dollars were held for this purpose by 1960.

Because of the price increase in silver and finds of certain previously rare dates, redemptions depleted the inventory down to less than 3 million dollars by March 1964, when redemptions in coin were halted (even though redemptions in bullion continued until 1968). An audit of the inventory discovered that vast majority of the remaining dollars were in original Carson City mint bags. This caused a rethink in how to profitably dispose of the coinage.

As typical with government, it took seven years to take action. The task was given to the General Services Administration (GSA) who categorized and packaged the dollars. The coins deemed best by GSA staff (2.0 million) were placed in the "uncirculated" category. Coins that were toned or with significant bag marks were placed in a "mixed Carson City" category (some 700,000 coins). A third category of some 100,000 coins were uncirculated coins not minted at Carson City. Finally the 100,000 coins deemed by GSA staff to be circulated (even though most were in the original mint bags) were placed in a fourth category.

Plastic slabs were produced for coins in the first three categories, with the remainder being placed in Mylar plastic sleeves, encased in blue envelopes. The plastic slabs, some with the word UNCIRCULATED on them and some without the word, were placed in black boxes lined with a light-blue velvet-like material and personalized with a message from President Nixon.

Sales began in late 1972, with 1882-CC, 1883-CC and 1884-CC dollars offered for a \$30 minimum bid. Sales were tepid and it took six more sales and eight more years to exhaust the inventory.

Of course, a number of the CC dates that were quite scarce before the GSA sales became relatively common afterward. For example, of the 1,136,000 1884-CC dollars originally struck, 963,000 were in the GSA sales, or almost 85%.

Some of the later sales offered better dates such as 1879-CC, 1890-CC and 1891-CC for \$60. There was one 1889-CC dollar offered, which has never reappeared in the marketplace.

Today, GSA Dollars are highly prized by collectors. Premiums are paid for coins still in their GSA packaging. In fact, since 2003, NGC will certify GSA dollars in their original holder (see picture).



# QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE

- 1) What was the first U.S. coin struck showing the "W" mintmark?
- 2) Do real U.S. coins ever come on cast planchets?
- 3) When did the New Orleans Mint begin striking coins for circulation?
- 4) What Morgan silver dollar varieties of 1896, 1900 and 1902 disappeared from Red Book editions after 2005?
- 5) Certain white-looking coins are made from "billon". What



1) The first "W" mintmark appeared on the \$10 (face value) Olympic gold piece of 1984.

The West Point (New York) facility was opened in 1937 and was used as a bullion storage depository before coinage

facilities were installed in 1974. Even before full Mint status was granted in 1988, the W mint produced millions of one cent coins (indistinguishable from Philadelphia coins, as they had no mintmark). The W mint was also used to make Bicentennial quarters and regular Washington quarters in 1977-79. The Olympic gold coin, commemorating the 1984 Los Angeles Games, became the first legal tender U.S. gold coin since circulating gold was called in during 1933. The first year's (1986) American Gold Eagle bullion pieces were also produced there. Today, production continues on AGEs, American Buffalo gold pieces, and other gold commemoratives. The facility has done several silver commemorative coins as well.

2) The U.S. Mint has never used cast planchets for circulating coinage. The regular coinage has always been done on rolled strip, with blanks cut out using a blanking press (sometimes by outside contractors). In the pre-1850 era the mint had a lively medals business and sometimes found it expedient to use a cast blank as the basis for striking low-issue and large medals.

3) The New Orleans mint was the first of our nation's branch mints to begin production, though Dahlonega and Charlotte mints (gold only) began turning out coins later the same year. Although about 10 1838-O half



is the billon alloy?

6) The British Royal Mint boasts a history of over 1000 years of coin making at its principal site (branch mints excluded) in only three locations (two are in London). Can you name them?

7) Some Canadian coins carry a "KN" mintmark. Where is the "KN" mint located?

8) What is this "M" mintmark for? Is this a United States coin?



## DR. COYNE

dollars exist, it was the 1839-O that represents first volume production.

In the same year New Orleans also made half dimes and dimes. In its entire life to 1909, New Orleans never coined copper or copper-nickel coins.

4) Following a decade of routine slabbing of 1896, 1900, and 1902 "Micro O" variety Morgan Dollars by the Third Party Grading services, it was shown that these issues were all counterfeit. The fake coins were so well made that they were not discovered until perhaps 100 years after their production. As PCGS put it:

"What was most suspicious about this group of micro O Morgan dollars was that three years shared a common reverse! The micro O dollars of 1896, 1900, and 1902 all used the exact reverse die. This is beyond unusual. Although it was common practice at the various United States Mints to keep reverse dies (or obverse dies if the date side was the reverse die) that were still serviceable, using a die over such an extended period is unusual - and suspect. After examining the group of coins, it became apparent that these Morgan dollars were not struck in the New Orleans Mint in the years indicated by their dates. In fact, they were not struck in the mint at any time. These coins are among the most deceptive copies of United States coins seen."

Legitimate "Micro O" varieties do exist for 1880 and other early-1880's dates, and for 1899.

5) Billon is a general term for dilute-silver alloys with copper. Mexico produced one Peso coins of 10% silver (billon) 1957 - 1967. The term could apply up to about 50% silver. The U.S. War Nickels (35% silver) are not properly called billon because a third element, manganese was in the mix.

6) The thousand-year tradition of the British Royal Mint was started at the Tower Mint (within the walls of the Tower of

9) Is this a genuine cutting error? Or is it home-made?



10) Did the gold fields of Oregon ever cause a U.S. Branch Mint to be opened there?

11) Which regular issue Peace Dollar is scarcest in top condition?

12) Did U.S. half cents and large cents ever have the motto "In God We Trust" ?

13) The Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa is now engaged in making excellent high-tech collector coins and bullion coins while Winnipeg strikes the circulation issues. When did the Ottawa mint begin making regular issue business strikes as the only government mint in Canada?

14) Some German coins carry an "A" mintmark. Where is the "A" mint located?

## RESPONDS

London). After contracting with Matthew Boulton for some steam-powered presses, and needing more space for far greater production, a new mint was built on Tower Hill in 1810, not far from the original site within the Tower of London. Production continued there for the better part of two centuries until the opening in 1968 of the current British Royal Mint in Llantrisant, Wales (near the city of Cardiff).

7) Canadian and British coins carrying a "KN" mintmark were struck at the King's Norton 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. King's Norton became part of Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in 1926, which in turn became part of Imperial Metal Industries Limited in 1962. The current company does not produce coins.

8) The United States took over administration of the Philippine Islands in settlement of the Spanish American War of 1898. Initially, coins were provided from the San Francisco and Philadelphia mints bearing designs for the Philippines. A Branch Mint of the U.S. was established in 1920 at Manila. It used the "M" mintmark. The Philippines were granted independence in 1946.

9) This is not a genuine cutting error. It is a homemade job done using scissors on an uncut sheet of \$2 bills available to everyone at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The clue is in the serial numbers. Since the resumption of the BEP selling uncut sheets, the serial numbers beginning with 99 were reserved for sheets to be sold uncut to differentiate and isolate them from circulating notes. Also, because the uncut sheets are not square but rather rectangular, the sheet would not normally fit into the guillotine cutter.

The item in the picture represents pieces of three notes from the 1995 \$2 Federal Reserve Note series, as evidenced by

the signature of Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow. These \$2 notes were issued on the Atlanta District (see the "F" and "6") in sheets, but also had a larger issue of ready cut, stacked, and banded notes. They are also known as Millennium Notes, having been issued in 1999-2000. All were printed at the new BEP facility in Ft. Worth; none was manufactured at the plant in Washington DC.

10) The U.S. Branch Mint authorized for The Dalles, Oregon in 1862 by Congress never struck coins. The building was partially completed (wall up, no roof), when the effort was abandoned. The site was sold, completed as a warehouse, and eventually used for other purposes. Today, there is a wine bar located there (appropriately called "The Mint"). It seems the supply of potential bullion was drying up, and what little gold was produced in Oregon eventually found its way to San Francisco and perhaps Carson City.

11) It is the 1934-S that Peace Dollar collectors will find the most difficult to obtain in top condition. It is not a particularly rare coin in circulated grades, but the price curve rises steeply starting at AU and truly uncirculated pieces are expensive.

12) No, half cents and large cents 1793 – 1857 never had the motto. First use of the motto on a circulating U.S. coin was on the two cent piece of 1864.

13) The Ottawa Mint opened and became the main mint of Canada in 1908. Circulating and proof coinage was produced there until a new and larger mint was opened in Winnipeg in 1976 to strike the circulating coinage. Now, Ottawa only produces the collector and bullion coins.

14) The "A" mintmark on German coins is for Berlin. It was used before the Euro became the currency of Germany, and has been carried over to current Euro coins. France has used "A" for the Paris Mint, but a cornucopia privy mark is more commonly seen.



by Richard Laster

# Numismatic History:

**A**t a recent coin show your editor located a small group of Spanish Colonial One Real coins. All of these, a total of a couple of dozen pieces, are of the portrait type bearing dates from as early as 1776 to as late as 1807. Also noted are mintmarks from at least three of the prominent facilities in Spanish America; Mexico City, Lima, and Potosi. By no means are these coins “drop dead gorgeous” however all have legible dates, mintmarks, and recognizable images of the guy in charge; namely the image of Spanish monarchs Charles III and Charles IV.



*A COUPLE OF WORN BUT INTERESTING MEXICO CITY MINT ONE REAL PIECES BOTH FROM THE REIGN OF CHARLES III OF SPAIN*

Three of the coins caused your editor some moments of happy memory. These items carried on their reverse a familiar mintmark. Coins from the mint at Potosi, Bolivia present a distinctive mark; a combination of letters P, T, and S in a monogram form.



*REVERSE OF 1790 EIGHT REAL FROM POTOSI, BOLIVIA MINT. NOTICE MINTMARK AT APPROXIMATELY “8:00” AT THE LEFT BETWEEN “REX” AND “8R” ON THE FIELD JUST TO THE RIGHT OF THE ARROW.*

The memories I mentioned just above had to do with a fortunate coincidence of just a few years ago. As you may know your editor in real life is a United Methodist pastor who, for a short period of years, was volunteer responsible for our mission effort. At that same time a friend was assigned to do mission work in Bolivia. To make a long story short I, your editor, had the privilege to tag along to help get the process going. One of our stops was to take a look at projects in Potosi. Your editor didn’t fully grasp Potosi’s connection with the numismatic world until, another fortunate coincidence occurred. Our flight out of the area was delayed by a day which forced a hotel stay.

At the hotel I picked up a brochure advertising local attractions including Casa de la Moneda de Bolivia, aka the Bolivian Mint.

So fate gave me the chance to take a tour. What a joy!! The facility, which dates from the mid 1700’s, is still in “mint” condition. (couldn’t resist that one – sorry!!) Coining tools are in place representing those in use from very simple almost primitive hammer process to modern electric presses from the years just before the mint ceased coinage in the 1950’s. (Bolivian coins are now produced in France.) It was truly a joy to not only study but also to see numismatic history.

The current Potosi facility replaced one dating from the late 1500’s. The town of Potosi, along with its mint, came to be because of Cerro Rico, a truly “rich” mountain whose legacy began with a fortunate find of silver. Because of its isolation the mint was basically self sufficient. The ore was mined locally, refined in place, formed into strips which became coin planchets on site, and then in whatever form for the time (hammered, screw press, steam, electronic) was transformed into coins. All of this taking place within the structure itself. Your editor honestly can’t do justice to the

# From Your Editor's "Coin Cabinet"

authenticity and originality of the place. Only way to describe it: "Amazing!!"

Your editor was taken by several great educational facts. Owing to the elevation (nearly 14,000 feet) and the terrain (rocky) trees and such are in very short supply, therefore basic material for creating a fire suitable for smelting ore is also lacking. Your editor found it fascinating, and at the same time a good example of human ingenuity, to learn that the raw product burned to melt the silver was (how do we say this gently?) llama poop. Because of the rarified air, and the lack of quality fire, many of the coins from the mint are imperfect

came to be. Most express the idea that it came to be in about 1825 when the Bolivians secured their independence from Spain. Up until that time there was more than likely in place, in that prominent spot in the courtyard, a stone engraving of the official Spanish coat of arms. The face was created, some say, in order to cover up the presence of Spanish dominance by repurposing and literally covering over the tablet containing the arms of Spain, the country a quarter of the world away, which had dominated life in the Americas for three hundred years. The face is particularly Bolivian in its features and may be considered a visual representative of the change from colonial to independent government in Bolivia.



CERRO RICO POTOSI'S "RICH MOUNTAIN. STILL PRODUCING AFTER OVER 500 YEARS OF MINING. SUPER STRUCTURE OF "STEAM PRESS" USED FOR MINTING COINS. STILL IN PLACE AT MINT IN POTOSI.

A variety of websites offer information about Casa de la Moneda de Bolivia, aka the Bolivian Mint. Your editor appreciated the fortunate change in schedule resulting in the privilege of experiencing the structure. It was indeed a joy to embrace the history and to literally come face to face with a significant testimony to the numismatic art. I certainly gained an appreciation for those who, in centuries past, provided the coins and medals we still can hold in our hands.



CASA DE LA MONEDA DE BOLIVIA'S MEMORABLE COURTYARD INCLUDES AN ODD IMAGE.

Anyone who has made the trek to the mint facility in Potosi will recognize the pictures just above. This happy, very ethnically Bolivian looking face simply can't be missed even by the most inattentive visitor. Your editor "guestimates" the image to be approximately four feet high and equally as wide. The tour guides share that there is no real understanding in our times of what it is, nor how it



REVERSE OF THE SUCCESSOR TO THE POTOSI MINTED EIGHT REAL OF COLONIAL SPAIN, AN EIGHT SOLIS FROM THE "NEW" BOLIVIA. NOTE THE REGIONAL IMAGE ON THE PIECE, INCLUDING THAT OF THE LLAMA WHO "CONTRIBUTED" TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE CASA DE LA MONEDA DE BOLIVIA'S EARLIER COIN OUTLAY.



by Garry Moore  
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# MY ANA 2014 SUMM

It all began with a phone call. I was lying in bed on Sunday, January 5th reading *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the America Revolution* and just enjoying my last day of Christmas break when my cell phone rang. I assumed it was someone calling me from work. However, the number listed on the caller I. D. was a number I did not recognize. When I answered it, I was greeted by a booming voice that said "Garry, Good Morning. Jack Gilbert from the TNA calling." And thus began my American Numismatics Association Summer Seminar Adventure. Jack informed me that Carl Stang and I were the lucky first-ever winners of the Texas Numismatic Association Grant Program for the American Numismatics Association (ANA) Summer Seminars. These seminars are conducted every summer on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The ANA Headquarters is adjacent to this campus.



This trip was to be a memorable one for Carl because he was a first-time winner of the grant and he was also scheduled to be a seminar instructor. He was scheduled to teach the Early U.S. Commemorative Coins seminar during the first summer session. However, not enough attendees enrolled in the course, which result in it being cancelled. I signed up for the Summer Session Seminar #2 class titled *Creating a Winning Numismatic Exhibit* taught by Larry Sekulich.

I had no inkling of what to expect having never attended one of these seminars before, but I quickly became aware of just how organized and highly professional these seminars are. My first hint came when I contacted M & M World Travel Service in Arlington, Texas. The staff was very friendly and knowledgeable about the ANA summer seminars. I could hear the excitement in their voices as they shared their stories with me. My second hint was the welcome packet I received from

the ANA. It was one of the most extensive packets I have ever received. It contained an extensive student handbook which outlined the living arrangements, information on the summer sessions, some of the do's and don'ts, as well as, some tips and general guidelines, all designed to enhance your learning experience.

The welcome packet also contained a 2014 travel information form, a photo release form, an indemnification agreement, an arrival / registration information paper, a flyer for the annual Colorado Springs Coin Show, and an optional events registration form. After completing the paperwork, I was then forced to play the 'hurry up and wait me' for six long months as I waited for the Summer Seminar Session #2 to begin on June 28, 2014.

Finally, Saturday June 28th arrived and after flying in to Colorado Springs from San Antonio, I was promptly met by an ANA representative at the airport. Within minutes of arriving I, along with several other attendees, were quickly whisked off to the beautiful Colorado College campus. Upon arrival at the campus, the highly efficient ANA staff had us checked in, assigned lodging arrangements, issued meal cards, produced our photo identification cards, issued us an welcome kit, and fed us lunch in all about 20 minutes. We were free for the rest of the afternoon after checking-in. The first scheduled event on that Saturday was the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. with greetings and opening remarks by the ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick. The instructors for each of the classes were also introduced that evening.

We headed out to our respective classrooms the next morning after starting the day with an excellent breakfast



CUTLER HALL, COLORADO COLLEGE

# ER SEMINAR ADVENTURE



CARL STANG CRACKS THE CODE AT THE 2014 SUMMER SEMINAR

in the college cafeteria. In fact, the ANA provided us with excellent meals throughout the entire week at the Rastall Dining Hall.

The instructor for the *Creating an Winning Numismatic Exhibit* class was Larry Sekulich. Larry is a retired art teacher, a 20 year seasoned veteran exhibitor, and a two-time Howland Wood Award Winner for ANA Best in Show exhibit. He was an excellent mentor and teacher. Over the course of the next four days, Larry shared his trials and tribulations as a long time exhibitor. He shared some of his high points, too.

Larry walked us through the creative thought processes of how to define your exhibit in your title, how to focus the exhibit through the opening sentence, and how to tell the story throughout the entire exhibit. He taught us how to use background colors to enhance the coins on display along with how to use supplemental material such as maps, photos, and charts to further enhance our exhibits.

We also learned a great deal of other things, too. We learned the tools of the trade, how to matte and display our supplemental material, how to build our storyboards, and how to display our coins, just to name a few. We even had a field trip to a local art supply store to purchase some of the tools and look through the various types of medium on which we could mount our exhibits.

The classroom studies were not the only activities to keep us occupied. There were a whole host of other activities to keep everyone actively engaged throughout the week. The ANA was kind enough to keep the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum open which housed the new exhibit, "Treasures of the Deep: Galleons, Storms and Archeology." The exhibit tells the story of the world's

greatest shipwrecks, the treasures they carried, and the efforts to preserve the shipwreck sites.

I had a chance to view the Harry W. Bass collection. This is the only complete collection of \$3 gold pieces, including the unique 1870-S. The Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library was also open with extended hours so we could view the exhibits and conduct some in-depth research on whatever suited our numismatic fancy. Additionally, there was an ANA Book Sale, the Colorado Springs Coin Show, and the YN (Young Numismatist) Benefit Auction.

The YN Benefit Auction was the highlight of the week for many folks. The YN did a very good job of putting together and hosting the auction. There was some auction history made at the Summer Session 2 auction this year. Over 140 lots were auctioned off raising just over \$30,000 to set a new YN Auction record.

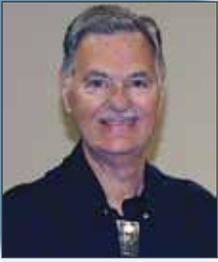
Unfortunately, that old saying is true – "all good things must come to an end." We ended this week of fantastic numismatic camaraderie with a graduation reception and a dinner.



I also had a notable moment at the seminar. I had the honor of having Kenneth Bressett examine the exhibit I was working on and review an article I wrote on Hawaiian Plantation tokens. Kenneth is a member the National Numismatic Hall of Fame, and the winner of The American Numismatic Association Medal of Merit, and the Farran Zerbe awards. He is also the senior editor of the "Red Book" guide to U.S. Coins.

The ANA Summer Seminar was without a doubt the highlight of my summer and was simply an outstanding experience. I strongly encourage everyone to attend these seminars at least once. It is truly a rewarding experience.

I want to thank TNA President Debbie Williams, TNA Treasury Jack Gilbert, and the entire TNA staff for giving me the opportunity to attend this unique event that our hobby has to offer – the ANA Annual Summer Seminar.



# GREAT NAMES IN NUMISMATICS

by Tommy Sawyer

Reflecting back on one's numismatic achievements, are you able to count how many of the world's most noted coin collectors you personally met? Or dined with or even had conversation about their success in our hobby? Let me present you with a few of the better known numismatic names to see if your paths may have crossed. If so you may have memories that you cherish. If I were asked the same question I would have to answer "yes". I can still remember the places and wonderful experiences I shared with many persons involved in numismatics.

First of all what are the names of people who fall into this category? Enrico Caruso (Opera singer), Mrs. Henry Ford (automobiles), Frankie Laine (movie star, singer), Julius Erving (professional basketball star), Buddy Ebsen (television personality), Penny Marshall (actress), Roland LaStarza (professional heavyweight boxer), Josiah Lilly (pharmaceutical heir), Colonel Edward Greene (Railroad executive), King Farouk (Egyptian king) and George Bunker, who donated his entire collection of Far East coins to the Smithsonian (2,025 coins). What was their bond? They were all avid coin collectors. The rarer the coin - the more likely it could be found in their collections.



Amon G. Carter, Jr.'s collection included one of the 1804 Silver Dollars.



Individuals mentioned above no doubt had a strong influence on the numismatic realm.

We read periodically when the sale of a rare coin makes the headlines. Let's review a recent auction to prove a point. One of the five (5) 1913 "V" nickels realized over two million dollars. Josiah Lillie (previously mentioned), donated one of the five known "V" nickels to the Smithsonian along with 6,125 gold coins in 1968. These and others who were so generous with their donations, left these gifts as a testament of what collecting coins, at any age, can achieve. Many thanks to these numismatic pacesetters.

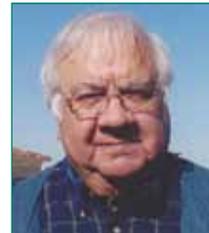
Coin collecting dates back many centuries. The Roman Empire was one of the first to place portraits on its coins. Sometimes we forget that, even during the great depression, many members of the populace continued to collect coins. Astute collectors searched and found coins in that era which they held for future appreciation. Although coins didn't circulate by any means as coins do today, many collections were completed and key coins were discovered. Coins many times brought to dealers in higher grades from the early 1930's are no doubt those held back from that era? Even today numismatists are observing mint monthly reports of coin production at a particular mint. Also, banks reward their customers with new coins and currency as a courtesy. Still others gather their information from coin dealers.

I saved one of the best known for last because he was one of the first I met when I was writing the coin column for the Dallas Times Herald. It was at a coin show many years ago. The citizens of Fort Worth knew Mr. Amon Carter Jr. well. He was active in so many civic functions. He acquired many of the world's most famous coins. I enjoyed very much his knowledge of the rarest coins in the world, many of which he possessed. He acquired many rare pieces and, when he passed away, Johnny Rowe, a well know coin dealer from Dallas, was chosen to catalog his treasures. It took a long time. I remember in this inventory was an 1804 silver dollar (only 10 known). The American Numismatic Association can attest to the many donations made by Mr. Carter over the years as well.

I met the Secretary of the Treasury of Israel and we discussed the minting process in that country which was very interesting. This too was many years ago. Two other names our readers may be familiar with are King Farouk and Frankie Laine. At one time the late King owned one of the five 1913 "V" nickels. These

A great way to learn about coin collecting is through your schools. If you are teacher at any level have you ever thought about starting a coin club in your school? I am happy to say I did at the high school level. And at the very first called meeting, a surprising 20 youngsters attended. We elected officers and attendance grew. We reached a membership of 37. Door prizes and guest speakers helped the club grow. The youngsters favorite meeting was "Trade Day". In came their Red Books and their Numismatic News guides to assure them they made a good deal during this coin activity. It was fun for them especially when their teachers attended and contributed their own personal knowledge of numismatics. Don't pass this extra curriculum activity up if given the opportunity. It will certainly pay its dividends. It will continue to be an enjoyable experience attending especially when well known numismatists expand our knowledge about our hobby.

# Lessons From Our Youth



by Henry Brasco

## **Everyone has a “fishing hole”, regardless of whether or not they know anything about fishing!**

A fishing hole may be our favorite place. A place where we can all go. It is a warm place, a happy place, or a place where we all feel safe and at ease with ourselves and with others around us.

As it is with collecting coins or currency, our place is a coin club with monthly meetings and regional shows. My favorite fishing hole for collecting is any and all of these things and includes antique stores and auctions, or estate sales and various garage sales. Even just walking and finding a coin along the path may give us a warm and happy feeling. We enjoy going to coin shows for the very variety of dealers, although we always find that no two dealers will sell the same coin for the same price. Some dealers want too much and other dealers will sell for less to make the sale and encourage new customers.

Going to auction sales from estates or from consignments sometimes turns up coins for which we have long been searching. This is also an excellent way to practice our haggling.

It once took me almost three years to find an 1872 Two Cent Piece. Three years earlier I could have obtained one but thought the price was too high. And then none seemed available for almost three years and then wouldn't you know it - there were now three coins available and all in the best possible condition and grade. And, of course, the price was now three times higher. It was now a “must have” coin!



Like an angler at a fishing tournament. Catch the biggest and the best and weigh it for record and then consider keeping it or returning it.

“Many people have a completely different mind set (because it is interesting!)” - A passage from Q. David Bowers Coin World, March 24, 2014.

Our club, NETCC, has broken the 100 member barrier but has only one self-proclaimed metal detectorist. He will occasionally tell us of a find during our “recent finds” segment, but he will never tell us where he found the coin - like a fisherman - keeping the location of his favorite fishing hole a secret.

I once went surf-fishing with my grandfather. After the morning fog began to lift the beach bums came out and fishing was fruitless. On our way home we stopped at a highway fish stand and bought some fish to take home. However, when we got home, my grandmother sarcastically asked us, “when did you start catching smoked fish in the ocean?!”

The moral of this is we are not going to disclose where we get our coins even though others might recognize its history. After awhile the fishing hole begins to shrink, but will never totally dry up. The larger fish will disappear and the smaller fish will not be worth keeping. So it is with coin collecting. A desired coin will be found and kept but the minor coins will be overlooked. After all, coin collectors will rarely hold on to duplicates.

When we have over fished we will move on to larger ponds where we will be challenged to find bigger prizes and bigger prizes become more expensive... thus the challenges.



*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: [tnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnews@sbcglobal.net)*

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

## DISTRICT ONE



### NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

**NETCC JUNE MEETING** - President Jack Gilbert opened the meeting with 51 members and visitors present.

Jack Gilbert reminded everyone about the upcoming coin shows, as well as monthly club programs.

Visitors recognized: Kevin Guiles, Michael Johnson, David and Cathy Black.

Kevin Kell announced that a group of collectors will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month to discuss coins in a very informal format. This meeting will occur in various locations (libraries, etc.) and will be free to attendees. He asked for a show of interest from NETCC members.

Mike Grant, who had quadruple heart bypass surgery last month, will be in rehab another 2 weeks or so.

Jack Gilbert announced that the TNA gave the Club \$459 for volunteer work at the TNA show. This means the Club provided 46% of the TOTAL number of volunteers to the TNA show.



TNA News Editor, Ron Kersey, presented Henry Brasco with a literary award for the best article in the TNA Newsletter for the past year. Sam Fairchild was also recognized as second runner up.

Jack Gilbert also pointed out that Trish Mann won the "Volunteer of the Year" award.

After a short business meeting, the kids in attendance departed to other rooms to participate in this year's Kids Night for youth 17 and under. The kids were divided into two age groups of roughly equal size.

The younger group of kids enjoyed a program focused on early 20th century issues – Mercury dimes, Buffalo nickels and Standing Liberty Quarters. Participants were not only given really nice folders or books for the series, but also received a massive number of coins to place in the folders. They also learned the basics of how

to examine coins and properly handle and store their coins. This group was led by Richard Wallace.

The older kids were led by Carl Stang who focused on Civil War numismatic material. In addition to Indian Cents of the era, the kids also learned about 2-cent pieces as well as Civil War tokens. Topics about 2-cent pieces included characteristics such as large and small motto, grading and years



of issue. Carl explained why Civil War tokens were necessary and discussed the 3 major types of tokens. Carl showed them actual coins/tokens and pointed out what characteristics to look for.



They were also given examples of the coins discussed, as well as collecting supplies and folders.

This year's Kids Night was both interesting and educational. The kids also walked away with lots of fun and valuable giveaways.

While the Club focused on Kids Night at the June meeting, the adults were not forgotten.



Frank Heznall gave an interesting and unusual program on Military Pay Certificates to the adults while the kids were learning at Kid's Night. Frank became interested in MPC's while serving in Vietnam, and had amassed numerous examples since, especially 5-cent certificates dating back as far as the invasion of France in 1944.

## DISTRICT FIVE



**COLLIN COUNTY JUNE MEETING** - The regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was brought to order with President Mike W presiding. Present were 20 members and 1 guest, Mike C.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were won by Terry E, Jason V, and Vane P.

Old Business: The club contributed \$50 to the Gary P memorial.

We have been contacted by a Scout troop that needs a merit badge counselor for the coin collecting merit badge, and Terry E volunteered last month but we have not made contact with the Scouts yet.

The fall coin show will be October 4 at the Quality Inn in McKinney.

New Business: Elections for officers were held and Adam H and Mike W were on the ballot for president, and the other offices were single nominations who ran unopposed. Mike W was re-elected as president. The other officers are vice-president Gary R, treasurer Kent H, communications officer Michael W, and member at large Jason V.

Program: Kevin S bought ten "silver pesos" at an antique mall in McKinney for \$30. He passed them around and they were very, very nice-looking coins. However, they were able to stick to a magnet, so they were counterfeit. For the size of these coins, if they were indeed silver, they would have been worth considerably more than the \$30, which goes to show, once again, that if a "deal" is too good to be true, it probably is.

Auction: Gary R conducted the auction and Kevin S served as runner. There were 40 lots on the auction table.

## DISTRICT SIX



**BELLAIRE JUNE MEETING** - June 2 -

There were 26 people at the meeting. Garth Clark notes the first United State mint was June 10, 1652. This coin was the Massachusetts Pine Shelling. Garth suggested that the

June 16 show and tell be about coins before 1830s. Rest of the meeting was

about the Ed Stephen's coin show in May. The children's auction had 36 bidders. Gene McPherson presented dateless buffalo nickels to all bidders. Ed Stephen was offered five 2014 show dates. The shows were divided, two for Ed Stephen, and two for Bellaire, with one extra show. The club discussed the 2015 civic center rebuilding, and where to have the show.

Rupert Soliz discussed the new baseball commemorative. The gold sold out in 48 hours. The silver sold out in a week.

The following members presented a show and tell, Vlad Andrus, Ken Benson, Jim Bevill, Garth Clark, Richard Hyde, Gene McPherson, Neil Robertson, Wendy Russell, and Alvin Stern. Richard Hyde won the Show and tell prize.

June 16 - There were 26 people at the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. Tom Bermel presided this meeting. Garth Clark was ill. Tom Bermel noted the Bellaire show, August 2-3. Gayland Stehle noted that Garth has the volunteer thank you cards. The following members presented a Show and tell, Richard Hyde, James Paras, and Alvin Stern. James Paras won the Show and tell prize.



**GHCC MAY MEETING** - Called to Order: President Alan M. Guests: Jenny M. (President's Wife)

Show & Tell participants: John A., Tom S., Richard, Nicolas K., Claude. S-N-T - Winner Tom S.

Program Rating Forms Explained - for an upcoming Bernard Loebe Award by Bill W. for all programs of the year given by club members and the rating sheets are scored.

Program - Sebastian F. - "Collecting Liberty Nickels" - "Coin collectors come in all shapes and sizes..." Relates by telling stories of Liberty Nickels that spoke to me. Numerous stories were told about encounters and experiences with the Liberty Nickels. Sebastian had tales of good ideas and cautions of pitfalls when looking for a nickel of choice. An in-depth display of the nickels was shown, and people were encouraged to ask questions.

**JUNE MEETING** - Call to Order by Bill W., VP. Visitors: Erricos D. an avid collector, James A. first time visitor, Larry W. first time visitor.

Show-N-Tell was led by Tom S. with participation by: Sebastian F., Richard H. and Alvin S. S-N-T Winner - Sebastian

Program introduced by Bill W. on Holey Numismatics - presented by Alvin S. Explanation for coins/medals with holes intentionally made during manufacture. Also Ancient coins with holes, copies of coins too. All kinds of coins were presented that have holes for all sorts of reasons.



### PASADENA MEETINGS

- The PCC held meetings; 5/12, 5/27, 6/9 & 6/23;

at the Golden Corral in Pasadena, Texas. Submitted by Gene McPherson, PCC

President.

The club purchased \$50 of auction tickets to support TNA. Many thanks to John Barber for bringing the offer to the club and for his support of the TNA. Unfortunately, we did not pick a winning ticket. Speaking of good odds, your chances are good at the PCC raffle. All proceeds are plowed back into prizes. John will hold his second catch-up auction the first meeting of July.

We have had several talks about watching for numismatic fakes. Tim Brinker, one of our members built his own test device. The slide is made of rare earth magnets and silver coins slide at a different rate than fakes. Tim, like several of our members of our coin club, is also a member of Treasure Hunters Association of Pasadena.

Jack's List - How to Tell a Fake

1. Check weights - counterfeit coins are often over or under weight. The correct weight for US coins can be found in a guide to the coin.

2. Check for the "silver" ring. Of course this is not for an upper MS grade.

3. Check with a magnet. The only US coin that a magnet should attract is dated 1943. Counterfeit silver dollars had iron at one time and a magnet was a good give-away.

4. Submit the coin to a grading service.

a. If the coin is in a slab, check the serial # with the grading service. Fake slabs have been seen.



5. Buy a book on counterfeits and becomes a coin detective.
6. The ANA covers counterfeit coins in their summer seminars.
7. It is often what you do not see and not what you see that tells the tale.
  - a. Know what a coin should look like in the grade you are buying.
8. If you suspect a coin, make a chemical test in a non-conspicuous place. Jewelry and pawn shops use these tests routinely.
9. There are non-destructive methods to determine composition. Garth Clark of the Belaire CC can help here. This normally only applies to rare coins.
10. Jack does not claim to be an expert, but he will buy or trade for your fakes to add to his collection.

The PCC had a display table at the San Jacinto Day battle reenactment with some photos of the event shown here:



## DISTRICT SEVEN



# THE GATEPOST

## GATEWAY COIN CLUB

**GATEWAY MAY MEETINGS** - May 1 – The meeting was opened with twenty-five members in attendance. There was no New Business. Under Announcements, LeRoy M. reported that he was recently on weatherman Steve Browne's "critter cam" segment on KSAT-TV.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by new moderator, Bill D. He began by congratulating James W. for his work as moderator during the past year. He said that in the area of virtual coins, Doge coins are a new player in this area, even sponsoring a NASCAR vehicle. He then spoke about new section called "In the Red Book" in which he will discuss some items found in Red book. He talked about the George Washington tokens of 1783 which represented the "Unity States," a term often used before the Constitution was framed. LeRoy then commented about US state quarters and stated that there was no silver prior to 2004 and then asked how dealers price these coins.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Leroy M. and participants were: Clifton V., Alex R., Frank G., Karla G., James W., Fernando R., Bill D. and Chuck N.

Members participated in a stimulating auction that offered many interesting numismatic items. The attendance prize, an Austria 1964 twenty-five Schilling, was given to a very happy "Lucky Walter" B.

May 15 – The meeting was opened with twenty-six members in attendance, including all officers.

Under Old Business, Karla G. circulated the sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign up to help at the upcoming coin show. Vice-President David A. still needs volunteers for a couple of summer programs and Clifton V. volunteered to fill one of those openings. There was no New Business.

Under Announcements, LeRoy M. noted the cost for Red Books at JP's Corner. Fernando R. said the Mexican Coin Club will have its meeting this month. Clifton V. briefly reviewed the winning clubs in the ANA 2014 National Coin Week Club Trivia Challenge and said that we received an honorable mention, possibly missing only two answers. Karla G. distributed fliers advertising our May 31st coin show for the members to distribute and post.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. He first mentioned reasons for his previous discussion on the 1783 Washington Coppers and the fact that some people believe that year was our real Independence date. That is the year the Treaty of Paris was signed which ended the American Revolution. He then followed with ideas on building dealer rapport.

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

Vice-President David A. presented the Numismatic Educational Program. His topic was "Confederate Bonds-A New Collecting Adventure", which was a brief history of this area of exonomia. He began by stating that these were coupon bonds issued by Christopher B. Memmiger in 1861 in order to generate funds for the Confederacy. There were series issued every year through 1865. Sales were varied, including a fair amount sold to British and French buyers who continued to try to redeem the bonds until 1881. Inflation caused most series to lose value rapidly, but some coupons were still redeemed at face value, minus inflation. He then showed an example of one bond, saying that principal areas of interest were the signatures, the vignettes, and the coupons. The bond was from Richmond, Virginia and was partially redeemed.

The meeting concluded with the drawing for the attendance prize, which was a 1961 Malawi Crown. The lucky recipient of the drawing was Karla G.

**JUNE MEETINGS** - Jun. 5 – The meeting was opened with twenty-two members. Tate gave the financial report. He announced that we will not return to the Norris Conference Center for our 2015 coin shows in February and May next year and that we must look for a new location.

Under Old Business, Leroy M. said that the Alzafar Shrine on North Loop 1604 may be an option for our shows. All members were asked to look for locations and report to Bourse Chairman Ray T. It was reported by Karla G. that very few postcards were returned as undeliverable. Under New Business, Fernando R. said that some of the new signs were missing after the show. Under Announcements, Members were reminded that the Texas Folklife Festival was to be held the next weekend. Andy G. announced that a money exhibit will be in Austin this summer at the Capitol Building, which will have an exhibit of the Republic of Texas money and documents from the Jim Bevil collection.

The "Ask the Expert" session was led by Bill D. Leroy M. discussed his networking and bartering/trading with local dealers. He said that the dealers he met would not barter, but tended to push for net

profits on all trades. Often many would mark up net prices in these transactions. It was noted that Leroy dealt exclusively with U.S. high value coins and bullion.

Leroy M. led the Numismatic Roundtable session with presentations by Clifton V., Karla G., Frank G., Larry F. & Leroy M.

Raffle winners that evening were Bob K. (two times), Bob E., Larry F., Jim R., David A., Paul R., and Leroy M. The auction was conducted by David and Fernando and assisted by Frank.

The meeting closed with the drawing of the attendance prize which was given to Fernando R. He received a 1972 silver ten-pees from India.

Jun. 19 – The last meeting of the month opened with twenty members and three visitors present. The visitors, Todd B. and his sons Matthew and Luke were warmly welcomed by the members.

Under Old business, David A. thanked those GCC members who volunteered to help the ACC at the Texas Folklife Festival booth. Karla G. said that members who did not attend the May coin show had not seen the plaque awarded to Frank G., Editor of The Gatepost, as the best club newsletter among the Texas coin clubs. The award for the club having the state's best newsletter was presented by TNA at the recent convention in Arlington. Karla G. was elected into the TNA Hall-of-Fame this year. She and Frank have been members for forty-one years and have received many of the awards that TNA gives to dedicated members and officers. .

The Gateway Coin Club also recently received an ANA award for being a fifty-year club member of ANA. There was continued discussion about the site for our next coin show.

Members were asked to make suggestions for locations to hold the installation dinner in September and to bring those to Karla G. at the next meeting. Under New Business, David A. thanked Frank G. for his work on the TNA medal this year. Under Announcements, Stan McM. talked about the recent Spurs victory. The "Ask the Expert" session was led by LeRoy M. who talked about some US Mint news regarding potential steel coins. He also spoke about the problem with Eisenhower dollars being used at mobile banking outlets where most will not accept and will sometimes keep the coins. Clifton V. discussed the problem with banks taking in in foreign coinage and currency. Pat O. followed up with more on slabbed coins and the different labels found on the slabs.

The Numismatic Roundtable was led by LeRoy M. with presentations by Clifton V., Frank G., Karla G., Paul R., D.D. H., David A. and Chuck N.

David A. introduced James W. as the speaker for the Numismatic Education Program. His topic was "Traditional Coin Collecting on a Moderate Budget" in which he looked at how most collectors go about collecting in the hobby. He said that two primary approaches are random collecting vs. organized collecting. Three current options were discussed to help improve how a collector spends his money on collections. These were (1) buy big items as key focus of collection, (2) concentrate on sets only, or (3) collect based on a theme or a design.

Raffle winners were Tom B., Jim R. (2 times), Larry F., Stan McM., Bob E., and D D.H.

The auction was conducted by David A. He was assisted by Stan McM. and Frank G.

The attendance prize, a 1961D Franklin Half Dollar, was given to a smiling Leon W. The last meeting of the month and mini-auction was enjoyed by all the members.

## DISTRICT ELEVEN



### Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



**GOLDEN SPREAD JUNE MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President with 13 members attending.

New Business: Mike Nowak put some more ideas out and requested new ideas for expanding the impact of our club on the Community. Items discussed were: A table at the Amarillo Coin Show to promote the club, Signs in stores, Speaking to youth organizations, Expanding the scope of our club to include more collectibles, Involvement in outreach, Internet links to other sites, and expanding our own site.

Past President, Doug Hershey gave a report on the May TNA show and meeting. The show was held at the Arlington Convention Center and was bigger and better received than the previous year. Doug was named "Raffle Chairman" and, as he does every year, Doug made a gift to the members of a TNA token. Thanks, Doug.

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

Show and Tell was enjoyed by club members.

Drawing: This month's prize was a 1995 Proof Set. Drawn, in order were Priscilla Coats (absent), Paula White (absent), and finally, Doug Hershey. Congratulations Doug. The monthly gift certificate drawing was won by Paul Otts. Next month the gift certificate will be in the amount of \$5.00.

**JULY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order at by Mike Nowak, President with 12 members attending.

Unfinished Business: Mike Nowak gave an update on the progress toward this year's Amarillo Coin and Currency show. As was accepted last year, the club will be paid by Jim Fitzgerald, the Coordinator for the show, for setup and teardown. Mr. Fitzgerald informed us that at this time 13 dealers are expected to attend. In addition, Mike Nowak has put the show in the Amarillo Globe calendar of events.

New Business: Mike Nowak collected prizes for the Golden Spread Coin Club raffle prizes. A two and a half dollar gold coin and four 2014 silver eagles were presented to the Club for approval. A vote was taken and the purchase of these coins for the raffle prize was approved.

Mike Nowak suggested again that we have a presentation desk with a display of member's coins to show the public attending what the Golden Spread Coin Club is all about. Several members volunteered to contribute to the display.

Program: Michael Eklund presented an informative program about Mercury Dimes. In the discussion he pointed out that when purchasing the 1916-D, the 1921, the 1921-D, and the 1941 2/1 dimes we should be wary of counterfeited coins. Thank you Michael.

Show and Tell had presentations by Tommy Tompkins, Phil Witt and Mike Nowak

Drawing: This month's prize was a 1972-P American Revolution Bicentennial coin. Drawn, in order were Paula White (absent), Marie Hughes (absent), Rodney Laubham (absent) and finally, the winner, Rick Morie. The monthly gift certificate drawing resulted in no winner. The gift certificate for next month's drawing will increase to \$10.

## DISTRICT TWELVE



**TYLER MAY MEETING** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. Attendance - Members: 32; Guests: 12. Total: 44 Tied attendance record!!

The club was lead in prayer by Scott B.

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

Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of May.

Dwight presented TJC student, Josh R., with a certificate of appreciation and gift last month at TJC for his work on the club logo. Carl and Josh are finalizing the details of the images.

The club is in the process of ordering new shirts; color choices include khaki with dark logo or navy blue with either white or orange logo.



Group photos were taken; auction lot fees were waived for those participating.

Dwight updated members on the ANA National Coin Week trivia challenge. Twenty-nine clubs participated with nine getting all answers correct.

Members were encouraged to join the ANA and TNA. The club receives \$5 off its ANA membership for every active individual ANA member.

Richard is seeking additional participation for the "Getting to Know You" section of the newsletter.

Treasurer/Bourse Chairman Update - Barry provided an update on the 2014 coin show scheduled for June 13th & 14th.

Volunteer scheduling was discussed and additional show flyers were distributed.

Club Auction (Tom): 24 auction items sold - 1 donated auction items sold.

**JUNE MEETING** - Meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer. Attendance: Members: 40 Guests: 3 Total: 43 The club was lead in prayer by Randy M.

Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of June.

The club logo work has been completed and high resolution files delivered. The new design will start being incorporated into club documents, advertising, etc.

The new clubs shirts were available for member pickup; a few extra were ordered and are available.

Club Auction (Tom): 40 auction items sold "whew".. 3 donated auction items sold.

Door prize winners: John D., Lynne, Ray B., Ray S.

**JULY MEETING** - Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag. Attendance: Members 36 New Members 5 Guests 7 Total 48 - New Club Record!!

The club was lead in prayer by Larry V.

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

The new club logo is not yet on the website; officers have been incorporating the new design into club documents. In addition, testing will begin incorporating new designs on shirts.

Members that have not yet picked up your new club shirt, they are ready. Also, a few extra were ordered and are available.

Dwight reminded members about the donation box for Meals on Wheels for use of their facility.

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Richard is seeking additional participation for the "Getting to Know You" section of the newsletter.

Treasurer/Bourse Chairman Update. Barry provided a review on the June 13th & 14th coin show and also revealed dates for the 2015 show!

Club Auction (Tom): 37 auction items sold - 4 donated auction items sold.

Door prize winners: Alex, David H., Mary, Ronnie S., Victoria

## DISTRICT THIRTEEN

### GREENBELT COIN CLUB

**GREENBELT JUNE MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Fifteen members were in attendance and one visitor, Jeff Hogue of Wichita Falls, who joined the club.

Announcements. George Woodburn said that the winner of the top raffle prize tonight would have his or her choice of the usual Silver Eagle, or a Canadian one ounce Maple Leaf.

New business. Connolly and Rob both attended the TNA show held in mid-May in Dallas. Both reported that attendance was down a bit, but Connolly, who had a table at the show, said he did very well. Most of his business was done with other dealers.

Program. Connolly discussed purchasing coins directly from the mint. He said that usually such coins seem to go down in value, but that has not been the case with the 2012 proof sets which ended up having the lowest mintages since around 1956. Per Connolly, the non-silver set is going for \$95.00, the Presidential set for \$60.00, and the Silver proof set is selling for around \$200.00. He said that the 2013 silver set is up also. The reason for the lower mintages is that people are just not ordering as many.

Drawings were held and James Pilcher was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1972 silver Ike dollar. Raffle prize winners were Don Vanador who selected the 2014 Canada maple Leaf, Jean Sweitzer - 1987 Proof set, Jim Spears, 1987 Mint set, and Jean Sweitzer, a 2001 mint set.

Rob conducted the 88-lot auction of which approximately 45 items sold

**JULY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Ollie Garrett. Fifteen members were in attendance.

Announcements. George Woodburn said that the winner of the top raffle prize tonight would again have his or her choice of the usual Silver Eagle, or a Canadian one ounce Maple Leaf.

Program. Tony Zupkas provided a program on "So-called

Dollars." Per Tony, so-called dollars (SCD) are not really coins, but are medals that must meet certain criteria. This criteria was defined in a book written and published by Harold Hibler and Charles Kappan in 1963. Per the criteria, the medals have to be roughly the size of a US silver dollar - between 1 5/16 and 1 3/4 inches or 33-45 mm in diameter; and can't be holed or fobbed. They also have to be minted in the US and must commemorate persons or events in our country. The book soon went out of print but a revised edition was published in 2004. The book has caused wide-spread interest in the SCD and many are highly sought after. Tony said that he first got interested in SCDs when his grandfather gave him one made of aluminum that was minted in conjunction with the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893. He said that the earliest SCDs are from the 1820's and these can be pretty pricey since few were minted. He said that quite a few were minted in 1876 to commemorate the country's centennial and many more were produced for the Columbian Exposition. In fact, more were produced for that event than any other. A good website is available at [www.socalleddollars.com](http://www.socalleddollars.com)

Drawings were held and Don Vanador was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1973 Mint Set. Raffle prize winners were Bryan Sweitzer who selected the 2014 Silver Eagle, Don Ramsey - a 1977 Mint, Bryan Sweitzer - a 1972 Mint Set, and Bill Howard - a 1989 Proof Set.

Bill Howard and Rob Robinson each conducted half of the 59-lot auction of which 40 items sold

**WICHITA FALLS COIN & STAMP CLUB**

**WICHITA FALLS JUNE MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Woodburn in the absence of Rob Robinson who is vacationing in Florida. There were 14 members in attendance including new member Richard Lowry. Old business. Connolly gave a report on the financial results of our show at the end of May. Per Connolly, we sold 31 dealer tables and had a paid attendance at the show of 363 attendees.

Program. Tony Zupkas provided an interesting program on "So-called Dollars." These dollars are actually commemorative medals which are roughly the size of a silver dollar and made by various mints in the USA. These medals were generally minted to commemorate persons or events such as world fairs. A book was published in 1963 written by Harold Hibler and Charles Kappan which defined the criteria for a so-called dollar. A revision of the book was published in 2004. As a result of the book, collecting interest in so-call dollars has risen. Tony then passed around a number of so-called dollars for show and tell.

Drawings were held, and Delbert Todd was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1982 Washington Commem. Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Mike Isbell, a 2014 Silver Eagle; Sam Aston, a 1978 Mint Set, and George Woodburn, a 1997 Proof Set.

George conducted the 42-lot auction of which 29 lots were sold.

## DISTRICT FOURTEEN



**HIDALGO JUNE MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 41 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 100 for the year 2014. 8 door prizes were given out.

The June meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance as usual. We kicked off our new Gold Coin Raffle this month. There will be 5 gold coins offered with the drawing to be held during the 4th Annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show slated for the weekend of Nov. 1 & 2, 2014. The coins are : Mexican Dos Pesos, 2 - 1/10oz. American Eagles, a Mexican Cinco Pesos and a Mexican Diez Pesos.

Tickets are \$2 each to the general public. HCC Members get a discount of \$5 when purchasing 20 tickets or a \$10



discount when purchasing 40. Sales are going great with over 1/4 th of the tickets being sold at the June meeting.

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 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!

Treasurer Gordon Taylor brought and passed out booklets of the 'Texas Investment Guide'. Every member in attendance received one and left the meeting with a tremendous amount of information to help them in their quest to better understand all of the investment possibilities offered in our state.

The June meeting ended with a lively auction of about 80 lots with club member James Dunn serving as the auctioneer and Jorge Ramsden as the money runner.

**JULY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order by President Raul H. Gonzalez with 44 members present and 2 visitors. No new members joined this month. The club still has '100' paid members for the year 2014.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 5 door prizes were given out.

Our club will be taking another big step this fall. We will be adding TV Ads to promote our 4th Annual Fall Coin & Collectibles Show to be held on the weekend of Nov. 1 & 2, 2014. Our goal is to promote our shows to a larger audience and introduce them to the great hobby of coin collecting.



*Sec. Rene de la Garza (L) and Treas. Gordon Taylor (R) greet members at the front door*

At this meeting, the membership voted to raise the club dues from \$12 to \$20 a year. The new dues will take effect on Jan. 2015.

President Gonzalez informed the members of the upcoming releases by the U.S. Mint. The excitement is building towards owning the new 50th Anniversary Kennedy Half Dollars and gold coin. There will be 3 different releases beginning on July 24th with the P&D clad Anniversary packages. The mint will start sales for the much anticipated 3/4 oz. (.75) Gold Half Dollar with the dual dates of 1964-2014 on Aug. 5th. The date for the release of the 4 coin set containing 4 different silver half dollars has not been set yet. The set will contain a Reverse Proof from the West Point mint, a normal proof from Philadelphia, an Enhanced Uncirculated half from the San Francisco mint and one uncirculated half from the Denver mint.

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 and finished by mid-June. The students selected the 'Nevada' quarter as the 'Most Beautiful Design'. The quarter with the 'Best Design of a Historical Event' went to the state of 'Massachusetts' that featured the Minuteman. The Puerto Rico quarter design was chosen as the 'Best Design of a U.S. Territory'.

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 July 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 FIFTEEN



### BEAUMONT MAY MEETING

- There were 19 members in attendance. There were

no guests in attendance. The meeting was called to order by George Fortune. And the Pledge of Allegiance was led Barbara Williams.

Jerry reported for the show committee that all goes well. Ken noted that he was looking into new ways to advertise the show cheaply by contacting the Jefferson County Visitors Center. Several old journals/magazines were available for the taking. Barbara and Jerry said the this years TNA show was a good show. This was confirmed by Robert Farrow.

There were 9 door prizes awarded and over 30 lots in the auction. Most of which sold.

Judy, aka the Copper Lady, gave a truly fantastic presentation on U.S. Large Cents issued from 1793 to 1857. Judy noted that those who were interested in collecting Large Cents should join the Early American Copper (EAC) club who publishes the journal "Pennywise". Large cents are attributed by die variety. Sheldon numbers consist of 248 die varieties from 1793 through 1814. No large cents were issued in 1816 in that the British, with whom we were at war, was our primary source of copper planchets. There are approximately 963 die varieties from 1793 through 1857. Judy set a goal of collecting all 33 varieties attributed to the 1853 large cent. She passed around several examples including a 1793 Vines and Bars Edge slabbed coin. AWESOME COIN! Many large cents found today can be traced back to two hoards: the Randall Hoard that consisted of a keg containing 14,000 large cents and the Nichols Hoard of 1796/1797 large cents.

**JUNE MEETING** - There were 15 members in attendance. There were no guests in attendance. The meeting was called to order by George Fortune. And the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Williams.

Judy notes that there were no cents issued in 1815 not 1816 as I had misstated.

The Silsbee Show is July 19th at the 1st Pentecostal Church, 1403 5th Street (North Hwy 92) from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

There were 5 door prizes awarded and over 30 lots in the auction. Most of which sold.

Cody, who was slated for this month's program, was unable to attend so Judy improvised with a question and answer session. Here are some of the items presented 1) Who was the 1st "actual" woman portrayed on a U.S. coin? Answer: Queen Isabella on a Commemorative Quarter; 2) Who's portrait was on the \$10,000.00 bill? Answer: William Chase; 3) What country utilized playing card as money? Answer: Canada; and 4) What city issued the most Civil War Tokens? Answer: Cincinnati.



**PORT ARTHUR MAY MEETING** - Meeting was called to order by Vice President Susan Varnado.

New business: Reminder of up coming coin shows: Beaumont Coin Show Sept. 13th and Port Arthur Coin Show Nov. 8th so be sure and mark your calendars.

Program was presented by Susan Varnado on Texas Independence Commemoratives (1934-1938) totaling 13 coins for each set. Great History and Beautiful Coins, what Texan wouldn't want to collect a set. Susan was given a 1981s Kennedy Proof for giving the program.

God Bless America!!!!!!

## SILSBEE COIN CLUB

**SILSBEE MAY MEETING** - The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors/New Members: Mr. Colby Bridges, who is a member of the Beaumont Coin Club, attended the meeting and decided to become a member of our club. We look forward to his meeting with us in the future.

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.

It was mentioned that TNA magazines and other literature was available at the meeting to take home and read.

New business: Names of those who attended the last coin club show were distributed to the club members to call to invite them to the monthly meeting and give them a heads-up about the upcoming show.

Paula and Jerry gave a report on the TNA show they attended in Arlington. The show had been moved to the Arlington Convention Center which had excellent lighting, good seating and was next to the Sheridan Hotel that had special rates for attendees.. The site is near Cowboy Stadium as well as baseball and basketball venues, all within a few blocks. The show itself featured approximately 250 dealers. They did an excellent job with youth activities included two (2) youth auctions and a Boy Scout merit badge meeting. The dealers contributed a lot of items for the youth auctions. Barbara was presented with the Mike Kennedy Award for her contributions to TNA since 1991. Next year the TNA show will be the last week in May and will be held again at the Convention Center.

There were two programs, one on commemoratives and the other on Fractional Currency. Jerry ask the commentator what commemoratives he recommended for purchase It was suggested he purchase the Lafayette dollar and the Grant dollar with the star as it had low mintage (4256 minted with star). There was no reason for the star on the coin so it was removed. Jerry bought two (2) of these on the dealers floor. It was issued for the centennial celebration of Grant's birthday in 1822.

Each year the TNA produces a medal and this years was number 46. The medals are issued in silver, bronze, and aluminum. There are 100 sets containing all three (3) at \$50.00 per set. 200 bronze medals were struck and sold at \$2.00 each and the Aluminum medals were given away at the show. The first 1,000 people entering the show also received a 2015 United States Coins Red Book by R. S. Yeoman which had just been released. Lyn Knight held auctions on May 19th and 20th featuring mainly paper money but also some coins. Attendance for the three (3) day show was around 4,000. Barbara and Jerry left Sunday morning, the third day of the show. Admission was free for TNA members and only \$3.00 for everyone else. Barbara and Jerry have applications for TNA membership which is only \$20.00 a year and includes the TNA magazine which is published six (6) times a year. There are presently 631 members in TNA. Jerry has been a member for 46 years.

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

The Beaumont Coin Club show will be September 13, 20e 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: Jerry gave a program on "Hobo nickels." Hobo nickels most likely began in 1913 when the Liberty Head V nickel was replaced by the Indian Head or Buffalo nickel. Using this western cultural nickel, an art form involving the creative modification of the coin evolved. The nickel was a decent size and thickness and the metal was soft enough to carve. The original purpose was for a transient, or hobo, to take a nickel, create a new design and then trade it for a meal, a shower, a place to sleep or for cash. The big Indian head on the obverse allowed the artist a large template to work on resulting in finer detail. Another factor was that the coin

was a male head which had coarser features (nose, chin, and brow) that could be altered in many ways. Also, the buffalo on the reverse could be changed into another animal or man with a backpack. There were many noted artist during this time. Bertram Wiegand, known exclusively as Bert (the King of the Hobo Nickel), began carving in 1913. Bert was rumored to have killed a man and had to ride the rails. He carved Hobo Nickels and traded them for food and shelter. Bert probably died in 1957. His student, George Washington Hughes, known as Bo, began carving in the late teens and up to 1980. The art vanished in the 50's as few were made after that. Numismatist Del Romines published a series of articles in the 1980's including several books on the subject, the first being Hobo Nickles (ASIN B0006R7SFW) in 1982. Most of the books centered on Bo and his carving. Two (2) major copycats, John Dorusa and Frank Brazzell, produced over 20,000 nickels in Bo's designs, some including his initials (GH). About 100,000 – 200,000 classic hobo nickels were created from 1913 to 1980. Modern carvings greatly outnumber classic old hobo nickels. Jerry had a display of many carved Hobo Nickels.

## DISTRICT SEVENTEEN



### WACO COIN CLUB

**WACO MAY MEETING** - Tom Campbell called the meeting to order with 11 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Raffle prizes: Walt Winters (2), Mark Cobb

Big prize: James Hiitt won the silver Eagle door prize.

Cash prize: James Kubacak was not here. Next month the prize will be \$35.

September 13 is the Waco Coin Club fall show. San Marcos has not had a show for several years. They plan to have a show on September 13.

The motion was made and seconded that we continue to give \$500 to scholarship funds of TSTC, MCC, and Baylor.

Bab Hacker shared a little of his experience driving a limousine in California. He drove Liz Taylor when she was married to Eddie Fisher. Bela Lugosi would give him a \$1 tip. He also drove animals for movies. His most interesting animal was a seal. Others included a bird and three other animals.

**JUNE MEETING** - The secretary was unable to attend the meeting - there are no minutes for this meeting.

#### HISTORICAL FACTS

This information came from Littleton Coin Company's Collector's Corner

Over a period spanning more than a century, the U. S. Mint produced in excess of 11 billion coins for 42 foreign countries and territories. For the most part, this was intended not to turn a profit, but rather to engender goodwill toward the United States among friendly nations around the globe. At various times, the service was provided for underdeveloped nations not yet able to mint their own coins, former U.S. dependencies that had attained sovereignty, and allies needing outside assistance to meet their coinage needs in time of war."

Venezuela was the first foreign costumer in 1876, followed by Hawaii in 1883. Underdeveloped nations in Central and South America were the major costumers for the mint. The Philippines received more coins from the U.S. Mint than any other costumer. The minting for foreign countries stopped in 1984.

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# A Short History of Roman Money

by Gene McPherson from the Pasadena Coin Club Newsletter

The first "money" in Rome was Aes Rude, or Proto-money. Bronze was



traded by weight. Shown above are pieces that range in weight from 21 to 313 grams. A piece of a bronze dagger (#26) was found in a hoard.



OBVERSE ABOVE

REVERSE BELOW

TOP ROW – FOUR ASSES

BOTTOM ROW – TRIENS, QUADRANS & SEMIUNCIA



dolphin) circa 280 BC and the ass (215 - 210 BC) above it. The base unit was one pound of bronze (329 grams) or an ass. Fractions of the ass were:

**S** = 1/2 ass = semis

.... = 4/12 = triens

... = 3/12 = quadrans

.. = 2/12 = sextans

. = 1/12 = uncial

No dot = 1/24 = semuncia

Struck bronze coins were minted with less than face value in bronze starting about 211 BC.

In 211 BC, Rome introduced silver coinage. The coins had marks of value:

Denarius, X = 10 asses

Quinarius, V = 5 asses

Sestertius, IIS = two and a half asses, note half an ass is one Semis



SILVER COINAGE

OBVERSE ABOVE - REVERSE BELOW



In the 3rd century BC, cast bronze bars and cast coins were used by Romans. The two coins on the left are cast bronze. You can see the effects of inflation by the size of the triens or 1/3rd of an ass (4 dots below the



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Silver dollars are the most popular coin collected today. There are many dates, types, VAMs and other varieties to collect & enjoy. Collectors often need numismatic help when trying to accumulate a collection and/or portfolio. Collecting Silver Dollars may be very complicated and you may need to consult a dealer. There are thousands of coin dealers in the U.S. When you see a regular doctor, he may need to send you to see a "specialist." The same goes for Silver Dollars. That is where the National Silver Dollar Roundtable (NSDR) comes in. When it comes to Silver Dollars, you really do need a "specialist". The following dealers have been very carefully selected and approved by the NSDR Board of Governors. The National Silver Dollar Roundtable has recently celebrated its 28th Anniversary. Below is a complete list of current NSDR members. We are proud of our members and recommend them all to you. Remember, when it comes to collecting Silver Dollars, don't just call any coin dealer, consult a "NSDR SILVER DOLLAR SPECIALIST!"

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| 1989 Leon Hendrickson, Winchester, IN | 1994 John W. Highfill, Broken Arrow, OK | 1999 Bob Wilhite, Iola, WI         | 2004 Anthony Swiatek, Manhasset, NY       | 2009 Marlene M. Highfill, Broken Arrow, OK |
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**STOLEN COINS**

Albuquerque New Mexico Area

The following coins have been reported stolen;  
1776 British Guinea NGC MS61 serial # 3639529-002  
1776 Netherland Ducat NGC AU58 serial # 1522420-010  
1776-R Brazil 6400 Reis NGC AU55 serial # 3605808-004  
1793 US Wreath Cent PCGS AU55 serial # 1347.55/12455010  
1670-75 St. Patrick Farthing PCGS AU53 serial # 42.53/26819143  
1652 Mass Bay Colony Oak Tree Sixpence PCGS MS63 serial # 28210065  
Additional information will be provided when available.

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE**

The United States Postal Service is requesting assistance in identifying any dealer who knows or has done business with the following individual.

David Raymond Gomez, W/M , DOB 01/20/1983

The subject shows to have a San Antonio address and has traveled in the Houston area.

**BRECK RARE COINS VICTIM OF MAJOR THEFT**

David Salvette, owner, of Breck Rare Coins was the victim of a major theft after the recent Baltimore show. The theft occurred from a Super Shuttle van parked in front of the Hyatt Hotel. The suspect removed a roller bag from the rear of the van as Salvette and the driver were getting inside to depart for the airport. Video from the hotel shows a tall black male wearing a tie removing the bag from the van. A report has been filed with the Baltimore Police Department.

The following is a list of coins stolen.

PCGS and NGC certified silver, gold and copper in 11 PCGS blue boxws and two Bowers & Merena black cardboard boxes. Includes about 25 Walkers, 75 Morgans, and two Peace Dollars, all white, all PCGS. Includes three Lincolns (1909-S VDB MS64 B CAC, 1955/55 AU58, 1910-S MS64 RD, 1909-S Indian Cl.) Includes about 70 NGC gold slabs \$1-\$20 and about 93 PCGS slabs \$1-\$20. Better dates include \$20 1926-S P64, 1915 P64, 1914 P64, 1913 P62, 1911 P62, P64, 1913-S P63, 1909 P64, 1909/08 P62 CAC, 1908 W/M P64, 1922-S P63, 1925 P64, 1926 P65 CAC, 1927 P66, 1928 P66, 1913-D P62. Includes 30+ Ten Indians PCGS and NGC, including 1907 N63 and others P&N XF 45-MS 62. Includes 1885 P55 CAC \$2-1/2. 1888-O, 1892-O, 1893-O, 1894-O, 1895-O, 1901-O, 1903-O, 1904-O, 1906-O, P&N graded MS61-MS62. Morgans include 1888-O Hot lips P55 CAC, 1889-CCP VG08.

**STOLEN COINS RECOVERED**

On July 7, 2014 the Numismatic Crime Information Center sent out an e-mail crime alert regarding the missing/stolen report of 7 early copper coins from a United States Postal Service shipment. Two days later a dealer contacted NCIC and advised that he possibly had bought coins matching the description of those stolen. Due to the quick actions of several dealer's all seven coins have been recovered.

The U.S. Postal Inspectors are conducting an on-going investigation.

**LOST/STOLEN COINS**

The following coins have been reported Lost/Stolen in transit to Hanford, California.



Anyone with information should contact:  
Doug Baliko, Heritage Auctions, 214-528-3500

**COIN SHOP BURGLARY**

San Antonio, Texas

Harry's Coin and Jewelry in San Antonio, TX was burglarized in the early morning hours of 7/6/2014. The suspect or suspects gained entry into a neighboring office space that was vacant and broke through the wall into a shelved inventory area. Once inside they removed several boxes of silver bullion coins from the shelves.

The following is a partial list of coins taken.

- Britannias (51); 2012 Moose (13); Philharmonics (50)
- 2012 Cougar (15); Mex. Libertads (47); 2013 Bison (17)
- Royal Mint 2014 Horse (12); 2013 Antelope (10)
- Silver Panda's (49); Birds of Prey (32)
- Noah's Ark (14); Maple leafs 2011-14 (62)
- Tokelau Horse (5); 1.5 Maple Leafs: Fox-12, Polar Bear-11,
- Tokelau Snake-5, Kookaburras 1990-14 (113),
- Koalas 2009-14 (41); Canada Silver: Zombuck-9,
- 2011 Wolf-13, Lakota-7,, 2011 Grizzly-12, Salt Croc-96

**RECOVERED COINS**

The Denton, Texas Police Department arrested a male and female on drug related charges. In their possession was a large amount of coins housed in 2x2 card board holders. Some of the coins are depicted in the photos below.

The suspects may have traveled in Oklahoma and Arkansas as well as Texas. Possible vehicles associated with the suspects are a red F150 P/U and a red 1988 Mercury. Denton PD investigators are requesting assistance in locating the victim of a possible burglary or theft.



Anyone with information should contact:  
Investigator Mike Sweet: 940-349-7910

## CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB

P.O. Box 80093, Austin, TX 78708-0093  
 Meets the First Thursday of each month at 7pm  
 Yarborough Library - 2200 Hancock Dr., Austin  
 Business meeting, "show & tell", program & auction.  
 We conclude with an attendance prize.  
 VISITORS ARE WELCOME!  
 Visit our website:  
[CapitolCityCoinClub.com](http://CapitolCityCoinClub.com)  
[Christian@iLikeCoins.com](mailto:Christian@iLikeCoins.com)  
 Or contact Bill Gillespie: [begillespie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:begillespie@sbcglobal.net)

## CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB

*TNA chapter #1 founded in 1952*  
 Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm  
 For more information visit our web site at  
<http://cccoin.org>  
 email [cccc@cccoin.org](mailto:cccc@cccoin.org)  
**(361) 241-0348**  
 P.O. Box 10053  
 Corpus Christi, TX 78460-0053

## DALLAS COIN CLUB

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00PM  
 La Calle Doce Mexican Restaurante  
 1925 Skillman St., Dallas, TX 75206  
*Friendship & Knowledge Through Numismatics*  
 For information contact:  
[g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net)  
 (please include DCC in subject line)  
**214-340-0393**  
[www.dallascoinclub.org](http://www.dallascoinclub.org)

## FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, INC.

PO Box 471762, Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408  
 Email--[apctexas@aol.com](mailto:apctexas@aol.com)  
 Meets the 1st Thursday of the month  
 7:00PM at the Botanical Gardens  
 2000 University Dr., Ft. Worth 76107  
*Visitors Welcome!*  
 Annual Coin Shows  
 2012 Fall-Nov 3&46 & 2013 Spring-Mar 9&10  
**Call 817-444-5500 for details**  
[www.fortworthcoinclub.org](http://www.fortworthcoinclub.org)

## GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. of San Antonio, Texas

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday  
 7:00PM at Denny's Restaurant.  
 9550 IH 10 W. (near Wurzbach exit)  
 Dinner at 6:00PM. Optional  
 Visitors Welcome!  
[www.gatewaycoinclub.com](http://www.gatewaycoinclub.com)  
 Email: [retate@msn.com](mailto:retate@msn.com)  
**2014 Show Dates:**  
**Feb. 22nd & May 31st**

## Greater Houston Coin Club, Inc.

PO Box 79686, Houston, Texas 77279-9686  
**832-790-9436**  
 email: [alan\\_morgan75@hotmail.com](mailto:alan_morgan75@hotmail.com)  
 Meeting on the third Thursday of each month at  
 6:30pm at Houston Community College, Eagle Room,  
 1010 West Sam Houston Parkway (BW-8 & I-10).  
 If you are interested in coins, tokens, medals or paper  
 money, visit us at our next meeting.  
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## HIDALGO COIN CLUB

Meets every 2nd Monday of  
 the month at 7:30 pm  
 St. Mark United Methodist Church  
 4th St. & Pecan (Rd. 495), McAllen, Tx.  
 for more information contact:  
 Raul H. Gonzalez - President  
 P.O. Box 2364 McAllen, Tx. 78502  
**956-566-3112**  
 Website: [hidalgocoinclub.com](http://hidalgocoinclub.com)  
 Email: [raul@hidalgocoinclub.com](mailto:raul@hidalgocoinclub.com)

## INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB of EL PASO, TEXAS

ANA, TNA  
 PO Box 963517, El Paso, TX 79996  
 Meets the 1st Monday of each month  
 6:30 pm Business • 7-9 pm Numismatics  
 ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 7000 Edgemere Blvd., El Paso  
**INFORMATION: 533-6001**  
*Guests are Always Welcome*

## NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM  
 The Mission  
 3224 Cheek Sparger Rd., Bedford, TX  
*Door prizes, monthly programs,  
 Auctions, Raffles*  
 VISITORS AND YOUNG NUMISMATISTS  
 ALWAYS WELCOME!!  
 For more info call Russell Prinzinger at:  
**817-656-2540**  
 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/netcoinclub1/home>

## COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month  
 7:00 pm at San Miguel Grill  
 506 W. University McKinney, Texas  
 Educational Programs - Door Prizes - Raffle - Auction  
 For more information contact:  
 Collin County Coin Club  
 PO Box 744 McKinney, TX 75070  
**Tel: 972-978-1611**  
[www.collincountycoinclub.org](http://www.collincountycoinclub.org)  
 Sponsor of McKinney's Semi-Annual Coin Show

## MID CITIES COIN CLUB

Meets at 7pm on the  
 First Tuesday of Each Month at  
 The Waterford at Pantego  
 2650 W Park Row, Pantego, TX 76013  
*Educational Programs,  
 Door Prizes, Raffles, Auctions*  
**Visitors Welcome!**  
 Contact John Post  
 Box 15554, Ft Worth 76119  
[old-post@sbcglobal.net](mailto:old-post@sbcglobal.net)

## WICHITA FALLS COIN AND STAMP CLUB

PO Box 3751, Wichita Falls, TX 76301-0451  
 Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30PM  
 in the TV room of Merrill Gardens  
 5100 Kell West, Wichita Falls.  
*Visitors are welcome-bring a friend.*  
**ANNUAL WICHITA FALLS  
 COIN AND STAMP SHOW**  
 at the MPEC in Wichita Falls each spring.  
**For info call: (940)592-4480 after 5PM.**

## GREENBELT COIN CLUB

*of Vernon, Texas*  
 Meets the 1st Monday of  
 Each Month at 7:00 pm  
 (no meeting in January)  
 at the Vernon College Library  
*Visitors are welcome - bring a friend!*  
 For more information call:  
**1-940-839-1399**  
 Email: [collector1944\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:collector1944_2000@yahoo.com)

## WACO COIN CLUB

Meets the  
 2nd Thursday of each month  
 at 7:30pm  
**Harrison Senior Center,**  
 1718 N. 42nd St., Waco, TX  
**(254) 224-7761**

## TYLER COIN CLUB

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**AUGUST 22-24** **64 TABLES** **FORT WORTH**  
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