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Hello!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

I am thrilled to join the TNA team as your new Editor for the TNA News. I look forward to working with all of you to share fantastic numismatic knowledge from people across our state. Future issues of TNA News will be expanded with new features, columns, and authors. If you have something neat to share, please send me an email! As far as this issue goes, you will see all of your old favorites. Richard Laster, John Barber, and Sam Fairchild all contributed interesting articles, Dr. Coyne has some tough questions, and Frank Galindo has a great piece about Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the historical figure featured on the 2019 TNA Convention Medal. Please check out all of the information in this issue about the TNA Convention at the end of May and make plans to join us this year. I'll be there, and I hope you'll stop me to say hi!

Publication Deadlines



Please email your articles and club news in 2019 by the 15th of May, July, and Oct. to theTNAnews@gmail.com



Richard Laster

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends ...

I am aware of the fact that some of you, actually more than a few, have noted that the first TNA News edition of 2019 is a touch late in arriving in your mail box. To be honest here,

the transition process from editor Ron Kersey to the point where we are today has not gone as smoothly as I had hoped. As you know, Ron retired at the beginning of the year after a long and successful run of dedicating his skills to editing and producing our TNA News. In simple words, Ron cared for us well and for this I am thankful.

Back at the convention and show last year, when the TNA board met, a couple of issues of consideration related to the News were part of the agenda. Decided was the plan to move from six issues a year to four expanded issues, meaning there will be more pages of information in each individual issue. The second item of business was a search for a new editor, which resulted in offering the opportunity to a candidate who chose, at the time, to accept the challenge.

Unfortunately, in the case of the second item listed just above, even though both the committee and the individual entered into a verbal contract, it became evident that there were issues of what one of our TNA governors calls "mismatched expectations." This means it became necessary to part company with wishes for the best from TNA's leadership in regard to the person recruited last June.

With all of this in mind we greet our first edition of year 2019. Since time is of the essence, this issue contains fewer pages than those which will follow. Best said we are closing in on a deadline for our pre-convention / show issue and time consideration is essential.

It is my honor to announce that the position of magazine editor is now being ably covered by Ann Marie Avants. Ann Marie joins us with quality experience and credentials. She comes from a place where numismatics is strongly

represented as the daughter of our own John and Eve Barber, both of whom are active in TNA leadership. Ann Marie's career choice involves working with not-for-profit organizations in order to strengthen their structure and bottom line. In such a place in her professional life she uses strong interpersonal skills, advertising, and publication as part of her living. Ann Marie and her young family live near downtown Houston. She will be present at our annual convention on May 31, June 1 and 2. I trust you'll take a few moments to greet her with kind words of welcome.

Which brings me to our annual TNA Convention . . . Once again John Post serves as coordinator and chair. It is an honor to work with him as we move forward. He also chairs the team of individuals recruited to structure the event. Doug Davis, as show producer, promises our usual top flight of dealers, including a couple of high profile ones who will be first timers this year. The Dobbins are chairing the exhibits and continue to seek those who will place material in the area designated for the same. Our medal officer, Frank Galindo, has the annual collectible set in place. Please see an article in this issue of the News highlighting the important Texas character who is front and center on the obverse this year. And . . . the privilege of service is presented through the call for volunteers at the show. Frank Hezmall finds joy in assigning YOU to your place on whatever day you choose, or all four. (Set up on Thursday, show Friday to Sunday.)

More to be said, but that'll have to wait for another issue. For now, thanks to all for your commitment to the Texas Numismatic Association. I look forward to seeing you in the near future. Please remember the Association meeting on Saturday, June 1 starting at 4:00 p.m. As for the show, a great time will be had by all.

Regards and God Bless,
Richard Laster, TNA President

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Lawrence Herrera

SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 2019

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-7736 to R-7741. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on January 1, 2019.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on June 1, 2019.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
R-7742	Larry P. French	Website	1
R-7743	William A. White	Website	1
R-7744	Larry Camp	None	22
R-7745	Deborah Marshall	Royce Jackson	12
R-7746	Ken Otto	Website	1
J-7747	Tyler Parsons	None	5
R-7748	Roy W. Vajdak	Frank Clark	4
R-7749	Selena Denbow	Website	6
J-7750	Michael Cochran	Ernie Cochran	12
R-7751	Larry Hoefer	Website	6
R-7752	Terry Wilburn	None	12

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$25
and should be mailed to:
Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, TX 75209

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary's office of
any changes of address.
Mailing labels for the TNA News are
prepared by the Secretary's office.

TNA COINS FOR A'S

Please contact our Coins for A's Administrator for information on this important program for
young collectors: Coins for A's, P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393
Email: Coins4As@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT



JACK GILBERT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

2019 TNA Grant Winners

In the absence of a Fall/Winter TNA Board meeting, the drawing for the two ANA Seminars was held on December 13th at the NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club meeting, in the presence of Governors Kim Groves and Russell Prinzinger, and overseen by Treasurer Jack Gilbert. Miss Jaela Kell drew two tickets and these tickets matched the following entries:

Jason Elwell
Ralph Ross

The drawing for the \$125 Grant to Improve your Library was also held, and Miss Jaela Kell drew five tickets and these tickets matched the following entries:

Robert Kurczewski
Gary Dobbins
Ralph Ross
International Coin Club of El Paso
Judy Dobbins

Congratulations to each winner!

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$37,703.71
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Mkt.	\$68,951.77
PBOT CD (Mat 4/5/2019)	\$25,000.00
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 2/28/19)	\$60,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$191,655.48
Long Term Assets	
Origin Bk CD (Mat. 4/3/2020)	\$60,000.00
PBOT CD (Mat 10/26/2020)	\$25,000.00
PBOT CD (Mat 10/19/2021)	\$25,000.00
Endowment (Intermingled other CDs)	
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000	
McFadden Fund - \$70,000	
Total Long Term Assets	\$110,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$301,655.48
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2018	\$307,244.84
Income (Plus)	\$66,626.12
Expenses (Minus)	-\$72,215.48
Surplus	-\$5,589.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$301,655.48

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

There have been no requests for TNA financial assistance since the last report.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE FOR CONTINUING PROGRAM NEWS

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

All of these Programs are open to all members (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online at TNA.org).

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

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Coin Show

May 31, 2019-June 2, 2019

Arlington Convention Center, Arlington Texas

(15 minutes from DFW Airport - close to restaurants, hotels, and shopping)



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for submission

Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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- Free education seminars
- Free exhibits
- Youth Auction
- Book auction
- Dealer set-up May 30, 2019

Our host hotel is the Sheraton Arlington
1500 Convention Center Dr.
Arlington, Texas 76011
817-261-8200

For more information, contact
Doug or Mary Davis at 817-723-7231
or tnacoins@tnacoins@gmail.com

TNA CONVENTION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 30

- | | |
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| 1:00 PM | Dealer Registration and Set-up Begins |
| 1:00 PM | Exhibitor Set-up Begins |
| 1:00 PM | Earlybird Registration Begins |
| 7:00 PM | Bourse Closes |

Friday, May 31

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| 8:00 AM | Bourse opens to Dealers, Earlybirds, and Exhibitors |
| 9:00 AM | Bourse opens to Public |
| 9:00 AM | Silent Book Auction opens |
| 11:00 AM | Exhibitor Set-up completed, Exhibit Judging begins |
| 4:00 PM | TNA Board Meeting (closed session) in Sheraton Hotel |
| 6:00 PM | Bourse closes to Public |
| 6:30 PM | Bourse closes to Dealers |

Saturday, June 1

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| 8:00 AM | Bourse opens to Dealers |
| 9:00 AM | Bourse opens to Public |
| 9:00 AM | Begin sign-ups for Youth Auctions |
| 9:00 AM | Scouts Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic |
| 11:00 AM | Morning Youth Auction |
| 12:15 PM | Scouts Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic |
| 1:30 PM | Meet The Exhibitors, Exhibit Area |
| 2:00 PM | Afternoon Youth Auction |
| 2:00 PM | Exhibit Judges Meeting |
| 3:00 PM | Voting for Peoples Choice Exhibit Award closes |
| 3:00 PM | Silent Book Auction closes |
| 4:00 PM | Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony |
| 6:00 PM | Bourse closes to public |
| 6:30 PM | Bourse closes to Dealers |

Sunday, June 2

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| 8:00 AM | Bourse opens to Dealers |
| 9:00 AM | Bourse opens to Public |
| 3:00 PM | Raffle Drawing for 4 Gold Coins donated by Heritage |
| 3:00 PM | Bourse closes to Public |
| 4:00 PM | Bourse closes to Dealers |

YOUNG NUMISMATIST DEALERS INVITED TO FREE TABLE!

The TNA is again inviting all Young Numismatist (YN) Dealers to sell their numismatic items at a free table on June 1, 2019 at the upcoming TNA Show and Convention. Any YN who meets the qualifications below and is interested should review the Policy and provide their sign-up information.

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

This statement enumerates the guidelines for participation in the YN Dealer Initiative for the Texas Numismatic Association. The purpose of this initiative is to entice YNs to sign-up for a table on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the 2019 TNA Show and Convention and bring inventory to sell to the general public. **The tables will be provided to the YN at no cost.**

Interested YNs must be at least 12 years old and not over 21 years old as of May 1, 2019. Parents of YNs under the age of 18 must provide an email or letter signifying the parent's approval for the YN to participate. **The YN, or a close relative (parent/grandparent), must be a current TNA member.**

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

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

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

Interested YNs should indicate their interest in participating by notifying Jack Gilbert no later than May 15, 2019. Emails may be sent to gilbej@yahoo.com and must include the information requested below.

- YN Name
- Telephone (YN or parent)
- Parent Name
- Email address (YN or parent)
- Address

Send your information to gilbej@yahoo.com by May 15



Gary & Judy Dobbins
TNA Exhibit Co-Chairs

TNA EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Wanted: Exhibitors, Sponsors, and Visitors for the 2019 TNA Show

Exhibitors: Numismatists or Clubs who are interested in creating a “Show and Tell” type of presentation. This is a great way to learn more about your coins or paper money. An exhibit could be about a certain coin, series or theme. If you can tell someone about a favorite coin, you can write it down and make an exhibit to share with others. Exhibits can be entered in a Competitive or Noncompetitive category. Exhibit Rules, Scoring Sheet and Applications are on the TNA website. Making an exhibit is a great way of Sharing Numismatic Knowledge and Interest with others.

Exhibit Sponsors: This year we are initiating something new to the Educational Exhibits project. We have invited the TNA affiliated Coin Clubs across the state to become a sponsor of the 2019 TNA Exhibits. Now, after receiving several inquiries from interested TNA Members, we are delighted to accept Sponsorships from individuals as well. Sponsorship levels will be the same for clubs and individuals: Gold (\$100 donation), Silver (\$50 donation) and Bronze (\$25 donation). All sponsors will receive recognition at the TNA Show and in the TNA News. Money from Sponsorships will allow us greater flexibility to add value to our award offerings at every level. We hope this will further incentivize and encourage the participation of all.

Exhibit Visitors: Our goal is for everyone who attends the TNA Show to visit the Educational Exhibits. Come and **learn** from the numismatic research and presentations that TNA Exhibitors have **created**. We hope that you will be **inspired** by the Numismatic Showcases. **Share** your impressions with others. While you are there you can even vote for your favorite exhibit to be selected for the People’s Choice Award.

Don’t miss a chance to be a part of this exciting event. For more information on being an **Exhibitor** or **Exhibit Sponsor**, please contact Co-Chairs Gary and Judy Dobbins. Deadline for Exhibit Applications and Sponsorships is May 1st.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2 9AM - 3PM

Accepting Exhibits in Competitive and Non-Competitive Categories

An application, rules and score sheet can be downloaded from TNA’s website at
www.TNA.org

DEADLINE FOR EXHIBIT APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15, 2019

Attendance is free to persons under 18 years of age and members of the TNA.

All others are \$3 on Friday and Saturday.
Sunday is free to all.

There is a \$5 parking fee.

For more information or questions, please contact

TNA Exhibit Co-Chairs
Gary & Judy Dobbins
g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net
(214) 340-0393



FRANK GALINDO

SILVER TAPS FOR LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS

Among the many Texas patriots, one man stands apart from the many other Texas notables. The record of his accomplishments is evidence of his great service to early Texas. Lawrence Sullivan Ross led a remarkable life which for many years afforded Texas his courage, loyalty, and dedication. His public spirit of exceptional service was monumental.

Ross, who is also remembered as Sul or Sully, was born in Bentonsport, Iowa Territory, on September 27, 1838. In 1839 the Ross family moved to Texas and settled in Milam county, and later in Waco in 1849. He attended Baylor University in 1856 and graduated from Wesleyan University in Alabama in 1859.

In 1858, Ross joined the U.S. Army as leader of a band of native allies. During a fierce battle with Comanches at the Wichita Village near Rush Springs, Oklahoma, he was wounded and almost lost his life. Regular Army officers were impressed with his boldness and skill. By 1860 he joined the Texas Rangers serving as a lieutenant and was soon promoted to the rank of captain. Sam Houston ordered Ross to raise a company of Rangers to protect Young County and the surrounding area from hostile aggressors. A historic event happened in December 1860 when his Ranger company was in pursuit of a Comanche raiding party. The chase ended at the battle of Pease River and the rescue of Cynthia Ann Parker, a captive of the Comanches. Parker, at age nine, had been held captive for about twenty years and was the wife of chief Peta Nocona. Her son Quanah Parker is known as the last Comanche chief in Texas.

When the Civil War began in 1861 Ross resigned from the Texas Rangers and enlisted in the Confederate Army. He quickly rose to the rank of major of the 6th Texas Cavalry, and in May 1862, he was promoted to colonel. In 1863 Ross and his men provided protection for the retreat of Gen. Earl Van Dorn from Corinth, Mississippi. This action soon led to his promotion to Brigade General. He became one of the youngest Confederate Generals and led the fearless Texas Cavalry Brigade. When the Civil War concluded, he returned to Texas to be a farmer, where he and his wife, Elizabeth, established their home. Between 1866 and 1882, their family grew to nine children.

Ross continued his dedication to serve Texas in many important roles. He was elected Sheriff of McLennan County from 1873-1875, was a member of the 1875 Constitution Convention, and served as a State Senator from 1881-1886. He held the office of Governor of Texas from 1887-1891. After concluding his last term as Governor, he was appointed president of the Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas, which became the present-day Texas A&M University.

He was a master mason and held membership in the lodge where his father and older brother were members. It was in 1851 that his father helped to establish Waco Masonic Lodge #92 in Waco. Ross served on many important committees, including the Select Committee on Frontier Affairs and the Select Revenue and Taxation Committee, as well as many others.



Ross died in College Station on January 3, 1898. The whole Texas A&M student body escorted Ross's body from College Station back to Waco. Several thousand people were in attendance at his burial at Oakwood Cemetery. The students, anxious to memorialize him, held the first Silver Taps ceremony, a solemn tradition that is still honored when an A&M student, at the time of their death, is enrolled in graduate or undergraduate courses.

Shortly after Ross's death, former Cadets in 1917 began raising funds for a statue to honor him. Two years later, the statue was unveiled at the Texas A&M campus. The inscription at the base of the statue reads in part, "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman." This statue honors Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who distinguished himself by serving honorably in early Texas. To further memorialize him, the Texas Legislature established Sul Ross State University.

Ross served consistently in many roles that helped Texas to grow and flourish, and today he is remembered as a most renowned Texan. He served Texas faithfully and continuously, and his many contributions helped enrich and perpetuate our vibrant Texas history.

ORDER YOUR 2019 TNA MEDAL

The obverse of the 2019 TNA Medal features Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross. Ross, who is also remembered as Sul or Sully, was born in Bentonsport, Iowa Territory, on September 27, 1838. Among the many Texas patriots one man stands apart from the many other Texas notables. The record of his accomplishments is evidence of his great service to early Texas. He served as a governor, senator, general, Texas Ranger, sheriff and held many other important positions. He was a Master Mason and held membership in the lodge where his father and older brother were members. The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. The medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

Single bronze medals are \$6.50 postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one 1 oz. .999 fine silver) are \$45.00 for each set plus \$4.50 per set for postage and handling. If insurance is requested, there is an additional cost of \$2.50 per medal set.

Make checks or money orders payable to TNA. Orders may be placed by contacting Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer, at P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217.

For questions, e-mail karfra1@netzero.net

TNA CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE!

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

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Drawing Sun., June 2 at 3:00pm. Do not have to be present to win.

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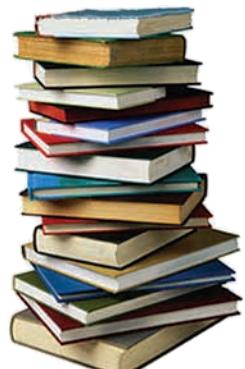
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Doug Hershey:
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Sam Fairchild

VERMONT COMMEMORATIVE

Before the American Revolutionary War, status of what is now the state of Vermont was uncertain – both New Hampshire and New York claimed it. The British awarded the land to New York in 1764, but the issue was far from settled. Both New Hampshire and New York issued grants for the same real estate, thereby creating conflict between the two groups of settlers. Those with New Hampshire titles organized the Green Mountain Boys, a local militia. At first, the Boys concentrated on fending off unwanted settlers from New York, but after the war began in 1775, they turned their attention to the British.

Brothers Ira and Ethan Allen were leaders of the Green Mountain Boys. Ethan Allen led an ill-advised 1775 raid on Montreal, was captured, and spent the remainder of the Revolutionary War as a British prisoner. Ira Allen, besides being a military leader, was a member of the convention declaring Vermont independence in 1777.

That same year, the British under Burgoyne advanced south from Canada, hoping to divide the colonies by capturing the Hudson Valley. Running low on supplies, he attacked an American depot in Bennington. His forces were roundly defeated, with 200 killed and 700 taken prisoner. Weakened by the losses and the failure to obtain supplies, Burgoyne was defeated at the Battle of Saratoga in New York two months later that most feel led to French intervention and victory in the war.

Legislation for a silver fifty-cent piece and a gold one-dollar piece in commemoration of the 150th anniversaries of the Battle of Bennington and of the independence of Vermont was introduced in Congress. Resistance to the coins was fierce, but since the then current President was Calvin Coolidge and a Vermonter by birth, compromise was sought. After deleting the proposed one-dollar piece and increasing mintage of the half dollar to 40,000, the measure passed without much opposition.

After the approval of the legislation, the Vermont Sesquicentennial Commission moved quickly to secure designs to be used for the half dollar. They selected Sherry Fry, who had created a statue of Ira Allen for the University of Vermont, to design the coin.



Her design was rejected, which led to engagement of a new artist, Charles Keck. Although the commission admired Keck's portrait of Allen, they disliked Fay's Tavern for the reverse. In an odd move, a catamount replaced the tavern. The cougar-like animal is a reference to Fay's Tavern, also known as Catamount Tavern, a place where the Green Mountain Boys met.

The obverse features an idealized portrait of Ira Allen, wearing a periwig, and below his head appears his name. The words FOUNDER OF VERMONT and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA surround his portrait. The reverse features a catamount, facing and walking to the left. The animal is virtually penned in with lettering, with BATTLE OF BENNINGTON, IN GOD WE TRUST and anniversary dates above him, E PLURIBUS UNUM and HALF DOLLAR below, AUG. 16 (the battle's date) below its head, and designer initials between its rearmost paw and end of its tail.

Sales were not as robust as hoped, as 29% were returned to the Mint for melting. Today, this commemorative is affordable in most grades.

In 1791, the year Vermont was admitted to the Union, Ira Allen was the principal founder of the University of Vermont, the first university in what is now the United States to have a religious nondiscrimination policy. Thereafter his fortunes declined, as his ship and its cargo were seized by the British in 1796. Upon his return, he found his land seized for taxes, and was put in jail for debt. He fled to Philadelphia, where he hoped to reverse his fortunes but was unable to; he died there impoverished in 1814.

Questions for Dr. Coyne

1) Is this piece a U.S. coin?



2) What is a brockage piece?

3) What are two easy ways to unmask a purported 1943 copper cent fake?

4) What is a “Waffled” Coin?

5) What is the most recent all-aluminum coin struck at the U.S. mint?

6) What is the meaning of the wings on the head of Liberty on a “Mercury” dime?

7) Why are PVC holders bad for coins?

8) Among U.S. Mint locations that struck coins, which ones reached the lowest cumulative totals before they were shut down?

9) What is a “funny back” U.S. \$1 bill?



1) Is this piece a U.S. coin?

The illustrated piece is not a U.S. coin or even a pattern for one. It is a modern Chinese counterfeit. It looks something like the “Liberty on Globe” pattern silver dollar of 1872 (Judd-1212), but this one is not even silver. The die work is far inferior to that of the U.S.

Mint. The toning is suspect, and it has likely been recently applied to make this atrocity appear more acceptable.

2) What is a brockage piece?

A ‘brockage’ coin is a type of mint error. It results from a failure of the ejection mechanism to remove a normally struck coin from the coining chamber, together with the insertion of a new blank into the chamber. In the resulting strike with two pieces in the chamber at the same time, the design from the already-struck coin is incused into one face of the blank. If both coins are then ejected, the first piece may look almost normal. The second piece (the brockage) will have two obverses or two reverses, and one of them will be a mirror image incuse of the normal design. Its opposite side is likely to appear especially well-struck but otherwise normal. The good striking on the ‘normal’ side is due to the added pressure of what amounts to a double-thickness planchet in the press. This is a rare type of error in modern, machine-struck coinage. It seemed to occur more often in the long-ago large cent era than it has on modern coins. There are many examples of a brockage in ancient and medieval hand-made coinage.

3) What are two easy ways to unmask a purported 1943 copper cent fake?

The two best ways to unmask a purported 1943 copper cent are: test for magnetic attraction and examine the shape of the digits in the date. A genuine 1943 bronze cent (very rare) will have no attraction to a magnet. A copper plated steel one will be strongly attracted to a magnet. Any household magnet will work as a test device. The date on the genuine 1943 has a ‘3’ with a long lower loop. A metal-chased 1948 will have a different form.



4) What is a "Waffled" Coin?

A Waffled coin is one which has been deliberately defaced in a powerful machine by the US Mint to prevent its reuse as anything but scrap. The host coin is usually one that had a planchet-cutting error or a striking error making it unsuitable to enter circulation. Batches of coins that are "waffled" are then eligible for less-secure shipment to contractors who melt them, perhaps in preparation to turning them into new planchets.



5) What is the most recent all-aluminum coin struck at the U.S. mint?

The most recent all-aluminum coin struck at the U.S. mint would be the pattern cents of 1974, but almost all of these were recovered by mint authorities. The U.S. mint has done several all-aluminum coins for other countries, including Mexico, but has done no contract coinage for foreign powers in recent years. There is talk of a lower-cost cent for the U.S., now that production cost is above face value even on our copper coated zinc cents, but no patterns have been publicly seen.

6) What is the meaning of the wings on the head of Liberty on a "Mercury" dime?

The "Mercury" dime does not show the mythical Mercury at all. The real Mercury is male and has wings on his feet.



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The wings on the head on Weinman's dime of 1916 are supposed to signify freedom of thought. The design on 1916 and early 1917 dimes is truer to the artist's original conception than the treatment on late-1917 and pieces from the rest of the series when Mint Engraver Charles Barber lowered the relief and removed the textured fields.

7) Why are PVC holders bad for coins?

PVC plastic 'flips' have been in use by coin collectors for decades. Dr. Coyne remembers buying some at his local coin shop in the 1950's. They were, and are, a convenient and inexpensive way to store individual coins up through silver dollar size. BUT the downside of their use has become apparent as better plastics have become available. PVC stands for polyvinyl chloride, a chemical made from ethylene and chlorine and formed into sheets or films or pipes or a host of

other forms. PVC by itself is a clear, hard solid. If formed into films or sheets without an added plasticizer, the resulting film is stiff, hard and fragile. The most common plasticizer added

is di-octyl-phthalate, which found early use in the 'vinyl' on automobile dashboards in the 1970's. (Remember the kind that would outgas and leave a hazy film on the inside of your windshield when parked in the sun?) In coin flip use, this plasticizer oozes out of the surface of the flip onto the coin inside. At first, the coin appears to lose some flash or reflectivity. If liquid plasticizer is allowed to remain on the coin, there can be a reaction (particularly with the copper in the alloy of the coin), and a 'green slime' appears. This can be removed with a solvent such as acetone, but if the slime has remained on the coin too long, there will be pits and permanent damage. Like all chemical reactions, this process goes faster with heat. Humidity also seems to play a role. South Texas has one of the worst environments for coins in PVC holders. You don't have to put all your coins in non-PVC holders – just the ones you want to keep.

8) Among U.S. Mint locations that struck coins, which ones reached the lowest cumulative totals before they were shut down?

The U.S. Mints which had the lowest cumulative production totals before they were closed would be the two "gold only" mints at Dahlonega, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina. Both mints started in 1838 and closed in 1861 as the bullion supply ran out shortly after the start of the Civil War. A fairly close runner-up would be the Carson City, Nevada mint coining 1870-1893, but "CC" had the advantage of coining substantial silver as well as gold. New Orleans had larger coinages and a longer life, but its output never included copper or bronze coins. These four mints are the only ones to have never coined copper or bronze during their lives.

9) What is a "funny back" U.S. \$1 bill?

The "Funny Back" \$1 bill is the issue of Series 1928 United States Note (Friedberg number 1500). Its name comes from the use of a different design featuring elaborate lettering of "One Dollar" rather than the usual design of the United States seal. These were produced with the Woods-Mellon signature combination in 1928 and perhaps a bit longer and the notes remained in common circulation until shortly after WWII. Circulated specimens bring several dollars today, and crisp new specimens even excite Ragpicker collectors.

From the Greater Houston Coin Club "Double Shift" Newsletter - Editor, John Barber



Richard Laster

AN INSIGHT FROM THE HOME FRONT

Friends . . . as you have ascertained in the eight plus years that your editor has been at the task, I go down whatever rabbit trail is before me when I take off writing one of these columns related to my "coin cabinet." This month is no exception. After giving due consideration to a variety of possibilities, I have turned to an old faithful in my collector wheelhouse. I write of an area which is, at the moment, evident as my nearly complete type set of the same is just to my right at home for a few days prior to being returned to my local safety deposit box.

These remarks come from a particular interest of mine; pieces of paper related to the Southern struggle in what is known as the American Civil War, in some places as the War of Northern Aggression, or the War Between the States. My own interest includes pieces of currency which are not only Southern but also are specifically Texas in their focus.

As any casual collector will know, during this period in our history, 1861 to 1865, things of an intrinsic nature were hard to find, especially in our region. In other words there were few coins of the realm in any sort of metal to be located. For this reason the Southern cause was forced to investigate the use of paper currency and other forms of exchange using unbacked paper, which became essentially worthless paper in the market place except for the way it was greeted by those who had faith in the nation, and a determined patriotic spirit.

If one takes a look at the tools available to the collector of such period obsolete notes, you'll find that of the eleven defined Southern States, several chose to issue their own currency. Notes can be found, even today in some quantity, emitted by the following Confederate era states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia. The other states, Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, either did not have specific provisions for issuing state named currency, or chose not to issue the same. Arkansas and Texas augmented their financial system with the issue of Treasury Warrants, these are highlighted in their state section in Hugh Shull's Guide Book of Southern Currency.

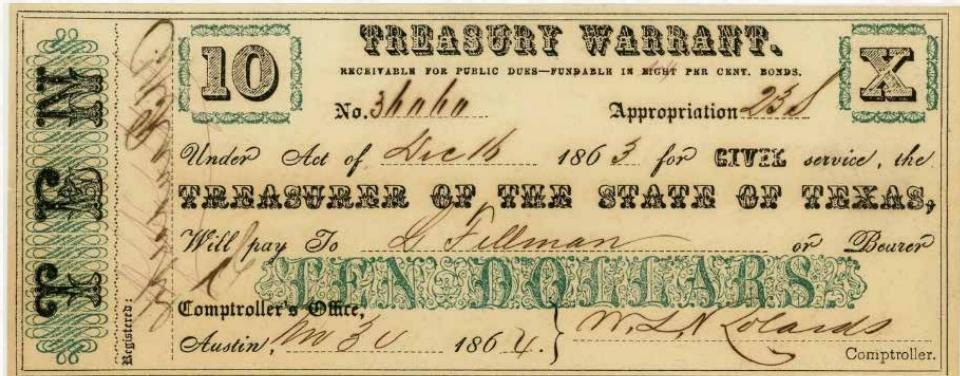


An example of a Confederate era Treasury Warrant from our neighboring Arkansas.

It is also of interest to note that the State of Missouri, which was split between Union and Confederate governments, printed, but did not distribute, currency in the name of their state as a Confederate entity. Of further interest is the fact that the Missouri Confederate government in exile was based in Marshall, Texas.

Now, your editor has a theory. I can't say this is anything which I have read but can declare that the implication is present. If you go to any standard resource on Confederate era currency, such as Hugh's great book mentioned above, you'll find that in the section related to Arkansas and also Texas, there is a proliferation of Treasury Warrants issued in behalf of the states. With Texas, for example, these come in a progression of varieties, the latter ones looked very currency-like.

My hunch is this . . . in the time when Texas could not, by its own constitutional practice, issue currency in the name of the state, there had to be some way for commerce to continue. It is my understanding that these Treasury Warrants would pass from person to person, serving as a sort of "currency," in the



marketplace and beyond. My own theory is that these were designed, perhaps intentionally so, to look and feel like honest to goodness paper money. One difference between these notes and regular warrants is the fact that our Texas Civil War era Treasury Warrants were not endorsed by the payee on the back, but were certified by government officials.

With all this said I have provided in this article a couple of examples. One from the third series is pictured above. The note below comes from the second series. Pay attention to how these resemble currency of the era in size, design, and presentation.

Thanks for allowing me to move forward. Perhaps there is a glimpse into history to be found here.



Texas Civil War era Treasury Warrant. Notice usage for Military purpose over Civil. My opinion is that these were intentionally printed with color, design and size to look more like currency and would therefore be passed from hand to hand in commerce.

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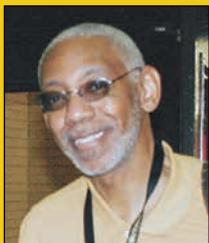
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From the Spartans Coin Club

By Andrea Patino

Can you believe it! We have completed one complete semester of school.

Many of the seniors and Spartans Coin Club members are thinking about after high school plans: college, trade school, work, military, and/or full-time coin collector.

The Spartans Coin Club submitted a video-skit entry for the ANA's 2019, 96th Annual National Coin Week Theme contest. Let's say we did not win with our idea "Money for Everyone". Nevertheless, the winning 2019 National Coin Week THEME FOR April 21 – 27, is ... **Discover the Past, ENVISION THE FUTURE**.

Even though we didn't win, our class had a lot of fun creating a video for the contest. It allowed us to use technology (our Electronic Gadgets) and it was very educational; a few of the members researched amazing things discovered, invented, or earth-shattering innovations during the year 1969. Approximately fifty years ago, July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed on the moon. The moon landing took the cake. Everybody is talking about coins with a theme of "Apollo 11 Moon Landing". To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing, the US Mint has issued innovative curved coins – this time to honor the success of Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin's July 20, 1969 lunar landing. The coins are \$5 Gold, \$1 Silver, and 50¢ Clad. All three coins feature a concave obverse, depicting the iconic image of a footprint left on the moon by Aldrin. The convex reverses show a close-up of Aldrin's space helmet reflecting Armstrong, the lunar lander and the US flag.

On Friday, January 18, 2019 with twenty-seven educational exhibits in tow, the Spartans Coin Club boarded a big yellow school bus in route to the 62nd Houston Money Show at the Lone Star Convention Center, in Conroe Texas.



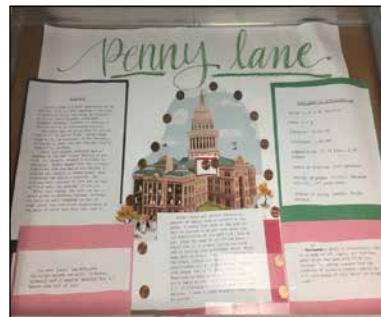
Dr. Ross presents Katieana Amponsah a 2019 One-Ounce Silver Eagle for her 1st place numismatic education exhibit award, titled "The Ghanaian Cedi", sponsored by the GHCC.



1st Place Katieana Amponsah, exhibited titled "The Ghanaian Cedi"



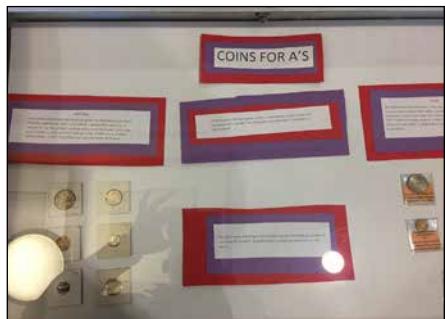
The top three winners from left to right, third-place to first-place: Chidumebi Ajaero, Andrea Gomel, Katieana Amponsah, and club sponsor, Dr. Ralph Ross



2nd Place Andrea Gomel, exhibited titled "Penny Lane"



Mohammad Shihab and Paul Phung talk about earning coins for A's in AP Calculus. Paul have been very active since the beginning of the Spartans Coin Club. He is the 2019 valedictorian and he is the only Spartans Coin Club member that has attended three Greater Houston Coin Club Annual Money Shows: 2017, 2018, and 2019.



3rd Place Chidumebi Ajaero, exhibit titled "Coin's For A's"



Students prepare numismatic exhibits at the Houston Money Show.



Students preparing educational exhibits in the classroom for the 62nd Houston Money Show. L to R: Danait Michael, Courtney Reed, Haley Pham, Andrea Gomel, Shelton Amaram, Muskaan Khowaja, Ayanna McKenzie, Jasmine Guyeh, Mashal Zaidi, and Chaunta Thomas.



Andrea Patino, Spartans Coin Club President, discuss exhibit techniques with potential exhibitors.



Dr. Ross and Dr. Bostic, SMSD Superintendent, talk about the 'Adopt-A-School Program' in the College and Career Center. The Spartans Coin Club Is the only high school that is a member of the ANA. The Stafford Municipal School District is happy to be part of the numismatic program that gives teachers and administrators the tools and strategies to educate students on the hobby and discipline of numismatics.



Members on the field trip stop for a photo in front of the Big Yellow School Bus. Kneeling in front from L to R: Yoasn Brhanemeskel, Haley Pham, Jasmine Guyeh, Andrea Gomel, Ayanna McKenzie, Fatema Meem, Andrea Patino, and Courtney Reed. Standing left to right: Danait Michael, Mashal Zaidi, Rex Hoffman, Mohammad Shihab, Nathaniel Ewest, Shelton Amaram, Zachary Natt, Daniel Montilva, Katieana Amponsah, Kevin Moreira, Paul Phung, Dr. Ross, Muskaan Khowaja, Shauzab Murad, and Arron Cardenas.



Twenty-seven numismatic exhibits were set up by YN's from the Spartans Coin Club



Dr. Ross and Ricardo de Leon Tallava, 2nd grade teacher in the Stafford Elementary School. Ricardo is also a collector of Mexican Coins and Currency. For the past few years Ricardo has been an instructor at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. His students gain a thorough understanding of the official mints of Mexico and their impact. Notice they are standing next to the University of Michigan banner, where Dr. Ross was once a student.

The Stafford High School and the Stafford Elementary School are trying to merge and create a beautiful relationship between the high school collectors and the elementary school collectors. On March 5, 2019 the National Technical Honor Society is having a Spring Festival Event. The high school coin club members will provide a campus wide show-and-tell designed to present numismatic activities, lesson plans, curriculum materials, and hobby information to the new young collectors. With the support of the US Mint and BEP the students will each receive free pencils, coins, book markers, and other special door prizes. The teachers and administrators will get a chance to review the Adopt-A-School Program and the Adopt-A-School Kit provided by the American Numismatic Association (ANA). Stay tuned for National Coin Week Activities.



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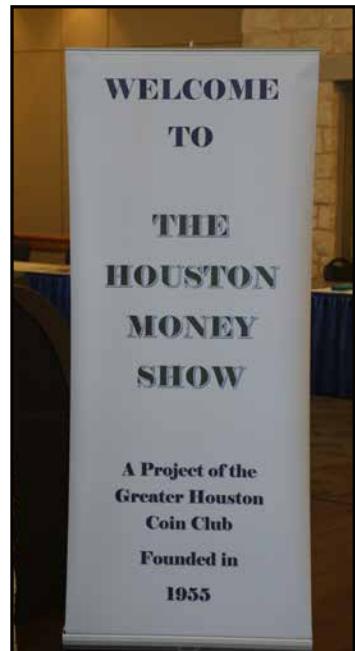
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The five statewide Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, District Governors are up for election. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from December 30, 2018 until April 14, 2019. A nomination by another member will not be accepted. All candidates for statewide offices must be Texas residents. All candidates for District Governor must reside in the district they are running for with the exception of District 10 where New Mexico residents within 75 miles of the district border are eligible.

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

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

Ballots shall only be sent to TNA members where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for an office, the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to the office. Ballots will be mailed to TNA members by April 19, 2019 and must be received (not post-marked) by the Secretary by May 14, 2019. Late ballots, altered ballots, or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted. The results of the election will be announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the membership in Arlington, Texas.

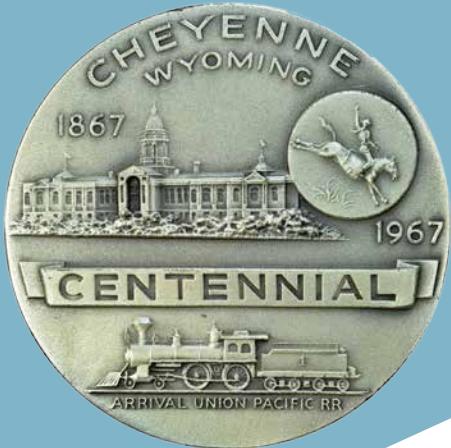
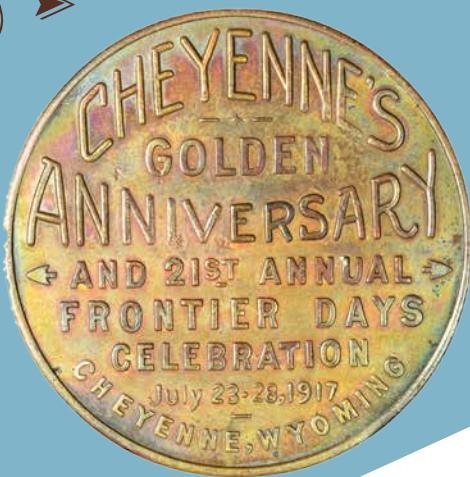
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Section 2.02 of the TNA Bylaws provide: A Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by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

District I Governor Candidate: Jimmy Davis

I am an avid collector and have for over 15 years. I remain an active member of both the TNA and Fort Worth Coin Club for over 10 years. You can find me as a regular at many club meetings. I'm a believer in supporting both by leading by example and in giving back by volunteering. I continue to dedicate my time to supporting and helping the TNA grow. I am the co-chair for the TNA Youth Auction, having done so for 5 years, and volunteered for it for 8 years prior to that. I also sit on the committee for the annual TNA Show, this will be my 6th year. I am also an active and committed member of the Fort Worth Coin Club, have served as a director on the board for 6 years and serving as a volunteer for their shows for over 10 years.

HOMETOWN COLLECTING



Many collectors feel that while they have one main collecting goal, to be addressed over a long period with incremental progress, there is room for "side interests" and "subset collections" which may complement the main collection, but are not really in competition with it. Your editor has been focused for decades on building a U.S. Type set, while at the same time being on the lookout for pieces which fit at least a loose definition of ties to his home town, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

This kind of hometown tie can be exploited in a numismatic way for many, many localities in the U.S. If the numismatic backwater and cultural outpost of Cheyenne can provide interesting items, so can more citified locales!

Most towns of any size and having a history of more than just a few years can provide commemorative medals for local events. The artistry and fabrication attractiveness can vary widely, from "cheap" to exquisite. No claim of world-class standing is made for the 50th anniversary medal denoting the founding of Cheyenne in 1867 (by the Union Pacific Railroad) is made, but we do get a glimpse of history from the "obverse" and an advertisement for its primary entertainment/economic driver on the reverse. These turn out to have been widely distributed with this one coming from eBay in Massachusetts. The silver counterpart from the Centennial in 1967 has similar motifs, noting that by then the state capitol had been added to the medal.

If commemorative medals are ubiquitous, local trade tokens are even more abundant; some of these remain in the "maverick" category – with no identification of the issuer or his town on the piece. But the Wyoming Token Book nails this one down as one of

several issues of
Boyd's Cigar Store
(still standing a century
later in downtown Cheyenne).



For hundreds of towns across America, there exist National Currency notes issued for local banks, but printed by the Federal government using standardized designs in three different charter periods. It is your editor's current project to locate decent, representative examples of one note from each of the three banks in Cheyenne which issued National Currency. Hardest to find has been the Stock Grower's National Bank.



Of particular personal interest, but also fitting the "Hometown Collection" is this 1977 advertising token issued by Mr. Thomas Mason, your editor's childhood mentor and earliest booster in what has turned out to be a lifelong hobby. This one would have nearly zero market value, but its emotional and personal tie remain strong.



Consider adding some components of a Hometown Collection to your collection – they are fun to show even to non-numismatists you may know.



JOHN BARBER

Please enjoy this selection of meeting minutes and educational talks from coin clubs across our state. We encourage all of our member clubs to send us news and photos to share with the TNA membership. Please forgive the brevity of the meeting recaps in this issue.

For the next issue, please email your reports by May 15.

After that, we'll be back on track! Please note the regular quarterly reports schedule below. Feel free to send your information early by emailing it after each meeting, if that would be more convenient for you.

Please send your reports by the 15th of January, April, July, and October to: theTNAnews@gmail.com

DISTRICT 1 - RUSSELL PRINZINGER, GOVERNOR



FWCC FEBRUARY MEETING – President Dalia Smith called the meeting to order with 24 members and 4 guests present. Guests included Bill and Sara Huhn of Fort Worth, Cal from Grand Prairie and Raymond from Granbury. Previous guest Cindy Guiles expressed an interest in joining the club. The club voted unanimously to accept her as a new member.

Treasurer Report: Walter Fabisiak gave the financial report for the club.

Announcements: Dalia announced that Walter is taking payments for membership dues during the February and March meetings. The membership dues are \$20 each year. Dalia presented two awards to members who were not present at the January Awards Banquet. Richard Moody and John Post were presented awards for their volunteer service to the club. Dalia asked if anyone would like to contribute to the TNA Youth Auction. The club is donating \$100 this year toward the Youth Auction in addition to any individual contributions. Donations for TNA's Youth Exhibits also needed.

Educational Presentation: Burton Strauss gave an informative presentation on "Intellectual Properties" in relation to coin collecting. Legal instruments such as patents, copyrights, service marks, trademarks and trade secrets help protect intellectual property. Burton explained how each legal instrument protects valuable coins from fraud and the environment with coin holders, or slabs, used to encapsulate coins. Physical protection of each coin and protection of a coin's authenticity using sealed, tamper-proof cases allows the numismatic community to enjoy buying and selling coins with more confidence than ever to protect their investments for future generations to enjoy. Utility patents are issued to coin grading companies for their individual and

unique slabs and their security features, shapes and designs. An abstract from one of the company's tamper-proof case includes descriptions and drawings. See example:



Raffles: Frank Hezmal conducted the raffle of 4 items.

Auction: Frank Provasek conducted the auction of about 40 lots.

Check out the new features on the club website:
<http://ftwcoin.club>

2018 AWARDS BANQUET: Each year the Fort Worth Coin Club recognizes the many members who volunteer to help with a variety of events. Each year we participate in 6 to 8 coin shows, including the TNA Convention and Coin Show, the Cowtown Coin Show and our own Fort Worth Coin Club Coin Show.



Joe Lopez, TNA District 3 Governor, accepts an award on behalf of the late John Adling, TNA 2nd Vice President



SETTING UP DISPLAYS FOR THE COWTOWN COIN SHOW!

Each year we have 10 monthly meetings and two banquets. Each meeting has refreshments, educational presentations, raffles, show & tell and auctions.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC MARCH MEETING – President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 59 members and visitors present.

Kevin Kell thanked everyone who has donated items for the April donation auction. The auction is a major source of funding for the Club. The 2018 auction was so successful that we were able to make the catered Christmas dinner free for members and kids, and only \$5 for guests. Kenny Smith or Russell Prinzinger are accumulating all donations.

We ask that payments for lots won be made by check to reduce time and effort in the auction.

For those who haven't yet donated, Kevin told members that there is still time – just contact Kevin and he will arrange to have the items included in the auction lot list that will be distributed to all members shortly before the auction.

Bob Foster will be calling this year's auction as he did last year. He challenged members not only to break last year's record, but to exceed it by 20%!

The TNA show will be conducted May 31 – June 2. The success of this show is dependent on the involvement of volunteers to perform many support functions, including set up and tear down, guest registration and greeting of visitors. Frank Hezmall is recruiting a total of 90 volunteers to assist with these efforts. A sign-up booklet was circulated, giving volunteers a chance to sign up for a task of their choice. Our Club has led the TNA in volunteerism, and it is expected this year will be no different.

Speaking of the TNA, the Club will have a table on the bourse floor, so stop by. Also, the TNA will require picture ID for sign up due to security concerns.

Russell Prinzinger is retiring as District 1 TNA Governor after 27 years. Frank Hezmall of our Club is running to fill the position.

QuizNight has been moved to May. Since Kevin is now President, his son Tyler will be asking the questions. He will be assisted by Gabe. We will need volunteers for presentations later in the year.

Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will again be conducting a grading seminar on September 15. Class is limited to the first 25 to sign up, so don't tarry! Cost will be \$15, which will cover of breakfast items, lunch and refreshments.

Carl Stang announced that Richard Wallace again paid 2019 YN club dues. Richard has a dear heart for youth, as exhibited not only in the Club, but also in his patience and generosity toward youth at coin shows.

Visitors recognized: Calvin Brundrett, Jeanine Walker.

New members: Calvin Brundrett, Tyler Dollarhyde.

Finds: Mike Larson located a set of 1, 2 and 5-ounce Libertads. Allen Scott went to the FUN show and came back with a 1913 Proof nickel. Russell Prinzinger found an extraordinary item, but since Russell was absent, we'll have to wait until April to find out what it was.

Allen Scott gave the educational program on collecting Half Dollars by type. Allen discussed each major type in detail, from the 1794 Flowing Hair to the 1948 Franklin. He also recommended things to look for type coin buyers. He was also peppered with questions during his discussion. At the end of program, members

crowded around Allen to see some of the fine examples of type coins he brought with him.

The adult door prizes were awarded to Jerry Ozdych, Jesse Owens and Judy Moser. The progressive door prize was awarded to Allen Scott, meaning he won an extraordinary seven items.

The usual 40-item auction was conducted by Bob Foster.

MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB JANUARY MEETING: Jack Gilbert shared his most prized Christmas gift that his family painstakingly obtained, sorted, glued, & created by using only 4 shades of 846 pennies, & from a distance one can see a strikingly accurate Honest Abe portrait. Totally awesome & priceless!



DISTRICT 4 - ROBERT KURCZEWSKI, GOVERNOR



CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB

AUSTIN, TEXAS - SINCE 1969

The Capital City Coin Club Hits 50!

2019 marks the beginning of the 50th Anniversary of the Capital City Coin Club in Austin, Texas! Some amazing things have happened over the past fifty years and some members from the early days of the club are still very active members now. The CCCC is the only coin club in Austin, Texas, we were never a large club. There were twenty people present at the inaugural meeting when the club was formed, but quickly grew to 60 members. To this day, the average number of members that are active still hovers around twenty-five.

In 1969, the dues were set by the officers at \$3.00 per year. Fifty years later, our dues are still just \$3.00 per year. The club hosts an annual coin show, which supplements the income from dues and allows the club to keep prices low. It has also afforded the club the opportunity to purchase and donate various coin books to schools and libraries over the years.

One of the club's long traditions was to hold a small coin auction at the end of the official meeting. The first auction had fifty items up for bids. Over the years the number of items has dwindled to just a few, that auctions are now only held once or twice a year. Another tradition that still holds strong, is the annual club Christmas Dinner. In 1969, the club chose the Chuck Wagon on Burnet Rd. The members would pay \$1.00 and the club picked

up the remaining 85 cents for the dinner. However, guests had to pay the full \$1.85 for their meal! These days the club members that make at least three meetings during the year get their dinner and a plus one paid for by the club!

The club wasted no time in hosting their first coin show. In 1970 the club rented the Hancock Center Town Hall and charged \$5 for bourse tables. They sold sixteen tables and had three hundred and thirteen people register for the show. The club held a raffle a gold piece and sold 1000 tickets at twenty-five cents each.

In 1972 the club had a discussion on the rising price of gold which hit \$61.45 per ounce with fears that silver may hit \$3.00 per ounce in a year! The uncirculated and proof Eisenhower dollars were thought to be a good investment, but they were thought to be overpriced by the mint. The club also offered an Indian Head cent to new members.

As the years passed by, the task of hanging on the club records went from officer to officer and at some point, several records were lost due to misplaced documents or the current keeper passing away and the records being trashed. Soon after, records went from paper to digital. This made record keeping a lot easier. Once the documents were digitized, the paper records were taken down to the Austin History Center where they are kept on file.

To mark their 50th anniversary the club is designing a coin to be minted with icons of Austin and Texas. The hope is that this coin will be a lasting keepsake that can be passed down from our members to their kids and so forth. Who knows, it might even become a valuable collector's item some day!

DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR



DALLAS FEBRUARY MEETING – President Mike announced that the Dallas Coin Club has donated to the Numismatic Crime Information Center. They are very good at sending notifications to the numismatic community. The two Morgan dollar proofs stolen from NFL (New England Patriots) player Ron Gronkowski were recovered with their assistance.

Judy and Gary are Co-Chairs for the TNA educational exhibits. They are seeking club sponsorships and the Dallas Coin Club has voted to be a gold sponsor. (\$100 Gold Sponsor).

\$50 Silver Sponsor and \$25 Bronze Sponsor). Members were also encouraged to enter an Educational Exhibit at the Annual TNA Show.

Jose reported that as of December 20, 2018, the U.S. Mint recorded sales of 244,500 American Eagle Gold bullion. Lowest amount since 2007 when 198,500 were sold. The American Innovation \$1.00 program is underway and it's a 14-year 56-coin program. (4 per year) Some Apollo 11 anniversary coins are still for sale through the U.S. Mint. NGC debuted a new two-coin slab for select bulk clients. In January 2018 the U.S. Mint recorded 3,235,000 Silver Eagles purchased. In January of 2019 3,931,000 have been purchased. An increase of 40% from last year in the same month!

Quite a large number of items for the TNA Youth Auction were brought to the meeting and will be the club's donation to the auction.

A very interesting Program, presented by Ron B. was on Civil War Tokens. After the program, the meeting concluded with Door Prizes, Raffle Drawing and the Auction.

DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR



BELLAIRE MARCH 4 MEETING – Meeting had 24 people attending. Before the meeting, Richard H. noted that the United States is the only country that pledges a flag. The most of the business meeting was about your Bellaire August 2019 show. The show has confirmed full payment from 34 dealers.

This is about 40 of last year's tables sold. Limited space for more tables. Some of the paid dealers would rent two or more tables. We still need more dealers to complete their payments, by April 30. Need volunteers to help older dealers to move items between their vehicles and tables. Currently the show has paid almost all of the 2019 expenses. The club wants extra cash for future special activities. Richard H. noted the numismatic supply dealer wants a larger table space. Gene McP. noted that the Pasadena club would have a table area at San Jacinto Day in Baytown. Gene purchased a counter stamp set to press "PCC" onto nickels. Nickels are the best metal to counter stamp. The following members presented a show and tell; Richard H. and Paul K. Paul K. won the show and tell prize.

BELLAIRE MARCH 18 MEETING – Meeting had 17 people attending. Karl B. and Richard H. requested a moment of silence for Netherlands and New Zealand. Karl B. noted some of the projects, he has completed since the last meeting, March 4. Confirmed American Numismatic Association dues paid for 2019. Announced the American Numismatic Association nation coin show in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Recreated the official meeting auction form. Karl B. visited Royal Coins. Royal asked for information about club meetings in the city. Karl B. recreated a post card with the Bellaire coin club meetings. Karl B. presented a report on the 58 tables sold. Some of the paid dealers would rent two or more tables, properly presenting their items for sale. The total of paid in full dealers is 43. Garth C restated what Karl B. does in a single day or between meetings. Karl B. announced that the club has reloaded the container holding numismatic gifts. The following members presented a show and tell; Karl B., Garth C., Tim C, and Alvin S. Tim C won the show and tell prize.



GHCC MARCH MEETING – The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jack D.

Opening Remarks: Congrats to Gail B. on his 90th birthday; Albert S. had massive heart-attack, keep in your thoughts.

Visitors and Guests: Tom M. and Michael L., the presenter for program this evening

Show-N-Tell: led by Tom S. Many interesting items were shared.

Show-N-Tell random drawing winner: Michael W.

Monthly Quiz: only 1 person answered 3 correctly – Alvin S.

Program by Michael L. on the collection of signatures. Discussed the difficulty in getting current signatures unlike the old days, when you could mail items and get them signed pretty easily. Is working on several signature collections such as presidential, astronauts; military leaders; probably has couple hundred thousand signatures; Buys on internet, eBay, and known dealers across the country. Storage is just as important for each type of medium (baseball cards, golf balls, baseballs, etc.). Stored in all rigid plastic sleeves; UV protection is very important. In some cases signature certification can be costly. Signatures, such as a Christy Mathewson, could typically be around \$2M; baseball could be \$25M; He was able to obtain George Springer autograph at the 2017 fan fest. Very nice presentation, everyone in the room could relate to the importance of taking care of your collection, and the difficulties faced when completing a collection type.

Business Meeting: New Member Applications Accepted: Adam Sparks and Craig Castillo

Houston Money Show Update: Melvin N. asked for a volunteer to take over the Exhibit Chair position for the Show. John B. will not be exhibit chair for 2020 show.

Slate of EC officers and directors presented to membership and voted by acclamation.

TNA raffle tickets are on sale: see John or Eve B. GHCC plans to purchase a block of tickets as we have in the past and will hand out to members who attend the next two meetings; Drawing is scheduled for June 2

50/50 raffle winner: Barb P.

Attendance Door Prize: Bill W.

Pasadena Coin Club

PASADENA MARCH MEETING – Pasadena Coin Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Highway. More information is available at www.PasadenaCoinClub.org. Please join us for interesting talks like this recent one about Roman Republican Bronze Coins, 214 to 50 BC.

The Roman Republic had eight¹ denominations of struck bronze coins. Each coin has its own obverse character and mark of value. The reverse has a ship's prow. Normally a Quadrans has Hercules on the obverse. The exception is a coin issued Luceria (SE Italy) in 211 to 208 BC that has Mercury on the obverse. Experts² do not agree if this was a design experiment shortly after the start of struck bronze coins or a blunder by the celetor who made the dies.

1. There are a few other denominations that were issued infrequently.

2. Grueber in Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum has a footnote that calls the coin a blunder. Crawford in Coins of the Roman Republic calls it a normal issue.

3. Quartuncia photo from CNG Electronic Auction 201, lot 321. Other coins from author's collection.



DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR

GATEWAY FEBRUARY 7 MEETING: The meeting opened with forty-one members present, including all officers. Also, in attendance were four visitors: Angie L., Sam K., Chuck S., and Fernando G. Angie was warmly welcomed as our newest GCC member. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Old Business: The upcoming GCC Coin Show was briefly discussed. Karla G. reminded members that volunteers are needed to assist with the show. Karla circulated a sign-up sheet so members could sign up to help. The registration table will always need to be manned by between 8:00-4:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help with clean up from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

David said that he still needs members to volunteer to present numismatic programs. Frank G. reminded members that they can also present mini-programs lasting about five to minutes each. These may be given during the club's Roundtable at any meeting.

New Business: David A. discussed the idea of having an additional "Antiques, Coins, and Collectibles Show." A discussion was held and the members in attendance voted to host the additional show on July 6.

Numismatic Roundtable: Andy G. led the evening's Roundtable and many interesting items were shared. John M. won the Roundtable prize, a 1944-S Mercury Dime graded MS62 by PCGS.

GCC Raffle: The raffle winners were Debbie W., Matt B., James W., Mike G., Steve M., Andy C., Stan McM., and John M.

Auction: The auction was conducted by Matt B. and David A. with the assistance of Frank G. David A. donated a lot, which was bought by visitor Fernando G. for \$3.00. Thank you David and Fernando for your support to our club.

The Attendance Prize, a 1923 Peace dollar, was won by Paul R.

FEBRUARY 21 MEETING: The February 21, 2019 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 32 members in attendance, including all officers. Also, in attendance were three visitors who became new GCC members: Fernando G., Tim W., and Bob S.

Treasurer Steve M. gave the financial report.

Old Business: The Relocation Committee (David A., Stan McM., and Steve M.) presented a recommendation for a new meeting location. They recommend that the club consider moving our meetings to the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) located at 14250 San Pedro (also known as US-281N). There will be no charge for using the meeting room, however club members would need to purchase items off the menu even if it is only dessert and coffee.

Karla G. had the new flyers for the next "Antiques, Coins, and Collectibles Show" at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on July 6. She will email the dealer form to the membership.

Ray T. said that there is one-half of a dealer table available for the Schertz show. Let him know if you are interested in using it.

David A. said that David Fe. will be doing a two-part presentation on "The Coins of Panama." David Fe. will present the first half tonight and the second half on March 21. However, David A. still needs members to volunteer to present programs in April, May, June, July, and August. Presenters' names will be entered into a drawing at the September Club Dinner. The winner will receive a very nice prize. Last year's winner, Larry F., received an Australian two-ounce silver Koala coin.

Announcements: David A. announced that Blue Diamond will be hosting a four-day auction of guns and ammunition, March 20-23, 2019. Contact David for more information. Steve M. announced that he will soon be ordering the 2019 edition of the Red Book U S Coin Price Guide. He plans to purchase six books to use as raffle prizes. Steve is unsure what the books will cost this year, but last year a book cost \$9. If anyone wants to order a book, let Steve know.

Numismatic Roundtable: LeRoy M. led the evening's Roundtable and many interesting items were shared. Tim W. won the Roundtable prize, a 1978 Eisenhower dollar graded PR69CAM by PCGS.

GCC Raffle: The raffle winners were Rey S., Steve M., Jim R., John M. (three times), Karla G., and Stan McM.

Numismatic Educational Program: David Fe. presented this month's program on "The History of Panama." Next month he will give a second program on "The Coins of Panama." David told us that Panama was under Spanish rule for nearly 300 years

(1538-1821). He described Panama as a small country, a little more than one-tenth the size of Texas. Most visitors travel to the country by airplane or ship. The country's capital, Panama City, is known as "the crossroads of the world" because it is located at the intersection of two major routes: the Camino Real and Las Cruces Trail. Built between 1530 and 1550, the Camino Real went from Panama Viejo to Nombre de Diós. After Francis Drake sacked Nombre de Diós in 1593, the Spanish moved the terminus of the road to Porto Bello and strongly fortified the town. So after 1597, the Camino Real ran between Panama City and Porto Bello. The Las Cruces Trail went from Panama City to the town of Cruces on the Chagres River. This road became the preferred route for shipments of silver and gold from Peru to Spain. Las Cruces Trail was much easier and quicker than the Camino Real. Once the treasures reached the town of Cruces, they were sent by boat to San Lorenzo and then on to Porto Bello, also by boat. Attracted by the silver and gold, pirates began attacking Panama's coast around 1560. To protect the Atlantic end of Las Cruses Trail, the Spanish built Fort San Lorenzo at the mouth of the Chagres River. The fort was well fortified. In 1670, Henry Morgan attacked Fort San Lorenzo and left it in ruins. The following year, Morgan sacked and burned Panama City. David told us about a golden altar in a Panama City church made of mahogany but covered with gold flake. When the priests heard that Morgan was coming, they disguised the altar with whitewash or black paint so the pirate would leave the altar alone. The altar was later moved to a new church and restored so that it seemed to be made of gold. David told us that treasure was often found in Panama on the beaches and the trails because of all the pirate attacks. He said he had a co-worker who had four large cigar boxes (the size of shoe boxes) that were filled with pieces of eight found on the beaches near Fort San Lorenzo. The co-worker's family found the treasure by sifting beach sand through a screen. David and another co-worker uncovered a section of the Camino Real with its paved rounded stones. Using a metal detector, David searched the section trying to locate some treasure. When the detector's alarm sounded, David dug for what he hoped would be some silver or gold. Instead, he uncovered an old Spanish stirrup made of iron. The stirrup was roughly 200-300 years old. David passed around the stirrup and a few of the pieces of silver found in Panama.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Frank G. The first lot was a waterproof cover for a suitcase donated by Rey S. This lot was purchased by Bob S. for \$1.25. Felix M. also donated \$1 to the club. GCC thanks Rey, Bob, and Felix for their generosity.

Attendance Prize: 1922 Peace dollar was won by David Fe.

DISTRICT 10 - *Don Tomko, Governor*



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

EL PASO MARCH MEETING – President Jason presided at the March 11, 2019 meeting with 44 members and 3 guests present. The guests were Carlos Tena, Mily Silva, and Norman Santoscoy. Guests were welcomed and asked to tell about their numismatic interests.

Jason announced that the club did real well at the coin show. Congratulations to member Juan R. who sold over \$600 of tickets.

A plaque was presented to Quality Coins for their support of the club and the coin show. Certificates of appreciation for exhibiting at the coin show were presented to Chuck, Bob P., Harold, Juan R., Terry, and Steve P. For the full exhibits John won 1st place, Bob won 2nd place, and Juan R. won 3rd. Winners of the mini exhibits were 1st place Terry, 2nd place Steve, and 3rd place John.

Terry made comments about the coin show. He announced one outstanding display got people involved, and that exhibit was presented by Bob P. He won honorable mention.

Don announced the TNA show in Arlington, May 31-June 2 and he has raffle tickets for \$1.00 each for the prizes to be awarded.

Badges were given to James and Joe. Applications were read for Natalia Sarchenko and Carmen Teresa Brewer. The application of Emmanuel L. was favorably voted upon.

Donna Aranda was given her prize she won at the coin show.

Wheels were replaced on two sets of racks – there were literally chunks missing.

Clifford Mishner, numismatic news writer, will be coming for our 2020 coin show.

In his presentation to the members of the club, Brian logged onto the internet website NNP.WUSTL.EDU to acquaint the club members of the Newton Numismatic Portal (NNP). The Portal is funded from the estate of Eric P. Newman and managed from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. The NNP is digitizing all important numismatic books, magazines, newsletters, government documents, and auction catalogs so they can be available for every ones use without charge of subscription. Under the periodicals category we can now call up copies of nearly all the US Mint Annual Reports from 1795-2016. So far, over 24,000 volumes have been digitized and more than 4,000 numismatists profiled.

Our auction team, Steve, Bob and Willie, lead a lively auction.

Numismatic prizes were won by Richard, Don S., Emmanuel, Terry, Walt, and Juan R. The Grand Prize, a NGC MS70 Slab Silver Eagle, was won by Joe.

DISTRICT 12 - LANE BRUNNER, GOVERNOR



TYLER FEBRUARY MEETING – Meeting called to order by TCC President Lane B. with pledge to the flag. 41 attendees included Members: 38, Guests: 2, and New Members: 1.

The club was lead in prayer by Larry V.

Please keep Tom, Tommy, Aleasha, Ken, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members. Jack Gilbert, Texas Numismatic Association Treasurer, attended the meeting as a special guest of Richard L.

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

Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report.

David gave an update on preparations for the 2019 coin show (June 21-22). Dealer tables are sold out.

Lane announced availability of raffle tickets for the TNA show scheduled for May 31-June 2019. Lane encouraged additional member participation with educational presentations and coin clinics (aka show & tell) at monthly meetings. A Photographing Coins workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. Additional information will be available soon. Lane discussed new membership levels including a family membership and lifetime membership. Members discussed. Officers will discuss further and make a final recommendation. The new membership levels would be effective starting January 2020.

Allen B. gave a presentation on identifying counterfeit Confederate notes listed on eBay.

Mark P. gave a brief presentation on the new 2019-W Lincoln Proof Cent that he received with his 2019 United States Mint Proof Set.

Club Auction (Larry V.): 19 items sold - \$469.75

Door prize winners: Al, Ed, Ray, and Royce.

Refreshments: A big Thank You to John & Sandra for providing refreshments!

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT MARCH MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Sweitzer. Twenty members were in attendance along with one visitor, Preston Lewis. George Woodburn provided the Treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$1,050.30 and petty cash of \$119.20 for a grand total of \$1,169.50.

New Business: Rob Robinson announced that he had raffle tickets available for 4 gold coins to be given away at the TNA Show in Arlington. The show will be held at the Arlington Convention Center May 31 - June 2. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Connolly O'Brien announced that the Texas Coin Show at Grapevine will be held March 22 - 24.

Program: Tony Zupkas provided the program about collecting coins by birth year. Tony was born in 1951 and provided some interesting facts of what was going on in that year. Tony then passed around his collection of world coins from 1951 for everyone to see. Per Tony, many coins of your birth year can be obtained very economically by searching through dealer boxes of world coins at coin shows. The coins in Tony's collection totaled 136 and were arranged alphabetically by country with 46 countries represented. Tony said that he still has a way to go and may never get all the countries.

Drawings were held and Jean Sweitzer won the membership prize. Raffle prize winners were Del Shumate, Ollie Garrett, and Don Vanadore.

Rob Robinson conducted the auction.



WICHITA FALLS FEBRUARY MEETING – Called to order with 21 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Connolly O'Brien gave the Treasurer's report and said that there was \$769.58 in savings, \$904.14 in checking, \$194.25 in treasurer's cash, and \$676.10 in President's cash for a total of \$2,544.07.

Announcements: Rob Robinson said that the TNA Coin Show is scheduled for the end of May 2019. Tony Zupkas said that the Wichita Falls Coin Shop has a Facebook page, so please "like" to increase attention for the store. Tony said that the coin shop needs more business to ensure that it stays open, as our city needs to have a coin shop open, otherwise you will have to purchase coin supplies and coins online.

New Business: Connolly O'Brien asked if we should have more than one coin club meeting a month. It generated some discussion, but the club didn't reach a consensus.

Program: Duane Palmer demonstrated how to test silver coins to determine if the coins are fake or real silver. Duane took a Neodymium magnetic disc that you can purchase at Lowe's or Home Depot. Duane held a silver coin at a 45 degree angle and slid the Neodymium magnetic disc from the top of the coin. If the coin is silver, the disc will slide down slowly. If the coin is not silver, the disc should slide fairly quickly down the side of the coin. Duane said that weighing coins is another method to detect fake silver. Tony Zupkas said that another way to test coins is to place a piece of tracing paper on the coin. Silver coins tend to look white in color through the paper, while fake coins tend to appear darker. Rob Robinson said that even with certified coins there can be risk when purchasing. Rob said that a coin collector bought a 1995 "W" MS-70 Silver Eagle a few years ago for \$90K. Since then, there have been a number of MS-70 coins certified, devaluing the coin to about \$11K for a \$79K loss.

Membership Prize: 1971 Eisenhower Uncirculated Silver Dollar: Duane Palmer

Raffle Prize: 2019 Silver Eagle: Don Vandadore, One Dollar Silver Certificate Series 1957: Jean Sweitzer, 1983 Proof Set: Dan Gary, and 1989 Mint Set: Mike Cato

Auctioneer: Rob Robinson with 64 lots

DISTRICT 14 - RENE DE LA GARZA, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO APRIL MEETING – The April meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Edgar Navejar. There were 40 members present and 7 door prizes were given out. The members that joined have been accepted and brings our total for the year to 78.

Sec./Treas. Raul H. Gonzalez has been busy updating our web site - www.hidalgocoinclub.com. There are new auction forms that have been updated and has added a Special Auction Item Form. After working with the web site company, HCC Members will now be able to feature higher valued coins for an upcoming monthly meeting. Members will be able to view ahead of time these more rare or scarce coins online before the next meeting

in order to come prepared monetarily to the meetings.

We have redesigned our new club shirts and have been taking orders this month. These are Polo shirts with a pocket, embroidered logo and come in 2 colors - Teal Green and Khaki.

Our monthly Friday Night Coin Shows have been gaining lots of attention.



More outside people are attending thanks to all of the promotions in the newspapers, social media, the Chamber of Commerce and Craigslist. We hold our night show every month just 4 days after our monthly meeting. It's a 3 hour show from 6 pm to 9 pm. We feel that we need to bring together the dealers, coin club members and people around the Rio Grande Valley at least once a month. These night shows were started in 2012 and have become a mainstay because of its popularity.

The April meeting ended with a lively auction of about 90 coin lots. Rene de la Garza served as the auctioneer while Tomas Marroquin and his grandson, Miguel Ortiz served as the money runners.

To learn more about our club, please visit our web site: www.hidalgocoinclub.com

DISTRICT 15 - BARBERA WILLIAMS, GOVERNOR

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB

GREATER ORANGE FEBRUARY MEETING – The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Slabaugh at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. There were 10 members and one guest in attendance.

The treasurers report was given and adopted.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were adopted.

There was no Did You Know Due to the absence of sever key club members, who were preparing the facilities for the upcoming coin show.

There was no accurate count on tables sold. Bernard was asked to give a talk on foreign coins during the show if there were enough interested individuals willing to participate in the lecture.

Program: Jerry delivered a great program on the \$100,000.00 Gold Certificate. He explained its purpose, design and history of the note.

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THE GOBRECHT DOLLAR



This is the reverse of the silver dollar of 1836. Dies for this coin, with a realistic flying eagle, were cut by Christian Gobrecht (Chief Engraver of the Mint) to serve as a re-introduction of the silver dollar after a hiatus of thirty years. According to the latest scholarship, the striking of 1,000 specimens of these dollars came in December 1836 in two batches of about equal size, distinguished now by certain marks on the rims left by damage to the dies by malfunctioning feeder fingers. Records show most of this issue was released to banks and many coins entered circulation. It is collected today as more than just a pattern, as it is an important part of a type set of coins issued for circulation. Additional Gobrecht dollars were issued for circulation in 1839 (very scarce), and a large volume production of regular Seated Liberty Dollars began in 1840.



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STOLEN COIN DECEMBER 21

During the Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show held on December 16, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Timonium, Lutherville-Timonium, a slabbed NGC 1785 Bust Right Connecticut was stolen. The coin is graded, XF Details Environmental Damage with an NGC number of 4246591-007.



UPS THEFT: GOLD COINS JANUARY 17

Detectives with the Tinicum Township police department are investigating a theft involving a large amount of gold coins. The coins were being shipped to Germany via UPS and was last scanned at the Philadelphia air hub.

Based upon the preliminary investigation it is believed the suspect or suspects are local and may attempt to sell the coins in the Philadelphia or outlying towns or municipalities.

7 Mexican 50 Pesos

586 French 20 Francs Napoleon III

Any dealer or collector who may be offered coins as described above please contact NCIC or:

Det. Sgt. James Simpkins, 610-52103830
Tinicum Township Police Department
Essington, PA

SUSPECTS SEEN IN PROVO, UT JANUARY 22

The suspects below were just seen in a shop in Provo, Utah. All Utah dealers and surrounding states should be on the alert.



These suspects have been identified in other thefts across the country. NCIC and UK Law enforcement partners have positive ID on these subjects. The suspects may have a small child traveling with them. MO is the same- wanting gold coins flashing large roll of cash.

MISSING COIN JANUARY 27

The following coin has been reported missing after the FUN show in Orlando.



MISSING/STOLEN COINS FEDEX FEBRUARY 27

The following coins were being shipped from New Jersey to Austin, Texas. Upon arrival in Texas, the package was empty. The last known tracking location was in Memphis, Tennessee.

Missing/Stolen Coins:

- 1880 CC Morgan 8/High 7 PCGS MS 66 - 85183142
- 1883 CC Morgan PCGS MS 67 - 25321383
- 1901 O \$10 Liberty PCGS MS 62 - 36461860
- 1906 D \$10 Liberty PCGS MS 62 - 36461861
- 1879 \$3 Gold PCGS MS 64 - 50045270
- 1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar NGC XF 45 - 3723319003
- 1922 Gold Commemorative Grant with Star PCGS MS 67 - 6593592
- 1909 S VDB Penny PCGS MS 65 Red - 36472621
- 1901 S \$5 Liberty PCGS MS 66 CAC - 36600710
- 1902 Morgan PCGS MS 66 - 36600709
- 1941 Mercury Dime PCGS MS 67 FB CAC - 36600692
- 1942 D Mercury Dime PCGS MS 67 FB CAC - 36600693
- 1940 Walking Liberty Half Dollar PCGS MS 67 - 36600694
- 1941 S Walking Liberty Half Dollar PCGS MS 65 - 36600695
- 1936 D Cincinnati Commerative PCGS MS 66 + CAC - 36600698
- 1934 D Oregon Silver Commerative PCGS MS 66 CAC - 36600699
- 1878 8TF Morgan PCGS MS 64 CAC - 36600704
- 1880 CC Morgan 8/high 7 PCGS MS 66+ CAC - 36472613
- 1936 S Mercury Dime PCGS MS 67 FB CAC - 36600774
- 1926 D Peace Dollar PCGS MS 64 + CAC - 3600776
- 1855 type 2 Gold Dollar PCGS MS 63 - 36600781
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POSSIBLE FRAUD/BAD CHECKS

FEBRUARY 28

NCIC is looking for any dealer who has been contacted or done business with an individual identified as David Lane and uses a Los Angeles, CA address.

A Spokane, Washington dealer advises this individual attempted to buy 60 ounces of gold but became suspicious of the individual's intentions and stopped the transaction. The individual spoke with an indistinguishable accent.

NCIC is investigating whether David Lane has issued bad checks to other dealers in the Washington area.

MARCH 1 ADDITION

NCIC is investigating individuals ordering large amounts of gold coins with fraudulent checks. The names are different but the address is the same except for the Suite number.

David Lane
5440 Crenshaw Blvd Ste.1100
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Mark Lewis
5440 Crenshaw Blvd Ste. 3300
Los Angeles, CA 90043

NCIC is coordinating this investigation with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.

MISSING/STOLEN BANKNOTE

MARCH 1

The following note being shipped via USPS from South Carolina to Texas has been reported missing/stolen. Last tracking shows parcel to have arrived at the Coppell, Texas facility.



MISSING/STOLEN COINS USPS

MARCH 1

A USPS package being shipped from New Jersey to Colorado has been reported missing/stolen.

The package contained the following coins:

Territorial North Carolina C.Bechtler \$5 Restrike PCGS PR63Cam 5975357

1872 Two Cents PCGS PR66RB+ 35819057

1856 Half Dime Seated Liberty,Drapery PCGS MS64 84624907

1795 Half Dollar Flowing Hair PCGS VF30 36753248

1854O \$5 Gold Liberty No Motto PCGS AU55 36801420

1891CC \$5 Gold Liberty With Motto NGC XF45 142975024

1903 \$5 Gold Liberty with Motto PCGS MS63 9553886

MISSING/STOLEN COINS USPS

MARCH 16

A package being shipped via USPS to Pennsylvania has been reported missing. The last scanned location was Dunmore, PA.

The package contained the following coins:

Coin #1 - Cert#: 36983394, PCGS#: 516502 - 2013 \$50 American Buffalo .9999 Fine Gold - Grade MS68

Coin #2 - Cert#: 36983395, PCGS#: 99963 - 2002-W \$50 Gold Eagle. DC - Grade PR69DC

Coin #3 - Cert#: 36983396, PCGS#: 99962 - 2002-W \$25 Gold Eagle. DC - Grade PR68DC

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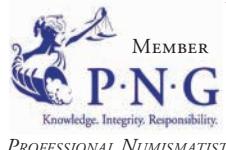
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