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2026 EAST TEXAS COIN SHOW



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Hello!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

The spring and summer coin show schedule is filling up, and excitement is building as we prepare for the TNA Convention and Show in Fort Worth on May 15-17. This year's event promises something for everyone, from engaging youth activities (including TWO youth auctions on Saturday), educational exhibits, a gold coin raffle, evening auctions from Early Cents Auctions, and a busy bourse floor filled with dealers. The convention is a wonderful opportunity to learn, find new treasures, and reconnect with fellow collectors from across the state. You will find convention information on the following pages, and I hope you will join us!

To keep you connected between conventions, the TNA is pleased to bring you THIS magazine four times per year. We often have a few magazines that don't make it to their destinations through the mail. If that happens, please let me know, as I am always happy to send you a replacement. Please be patient on the upcoming June issue, which will be delayed by a couple of weeks to allow for the convention photos to be included.

Speaking of "can't miss" issues, we are pleased to bring you Part 2 of Jason Elwell's series on L.W. Hoffecker and the Old Spanish Trail Commemorative Half Dollar he championed. This part gets into the story of Cabeza de Vaca and Narváez' tumultuous expedition that inspired the design. We hope you continue to follow along on this series!

Also in this issue, Mark Benvenuto attended the FIDEM conference on medals in Germany and shares his experience. It's a great read, and it might inspire you to attend the next Congress in Prague in 2027. Lastly, John Barber brings some clarity and steadiness to collecting in this uncertain silver and gold market. I hope you find it helpful for explaining the causes of the spike in the metals markets and for considering the costs for heavy silver collectible coins like Morgan dollars.

Next Publication Deadline:

April 30

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rene de la Garza
TNA President

Fellow Numismatist,

It is hard to believe that our annual TNA Convention and Coin and Currency Show is less than three months away. I am excited and looking forward to visiting with my friends and meeting new ones at the show. The TNA board of governors and show producer Jim Fitzgerald are working diligently to make this show's transition to our new location at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth a huge success. The bourse will be hosting dealers from across Texas and from out-of-state with a plethora of numismatic items to meet your coin-collecting needs. We look forward to having Early Cents Auctions for evening auctions on Friday and Saturday. There will be opportunities for children with activities that allow them to interact with coins. We will be having educational exhibits, which are always quite fascinating. The highlight of the show, in my opinion, are the children's auctions, with two sessions on Saturday to give everyone a chance to participate. In a nutshell, there will be plenty of things to see and do for collectors of all ages.

See you in Fort Worth,
RENE

TNA GOLD COIN RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$1 EACH & AVAILABLE NOW!

Pre-show entry deadline is midnight on May 15, based on availability.

CHECK TO: TNA
MAIL TO: JACK GILBERT
1093 SUNSET CT.
KELLER, TX 76248

ZELLE PAYMENTS: TNA PAYMENT@YAHOO.COM
(Please include your contact info and "Raffle" in payment notes.)

QUESTIONS: GILBEJ@YAHOO.COM
(817) 431-0070

The 2026 Texas Numismatic Association Gold Coin Raffle drawing will be held on May 17 as part of our Convention activities at the Amon G. Carter Exhibits Hall. Thank you to Doug Baliko with Heritage Auctions for coordinating the donation of the coins this year!

To enter, send an email with your contact info and number of tickets requested to TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert (gilbej@yahoo.com). Mail a check or use Zelle to pay electronically. Your TNA Governor has tickets available, as well.

The TNA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization, and your participation in the raffle helps fund the youth engagement, educational grants, and outreach programs of the Association.



Texas Numismatic Association Coin & Currency Show Returns to Fort Worth, Texas!

MAY 15 – 17, 2026

Fri & Sat, May 15-16: 9AM – 6PM / Sun, May 17: 9AM – 3PM

Amon G. Carter Exhibits Hall

3401 West Lancaster Ave, Ft Worth, TX 76107

\$5 Adult Admission, Kids 16 and Under Free

TNA Members always FREE admittance

Hourly Door Prizes – Educational Exhibits

Book Auction - Raffle for Gold Coins – Youth Auctions

Educational Speaker Forums

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ANACS Coin Grading Accepting Submissions during show.

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Jim Fitzgerald – Show Producer

817-688-6994 / TNAFortWorth@Gmail.com

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SHOW WEBSITE



Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary

TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

SPRING 2026

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-8274 to R-8286. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members. The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members.

TNA#	Name	Proposer	District
R-8287	David Harmon	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8288	James Greenhill	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8289	Wayne Miller	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8290	Lonnie Gegenheimer	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8291	William Romo	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8292	Tim Bahl	Gary Foreman	15
R-8293	Jay Comeaux	Gary Foreman	15
R-8294	David Miller	Gary Foreman	15
R-8295	Glenn Vercher	Gary Foreman	22
R-8296	Arthur Williams	Unknown	5
R-8297	Servando Farias	Catalina Amaral	14
R-8298	Joe Culty	Jason Elwell	10
R-8299	Mario Voss	Robert Drozd	4
R-8300	Robert Downes	Unknown	17
R-8301	Rodney C. Pavlock	Unknown	6
R-8302	Helen Gipson	Unknown	5
R-8303	Karl Moody	John Barber	6
R-8304	Chuck Cox	Unknown	12
R-8305	Gary Grose	Robert Drozd	4
R-8306	Jeremiah Nichols	Robert Drozd	4
R-8307	Lloyd Gibson	Jason Elwell	10

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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

(See page 43 for membership details)

ELECTRONIC DUES PAYMENT OPTION

Pay electronically through Zelle to
TNApayments@yahoo.com

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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

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

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



Jack Gilbert
TNA Treasurer

TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT AND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR GRANTS

2025 TNA GRANT WINNERS

Each year, the TNA issues Grants to two qualifying members to cover the cost to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. TNA also funds five \$125 reimbursement Grants to qualifying members to purchase books and material to improve their numismatic libraries.

The drawing for the two ANA Seminars Grants and the five Improve Your Library Grants was held on January 17, 2026 at the Greater Houston Money Show in Conroe, Texas. Tickets were drawn by three young numismatists George age 7, Henry age 13, and Jane age 17. The drawings were witnessed by TNA officers Rick Ewing and Jack Gilbert, as well as visitors at the Coin Show. Treasurer Jack Gilbert matched the winning tickets to each winner's entry form.

Congratulations to the following winners:

ANA SUMMER SEMINAR GRANT

- #1 - George Morris
- #2 - Larry Herrera

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- #1 - Mark Carmena
- #2 - Jose Serrano
- #3 - Dallas Coin Club
- #4 - Vernon Runyan
- #5 - Jim Jeska

All eligible TNA members who have been members and are non-winners for 2 years may send me an email any time this year requesting entry tickets for the next TNA drawing to be held in late 2026 or early 2027. The drawings held this year were held with just over 30 tickets! Next year lets have a WHOLE LOT MORE ENTRIES!!

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

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash			
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$17,664.28		
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$20,036.72		
Treasury Bills (Par value \$110,000)	\$106,151.30		
Great Plains Bank CD (Mat 12/8/25)	\$75,054.24		
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year			\$218,906.54
Long Term Assets			
I-Bonds			
	\$22,616.00		
Endowment - Treasury Notes (Par value \$100,000)			
	\$99,585.30		
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000			
McFadden Fund - \$70,000			
Total Long Term Assets			\$122,201.30
TOTAL ASSETS			\$341,107.84
LIABILITIES			
Total Liabilities			
			None.
SURPLUS			
Beginning Balance 3/1/2025			
			\$368,036.46
Income (Plus)	\$42,945.44		
Expenses (Minus)	-\$69,874.06		
Surplus			-\$26,928.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS			\$341,107.84

COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

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

The TNA has several financial assistance programs, including Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show, Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics, and Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists Clubs interested in the TNA Assistance Programs should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com.

ADVERTISE IN THE TNA NEWS

Contact: theTNAnews@gmail.com

Advertising in the TNA News is an efficient way to reach hundreds of collectors and dealers in Texas. Provide your own ad or have TNA News create one for you at no extra charge. Annual and single-issue rates below.

Annual, 4-issue rates

Full Page: \$445

Half Page: \$225

Quarter Page: \$125

Single-issue rates

Full Page: \$115

Half Page: \$60

Quarter Page: \$35

Professional Directory: \$30

Club Directory: \$20

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

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TNA NEWS

Contact: theTNAnews@gmail.com

The TNA News was previously awarded Third Place by the American Numismatic Association for Outstanding Regional Publication. This award recognized the TNA Members who filled each page of the magazine with their excellent contributions. Educate and inspire members across Texas by submitting an article or a Show & Tell item to the TNA News!

Your submitted article can be any length, but it may need to be trimmed down to accommodate the space available in the magazine. Keeping it shorter than 1,500 words is a good rule of thumb. Reach out any time, as new content is always needed.

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

2026 TNA COIN & CURRENCY SHOW

MAY 15-17 | Fri. & Sat. 9-6 • Sun. 9-3

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SEEKING EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

EXHIBITS

An Exhibit is a "Show and Tell" of a numismatic item or multiple items in your collection. Your coins, paper money or medals (the Show) will be accompanied by a story about those items (the Tell.) Numismatists love to show off a new find or purchase, and a Show and Tell is your opportunity to do just that. Previous articles in the TNA News have mentioned the many reasons and benefits for creating an exhibit and suggestions for making one. Please refer to some of those articles for more information about creating an exhibit and how exhibits are judged.

Exhibitors will place their exhibits in lockable cases provided by TNA. Exhibits can be just a single case or multiple cases and can be entered in one of seven competitive classes or entered non-competitively. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding competitive exhibits. Applications, rules and a sample scoresheet can be downloaded at TNA.org.

EXHIBIT SPONSORSHIPS

An Exhibit Sponsor is an individual or club who makes a donation to the TNA Educational Exhibit fund.

Sponsorship levels are Bronze (\$25), Silver (\$50) and Gold (\$100+). Clubs and individuals who become an Exhibit Sponsor will receive recognition at the TNA Show, in the Show Program and the TNA News. Being an Exhibit Sponsor is a great way to support TNA's Educational Exhibit Program.

**THE DEADLINE FOR EXHIBIT APPLICATIONS AND
SPONSORSHIPS IS APRIL 20.**

For more information, call, email or text Gary and Judy Dobbins
Email: g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net Phone/Text: 214-498-9923

NUMISMATIC COMMUNITY NEWS

There are great things happening at coin clubs all over Texas right now! Check out the club meeting recaps (pg. 30), Club Directory (pg. 43), and Calendar of Events (pg. 48) to get more involved with your local club and other numismatic events in your area. Submit stories and news about your club's events and activities to theTNAnews@gmail.com.

LONGVIEW COIN CLUB

Charles Justman, President of Longview Coin Club

CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

Longview's coin club charity event and membership dinner was held on December 5, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Infinity Center, home of our club meetings. There was a great turnout, with more than 104 members and guests enjoying food and fun while socializing with each other.

Then there was the big event: the third annual Longview Coin Club charity event. Once again, the club membership decided to sponsor the Longview Police department's Blue Santa program, a program that helps local children that the police officers come in contact with during their patrols. Once selected, children are given a \$150 gift card and an officer goes with them and lets them pick out what they want for Christmas during an event, and this year it was at Wal-Mart.

The auction started at 7:05 PM with Walt Cade from Walt Cade Auctions (from A&E's *Storage Wars*) being the evening's auctioneer. I am very proud to say the Longview Coin Club's membership did not disappoint with the generous amount of items donated for auctioning. With the big hearts of those in attendance, the club membership raised \$10,000! This was truly an exceptional evening thanks to the club's membership and guests.

This should make any numismatist proud knowing that while we gather each month to share the news of our hobby and passion, we will not forget those who are in need in our communities.

My thanks to all those who helped make this a great event possible, and to our membership for ensuring many children experienced a joyful Christmas.



More than 104 members and guests attended the event



Officer Cindy Howell with the Longview Police Department Blue Santa program and Charles Justman, LCC President



The charity check being held by some of the members during our January meeting

**FORT WORTH
COIN CLUB**

**FORT WORTH COIN CLUB
COIN SHOW**

April 17-18, 2026

**Friday, April 17: 12pm-5pm
Saturday, April 18: 9am-4pm**

**White Settlement Convention Center
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White Settlement, TX 76108**

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Contact: Kevin Guiles • 817-437-0562 • bourse@ftwcoin.club



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April 3 & 4

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3: 12 PM - 6 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 4: 9 AM - 4 PM**

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Coin Show**

Presented by Gateway Coin Club

June 27, 2026

9am-4pm

FREE Parking

\$2 Adult Admission

Schertz Civic Center

**1400 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, TX 78154**

Contact: Ray Tate
retate@msn.com
(210) 271-3429
P.O. Box 12964
San Antonio, TX 78212

www.GatewayCoinClub.com

**Future San Antonio show date:
February 27, 2027**



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Dec 12, 2026

Aug 21, 2027

Dec 11, 2027

Aug 19, 2028

Dec 9, 2028

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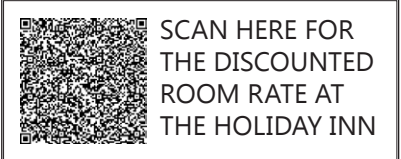


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Meeting dates:

2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month
(Except in Nov and Dec)

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Check Facebook for meeting location and details



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FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON SITE

COIN AND CURRENCY EXHIBITS

LONGVIEW COIN CLUB WILL HOLD A RAFFLE OF COLLECTIBLES COINS. Tickets will be on sale on the days of the show with the drawing being held in the last hour of the show on Saturday. You do not have to be present to win.

NUMISMATIC COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH STAR OF TEXAS COIN CLUB

Joseph Vincent, Treasurer of North Star of Texas Coin Club

PARIS COIN SHOW EXCEEDS ATTENDANCE RECORD

The November 8th Paris Coin Show, sponsored by the North Star of Texas Coin Club, was a triumph. Not only was it a sold-out show, but it also surpassed the largest attendance record.

There were educational exhibits, the Native American artifacts exhibit was especially popular with youngsters, and plenty of giveaways to attendees. Attendees received our traditional wooden nickels, and, as special treat, a limited supply of 2025 cents (P & D) were given out as we all bid farewell to the Lincoln cent this year.

The vendors all reported that buying and selling were excellent, and they were all treated to a free lunch as a thank you for their participation in the Paris Coin Show this year. The club wishes to thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts to ensure the success of this year's Paris Coin Show.



IN MEMORY OF FRAN EWING

The TNA Board of Governors sends its deepest condolences to former TNA President Rick Ewing on the passing of his beloved wife. **Fran Ewing** was a long-time, active member of the TNA and attended the ANA Summer Seminar twice on TNA Scholarships. After her passing, her husband was surprised to find she had collected more than 500 elongated cents and English pennies dating back to 1840. Fran was a fixture at coin club meetings and shows across the state, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



From Eve Barber at the Greater Houston Coin Club:

Fran was not a traditional coin enthusiast, although she did dabble with a couple of collections. Mostly Fran accompanied her husband Rick to meetings and shows to support his interest in the hobby. Fran volunteered for the TNA shows and helped where she could.

One year she came to stay at our place in the mountains. Fran had an avid interest in wild flowers and nature (except for the bear that chased us into the house). Since she was there, she checked out my yard. I had no idea we had so many pretty weeds. When I was undergoing chemotherapy, a day did not go by that I didn't get a note, a text, or a call from Fran to lift my spirits.

Fran had a very quiet personality and a very sharp wit. Being a part of the TNA family and the Greater Houston Coin Club family is the reason I was able to have a friend like Fran.

Thank you, Rick for being involved in this hobby that developed friendships. Thank you, Fran for being my friend. A friend I think of every day.

TNA COINS FOR A'S

We had 140 kids come through for Penny-in-the-Slot and the Treasure Chest at the Houston Money Show in January. We had several TNA Coins for A's YN's come to the show. We also received a large donation from District 12 delivered by TNA Governor Stephen Gipson. We are very appreciative of their continued support. - Coins for A's Administrator



ENCOURAGE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS IN YOUR AREA

Coins for A's is a program from the TNA to enhance the collections and numismatic knowledge of children in Texas. By submitting their good grades, students can receive U.S. and international coins or paper currency relevant to their collecting interests.

This program is open to K-12, Montessori, and home school students with at least one A (or A-equivalent) on their report card. Flyers for the 2025/2026 school year are available at [TNA.org/coins_for_a.htm](https://www.tna.org/coins_for_a.htm) for you to download and print to distribute in your local schools. Contact the Coins for A's Administrator at Coins4As@gmail.com for more information on promoting this program in your area or to request a packet of printed flyers.

DONATE COINS OR PAPER CURRENCY

We strive to fill the inventory with the types of numismatic items our hard-working students are interested in collecting. Many kids request Liberty Nickels, silver quarters, and world coins featuring animals, plants, or other imagery not usually seen on American currency.

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

HONOR YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

Consider giving to the Coins for A's program to inspire the next generation of collectors while honoring your club members. Your gift will help purchase the coins and currency that recognizes the hard work and collecting interests of our students. Notice of the honor can be published in the TNA News at your request. Contact Coins4As@gmail.com with any questions.

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

CALL FOR DONATIONS TNA YOUTH AUCTIONS ON MAY 16

With the price of silver reaching historic heights, we need your help to stay within budget and fill the auction tables for the TNA Youth Auctions at the May convention. Please look through your collection to see if you have coins, paper currency, medals, tokens, or other related numismatic items you can contribute.

Donations should be sent to TNA Youth Auction Co-chair Dalia Smith by April 30. Reach out to Dalia at grimsonsmith@yahoo.com to coordinate shipping.

Thank you for helping to inspire the next generation of collectors!

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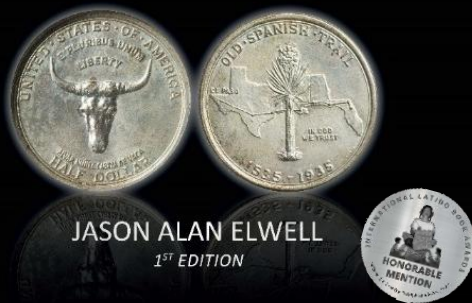
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TNA SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell is a staple of most coin club gatherings, and we are pleased to highlight some great items from collectors across our state. If you want to share something from your collection for the next issue of the magazine, please email theTNAnews@gmail.com by April 30.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CURRENCY

Zachary Harris, Junior Member, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio, TX

The Republic of Texas existed only from 1836 to 1845. Early in the Republic's life, currencies from other countries circulated, including Mexico, United States of America, and Spain, as well as low denomination money from a variety of private Texan companies called shinplasters.

The Republic of Texas issued many types of paper currency but minted no coins. The first money actually authorized by the government began in 1837. These were not regular bank notes, instead they were interest-bearing notes, paying 10% of their face value after one year. These bills were printed in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500, and they featured a star on the upper part of the face. As such, they were referred to as star notes. With the introduction of these bills, shinplasters were banned as circulating currency. These notes were created by printing and engraving. Both continued until 1838 when the engraved notes began to devalue.

In 1839, new paper money, called red backs, were introduced and were printed in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$100, and \$500. Change notes, bills that could be redeemed for larger denominations, were printed for both the star notes and the red backs. Eventually, even the red backs began to



devalue because the government printed too many of them, and in 1842 they were not even valid to pay taxes!

At this point, notes printed by private companies became popular once again. The Republic's government then attempted one last hurrah and introduced new bills in early 1842. Called exchequer bills, these were just rebranded red backs and were issued in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100, as well as change notes. These also began to severely devalue due to economic reasons but rose again in the time leading up to the United States' annexation of Texas in 1845.

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HANSATSU NOTES

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In Japan, the Edo period was from about 1600 to about 1870. It is categorized as the last period of true Japanese traditional culture.

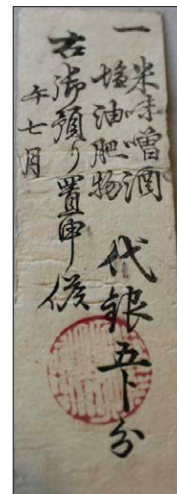
It was a long period of internal and external peace. It tried to limit foreign trade and especially any influence. The city of Edo is now the city of Tokyo and one of the largest cities in the world.

During this period, Hansatsu notes were used as a Japanese currency. These notes were long and narrow, and many people said they looked like bookmarks, hence giving them the nickname "bookmarks".

Due to the high forgery of these notes (even in those days) many of these

notes were implanted with watermarks and some had secret marks or etching only recognized by the issuers. Many of these notes had values in gold, silver or copper and could also be used for commodities like rice or flour. Most of these notes were valid for 15-25 years.

During the 1600's and 1700's, paper currency was extremely rare because it was not trusted by many people because they felt much more comfortable with gold or silver. History seems to feel these notes were



considered very successful for this period.

These notes can normally be purchased for about \$15-\$100...not bad considering some of these notes are more than 400 years old.

\$8 CONTINENTAL CURRENCY NOTE

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Continental currency was authorized on May 10, 1775, in a session of the Continental Congress and became the first federally issued paper money, predating the official birth of the United States by more than a full year. Continental currency is particularly historic because its issuance helped finance the American Revolution, which spanned from 1775 through 1783 and secured the United States as an independent nation.

This note is part of the Continental Currency series, which was authorized by the Continental Congress during a critical period in the early years of the United States. Collectors and numismatists often seek out this note for its historical significance and the unique design elements that distinguish

it from other denominations. Numbering and second signature in red ink; first signature in brown ink. The emblem on the front shows a harp with thirteen strings with the motto: "Majora Minoribus Consonant" (The larger are in harmony with the smaller).

The nature print on the back is of three sage leaves. The paper contains blue threads and mica flakes. The notes copied Pennsylvania's style and were printed by Hall and Sellers in Philadelphia.



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1925 NORSE-AMERICAN MEDAL

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The diameter of the gold medal is 24mm, the silver 29mm, and the bronze 69.5mm.

The thickness of the gold medal is 2mm, the thin silver 1.6mm, the thick silver 2mm (pictured), and the bronze 4.5 mm.

The composition of the gold medals is 90% gold/10% copper, the silver is 90% silver/10% copper, and the bronze is 90% copper/10% zinc with silver plating.

Each medal has a plain edge.

The 1925 Norse-American Medal was struck to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Norwegian ship, the Restauration, in the United States of America. On board the Restauration were immigrants from Norway, some who settled in Minnesota.

Ole J. Kvale was a Minnesota Congressman who served on the Congressional Coin, Weights, and Measures Committee. Originally, he wanted a commemorative half-dollar to be struck to for the event, but Congress had already authorized four commemorative coins earlier that year, so he supported the striking of a commemorative medal that had a better chance of being approved.

The octagonal shaped medal was struck in different metals and sizes. In

1925, the Philadelphia Mint struck 100 medals in gold, 6,000 silver medals on thin planchets, and 33,750 silver medals on thick planchets. The silver medals had a bright finish, and the gold medals had a matte finish. Larger size triple-silvered bronze pieces were also struck to be displayed at museums, with only 60 of those distributed. However, it is estimated that 60 to 75 of the bronze may have been struck. Among the 100 gold, only 53 were issued with the remaining 47 being melted.

The medal was designed by James Earle Fraser. The obverse shows a Viking warrior with horned helmet, shield, sword, and dagger, setting foot on American soil with the ship behind him. The inscription "NORSE-AMERICAN CENENNIAL, 1825

-1925" is on the obverse. The reverse shows a Viking ship with the authorization, "AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "AD 1000," the date around when the Vikings first came to North America. The artist's signature, "OPUS FRASER" (Fraser's work), is to the left of the ship on the reverse.

The octagonal shape of the Norse-American medal appeals to collectors, who are familiar with several earlier octagonal pieces, such as the 1915 Panama-Pacific \$50 gold coins, the \$50 gold "Slugs" from California after the Gold Rush, and fractional private issue gold coins in the mid to late 1800s.



CAPPED BUST 50C - TRANSITIONAL HALF DOLLARS

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In 1791, Congress passed a law that authorized a national mint. David Rittenhouse, a famous scientist, was appointed the first director of the Mint in Philadelphia, the capital of the United States from 1790 to 1800. The first half dollars, called “Flowing Hair” type, were minted in 1794 and 1795. The second series of half dollars, called “Draped Bust” type half dollars, were minted starting in 1796 through 1807.

The “Capped Bust” design half dollar was introduced in 1807 and lasted through 1839. German-born artist John Reich was hired as the Assistant Engraver at the U.S. Mint and designed the new half-dollar showing Lady Liberty, a symbol of American independence.

The obverse of Reich’s design features her facing left. She is wearing a cap, which is referred to as a Phrygian or Freedom Cap with the word LIBERTY across its brim. Liberty’s slightly curled hair flows downwards and a small part of her dress can be seen just below the neck. There are seven stars to the left and six to the right representing the original thirteen colonies. The mint date is found beneath the portrait.

The reverse displays a bald eagle with a shield, grasping arrows and an olive branch with its talons. The eagle is surrounded by the inscriptions “United States of America” and “E Pluribus Unum.” The reverse of this coin is unique in that it the first of the federal issues in the half dollar size to feature the denomination in its main design: 50 C. for “50 cents.” Before that, the half dollars didn’t show their value in the main design. The edges of the 1807-1836 coins are lettered with the denomination in five different types.

The modifications to the original design started in 1836 and include:

1. The weight and diameter of the coin were reduced which coincided with the introduction of the steam powered press.
2. A reeded-edge design was used to replace the previous lettered-edge.
3. There were subtle changes to the appearance of Liberty, the details of the eagle, and the lettering.
4. The obverse would have the stars realigned as six to the left and seven to the right.

5. The reverse would see the removal of the scroll with E PLURIBUS UNUM.
6. The denomination was altered from reading “50 C” to “50 CENTS” from 1836 to 1837 and to “HALF DOL” from 1838 until 1839.

This half dollar series had relatively high mintages with 91,088,096 coins produced across all mintage years. Most of the coins were minted at the Philadelphia Mint with a very few minted at the New Orleans Mint from 1838 to 1839. Overall, the coins were well received since dollar coins were not minted during this period except for a few years starting in 1836. The “Capped Bust” half dollars are a fascinating part of U.S. numismatic history because of their historical significance, artistry, and the variety of design types and overdates available.



THE MONTGOLFIER BROTHERS: AVIATION PIONEERS

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The Montgolfier brothers Joseph and Etienne were aviation pioneers who invented the first practical hot-air balloon. Many years earlier, Leonardo da Vinci, a painter and inventor, was creating designs for viable flying machines. Fortunately, da Vinci's drawings of balloons survived and illustrated his ideas for future aviation inventions. Although he did not directly contribute to the advancement of hot-air balloons, he did lay the groundwork for future flights which led to the Montgolfier brothers' historic flight on November 21, 1783 in Paris, France.

The balloon had a circular platform attached to the bottom that carried Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier and François Laurent, the Marquis d'Arlandes. The balloon was constructed with paper and silk made by the Montgolfier brothers. They hand fed the fire to warm up the air inside the balloon. It was a momentous event in the early history of balloon flights. "Hot-air balloons rise because the air inside the balloon is heated, making it less dense than the cooler air outside. This difference in density creates a buoyant force that lifts the balloon into the sky."

The Montgolfier brothers' creation helped launch an era of advancements in balloon flights, as more inventors and others interested in aviation innovations helped promote this form of flight.

The Shell Oil Company issued aluminum tokens during the 1960s as part of promotional games. Customers received these tokens for free with purchases at Shell service stations.

These tokens were struck by Danbury Mint in Norwalk, Connecticut, as well as several other mints.

The tokens featured the Montgolfier brothers' hot-air balloon, as well as Charles Lindbergh's airplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, and other images related to aviation. In my collection, I have these two tokens, as well as others issued by Shell Oil Company. The obverse of the token shown here has a hot-air balloon and the text reads "Joseph & Etienne Montgolfier 1783." The reverse depicts Shell's logo, a seashell with the word



"Shell" in the center. The diameter of the token is 26 mm.

The Montgolfier brothers are remembered not only for their contributions to the invention of the hot-air balloon, but also for several other inventions, such as developing a process to manufacture transparent paper comparable to vellum. Joseph Montgolfier created the first automated hydraulic ram, which was a water pump to raise water for his paper mill at Voiron, France. In 1983, the Montgolfiers received a prestigious honor when they were inducted into the International Air & Space Hall of Fame at the San Diego Air & Space Museum.

THE 1872 GOLD 20-MARK COIN OF BAVARIA

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One of my favorite coins in my collection is the German Empire Bavaria 1872-D gold coin. It is from the Munich mint, Rev. Type 1 KM501, 7.9650 grams .900 Gold, .2304 oz., AGW mintage 1,556,000. This coin was minted with the likeness of Bavarian King Ludwig II on the obverse and the German Empire eagle on the reverse. Ludwig II is erroneously known as "The Mad King of Bavaria." This author researched and wrote a paper on him and learned his contemporaries actually did not find him insane. It is also erroneous that he bankrupted the Kingdom of Bavaria. Yes, he was heavily in debt due to his castle building hobby, but he used his own stipend from the Bavarian Treasury

to finance his castle building.

His most famous castle was "Neuschwanstein." This castle is famously thought to have been the model from which Walt Disney designed "Sleeping Beauty's Castle" at Disneyland. King Ludwig II was born to an overly strict and brutal father. He always enjoyed the arts over 19th century military pomp and discipline. Early on, he fell in love with the music of contemporary composer Richard Wagner. During his reign as king, he became ever more reclusive and performed his royal duties only reluctantly.

As a young man he often handed out 20-Mark gold coins like this one to his



subjects, as they had his likeness on them. I like to imagine that, as this coin was circulated, it just might have been a coin he gave to one of his subjects!



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



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

The illustrated piece is a U.S. coin. It is a pattern “goloid” dollar. These were made to illustrate the size, color, and design of a proposal to bring the U.S. coinage system into closer alignment with the metric system. Because the pattern contains some gold, the coin’s diameter and gross weight are smaller than a standard silver dollar. Part of the objection to the proposal was that there would be a threat of easy counterfeiting as the small amount of gold in the alloy could be left out without affecting the color. Such a coin also does not work well or for long in an environment of fluctuating gold and silver prices.

2) A collector seeking to form an uncirculated set of U.S. silver Washington Quarters (1932-1964) will likely have the most trouble obtaining an example of which year and mint?

The Washington Quarter series is quite popular, and collectors vie for the scarce examples of 1932-D. The 1932-D is the second lowest mintage of the series, with about 430,000 examples originally produced and only the 1932-S at a slightly lower original mintage. This coin has been extensively counterfeited and many altered-date impostors are in the marketplace. It pays to seek out a third-party-graded and certified example to avoid purchasing a counterfeit. Aside from Double Die Obverse variations in the series, the 1932-D is also the most expensive of the Washington Quarters to collect in uncirculated condition. The 1936-D is the next most expensive coin in the series in uncirculated condition.

3) What U.S. coins have manganese in the composition?

U.S. coins that have the metal manganese in the composition include the War Nickels of 1942-1945 and the “small golden dollars” of the Sacagawea, Native American, and Presidential series of 2007 and later. None of these coins is pure manganese. The “nickels” are 9% manganese (no nickel), and the dollars are 7% manganese (in the outer layers).

4) What years of U.S. silver dollars exist in proof format only?

Legitimate U.S. silver dollars were made in proof format only in 1836, 1838, 1839 (Gobrecht Dollars), and 1858 (Seated Liberty). There are a few novodels dated 1805 (Bust Dollars), but struck later (associated with the 1804 restriking effort). Trade Dollars of 1879-1883 were made in proof format only. The 1884 and 1885 Trade Dollars were clandestine issues. There are many modern commemorative dollars that have no circulation-quality counterparts.

5) What U.S. copper coins issued for circulation have a lettered edge?

The U.S. coins of 100% copper with having lettered edges are the cents and half cents of 1793-94 and some 1795's. The Native American (2009 and later) and Presidential Dollars of 2007 and later are mostly copper (77%) and have the date, mintmark, and E PLURIBUS UNUM incused on the edge. The motto IN GOD WE TRUST was moved to the obverse on the Presidential Dollars starting in 2009.

6) What is the Series Date on the small size brown seal National Currency notes issued in the name of local banks issued by the U.S.?

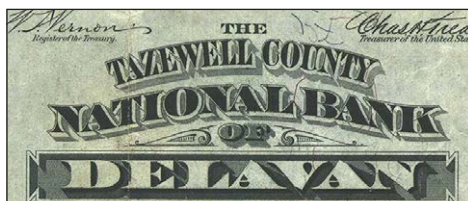
The small size brown seal National Currency issues of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 denomination bear the Series Date of 1929 and were the last notes issued in the series. Today, they are a popular collectible, especially with "home town" collectors who may attempt to gather all the issues of the banks in their home town or state.



Series 1929 - Houston



Series 1875 - El Paso



Series 1907 - Delavan



Series 1875 - Dallas



Series 1929 - Rio Grande



Series 1866 - San Antonio

7) In numismatics, what does a "vecturist" do?

A vecturist is a collector or student of transportation tokens. The field is also sometimes defined a bit more broadly to include such items as car wash tokens and toll road tokens. The token featured here is an 1800's-era Parkers Landing Bridge Company transportation token from Pennsylvania allowing one person to cross the bridge on foot. The 26mm token is made of brown vulcanite, a hardened rubber material.



8) When did the British Sovereign (as a denomination of a coin) become important?

The earliest British Sovereigns (20 shillings, or one pound) were issued during the reign of Henry VII (1489) and at the time were the largest English gold coins. But the more important era of the sovereign as a coin began in 1817 with George III's recoinage using the greatly enhanced productive capacity of the then-new Tower Hill mint (replacing the centuries-old antiquated Royal Mint facility within the Tower of London). The coin remained commercially important until WWI (1918). In our time, it has been resurrected for offering to collectors.





L. W. HOFFECKER
President of the A. N. A., 1939-1941.

Go tell it on the Franklin Mountains ... L.W. HOFFECKER IS REBORN!

PART 2 OF 4

BY JASON ELWELL

INTRODUCTION

The Old Spanish Trail (El Paso) half dollar is but one of many coins in the Classic Commemorative series. With a single mintage of only 10,000 coins, typically found in uncirculated grades, the Old Spanish Trail half dollar is considered highly desirable. As this coin is a “Key Date”, the Old Spanish Trail half dollar is at the top of most Classic Commemorative “Want Lists”.

Within that spotlight of want and envy, the Old Spanish Trail half dollar has faced more than the lion’s share of criticism. By providing new research, factual evidence, and local insight, Part 2 of “Go Tell it on the Franklin Mountains” will explain the symbolism hidden within the Old Spanish Trail half dollar, what led to its creation, and debunk criticisms against it!

AS WE KNOW IT TODAY

Starting with the obverse of the Old Spanish Trail half dollar, one can read United States of America, E Pluribus Unum and Liberty at the top. Near the bottom rim, moving inward, one can read Half Dollar and Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca. At the center, a profile of a horned cow is present.



The Old Spanish Trail Commemorative Half Dollar championed by L. W. Hoffecker



Flipping to the reverse, the title for this coin is apparent. Near the top rim, one can read Old Spanish Trail. Near the bottom of the rim, one can read the dates 1535 – 1935. Moving a bit to the right are the initials for Lyman William Hoffecker: L.W.H. At the center, an artistic interpretation of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca’s historic route sits behind a flowering Yucca.

This general description of the Old Spanish Trail half dollar is where most information stops. Ask yourself, do you really know anything about Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca or why the profile of a horned cow is worthy of a commemorative coin? Have you ever heard of the Narváez Expedition? Do you know why this route was called the Old Spanish Trail? If you said “No”, then here’s your chance to learn all that and so much more.

CABEZA DE VACA AND THE NARVÁEZ EXPEDITION

For those unaware, there was once an expedition that led across an unknown expanse of land now known as the United States and Mexico. This expedition is referred to as the Narváez Expedition and lasted from the years 1526 to 1536.

Beginning in 1526, a man by the name of Pánfilo de Narváez (1478/80-1528) was given license by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V (Charles I of Spain) to lead an expedition into La Florida. On June 17, 1527 (Julian), Narváez departed from Spain with a total of five ships and 600 crewmen. After sailing the Atlantic for about six weeks, Narváez and his fleet of ships arrived in Hispaniola. On

the island, 140 ship crewmen abandoned the expedition. Down one third of his crew, Narváez would then sail to Cuba. After arriving in Cuba, a great hurricane sank two expedition ships and killed 60 men. Losing so much in such a brief period, Narváez was forced to rebuild expeditionary numbers back to initial strength and wait out the winter for better weather.

In the spring of 1528, Narváez left Cuba for what is now known as Florida. On April 14, 1528, an expedition of 400 crewmen landed on the coast near present day Tampa Bay, Florida. Narváez along with his Treasurer, Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca (1490?-1564), led 300 crew ashore and began walking into the Florida wilderness. The ships and remaining onboard crew would sail along the shoreline and followed the on-foot expedition. Eventually both parties arrived in an area now known as Tallahassee, Florida. Sadly, a miscalculation in distance contributed to the deaths of roughly 250 men. To make matters worse, the onshore party was then left for abandonment as the ships that once followed them changed course and set sail for New Spain.

Being stranded, Narváez and Cabeza de Vaca had no choice but to move west. They faced an onslaught of Indian attacks, illness, hunger, and the deaths of many more expedition members. Struggling for survival, Narváez, Cabeza de Vaca, and crew constructed crude makeshift boats to assist in their journey westward. In these “boats” the survivors continued along the Gulf Coast by hugging the shoreline of present-day Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. As misfortune would have it, attempt to stay close to shore was met with hardship. In a storm,



The title page of the written record of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca's journey (Image courtesy of University of Texas Arlington)

the leader Narváez was lost to the sea. Washing ashore on a barrier island near present-day Galveston, only Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca and three of his crew were known to be alive. Worse yet, they were now naked, as the sea had stolen their clothing, and they became enslaved by a local indigenous tribe.

After much time passed, the four remaining members of the Navárez expedition were able to escape their captors. Walking westward, Cabeza de Vaca and the three men wandered the western desert. By the year 1535, these men are thought to have traveled within a 75 mile area south of present-day El Paso, Texas. By traveling on foot for eight years, Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca and the three surviving crewmen finally reached the town of Culiacan, near the Pacific coast of Mexico.

In El Paso, Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca is known as the first of the Twelve Travelers and is named "The Wanderer". The Twelve Travelers are a group of individuals who navigated the "Pass of the North" and are considered culturally and historically significant to this borderland region.

CATTLE CULTURE

When describing the ways of Texas, life of the vaquero, caballero, and cowboy are often mentioned. Glorified in the arts of music, fashion, and food, these hardened ranch-hands of the past created an agri-

"culture" that is uniquely Texan.

Historically, cattle have been of great economic importance to the United States, Mexico, Texas, and even El Paso. Early cattle trails of Texas were once historic native American routes that were later adopted by the Spanish. These old cattle "trails" linked cow-towns in commerce and tradition. Their use would eventually lead to the creation of the modern highway system.

The earliest history of raising cattle in Texas dates back to 1598 within the Rio Grande Valley. Brought by the Conquistador Don Juan de Oñate as part of his Royal Expedition, cattle were an important source of food and material for the colonization of northern New Spain. With the assistance of cattle culture, Oñate is credited with navigating the "Pass of the North", establishing the first Mission in Socorro, and becoming New Mexico's first Governor. In El Paso, Texas, Don Juan de Oñate is known as the Fifth of the Twelve Travelers and is named "The Conquistador".

In 1680, the El Paso region alone was home to several thousand heads of cattle. In the 1700's, missionary ranches had combined with private enterprises to create a rope-for-hire lifestyle to service a growing cattle industry. By the mid-1800's breeds like the Texas Longhorn, Hereford, and Brahman had adapted rather well to their full sun and semi-arid environment. Now a permanent staple of Texas, these breeds are prized for their heartiness, quality of meat, and skins for leather goods.

Following the railroad expansion of the late 1800s, El Paso was serviced by five different railroad lines. As a major cow-town and railroad hub, El Paso efficiently transported cattle from Chihuahua, Mexico to the outer coastlines of the United States. Today, El Paso continues to be a center for cattle transport through operations at its International Ports of Entry.

WHAT'S IN A "NAME"?

On the reverse of the Old Spanish Trail half dollar, behind the Yucca is an artistic interpretation of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca's historic route. As there is no way to know the exact steps Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca took, present-day scholars

are grateful that he documented his journey in a published work. By studying Cabeza de Vaca's narrative, historians can plausibly trace his travels of North and Central America within some level of confidence. That being said, some creative license is at work in the coin's design. If you look closely, the reverse tells more than one story.

As mentioned in a June 2020 TNA News article, Barbara Angus discussed a certain road system that began in Florida and ended in California, known as the "Old Spanish Trail Highway". Adding to her research, it is known that there was an Old Spanish Trail Association, and it existed from approximately 1915 to about 1932. Organizations like the Old Spanish Trail Association were literally paving present-day roadways to the past. In creating the Old Spanish Trail highway system, this association was able to link modern travelers to historic trails and sites. As the conversion from horse to automobile was changing a nation, people could easily travel longer distances for leisurely activities.

Hoffecker, too, was moved by the Age of Automobiles. Documented in El Paso newspapers, L.W. Hoffecker bought a Chalmers "30" five-passenger vehicle (October 5, 1913) and applied for a vehicle license (October 10, 1913). Later, he would become greatly involved in a local automobile club. As both history and travel were of great interest to Hoffecker, their correlation in his design is very evident (April 4, 1935, El Paso Times).

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Now, what if I told you that the Old Spanish Trail half dollar has one final design element that has remained undiscussed for nearly 100 years? While conducting my own research, I was surprised to find that no one else had made this numismatic connection. Quite simply, L.W. Hoffecker and his coin had been (no pun intended) taken at face value.

We all know that Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca was the first European explorer of Texas. We also know that Cabeza de Vaca served as Treasurer of the Narváez Expedition. We understand that a Treasurer's responsibility is to study, collect, and disburse money, and we also recognize that numismatists study, collect

(and occasionally disperse) money. By processing this information, I believe that L.W. Hofferker's Old Spanish Trail half dollar symbolically celebrates the First Texas (and El Paso) Numismatist. Furthermore, a case could be made that the Old Spanish Trail half dollar pays tribute to the St. Eligius of North America (the Patron Saint of Coin Collectors). As the narrative of the Narváez Expedition documents many interactions between Cabeza de Vaca and local indigenous tribes, it notes that many indigenous people believed that Cabeza de Vaca could heal the sick and had performed miracles. As it seems that many numismatic experts and authors have overlooked these last details, it should stand as a testament to the ingenuity of L.W. Hofferker and to how his Old Spanish Trail half dollar can still tell many stories and teach us new things.

COINS PAY FOR MUSEUM

The want for a museum in El Paso can be traced back to at least November 22, 1923. On that day, the local Pioneer Association of El Paso sponsored a charter for a Museum Committee at the County Courthouse. The Women's Club of El Paso also supported this cause. Members of the Pioneer Association are considered integral to the creation of early El Paso. Created in 1904, the Pioneer Association was formed by men who had arrived in El Paso before 1900. Members of the Women's Club are credited with bringing culture and the arts to a "wild and woolly" El Paso. Created in 1894, the Women's Club was formed by women who studied literature and current events of the day.

Those in favor of the Museum Committee charter agreed that someday El Paso would indeed need a museum for scientific, historical, and archeological purposes. Major W. H. Burgess would sit as its chairman. Seven years later, on March 31, 1930, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce would list L.W. Hofferker as part of that El Paso Museum Committee.



Pioneer Association El Paso County black ribbon

As a member of the El Paso Museum Committee,

Hofferker knew that it would take money to create a public museum in El Paso. There was desire from the public, but the local government said that funds were short. As Hofferker was a major local numismatist, he was familiar with the concept of U.S. Commemorative coins. With much help from Representative Thomasson, L.W. Hofferker drafted a proposal for the Old Spanish Trail half dollar and submitted it to Congress. Profits from Old Spanish Trail half dollar sales would go to the El Paso Museum Association. The President of the El Paso Museum Association at this time was a Charles Newman, according to an April 17, 1935, El Paso Times article.

L.W. Hofferker personally financed numerous trips to the nation's capital out of his own pocket. As neither our modern interstate system nor jet passenger flights were available, Hofferker most likely took a combination of trains, propeller aircraft, and early automobiles, as they were the standards of the day. A round trip from El Paso to Washington D.C. is about 4,000 miles. Just imagine traveling that distance many times within just a few short months.

As part of the final approval process, L.W. Hofferker made a guarantee to the U. S. government that he would purchase all minted coinage out of pocket at face value and to not return any of it (\$5,000). Hofferker also had to pay for the Old Spanish Trail half dollar design sculpture and its dies (\$2,500). In doing so, more funds would be spent.

Then there was the situation with advertising and distribution. Hofferker advertised the Old Spanish Trail half dollar in many newspapers and club magazines across the country. Hofferker also needed a system to track incoming orders, process payments, pay for postage, and process shipments. Systems such as these require labor, and at one time, Hofferker had up to three people working on order fulfillment.

As the city of El Paso was having ongoing issues with creating a museum (location, funding, internal conflict), Hofferker would set profits from Old Spanish Trail half dollar coin sales into bonds (\$7,000).

Some museum funds would be used in a joint venture between the city and

county of El Paso and L.W. Hofferker. A collection of historic guns was purchased in hopes of someday displaying them. The city and county each paid \$200, and the Museum Committee paid \$500 from Old Spanish Trail half dollar sales.

L.W. Hofferker continued to advocate for the preservation of El Paso history. As he was also a member of the Pioneer Association, Hofferker was allowed to store relics in the County Courthouse basement. Such items included an ancient Mexican ox cart, the Hart's millstones, an old iron lock and key, and the original door to the Ysleta Mission dated 1530. When a school for the blind was moved into the Courthouse basement, Hofferker had to find new storage. Rumor has it that Hofferker had to store those items at his residence.

As circumstance would dictate, in 1939, following the death of a William Ward Turney, Iva Guthrie Turney would make a generous donation to the city of El Paso. With the Women's Club of El Paso backing the transition of her home into a museum, assistance from local numismatist L.W. Hofferker, and payment of property taxes owed (\$15,000), Mrs. Iva Guthrie Turney transferred ownership of her home to the city of El Paso under the strict condition that her home be used by the public for the arts. When all was settled, the Turney mansion would open as the first public museum in El Paso, Texas.



Turney Mansion - International Museum of Art with Historical Marker at front

THE TURNEY CONNECTION

As advocates who lobbied for the rights of cattle raisers, both William Ward Turney (1861-1939) and Mrs. Iva Guthrie Turney (1872-1960) can be attributed to El Paso's modern livestock industry. After winning the 1892 election for Texas House / District 96, William Turney married Iva Guthrie, and together they moved to El Paso, Texas. Living in El Paso, William Turney served in both the Texas House (1892-1896) and State Senate (1896-1902). He was the Director of the Federal Reserve Bank- El Paso Branch (1918-1925) and later became the first Former Director to sit as Chairman of its Board (1925).

Apart from government, William Turney was Vice President of the American Livestock Association and served twice as President of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association. Mrs. Iva Guthrie Turney was involved with many local organizations and social circles within El Paso (including the Texas Cattle Raisers Association). She would host many elaborate events at the Turney mansion, which included special guests like Fort Bliss General John J. Pershing, the President of Mexico, and local cattlemen of the area.

Built in 1908 by famous architect Henry Trost, the Turney Mansion is now known as the International Museum of Art (not to be confused with the El Paso Art Museum in downtown El Paso). On November 16, 2024, the Turney mansion received an Official Texas Historical Marker. Funding is still provided solely through public donations and is allowed to operate so long as the city does not accrue any costs. *If you would like to visit the International Museum of Art or send a donation, the address is: 1211 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79902.*

COMMEMORATIVE CRITICISM

In two brief paragraphs of a 266-page book titled: *Numismatic Art in America*, Cornelius Vermule (Vermule III) made several comments about the Old Spanish Trail half dollar. In writing he stated, "It may be the strongest contestant for the title of least attractive American coin ever manufactured under official auspices between 1793 and the present."



Yucca on Mesa Street in El Paso, Texas

Vermule also wrote: "The reverse, with its blooming yucca tree on the map of one explorer's wandering, is neither attractive nor readily understandable."

If one truly wants to understand the Yucca, one only need to visit the southwest region of Texas and New Mexico. In this desert land, it is easy to understand why the Yucca is so important. For native populations, Yucca was a source of food and medicine. Yucca also had many utilitarian purposes like providing materials for sewing, shelter, and tools. There is also a particular fondness for the Yucca locally, as blooming Yucca flowers decorate El Paso's Franklin Mountains every spring. Now to address comments about "one explorer's wanderings". Well, isn't that kind of the point? As stated earlier, Cabeza de Vaca is known to El Pasoans as "The Wanderer, the First of the Twelve Travelers".

In 10 pages of a 768-page book titled: *Commemorative Coins of the United States: A Complete Encyclopedia*, Q. David Bowers uses what feels like an Alfred Hitchcock-esque tone to tell his story of L.W. Hoffecker and the Old Spanish Trail half dollar. Curious phrases like: "A Cozy Arrangement" and "Hoffecker Dreamed Up the Scheme" gives the audience a feeling that something nefarious took place in the conception of this coin. Nothing about the Old Spanish Trail half dollar program was "cozy". There was no "scheme" in

the works. This coin was created to raise money for a much-needed museum. This coin was created for the collector and by a collector. Being a U.S. commemorative, it is fitting to say this coin was "For the People, by the People".

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also drags L.W. Hoffecker's dying wife, Sara Hoffecker (1889-1954), into publication. Mrs. Hoffecker did write B. Max Mehl a letter (February 27, 1954) responding that there were only 12 Old Spanish Trail half dollar coins available and that her husband was going to keep those coins for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Whatever her reasons, Sara didn't sell to Mr. Mehl and passes away less than six months later (August 13, 1954). Surely, physical and mental decline could have played a role in her answer to Mehl. Maybe Sara Hoffecker just wanted some rest and not to be bothered by Mr. Mehl's hounding over those last few half dollars? Maybe she loved her grandchildren more than Mehl's money? Has your spouse ever just wanted just some rest and not to be bothered by your coin conversations?

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then attempts to connect Sara Hoffecker to an auction that happened over 30 years after her death. As 63 Old Spanish Trail half dollars were not part of a 1954 Mehl Auction, it's quite possible that these coins were originally saved for Hoffecker's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It's also possible that L.W. Hoffecker sold and bought half dollars beyond the date of his wife's letter. Regardless, in February of 1987, Superior Galleries provided an opportunity for surviving family members to let go of many numismatic items, honor the Hoffecker name, and say one last "Goodbye"...

Go Tell it on the Franklin Mountains ... L.W. Hoffecker is Reborn! Part 3 of 4 will give credit to Hoffecker's eyewitness account at the San Francisco mint and expose the unfairness he experienced in his last years (a real eye opener). Be on the lookout for the June issue of TNA News!

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Investing in Silver and Gold as a Collector in a Turbulent Market

By John Barber

Introduction

A draft of this article was written on Thursday, January 29, while silver and gold markets continued on their seemingly endless upward march. Then came Friday, and WHOA! Down 30%! A painful “correction” emerged in hour-by-hour reports. The draft had to incorporate some updates!

Metals market drivers

Before commenting much on the outlook for silver and gold pricing moves, first let’s look at the underlying gold scenario. Without being overly political, I think it is good to remind folks that a main driver of the gold market moves we’ve seen in the last several months is due to actions of central banks around the world to insulate their economies from a weakening U.S. dollar. They are primarily looking to gold OR a “basket of leading currencies – not U.S. dollars”. They see this need as the fundamental result of Trump’s tariff adventures. The loss of the U.S. “strong dollar” is the very definition of international weakness: it takes more (cheaper) dollars to buy an ounce of gold than it used to when the dollar was stronger. It follows that we are likely in for some more of the trend toward higher gold prices (stated in U.S. dollars) during any resolution of the current turmoil. Of course, it will not be a straight line, but the evaporation of the old order means we are entering a new era. I can’t find anybody who thinks the disruptions we’ve already seen will allow any return to \$2,000/oz gold. It is one of the prices we pay for losing the U.S. dollar as the “world’s reserve currency”. Separately, there are concerns about ballooning U.S. national debt and the geopolitical risk of fiat money being (intentionally) devalued.

Silver has some different drivers. Despite being valued in many countries, it is not the pick of foreign central banks as either a store of value or a shorter-term tool to position their currencies. The most important driver is industrial demand (which is almost absent for gold). We need only look at the silver record of each of the last five years to see that industrial demand (apart from silver investment demand) has exceeded new mine production in EACH of the last five years. This has been achieved by drawing down the

supply of above-ground silver— such as the silver in 90% coins. But when they are gone, they are gone, and market pricing will have to be at a level to support additional new mine sources. Main industrial users of silver are photovoltaic cells (solar cells), computers for AI centers, and electric vehicles.

Details on what prices are reported

Collectors need to recognize what the silver price reported in the papers and in online sources like APMEX is. The reported price is the most recent trade of a “front month” contract for delivery of “good delivery bars”. Those bars are 1,000 ounces of .999 silver. This is far from the most common form of silver represented in the holdings around my breakfast club table. It follows that a refiner or other middleman is going to have to put the more common small bars, sterling flatware, 90% coins, etc., into the form of “good delivery bars”. That means the middleman must be rewarded for his efforts, and the small seller has to expect he will be offered less than the reported “front month contract” price. Lately, this discount seems to be in the range of at least 10% with refiners “backed up”, with some reluctant to even take silver in items less than .999 fine. War nickels, 1965-70 half dollars, and world coins require more elaborate refining, and the costs are reflected in the lower buying offers. This is less of a problem among the better gold buyers; your scribe was able to get 97% of reported spot in a sale at the Houston Money Show (for foreign-coined gold at .999 fine).

But if you ask me: Gold OR Silver, my answer is the same as it has remained for the last several years. Who knows in the short term (up to a few months)? But for the two-to-five-year horizon, I continue to like the silver outlook better than the gold outlook. The difference is industrial demand for silver.

Collecting considerations

A GHCC club member asked, “Does it make sense to target buying of slightly better-date Morgan Dollars now?” He notes that the market has collapsed premiums on many dates such as 1904-P or 1894-O to make them available now for “melt value”. Can collectors buy selected dates (not the most common ones) at little to no premium

above a now-inflated floor and think of the transaction as a “free put” (in traders’ language)? I guess the answer depends at least partly on your time horizon. If you think the current spurt in the underlying silver market will be over in a few months, yes, it would seem so. Under that scenario, like in other times in which we have seen unsustainable run-ups, the numismatic market tends to re-emerge. These slightly better dates come out again with at least some premium. The melting (even if it actually occurs) does not take out all the common dates. But a new floor price is established.

But if your time horizon is shorter, it surely takes some “intestinal fortitude” to contemplate a 50% collapse in the underlying silver market which, for recent weeks, has propped up the prices of the most common Morgan Dollars.

Speaking just for myself, I’m lucky enough to have just about completed the transitioning of a hefty paper silver position (SLV shares) into hold-it-in-your-hand physical silver of an equal number of ounces. The paper silver was acquired around five years ago. I feel better having done it – it allows me to avoid the continuous erosion in share value representing the cost of running the fund, AND it allows me easier access to an increment as small as a single Roosevelt dime should a catastrophe befall us. Since it’s only a conversion and my basic plan is to continue to hold for two to five years, my market value exposure is the same as before, when it was all paper silver.

The root of my motivations as a numismatist do not really involve silver “stacking”. Stacking is a different hobby. My plans in the real collecting area have not been much impacted by the recent bullion run-ups. I suppose unrealized gains could be converted to real gains and the proceeds used to fund collector coins. I don’t feel that it is time for us all to concentrate on Chain Cents, Pattern Sacagawea Dollars, and Full Horn Buffalo Nickels. Exercise some patience and take a longer view. It is supposed to be a hobby (and NOT a reliable “investment”)!

Numismatically, I’d say it is time to “Stay the Course” and not panic.

FIDEM CONGRESS XXXVIII

A GREAT CONFERENCE ON ART MEDALS

BY MARK BENVENUTO



FIDEM official medal for the 2025 congress

The world of medal collecting may seem to be an entirely different one from that of mainstream numismatics, at least to some collectors. But to others among us, the two areas are wonderfully related, with ideas, themes, and images intermingling on a pretty regular basis. Once every two years, there is a major conference focused specifically on art medals. Called FIDEM, the most recent one was last October, in Munich, Germany.

WHAT IS FIDEM?

The name FIDEM is a French acronym for Fédération internationale de la médaille d'art, which translates to the English: International Federation of the Art Medal. The organization is composed of artists, collectors, museum curators, and other enthusiasts of medals, and has a membership that is widely

spread throughout the world. Since their big meeting, often called the FIDEM congress, is held every other year, and was now titled FIDEM XXXVIII, it seems that FIDEM has quite a lengthy history to it.

THE MEDALS DISPLAY

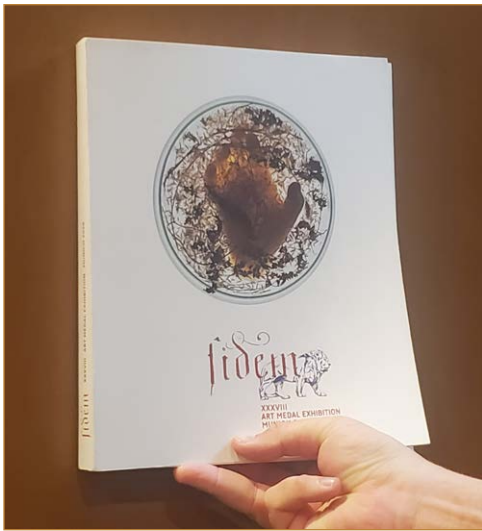
What marks a FIDEM congress as its main event is the display of medals that has been sent in. Artists send their medals to a national delegate who then accepts, catalogs, photographs, and sends them on to the FIDEM board. These medals are what ultimately become the main display, and then the catalogue, which in turn serves as a permanent record of the meeting. At the recent FIDEM gathering in Munich, the display – more properly, the exhibition of medals – was housed in the Antikensammlung (the State Antique Collection). Every display is different and unique, and this

one was absolutely top notch. The photo shows that the medals were well lit, were at a height that was easy to see, and were in a series of rooms with plenty of space for folks to view them. The first night opening reception and subsequent viewing was extremely well received.

THE OFFICIAL MEDAL

It is probably no surprise that a FIDEM congress will have an official medal associated with it. For this get together, the theme was “Our Myths, Our Roots,” and the medal, shown above, does a wonderful, artistic job of showing that. The obverse looks like something from an ancient Greek or Roman coin or medal. The reverse gives all the basic information about this gathering.

For anyone reading this and thinking that this FIDEM medal is now somehow completely out of reach because the



Congress catalogue featuring every medal that is part of the official display

meeting is over, fear not. There is always an official medal associated with each meeting, and yes, they sometimes appear for sale. Since there have been 37 FIDEM meetings prior to this one, there ought to be some medals available somewhere. A check through eBay and a couple of other sites indicates that there are indeed a few FIDEM medals for sale, some going back as far as the 1990's. One congress may have a rather traditional-looking medal, like that for the recent Munich meeting. Others may be less traditional, like the five-sided one shown here that was created for the 2018 congress in Ottawa, Canada. The price tags for them can be all over the map, but patience and some counter-offers could ultimately land a person an impressive collection.

THE CATALOGUE

We mentioned that the FIDEM catalogue is composed of photos of each medal that is part of the official display. Even if we were not able to attend a specific conference, the catalogue provides us with a record of every artist who submitted a medal, since each is displayed along with the title, the artist's name, and the country they come from.

The logical way of putting any of these catalogues together is to list the countries

Official medal from the 2018 congress in Ottawa, Canada

alphabetically and the artists within each nation the same way. This puts the United States pretty far to the back, but that means we get to skim through a wonderful number of attractive medals when getting to those we can call domestic. Each catalogue is printed on a heavy paper, of a type made to last for a very long time. One off-shoot of this is that catalogues from previous FIDEM congresses are also still available. Taking the time to find and gather these can give a collector an impressive library of art medal references. It can also serve as a start point for connecting with a specific artist. After all, these talented people create art to be seen. Plenty of them have some website advertising what they have produced and what they might want to sell.

THE MEDAL FAIR

There are a variety of events at every FIDEM gathering, and one that is always well attended and a lot of fun is the medal fair. The medal fair always seems to be crackling with energy and life. This is a bit like any TNA show's bourse floor, with the artists present, all selling or trading their artwork. Also, this is one of the last places in which some haggling is allowed, much like bazaars of the past. If we like a particular medal, but think the cost is more than our wallet can bear, well, we can always make a counter-offer. The difference between this and most numismatic shows is that here we will only see the medals people have produced. Some designs may be familiar, some may be entirely new to us, but almost none will look like what we



Medals display - the exhibition of medals was housed in the Antikensammlung (the State Antique Collection)

probably consider the traditional, classic United States or foreign coin series.

THE FUTURE?

The FIDEM XXXVIII has passed, but that does not mean that any of us who are interested in this field are out in the cold, even if we have never considered medals before. There are several art medal organizations in existence, such as the American Medallic Sculpture Association, as well as the Medallic Art Society of Canada, and the British Art Medal Society, all of which a person can join and get involved with. Perhaps obviously, there is also FIDEM, which has a website – www.fidem-medals.org. Importantly, there is also some planning underway for the 39th FIDEM congress, for those of us who might wish to attend. It looks like it will be in Prague, the Czech Republic in 2027. This could indeed be a lot of fun.





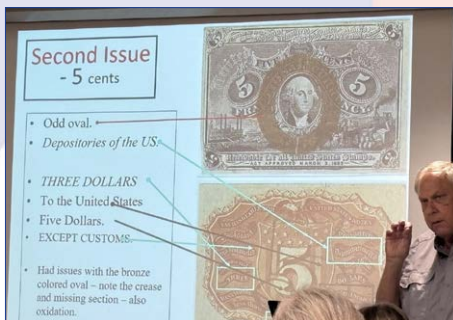
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DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR



FORT WORTH CC OCTOBER MEETING: President Kevin G. called the meeting to order and welcomed guests David and Lorie. Officer reports were given and approved. Winners for door prizes were announced. Ed L. won a 1968-D Kennedy half dollar that was lightly rainbow toned. Paul S. won a 1967 Kennedy half. Both were 40% silver. A reminder about elections at the November meeting: The positions of President and Treasurer are on the ballot as well as two of the four directors. As part of the Bylaws Committee work, Roy M. announced that consensus had been reached by the committee members on changes to be made to the bylaws. A marked-up version will need to be drafted showing proposed changes and then sent to members to be voted on. Also, Roy passed a motion that the club membership must vote approval for any expenditure exceeding \$500 not for ordinary club business or for coin shows. This reconfirms a similar policy the was approved years ago. The Audit Committee will report next month. Kevin reminded members that they can bring unwrapped toys for Christmas gifts to the next meeting to be donated to a children's charity. Last year we made a substantial donation to the Ronald McDonald House which the charity was excited to receive. **SHOW AND TELL:** Kevin G. collects English coins and had a 1746 "Lima" half crown showing George II. The coin is called "Lima" because it was minted from seized Spanish treasure. He also had a 1902 British crown showing Edward VII. Burton S. showed an 1877 Indian head cent graded "Poor 2". Burton acquired it because he had never seen a coin in that grade. It was in an Acugrade holder. Burton collects strange things. Danny M., who collects everything, had a Spanish reale, a French franc, and an ancient coin from 400 BC. Elliot M. had a \$50 Confederate greenback. That's something you don't see every day. **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:** Richard L. gave an excellent program on United States fractional currency which was issued between 1862 and 1876. It came about due to a lack of small change in the Civil War era. The denominations printed were from 3 cents to 50 cents. A total face value of \$369 million was issued. When coins became plentiful again, most fractional currency was redeemed. Richard said at least \$1.8 million is still outstanding. When you are talking about face values of three cents, five cents, ten cents, twenty-five cents, or fifty cents, that's still a lot of notes outstanding. Many issues can be obtained and are reasonably priced. The Dept. of the Treasury will still redeem fractional currency, but only at face value (not a good deal). There were five unique issued series of fractional currency during the Civil War and Post Civil War era. Because people had initially used postage stamps when coins were in short supply, the first issue was called Postal Currency. The following four series were known as Fractional Currency. Richard went through the notes in each series with pictures of most, pointing out interesting things about each – who was pictured, unique wording, odd printing features, etc. He even showed a fifty cent Confederate fractional currency note issued in 1863-1864 and a Texas Civil War county script for twenty-five cents issued by Navarro County (Waxahachie). **RAFFLE:** Frank H. conducted his always interesting raffle. Chester



S. was the lucky winner of a 2021 silver Eagle, NGC graded MS-70. Carl S. won a Year of the Tiger Australian silver coin. **AUCTION:** Frank P. was the auctioneer for the biggest club auction in some time – more than 70 lots! See the picture to appreciate the number of action items. Frank H. and Earl C. assisted with the money and runner duties. Thank you to Dalia and Ryan S. who served dinner of tortellini, green salad with all the trimmings, and various pies for dessert. Scott S. added to that with his delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies.

FORT WORTH CC NOVEMBER MEETING: Club members could celebrate Thanksgiving early with a meal of turkey and dressing provided by Dalia and Ryan S. Thanks, guys. For dessert, Dalia's dad, Jimmy D., shared his birthday cake for everyone to enjoy. President Kevin G. called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Baird W. who collects traditional U.S. coinage and is just getting back into the hobby after a long hiatus, Dave H. who collects "low end junk", and Alton A. who collects early copper. Welcome to you all. Officer reports were given and approved. Door prizes, two 1964 uncirculated Washington quarters, were won by Robert S. and David P. **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Finance Committee, i.e. William S. and Logan R., gave its audit report. After reviewing three years of statements from the club's checking and brokerage accounts, nothing improper was found. They reported additional findings and gave recommendations. Our thanks to William and Logan for their hard work. **ELECTIONS:** Kevin said that Vice-president Frank H. resigned his office for health reasons. For that reason, the VP office was also included in this year's elections. Kevin read the duties and responsibilities of the president, vice-president, and treasurer. Congratulations to those elected: President – Jimmy D (2 year term), Vice-president – Logan R (1 year term), Treasurer – William S (2 year term), Director – Dalia S (2 year term), and Director – Alex S (2 year term). Our new officers and directors will assume their positions January 1, 2026. **SHOW AND TELL:** Robert S. said he approached Heritage Auctions to see what they would offer for several of his gold coins. Heritage offered to pay 98% to 99% of the melt value of the gold. It offered no premium for the coin itself. Larry H. showed a type set of coins in old ANACS soapbox holders. Elliott M. had a Confederate greenback currency. I had never heard of one of those. Danny M. displayed a selection of ancient coins he recently acquired. **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:** Ed L. delivered the greatest program in the club's 70 year history. That can be said because the person who gave the program is the same person writing these minutes. Also, the author has no humility. True or not, Ed did tell the story of the gold laden S.S. Central America and its final voyage in 1857 from Panama up the east coast of the United States. Around the Carolinas, it encountered a category two hurricane and for three days there was a heroic effort by the captain, the crew, the passengers and other ships in the area to save the Central America. This included the successful rescue of all the women and children on board. The Central America finally sunk far off the coast of South Carolina with tremendous loss of life and taking its gold treasure to the ocean floor a mile and a half below the surface. He then told the story of Tommy Thompson, a unique individual and an extremely creative engineer. In the 1980s there were no cell phones, no personal computers, and no internet. Also, there was no such thing as deep-water recovery – until Tommy designed and built the equipment that might do it successfully. He created an underwater remote-controlled vehicle strong enough to move heavy ship timbers or iron beams yet with the delicacy to pick up individual coins off the ocean floor. Tommy put together an investor group, Columbus America Discovery Group, to fund the exploration for the wreck, which he located in 1988. During recovery of a large portion of the treasure over a four year period, Tommy and CADG were sued by 39 insurance companies which had insured some part of the Central America or its treasure. Thus began a long and expensive legal fight which was

settled in 2000 when CADG was awarded 92.5% of the treasure recovered and 100% of any future recovery. The treasure was then sold to California Gold Marketing Group for \$50 million. But Tommy's legal problems weren't over. He was sued by some investors in CADG because they hadn't received their share of proceeds from the sale. After Tommy failed to appear at a court hearing on the matter, an arrest warrant was issued for him and he spent several years in hiding. When he was recaptured two years later, he was imprisoned for civil contempt for failing to disclose the location of 200 gold coins he had minted from the treasure. He remained in prison for 10 years on this civil contempt charge, all the while refusing to reveal where the 200 coins were. Earlier this year, 2025, the judge in the case terminated the civil contempt charge saying further incarceration wouldn't force Tommy to disclose the coin's location. However, Tommy began serving a two-year criminal contempt sentence for fleeing the original court hearing. He is still in prison. Ed discussed the original premium on S.S. Central America coins when they first came on the market and how strong that premium still is. AUCTION: Kevin served as the night's auctioneer for 35 lots. Jimmy D. and Earle C. assisted him.

FORT WORTH CC DECEMBER MEETING: Prior to the meeting, members dined on turkey or ham sandwiches with lettuce and tomatoes and chips. There were cinnamon rolls and cupcakes for desserts as well as a cherry crumble prepared by David P's wife. Thank you Dalia S. and Mrs. P. President Kevin G. called the meeting to order. Officer reports were given and approved. The door prizes for the evening included BU examples of 1965 and 1966 Kennedy half dollars containing 40% silver. The lucky winners were Roy M. and Ryan S. Jack G. gave a health report on our former Vice President Frank H., and we hope he continues to improve. CHRISTMAS GIVING: Many members brought Christmas toys for the club to donate to the Ronald McDonald House which benefits kids in the hospital and their families. The club also donated \$100 for Dalia to purchase more toys. We really did a good job as the picture below partially demonstrates. I couldn't get all the



toys in my picture. COIN SHOW: As discussed at the last meeting, Kevin announced that the club will begin to have coin shows again. The first one will be in April at the White Settlement Convention Center. We will need members to volunteer to help with setting up the room and clearing it out at the end of the show. Members will also be needed to occupy the front desk to greet collectors and collect the entry fee. There are multiple other opportunities for members to help with. Kevin is the bourse chairman and an assistant bourse chairman is being sought. SHOW AND TELL: Kevin G. had a Roman coin of from the Petherton hoard found in England. It was graded by NGC and dates from AD 269 – 271. Danny M. showed several coins one of which was a Venetian coin dated 1473. Elliot M. had a board of Ike dollars containing 34 coins which he had purchased from Gary Andrews before Gary's passing. Elliot later used it to illustrate the evening's educational program. Larry G. had a VF-20 Fugio cent in an old soap box holder. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Elliot M. had what I considered a really interesting program about a series of which I had virtually no knowledge, Eisenhower Dollars. Ike dollars were only minted from 1971 through 1978 and were the first U.S. dollars minted since 1935. They were discontinued after such a short run because their large size and weight made them unpopular for everyday circulation. It was designed by Frank Gasparro and made to honor the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower (obverse) and the Apollo 11 moon landing (reverse). Circulating coins were composed of copper-nickel clad alloy, however special collector versions were also produced from 1971 – 1976 containing 40% silver. There was also a special bicentennial version in 1976 showing an obverse date of 1776-1976. The reverse was modified showing the liberty bell on the moon. Elliot said that even though the coin was only minted for eight years, there are at least 34 different varieties! Who knew? He went through each year in a well-illustrated program showing the different types like the 1971-S Peg Leg "R" proof and the 1971-D "friendly eagle", The 1972 coins had a high relief and low relief



varieties. Other years had different lettering. Elliot is pictured showing a variety marker. RAFFLE: A 1 oz. silver round from the Sunshine Mint was won by Earl C. A 1.25 oz. silver coin of Coronado searching for the city of gold was won by Alex S. AUCTION: Frank P. was the auctioneer for approximately 40 lots. Earl C. and Kevin G. assisted with the money and as runner.



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC OCTOBER MEETING: President Allen S. opened the meeting with 36 members and visitors present. Allen told members of the local coin shows available in the next month. The upcoming Christmas party was promoted. The Board decided that



members will be given an opportunity to buy an extra card for the Bingo games to be played at the Christmas party. We will conduct the donation auction tonight. Visitor recognized: Ty C. We conducted our annual donation auction at the October meeting, consisting of around 120 items. These included proof sets (foreign and domestic), certified US coins, civil war tokens, modern mint products, currency and many unique items. Overall, the quality of the items auctioned was very good. Bob F. called the auction in his lively manner – causing members into bidding wars well over estimate on many lots. When the smoke had cleared, the Club had raised over \$3,600! While most of the proceeds will be utilized to pay operating expenses of the Club, a portion of the proceeds can be earmarked for youth activities and scholarships. In addition to Bob F, special thanks go out to Jim J who organized the process (assembling the lots and providing a PowerPoint display of each auction lot), and to all those who contributed such great auction items. All youth in attendance received door prizes. Adult prizes went to Les H., Annie S. and Jack G.



NETCC NOVEMBER MEETING: President Allen S. opened the meeting with 33 members and visitors present. First order of business was presentation of the colors by Boy Scouts. Then all veterans were recognized and applauded for their service. We need an accurate count of who are attending the Christmas party in December. We want to ensure there is plenty of BBQ ordered. Due to the success of the Donation Auction, the catered meal will be free to members and youth, \$5 for guests. We do ask that volunteers bring either a side dish or a tasty dessert. 2026 dues will be \$20 for adults, \$5 for youth. Still a bargain. Visitors



recognized: Sydney A., Cameron B., Tyler C., Tohenna O. New member: Jose S. Tyler K. gave tonight's program on Code Talkers. These were native Americans who used portable radios to communicate with other forces to call in artillery strikes, calls for reinforcements, etc. Since these communications were easily intercepted by enemy forces, the Code Talkers would speak in the native language which were never understood by those forces. Choctaw Code talkers were first used effectively in World War I during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The program was greatly expanded in World War II to include 500 Code Talkers, serving primarily in the Pacific with Marines. The native languages frequently did not have words for modern military weapons, so substitutions were made: dive bomber (chicken hawk), tank (turtle), grenade (potato). Code Talkers were finally recognized beginning in 2001. A series of 26 medallion designs were produced, a design for each of the 26 tribes that participated. The tribe received a gold medallion, each Code talker received a silver one, and bronze medallions were made available to the public. Finally, the Mint issued a commemorative coin recognizing their service. Tyler had numerous examples of the bronze medallions which were studied with interest by members. All youth in attendance received door prizes. Adult prizes went to Mike B., Doug M. and Mike M. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.

NETCC DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY: President Allen S. opened the meeting with 81 members and visitors present. Members began arriving early ready to feast. It was decided that everyone should line up promptly for the night's food feast. The meal was catered barbecue beef, sausage and turkey with all the fix-ins. There was plenty for folks to go back for seconds, with members invited to take leftovers home. The cost of the meal was free to members and youth, and \$5 for guests. Volunteers brought many tasty desserts and side



dishes. Deviled eggs were a favorite side and were consumed quickly. Then the cookies, brownies, cakes and pies met their fate. No one could feast anymore. The traditional bingo

game was called at a brisk pace by Roy M. Nice prizes (1-ounce silver coins, peace dollars, etc.) were given out only for winners, a departure from year's past. It seems a disproportionate share of the prizes went to youth. In the final game, members had to complete a "blacked-out" card. Everyone's card was close to being filled when the grand prize was claimed by Emma G. All in all, approximately \$800 in coins and other merchandise were awarded. In addition, members are brought many unwrapped gifts for our annual drive for Toys For Tots, the Marine Corps program to provide Christmas to underprivileged kids. Everyone enjoyed the evening festivities, and it was great to reconnect with everyone.



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: President Richard L. called meeting to order and welcomed Coin Club members. Started with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Officer reports were given and approved. Thanks to Larry H. and Mike A. for volunteering to be the members on the board. Ronnie S. won the October door prize. Upcoming coin shows were announced. Show and Tell: Earl C. showed a 1955 double die he just received. Larry H. showed a seated Liberty half. Ryan M. showed a 1776 colonial continental currency. Program: Rob S. did an excellent job as usual speaking about changes in Federal Reserve Banks. It started with ten banks. Bourse: We had about 40 lots. Thanks to Frank H. for auctioning off the lots, Earl C. for being the runner, and Vernon R. for balancing the books.

MID-CITIES CC NOVEMBER MEETING: President Richard L. called meeting to order and welcomed Coin Club members. Started with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Officer reports were given and approved. Vernon R. won the November door prize. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. A health update on Frank H. was given. Larry H. gave update on upcoming TNA show. Bill P. reported on calendar of events for ANA shows in near future. Show and Tell: Richard L. showed and talked about provisional warrant notes from government of Texas prior to March 2, 1836. Larry H. showed second generation soap box slabs through generation six. Rob S. showed pre-PCI slabbed coins, also global slabs, and INGS slabs. Mike R. showed 887-898 AD of Carolingian-Blois Odo (Eudes) in a NGC AU55 slab. Bill P. showed Canadian money that he brought back from a recent trip. David M. showed an album with all Peace dollars with stamps. Bourse: We had about 30 lots. Thanks to Richard L. for auctioning off the lots, Earl C. for being the runner, and Vernon R. for balancing the books.

MID-CITIES CC DECEMBER MEETING: President Richard L. called meeting to order and

welcomed Coin Club members. Started with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Officer reports were given and approved. Larry H. won the December door prize. Upcoming coin shows were announced. 18 members attended the year-end bingo festivities. The two largest winners of bingo were Ronnie S. and John N., winning three times each. David P. won twice. Congratulations to Ryan F upon becoming a member of the coin club. Show and Tell: Larry H. showed a collection of old soapbox slabs from ANACS. They included a 1925 D quarter eagle gold in MS61, 1865 three cent nickel in MS62, 1835 half cent in XF40, 1825 large cent in XF 40, 1794 half cent in F 12, 1835 fifty cent in EF 45, and q 1787 fugio cent in VF 20. Mike R showed a gold piece from 1433-1444 called a SALUT D'OR. Thanks to Richard L. and others that always have items to share with the club.

DISTRICT 5 - JUDY DOBBINS, GOVERNOR



DALLAS COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: Mike opened the #1169 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. We had 21 members in attendance and 3 guests (Michael A, Rebecca & Lucinda). The prices of gold and silver were discussed, and officer reports were given and approved. In November, the Dallas CC will hold elections for Vice President and Treasurer. Members are encouraged to participate in the TNA raffle. SHOW & TELL: Mike T: 1960 D 1¢. Jose: Disney \$1. Jeff L: 2011 S Clad Gettysburg 25¢. Jimmy: 1930 Alabama Tax Token 1930. Judy D: 2025 Ascension Island \$1 from OKC ANA. Mike A: Lot of Morgans just acquired. Gary D: Coin of the year. Stephen T: 2012 America Beautiful 5 oz. Carl: 2017 100th Anniversary Rev. PF Kennedy Set. Zeke: Shared info on Heritage sale of an 1866 \$20 for \$24,000 and an original bronze cast of Peace Dollar. Mule Washington 25¢ with two reverse dies was found at an estate sale. PROGRAM: "Gone but not forgotten - Obsolete Grading Companies" by Jose S. His program included information on Chattanooga Coin Company, PCI, Hallmark Grading, American Alliance Coin Grading Service, First Token Grading Service, Blanchard, Global Certification Services Inc., and Tru Grade Service. DOOR PRIZES: 1980 Unc. Mint Set: Mike T. 1980 Unc. Mint Set: Rebecca. 1980 Unc. Mint Set: Mike A. 1972 Unc. Mint Set: Jimmy. RAFFLE: 2005 Silver Eagle \$1: Jack G. 1921 \$1 Lucinda. 1921 \$1 Colored: Stephen T. Chad Republic 1 oz Silver: Jack G. 1952 Booker T. 50¢: Zeke.

DALLAS CC NOVEMBER MEETING: Mike opened the #1170 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. We had 25 people in attendance and 5 guests (Craig L, Manuel G, Barbara, Chris Q, & Jordan). Mike shared a brief story on the Farmer's Almanac and how it was used in the past. Mike mentioned the Lincoln Cents are widely collected in light of the recent news. Judy reported the club finances were in good standing, and the TNA is in Ft. Worth next year and we will be looking for volunteers. TNA members can enter into a drawing for an ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship grant or a book grant. The deadline is coming up soon and the drawing will be held at the Houston Money Show in January. Jose reported on the price of gold and silver and promoted upcoming coin shows. Exciting news next year as the United States will be celebrating our 250th anniversary. US Mint will be releasing an assortment of gold and silver coins to commemorate: 1916 Mercury Head Dime, 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter, 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, 1804 Draped Bust \$1, and 1907 Saint Gauden Double Eagle \$20. Officer election tonight and Carl N. was voted in as Vice President. Judy was also re-elected as Treasurer. SHOW & TELL: Mike T: Mid 1930's US Royal Tiger Putter Marker. Carl N: State Quarter exposed to dryer damage. George M: Odd Canada Silver Monitor Token. Craig: Polymer Bank of Mexico 20 Pesos Note. Larry: 1835 1/2¢ XF 40. David: Three \$1 Coins with no Mint Date. Stephen T: 1902 1¢ PF & 1850 1¢. Pat O: Bowers Book on Collecting Newsletters. Program: "The United States Cents from 1793-2025" by Zeke. Recent news about the end of the US cent closed out the year for the Dallas CC. Zeke presented all the cent types and dates the US mint struck. The US cent is legal tender and remains so to this day! It was repealed by Congress and production has been suspended. What was the cent's purpose? Throughout history, many monetary systems had a bronze coin associated with it. Typically, because of inflation over time, the smaller coin went by the wayside. The cost exceeds the face value, as in this case. Zeke also mentioned it takes 12¢ to make a 5¢ coin. The US monetary system was created in 1792 to trade on par with the Spanish. The US system needed to trade based on that to be viable. Exchange

rate of 1 Real was 12 ½ cents. Instead, the US made a 10¢ coin creating a decimal system for the dollar. Legislation in 1857 abolished the ½ cent. Most were discontinued not due to inflation. The 1¢ was the base bronze coin in the US. Denomination of the \$1 dollar was equal to 100 cents to make things work. The cent has undergone many changes, policies, engravings, and composition in response to inflation. Zeke provided a handout of every cent issued from 1793-2025. DOOR PRIZES: 1972 US Proof Set: Carl. 1980 Unc. Coin Set: Ronnie. 2003 US Mint 25¢ Set: Craig. 1992 Zambia 50 Ngwee: Stephen. RAFFLE: 1900 O \$1: Craig. 1964 US Coin Set: Jordan. 1925 Stone Mountain 50¢: Mike T. 1990 Canada \$1 PF: George M.

DALLAS CC DECEMBER MEETING AND PARTY: Mike opened the #1171 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. We had 26 people in attendance and 3 guests (James N, Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Irwin). This was our annual Dallas CC Christmas Party, and the start of Mike's personal Christmas season! He shared a story of a dealer paying \$42 times face for 90% silver. We had very nice weather for the party and hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their family. Officer reports were given and approved. Confirmation of Officers for a new two-year term: Judy D. was sworn in for a new term as Treasurer and Carl N. was sworn in for a new term as VP. Jack G. with the TNA encouraged everyone to enter the TNA drawing for the 2026 ANA Summer Seminar and Library Grant. The Club had a very nice assortment of Bingo prizes consisting of six Silver Eagles, a Morgan and a 5 oz silver. Jim J. called the Bingo tonight. We had a gift exchange first. A gift could be stolen three times and last person getting to keep the item. We had 24 gifts to exchange tonight. The Club enjoyed the gift exchange, cupcakes were provided the Dallas CC, and Bingo followed. Bingo Prizes: 2021 Morgan \$1: Alan, 2021 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: Don D., 2021 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: James N., 2008 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: Judy, 2021 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: Carl N., 2021 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: George M., 2021 Silver Eagle 1 Oz: Carl N., and 2016 N. Dakota 5 Oz: George M.



North Star of Texas Coin Club

NORTH STAR OF TEXAS COIN CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING: The NSOTXCC met in Paris with 29 members and guests in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Gina M., and the door prize of

a 2003 S proof cameo Jefferson nickel was won by guest Cindy F. The club discussed the success of the Paris Coin Show. It was announced that show was sold-out and the door attendance exceeded previous shows. Finances of the show were presented to the club. A discussion followed on the take aways for the show and suggestions were made for future shows. Final preparations were made for the club's annual December dinner. Club officers were elected for 2026 as follows: President Paula H., VP David L., Secretary Brad R., and Treasurer Joe V.

NORTH STAR OF TEXAS CC JANUARY MEETING: The NSOTXCC met in Paris with 36 members and guests in attendance. Former President Gina M. led it off before turning the meeting over to incoming President Paula H. The door prize of a 1970 D graded Kennedy half dollar was won by Richard B. The club wishes to welcome 3 new members: James S., Daniel W. and Ryan C. In the business portion of the meeting, there was a recap of the annual December club dinner. Incoming President Paula H. handed out penny coin tokens and some 2025 mint sets to the members in attendance. Silver prices are rising and everyone is eagerly awaiting the release of the 250th anniversary coins by the U.S. Mint. The new Paris Coin Show fliers were presented to the club. Announcements made included upcoming coin shows in Houston, Hot Springs and Texarkana. Joe V. gave a Show & Tell on the "Catherine the Great" Russian 5 Kopeks, an extraordinary and affordable coin. This large, hefty coin has a lot of Russian history surrounding it. The meeting closed out with an auction.



Collin County Coin Club

COLLIN COUNTY COIN CLUB AUGUST MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Steve with 26 members and 3 guests in attendance. We are happy that 2 visitors decided to join the club. The Treasurer's report was given by Gary. The club donated to

Kerr County Flood Relief (members donated on top of the club's donation). The club made its quarterly donation to the North Texas Food Bank. The club is a long-standing member of the ANA and the club's ANA membership dues were paid in August. There were 3 Show & Tells. James H. shared information and the Texas Innovation Dollars from NASA Launch Party. Andon presented his Lincoln Cent collection. John shared a rare Kennedy Half Dollar.

COLLIN COUNTY CC SEPTEMBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Steve. The room was filled with 30 members and 3 visitors. All 3 visitors became members. The Treasurer's report was given by Gary. Steve welcomed the members and recognized the guests. Officer Nominations will take place during the October meeting with voting to happen during the November meeting. Kim presented on the SS Central America (aka ship of gold) Ship Wreck from 1857 / found in 1986. Presentation included a coin recovered from the wreck and a book catalog some of the other coins which had been recovered.

COLLIN COUNTY CC OCTOBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Steve. We had a packed house with 36 members in attendance along with 5 visitors. We had 2 visitors join the club. The Treasurer's report was given by Gary. Steve welcomed the crowd. December's Meeting will be the CCCC Member's Holiday Party; members and a guests are welcome. Officers' Duties were review and Officer Nominations were accepted. The 2026 Officers will be voted on during November's Monthly Meeting. Jim J. provided a compare and contrast of a real Chinese Yuan (Paper Currency) versus a counterfeit Yuan. Jim told the story behind how received both while on a trip.

DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR

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GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was led by Jack D, honoring past and present club members. 70th Anniversary Celebration: Barbara P distributed commemorative pins to mark the club's 70th anniversary. John B displayed a slideshow of photographs featuring past and present members, including those who have passed away. Guests: Jesse V (long-time member, returning attendee), Reed H. (San Diego), Bill B., Marsha, Steve, and Jonathon. The club recognized its 25 longest-registered members, with Melvin N honored as the longest-serving member. Show & Tell: 1. Gene Mc: Discussed buying coins at auction, showcased ancient gold coins, and provided a lesson on Greek letters. 2. Tom & Lisa S.: Presented souvenirs from previous GHCC celebrations. 3. Steve K.: Displayed a matching pair of U.S. silver dollars (1797 Small Eagle and 1799 Large Eagle) from his type set. 4. Michael W.: Shared two items from the 1998 Money Show and a 1995 club award. 5. Alan M.: Presented a 1530s 1 Real coin from Mexico, explaining the design on both sides. 6. Sebastian F.: Discussed Mexican coins, describing "Mexican Junk" as a badge of honor. This is an affectionate term of endearment, not an insult. Highlighted a 1922 Peace Dollar counter-stamped to commemorate the 1978 Camp David Peace Accord, relevant to current Middle East peace efforts. S&T Winner: Tom & Lisa S. selected via random draw. Club Monthly Quiz Theme: 70th anniversary celebration. Winner: Jim S. Program: Jim S introduced Chuck B, a Houston native. Topic: History of the USS Houston, nicknamed the "Gallop of the Java Coast." Highlights: Displayed a photo of President Franklin D. Roosevelt aboard the ship. Noted the ship's role in World War II and its connection to the film Bridge on the River Kwai. Numismatic connection: Two Australian coins commemorate the USS Houston and HMAS Perth, depicting the Houston's ship bell and the Battle of Sunda Strait. Melvin N discussed additional 1955-related items, including President Eisenhower and the death of Albert Einstein. New members were nominated and elected (Linda E (Family), Brandon H, Mark P, Steve K / Tencia D (Family), Mike O). Coins for A's Program: Administrator presented a Young Numismatists (YN) report, distributing a 1955 Cent (Niko won) and 1955 Quarter Dollar. Money Show Committee: Donations were collected for the contents of the large raffle case to be awarded at the January Houston Money Show (HMS). Costs for the 2027 Money Show will increase, requiring further discussion. Security concerns raised; request made for an officer to assist with parking lot security. The meeting adjourned, followed by an auction of red-dot items only.

GREATER HOUSTON CC NOVEMBER MEETING: Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack D. Moment of silence observed in memory of long-time member Fran Ewing, who passed away earlier this week. Services will be held after the first of the year. Guests: James B., Jesse V., Sandy G., Frank W., Ed S., and Mason. Show & Tell: 1. Jim S.: Indian Head cents designed by James Longacre; also showed related Indian Head designs including a Colombian issue and coins dated 1819 & 1820. 2. Sebastian F.: 1916 Mexican 20 Centavos (praised the engraving, balance, detail, and pose) and an 1824 Mexican 8 Reales silver coin. 3. Jack D.: Commemorating the 62nd anniversary (in two days) of President Kennedy's assassination; displayed an array of JFK medals and tributes. 4. Vlad: Highly detailed multi-design medal from Hungary. 5. Eric: 1881 Hawaiian 5-cent piece (intended for circulation but never issued); explained differences between originals and restrikes. 6. Nathan: 2022 Texas Furry Fiesta convention medal with "Oceanic Adventure" reverse theme. 7. Steve K.: 1795 Flowing Hair silver dollar (a required type for advanced collections) and pointed out the diagnostic die defect for its variety. 8. Bruce B.: Program from the 27th Annual Money Show of 1984 in very good condition, with original advertisements and dealer listings. 9. Ricardo: 1914 Mexican 20 Pesos paper note bearing a validating stamp for circulation. Show & Tell winner: Jack D. (prize: Bicentennial half dollar). Monthly Quiz: 6 members achieved perfect scores including the tiebreaker. Winner by random draw: Richard F. Program by John B: "Half Cents from First to Last" (proposed as a class for the 2026 ANA Summer Seminar). Covered pre-federal Massachusetts issues, David Rittenhouse's role, Liberty Cap design, heavy early commerce use, 1790s copper-only issues, the unique 1815 cent absence, 1796 issues and the Edwards copy, a proposed 1835 design, die and collar mechanics, Braided Hair design (1854), and the final 1857 issue replaced by the Flying Eagle cent. John received a speaker token, answered questions, and was wished a happy 80th birthday. New Members: Bill B & Marcia M (family), Steven & Jennifer H (family). Money Show Committee Update: All dealer tables sold; waiting list full. Cheryl requested additional volunteers. Carl F. encouraged donations and sponsorships (donor names will appear on banners and in club programs). Carl S. displayed the raffle case; tickets \$2 each, winner takes all. Townsend Award nominations closed at the end of this meeting and were turned over to Albert. Young Numismatist (YN) Activity: A half cent was presented to a YN. Christmas Party was promoted. Several December coin shows were announced. 2026 dues may be paid now. Attendance was 58 members and guests. Door prize winner: new member Steven H.

GREATER HOUSTON CC HOLIDAY PARTY: A Celebration to Remember! The GHCC Holiday party was a resounding success, with nearly 80 people in attendance. The food was delectable, the door prizes were excellent, and the conversations were enriching. The company was stellar, making it an unforgettable experience. The individuals in the photographs are truly exceptional. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth functioning of the club. These are some of the most generous people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Their unwavering commitment to the success of numismatics for future generations is truly commendable. Thank you to all those who make this club great! Happy New Year!



Pasadena Coin Club

PASADENA COIN CLUB UPDATE: The Pasadena Coin Club met in Pasadena on: 11/10 & 24; 12/8 & 22 and 1/12. A Zoom meeting was held on the fifth Monday: 12/29. Attendance was 20 to 40. For the first time in years, the PCC did not meet on 1/26 due to a cold front with ice and snow in our area. The annual club Christmas party and bingo night was 12/8. The event was well attended. Folks gathered about 5:30 to talk, eat and look at auction lots. At 6:30 we started with reports, short programs, talk about bullion prices & raffles. A coin auction completed the meetings with: Morgan dollars, bullion coins, US type set coins, Lincoln cents & numismatic periodicals. Bullion prices have been the main topic of interest. Auction items have a footnote of above or below net bullion price. Several members attended the GHCC Money Show. The show had plenty of sellers and buyers. One member bought a coin from the Middle Ages for her Polish king collection. One member attended the New York International show. The show is the largest for ancient and world coins in the USA. Auction prices were strong. (Pictured right) One of the earliest Yehud or Jewish coins, a Lily and Falcon half Gerah, 0.37 grams. It dates to 375 - 332 BC.



(Pictured left) Roman Republican denarius issued by Scipio and Crassus in 46 BC. The obverse is an archaic head of Jupiter and the reverse shows a well-formed scale.



(Pictured above) Several Italian cast bronze coins were available at the show. It is like going to the zoo where you get to see the elephants, but do not take them home. The 4 finger Janus As from 240 BC stayed with the dealer. (Pictured left) The smaller half and quarter asses will arrive in the mail soon.

DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR



THE GATEPOST GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY COIN CLUB OCT 16 MEETING: The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 29 members present. Mario W requested presenters. Member health updates were given. The club has a Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please find, Gateway Coin Club San Antonio, like and follow. Roundtable: Andy C: 1336-1646CE, World's smallest coin, Indian city of Vijayanagar, 2-3 mm in diameter. Marc D: \$1000 Trump magnet. Melinda D: Route 66 coin, Gemini Grant, Illinois, 1 of 8 for all states that have Route 66. Frank G: 1824-1864, 1/2 real coin, Mexican half, silver coin from the 1st Republic, issued during term of President Ignacio Comonfort. Karla G: medal, obverse

image of wolf's head; "Compliments of Wolf Gaming," Grand Junction, CO; rev-"May Good Luck Always Accompany the Bearer;" image of a horseshoe. Doyle H: Singapore, 2 different \$.50 pieces, 2 different dollars. Robert J: silver bullet, 1 troy oz, .999 fine silver. Mark K: National currency, SA, \$5 printed in SA. Paul M: Texas Cavalier Medal, Fiesta parade medal. Paul R: 1913 M, Mexico, 10 centavos. MS63, low mintage, 1,990,000. Walter S: 1997, Cook Islands, \$50-coin, 6th century Justinian's code of civil law. Mario W: State quarter, Texas, 28th state. Dave T: 1950, token, value unknown, copper-nickel. Roundtable Drawing: 1988 US Mint Uncirculated Coin Set won by Marc D. GCC Raffle winners: Walter S, Andy C, John M, Mark K, Paul M. Dave T, Greg H. The auction was conducted by Johnell H and John M, with the assistance of Kate M. Attendance Prize: 1921 S, US Morgan Dollar won by Walter S.

GATEWAY CC NOV 6 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 31 members and 2 visitors (Consuelo B and Tom C) present. We completed our training sessions with the scout group. We received a thank you card signed by the scouts and their leader. Appreciation was extended to our VP Mario for making the arrangements for us. He will be working on arranging other opportunities for us to work with scout groups to help them earn their coin collecting merit badge. Roundtable: Tim C: 1937, British Proof Coppers, proof, penny, 1/2 penny, and farthing, NGC holders, PF65RB. Frank G: good luck token, obv-Lindy Good Luck Token, May 21st,1927, features "Spirit of St Louis" airplane, rev- Health, Wealth, Happiness in center, a cat, horse, shoe, shamrock, and wishbone. Karla G: trade token, obv- "Farmer's Supply Company, Giddings, TX, rev-Good for \$1 in trade". Doyle H: 2000-yen, 1000-yen, Japanese note. Evan H: 1938 P, mercury dime, PCGS MS65, PCGS has only certified 867 in this grade. Robert J: 1980, dollar souvenir set, 3 Susan B Anthony US Dollars P, D, S. Mike K: 2025, ASE Navy Privy, American Silver Eagle. Fernando R: 1873DP, Mexico, 25 centavos, Durango mint, exceedingly rare, known mintage of 892. Paul R: 1945, Mexico, dos pesos-gem bu, from Nevada Recluse Hoard, ANACS certified. Walter S: 1886 Indian cent. Mario W: 2013 America The Beautiful quarter, Fort McHenry. Roundtable Drawing: 1995 US Mint Uncirculated Coin Set won by Evan H. The winners of the raffle prizes were Karla G, John M, David C, and Marc D. The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and Kate M. Attendance Prize: HM Indian/Bison, 1 troy oz., .999 silver, round won by Zachary H.

GATEWAY CC NOV 20 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 30 members and 2 visitors (Consuelo B and Tom C) present. The upcoming Christmas party was promoted. At the dinner meeting there will not be a roundtable or auction. There will be a raffle and a gift exchange. The gift exchange is optional. If participating, the gift must be a wrapped numismatic item. Member health updates were given. Roundtable: George G: 1972 Jamaican \$5. Melinda D: 1970 United Nations 25th anniversary commemorative medal and stamp. Robert J: 1953 D Lincoln cent, 1971 D Jefferson nickel, Jefferson State Bank, San Antonio, Tx, give away samples. Mark K: 1875 twenty cent piece. Chuck N: 1922 German movie poster for Nosferatu. Paul R: 1926M, Mexico, 5 centavos, mintage 3,160,000. Mario W: 2004 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. Ziggy Z: 2025 US uncirculated mint set. Roundtable Drawing 2009 US Virgin Islands quarter silver proof won by Chuck N. GCC Raffle winners: Luke M, Dave T, Andres G, Mark K, and Red V. Numismatic Educational Program: The Vampire Note of Germany by Chuck N. In January 1922, the German banknote for 10,000 marks was printed. In the right-hand corner is a painting titled 'A Portrait of a Young Man by German Painter Albrecht Duerer. On the reverse is a stylized German federal eagle. It is believed a mint engraver drew a secret anti-French message in the form of a hooded man biting the neck of the man in the portrait. This was to represent France, the vampire, draining the blood of the man in the portrait, representing Germany. The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and Kate M. The Attendance Prize: 2002, Christmas falalala, 1 troy oz, .999 silver, round won by Evan H.

GATEWAY CC DEC 4 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 31 members and one visitor (Consuelo B) present. The upcoming Christmas party was promoted, and it was decided to not have the first meeting in January be on New Years Day. Member health updates were given. Roundtable: Tim C: 2 Frank half dollars, 1955 (unc. raw) "Bugs Bunny" Franklin half and 1956, Franklin half, ANACS MS63 FBL, quadruple die obverse. Melinda D: 1976 \$2 bicentennial, 1st day of issue, after hiatus since 1966, released on Jefferson's birthday. Frank G: 1977 Lincoln cent, inflation money, really small, approx. 7mm. Karla G: Confederate cent, second restrike from the original dies, engraved by Robert Lovett, 20,000 struck. Doyle H: 4 Walking Liberties. Zachary H: sequential \$2 bills, star notes. Robert J: 1945 5 Francs, aluminum, uncirculated, Monaco. Mark K: Apollo

50th commemorative coin. Fernando R: 322-185BC, Mauryan Empire drachma, Ancient Indian Empire. Paul R: 10 pesos, Emiliano Zapata, Mexican Revolutionary, and guerilla leader. Walter S: mercury dime/Lincoln cent, altered coin. Mario W: 1989, East German, uncirculated set, year Berlin Wall came down. Roundtable Drawing: 1991, U S Mint Proof set won by Frank G. GCC Raffle winners: Mark K, Brian L, Consuelo B, Robert J, Doyle H, Marc D, and Red V. The auction was conducted by Johnell H and John M, with the assistance of Kate M. The Attendance Prize: 2015 Australian Funnel-Web Spider, .999 silver, round won by Red V.

GATEWAY CC DEC 18 MEETING AND PARTY: The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 25 members and 5 visitors present. The meeting was held at a restaurant to enjoy our Christmas Dinner Party. The evening began with an Invocation given by Chaplain Rich Y. Vice-President Mario W. led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. The visitors were welcomed and introduced: Suzy, wife of John B; Esther, wife of Robert J; Shari, wife of Mario W; Sandy, wife of Rich Y.; and Consuelo B, guest of Paul R. After dinner and following the serving of an Italian Cream Cake for dessert by Kate M. Andy C. and Karla H., the brief meeting began. Officer reports were given and approved. Our February Coin Show was promoted and volunteers requested. Member health and family updates were given. Chaplain Doyle H offered prayers for several members who were ill and could not attend this evening. Vice-President Mario W. conducted the raffle, and Chuck N. conducted the gift exchange. Following the drawing for the Attendance Prize, Chaplain John M gave the Benediction, and the meeting was then adjourned by President Frank G. The poinsettias on the tables were given to the ladies present and Christmas, New Year, and Holiday Greetings were extended to everyone.



ALAMO COIN CLUB OCT 23 MEETING: President Fernando R brought the club meeting to order with 21 members in attendance. There was one guest: Consuelo B. Roundtable: 1. Fernando R showed off a scarce high grade Mexican 18763/5 MoLR 1/4 Real. 2. Clifton V displayed a 1797 Cartwheel 2 Pence from Great Britain. 3. Paul R had a stamp/coin set including the 1908 and 1909 Indian Head cents. 4. Walter S showed us a Fort Worth Coin Club silver medal. 5. Fernando G had a 1980/79 Mexican blunt stem 10 centavos. 6. Scott D showed a U.S./Mexico 13th National Convention sample slab with a 1983 50 cent coin. 7. Kevin K passed around a 1988 Mexican 500 Pesos with doubling twice on the date. 8. Richard G displayed an 1839 Large Cent. 9. Valinda A showed us a 2012 Crown from the Isle of Man with a cat breed. 10. Larry A brought a Guernsey 2 Pound honoring the Commonwealth Games. 11. Bruce G had a Bull/Bear Pocket Analyst piece. 12. Robert J showed us a 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial medal set having four medals. 13. Justin R had some banknotes from the Cont. National Bank. 14. Manny O sent around an 18460 Seated Dollar with very low mintage. 15. Greg P showed off a 1964 MS65 Half Dollar. 16. Grady L sported some remakes of ancient Judean coins he bought at an exhibit. 17. Eldon H had a Solomon Islands 10th Anniversary 50 cent piece. Fernando G got the winner prize for the Round Table of a Proof Set. Larry A finalized our end of year dinner, noting that due to size, there are limited guests and will be a small fee. We will still have the awards and he will reserve the room for us ASAP. He also brought up that the cost of making medals is prohibitively high and we will look at other ideas. Richard G brought up a concern with prizes, particularly silver ones due to silver increases and some discussion was had here. Robert J presented our Treasurer's report. The raffle winners were Vernon D, Fernando R, Manny O, Kevin K (2x), Richard G, and Andy C. The auction was fairly lively, with good bidding and some nice acquisitions. To close, we had the membership prize and Robert J won a silver round.

ALAMO CC NOV 13 MEETING: President Fernando R brought the club meeting to order with 25 members and 1 guest (Consuelo B) in attendance. We began with a minor moment of honor for the end of the US cent production. Roundtable: Fernando R brought 2 Mexican banknotes: (1) an El Banco Londres y Mexico 10 Pesos issued 1/1/902, Pre- Revolution, (2) another of the same note but issued 2/1/1912 during the Revolution. Clifton V showed, for Veteran's Day, two Canadian 25 cent coins, one honoring Year of the Veteran and the other a Remembrance Day commemorative from 2006. Paul R had a silver round honoring

Pancho Villa. Fernando G showed us a 1926 Mexican Peso in prime shape. James R passed around his uncirculated 1884 Morgan Dollar. Larry A passed around a 1649 British shilling of Charles I. David R had a 2000-D Sacajawea Dollar which was gold plated. Kevin K brought out a 1946 Mexican 20 centavo in MS66 grade from PCGS. Richard G had an 1856 Nova Scotia token which was coated in shellack. Larry A brought a Guernsey 2 Pound honoring the Commonwealth Games. Bruce G showed us a 1930 1/10 Balboa from Panama. Robert J displayed a Medal showing the History of Gold in the USA and a view of Ft. Knox. Justin R passed around a 1923 Peruvian 1 Sol. Joan C brought out an 1806 Irish Farthing. Tim C showed an Indo-Scythian silver Drachma from around 75-65 BC. Greg P handed around a San Antonio Streetcar token celebrating 1933-1983. Grady L passed out a 2025 Lincoln Cent as the last production of the coin. Ryan B displayed his 1842 VF35 Seated Dollar. Ryan B won the roundtable prize: a 1972 Proof Set. Larry A promoted the End of Year Party and Installation. Fernando R promoted the upcoming coin show and requested volunteers and contributions to the Prize Wheel. Justin R brought in three candidate restaurants for future meetings. This will be considered up the road. Fernando R put out extra flyers for the next show for the members to spread around. Upcoming local coin shows were promoted. Walter S and Greg P were thanked for donating some lots for the Prize Wheel. Kevin K reminded everyone of the Liberty Coin Club meeting next week. Robert J presented our Treasurer's report. The Raffle winners were George G (2x), Fernando R, John T, Andy G, Walter S, and Kevin K. The auction was aggressive in spots, with big items and bids going down several times. It was heavy on silver coins due to the spot price, but both US and foreign did well. We concluded with the membership prize and Andy C won a 1-ounce silver round.

ALAMO CC DEC 11 MEETING: Meeting was called to order by club President Fernando R. Selection of Roundtable items: There was a token from Travelers Oil Ltd. Someone brought in a one dollar 2017 series radar note with serial number 90988909. Fernando R brought in a 9th century Northumbria styca an Anglo-Saxon coin of King Eanared and a silver drachm of the Mauryan Empire known as a Karshapana. The coin is from around 300-150 BC. There was much discussion in the business portion of the meeting, mainly dealing with the Alamo Coin Show and the newly revised floor plan. Representatives from the TNA and ANA will be at the show, and both groups will have tables in our Education Row. We also discussed the final details of the Club Holiday dinner and meeting event in January. This event will include an award ceremony.

ALAMO CC COIN SHOW: The Alamo Coin Show was held at the Schertz Civic Center and, despite IH 35 construction issues, we did fairly well in both activity and attendance. Dealers indicated the buying was good and very brisk. We had the Alamo Coin Show Prize Wheel setup in a new spot but it drew a good response from the participants. Greg P had a display on coins from Finland. We also had displays on Coins of Catherine the Great, which included the coins of Siberia. Other displays were of the money of Texas up to the period of the Civil War. There was also a huge display of Ancients to Renaissance coinage from the Far East, Middle Eastern, and Europe. The club members helped in all areas. A successful day!

ALAMO CC PARTY IN JANUARY: It was time to celebrate, honor, and party! There was a Roundtable conducted. There was some brief business discussion at the meeting, including the results of the Alamo Coin Show. Honored for their dedication and other actions for the Alamo Coin Club and Alamo Coin Show at the banquet were: Fernando R, Larry A, Robert J, Clifton V, Steve and Nancy M, Tim and Joan C, Matthew S, Greg P, Fernando G, Scott D, Manuel O, and Genevieve O. (some honorees pictured with President Fernando)



ALAMO CC JAN 22 MEETING: President Fernando R greeted all to the first official meeting of the year. There were 26 members present and 1 guest (Melinda D, a Gateway CC member). After greetings were made, the Roundtable began: Fernando R began with a Polish solidus dated 1633/2 minted at Elbing used in the occupation of Lithuania. Clifton V showed a Hungarian 500 Forint from 2015 which honored motorized mail delivery and had a square shape. Paul R showed us his 2 Reales from 1552-1553 made for Carlos Y Johanna. Walter S had an old price list (1961) by Criswell which offered Confederate currency. Fernando G humorously showed us his 1934 quarter, which he found in change recently. Scott D passed around a 1904 Zs Z 5 centavos with dark toning. Kevin K showed off one of his beloved Mexican coins, this being an 1886 Chihuahua 8 Reales. Richard G handed out an 1812 Province of Nova Scotia 1/2 Penny. David R showed us a \$0.10 Fractional note, which he later auctioned off. James R had a 1728 Lubeck 10 shilling. David A brought out a 1978 US Proof Set. Larry A passed around a 1956 US Proof Jefferson nickel and it was lovely. Grady L showed us an 1884/1889 Liberty Head Nickles that were chemically "restored". Robert J brought us a program from the 1980 Texas Renaissance Festival. Justin R brought a 2013 gold piece honoring Munich FC Bayern. Greg P showed us more Finnish, this being an 1873S 25 Penina showing the Russian eagle and the Finnish crowns on opposite sides. Manuel O showed a 1988 US silver Eagle and briefly discussed the investment opportunities that were available then. Letty B passed around a 1913 Buffalo nickel and asked about the specific type. Joan C showed us her 1899 FZ Mexican Peso rated at AU58. Tim C showed us three Roman silvers with three emperors on them. Two were Denarii with Trajan and Septimus Severus and the other was a double denarius with Philip I (the Arab) on it. Clifton V won the roundtable prize, a US Proof Set. The officers brought up that our Awards Banquet was a success. Fernando noted that the December show was also a success, with a pinch fewer attendees due to road construction, but more spending. He noted that we are going to look carefully at future shows. He reflected on recent shows and promoted future local coin shows. Robert J presented our Treasurer's report. The Raffle winners were Paul R, Larry A, Tim C, Robert J, and three in a row for Manny O (!!!). The auction was held and featured an early aggressive start. A membership prize of 1923 Peace Dollar was given to Kevin K.

Liberty Coin Club

LIBERTY CC OCTOBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order with 7 members in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Steve M. resigned his Treasurer position due to health issues, and he turned the club funds, all receipts, and the 2 remaining attendance prizes over to President, Kevin K. Show & Tell/Roundtable: Steve showed a 1901 Indian Head cent that was graded MS62 Brown by NGC. Kevin showed a rare 1908 silver Mexican Peso with an MO mintmark. It was graded MS63 by NGC. Greg P. brought a 1944-D Half Dollar that was graded MS67 by Nevada Silver Collection. The coin had some really nice toning. Tim C. showed three Lincoln cents: (1) a 1961 Proof coin with cool toning graded Proof 65 Red Brown (RB) by ANACS, (2) a 1956 cent graded MS64RB by ANACS, and (3) a 1980-D cent graded MS65RB by PCGS. Larry L. brought six French 5 Franc coins that depicted Napoleon I, King Louis XVIII, constitutional monarch penultimate King Louis Philippe, and Napoleon III who became the first President of France in 1848 but then

following a coup in 1851 became the second Emperor and he was France's last monarch when he was overthrown during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. Nancy M. showed a 2006-D US State Quarter. It was the South Dakota coin depicting a pheasant flying over Mount Rushmore. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. Attendance Prize: a 1921 Morgan dollar won by Tim.

LIBERTY CC NOVEMBER MEETING: President Kevin K. called the meeting to order with 6 members in attendance. Show & Tell/Roundtable: Kevin showed a US commemorative dollar, the 2000 Leif Ericson dollar minted in Philadelphia. The coin commemorates the millennium (1000 years) since Leif Ericson's discovery of the New World (North America). The 90% silver proof coin features Ericson on the obverse and a Viking ship on the reverse. Kevin's coin was graded MS70. Greg P. brought three Finland coins: the 1916 50 penna, the 1917 1 penna, and the 1917 5 penna. These coins were minted during the final years that the Grand Duchy of Finland was part of the Russian Empire. Tim C. showed a 1952 proof US Washington Quarter of the "Superbird" variety. The coin earned this nickname because there is a clear area in an S shape on the eagle's chest on the reverse, reminiscent of the S on Superman's chest. Tim's coin was graded PR67 by ANACS. Andy G. brought a proof 2019-S America the Beautiful Quarter featuring the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. This proof quarter is 0.999 fine silver. Andy's coin was graded PR70 Ultra Cameo. Fernando R. showed a Texas Renaissance Festival shower token for use at "The Royal Bath House" at the Fields of New Market Campgrounds. \$5 gets you an 8-minute shower. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. Attendance Prize: a 1921-D Morgan dollar won by Kevin.

DISTRICT 10 - JASON ELWELL, GOVERNOR



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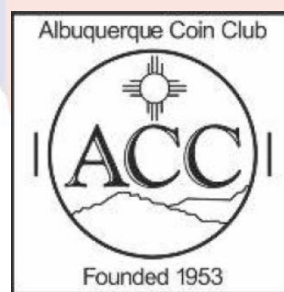
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INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO OCTOBER MEETING: Call to order of the ICCoEP October 2025 monthly club meeting with 47 members and 7 guests. President James M introduced club guests: Helen Z, Leiana P, Briseis C, Eddie H, Luis C, Diego H, and Juan L. Officer reports were given and approved. Vice president David C spoke about recent silver and gold price increases and recommended being careful about purchasing of these materials at this time. David also recommended holding at least half of one's silver holdings during this time. Club member Ward V brought up concerns about young collectors' abilities to purchase precious metal coins due to increasingly high spot market prices, thereby affecting accessibility to the coin collecting hobby as a whole. James M discussed concerns with the U.S. Mint charging premiums on new coinage. Club treasurer Sebastian D provided the club with the latest treasury report. Also announced that the 2026 club medals are currently in production. Club secretary Val M suggested updating club member email addresses and discussed purchasing new club equipment for presentations. Club board member Juan R discussed details regarding radio advertisements for the upcoming ICCoEP 2026 Coin Show and recommended speaking to himself and club member Nelson D J for sponsorship information. Announced that current ticket sales totaled 2,200 as of the day of the meeting and asked for additional help selling tickets. Recommended using current gold and silver spot price increases as incentive to sell additional tickets and win prizes. James M presented club members Ron O and Adrian M with their club name tags and copies of the ICCoEP Constitution and By Laws. Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) governor Jason E reported on the following items: Club member Joshua G had recently completed 709 miles for the "Fit for TNA" program. Provided information regarding his upcoming article series, entitled "Go, Tell It on the Franklin Mountains... L.W. Hoffercker is Reborn." The articles will discuss files discovered at the late L.W. Hoffercker estate and the history of the 1935 Old Spanish Trail U.S. commemorative half dollar. Part 1 of the 4 part series will be published in the December 2025 edition of the TNA News publication. Presented medals to the following newly inducted TNA members: James F, Steve S, Ruben F. Discussed how ICCoEP club minutes are submitted to and published by the TNA. James M reported on sponsorships for the upcoming ICCoEP 2026 Coin Show. Discussed creating a poster featuring all ICCoEP 2026 Coin Show sponsors to be displayed at the show and announced that Juan R donated 120 centavos coins, which will be graded and slabbed by ANACS free of charge, to donate to the ICCoEP 2026 Coin Show's children's auction.

Auctioneers for this evening included: Ralph R, David T, Willie T. Club raffle winners for the evening included: Isaac V, Isabel T, Chris R, Sebastian D. Grand Prize (a donation from club member Terry S) won by Isabel T.

ICCOEP NOVEMBER MEETING: Call to order of the ICCoEP November 2025 monthly club meeting with 41 members and 3 guests present. President James M introduced club guests: Tamarius C, Leonora V, and Luna B. Officer reports were given and approved. Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) governor Jason E provided this month's TNA governor report: a) Club member Joshua G had completed the "Fit for TNA" challenge and was awarded with a certificate of completion along with a set of medals from the TNA. b) Announced a new "Fit for TNA" challenge starting on the date of the meeting. The destination chosen for the new challenge is Fort Worth, TX, making the distance required to complete the challenge 603 miles. c) Confirmed the first of four articles chronicling the late L.W. Hoffercker, written by Jason E, will appear in the December 2025 issue of the TNA News publication. Announced that a press release regarding these articles was submitted to the Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS). Provided a summary about these articles and brief history of L.W. Hoffercker. Announced that some documents will be uploaded to the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) when time allows and provided information about this online resource. Board member Juan R discussed the status of club raffle ticket sales, of which 2,800 tickets had been sold as of the day of the meeting. Announced that the club is continuing to look for local sponsors for the 62nd Annual Coin Show and updated the membership on advertising. Sergeant-at-arms Bettie E thanked all military veterans present at the meeting for their service to their country in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday on November 11. Club member Chuck S announced that he would be handing out free meal tickets to all military veterans at Texas Roadhouse in honor of the Veterans Day holiday. James M stated that individuals can also donate towards sponsorship for the 62nd Annual Coin Show. James M stated that prospective club member Luis C to be voted in for the next club meeting. James M announced that the club will need a new president for the June 2026 club elections, as he will not be running for re-election. He promoted the December party and encouraged club members attending the event to bring a gift for the party's raffle. He stated the club needs volunteers to assist with setting up for the party. Club membership dues will potentially be raised to \$30 per year, to which the club will vote on this decision in December. He encouraged club members to display an exhibit at the 62nd Annual Coin Show. The monthly club auctioneers included: Steve P, Ralph R, David T, Willie T. Raffle winners included: Sebastian D, Juan R, Santi B, Steve S, and Grand Prize (Terry S donation) to Don S.

ICCOEP DECEMBER MEETING: BBQ catering was served to all members and guests. Meeting called to order with 55 members and 21 guests present. The club voted to admit Luis C. The club voted to increase yearly membership dues from \$25 to \$30. President James M announced ICCoEP lifetime membership status for club member and current Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) Governor Jason E. James presented a gold-colored lifetime member badge to Jason. James M presented an ICCoEP lifetime achievement award to club member Don T for his service and contributions to the club for the last several years. James M presented an ICCoEP lifetime achievement award to club member Jackie M-T for her service and contributions to the club for the last several years. Club member Don S presented club members Steve P and Willie T each with the following: a) card made of 1oz of silver, b) Plaques recognizing their work and contributions towards the Annual Coin Show kid's auctions. James M stated the plaques would be re-presented to S and W during the upcoming 62nd Annual Coin Show. The club Christmas raffle was held.



ALBUQUERQUE COIN CLUB OCTOBER UPDATE: The meeting was well attended with about 50 members and guests. 3 new members were also in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was the educational presentation by our own president, Jim D, who talked about proof Franklin half dollars. His presentation was well researched, illustrated and presented. Thank you, Jim. Finalization of nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors for 2026 was held. Per our by-laws, every position is elected every year. Ballots are counted at the November meeting. The winners are announced, and the officers are installed at the holiday dinner. The four officer positions, president, vice president,

treasurer, and secretary are running unopposed. There were eight nominations for five board members. The board members play an extremely important role on the board. Not only do they add ideas and energy to the board, they are appointed various responsibilities such as educational presentation coordinator, storage shed, quartermaster, State Fair manager, advertising chairman. The upcoming holiday dinner was promoted.

ALBUQUERQUE CC NOVEMBER UPDATE: The Great Southwest Coin Expo was held, and I hope you were able to attend. Many volunteers and limited hired help setup the show, managed the 3-day affair and disappeared like we were never there. We hold these shows of course for the love of numismatics and to provide an opportunity for local citizens to buy/sell/trade items. We had about 650 attendees throughout the weekend. This included one Boy Scout Troop working on their coin collecting merit badge. One of the optional requirements they have for their badge is to attend a coin show. Peter R. had a nice YN display and spent time with them. The club made a profit and can fund their future activities. The November Board of Directors Meeting was the following weekend, and the main subject of the meeting was the coin show. We heard the financial outcome from Pat and held the "After-Action Review", what worked well, what didn't. The new board will be installed at the holiday dinner. We discussed plans for 2026. The club must procure meeting space and show contracts months/years in advance. Meetings from 2026 are all lined up at UNM and shows are moving back to the Marriott Pyramid. About 40 adults attended the general meeting. We heard the results of the 2026 election. Congratulations to Byron K and Scott B who will be joining as board members. Thank you the Steve L and Marian W who served in 2025. Show volunteers were recognized with certificates and club bucks as appropriate for their hours. Alex D gave an excellent talk about the Mexican Libertad coin. He discussed the history, design, mintage, varieties. Alex's enthusiasm for this beautiful coin was apparent.

ALBUQUERQUE CC DECEMBER UPDATE: 2026 promises to be a busy year for the Albuquerque Coin Club. We plan to have 11 general membership meetings, including 11 educational presentations and coin auctions, 11 YN meetings, 11 Board of Director meetings, two 3-day coin shows, one one-day coin show, a spring picnic and a Holiday dinner. The club also is a big participant in the New Mexico State fair. We man our table throughout the fair, 10 days or maybe more. To top it off we probably have coin breakfast 50 times a year. If you're not along for the ride, you're missing out. The schedule for all these activities is on the coin club website. In March, at our general membership meeting, we are planning to have a supply night. The supply night is where everyone is invited to bring in their extra supplies to buy, sell and trade. We also asking for supply donations to the YN program. Please welcome John F and thank him for taking on the job of interim editor of the Pocket Change newsletter.

DISTRICT 12 - *STEPHEN GIPSON, GOVERNOR*



TYLER COIN CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING: Attendance: 56. The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Richard. The club was lead in prayer by Kern. Recognition of guests, visitors,

and new members along with members with birthdays or anniversaries in the month of November. Officer reports were given and approved. Upcoming elections were promoted. The upcoming Christmas meeting was promoted. Two Tyler Police Officers attended the meeting and spoke about the "Tyler Patrolman's Blue Santa" program, including opportunities for club members to participate in December. The Club voted to donate to the "Tyler Patrolman's Blue Santa" Program this year instead of the Angel Tree. Club Auction (Kern): 43 auction items for the "Blue Santa" sold for \$1,029 and cash donations of an additional \$600. 34 regular auction items sold. Door Prize Winners: Ethan, Jim, Ben, and Allan.

TYLER CC DECEMBER MEETING: Meeting called to order by President Richard G with 63 in attendance. The prayer was given by Richard G. December birthdays were announced. The current half ounce Silver Round birthday gift is being terminated. The cost of silver makes continuing this program unsustainable. The Officers plans to give each attending birthday member a \$10 award to be used toward payment at the club auction. The

November meeting nominated that the current officers remain by acclamation: President Richard G, Vice President Kern L, Secretary Amy N who replaces Carl S, and Treasurer Royce J. This year's Christmas donation was to The Blue Santa Program sponsored by the Tyler Police Department. A check for \$2,200 was presented to Officer Boyce. The Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all. Answer sheets were passed out to each person and a "Name that Tune" musical Christmas Song was played. The 26 songs had a winner with 23 correct. Royce announced that the dinner was donated to the club by the club officers from proceeds of a successful Coin Show.



TYLER CC JANUARY MEETING: Meeting called to order by President Richard G. with 58 in attendance. The prayer was given by Larry V. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ethan C. Officer reports were given and approved. Royce discussed the article in the TNA magazine about our coin show. TNA also provided our club \$250 for our new membership drive held at the coin show, recognizing the club giving new Red Books to people who joined our club during the show. In addition, the TNA Magazine also had an extensive write up on Gunner C about his participation in the ANA summer seminar in Colorado. Way to go, Gunner! Amy presented Gift Certificates to the members with January birthdays and also recognized members with January anniversaries. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. Door Prizes went to Tom R, Kern L, Corky H, and Steve W. Don H gave trivia about the unbelievable price for the Omega Pennies. Amy N gave a presentation on Notgeld from post WWI Germany. Kern presided over the auction with 32 items sold.

DISTRICT 13 - *ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR*

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: The October meeting was called to order by President Bill H with 17 members in attendance along with visitor Terry A who joined the club. Officer reports were given and approved. Program: Connolly O passed around two Phillipine one peso coins he had obtained recently as part of a collection he purchased. The coins were fairly ugly and exhibited some black corrosion. Connolly thought they were junk coins at first. After doing a little research, he found that the corrosion resulted from the coins being part of a hoard of 17 million such coins that had been dumped into Manila Bay during WWII to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese. After the war, an effort was made to recover the coins and approximately 5 million were recovered. The recovered coins were corroded due to spending several years in salt water. Per Connolly, these coins showing the black corrosion are worth a premium due to their historical significance. Regular monthly drawings were held, and Jimmy S was the winner of the membership prize, a 1945-P Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Connolly O, Del S, Ollie G, Donna P, Randy B, Terry A, Bill H, and Sammy M. Connolly O and Rob R conducted the 61-lot auction from 7 co-signors.

GREENBELT CC NOVEMBER MEETING: The November meeting was called to order by President Bill H with 21 members in attendance, including new members Tony C and Phil S who joined the club. Officer reports were given and approved. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. A question came up if the club would meet as usual in December. The answer was that we will meet at our usual place and time. Rob R said that the Wichita Falls club would be having their annual Christmas party and Greenbelt club members were invited to join like last year. A motion passed that the Greenbelt club would pay a portion of the meal for any member and guest who want to attend. Regular monthly drawings were held and Phil S was the winner of the membership prize, a BU 1952-D Franklin Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Grady S, Donna P, Terry A, Bill H, Tommy R, Danny W, Rob R, and George W. Tony Z conducted the 61-lot action from 8 co-signors.

WICHITA FALLS COIN & STAMP CLUB

WICHITA FALLS COIN & STAMP CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: Called to order with 24 members and 1 visitor (Larry D) present. Officer reports were given and approved. Upcoming coin shows were announced. Rob R discussed the location of the Wichita Falls Coin Club's Christmas and the cost per plate. Members voted on the party location, and Rob said he will try to schedule it depending on what dates are available. Program: Mark S said that there were about 2.5 billion ounces sold on the COMEX between October 17 and

October 22, 2025 which dramatically dropped the price downward. He said that since the world currently produces over 800 million ounces of silver a year, so the sale of billions of ounces of silver was probably a naked short where the sellers did not own the silver but were manipulating the market price, so that they could buy the silver contracts back at a lower price and pocket the difference. Membership Prize: 1912 "S" Barber Half Dollar won by Phil S. Raffle prizes and winners: 2025 Silver Eagle won by Fred C, 1982 "S" Proof Washington Commemorative won by Phil S, Barber Collection Set won by Rob R, Early 20th Century Coin Set won by Duane P, Native Indian Coin Collection Set won by Terry A, 1940 Mercury Dime AU won by Charles C, 1987 Mint Set was won by Duane P, 1987 Proof Set won by Ralph C, 1935 Silver Certificate won by Charles C, 1928 \$2 US Note won by Bill K. Auctioneer was Tony Z, 10 Consigners, 52 lots.

WICHITA FALLS CSC NOVEMBER MEETING: Called to order with 31 members and 2 guests (Chris & Matt C) present. Officer reports were given and approved. The upcoming Christmas Party was promoted, and the club will provide \$10 for members and spouses to help with the cost of the meal. Tony explained the rules for the gift exchange process, and he said that the gifts should have a \$20 value. Tony asked if the members of the Coin Club would be interested in providing Robby R with a present for his decades of service to the club as the president. Ollie G passed a motion for the club to purchase a GSA "CC" Morgan Silver Dollar for Robby at the Christmas Party. Program: Tony Z said that the gold and silver market prices have stabilized recently after the sell off and recovered much of their price gains. He contrasted the gold and silver market with the recent decline in the Bitcoin price of about \$40K. Membership Prize: 1939 "P" Walking Half Dollar won by Tom R. Raffle prizes and winners: 2025 Silver Eagle won by Katy M, 1973 "S" Blue Eisenhower Dollar won by Tony C, 1940 "D" Mercury Dime won by David L, Last Coins Set won by Bill K, JFK Collection Set won by Kendale W, 1995 Mint Set won by Ben S, 1991 Proof Set won by Phil S, Eisenhower Dollar and Stamp Set won by George W. Auctioneer was Tony Z, 12 Consigners, 55 lots.

WICHITA FALLS CSC DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY: We did not have a regular meeting in December. Instead, we had our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. There were 34 members and guests that attended. After the meal, members and guests enjoyed a lively Gift Exchange. At the close of the meeting, a drawing was held from tickets filled out at each monthly meeting. The prize was a BU 1883-CC GSA dollar. Lucky winner was club secretary, Mark S.

DISTRICT 14 - CATALINA AMARAL, GOVERNOR

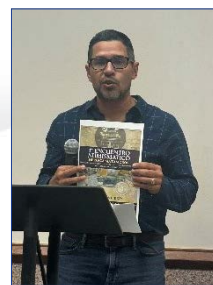


HIDALGO COIN CLUB UPDATE: The Hidalgo Coin Club held its monthly meeting in November. The meeting was called to order by President Roberto R. and the pledge of allegiance was said shortly after. There were six door prizes that were given out to people that entered the meeting and it was announced that there was a total of 46 people that attended the meeting. The first order of business was to review the results of the Hidalgo Coin Club 2- day Fall Show in November. Treasurer Juan G. gave the treasury report and reported to the membership that between Saturday and Sunday, more than 300 people attended the show between both days. The club sold out in its raffle and successfully raffled off its gold and silver coins. Treasurer Juan G. also gave a huge thanks to all of the volunteers, council members, dealers, and attendees who made the show a huge success! As a result of all of the hard work, it was announced that the Hidalgo Coin Club made a profit for its fall show! After the fall coin show review, it was announced that the Hidalgo Coin Club is now working toward its longest running show, the Hidalgo Coin Club 2- day

Winter Coin Show in January/February. At the show, we will also be raffling eight items. The raffle will consist of 3 silver ounce rounds and 8 gold coins and the winners will be announced on Sunday. ANACS will be present on Saturday for those who want to send in their coins for grading. Entrance to the winter coin show will be \$3 for each day except for those who are 18 and under and in high school, volunteers go in for free, and the Hidalgo Coin Club will be taking memberships for 2026 at the show. While looking toward the future, the club also had elections for officers for the 2026 year. The positions up for election were president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. After the elections, all positions were re-elected with: Roberto R. being re-elected as president, Lupe E. is re-elected as vice-president, Edgar N. re-elected for secretary, Juan G. re-elected as treasurer, and Brent G. re-elected as historian. The Hidalgo Coin Club had Cesar M. return as council member, Shane G. as council member, and two new members as part of its executive council: Martin and Eva A. After elections, the Hidalgo Coin Club had a special guest from across the border. Luis Fernando R., who is from Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He came from Matamoros to promote their first coin show in Matamoros, which will be held in December. After the presentation, the Hidalgo Coin Club had a lively coin auction with Roberto R. and Edgar N. as auctioneers with the assistance of Juan I. and Martin A. as money runners. (Image 1)



(Image 2) Fernando R. promoting the Matamoros Coin Show. (Image 3) Pictured are the 2026 Hidalgo Coin Club Executive Council: (back row, L to R) Council Member Cesar M., Council Member Eva A., Council Member Shane G., President Roberto R., Vice-President Lupe E., Treasurer Juan G., (front row, L to R) Council Member Martin A., and Secretary Edgar N. Not pictured is Historian Brent G. Hidalgo Coin Club hosted its monthly Friday Night Coin Show in November. It was a lively show as people

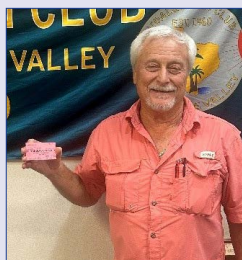


bought and sold coins for their collection, silver/ gold stacking, renewing their memberships for 2026, and getting their raffle tickets for the upcoming raffle. As the year comes to an end, the Hidalgo Coin Club had its last meeting of the year in December. The meeting was called to order by President Roberto R. Everybody stood for the pledge of allegiance, and it was announced that for the final meeting



of the year, a total of 47 people attended the meeting with 5 door prizes given out. It was announced that members and the public can now renew their membership for 2026 and as of the December meeting, there was a total of 38 members for 2026. After Treasurer Juan G. explained the club finances, President Roberto R. went to the podium to announce the details of the club's end of year banquet. At this meeting, the winners for various awards were announced and would be recognized with a certificate at the banquet. The winners are pictured below. The next winners are the Lifetime Membership Award. This award is given to members of the club who have been a member of the Hidalgo Coin Club for ten consecutive years and have been consistent with advancing the numismatic hobby in the Hidalgo Coin Club and in the RGV community. The executive council votes on these winners and for 2025, the winners are Jan R. and Mike T. The last award that was announced is Coin Club Member of the Year. This award is voted by the membership and is given to the member that stood out in their efforts to the Hidalgo Coin Club for the year. As voted by the membership, the winner of Coin Club Member of the Year for 2025 is President Roberto R. After announcing all of the winners, TNA District Governor Catalina A. announced news from TNA and news from the South Texas International Coin Club. After announcing the Friday Night Coin Show in December, there was an auction with Rene D.L.G. as auctioneer with Catalina A. and Wayne M. as money runners. The Hidalgo Coin Club had its last Friday Night Coin Show of the year with Santa coming in as a surprise guest!

After the show, some members of the Hidalgo Coin Club went to volunteer with Santa to wrap some gifts for the holidays, and in the evening, we held our banquet and recognized all of the winners for 2025. (Image 4) Newly minted Lifetime Member Jan R. being recognized. (Image 5) Newly minted Lifetime Member Mike T. being recognized. (Image 6) President Roberto R. recognized as Coin Club Member of the Year. (Image 7) Santa Shane presiding over the December Friday Night Coin Show. (Image 8) Perfect Attendance Award recipients (those who attended every meeting): (L to R) Brent G., Carolyn M., Roberto R., Wayne M., Lupe E., and Edgar N. (Image 9) Outstanding Service Recipients (those who volunteered three or more times throughout the year): (back row, L to R) David W., Martin A., Dave H., Brent G., Mario V., Cesar M., Edgar N., (front row, L to R) Catalina A., Juan I., Eva A., Carolyn M.; Glorimar R., Roberto R., and Lupe E. (Image 10) 2025 Coin Club Member of the Year: Roberto R. As the previous year ended, a new year arrived and 2026 started off fantastic for the Hidalgo Coin Club in January. The meeting was called to order by President Roberto R. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance and 12 door prizes were given out. It was announced that as of the beginning of the meeting, the Hidalgo Coin Club had 56 members to start the year. By the end of the meeting, that number had swelled to 78 members. It was also announced that 58 people attended the meeting. After the quick announcements, Treasurer Juan G. addressed the membership and gave the treasury report. After the announcement, President Roberto R. gave out the awards for 2025 to members who were present at the meeting, but were unable to attend our banquet in December. After giving the awards, President Roberto R. reminded the membership to renew their membership for 2026 and explained the benefits of being a member, which include: free entry to Friday Night Shows throughout the year, putting coins up for auction, getting notifications to events, and buying raffle tickets at a discounted price. After explaining the membership, Secretary Edgar N. spoke to the membership about the upcoming large Winter Show. It was encouraged to the membership to buy tickets for our gold/silver coin raffle, as it was 1 book for \$20 (10 tickets) and 2 books (20 tickets) for \$35. The club is raffling off 8 coins: 5 gold coins and 3 silver coins. Lastly, it was recommended that Hidalgo Coin Club members follow the standing rules and wear their Hidalgo Coin Club shirt to make our presence known. Lastly, a reminder to coin club members that ANACS would be present at our Winter Coin Show, but Saturday only. There was a call for volunteers to help out at the winter show. It was reminded to the membership that those who volunteer can enter the show for free. After the reminder, TNA President Rene D.L.G. gave announcements regarding the



South Texas International Coin Club in Brownsville and updates at the state level in TNA. After announcing the events and news for the upcoming month, the Hidalgo Coin Club held its monthly auction. The auctioneer was Rene D.L.G and he was helped by members Carolyn M. and Wayne M. as money runners. Four days later, the Hidalgo Coin Club held its monthly Friday Night Coin Show. (Image 11) Treasurer Juan G. giving the Treasury Report. (Image 12) TNA President Rene D.L.G. being auctioneer. (Image 13) Patrons looking at coins at the Friday Night Coin Show.



SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: This is the 10th meeting of 2025 and the overall 44th club meeting. It was called to order by President Catalina A, and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. There were 12 members of the club's current 27 total members present, with 1 guest. The Door Prize raffle was held. There were 13 raffle winners. Catalina reminded everyone that the TNA membership is only \$25 for the year and four Association magazines with all the TNA news are published each year. Catalina continued with information about membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), \$25 per year, and it's bimonthly magazine "The Numismatist", which has several great articles concerning US and International coins and medals. The club's new Treasurer, Juan Gonzalez, presented the Treasurer's report. Catalina reported that the Annual Raffle Tickets were now available for sale and encouraged each member to take 40 tickets for their initial sales. The raffle tickets are \$1 dollar each, and the total number of tickets is limited to 800 tickets this year. The raffle tickets sales fund the coin purchases and the annual club End of the Year Banquet. The prizes are: 1 - Gold 2 Pesos coin and 2 - 1oz Silver Eagles, with the drawing to be held in December at the club's Annual Banquet. The "Show and Tell" presentation was presented by Roberto R. Roberto had 2 silver coins from Dubai to present. They were very elaborate 5 oz and 10 oz silver coins with display cases. The coins were passed around the members for their examination. Brent G provided information about the upcoming 2026 coins being minted for the U.S. 250th year Anniversary celebration. Catalina requested a new Club Officers election to be held at the November meeting. After the meeting, the auction began with Roberto R as the auctioneer and Kim C as the coin runner/cashier. The auction covered several lots of coins and was deemed a success.

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL CC NOVEMBER MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Catalina A, and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. There were 13 members of the club's current 27 total members present, with 3 guests. The Door Prize raffle was held. There were 13 raffle winners. Catalina promoted membership in the TNA and ANA. Catalina, the TNA Governor for District 14, was proud to announce that the TNA has acquired a new location for the 2026 coin show in Fort Worth. The new location should attract more dealers and coin collectors. It is also much bigger and will accommodate many more dealer tables. Juan G presented the Treasurer's report. Catalina reported that the Annual Raffle Tickets were now available for sale and encouraged each member to take 40 tickets for their initial sales. Upcoming coin shows were promoted. The "Show and Tell" presentation was presented by Larry H. Larry had an 1841 Mexican centavo coin to present. He provided a computer picture and article detailing the coin's historical significance. Jacob G brought in a group of special rare Spanish "Royals" colonial coins. These coins were specially minted on round planchets instead of the irregular cob forms. They were minted at the various mints for the "Royal persons" of the day. The coins were passed around the members for their examination. The club officers were asked to continue in their elected positions for another year. After the meeting, the auction began with Jacob G as the auctioneer and Juan G as the coin runner/cashier. The auction covered several lots of coins and was deemed a success.

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL CC ANNUAL BANQUET: This is the Annual Club Banquet of 2025 and Gold and Silver Coins Raffle Drawing. It was called to order by President Catalina A welcoming the members, family members and other guests. Catalina spoke briefly about the club's history and its association with the Hidalgo Club in McAllen, TX. Catalina promoted membership in the TNA and ANA. She promoted the upcoming TNA show and other local coin shows. The Coin Raffle Drawing was held and a couple of those present won coins. Catalina then thanked everyone for their attendance and requested that they make their way to the Barbecue spread. The banquet was a success and a good time was had by all.

DISTRICT 15 - GARY FOREMAN, GOVERNOR

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COIN CLUB

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COIN CLUB JANUARY MEETING: Donna called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike led the prayer. We had 23 members present. There was 1 guest, Linda from Lake Charles, at our meeting. She started collecting as a kid and has a little bit of everything. Matt presented the treasurer report, and it was accepted. Donna announced that this year's dues can be paid this meeting or next meeting. We use these dues to purchase door prize coins for the year. She will hand out new membership cards the next meeting for all those who paid their dues and this will continue during the year as people join the club. Matt encouraged signups for those who are interested in presenting Educational Programs during the year. He also stated that he was accepting donations for the kids auction we host at our SWLA Coin Show in July. He reminded club members that the TNA show will be in Conroe, TX this year then will move to Dallas/Ft Worth for future shows. Donna handed out certificates to club members who did Educational Programs last year in appreciation for their contribution. Matt discussed a new format for the auctions and new forms to complete if you want to participate in the auctions. Reminded everyone that only stickered items will be auctioned. He announced the current silver price and Morgan, Peace, Commemorative silver price to inform members before the auction began. Mandy presented on the History of the Morgan Dollar. She stated that our silver dollar weight was proposed by Alexander Hamilton and based on the Spanish Silver Dollar. Thomas Jefferson defined that a U.S. dollar would be worth 100 cents. She ended by explaining the reason for a 1921 Morgan after the U.S. had stopped minting them in 1904. She received a silver half dollar for her presentation. After the program the Door and Attendance prizes were drawn, we concluded with our raffle drawing and auction. The visitor participated in the raffle and won a coin during the drawing. The sticker system for the auction tends to be working well. Everyone had a good time with both the raffle and auction.

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: Called to order by President Tim B. Pledge led by Tim. Tim announced that we need persons to volunteer for president and other officers for 2026. Officer reports were given and approved. Flowers were sent from the club for Kemble Guillory's funeral. See Gary for a text message to get reminded about the upcoming meetings of the club and other activities. There are some magazines and journals for anyone to take to update your learning of the coin hobby. Door prize won by Sandra. 28 Members signed in including guests (Levi, Monica, and Zack C.). Program by Donna C on Lucky Six Pence, Coins, Customs and Culture. Donna provided a two-page copy which gave a synopsis of the talk in detail. Smallest coins in British History. A coin that found its way into everyday life. Worth 1/40th of pound also a half shilling. Also called a "Tanner" it lasted until 1971. Originally a silver coin. There were rhymes and was incorporated in literature and was at one time the most commonly used coin in commerce. A tradition of luck and was highly popular during Queen Victoria's reign. Soldiers carried them into combat during WWI & II, and some were engraved to remind them of home. Donna passed around an extensive collection of examples. Following the meeting, an auction was conducted using the dot system to speed things up.

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GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING: We has 32 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by president Carlton and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag (Thanks again, Luke!) and approval of the previous meeting's minutes and Treasurer's report. Gary F. (Coin Show chairman and TNA District Governor) announced that we found a sponsor to assist with our annual show. Good Job GF. Pres. Carlton made a clarification regarding the new office of "Past President" and that person's supportive role ONLY. Reminded all that our election of officers will take place at our upcoming meeting. Pres. Carlton noted that our December meeting will be for dining, fellowship, awards, presentations and DOOR PRIZES. No club business or auction will be conducted. There was a request for set up volunteers for the coin show. Our program was conducted by Willie S. who gave a wonderful and educational program on the "Winged Liberty" dimes. Willie's presentation included explanations of the various symbolism utilized on the obverse and reverse of the dime as well as specifics about the designer (Adolph A. Weinman) and models used for this beautiful coin. Door prizes were handed out after which David H. conducted a first-class auction with assistance from David M.

GREATER PORT ARTHUR CC JANUARY MEETING: We had 31 members in attendance. Meeting was called to order by incoming president Willie S. and followed by pledge of allegiance to the flag. Officer reports were given and approved. The 2026 elected and returning officers assumed their duties tonight: President- Willie S. (New), Vice President- Vivian M. (New), Treasure- Jimmy M. (Returning), and Secretary- David H. (New). Brett H was chosen to receive the Dennis Fields Memorial Scholarship 2026 Award. A discussion was had to possibly make a donation on behalf of the club. A lively group discussion was had by all concerning the rocket rise in silver on who was selling and who was still holding at current levels. Gary F promoted upcoming coin shows. Our program tonight was conducted by Willie S. on the Hawaii Notes (1942-44) explaining why they were used. Examples were circulated for attendees to view. Glenn D. won the Silver Eagle door prize. Returning to auction duties tonight, Richard F. along with David M. & Gary F. Great job guys!

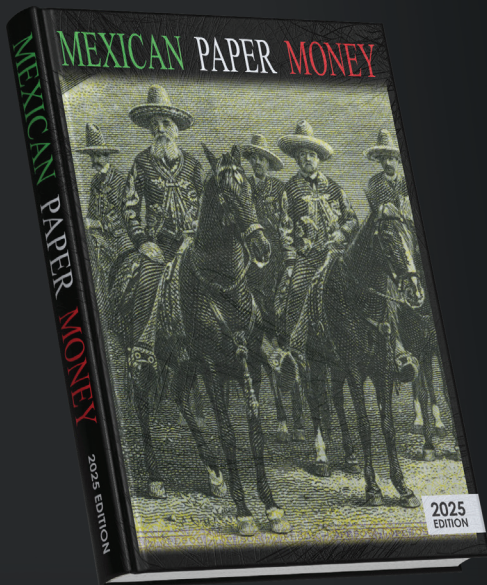
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KARFRA1@netzero.net

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Meets 2nd Monday of the month

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McAllen Chamber of Commerce

1200 Ash Ave., McAllen, TX 78501

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Contact: Charles Justman (903) 220-9576

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For Additional Information, Contact:
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Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month
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Preacher Bill's Coins & Jason's Sports Cards
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Contact: Dwight Dickerson at (281) 380-0870

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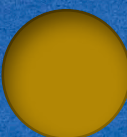
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Email application information to LHerrera@flash.net and use Zelle for your payment at TNAPayments@yahoo.com (include "TNA DUES" in notes)

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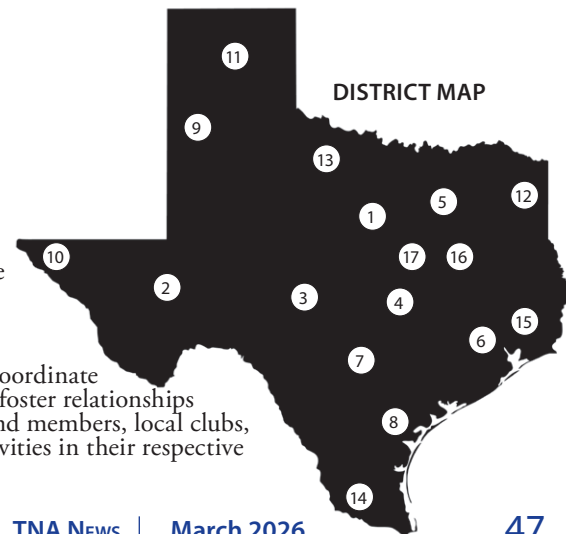
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For more information: Tom Campbell at (254) 224-7761 or trcam_51@hotmail.com

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Bourse Chairman: GW Foreman, P.O. Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626. (409) 697-0454. gwforeman66@gmail.com

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Contact: Kevin Guiles at 817-437-0562 or bourse@ftwcoin.club

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Contact: Charles Justman at info@longviewcoinclub.com

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