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# MYSTERY TEXAS BANK???

## TEXAS HISTORICAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COLLECTOR OF OBSOLETE CURRENCY

We received an email from Wendell Wolka, an obsolete currency collector asking our Texas collectors for information about a Texas bank. Wendell has an article in the December issue of the *Numismatist* titled *The Bank of Vernon?*. Scans of a couple of notes are included in his email along with text which was used in the *Numismatist* article. Portions of that text are used in this article. The December issue of the *Numismatist* is available online at: [www.money.org](http://www.money.org).



Wendell's email: I thought I would try to tap into the TNA in an attempt to solve what I believe is misinformation that may date back to the early 1840s. In the realm of obsolete paper money, some of the most interesting notes are "altered" from notes of a failed institution so that they appear to be notes issued by going concerns. This was usually accomplished by physically eradicating all references to the original town, state, and bank name and replacing them with the same information for the targeted banks in the deception.



One reference (a counterfeit detector from ca. 1841) lists the Bank of Vernon, Texas, as a source of altered notes for several banks in the Midwest, particularly Ohio, in the 1838-1842 time frame. Various authors have repeated this information over the last 168 years.

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## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

We want to publish your educational articles and club news in a timely manner. Please submit your items by the 15th of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November.

# TNA ELECTIONS IN APRIL! SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS...

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# Greetings!



We look forward to another year enjoying the coin collecting hobby.

Hopefully your collection is increasing in quantity, quality and, perhaps, something new. Maybe you are beginning to explore another area of numismatics - store tokens - civil war tokens - medals - fractional currency - patterns - this list could go on a bit. The numismatic landscape has plenty of width, depth and diversity.

We were saddened by the passing of Mike Follett, a long-time Dallas coin dealer and offer our condolences to his family and friends. A bit of Mike's numismatic biography is on page 5.

This issue could be called the "detective's issue". First of all we have a mystery bank to locate - or not! Charlie Mead shares the further adventures of Joe Farthing in another episode of Coin Dragnet. Then there is the current Numiscramble. Have fun!

Kathy Lawrence is sharing the latest issue of the TNA Youth Newsletter. Beginning a new job has not kept her from contributing to our organization. Thanks, Kathy! Many thanks also go to our other contributors: Hal Cherry, Jim Beville, Richard Laster and Paul Garner. In addition our TNA Show Chairpersons, David and Ginger Pike have some good things to say in "Letters to the Editor". Let's hear from more of our members!

You will notice a few ads for members who are running for office in our upcoming election in April. Hal Cherry has posted the election procedure on page 3. There's still plenty of time to toss your hat in the ring. We are going to try and get the next issue out a bit earlier so our members will be aware of all who are running for office. Be sure and contact the TNA News by the 15th of March with election ad requests.

It's time to send this edition to the printer!

Until next issue,  
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Thanks to Martha Sue Kerr-Burke for our puzzle this issue.

### ANSWERS TO THE LAST NUMISSRAMBLE

1. Watermelon Note
2. Funny Back
3. Black Eagle
4. Lazy Deuce
5. Porthole Note
6. Sawbuck
7. Fractional Note
8. Mule Note
9. Obsolete Bank Note
10. Star Note
11. Web Note
12. Merry Christmas

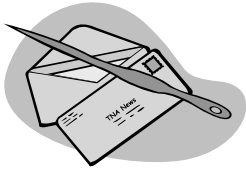
## NumisScramble

ALL THINGS LINCOLN

All words pertain to Abraham Lincoln!

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2. esixenth diestnpre \_\_\_\_\_
3. lcinaubper \_\_\_\_\_
4. ofru onss \_\_\_\_\_
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6. yamr dtod \_\_\_\_\_
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8. efered vsalse \_\_\_\_\_
9. ornb ni rindah  
ocunyt ntcuyek \_\_\_\_\_
10. ohjn keislw obtoh \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers next issue!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

David and I decided we wanted to write a letter for the TNA News. So far we haven't any committees and volunteers. We also want to thank Jim Bevill. Please print our letter in this upcoming issue.

David and I recently learned that Jim Bevill would not be running for re-election. We enjoyed working with Jim and found him to be a true friend and co-worker. We understand that his business interests are not leaving him much time to do volunteer work...sadly the TNA ship must sail on without him. Jim, we shall truly miss your support, wit, and guidance.

Michael Grant is running unopposed for TNA President. We have known Mike for a number of years and already know that he will be a good replacement.

Lucky for us Hal Cherry is running for re-election. Hal has been our right arm help this past two years. He and his lovely wife even helped with dealer registration last year. No matter what information we need, Hal comes through for us.

David and I are so excited about this year's TNA Coin & Currency Show. We have the Bureau of Engraving & Printing setting up. They are bringing the Spider Press. The TNA, Inc. was selected by them to have one of the five Intaglio Prints honoring the 200th year of Abraham Lincoln's life. The TNA's is the "Emancipation" which depicts a Lincoln portrait, a 16-cent Lincoln stamp and a vignette showing Lincoln and his cabinet.

It is time to form the committees and gather volunteers! Please contact Hal Cherry to volunteer by email at halcherry@msn.com or by phone 972-234-6996. We look forward to working with you!

David & Ginger Pike,  
TNA Show Chairmen



## Treasurer's Report

Ray Leggett - Treasurer

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## **WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBERS...**

Welcome to new TNA members, R-6933 and R-6934, A-6935 and LM-229. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2009.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become TNA members on March 1, 2009.

- R-6936 – Jerry Stuart, sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
- R-6937 – Lance Parkes, sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
- R-6938 – James Driskell, sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
- R-6939 – Steven Lehr, sponsored by Russell Prinzinger
- R-6940 – Daniel Tomlinson, sponsored by Paul Garner
- A-6941 – Margie Wood, sponsored by Secretary's Office
- R-6942 – Charles Peters, from the Internet
- J-6943 – Ray Leggett IV, sponsored by Ray Leggett
- J-6944 – Kristen Stumps, sponsored by Ray Leggett

The following members have been reinstated upon payment of their 2009 dues:

- R-6235 – Lee Quast
- R-6807 – Fernando Razo

## **VIP LEADERS FOR 2008**

Russell Prinzinger, Frank Galindo and Debbie Williams

## **2009 TNA ELECTIONS**

The filing deadline for candidates running for TNA offices is the end of the day April 2, 2009. A written notice (either e-mail or letter) of the member's intent to run for office needs to be received (not post marked) by the Secretary's Office by the end of the day April 2, 2009. This notice needs only to state the office being sought and need not be more than one sentence.

Candidates may also submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the TNA News and on the web site.

The requirements for filing for office as well as the qualifications for running for the various offices are found on page 3 of the November/December 2008 issue of the TNA News.

Ballots will be mailed to members on April 7, 2009 and must be received (not post marked) by the Election Officials by the end of the day May 2, 2009.

If there are any questions regarding election procedures, please contact the TNA Secretary.

# **RE-ELECT HAL CHERRY TNA SECRETARY**

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**YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT  
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*From the President...*

## **THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW: COMING SOON TO A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU !**

**A**s many of our members are aware, the prevention of numismatic crimes is not only an economic issue, but also one of personal safety. Most of us have had experiences where either we, or someone that we know has been an unwilling victim of a numismatic crimes following a club meeting or coin show or through the burglary of a home, a retail coin shop or an automobile.

I first got to know Doug Davis during a series of coin shows in Texas where he oversaw the bourse security force. I was intrigued by his intricate knowledge of the coin business and how easily he seemed to blend this into the investigation of numismatic crimes. Doug is the former Chief of Police in Pantego, Texas and has developed his life long passion for coins into something of a specialty field in law enforcement. He is also the founder of the Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC) a 501 (c)(3) non profit corporation established to coordinate and collaborate initiatives between law enforcement and the numismatic industry. Doug hopes to bring his expertise in investigating these crimes to local law enforcement officers across the state.

Imagine for a moment that your home or office was burglarized and you are trying to explain your loss to the first officers responding to the scene. In addition to some guns, you tell the police “they took two single row boxes of high grade walkers in mint state, a Gobrecht dollar in an NGC Proof 64 holder, four chain cents and a complete set of educational notes.” It’s unlikely that, except for the stolen firearms, they will have any idea of how to begin investigating the crime scene. Were these items taken at random, or did they know what they were looking for? What are the changes that the theft was perpetrated by a friend or associate of the victim. Who else knew that these items would be there and where they were hidden? Most importantly, where are these items most likely to turn up and how can they be recovered? In addition to criminal

investigations, the NCIC works closely with local law enforcement and bourse chairmen to provide information on potential crime problems in areas surrounding airports, convention centers and hotels

Because education is such an important part of the TNA’s mission, we have decided to partner with the NCIC to develop training for local law enforcement officers throughout the state of Texas. Although Doug was in the process of developing video training for local police in the investigation of these crimes, he was somewhat in a quandary about how to roll it out across the state. I mentioned that each of the TNA districts have an officer or Governor who is usually quite active in the coin clubs in their respective communities. Each of these local clubs have contacts within their local police departments that are enlisted for pay to provide armed security at their local shows.

Because of these pre-existing relationships, using the TNA Officers and Governors to roll this training out in their respective communities with the local officers that provide show security was a natural starting point for this project, which will stretch from El Paso to Amarillo to Beaumont to Corpus Christi and all points in between.

The TNA recently donated \$2000 to the NCIC to help facilitate the development of training materials for the program. With the recent economic downturn, criminals seem to be even more brazen in their attempts to target coin collectors and dealers as potential victims. At my urging, all of the board members unanimously agreed at the October 2008 board meeting to donate their time and resources in this important educational effort to help make Texas a safer place for all of us.

You can find out more about the Numismatic Crime Information Center at [www.numismaticcrimes.org](http://www.numismaticcrimes.org).

Jim Beville  
TNA President



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## UPDATED TNA WEBSITE

Take a few moments to visit the TNA website:

[www.tna.org](http://www.tna.org)

Our resident computer guru, David Burke, has logged in several hours so that TNA members can easily get the information they need about numismatics in Texas.

Remember - the TNA Library is available on-line

You can download and print the TNA Library Index in pdf format  
<http://www.ccatech.com/tna/downloads/tna-library.pdf>

## In Memoriam



### MIKE FOLLETT

TNA has received word that Dallas coin dealer, Mike Follett, passed away on January 2, 2009. Mr. Follett joined the TNA in June of 1966, becoming Life Member #54 in May of 1969.

Mike Follett began collecting coins at an early age. His parents owned a motel in Waco and his father used one of the rooms as a small coin shop. Mike, as a young teenager, completed the Boy Scout merit badge for coin collecting and was hooked. With his parents in tow, he would attend local coin shows during the early 1960's including the infamous one in the Baker hotel in downtown Dallas. After attending the University of North Texas for a couple of years, he decided that coins was going to be his passion and avocation. He worked for George Vogt in Houston for a couple of years and then in 1969 he opened his first coin store at One Main Place in downtown Dallas, with his mother always at his side. The 1970's were very good for Mike, as he traveled the national coin circuit. In 1984, he moved to North Dallas into what was then called the Valley View Bank Building. Over the course of the next 24 1/2 years, he occupied several offices within that building, moving back into his original suite on the 4th floor only a year ago.

His presence within the numismatic community will be especially missed, as he helped out a large number of dealers both as they started up or when they hit hard times. He was constantly on the telephone talking with other dealers and customers and truly loved the coin business. The deep bonds of friendship were noticeable at the memorial service with several hundred mourners from all over the US in attendance.

Mr. Follett is survived by his wife of more than 40 years, a daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.

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# TNA YOUTH NEWSLETTER



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The 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will take place on February 12, 2009. Lincoln's likeness is seen on many numismatic items, including the Lincoln Cent, the 1918 Illinois Centennial Commemorative half dollar, tokens, medals and many pieces of paper money.

The Lincoln Cent was first issued in 1909 as part of the 100th anniversary celebration. For the 150th anniversary in 1959, the reverse of the Lincoln cent was changed from wheat ears to the Lincoln Memorial design. Several new coins will be issued as part of the 200th anniversary.



Four new one cent coins will be issued by the U.S. Mint in 2009. They will each represent a different phase of Lincoln's life. The first coin will include an image of a log cabin and will represent his birth and early childhood in Kentucky.

The second coin will include an engraving of Abe sitting on a log and reading. That coin concerns his years in Indiana when he worked to educate himself.



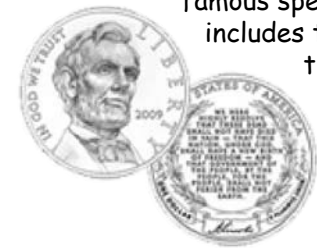
Lincoln standing in front of the old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois will appear on the third coin to remind everyone of his working years as an adult.



The last cent will include an image of the partially built U.S. Capitol dome that was being constructed during his Presidency.



The U.S. Mint will also be producing a Lincoln Commemorative Silver Dollar. The obverse will have an image of Lincoln and the reverse will include the last 43 words of the Gettysburg Address. The Gettysburg Address is one of the most famous speeches in our history and includes the words, "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." The Mint will strike 500,000 of the commemorative coins.



## The Adventures of "Coins" Johnson- "Wanda the Waitress' Tip Money" By Guest Contributor Charlie Mead

Herman Melville Johnson had been studying numismatics for most of his life. In fact, almost everyone called the ten-year old "Coins." Only his mother called him Herman.

Coins was reading in the family garage which contained his voluminous library and no cars when his mother walked in with another woman.

"Herman?" his mother asked. "Wanda the waitress is here to see you."

Coins looked expectantly at Wanda as his reputation as a numismatist sometimes brought townspeople over with questions.

"Hi, Coins," Wanda said a bit sheepishly. "I wonder if you would have a look at this please." She took a piece of paper money out of her pocket.

"I got this as a tip," Wanda explained. "Is it any good?"



Coins examined the note. The well-worn bill certainly looked like a regular U.S. dollar, but the printing was blue along with the customary green. Also, the words, "Silver Certificate", were along the top instead of the usual "Federal Reserve Note."

What will Coins say? See next page for the answer.

### Numismatic Trivia Questions

- 1) What are the two dates that appear on U.S. Bicentennial coinage?
  - 2) Continental Currency notes were issued during what conflict?
  - 3) Is the buffalo standing on a mound or a flat plain on the first issues of the Buffalo five-cent nickel?
- See next page for the answers

Images of Lincoln have appeared on many different pieces of paper money. In addition to the \$5 bills that feature Lincoln that are currently in circulation, there have been many other pieces of paper money since



This newsletter was created and is produced by TNA Youth Chair Kathy Lawrence, P.O. Box 3203, Cedar Hill, TX 75106. If you have any comments or suggestions for future topics, please write to the address above or send an email to: [kaly01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaly01@sbcglobal.net).





## TNA Youth Newsletter Continued...

1861 that have included portraits of America's 16th president. Several of the notes even have nicknames.

The large size Series of 1899 \$1 Silver Certificates are known as "Black Eagles" and they include small portraits of Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. The central vignette is called Eagle of the Capitol. A vignette is a picture or engraving that tapers off gradually into the unprinted portion of the paper.



The "Porthole" notes are large size Series of 1923 Silver Certificates that feature a round portrait of Lincoln in the center of the face surrounded by the words "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

They are nicknamed porthole notes because the round design looks like the round windows on a ship that are known as portholes.



### The Adventures of "Coins" Johnson- "Wanda the Waitress' Tip Money" (continued)

"Wanda," said Coins brightly. "This note is a Silver Certificate. They were printed by the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing from 1928 until about 1963. There were literally billions printed. At one time, you could trade this note in for a dollar's worth of silver, but that stopped in 1968. It's still worth a dollar though if you took it to a bank. Depending upon the condition and other factors, it might be worth more than that to a collector though."

"Thanks for the good news Coins," an obviously relieved Wanda bubbled. "As for the bank, I think I'll keep this one. Pretty soon you won't be the only numismatist in town!"

### Numismatic Trivia Answers

- 1) 1776-1976
- 2) The American Revolutionary War
- 3) Mound

Special Thanks to the following for donating the materials that were included with this issue of the TNA Youth Newsletter: Professional Currency Dealers Association and the TNA. The photos included in this issue of the newsletter are courtesy of Heritage Auction Galleries.



## COINS FOR A'S REPORT



Richard Laster, Chairman

Greetings Friends,



About four years ago I had the privilege to make a visit to Bolivia. My primary reason for going was to check in on a friend who is a United Methodist missionary stationed down that way. We spent approximately a week traveling over a majority of the country. One of our last stops was in Potosi, the "highest city in the world," at over 13,000 feet above sea level.

While in Potosi I took the opportunity to tour the Potosi mint building. As anybody who collects Spanish Colonial coins knows the mint at Potosi (Casa de Moneda) was quite prolific. Production of coinage in Potosi began in 1574 and continued into the early 1950's. The building, which is deceptively massive, houses an interesting collection of artifacts, art, original machinery, a period chapel, and of course several rooms full of coins and medals, many of which were produced there at Potosi in that very facility. Even though coins were first minted in Potosi in 1574 it wasn't until the mid Eighteenth Century that the "new" building was constructed.

Potosi is in a most beautiful area. Obvious for miles around is Sierra Rico, the "Rich Mountain" from which the wealth of the area is literally produced and out of which large quantities of silver has come for several hundred years. The mines are still producing. Potosi silver can be found easily today in the collector coins of Colonial America and in the earlier pieces of the Bolivian Republic.



Sierra Rico  
"Rich Mountain"

I was excited about the prospect of seeing Potosi and enjoying the mint tour. In my own history I had already "met" and studied the area, its history, as well as the mint itself. How was this so? I did not encounter the information at school. Insight didn't come from parents or friends. I cannot recall seeing a story about Potosi on television nor encounter it at the movies. My experience with



Front entrance of  
Potosi Mint building

Potosi came because somewhere in my early collecting years I came across a coin from the mint at Potosi. This discovery led me to experience a whole new world.

We collectors know what can be acquired from "numismatically" gathering "this and that." Ask yourself; what insights have come through numismatics? What discoveries about life, about the world, about art, history, etc? How great it is that we who are established collectors have the privilege to open up such a world to someone, especially to a child, or youth, who is exploring the possibilities for the first time.

Since I began collecting so much has changed. Children and youth today have the world open to them on the internet and in other places. Technology is in important to our times, but it is still better to hold something in your hand than to see it from afar. Coins pass on history and so much more. Thanks for your attentiveness to the younger ones.



Courtyard at the Mint...  
Interesting bead on the wall  
above the doorway arch may be  
there in order to cover up older  
Seal of Spain which would have  
been original to the building.

Have a blessed day,

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# NOTES FROM A SLIGHTLY FRAYED CUFF

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I joined TNA in 1969 although I first exhibited in 1968 at the Hemisphere in San Antonio. Let's face it, 40 years is a long time. There are a lot of memories and water under the bridge.

TNA in 1969 was much different from the TNA of today. Then TNA was modeled on the example of the American Numismatic Society. We were an elitist organization with many outstanding names in the field of numismatics. Many of them wrote and published. Can you imagine, you had to be 14 years of age to join? No kids allowed. These age restrictions were finally lifted after much urging by me and many others.

TNA rose and fell along with the economy. I recall when David Burke and I had to dig into our pockets and pay for the mailing of the TNA News since we didn't have enough money in the treasury to cover the bill.

From 1968 onwards the number of dealers taking a table at our show dropped. One of the reasons was that TNA was holding their annual convention in some of Texas' hard to reach cities such as Amarillo and Lubbock. This was a great idea, and the local clubs were great, but the dealers didn't come. They felt that there was not a collector base large enough to justify the expense of setting up. I remember giving a paper to the Board in San Antonio recommending that we adopt a 5 year plan wherein we would hold a show in a major metropolitan area in Texas for at least 5 years at a time to allow us to sign long term contracts for convention facilities and to establish a firm date for future shows. This worked well but also caused anger in many clubs. The sad fact was that it was not economically feasible for TNA to hold a major convention in smaller locations.

Some years later, along with a number of other concerned members I proposed that we hold a winter show of smaller size and in some of the smaller cities that couldn't afford to have a major convention. El Paso was the first winter show and it was well received. Although the show was not very profitable, it showed the general membership that a smaller TNA show was feasible. The second show was held in Waco and I was appointed as Chairman by the Waco Coin Club. For a small 40 table show it was extremely profitable for both TNA and the Waco Coin Club returning over \$1900 to TNA and the Waco Coin Club. A third show, chaired by Ed Stephens and held in Houston, returned over \$5000 to TNA.

As we entered the 1990's TNA and ANA membership fell. ANA had a drop from over 60,000 to just over 30,000 members. For TNA the drop was also significant. Our true membership figures were in the 400 range. Much of this drop was due to the view the new generation of collectors considered TNA to be redundant. They use the internet instead, and consider joining a local or statewide club to be useless due to the inability of clubs (or lack of desire in some cases) to adapt to the new way of doing. Why should a person go to a club meeting once a month where he might find some people willing to help him when he had the whole wide world available on the internet? To solve this we have to reach out to new members. As an example of reaching out, I have paid the initial membership fee for newly recruited junior members over the past few years.

TNA and our hobby must change or it will fall by the wayside. Clubs are rapidly dying out and due to the rapidly changing economic times in the US and the rest of the world I am afraid that TNA is facing the worst yet. The average age of a coin club member is over 50. Junior members are an exception, not a norm. We are simply not reaching out to the collector. How do we meet the challenges of today's world and the current conditions? The answer is simple. We must start by thinking outside the lines, explore new ideas and go in new directions. For instance, the Novato Coin Club sold dealer space for \$5 on meeting nights to anybody that wanted to set up and sell to the members. This helped defray costs and generally turned a small profit for the club. We must make arrangements with the ANA to include a TNA membership application to Texans who joined ANA? As individuals we must reach out to our neighbors to promote numismatics and the forming local clubs and supporting the TNA as the coin club for all of Texas. In short we must ALL become a lot more enthusiastic about our great hobby.

TNA unfortunately has much internal conflict today. We have lost view of the fact that we are the servants, not the masters of this great organization. We must put aside our petty differences. Our goal must be what is best for the membership, not building our personal little fiefdoms and petty dictatorships. We have and still are accomplishing great things. Yet, we take away the rights of the membership and consign their needs to the dustbin of history. They are the ones that we are accountable to but we don't listen to them. Instead of acrimony, we must develop a sense of cooperation and respect for the other fellow. It is TNA's and our responsibility and duty to remember what principles the TNA was founded on, what the goals were and what the TNA is here for. More importantly, we must reestablish the bond between the officers and the membership. We must make TNA membership a desired goal for all Texas collectors instead of their considering TNA redundant to the hobby. What tangible benefits does TNA membership really offer other than free admission to the annual TNA convention and a bi-monthly publication? Compare that to the benefits of joining ANA and what they offer the general collector. We have to change.

And therein lies the challenge. Are you willing to step up and insist that we do our job? Are you willing to take on added responsibility as an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer? Are you willing to give just 10 percent of yourselves to insure that this organization of ours grows and prospers? Are you part of the problem or are you part of the solution?

Personally, I have an obligation to the general membership. My goal is to leave TNA bigger and better than I found it. Are you willing to do the same? My email address is shown above. Send me your ideas and thoughts. I will present them to the Board at our next meeting in May.

Remember, we have elections coming up. If you are unhappy with the way YOUR TNA is being run, vote for those of us that represent change and a new direction for TNA.

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# VOTE

FOR

## PAUL GARNER

FOR

## TNA SECRETARY

### WHO AM I??

Family man, member of St Paul's Episcopal Church, TNA Life Member 139 and a member of TNA for 40 years, and ANA Life Member 2022.

### WHAT HAVE I DONE??

- TNA Governor for nearly 20 years.
- Received most every award that TNA has offered.
- Served on numerous TNA Committees.
- TNA Exhibits Judge and exhibitor.
- Columnist for the TNA News
- Recruited nearly 100 new Junior members over the past 5 years.
- Got age restrictions on junior members eliminated.
- Dealer since 1964, Show Promoter since 1983.
- Second largest donor to TNA which included the 1813 San Antonio Jola
- Bachelor of Science degree from University of San Francisco.
- Contributing Editor to Krause World Coins.
- Wrote "*Silver Coins of the World since 1900*"
- Wrote "*Economic War Between the Napoleonic Empire And Great Britain, An Explanation of Oriental Chop marks*"
- Currently writing the TNA history.
- Family man with strong convictions of right and wrong.
- Retired from the United States Air Force in 1975.
- Retired from the Defense Logistics Agency where I was involved in the production management of many millions of dollars in Government contracts.
- Life member of the state associations of Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Central States and the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society

### WHAT WILL I DO FOR TNA AND YOU??

- I WILL SAVE TNA \$7000 ANNUALLY: In FY2007 the record shows that the Secretary was paid \$7000 which sure is a lot of money. TNA is supposed to be a volunteer organization. If elected I will refuse to accept ANY SALARY at all for doing what should be a volunteer job. I know that I can do the job more effectively and accurately.
- MY PHILOSOPHY IS SIMPLE. I will be answerable to the membership of TNA. The minutes will be published in the TNA News after each meeting of the Board of Directors so that the membership will know what is going on. No more will you be in the dark. I am an independent and belong to no cliques.
- TEXAS IS HOME TO MANY MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS including Fort Hood, the largest military base in the free world. I will sponsor legislation that will grant free membership in the TNA to our military personnel as a way of our saying thanks for their service and sacrifices.
- I WILL SPONSOR legislation allowing applicants for Life Membership to pay over a period of one year.
- I WILL WORK WITH ANA to insure that all TEXAS ANA members are given the opportunity to join TNA.
- I WILL INSURE that TNA is run accordingly to the laws of the State of Texas covering Non-Profit Organizations.

# A FRESH APPROACH!

## ***VOTE FOR MIKE GRANT FOR TNA PRESIDENT***



### *As your TNA President I will -*

- Insure open communication between the directors and the board
- Provide more communication for our members
- Follow and respect the by-laws
- Maintain policies that will benefit members and clubs

### *I have the experience to do the job -*

- Dallas Coin Club Member and Past President
- Fort Worth Coin Club Life Member and Past President
- Mid-Cities Coin Club Founding Member & Life Member and Past President
- Northeast Tarrant Coin Club Member in Good Standing
- American Numismatic Association Member in Good Standing
- North American Collectibles Association Member in Good Standing
- Arthritis Foundation - Volunteer and Chairman of the Board for the Northwest Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation covering 105 counties.
- Volunteer for the North Texas Arthritis Chapter.
- Volunteered as Secretary of the North Texas Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association

### *I have served the TNA in several capacities -*

- TNA Vice President
- TNA Treasurer
- TNA News editor
- TNA Historian
- Volunteer in numerous capacities
- Recognized by my peers, having received numerous TNA Presidential Awards

### *I am involved in several areas of Numismatics -*

- TNA Life Member and a two-time Hall of Fame member.
- Produced coin shows for:  
Texas Numismatic Association; Dallas Coin Club; Fort Worth Coin Club;  
Mid-Cities Coin Club
- Served on the Texas Quarter Committee to select the winning quarter sketch
- Selected to attend the governor's presentation of the new quarter in 2004
- Requested by the Fort Worth Bureau of Engraving and Printing to provide recommendations for the new visitors' center - attended the unveiling of the center.
- Current owner of two coin shops - Arlington Coins and Haltom City Coins



# 2009 SHOWS

Fort Worth Coin Club

## SPRING COIN SHOW

Saturday  
March 7th  
9am to 5pm

Sunday  
March 8th  
9am to 3pm

Contact: John Post • 817-992-1868

## COWTOWN SUMMER COIN SHOW

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Fort Worth Coin Club

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Saturday  
November 7th  
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Sunday  
November 8th  
9am to 3pm

Contact: Ron Surprenant • 817-232-0400

**COWTOWN CHRISTMAS COIN SHOW**

SATURDAY DEC 12 9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY DEC 13 9AM - 3PM



**PROPRIETOR**  
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# 2010 SHOWS

## COWTOWN WINTER COIN SHOW

SATURDAY  
JAN 23  
9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY  
JAN 24  
9AM - 3PM

Contact: Gary Andrews • 817-444-4813

# COIN SHOWS

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## MYSTERY TEXAS BANK

There are several problems with this. First, I don't believe Vernon Texas even existed in the late 1830s (although Mount Vernon, Texas might fit the bill). Second, the Texas collectors I know have never heard of the bank or its notes. Third, we've never seen any of the notes before they were altered -- only after (the surviving notes are, however, clearly altered).

I would like to seek help from any TNA members who, in fact, have seen these notes from the Bank of Vernon. Following are scans of two altered notes:

If any of your members have seen notes like these I would love to hear from them.

Wendell can be reached at: [PURDUENUT@aol.com](mailto:PURDUENUT@aol.com)

*The following is a portion of the Numismatist article:*

Among numismatic researchers there is always a concern that "historical inaccuracies repeated at least three times in books and articles become facts, whether correct or not!" One early researcher's error is dutifully repeated by one or more successive authors and, the first thing you know, it's become the common wisdom and factually "correct." I've long had this sinking feeling that I am guilty of perpetuating at least one such an error. The job at hand is now to try to get to the actual facts regarding the situation.

At least five banks in Ohio (the Dayton Bank, the Bank of Norwalk, the Bank of Geauga at Painesville, the Bank of Wooster, and the Bank of Xenia) were the unwilling recipients of such alterations made from The Bank of Vernon, Vernon, Texas notes according to several researchers (myself included). The problem is that Vernon, Texas, was not incorporated until 1889; much too late to be the location of a bank which would have failed in the early 1840s. So this perpetuated common wisdom or "fact" seems very much in doubt.

There are several possibilities. The Bank of Vernon may have possibly been located in Mount Vernon, Texas, which was in existence at least as early as 1848 when a post office was established there. The alterations from this bank, however, are fairly wide spread, and Texas collectors I have talked with have never heard of the Bank of Vernon from any Texas location. This suggests that the entire Texas location concept is flawed and that the source bank was actually located someplace else in the United States. Unfortunately Vernon is a popular place name, appearing in at least seventeen states that had note issuing banks in the 1840s. So that brings us to the question, "What now?" The collecting community can play a part in correcting this apparent error in historical fact by pooling our knowledge.

Have you seen any bank notes from the "Bank of Vernon" or any other bank which look like the illustrated notes in this article? If so, please contact me with the bank name, state, and city, as well as a scan or photocopy of the note if possible. My guess is that the bank probably failed sometime between 1838 and 1841 and that it is from an eastern state rather than from the Midwest. Together we can set the record straight. Keep checking back to see if we have been able to solve this mystery

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# COIN DRAGNET

## EPISODE 2

STARRING  
CHARLIE MEAD  
AS JOE FARTHING,  
NUMISMATIST



*The story you are about to read isn't true, but it might have happened.  
The names have been changed to protect the innocent.*

There are millions of coin collectors in the United States. Occasionally one of them will need some help. That's where I come in. My name's Farthing. Joe Farthing. I'm a numismatist. I carry a loup.

It was about 2 o'clock, and I was working the Authentication Bureau. The boss is Mr. Minhan. Frank Golden is on vacation.

I was working on the never ending stream of paperwork that accompanies modern business when the phone rang. It was Allison Bland, one of our interns. Much to her chagrin, I naturally called her Morgan, and the nickname stuck. Despite my protestations, she insisted on calling me Mr. Farthing, probably to get back at me. She was of the new breed of numismatist – young, well read and smart.

"Mr. Farthing?" she began. I let the formality slide. "Could you help me with a client please?" Generally she didn't need help.

"On my way, Morgan," I responded and headed for the door.

As I walked into the showroom, I noted a young man in his early 20s wearing a black jacket, black pinstriped trousers and blue shoes. His hair was slicked back into a pompadour. He was also clearly arguing with Morgan.

"Mr. Farthing, this is Mr. DaBallone," she said breaking into his tirade, effectively quieting him.

He spoke fast and loudly. "You can call me Vic," he started. "I have here a coin that is gonna make history! She," and here he pointed to Morgan, "says it ain't so."

"Well let's see what you have, Mr. DaBallone." I got out my loup as he showed us a Jefferson Nickel with two obverses, or "heads."



*Double Headed Nickel (2006-D)*

I looked at Morgan and asked, "Did you look at this yet?" She nodded and started to say something when Vic broke in.

"She said it isn't real! She said something about it being

made post mint, whatever that means! I bring you millions, and you don't believe it!" With that he stood up and started singing, "We're in the money. We're in the money. We've got a lot of what it takes to get along!"

I had to speak over the din when I motioned to Morgan, "Go get the reference coins please." She ran out of the room and was back before Mr. DaBallone could begin the next chorus.

Generally, I would have had a character like this escorted out, but I sensed Mr. DaBallone was more happy go luck than happy farm ready, so I let him go.

I shushed Mr. DaBallone down and showed him another two headed Nickel and a non modified one.

"Wow, man! You've got one too!" he shrieked. Then as reality set in he shrank into the chair.

"Let's look at your coin and compare it to this regular coin," I said knowing I had his complete attention.

"Now what do you see?" I asked. He shrugged his shoulders sinking further into the chair.

Morgan piped in, "There is a seam around this side of your coin.



*Double Headed Nickel (left) and Regular Nickel (right) both 2006-D*

From this angle it is really visible by Jefferson's right shoulder." She pointed with the tip of a pencil and said, "See?"

"A skilled machinist will take a Nickel and plane off most of one side except for the rim using a lathe. He or she will then place another machined piece that shows the same side, in your case, heads. The fit is so tight, it's very hard to take one apart." I nodded dumbly as she exhibited she really knew her stuff.

DeBallone looked totally defeated now. "But then are there any real two headed coins?"

Morgan answered before I did, "There are two known. They were supposedly found in a safety deposit box in California. Some think they were made by a mint worker. None have been found in circulation." She smiled at me with a certain amount of self satisfaction that knowing one's profession will give, and I smiled back.

"Here's a package with a two headed Nickel like yours," she said as she put multicolored card on the table.

He glanced barely at the paper, composed himself and quickly stood up announcing, "Well, thank you for your time, Ms. Bland, Mr. Farthing."

"Thank you for coming in, Mr. DaBallone," replied Morgan, obviously relieved to be done with the man.

"But don't forget the bright side," she spoke cheerily, her eyes twinkling ever so slightly.

DaBallone looked puzzled and a little defiant at this. "Oh yeah? What's that?" he snarled as he entered the open elevator.

"You'll never lose a bar bet again."

His face lit up as the doors closed I could have sworn I heard, "We're in the money! We're in the money..."



*Two Headed Nickel Packaging*



**H**ere is the news from TNA member clubs around the state. We have edited reports from the clubs to include special events and program presentations. Information about upcoming club coin shows are in the calendar section.

We need to have your reports by the 15th of each month preferably by email. Send your club meeting program reports and upcoming club coin show information to:

[tnanews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnanews@sbcglobal.net)

If you need technical help sending your report please contact us by email or phone 817.281.3065.

## DISTRICT ONE

### *Fort Worth Coin Club*

**November Meeting** - President Debbie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Treasurer and Secretary reports given and approved.

**Election of New Members:** We are happy to welcome Randall Carman and Frank & Betty Helm. Visitors: Dick and Roberta DePriest Communications: Pam Swiney report that Helen Wallace had passed away. Frank Provasek informed the attendees that counterfeit coins are being made in China. Many of them are showing up on Ebay and at flea markets and garage sales. John Post reported that the ANA needs Pages between the ages of 11-17 to work the 2010 ANA National Money Show in Fort Worth. John Post announced that Mike Grant is running for TNA President.

**Old Business:** Debbie Williams reported that the Christmas party will be held on December 6th at Vance Godbey's beginning at 6:00 PM. There will be no charge for Members. The charge for Guests will be \$20 each. The Club had to guarantee 100 attendees for the dinner, so Members and Guests were strong encouraged to attend. The FWCC Fall Coin Show will be held on November 8th & 9th at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Center on Bryant Irvin. Bob Millard passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

**New Business:** Debbie Williams presented the updated version of the Club logo that was created by Ben Channell. Robert Schultz made a motion to accept the new logo and John Post seconded it. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Election of 2009 Officers:** The Election Nominating Committee (Bill Yates, Jack Allen and Bob Millard), presented the slate of candidates for the 2009 elections. There were no nominations from the floor. President – Debbie Williams; Vice President – John Post; Treasurer – John Black; Secretary – Walter Fabisiak; Director – Ben Channell; Director – Dennis Wynn. Lorenzo Horalek made a motion that the slate be elected and John Post seconded. The slate was elected unanimously.

**Educational Program:** Dr. H.L. Ford presented a very informative program on the Pittman Act of 1918.

**December Meeting** - Debbie Williams asked that all business be postponed until the next regular meeting. Eighty one Members and Guests attended the Annual Awards Presentations and Christmas Party. A special thank you was extended to Dennis & Linda Wynn for coordinating the Christmas Party, and all of the other volunteers who helped make the party a success. After a fine dinner and awards ceremony, Mike Grant called a great bingo game. A good time was had by all.

### *Northeast Tarrant Coin Club*

**November Meeting** - The meeting was opened by secretary Lance Parkes at 7PM. Announcements: The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11th. Certificates worth \$5 for any NETCC activity will be offered as door prizes and quiz prizes. These "Owens Bucks" can be used to buy raffle tickets, pay dues, pay for auction items, or any other payment to the club. Mike Grant announced that he will be a candidate for TNA President.

**Educational Program:** Robert Schultz gave the evening's educational presentation on the history of the Lincoln cent. He presented many interesting facts and a timeline of the history of the Lincoln Cent. It was the first coin to feature a president. The Lincoln memorial obverse was added in 1959. Robert displayed his collection of Lincoln cents, including the 1909 SVDB which was a gift from his dad.

**December Meeting** - The meeting was opened by president Jack Gilbert at 7PM. There were over 90 members and guests in attendance at this special Christmas meeting.

**Business Meeting:** Jack Gilbert introduced the new directors for 2009-2010 – Steve Lehr and Jerry Stuart. Many thanks to Fred Weeks and Larry Dibler who are the outgoing directors.

The Christmas dinner included a catered barbecue dinner and many homemade items and desserts.

After dinner, Mike Grant called bingo with many interesting numismatic and non-numismatic prizes being awarded.

**January Meeting** - The meeting was opened by President Jack Gilbert at 7PM. There were over 40 members and guests in attendance at the first meeting of 2009.

Russell Prinzing announced the new attendance award for 2009 – an uncirculated 1995 Silver Eagle. Any paid member who attends ALL monthly club meetings in 2009 is eligible for the drawing for this silver coin.

**Interesting Finds:** Robert Schultz presented a coin struck in an alloy of gold, silver, and copper. It is one of only 158 that were struck. Russell Prinzing displayed a full set of war nickels, all with full steps. Steve Lehr passed around a 2009 British proof set. The backs of the coins when arranged properly make up the English shield. Mike Grant brought a 6 note sheet of fractional currency.

**Educational Program:** Mike Grant, owner of Arlington Coins, presented the educational program on the coins and currency of the Isle of Man. The Isle of Man started minting copper coins in 1709. Each coin bears a Latin phrase that means "Wherever you throw it, it will stand." Mike displayed 21 examples, including a graded 1786



half penny. He also brought a very rare example of Isle of Man currency which was only issued from 1813 to 1817.

February Meeting Preview: Russell Prinzing and Kenny Smith will present the educational program on Colonial and Continental currency. George Adams graciously volunteered to bring snacks to the February meeting.

## **DISTRICT FOUR**

### ***Williamson County Coin Club***

**November Meeting** - The Meeting was called to order by President Latchford at 7:09 pm.

Our short snorter as scavenged from the secretary's bathroom where it had been collecting dust among unused cosmetics and hair clips. It was a Cuban 5 Peso note, series 1958. Before we turned to the security features there was a discussion of Cuban history and current events. This may have been due to the poor condition of the note and relatively few security features it bore. The few features we detected were as follows: High-quality paper; Fine engraving; Intaglio printing; And a separately printed serial number

Old Business: First item: The Christmas Dinner will take place at Duke's BBQ at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday in December. Second item: The dreaded monster idea of hosting a coin show continues to raise its ugly head. Our President took it upon himself to battle this beast and discussed aspects of hosting a coin show with that master of Austin shows, Francis of the Capitol City Coin Club. Well, the last word is a resounding "Don't Do It!" It is far too complex a venture for a small club with few interested individuals.

New Business: Shall we continue to meet at the Round Rock Serving Center? It was decided we were happy with the location. We will continue to meet at the Round Rock Serving Center, at 1099 E. Main Street, Round Rock, on the first Tuesday of every month.

Then we discussed getting a list of District 4 TNA members and mailing flyers to them, reminding everyone of our existence.

Show-and-Tell: Rod brought an extension of last month's OPA presentation: An OPA token holder; A ration book holder; A ration book with unused coupons; And a flyer on how to use the ration book Cyn brought: Several printouts from snopes.com concerning numismatic urban legends; And a current \$20 bill with a Spanish chain-letter type inscription: "escribe esto en 12 Billetes san sudas tadeo Quienree (sp?); ba este billete tendro muchos Billete." Harlan brought numismatic ads from various magazines, including a Texas Mint & Merchantile gold ad. Rod took a second round of Show-and-Tell with a few tokens: A brass spinner token from wintergreen-flavored Skoal; And two Civil War store cards: a beer token from Carland's Bowery and an Indian-head token from Broas Pie Bakery, NY, 1863. Marvin brought a Greek Drachma minted under Alexander the Great, 336-232 BC. James brought a couple of items of US type: An 1858 Flying Eagle cent; And a 1877 S Seated Liberty dime Roger brought paper items, as usual: A series of autographed \$1 bills, many silver certificates, from the 1950's and 60's, with such signatures as Phyllis Diller and Bob Hope, and Chief Justice Earl Warren. A strange 1899 bearer certificate for \$5000 in gold, cancelled with perforations and redeemed with the Banker's Association of Buffalo A Government Printing Office pamphlet from 1861 entitled "Notes Explanatory of Mr. Chase's Plan of National Finance"

## **DISTRICT FIVE**

### ***Dallas Coin Club***

**November Meeting** - The meeting was held at LaMadeleine at Belt Line and Montfort. Thanks to Darren Maloney for making the arrangements. Twenty Members and one Visitor were in attendance. Visitor Mary Hunter learned about the Club while attending the Dallas & Mid-Cities Coin Show.

Ben Hong gave a talk on his long career in the ANA and coin collecting accomplishments. Ben was a member of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club in the 1950s and joined the ANA in 1958. He moved to Texas in 1960, but he has lived in many different countries over the years due to his employment. The ANA had hoped Ben would attend the World's Fair of Money that was held in Baltimore in August in order to receive his 50 year award in person, but he elected not to go and the ANA mailed his 50-year pin to him. He passed around his ANA membership pins. Go Ben! Ben has numerous interests and has written articles for many hobby clubs over the years.

Ballots were distributed for the Dallas Coin Club Program of the Year 2008 and the Dallas Coin Club Article of the Year 2008. There was a tie for program of the year between Mike Grant for his program in June on Isle of Man Coinage and Larry Herrera for his July program on U.S. Coin Scales. Congratulations gentlemen!

Kathy Lawrence won article of the year for her piece in the May newsletter titled "Dallas Coin Club History: The First 80 Years".

**December Meeting** - Twenty Members and Guests attended the annual Dallas Coin Club Christmas party. Special thanks to our hosts, Allen and Maryann Scott. They did a fabulous job and we really appreciate all of their hard work and planning!!! Thank you also to Mike Grant for calling bingo, Stewart Huckaby for purchasing the bingo prizes, and David Swann for collecting money and dues. We spent time socializing and then enjoyed a wonderful barbecue buffet. The 2009 Officers were sworn in by Larry Herrera-Kathy Lawrence, President; Ron Blaha, Vice President; Allen Scott, Secretary; and David Swann, Treasurer. The White Elephant Auction was held and then we played many games of bingo.

## **DISTRICT SIX**

### ***Bellaire Coin Club***

**November Meetings** - November 3 - There were 21 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian reminded everyone about the Pasadena and Greater Houston Coin shows. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, John Barber, Ricardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold, Barney Loebe, Gene McPherson, and Michael Wolford. John Barber won the show and tell prize.

November 17 - There were 25 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold reminded everybody about the Christmas party. Sebastian reviewed the meeting schedule. December 1 will have Gene McPherson discussing "Bible Coins." December 15, we will have a meeting. Sebastian noted the next coin shows. Pasadena's, at the Marriott Hobby Airport. Ed Stephens has been working on Bellaire shows. A special show sponsored by Ed Stephens. He has been working on our spring show, National Coin Week. Ed will confirm all information. The program for tonight was show and tell. The



following members presented a short program, Bruce Burton, Garth Clark, Tim Conway, Richardo DeLeon, Sebastian Frommhold and Ed Stephens. Bruce Burton won the show and tell prize.

**December Meetings** - December 1 - There were 18 members and guests at the meeting. The club presented stories about the recent Pasadena coin show. Sebastian Frommhold reminded all about the party, December 13, at the Jim Bevill's home. Sebastian also noted that the December 15 meeting will be a show and tell.

Gene McPherson presented the program on Bible coins.

December 15 - There were 10 members and guests at the meeting. Sebastian Frommhold confirmed the next area coin shows. Ed Stephens's show will be March 14-15. Bellaire Coin club's show will be May 2-3.

The club talked about the Christmas party. The Trout's purchased a gift to the Jim and Jodie Bevill. The club noted that some members are planning to go to the Florida United Numismatist show. The program for tonight was show and tell. The following members presented a short program, Tom Cooper, Sebastian Frommhold, Brian Holland, Richard Laster, and Gene McPherson.

### **Greater Houston Coin Club**

**November Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Gail Brichford at 6:58 with 46 members and guest attending. Guests John and Ralph Eley were introduced.

Show and Tell: Presentations up to 3.5 minutes were made by: Edwin J. Wolf B. Ricardo DeL. Barney L Richard L. John B, Garth C. Michael W, Alvin S. Sebastian F. John T. Gail B. Show & Tell prize drawing was won by Garth C.

Educational Presentation: The program for tonight was "Building a U.S. Type Set – Part II", presented by Steve Kutz. This tightly planned and beautifully presented program followed the format of Steve's earlier presentation of "Building a U.S. Type Set of copper, nickel, and silver coins". He treated the gold coins in considerable depth. Again, Steve began with the good advice to "set out your collecting goal – define coverage". Being truly in tune with emerging technology, Steve also offers the presentation to viewers on YouTube!

Farewell - For 3 \_ years the GHCC has been an important part of my life. It is with more than a tinge of sadness that I submit my resignation as your Secretary.

It is with great satisfaction that all of us should be proud of the progress of the Club over the last three years. Our regular Thursday meetings have been blessed by a continuing trend of higher attendance (now past 40 members and guests, on average). In my mind this is due to the inspired leadership of Presidents Richard Laster and Gail Brichford. The meetings are well-run and interesting. The Money Show has been transformed under the leadership of Carl Schwenker, and the Club's robust financial security is the result. We have surpassed "educational" goals on many fronts.

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**December Meeting** - The meeting was our Christmas Party at the HESS Club. Attendance was 32. A good time was had by all. The coin quiz ended in a three way tie. The talk by Doug Davis

"Your Numismatic Safety" was well received. Thanks to Doug for coming. Special door prizes were appreciated by the recipients. There were some good show & tells.



### **Pasadena Coin Club**

**November Meetings** - - November 10. Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 26 members present. The minutes and the treasures report were read. A motion to accept was passed.

November 24 - Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 31 members & 4 junior members present. The minutes and the treasures report were read. A motion to accept was passed.

Old business: Our show is this weekend. Please make sure if you have signed up to work to be there. Ginger gave Steve S. his plaque.

New business: We will have only one meeting in December which will be on the 8th.

**December Meeting** - The Pasadena Coin Club held its annual Christmas dinner and bingo meeting with good food, good company and many prizes. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2009.

## **DISTRICT SEVEN**

### **Alamo Coin Club**

**November Meeting** - The meeting started off with ACC President Bill S. asking for volunteers for our November Alamo Coin Show at Live Oak Civic Center held the 22nd of November. The Roundtable was then conducted by our President with the following members presenting something:

Jim R. presented a book titled "Treasure in the Cellar" which takes the reader through a series of tragedies of found money. Cecilia G. brought in a 1594 donzain of Dauphine which is a French billion coin. Sherry H. brought in an important Numismatic News article found in the supplement titled "State of the Industry" that had an article written about Fernando Razo. Py C. had a Peruvian 8 Reales dated 1831 Lima MM. This coin is graded an AU/UNC plus it's also a very scarce type. Tim W. brought in a 1939 Vatican City 5 Lira of Pope Pius XII on the obverse and Jesus Christ in a fishing boat on the reverse. Darlene G. brought in a Canadian Quebec City 400th anniversary commemorative C\$.2. The coin's design one side had the "mature" QE II and the other side had a fleur de le and a ship. Harold H. had an ancient Syrian coin of Alexander the Great (152 – 144 BC). Chris S. brought in a 10 Pesos sample of JIM money (Japanese Invasion Money). Will R. had a Brazilian 20 centavo. Larry A. had a 1947 D Roosevelt dime that was found in recent change. David A. brought in an ancient coin that he found and purchased from an antique store in the Hill Country. Fred B. had a silver round from the Franklin Mint depicting Apollo 14. Fernando R. had a Mexican Maximillian Empire 10 centavo example from the Guanajuato mint Bill S. offered a peek at a Mexican 4 reales dated 1834 Zs OM with a planchet flaw. Art S. had a club pin representing the Full Step Nickel Club. Jay G. offered the club a look at the "new" Loonie (Canadian Dollar with a bird known as a loon) that has the Olympic rings announcing the coming of the Winter Olympics in 2010. Winner of the Roundtable prize (Mexican 1953 5 peso) went to Jay G. The Attendance Prize or a.k.a. the Rolling Jackpot was now at 5 items including tonight's

prize. The name drawn for the prize was Jean B. Jean was present and gracefully accepted the large prize of 5 items.

Our presentation of the month was conducted by Jay G. His numismatic program was on the Carson City Morgan Dollars. His presentation entailed facts about the coins, such as which are the rare and which are the common. His talk also mentioned intriguing facts about the politics involved with the creation and its demise of the Carson City Mint. This is worth reading more about.

**December Meeting** - The meeting was started as usual with President Bill S. opening the meeting. This meeting was the only meeting to be held for the month of December. This was also our Dirty Santa meeting.

The Roundtable was then conducted by our President with the following members presenting something: Jim J.-1874 5th series 10Å fractional currency. Bill S. - 1949-P Franklin half dollar. David A.-Canadian colonial token \_ penny token with Wellington dated 1813 commemorating victory in a sea battle in the War of 1812. "B" - brought in a 1909S VDB MS65 bought at the December Houston show. Fernando R brought in a wooden nickel that has been chipped and jokingly claims it as a "clip". Ricardo M had presented a Mexican 8 Rs dated 1858.

Aside from the minimal to scarce discussion of business, members were more eager to start with the Dirty Santa gift exchange. They didn't realize what they were getting. Someone ended up with the two dollar bill and someone else got the 1974 JFK half dollar.

### **Gateway Coin Club**

**November Meetings** - Nov. 6 - The meeting opened with 28 members and 2 visitors present. Our visitors were Dianna Merriman and Jacob Meyer. The attendance prize, a dazzling 1985 Canadian Silver Dollar, was given to a very happy Clifton Valley.

Several topics were discussed during the meeting. One was to cancel the first meeting of the month because it fell on January the first. Another was to talk about our plan for our upcoming Christmas Party. A sign-up roster was passed around so that those planning to attend the party could sign the list. There will be a Christmas gift exchange for participating members.

The roundtable was led by Frank Galindo. He had three items. One was a Union Pacific lucky piece, a Rialto good for five cents in trade token and a Masonic medal issued by Robert H. Waters, Grand Master. Cliff Anderson showed a five taler bimetallic gaming token from Iffeldorf, a small town in Bavaria, Germany. Clifton Valley had two tokens. One was from St. Petersburg and the other from Clearwater, FL. Karla Galindo brought two promissory notes: A San Antonio Machine and Supply for five-hundred dollars dated 1924 and a Staacke Brothers ten-dollar note dated 1899. Greg had a Liberal Reading Club token. David showed a token from Cincinnati's Grand Hotel, 7th Cincinnati Industrial Exposition 1879. Robert had an 1854 large cent with a die rotation. Walter brought a 2002 Canadian fifty-cent commemorative coin known as the "golden tulip." Tom showed a Texas silver piece.

Nov. 20 - The meeting was opened with 22 members in attendance. The attendance prize, a brilliant 2007 American Silver Eagle, was given to Fernando Razo. There were three members who brought numismatic items for the roundtable. They were Clifton valley, Fernando Razo and David.

The educational program was presented by Larry Foster this evening. His topic was "King Antonio Medals." He gave a brief history of the colorful Texas Cavaliers and the King Antonio medals and tokens. These medals are given free to the public during the annual Fiesta Week events that are held in April. It was a very interesting topic. Thank you, Larry.



**December Meetings** - Dec. 4 - The meeting opened with 22 members present. The recipient of the attendance prize, a beautiful silver round featuring "San Antonio, Texas, the Home of the Alamo," was Frank Galindo. In absence of the secretary, the minutes from the previous meeting were read by Karla Galindo, who also took the minutes for the secretary that evening.

There were several participants in the roundtable. Art Snider showed a repunched merchandise token from the Sheet and Tube Company and Larry Foster brought two error cents, one dated 1918 and the other 1922. Cliff Anderson had a 1980 seven-coin set from China, including one coin that featured the Great Wall of China. This set was designed as a presentation to visitors, with a mintage of sixty-seven thousand sets. Clifton Valley had a special item from his personal family collection. It was a 1942 letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's secretary Stephen Early. His great aunt had requested a letter signed by the President for Clifton's father, but she was only able to get this one from Franklin Roosevelt's secretary.

Dec. 18 - The membership enjoyed our final meeting of the year at a Christmas party and gift exchange that was held at the Cape Cod Party Room. The last meeting of the year opened with 18 members and 3 visitors in attendance. Our visitors, Elva Schulmeier, Linda Scott, and Sylvia Foster, were cordially welcomed by the members. David led us in prayer before our Christmas dinner. The members enjoyed a delicious dinner that included turkey and dressing, baked ham, fajitas, casseroles, vegetables, salads, rolls, coffee, soft drinks, chips and a variety of tasty desserts.

The roundtable discussion was led by Clifton Valley who brought an APO postcard dated 1918. It was written by his great-aunt and mailed to her brother. David showed an interesting ancient Roman coin from Syria.

### **Hidalgo Coin Club**

News from a-Pharr... The Hidalgo Coin Club would like you wish you all a Very Safe & Healthy New Year. Our New Year is looking bright and we are looking forward to the adventures of what it brings. We would like to inform you of our happening for you that are traveling south and might have the time to visit us.

On the second Monday of January we held our regular membership meeting. Since it was the beginning of the New Year it was that time to pay dues. We had 37 members present to pay their dues for another year. We are growing and were fortunate to change our meeting location last year to a much larger facility.

During our meeting we held our annual elections or "Rail-Roading" Session. The club will continue to have the same officers as last year, on the board, for the up-coming year. They are:

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We are busy preparing for our Annual Coin Show here in Pharr at the Shrine Hall on Nolana Loop between Sugar and Jackson. This is a new location and we feel that it will be a much better location

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### ***Mexican Coin Club***

**November Meeting** - Thanks to all the support received for in helping the Mexican Coin Club for letting it be an important numismatic venue for 2 years.

Prior to the start of our meeting, we had our meals and the roasting of our fellow Amigos. All in good fun though.

We did see several new faces attend the meeting. We started of the introduction of Amigos. We had some new Amigos; Luther H. was in attendance as so was Traci T. We had some talk about what we have seen come up in Mexican numismatics, such as the private sale of the unauthorized issue of the 1835 Ho PP ocho (8) reales.

Some items came about on our Roundtable. Py C introduced us to his collection of Mexican Republic 8 reales (1840 and 1839 Do). Greg M. mentioned that he was to give a presentation at the GHCC show on the topic of Republic UN Centavo. Also at the GHCC show was a display of 2 escudos by Rob R. Ricardo M., and David A., had some roundtable items.

The presentation for this meeting was made by Rod Bates who we all know and respect as a very knowledgeable person concerning Mexican numismatics. In his presentation, he uses his knowledge of 20th Mexican gold coins to state that these gold coins are more than just bullion.

To get his findings and knowledge across, a handout was passed at the meeting that had each denomination of the post 1905 gold with what he considers varieties and "sleepers". After going over the list he concluded by noting that ANY non-restrike dates are undervalued in strict BU grade. The future of this series looks very bright indeed and assembling a collection of Mexican gold is both affordable and rewarding for the average collector, especially in the small denominations. Also, the number of serious collectors of Mexican coins from the U.S. and Mexico is growing rapidly, and these new numismatists are more informed than previous generations and they are eager buyers. This influx of "New Blood" is already having a dramatic impact on Mexican Numismatics, but my hunch is that we haven't seen anything yet! So consider a collection of 20th century gold coins, I believe you will be glad you did in the future!

### **DISTRICT ELEVEN**

#### ***Golden Spread Coin Club***

**November Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Diane Morie. There were 24 members present. The Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. Current metal prices were noted. A discussion about the Christmas party took place and arrangements made for the occasion. The upcoming coin show was discussed.

New officers for 2009 were elected as follows: Diane Moore - President; Phil Witt - 2nd Vice President; Ron Langley - Vice President; Rick Morie - Treasurer; Kay Winton - Secretary; Members at Large - Tommy Tompkins, Doug Hershey, Norm Goodfellow and Ted Winton.

A Show & Tell followed with Doug Hershey show a 1950 token from the Palo Duro Treasure Hunt he had discovered in a roll of half dollars. Norm brought 3 examples of Canadian toned proof coins, as well as, silver dollars. Ted Winton brought some toned Morgan dollars and Tommy Thompkins brought some 50D nickels.



### **DISTRICT TWELVE**

#### ***Tyler Coin Club***

**January Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by President Dwight Sowle with 10 members present and two guest, Bruce B. and David H. present.

Show And Tell: Carl Shotts showed a Wisconsin state quarter with the high-leaf error. The coin was found in change from a coke machine.

New Business: Dwight reviewed the new club officers for 2009: Dwight Sowle, President; Darrell Deitenbeck, Vice President; Tom Bennington, Treasurer; and Carl Shotts, Secretary. An information sheet was handed out to all members and guests. The club discussed items on the information sheet which included presentations, adoption of a local charity, announcements, door prizes, raffles, refreshments, and use of last names in minutes and publications.

Guest speakers have been arranged for the next several meetings. Topics include metal detecting, currency including Texas Treasury Warrants, and counterfeiting presented by the local U.S. Secret Service. The club also voted and passed a motion to remunerate speakers. The club will start advertising in the club section of the TNA Newsletter as well as send club meeting information to the Tyler Morning News for inclusion in the Rose City Calendar section.

A motion was made and passed to approve the membership of Bruce and David. Welcome to both. We are happy to have you as new members. Tom explained the auction process to the new club members and the regular club auction followed. This month's door prize winners included David, John and Dwight.

### **DISTRICT THIRTEEN**

#### ***Wichita Falls Coin Club***

**November Meeting** - The Wichita Falls Coin Club met on November 20th with 9 members and one guest, Jane Krasovic, in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. President Rob Robinson read the minutes of the October meeting in the absence of the secretary,

Old Business: Rob reminded everyone that the club Christmas party will be held at Luby's Cafeteria on December 11 at 6 PM. A motion was made and approved to continue with the same slate of officers for next year. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved by a majority of those present to drop the word "Stamp" from the club's name and thus change it to Wichita Falls Coin Club.

The club membership prize, a 1971-S proof Ike Dollar was won by Rob Robinson. Raffle prizes were won by Rob (2007 Silver Eagle), Bryan Sweitzer (1964 Proof Set), and Butch Krasovic ( 1982 BU Washington commemorative half dollar).

Program: Members had been asked during the October meeting to bring a numismatic item(s) for show and tell. Bryan Sweitzer brought an 1850 large cent which was made exactly one century before his birth in 1950. According to Bryan, the coin had been given to him at an early age with a statement that he was born in the wrong century. Bryan did not remember who had given him the coin, but he has always kept it and it was instrumental in his becoming a coin collector.

Tony Zupkas said that it had been a major challenge to pick just one favorite coin for show-and-tell. He said it was kind of like trying to pick your favorite movie – there are just too many to pick from. So, Tony brought two coins that were of interest to him. One, which has always been one of his favorites - a Spanish Pillar Dollar, which according to Tony, has always been the first coin mentioned in the Red Book due to its importance in our nation's history. The coin was accepted as a medium of exchange in our country in Colonial times and eventually served as the basis for our own dollar coin. Per Tony, many sources feel that the banner that is wrapped around the pillars on the coin was the inspiration for the dollar mark. The coin was dated 1761. The other coin that Tony brought was a 1971 Panama 20 Balboa silver proof. He cited a recent program where he talked about one of the smallest world coins, called a Panama pill. In contrast, the 20 Balboa piece is one of the largest of world coins. The 20 Balboa contains almost 4 troy ounces of silver.

Rob Robinson brought two half cents to illustrate a modernization of coin production that took place in the late 1820's through the mid 1830's at the US Mint. The two coins were dated 1829 and 1832. The 1829 had been made using an open collar while the 1832 made using the more modern closed collar which is still used today. He pointed out that changing to the closed collar method of coin manufacture produced a coin that was more round and with a higher and smoother rim, which not only made the coin look more refined, but improved the stackability and wear of the coins. According to Rob, the closed collar was first used in 1828 in the production of dimes. In 1829, it was used with the half dimes and gold quarter and half eagles; in 1832 with the half cent, and in 1834 with the large cent. The closed collar wasn't used to mint half dollars until 1836. Rob passed both coins around the room along with a glass for everyone to see first hand the improvements made when comparing the two half cents.

**December Meeting** - The Wichita Falls Coin Club held its annual Christmas party at Lubys Cafeteria on Dec 11th. Seventeen members and guests of the Wichita Falls Coin Club, Wichita Falls Stamp Club, and Greenbelt Coin Club were in attendance. After enjoying a delicious meal, those present took part in a Chinese Christmas gift exchange. As the evening concluded, the annual membership drawing was held and the lucky Ben Hicks won the prize -- an XF-AU 1900-S five dollar gold piece. Congratulations Ben! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

## **DISTRICT FIFTEEN**

### **Beaumont Coin Club**

**November Meeting** - The November meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club took place on Monday, August 20, 2008. Vice President Tim opened the meeting with the Pledge. Judy read the Treasurer's report and it was approved. 10 members were present

Old and New Business: The Port Arthur Coin Show went well. Everyone liked the bake sale. Our Club Auction will be at our

January meeting. We discussed moving our annual September Coin Show due to the recent Hurricane activity. There are no other coin shows in the area in January and thought that would be a good month. No formal vote was held regarding this issue.

Our Christmas Dinner Coin Club Meeting will be held at the Beaumont Red Lobster: Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7 pm. Mr. Stan will inform the members of the Silsbee Coin Club of the Dinner.

We discussed combining the Silsbee and Beaumont Clubs together. We also discussed the possibility of having more joint Golden Triangle Coin Club meetings.

The Program was a Sharing of Coin Collections. Tim showed his Irish coins and Silver rounds. Rick showed his coins. The Silver eagle for today's program went to the Christmas Dinner door prize, for a member who was present at last meeting.

**December Meeting** - Our Christmas Dinner Coin Club Meeting with the Silsbee Club was at the Beaumont Red Lobster. Many great door prizes were passed out at the Christmas Dinner!

### **Double Eagle Coin Club**

**November Meeting** - President Joe Brandon opened our November meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 17 members present. Mr. Dewey Scott read the Treasurer's Report. It was approved. Mr. Stan read the "Did you Know."

Old Business: The Port Arthur Coin Show did ok but did not have as much people attend as expected. The Dealers said that attendance is slow at all the shows recently.

New Business: We will have our Coin Show in 2009. Mr. David Scott is checking with the VFW on the availability for either March 7 and 8 or February 21 and 22. Carlton still needs donations for the 2009 Children's Auction.

The Nominations for our Coin Club Officers in 2009 are: President - Mr. Stan Dominick. Vice President - Mr. Kemble Guillory. Treasurer - Mr. Dewey Scott. Secretary - Meredith Bahl... Assistant Secretary - Zoë. Jerry Williams will continue to preside over our monthly Auction. Carlton Simmons will continue presiding over the yearly Children's Auction.

President Joe Brandon presented the program on the Lincoln Cent.

**December Meeting** - 2009 Officers are as follows: President: Stan Dominick; Vice President: Mr. Kemble Guillory; Treasurer: Mr. Dewey Scott; Secretary: Meredith Bahl Auction: Jerry Williams; Children's Auction: Carlton Simmons

Mr. Dewey was presented with a plaque for appreciation for his many years of Loyal Service as Treasurer of our Double Eagle Coin Club.

We enjoyed our annual Christmas Dinner at Robert's Restaurant in Orange. We hope all have had a Wonderful Christmas Vacation! Best Wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year 2009!

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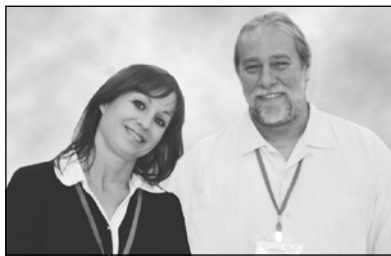
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