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National Coordinator Message

by Richard Jozefiak, ANA national club coordinator, email ANALMRJ@gmail.com, phone 256-337-5092, P.O. Box 2103, Madison, AL 35758.

The first District & Club Representatives meeting held during the ANA 50th Summer Seminar had outstanding attendance, with over 20 people attending. The meeting was held during the first session on Monday, June 18, during lunch on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs. District Representatives from 15 states, as well as International District Representatives from Australia and Mexico, attended. Our International District Representatives bring new areas of coverage to the program and expand the ANA's outreach to collectors worldwide.

ANA President Gary Adkins spoke at the meeting and presented ANA "Thank You" NGC slabs to the District Representatives at the meeting. ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick spoke to the group and thanked them for their volunteer work on behalf of the ANA and hobby. ANA Educational Director Rod Gillis spoke on the new ANA Adopt-A-School program that is starting. He said additional information on this program will be released in the future.

The meeting was so successful that both ANA President Adkins and Executive Director Kiick agreed that a District & Club Representatives meeting will be scheduled for future ANA Summer Seminar sessions. ANA Club Representative Tiffanie Bueschel and I will work on planning for the 2019 meeting.

I want to welcome a new International District Representative that joined the program at Summer Seminar: Gabriele Tonello from Torino, Italy.

Thank you to the Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) for awarding me the scholarship that allowed me to attend the ANA Summer Seminar in 2018. I took the class "Numismatic Publishing: A Practical Course on Writing about Coins." The volunteer instructors were the outstanding numismatic authors and publishing industry experts Steve Roach (author and editor-at-large of *Coin World*) and Dennis Tucker (author and publisher at Whitman Publishing).

Planning is underway for the annual District & Club Representatives meeting to be held at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, Aug. 18 at

8 a.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The breakfast meeting is the largest meeting of the program each year. This year, there will be no publication awards at the meeting. The publication awards have been moved to the Member and Awards Celebration on Thursday (see p. 18). Please wear your ANA District Representatives polo shirt for the meeting as a group photo will be taken. ANA Club Coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel has sent out an email invite with additional information.

Please remember to submit your 2nd Quarter (April-June) report to Tiffanie and me. Thank you again for your work for the ANA and the hobby.



ANA President Gary Adkins speaking at the June 18 lunch meeting.



District & Club Representatives group photo at the 50th ANA Summer Seminar on June 18, 2018.



*International District Representatives attending June 18 meeting: ANA President **Gary Adkins** (L); **Mohem (Moe) Rizkalla**-Australia; ANA Executive Director **Kim Kiick**; **Ricardo de León Tallavas**-Mexico.*



*ANA President **Gary Adkins** (R) presenting **Mohem (Moe) Rizkalla** of Australia with an ANA "Thank You" NGC-slabbed State Quarter for his volunteer service to the program.*

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society Donates \$50,000 to Support ANA's Summer Seminar Program

The Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society donated \$50,000 to support the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar. The donation included a "matching" funds campaign to supplement the proceeds of the Young Numismatist Benefit Auctions.

The money also provides for the establishment of all-expense-paid scholarships for Young Numismatists (YNs) to attend the event. The "Eric P. Newman Young Numismatist Scholarship Program," will help students who otherwise might not be able to attend the Summer Seminar, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

The late Eric P. Newman, who became a member of the ANA in 1935, is widely remembered and respected for his work as an author, researcher and speaker. In 1958, he and his wife, Evelyn, established the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNEs), which is dedicated to helping fellow numismatists realize their own potential.

As an ANA Summer Seminar instructor, Newman was an advocate for the program, which seeks to equip numismatists with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful in the numismatic community.

Held annually on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs (adjacent to the ANA), the Summer Seminar is a once-a-year opportunity for numismatic learning and camaraderie that offers students a varied selection of weeklong courses designed for discovery or continued study. For many students, the Summer Seminar is a life-changing event. It has catapulted the careers of several of the nation's most respected collectors, authors and dealers.

"The ANA is so grateful to the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society for its gracious donation," said Kim Kiick, ANA executive director. "This donation helps encourage numismatic study and enables young collectors to grow and advance in their numismatic journeys. We welcome that support."

The Young Numismatist Benefit Auctions are coordinated entirely by young collectors – everything from acquiring auction items and cataloging collected items, to organizing and conducting the auction.

This year, the auctions raised \$34,358. The donation from the EPNNEs doubled the amount raised this year by matching auction revenue dollar for dollar, bringing the total to \$68,716. Proceeds support Young Numismatists scholarships and other seminar events.

Andy Newman, the son of Eric Newman and president of the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society, noted that his father was a huge supporter of young collectors. "Dad cared deeply about building knowledge and involvement in young numismatists. He loved giving numismatic badges to Boy Scouts and instructing at the ANA Summer Seminar," he said. "He would be greatly honored by the association of his name with this fine program."

"The support from EPNNEs for the Summer Seminar honors Eric Newman as a distinguished and life-long leader in the field of numismatics," said ANA President Gary Adkins. "It also allows the ANA to continue to offer high-quality resources and programs to its members, as well as enhance and grow these offerings. We're very thankful for this support."

Club Websites

A letter from Gary Lewis, Cape Coral, Florida

When is the last time you seriously took a hard look at your local coin club website?

I am by no means a website expert, but I was doing some traveling in recent months and had thought of visiting some local coin clubs. In some cases I Googled the coin club name; in other cases I looked up the coin club name on the ANA website. The bottom line is I was somewhat surprised as to the number of websites I looked at which had content that was obviously not up to date. I believe members, along with potential members and visitors, need current and useful numismatic information.

I was also somewhat surprised to see some websites in black and white without pictures, and some were not mobile friendly. Our great country and lives are often driven around having the latest and greatest gadgets. We like for things to be new, refreshing and up to date. If this is how our culture is driven, why should your local coin club website be out of date and stale?

Editor's comments:

For the most part, I agree with Gary that local coin clubs should make a reasonable effort to at least keep their websites up to date with current meeting and program information, if not attempt to improve the appearance of their websites with better design, use of colors and photos, etc.

There are a wide range of web authoring programs available nowadays, some for free, and many are not much more difficult to use than say, Microsoft Word, which your club's editor probably already uses. Some web hosting companies offer blogs, perhaps powered by the popular WordPress software, at no extra charge. This software can be used for your entire website if desired, and provides a number of advantages.

I'll have more to say about this topic in the future, as I am myself looking into options to improve a couple of websites, but I'd also like to hear from you. What web authoring software (including web-based packages which may or may not be included with hosting) does your club currently use? Are you satisfied with its features, or do you want to improve? If you use PDF software for publishing newsletters, articles, etc., which software is it? Likewise for photo editing software, which can also be very important to the appearance of your newsletter and website.

I suppose eventually we're going to need an ANA Summer Seminar course on this topic!

Thank You from ANA Club Coordinator

by Tiffanie Bueschel, ANA Club Coordinator

The ANA clubs and district representatives are the backbone of our community.

I would like to give a special thanks to the district representatives for the exceptional numismatic outreach that was accomplished this year. With your help, we recruited new ANA clubs, members and brought more awareness to our hobby.

Outreach is such an important and vital part of keeping our hobby moving forward. I am thankful to have such competent, knowledgeable district representatives, whose contributions helped to make a positive difference.

Thank you for sharing your energy, talents and time. It is a pleasure to work with you all. If you would like to find or contact your local ANA district representative, please visit: <https://www.money.org/ana-clubs/ana-club-representative-program>.

ANA Educating Young Students with Educational Kits

Adopt-A-School Program Introduced

Numismatics is not just a hobby for adults. The future of the hobby is dependent on younger audiences becoming interested in collecting. Through programs like Coins for A's and the new Adopt-A-School program, the American Numismatic Association is reaching school-age kids to promote curiosity and interest in numismatics.

The Adopt-A-School program consists of educational kits to be used in a classroom setting. Parents, district representatives or club members can "adopt-a-school" and use the kit to teach students about the importance of numismatics while adhering to the educational curriculum. Various lessons included in the kit are geared towards different age groups, from upper elementary grades to high school.

"Lots of adults end up using a 'show and tell' approach in their numismatic presentations at schools," said Rod Gillis, education director of the ANA. "However, it is best to put a lesson together based on the teacher's needs. The education kit provides the lesson plans that could easily fit into a classroom schedule, meet a teacher's goals and provide a more in-depth look at numismatics for the kids. The youth are the future of the hobby."

Each kit includes instructions to all the different lesson plans, a flash drive with presentations, pencils, coins needed with the lessons, reference books, worksheets, plans for an archaeological dig and more. The kit gives the user access to everything needed to successfully run the educational courses.

Adopt-A-School kits are available for free to ANA member clubs – one kit per ANA club upon request. Additional kits can be purchased for \$24.95, postage paid. For more information or to order a kit, contact Tiffanie Bueschel at tbueschel@money.org or call (719) 482-9816.

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News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, ANALMRJ@gmail.com

The club's June 26 Independence Day celebration potluck dinner, buy/sell/trade night and auction was a great success with the meeting room full of people. The event took the place of the regular MCCC monthly meeting. There was plenty of food to go around, and the auction sold everything except one lot.



MCCC members at the potluck dinner with plenty of food to go around.



YNs Nathaniel Benedict (L) and Caroline Springfield (R) looking at some of the auction lots.

Arizona

Tucson Coin Club

The Tucson Coin Club will be holding a coin show on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Fraternal Order of the Police located at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. in Tucson, Ariz. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. There will be 35 tables of dealers with US and world coins and paper money, tokens, medals, gold and silver, and numismatic supplies. Several dealers will be available to buy precious metals and there will be free appraisals available.

Information: Jerry Adamczyk, PO Box 17021, Tucson, AZ 86731; ph. (520) 305-5513; e-mail/web jerryaz@centurylink.net; www.tucsoncoinclub.com.

California

Covina Coin Club

The club regrets to report the recent passing of club member Matt Miller at the age of 93. The club remembers his many contributions that made the Covina Coin Club a better club for all its members.

Long Beach Coin Club

At the club's May meeting, Robert Wu presented "The Treasures of the SS Central America." Known as the "Shipwreck of Gold," the Central America yielded countless numismatic treasures. The June meeting was a bourse night, and a pizza night was held in July.

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Northern California News

by Michael S. Turrini, District Representative

Thirty Years and Counting

This September marks my 30 years with the ANA Representative Program, from being a Club Representative up to National Coordinator. After all these years, I have some observations that might be thought-provoking to those in the Representative Program as well as those at the national level and leadership.

Promote The Hobby and Hobbies

If a representative is promoting and publicizing only our ANA and its recruitment, the rest of our "world of money" hobby is dismissed. To me, one who serves our universal hobby also serves our ANA. The old adage is that "rising tides raise all ships." This has evolved into my approach. My tables, at local northern California coin club shows or meetings, feature not just the ANA, but also the California State Numismatic Association, free information from the U.S. Mint and Professional Numismatist Guild (PNG), fliers for local coin clubs, youth giveaways, etc. The questions fielded are from "where is the nearest ATM" to "can you identify this old coin." This approach makes our "world of money" the winner, with some folks joining the ANA.

Not Just Recruitment

One's function as a representative should not be limited to just recruitment. There are also retention and reinstatement. At times, at my combination table, a former ANA member swings by, and learning that he or she dropped membership, opens the door to asking why and to seeking reinstatement. The complaints and gripes are the same, but a representative must listen and, if necessary, commiserate while advocating for the ANA.

Consistent Presence

Attending meetings and coin shows has to be consistent, not just once. There are some local northern

California coin shows that I have attended since the 1990s. Equally, literature and information needs to always be there, too. Even at local coin club meetings, literature and information are readily available.

In closing, these three observations are for your reflective thought. After three decades, this volunteer has no intention of retiring. But, the objective remains to promote our hobby, this great “hobby of kings and king of hobbies.” Comments are welcome.

James H. Laird Memorial Seminar

James H. Laird (1953-2018) recently passed away before his time. Since he was a major benefactor of the Northern California Numismatic Association’s (NCNA) California Numismatic Seminars, NCNA has renamed these annual seminars as “James H. Laird Memorial Seminars” in his honor, effective with the Sept. 15 seminar.

This year’s seminar, with the theme “Why Collect These?” has the following presenters:

- Scott E. Douglas (Anton, Ont., Canada) on *Canadian Numismatics*,
- Scott D. ‘SI’ Griffin (Fairfield, Calif.) on *Toned Morgan Dollars*,
- Dr. David S. Goya (San Mateo, Calif.) on *Panama Pacific International Exposition*, and
- William E. Hyder (Scotts Valley, Calif.) on *Western States So-Called Dollars*.

The Seminar is free, returning to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo, Calif. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with two presenters before noon and two in the afternoon, with a closing panel discussion. Well-known northern California numismatic advocate Herbert Miles is the moderator. The NCNA is the sponsoring organization, with myself as the primary seminar coordinator. Inquiries can be emailed to dlhcoins@gmail.com or vallejocoinclub@gmail.com.

James H. Laird/O.L. Wallis Fund

At the request of her family survivors, this fund’s name removed ‘Jon-Maria Marish’ and replaced it with ‘James H. Laird,’ whose recent tragic passing was a shock. The fund’s objective remains unchanged. The fund has risen in value to \$7,300, as of June.

Steve Kramer

After two-plus decades, the Livermore Valley Coin Club said goodbye to its primary stalwart, Steve Kramer, who relocated to enjoy retirement in southern California. For years, Steve served in most all the club’s offices and positions, carried the burden for the club and was its coin show “spark plug.” He was always willing to work, plus always had a smile and gentle laugh. The club awarded him with a life membership. The NCNA honored him with a President’s Medal and the coveted Donnell Award. Steve, good luck and enjoy your retirement!

Look For Your District Volunteer

- Sept. 9, Livermore Valley Coin Club’s Fall Show, Elks Lodge, Livermore, Calif., after the entry registration table.
- Oct. 12-14, Diablo Numismatic Society’s Annual Show, Elks Lodge, Walnut Creek, Calif., at the entry before the registration table.
- Oct. 27-28 (tentative), Fresno Numismatic Society’s Annual Show, Las Palmas Masonic Center.

Regretfully, due to a personal conflict, I will not attend the Delta Coin Club’s show this October.

Santa Clara Coin Expo

by Walt Ostromecki

The Apr. 20-22 Santa Clara Coin Expo welcomed, enlightened and spread the joy of numismatics to over 100 youth and families who came to learn about the hobby during National Coin Week (NCW). A special hands-on youth and family focused educational activities and game zone awaited them with open arms and awe. The zone was packed with curious individuals of all ages on all three days!

Show promoter Scott Griffin commented, “This three-day ANA-NCW outreach event provided a great opportunity for sharing the history and fun of our fantastic money hobby with the public. It also encouraged this next generation to continue their hobby enlightenment adventure by becoming a new member of the ANA or NASC or Cupertino Coin Club—or all three.”

The Kid’s Zone was sponsored and underwritten financially by the ANA, the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), and locally by the Expo and the Cupertino Coin Club (CCC) and Brian Fanton, owner of BE’s Coins in Hiawatha, Iowa.

The education team was headed up by Ernie Low, local San Jose hobbyist and youth outreach promoter, and by Walt Ostromecki, ANA past president and youth-family numismatic educator. Ostromecki noted, “We are both volunteers who are willing to graciously share vast numismatic knowledge and passionate hobby love affair of nearly 50 years, especially with youngsters and their families. Our duty is to give back by planting numismatic hobby seeds, thus ensuring there will be a next generation base for collector-hobbyists.”

The Kids-Family Zone featured a number of educational coin displays including one specifically dedicated to the NCW theme, “Connecting Cultures, Building Bridges and Promoting Unity Across Borders.” Visitors could obtain a free souvenir card with an attached specially-struck NCW aluminum medal and a 2018-S America The Beautiful (ATB) Wisconsin Quarter, donated by BE’s Coins. “I celebrated NCW at the Santa Clara Coin Expo” was on the front, with a discounted new membership application for both the ANA and NASC on the back. All 200 souvenir cards produced were distributed.

Other educational coin display boards covered such topics as “The History of U.S. Money” and the ANA’s “Treasures in Your Pocket” program, which deals with error coinage and other finds from pocket change.

Programs, activities and games geared toward attracting, inspiring and involving youth and families to begin starter coin and currency collections and be a more knowledgeable hobbyist included a 13-stop Money Treasure Hunt and Trivia Game, a World Currency-Country match challenge, an ATB quarter trivia challenge, and a coin coloring book activity for those ages five and under developed by the ANA Education Department.

One of the biggest fun learning hits with youngsters, families and adults was from a laptop computer linked directly to the ANA website. Here, viewers had an opportunity to take a virtual tour of the ANA Museum and its many exhibits, and see closeup and learn about the King and Queen of coins—the 1804 dollar and the 1913 Liberty nickel.

They were also afforded the opportunity to play “The Grading Game” and “The Dollar Project Activity,” learn about the Ancient Coin Program and learn more about and sign up for the ANA “Coins for A’s Program.” This program has approximately 1,500 young participants nationwide with about a third having become ANA members.

Saturday afternoon featured a BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop which was attended by 18 scouts and an equal number of leaders and family members. For those who expressed an interest in hosting/conducting a Coin Collecting Merit Badge Scout Workshop, copies of a three-page outline guide developed by the ANA entitled “So You Would Like to Conduct a Scout Workshop” were available.

Approximately 20 coin clubs and a large number of individual youth-focused hobbyists in and around the San Francisco Bay area were extended an invitation to attend some months in advance of the Expo. They got to experience and see first hand many of the ANA’s youth and family focused activities and programs in action, with free step-by-step handout materials.

A special 24-page handout about the ANA Kids Zone Class, “Coin Collecting Basics – Lesson Plans for Coin Clubs,” were available to clubs and individuals.

Additionally, during all three days, information was available about the ANA’s latest youth outreach resource program, the “Adopt-A-School Program.” This program goes through a step-by-step outline on how to attract youngsters into the hobby of numismatics and ultimately club membership. It provides all the necessary tools/resources needed for individuals of coin clubs to make a numismatic presentation in local school systems.

The Santa Clara training and dispensing of the “School Tools Packet” with a DVD was handled by Walt Ostromecki. Individuals from the Cupertino Coin

Club, the Diablo Numismatic Society and the Santa Maria Coin Club took advantage of the opportunity and attended. Walt laments that more clubs weren’t in attendance. According to Walt, a number of folks made pleas for action and an idea exchange opportunity, but didn’t attend. Hopefully attendance will improve at future events.

The training sessions also addressed the matter of dwindling club membership and provided handout materials on proven ways to attract youth and families into the hobby and keep them actively engaged and involved in clubs and larger numismatic organizations.

The Cupertino Coin Club, NASC and ANA through their onsite presence reaped great membership rewards. Between the three groups, 31 individuals were signed up as new members.



A family looks over the Coin Treasure Hunt items to be found before embarking on it. Their eyes are aglow as they pick up an information card with a silver Mercury dime.

Santa Maria Coin Club
by Walt Ostromecki

All visitors who attended the 61st annual Santa Maria Coin Show on Saturday, May 5, were treated to an all-day special fun-filled, inspirational and hands-on program about the coin collecting hobby entitled “The Changing Faces of Money.” ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki began with a free educational outreach adventure subtitled “Lessons on Getting to Know Your Money.”

Many first-time show visitors (and there were plenty throughout the day, particularly youth and families) came to learn more about the coin hobby and benefits of coin club and ANA membership. All went away “numismatically enlightened,” smiling and with several coin and currency giveaways — the beginnings of a coin hobby starter set.

Why this new approach? SMCC President Linda Nash explains, “Our club wanted to try something different and new that would attract more individuals (non-collectors, youth and families) in the Santa Maria area and beyond to come to our show, learn about our hobby and hopefully join our club and the ANA.”

Nash went on to say, “Walter was the perfect fit to our special educational needs. He has a wealth of numismatic knowledge that he enjoys sharing. His inspirational and fun-loving approach is always well received. And, we were indeed gratified he came and made a big difference to our show. Our increased membership pays tribute to his efforts!”

Bourse Chairman Ed Cohen said, “I keep reading in coin papers about coin clubs and shows complaining about a lack of being able to attract new members, youth and younger families.”

Cohen went on to say, “Yet, I wonder how many seriously consider a new and different approach? Very few, if any. They need to take action instead of just bemoaning about it. The ANA has a whole host of new educational programs and activities ready for clubs to use. Often, all that is needed is to setup a laptop computer linked up to the ANA website. Walt provided this. And, kids and adults alike had a blast seeing and learning about coins.”

The SMCC show featured a 20-dealer bourse, some coming from as far away as Los Angeles and Fremont. Dealers reported good sales. Attendance topped the 275 mark, with many attendees being first timers. The next show is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Edwin Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria.

The club celebrated its 60th Anniversary in Oct. 2017 with a special commemorative edition of ANACS slabbed Kennedy half dollars. Only 100 were produced. The SMCC meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Edwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 East Park Ave, Santa Maria. Dues are \$20 per year. For further information and show bourse tables contact: president@santamariacoinclub.com.



A mother and son build a foreign coin collection at the SMCC show.

Colorado

Colorado Springs Coin Show

by Walt Ostromecki

The ANA teamed up with the Colorado Springs Coin, Currency and Collectibles Show, the Colorado Springs Coin Club and the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society to bring educational numismatic exhibits and host the show's first Youth-Family Zone and Coin Treasure Hunt at the Colorado Springs Event Center, June 21-23. The show was held as usual between weeks one and two of the ANA's Summer Seminar.

Show and Bourse Coordinator, Ken Byrd, noted: “We wanted to add to the 2018 show a few special public numismatic educational displays and family fun activities to attract more local folks into our show, which was held at a new location. Our team goal was to ask the ANA to share some of its numismatic treasures with the public.”

Additionally, Byrd said, “we invited ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki, who was in town for the ANA 50th Annual Summer Seminar, to come and take charge of the show's youth and family activities. These included his fun and popular ten-stop Treasure Trivia Hunt, which helps youngsters build a starter coin collection and discover the interesting hobby of numismatics. His Kid's Zone area did well education-wise and planted many a hobby seed for the future.”

“Furthermore, he also brought along several other hands-on youth activities for their learning pleasure. The results? Simply amazing. The big bright smiles on both the youth Treasure Hunters and parents told the story! Nearly 60 youngsters with parents participated in the Treasure Trivia Hunt during the show.”

Activity on the floor of the 80-dealer bourse was fair. Dealer Michael Quinn of Something Old-Something New, Post Falls, Ida., remarked, “Business was slow and sporadic. I suspect the new venue played a role in this as did the Baltimore Show going on during the same dates.” JLF U.S. Coins owner Jerry Fritz of Colorado Springs said, “Overall sales of collector grade U.S. coins were pretty okay. I did a lot of complementary U.S. coin evaluations for the public.”

ANACS was very busy and did a brisk business with coin certification on site. Another area also seeing a lot of public traffic was the exhibit area. Several outstanding and award-winning U.S. and foreign coin and paper money numismatic displays placed by members of the Colorado Springs Coin Club and The Colorado Springs Numismatic Society wowed visitors.

Plans for the 2019 Colorado Springs show are already in the works. For show and bourse information, please contact Ken Byrd via email at ken@kenbyrdcoinsandcurrency.com or call him at 719-434-6527. For further information about meetings and membership of the Colorado Springs Coin Club and the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society, visit cscc.anaclubs.org.

Florida

Brandon Coin Club

by Jack Iaci, Secretary

The Brandon Coin Club's second coin and currency show of the year was held Jun. 16. One more show is scheduled, on Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All of the club's shows are held at the Brandon Elks Lodge, just off SR-60 in East Brandon at 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla.

The shows offer a lot for free, including admission, parking, door prizes, coin grab bags for children under 12, appraisals, and verbal opinions from the ICG grading service. Excellent food is available on site.

The club's website is <http://bcc.anacoinclubs.org/>.

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Georgia

Georgia Numismatic Association

by Richard Jozefiak

The 54th Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) Coin Show was held Apr. 13-15 at the Dalton Convention Center, Dalton, Ga. A record turnout of YNs exhibited at the show and participated in the YN educational program on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Bob Hartje was the chairman for the YN educational program, and conducted the event. Sixty three YNs attended the program, a record turnout, along with a large number of adults, for a total of over 100 people. Opening the program was Richard Jozefiak, ANA national coordinator, speaking on ANA membership and programs for YNs.

Mr. Hartje wrote an original play for students of St. Nicholas Catholic School (Chattanooga, Tenn.) to perform at the YN educational program. The play, "The Trial of Josh Tatum," was performed by a group of St. Nicholas students. The play reenacted the court trial of Josh Tatum. In 1883 the new "V" nickel was released to the public, and the nickel did not have a denomination on it. Josh Tatum was charged with using gold-plated "V" nickels and passing them off as \$5 gold coins to merchants.

After the play, exhibit awards were presented to the winning YN exhibitors by Mack Martin, GNA exhibit chairman. The final activity was the handing out of numismatic goodie bags to all the YNs in the room. The numismatic items were donated by coin dealers at the GNA Coin Show and by the GNA.



St. Nicholas Catholic School (Chattanooga, Tenn.) performers with **Mr. Bob Hartje**.
(Photo by Richard Jozefiak.)

Mack Martin was the exhibit chairman, and was assisted by Dennis Schefuletz. Eleven YNs exhibited at the GNA show, the largest YN participation at a GNA show. Sixteen display cases were used by the YNs, and each YN received a GNA one-ounce silver round for participation. The GNA also provided one paid hotel night at the convention hotel if the YN exhibitor and their family requested this, to allow participation for exhibiting.

The 1st place YN exhibit award went to Marley Molchan, for his exhibit of "More Than a 1 Cent President." He received \$230 in \$10 GNA Gift Certificates to use at show.



YN exhibitors and winners with **Mack Martin** in the back right. (Photo by Richard Jozefiak.)

Richard Jozefiak is the ANA national coordinator and past GNA governor (2012-18). He also served as GNA advertising manager until Apr. 15, 2018.

Illinois

Central States Numismatic Society

by Tony Swicer

The CSNS 79th Anniversary Convention was held Apr. 25-28 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Schaumburg, Ill.

The show had approximately 290 dealer booths, 14 club tables and 48 collector exhibitors. (See the separate exhibit report below.)

Attendance Wednesday through Friday was okay. Saturday was terrible all day, except for the kids and Scouts coming in for the program. This was the first year that the show charged admission of \$5 a day or \$10 for three days.

Cindy Wibker, Donna Moon, and myself were there representing FUN. We all judged exhibits. Cindy handed out bourse apps for both Summer FUN and the January show, and got back quite a few contracts. I handed out nomination forms for the Numismatic Ambassador Award, and received several nominations. Cindy and Donna attended the Women In Numismatics meeting. We all attended the awards breakfast on Saturday morning, where the exhibit prizes were awarded.

The weather was a little on the cool side with a high of 60 degrees and a low of 35, every day. The hotel provided us with a shuttle to local restaurants. The hotel and show are in the NW suburbs of Chicago.

We had a good time and we talked up the FUN show with everyone who came by our table.

Additional CSNS Convention Report

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA national volunteers

On behalf of the ANA, we want to thank the CSNS for providing a table for the ANA at its 79th Anniversary Convention in Schaumburg. We were able to sign up or renew 21 members for the Association. A special thanks to Dealer John Markis of Trusted Traditions, located in Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., for donating \$100 for the shipment of the coin show kit.

This is the 7th year CSNS has held its convention at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center, and the show will be returning to the Schaumburg site for the next three years. Other than being 20 minutes from O'Hare, this location has everything under one roof, free parking, and lots of nearby restaurants and hotels. The convention had 812 registered bourse dealers at 296 booths. These figures don't include the YN, coin club or nonprofit tables. One hundred twenty nine Early Birds registered for the event. David Lisot, owner of Coin Television, also was at the convention. David videotaped the educational programs and other featured events.

The convention had a registration fee of \$5 per day, with \$10 covering the three days. The three-day registered attendance was 2,406. The official program was well-prepared, and everyone who attended received a very nice cloth bag donated by Kedzie Koins Inc., located in Chicago, Ill.

The majority of dealers appeared to be busy for most of the show. Though the attendance on Saturday could have been better, the majority of the dealers stayed until mid-afternoon.

Heritage Auctions held multiple sessions, in separate ballrooms, during the CSNS convention. Their sales during and after the show realized many millions of dollars. Security for the event was great, and we heard of no incidents during the run of the convention.

A YN Treasure Hunt was held on Saturday and dozens of young collectors stopped at numerous designated tables to answer a question and receive a free coin. A Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge clinic was held on Saturday. Numerous educational programs were held by CSNS and by several coin clubs.

An excellent awards breakfast was held on Saturday morning. CSNS presented the exhibit prizes and several other awards. A new board was installed, and Mitch Ernst took over as CSNS president.

Thanks again for the ANA table. We look forward to next year's 80th CSNS convention which will be in this same location, Apr. 24-27, 2019.



John and Nancy Wilson at the ANA table, with ANA President Gary Adkins (center) holding the special 50th Anniversary Medal that we made for our Apr. 27 anniversary.

Info.: www.centralstates.info.

CSNS Collector Exhibits *Reported by the CSNS*

Mack Martin won the Leon and Hamie Hendrickson Best-in-Show Award for the second year in a row with his exhibit at the CSNS 79th Anniversary Convention in Schaumburg, Ill.

The exhibit, "Georgia's Civil War Treasury History 1861-1865," detailed the Confederate state's issuance of treasury bonds and notes, including change bills in denominations as small as five cents between 1861 and 1865.

The exhibit included a unique 1865 \$100 Treasury note that surfaced in 2001 and examples of unissued 1863 25-cent notes that were signed by conquering Union soldiers and sent home as souvenirs.

Floyd Aprill won the Jerry Lebo People’s Choice Award for his display, “The United States Mint in Manila.” The People’s Choice Award is determined by ballots cast during the show.

Dave Holladay was awarded the Joseph and Morton Stack Award for the best exhibit by a first-time CSNS exhibitor for his display, “The New Orleans Mint 1839 and Now.” The John Jay Pittman Award for most educational exhibit was awarded to Jeffrey Rosinia for “Sealing the Deal of The United States: E Pluribus Unum.”

David Hunsicker won the inaugural Rothfeld Award for Best Topical Exhibit for his exhibit “Savings Banks of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.”

Exhibit Chairman Jack Huggins presided over the awards while Vice President Brett Irick served as announcer in place of the late Ray Lockwood. Fran Lockwood, former exhibit chair, retained her position as “chief hugger.” First place winners received 1/2 ounce U.S. Gold Eagles in deluxe plastic holders. Second-place winners received 1/4 ounce coins. Third-place winners received 1/10 ounce pieces.

Irick said 50 individual exhibitors from nine states participated. The exhibit area had 180 cases of competitive exhibits and 10 cases of non-competitive exhibits.



Mack Martin receives the Best in Show Award from Exhibit Chairman **Jack Huggins** (left) and **Fran Lockwood** (right).

Elgin Coin Club

by Howard Curtis, V.P.

The club held its spring coin show on Apr. 22 at the Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd., Elgin, Ill. The club’s fall show will be at the same location on Oct. 28.

Information:

<http://www.coinzip.com/elgin-coin-club-coin-show>,

or see the flyer on the club’s website at:

http://www.elgincoinclub.com/flyers/ecc_fall_2018.pdf.

Michigan

Huron Valley Numismatic Society

by Al Raddi

Info: <http://hvns.org/>.

The HVNS, based in Highland, Mich., created National Coin Week exhibits for the nearby Milford Public Library in Milford, Mich., and the Cromaïne Regional Library in Hartland, Mich. The displays honor the role of numismatics in building bridges and encouraging unity and reconciliation, and promoted membership in the ANA and HVNS.

The simple exhibit at the Milford Library featured the U.S. Peace Dollar – a silver coin with a design emblematic of the peace that followed World War I. The more elaborate exhibit at the Cromaïne Regional Library featured the Peace Dollar as well as the Euro – the common currency of the European Union currently used by 19 of its 28 members. Both also displayed a selection of numismatic publications.



NCW exhibit at the Milford Library.



NCW exhibit at the Cromaïne Regional Library.

Missouri

International Paper Money Show

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

On behalf of the ANA, we want to thank Lyn Knight and Doug Davis for providing a free table for the ANA at the 42nd Annual International Paper Money Show, held Jun. 7-10 at the Sheraton Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. It is always great when the show and hosting hotel are in the same complex. The Sheraton is an outstanding hotel with a well-lit and very adequate convention center, and the nearby Crown Center is within walking distance and has many things to do. Another feature of this show is the nearby home of the Tenth Federal Reserve Bank Headquarters. Just to see a sheet of \$100,000 notes makes the trip there very worthwhile.

We were able to sign up or renew 16 members for the Association and handed out dozens of copies of *The Numismatist* along with other numismatic literature and information. We received two donations from two individuals for the shipment of the coin show kit. Thanks to ANA member, who everyone calls “Musk,” from Massapequa, N.Y., for donating \$50; and ANA VP and dealer and auctioneer Donald Kagin, from Tiburon, Calif., for donating \$25.

This show appeared to be quite successful for show sponsor Lyn Knight, along with the dealers who attended. The show had 110 dealers at 160 tables. The Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC), the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) and the Fractional Currency Collectors Board (FCCB) also had tables, along with grading services PCGS, PMG and World Bank Note Grading.

Exhibits were handled by Bob Moon who reported he had 18 exhibitors and 26 exhibits in 91 cases. The SPMC presented the Stephen R. Taylor Best-in-Show award to Shawn Hewitt who displayed, “John Jay Knox and The Central Bank of New Ulm, MN.” SPMC and other organizations also gave out exhibit awards.

The show also featured 11 educational programs on Friday and Saturday. Peter Huntoon handles the Educational Speaker Series for the show, sponsored by The National Currency Foundation and the Society of Paper Money Collectors. David Lisot and his company Coin Television videotaped all the educational programs and other events at the show. SPMC also presented other awards, including The Nathan Gold Award to Pierre Fricke and The Founders Award to Doug Davis.

A great feature was the 57th SPMC Awards Breakfast, which was held on Friday morning at Harvey’s at Union Station, three blocks from the hotel. A feature of the breakfast is always the Tom Bain raffle handled by Wendell Wolka. This year saw not only a record amount of money collected, but also a large number of donated prizes, which seemed to never run out.

Besides the SPMC, the Professional Currency Grading Service and the FCCB also held dinners in conjunction with the show at nearby restaurants. Other paper money clubs held meetings at the show. Lyn Knight also held multiple auctions at the show between June 7th and 9th. The sale appeared to go very well. Knight also held sales on the days following the event. At this show Don Kelly premiered his new reference, *Obsolete Paper Money - A Guide With Prices*. It contains 624 pages and covers all the states that issued obsolete and scrip notes with most of them illustrated in color. Cliff Mishler brought sample numismatic papers from Krause Publications, along with the new show calendar that goes through July 2019.

Missing only a few IPMS’s during its 42-year history, we think that Kansas City is a great venue for this annual event. We always find something for our collection, and the many events along with the auction are always great. Thanks again to Lyn and Doug for the free table. The show program lists next year’s 43rd IPMS as Jun. 14-16, 2019 at this same location.

Info.: www.ipmskansascity.com.

Nevada

Las Vegas Numismatic Society

by Walt Ostromecki

The LVNS held its 55th Annual Coin Convention, May 17-19 at the Las Vegas Westgate Resort Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The main education outreach theme of the show was to provide and widely publicize a multitude of “Come and Get Acquainted with the Coin Collecting Hobby” forums, activities and hands-on new programs developed by the ANA.

These ready-to-be-implemented programs are specifically designed to pique the curiosity of and entice a new generation of hobbyists of all ages—especially youngsters and young families—to join the numismatic hobby.

LVNS President Joe Cavallaro said, “ANA outreach education program ideas fit that bill. ANA Club Rep staff coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel handled ANA membership recruitment and ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki took charge of the various youth and family friendly hands-on activities in the Kid’s Zone.”

About Ostromecki, Cavallaro further noted, “He has faithfully come and volunteered his time, talent and resources as a numismatic educator for the past six years. His Kid’s Zone activities have truly had a ‘Wowing Factor’ impact on many a youngster and family. He’s amazing to behold in action when it comes to enlightening, captivating and educating youngsters and non-collector adults about the fun hobby of coin collecting. The LVNS has made him an honorary club member for life!”

Fred Kuch, LVNS financial trust advisor, remarked, “Because Tiffanie and Walt participated in our May 2018 LVNS show, our membership increased by a whopping 23, six of whom are under the age of 18. ANA new memberships increased by about a dozen! It would be safe to say that a good portion of the 600-plus show attendees went away more knowledgeable and/or numismatically enriched. Our club treasury gained a tidy income as a result.”

In addition to the ANA and Youth activities the show featured several free public seminars presented by hobby experts such as Mike Faraone, John Highfill and Robert Campbell. Campbell, an ANA past president, brought along an exceptional “Mormon Pioneer Gold” exhibit. There was also a display of “Carson City Coins & Memorabilia.”

On Saturday, visitors had a special opportunity to meet actor-stuntman Felix Silla. Felix entertained over three generations of TV and film viewers in many roles. His most famous role is as “Cousin Itt” on the original television series *The Addams Family*.

The club has an active youth core of around 25 who attend a youth meeting separate from the regular adult monthly meeting. Chip Wukitsch and Ed Smith are the youth co-leaders. For more information about the LVNS visit <http://lasvegascoinclub.com/>, or call Joe Cavallaro, president, (702) 860-6032.

The 2019 annual LVNS coin show will be held at the newly renovated and remodeled Palace Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.



Tiffanie Bueschel and Walt Ostromecki pose with Addams Family TV show character actor, Felix Silla (left), who portrayed “Cousin Itt.”

The LVMS is proud to announce that its YN of the year for 2017, 8-year-old Nikhil Rath, won third place in the ANA Bill Fivaz Numismatic Literature competition. Nikhil’s essay was on design of U.S. dollar coins and discussed the designs for the original Eisenhower silver dollar and its Bicentennial counterpart. Nikhil’s essay concluded by proposing his own design for a 2026 U.S. dollar coin: an obverse portrait of Pres. Ronald Reagan and a reverse with Mars surrounded by 13 stars.

Reno Coin Club

by David Elliott, datbelliotts@prodigy.net

The Reno Coin Club has returned to public outreach on the last Friday at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, home of the old Carson City Mint. We are minting half-dollar-size silver coins on the old 1869 Morgan and Orr Press, and we present displays of ancient and obsolete U.S. coins, as well as bring all the new circulating coins at cost from the U.S. Mint: the Native American and presidential dollars, national park and territorial quarters, including San Francisco quarters, and the 2009 and 2017-P “pennies.” We have done this since the 2000 New Hampshire state quarter when we could just get the quarters from the bank and not pay extra to get them from the Mint.

Recent club presentations given at the Museum have included:

- Joe Wozniak presented “Lincoln Memorabilia” collected for decades by his father (Lincoln is Nevada’s Founding Father).
- David Elliott presented “Why is Liberty’s Hair So Wild on Our First Coins?”
- David also presented “An Examination of the Changing Meaning of Liberty on Ancient and Modern Coins.” David, serving as the club’s president and newsletter editor, sat at the coin display table while Joe gave his Lincoln talk in the lecture room.

Dozens of school children, tourists, and Nevadans enjoyed presentations this year. School tours are accommodated on Fridays, especially the last Friday of the month. We are able to give out foreign coins, Treasury Department pencils, and booklets on coin collecting. YNs also receive steel cents and Roman coins. One happy youngster skipped through the museum shouting he got a Roman coin!

The RCC is busily designing its 35th anniversary medal, which will likely commemorate Nevada’s roll in the moon landing and the 50th anniversary of Eva Adams as Director of the U.S. Mint. The club has a new board member, Laurel Hoggan, who is a retired librarian getting the club’s library in order at Holabird Americana.



Two scenes of the Reno Coin Club at the Nevada State Museum.

New Hampshire

Nashua Coin Club

by Kevin Winn, Secretary/Treasurer

The Nashua Coin Club had a very busy spring season on many different fronts.

April's coin of the month was "proof coins from around the world," and we saw a terrific selection of proof sets and commemorative coins from almost everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Club Director Bob Fritsch gave a speech at Hampstead Public Library on "How Not to Get Ripped Off with Coins." It was very well attended by local residents who appreciated Bob's advice. Two other members of the club helped Bob answer the myriad of questions from the audience and Bob generously turned over the \$75 honorarium to the club's coffers.

The always-popular topic, "Bullion Coins," was our May coin of the month. Once again participation was almost 100% of the members and we saw great examples of silver, gold and platinum coins, medals and ingots. Varieties included both old and new type coins made from these precious metals.

Our June coin of the month wasn't a coin at all, but rather personal stories about how we all started out to be coin collectors. 100% of the members, and even one of the guests, weighed in on this topic with interesting vignettes about their earliest days in the hobby.

Our membership continues to thrive as we have added five new members since the beginning of the year. Unfortunately we also lost a member when we were informed about the passing of our long-time webmaster, Steve Pearsall.

Spring was also a busy travel season for our membership. Director Bob Fritsch attended both the Ontario Numismatic Association and Central States Numismatic Society annual conventions. He is well-known to both organizations, and caught up with many old and new friends at both venues.

In June, three members travelled to Colorado Springs to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. Fred Liberatore stayed for both weeks to learn more about "Roman Coins" and "Coins of Vatican City." Kevin Winn enjoyed the "Numismatic Publishing and Writing" course led by Steve Roach of *Coin World* and Dennis Tucker of Whitman Publishing. New member Rick Marais also took the "Roman Coins" course and was very pleased with the level of knowledge that he gained. A number of members will travel to Philadelphia in August for the ANA World's Fair of Money.

Speaking of Bob Fritsch, our esteemed director has been featured in no less than three different articles appearing in *The Numismatist*, *The Ontario Numismatist* and *Coin World*. He also appeared on the Canadian radio program, "Pocket Change Radio," with Rick Dupuis. 2018 marks Bob's 50th year in numismatics. The well-travelled and always welcome Bob has been humbly accepting these well-earned accolades.

North Carolina

Lower Cape Fear Coin Club (Wilmington, NC)

by President Pro Tem Bob Doleman

The club's 2018 Azalea Festival coin show was held in April. A huge credit to O.T., the bourse/show chair, for his year-long arranging, following-up, dealer negotiations, equipment and supplies coordinating, publicity hounding, etc. The show may have an acceptable financial outcome; however, the work it took was massive: O.T. and Frank handling two truckloads of equipment in and back out; Karen seeing to the complete array of kids functions — before, during, and afterwards; Chris and Karen seeing to the exacting raffle ticket sales and reconciliation, as well as the purchase of prizes and show needs; and the many member volunteers doing heaps of work from arduous table and room arranging to the many separate and different jobs needing doing. Thank yourselves all around!

The club has recently published a couple of interesting lists: "Numismatic Rules of Etiquette" (17 points) and "Coin Collecting Tips" (20 points). Contact the club to request copies.

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Oklahoma

Comanche County Coin Club

The club's 57th annual show will be held Nov. 9-10 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton - Fort Sill, 135 NW 2nd St in Lawton, Okla.

The show features free admission, door prize drawings, and also dealers offering jewelry and stamps in addition to numismatic items.

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

PAN held its spring coin show, Thursday-Saturday May 10-12 at the Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, Pa., just a few miles east of Pittsburgh.

PAN publishes an excellent newsletter, the PANe-NEWS, with extensive convention coverage of its annual spring and fall shows. For more details and show schedules, see the PAN website, <https://pancoins.org/>.

South Carolina

Low Country Coin Club

The club held its summer show the weekend of Aug. 3-5 in the Commercial Exhibits Building at the local fairgrounds. More information on the club and its shows can be found on the club website, <http://www.lowcountrycoinclub.com/>.

South Dakota

Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club

The club, based in Mobridge, S.D., had another successful National Coin Week (NCW). Exhibits were again placed in three banks, in the Chamber of Commerce office and in the A.H. Brown Public Library. Each of these locations expressed its appreciation and welcomed the club to exhibit again next year. A rumor was heard that another business may be interested in having an exhibit next year during NCW. The club will follow up, and will have to encourage another exhibitor to make up a display.

Students in grades K-5 submitted 224 coin designs about people understanding one another (in the spirit of the “connecting cultures” aspect of the NCW theme), whether in the classroom, neighborhood or by nations. Karla Bieber, the librarian, made up all the contest forms for the students. Each entrant received a foreign coin. First, second and third place prizes for each grade were donated by members. Stan Mack put all the foreign coins into 2x2 holders. Each coin was labeled with the country, year struck, denomination and K-M number. The judges for the design contest were Marilyn Anderson, Lyle Walth and Barb Zerr. The library also had a coin related “Selfie Spot” during NCW.

The club provided numismatic-related questions during NCW for the daily Dairy Queen trivia contest on KOLY, 1300 AM. The club also provided additional contest prizes.

The club is donating additional books to the A.H. Brown Public Library. The library now has 57 numismatic book titles on the shelves, with more to come.

This year the club presented 34 certificates of appreciation — 10 to businesses, 12 to members and 12 to teachers. This is the first time for awards to the teachers. Feedback has been favorable.

Information: Robert Maisch, Club NCW Chairman, P.O. Box 98, Mobridge, SD 57601, or email rcmaisch@westriv.com.

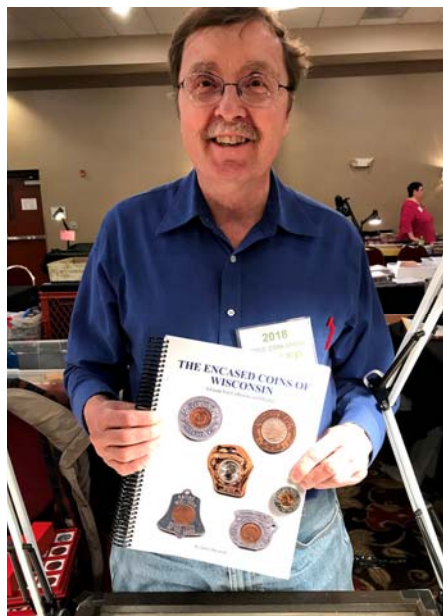
Wisconsin

South Shore Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

The SSCC hosted its 54th Annual Coin Show, Apr. 11-12, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 6301 S. 13th St. in Milwaukee, Wisc. This is the largest coin show held in Wisconsin. We want to thank General Chair and SSCC President Mike McAndrews, Assistant Chair Jim Taylor, along with the officers and members of the SSCC for giving the ANA a free table. We signed up 10 new or renewing members for the Association. Paragon Numismatics dealer Andrew Kimmel made a donation of \$100 to the ANA for the shipment of the coin show kit.

The show featured 41 dealers at 100 tables. This figure includes exhibits and club tables. Though the weather outside was raining, attendance for the two-day show was 650. On opening day so many people were waiting to get in the organizers let them in 10 minutes early. The show had a \$2 admission charge and the first 50 veterans who attended each day were admitted free. U.S. collector advocates sponsored the free veterans admission. Hard-working members of the SSCC handled the registration, sold raffle tickets and gave out special wooden nickels made for the show. Free literature was available, and there were popular hourly door prize drawings. The show also featured James Skwarek, author of the just-released reference, *Encased Coins of Wisconsin*. Only 100 copies were produced, and sold at the show for \$105 including tax.



James Skwarek holding his new reference book on encased coins.

The competitive exhibits were handled by Darrell Luedtke. Darrell also handles show advertising and is in charge of getting the wooden nickels.

The Crown Plaza is an excellent location for a coin show with its free airport shuttle and parking, a well-lit and carpeted convention hall, a very nice restaurant and the interstate within blocks of the hotel. Security at the show was excellent. The dealers we talked to said they had a good show.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS) held its 37th Annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic in conjunction with the SSCC convention on Saturday. The clinic was chaired by Leon Saryan, Ph.D., and assisted by Bruce Benoit and other members of the MNS. Speakers for the clinic were Roger Lick, Dave Hunsicker, Leon Saryan, and Bruce Benoit. MNS President Justin Perrault ran the slide presentation. The clinic was started in 1981 by Lee Hartz and Tom Casper, and several national organizations have adopted it as a model.

The 41 Boy Scouts registered for the clinic passed all requirements and received their merit badges. After the clinic ended, Bruce Benoit took the scouts, their leaders and family members on a tour of the bourse and exhibit area, and some scouts joined the ANA.

We look forward to next year's SSCC annual coin show, at the same location, Apr. 12-13, 2019.

Information:

www.sscmke.org

milwaukeeumismaticociety.com

Canada

Regina Coin Club

by *George Manz, FRCNA*

An extremely rare Hudson's Bay Company £1 1870 Promissory note issued at Fort Garry during the Red River Rebellion will be on display at the Regina Coin Club Show and Sale in October.

In 1869, the newly formed Government of Canada purchased Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC). In one small corner of the territory was the Red River Colony, situated where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet in what is now downtown Winnipeg. Most of the people in the Red River Colony were mixed race Metis, descendants of both French and English voyageurs, fur traders and farmers.

The first lieutenant governor, William McDougall, ordered surveyors to plot the land according to the square township system used in Ontario. Meanwhile, most of the Metis had previously made their farms on long, narrow lots fronting the rivers, and many did not have clear title to the land they farmed. By late 1869, Louis Riel emerged as the Metis leader and prevented the surveyors from entering the colony.

By late 1869, Louis Riel and his Metis supporters took over the fort at Fort Garry. In Jan. 1870, Riel gained the support of most of the English-speakers in the colony, who agreed to form a Provisional Government to discuss terms to enter Confederation with Canada.

But not everyone in the settlement approved of the Metis demands. A small group of English-speaking Canadians in the area was opposed. These settlers organized a militia and some were captured and imprisoned at HBC trading fort at Fort Garry for attempting an insurrection against the Provisional Government.

Thomas Scott, an Orangeman, was sentenced to death by firing squad. Scott's death inflamed Ontario Protestants against the Metis, French-speakers and Catholics.

The Provisional Government then sent a delegation to Ottawa to negotiate. They were immediately imprisoned but soon released and entered negotiations with Prime Minister John A. Macdonald, who later agreed to enshrine many of the demands of the people of Red River Colony.

Manitoba, much smaller than it now is, became Canada's fifth province. Among the rights enshrined for the new province were a representative government, French language rights, separate Catholic schools and land rights for the Metis.

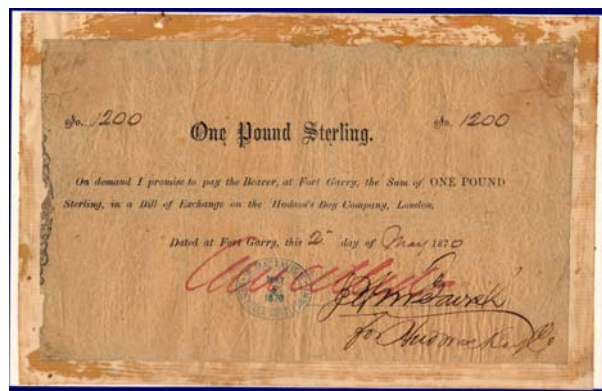
According to George B. Winship's manuscript, "Red River Disturbances," Louis Riel demanded that the HBC reopen their business so the colony and its Provisional Government could function properly as the rebellion and the closing of the HBC fort had drastically affected the fur trade and other trade as well. Riel guaranteed to protect the HBC in exchange for a loan of \$25,000.

According to Winship, the HBC "tacitly complied with the demand, but in the matter of the loan they asserted that they did not have that amount of money on hand."

The problem was solved when it was suggested that HBC Promissory notes could be printed at the *New Nation* newspaper.

Winship, who printed the notes, recalled in his memoir: "Some heavy weight brown paper was procured, and the body of the note was set in long primer italic type... and the denomination of the bill in large type. A certain number of sheets of paper were counted out for me to print and I was enjoined to account for all of them, spoiled and unspoiled. About \$25,000 of these notes were printed and put in circulation after being signed by the Hudson Bay Co. officials."

After printing, the notes were signed by John Henry McTavish, the HBC clerk. They were then rubber stamped in red a few days later by William Mactavish, the Governor of Rupert's Land.



The £1 note on display is one of only a handful of Promissory notes still in existence. The notes were issued in four denominations: 5 shillings, one pound, 5 pounds and 10 pounds.

Canadian Prime Minister John A. Macdonald ordered troops under the command of Colonel Garnet Wolseley to take control of the new province. When the troops arrived at Fort Garry in August 1870, some of the Metis leaders, including Louis Riel, had left for exile in the U.S.



Photos from Cassey Morris's visit to the UK.

While in exile, Riel was elected to Parliament three times, but never took his seat as he feared he would be either imprisoned or hung for his role in the Red River Rebellion.

The Regina Coin Club show and sale takes place Oct. 20-21 at the Turvey Centre near Regina.

George Manz is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and President of the Regina Coin Club.

Panama

The Numismatic Association of Panama has the honor of presenting its annual numismatic exhibition, to be held in Panama City from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, this year celebrating the first participation of Panama in the FIFA World Cup of soccer. (Although Panama didn't win any matches in the group stage, it faced some tough opposition in England and Belgium, which played for third place on July 14.)

This is an annual event to highlight Panamanian numismatics according to a commemorative theme.

There will be displays of coins, tokens, medals and stamps from Panama as well as from all over the world. In addition, there will be sales tables with all kinds of numismatic objects for the delight of the great collector community.

This year there is international participation from Cuba, Colombia, Haiti and the United States. The event includes conferences about Panamanian coins, numismatics of the participating countries, as well as an auction of coins and memorabilia.

Traditionally more than 6,000 people visit us and enjoy this great event. It is our pleasure to invite all of our ANA member friends. Admission is totally free.

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United Kingdom

Introducing Numismatic Learning to Younger Generations

Cassey Morris, one of the first official international district representatives for the ANA, visited a primary school in the United Kingdom to talk about numismatics and ancient coins. Her position as district repre-

sentative includes promoting the importance of engaging people to learn and appreciate the importance of preserving history through numismatics and other related items.

The children were intrigued with the visit as they were able to observe, touch and engage in every aspect of the day. Pupils were able to study real Roman and Anglo-Saxon coinage and what relevance the depiction on coins had.

One of the students, Brogan, said of his experience, "I liked digging up the coins and finding out what they were by looking at them. It was really interesting learning about numismatics. It was good to find out about the Anglo-Saxon coins."

Pupils created their own coin designs and relevance of the designs. They then learned of archeologists and what they do and how history can be uncovered to discover our past heritages. Cassey discussed what metal detectors are and why they are used, which brought great excitement, as well as a discussion on precious metals.

Every pupil had the chance to discover their own historical find by using a metal detector and replicating historical coins, which were taken home as souvenirs of their introduction to numismatics.

"I enjoyed it when we used the metal detector, it was really fun to find metal in our school," said Mylee, a student at the primary school. "Miss Morris was really nice and I found the coins really interesting when she was talking about them."

Through her relationship with the ANA, Cassey has helped bridge the gap across the Atlantic Ocean and reach out internationally to build on expanding and promoting what the ANA has promoted for decades – educating and encouraging people to study and collect coins and related items.

Cassey believes that introducing world history through numismatics to younger generations is beneficial to preserving history and encouraging youths to understand and learn other subjects such as math, science, art, religious education, geography and more.

A big thank you to the ANA for expanding the association's district representatives program, which made this session possible in the UK.

Thank you Cassey for giving us your time and dedication to the study of money.

Specialty Clubs

The Elongated Collectors (TEC)

by Robert F. Fritsch

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TEC is getting ready for this year's World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia. Our table is #554 next to the Kid's Zone, but may move into the Zone depending on circumstances. We will also be a Treasure Trivia stop. Our meetings are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 17 in Room 120C from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As we do every year, two coin designs for the convention have been prepared and all visitors to the table will get a free example of each. An elongating machine with these designs and two other special designs will be available onsite for whoever wants to try their hand at rolling their own coins. The two designs are a vertical TEC theme and a horizontal ANA theme. The TEC design features the Liberty Bell, the Philadelphia skyline and the TEC owl, and the ANA design features the Lamp of Knowledge and a Fugio Cent.



Each of these designs will be available in six-coin sets. The TEC badge on a suspender ribbon will have a separate design and is suitable for wearing during the show with the enameled badge rolled on a 1776-1976 bicentennial quarter and the regular badge on a Pennsylvania quarter. Pre-orders for these badges and sets are open now at the TEC store, on the web at <http://tecnews.org/store/>, with delivery at the show.

Three other 2018 designs will also be available, a memorial salute to Eric P. Newman, another memorial to Edward C. Rochette, and a special souvenir created for this year's 50th ANA Summer Seminar. Each of these coins will be available in four-coin sets at the TEC store and at the convention.



TEC is an organization dedicated to the elongated coin. Check us out at our website <http://tecnews.org/> or at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/491018311250248/>.

All visitors are invited to join the club while learning about the funnest part of numismatics.

A late report on Summer FUN!

by John and Nancy Wilson

On July 12-14, the Florida United Numismatists held its 12th Annual Summer FUN Convention at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. The location is great, and many hotels are within walking distance or a short distance away. Being the vacation and theme park capital of the world, Orlando has many things to do for family members who don't collect coins.

After attending the opening ceremonies with more than 150 people waiting to get in, we could see it was going to be a busy show. Attending most of the summer FUN conventions, we think that this was possibly the best Summer FUN. Total registered public attendance was 2,600. Helping with attendance figures were the four coin club buses paid for by FUN.

We want to sincerely thank Convention Coordinator Cindy Wibker, President Randy Campbell, and the FUN officers and directors for providing the ANA with a free table. All of the orange-jacketed directors, along with supporting staff members, do a masterful job of handling all the responsibilities for this important convention. At the opening ceremonies three FUN directors were awarded President's Medals: Ed Abbott, Nancy Casey and Tony Bonaro.



Congratulations to (left to right): Ed Abbott, Nancy Casey and Tony Bonaro for years of dedicated work on behalf of FUN.

We were extremely busy at the ANA table with many people stopping by for information about the association, coin collecting and the numismatic hobby in general. With assistance from Bob Mellor, Florida ANA representative, we were able to sign up or renew over 30 members. Thank you to dealer John Markis from Trusted Traditions, Inc., located at Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., for a \$25 donation for shipment of the coin show kit. Thanks also to dealer James Warmus, from Palm City, Fla., for a great donation of scarce books to the ANA, along with a box of counterfeit dollars. These were accepted by ANA staff member Sam Gelberd, who ran the YN "Coins and Kids" table.

The convention itself, as usual, had many highlights too numerous to list here. For videos of some programs and events, see [www.cointelevision.com](http://www.cointelelevision.com).

Once again, thank you FUN for your great hospitality. We look forward to next year's conventions.

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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; we have another nice large issue of *MintMark*. Please read my message below, along with the usual interesting club news and the important ANA news and messages. I’ll see some of you in Philadelphia.

The next (4th quarter 2018) edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing now. Make it a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program, or perhaps some special club milestone, award, etc. Once again, see my message below for a discussion of what *MintMark* should be, and we’ll also discuss it in Philadelphia.

Suggested *MintMark* Changes

Since I resumed editing *MintMark* ten years ago in 2008, it has grown in size from a typical 6 or 8 page issue to something in the range of 16 to 20 pages! While this is excellent in some respects in that it shows a lot of interest in clubs and the ANA Club Rep Program, it also means that *MintMark* is becoming much more burdensome and time-consuming both to compile and edit, and to read. Some of the material submitted consists of lengthy coin show and meeting reports, and even the equivalent of entire journal articles, accompanied by multiple photos. This wasn’t the original intention of *MintMark*. It’s not a magazine or newspaper edited by a full-time paid professional staff (although ANA staff do review it, further delaying its release). Instead *MintMark* is supposed to be a newsletter highlighting ANA club activities, which might give other persons and clubs ideas about how to improve their club and hobby promotion activities. It can also serve to recognize major awards, anniversaries, etc., but cannot serve as a comprehensive list of awards. Finally, it’s often used to promote future shows and conventions, but cannot serve as a coin show calendar or provide full details about an upcoming event. (Note: If you do have a coin show or event to list in the ANA’s printed calendar, please send an email at least two months in advance to magazine@money.org, or visit the ANA website page at <https://www.money.org/submit-an-event>.)

At the Club Rep Program meeting in Philadelphia, I will propose that we need to return to the original purpose of *MintMark*, with shorter articles highlighting what’s really interesting (and perhaps new) about your club’s activities. Of course major awards with a photo are still welcome, but you will need to prioritize and provide a link to your website, blog, Facebook page, etc., where interested persons can read a more detailed report about your club’s activities. Note that the ANA itself provides a community blog which you may be able to use. The *MintMark* page count should not exceed about 8 pages, exclusive of any added ANA content.

Thank you for your understanding of the need to keep *MintMark* focused and reasonable in size. - Eric H.

Breakfast at World’s Fair of Money

The annual District & Club Representative breakfast meeting will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the ANA World’s Fair of Money. A Thank You slab will be presented to attendees. The Outstanding District Representative of the Year award will be presented at the Member and Awards Celebration on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 3 p.m. in room 126A. The WFOM takes place Aug. 14-18 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pa.