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National Coordinator Message

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

The fourth 2019 ANA District and Club Representatives meeting was held on Aug. 17, during the ANA World's Fair of Money® in Chicago/Rosemont, Ill., at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. We had more than 35 people attend the breakfast meeting (a new record), including newly installed ANA President Col. Steven Ellsworth. Twenty-seven states were represented at the meeting, the largest ever. International District Reps for Canada, Venezuela, and Asia also attended.

Some highlights from the meeting:

Congratulations to Ricardo De Leon Tallavas for receiving the ANA 2019 District Representative of the Year Award. Ricardo represents Mexico, is very involved in several numismatic organizations, and has contributed to the District Rep program for many years. Thank you, Ricardo, for your many years of service to the ANA and the hobby.

ANA President Col. Steven Ellsworth spoke about his vision of the program. He is a strong supporter of the volunteer program and wants to expand its outreach to a larger collector base. One example is that International District Reps are expanding as additional qualified people overseas ask to join the program.

Ellsworth also brought NGC "Thank You" slabs to hand out to the District Reps at the meeting. These were proof clad Illinois state quarters in NGC holders.

MintMark Editor Eric Holcomb thanked everyone for the articles being submitted for publication, while requesting that articles be kept concise.

The fifth and final District & Club Rep meeting of the year was held at the Long Beach Expo on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, Calif. The ANA had a membership table at the show. There were seven District Reps at the meeting, most from California. The new District Rep for Singapore, Kitty Quan, attended the meeting.



ANA President Col. Steven Ellsworth speaking at the annual District & Club Rep. meeting on Saturday, Aug. 27.



District & Club Rep. annual group photo, taken on Aug 27.



ANA team at the Long Beach Expo, Sept. 5-7. Left to right: Donna Frater (ANA Staff), Dennis J. Hogan (Calif. DR), Phillip DeAugustino (Calif. DR), Tiffanie Bueschel (ANA Staff), Richard Jozefiak (National Coordinator).



Long Beach Expo District & Club Rep. group photo, on Sept. 7.

I was in Philadelphia recently and had the weekend of Sept. 21 off. On Sunday, Sept. 22, I visited the Trevoise Coin Show held at the Trevoise Fire House banquet room in Trevoise, Pa. It was about a 30-minute ride-share drive from downtown Philadelphia. This is a 40-table show held the fourth Sunday of the month, with a wide variety of dealers. There is food available, security, and free parking. I introduced myself to show manager John F. Bachman, who has been running the show for years. I met ANA members, and handed out ANA membership applications. I had a great time visiting the show.



Sunday crowd on Sept. 22 at the Trevoise Coin Show, Trevoise, Pa.

Thank you again for all the volunteer work you perform on behalf of the ANA and the hobby. The ANA volunteer program has been making great progress, and is expanding to serve the ANA coin club, ANA members, and the general public.

There will *not* be a District Rep meeting at the 2020 FUN Show since the ANA will be in Atlanta in February 2020 for the National Money Show®.

I hope you and your family all have a great holiday season! I'll look forward to seeing many of you in Atlanta in February 2020 at the National Money Show®.

Legislation Authorizing 2021 Morgan & Peace Silver Dollars to Benefit ANA and the Hobby

Collectors Urged to Contact Congressional Representatives for Support

Coin collectors soon could purchase 2021-CC Morgan and Peace silver dollars that support the American Numismatic Association and the hobby.

Legislation was introduced on July 16 (H.R. 3757) to authorize production of 2021-dated dollar coins to mark the 1921 transition from the Morgan to the Peace designs. A combined maximum production of 500,000 proof and uncirculated Morgan and Peace dollars would be authorized under the 2021 Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin Act. An unspecified number of Morgan dollars could be struck with the "CC" mintmark at the former Carson City Mint, which now houses the Nevada State Museum.

The enabling legislation, jointly introduced in the House of Representatives by Emanuel Cleaver, (D-Mo.) and Andy Barr, (R-Ky.), requires 290 Congressional co-sponsors. Forty percent of all surcharges in the sales for the commemorative silver dollars will be paid to the ANA for the purpose of numismatic educational activities. Forty percent of all surcharges in the sales also will be paid to the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mo., for education and commemoration activities relating to World War I and its enduring impact. The remaining 20 percent will be paid to the Nevada State Museum (formerly a United States Mint facility).

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Young Numismatist Video Extols Benefits of ANA Membership

Thanks to the enthusiasm of a handful of young collectors and the ANA's talented creative services team, a new video touting the benefits of being an ANA Young Numismatist (YN) was unveiled in mid-August.

The nine-minute video focuses on the knowledge, the fun and the amazing benefits of YN membership, shared from the unscripted perspective of several YNs who were attending the 2019 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

What's particularly striking is how passionate and articulate these young collectors are in sharing their love of the hobby and the ANA. These are the hobby's future leaders!

The video will be used as a recruitment tool to interest young people in ANA membership.

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**THEME FOR THE
2020 NATIONAL
COIN WEEK,**
April 19-25



2020 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

of the 19th Amendment! The 97th annual event will focus on the many contributions of women in numismatics and society.

THEME SUBMISSIONS SHOULD REFLECT THIS FOCUS.

Theme ideas should be no more than eight words and easy to remember. The ANA member who provides the winning theme will receive a 2019 American Eagle silver one ounce proof coin.



SUBMIT YOUR IDEA

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, ANALMRJ@gmail.com

The ANA awarded the *Madison County Coin Club Newsletter* the 2019 Second Place Outstanding Electronic Numismatic Publication award at its World's Fair of Money® in Chicago/Rosemont, Ill., on Aug. 15. Harold Fears is the editor of the newsletter, and he has won several ANA club publication awards.

California

Southern California

Golden State Coin Show

by Walt Ostromecki, ph. (818) 317-6966 or email drwaltomfl1@earthlink.net

The tenth annual Scouts BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop, hosted and financially underwritten by the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), along with a fun youth and family “Penny Search” activity, were the most popular attractions of the Golden State Coin Show held Aug. 23-25 in Arcadia, Calif.

Ninety-eight boy and girl scouts from five Southern California councils, along with 41 scout leaders and parents, got an eye-opening and hands-on introduction to the “World of Money” during the four-hour session.

The Scouts BSA workshop was jointly facilitated by Mark Mussman, Troop 915 leader in the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, and Los Angeles Eagle Scout Executive Council member and ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki. During the past ten years the workshops have seen 743 scouts earn either the BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge or the GSA Fun With Money Patch.

In addition, nearly 200 scout leaders and parents have been re-introduced and/or re-connected with the fun hobby of numismatics. About a third of those have joined local coin clubs and/or the NASC.

Ostromecki noted, “These yearly workshops are one major opportunity for clubs and organizations to plant numismatic seeds for the future hobby base growth of next generation collectors as well as NASC membership.”

So many coin clubs today say we need to grow the hobby by getting more youth and families in the 25-39 age group into the hobby. Yet, when it comes to embracing the new activities and programs with an action/implementation plan (like holding a BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop and various other fun family-friendly learning activities such as a Penny Search or Treasure Hunt), they just fail to act and/or say no.

Why? Tradition! And, “we need the income to keep going and doing the same things the same way for another year.” So sad to stay the course for primarily longstanding club social traditions rather than embracing new educational ideas and programs or approaches to entice new hobbyists in today’s digital age.

Bourse Chairman Don Berry reported, “All 55 bourse floor tables were sold this year. I attribute that to the fact that we opened the show to the public on Friday from 2-7 p.m. Several dealers reported having made their table costs back for the entire three-day show in just those five hours! The ANACS table did well, too. They saw a flurry of business.”

The Saturday evening Awards Recognition Event, complete with a wood pit barbecue catered buffet dinner, had more than 35 in attendance. The NASC picks up the costs of the meal for all bourse dealers who wish to attend. NASC President Mike Kittle said, “This is the least we can do to show our thanks to all our dealers for participating in the show. They are the ones who bring in the general public and our collecting base in Southern California.”

The association and exhibit awards presentations were handled jointly by Awards Chairman John Duff and President Kittle. The association’s highest honor which can be bestowed upon an individual is The Richard P. Goodson Memorial Award for distinguished and dedicated volunteer service to the NASC for no less than five years. For 2019, it was awarded to Jim Phillips of Hemet, Calif.



Photo: 2019 NASC Goodson Award (left to right): NASC President Mike Kittle, award honoree Jim Phillips, NASC Awards Chair John Duff.

Jim is the kind of individual who can never say no to volunteering countless time, talent and treasure to the NASC. His brilliant work as webmaster, a vital voice of the association, has become a great enrichment resource for collectors of all levels and ages and a great place of basic beginner knowledge for new hobbyists to personally become more knowledgeable and grow numismatically. He has served for six years on the NASC board, served as a coin club and paper money club rep, as president of the Hemet Coin Club, and in a myriad of other volunteer duties over many years.

NASC Speaker of the Year honors went to Mark Baskin of the Orange County Coin Club. Twelve-year-old Trace Frieden was recognized with the Maurice Gould Memorial Young Numismatist of the Year award. He's a very active volunteer and member of the Covina Coin Club.

Twenty-one NASC member clubs vied for top honors in the 2019 Outstanding Coin Club Newsletter Awards. First place went to Hemet Coin Club, Jim Philips, editor (for the second year); second place to the Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Bob Thompson, editor; and third place to the Glendale Coin Club, Mike Kittle, editor.

Duff next recognized the top exhibits, all of which were People's Choice selected this year. First place was claimed by Roy Iwata for his "Ancient Coins" display; second went to Glen Franks for his "Abraham Lincoln" exhibit which featured a newspaper announcing Lincoln's death at the hands of assassin John Wilkes Booth; and third was "Gold!" by Mike Kittle. Two runners-up were also acknowledged: John Duff and Phil Iversen.

Kittle recognized the association's 25- and 50-year members and clubs with engraved pins. 25-year members included George Bosna, Tom Sheehan and Paul Whitnah. 50-year recipients were Ken Goldman, John Gulde, Martin Levy, Beate Rauch, Douglas Robinson and The Downey Numismatist Club.

President Kittle ended the evening's award festivities by presenting longtime show dealer and financial supporter and booster of the NASC, Armando Nieto, with an engraved silver Honorary NASC Life Membership card. "Mondo," commented Kittle, "has faithfully and freely given financial support to the NASC for over 20 years. He has had a true spirit of giving over many years for which the NASC is most appreciative!"

The dates for the next Golden State Coin Show are Aug. 21-23, 2020. More information about the NASC show as well as dealer bourse information and a schedule of events can be found on either of their two websites: goldenstatecoinshow.com or nasc.net.

For information about the NASC and/or the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and their quarterly publication, *The California Numismatist*, contact either Walt or Don Hill, csnalibrary@gmail.com.

Northern California

by Michael S. Turrini, district representative

In the previous *MintMark*, I shared some observations and insights generated by Donald L. Hill, California State Numismatic Association corresponding secretary, and myself resulting from our visits to several local northern California coin club events. Don and I had some thoughts and questions concluded from our observations and insights. That *MintMark* submission asked for comments and opinions from others within our Representative Program. There have been no responses, although your *MintMark* editor wrote that the

Santa Maria Coin Club's activities sounded impressive, and were an excellent response to Mr. Turrini's concerns.

Yet, believing that an individual who commits him or herself to our Representative Program, he or she needs to expand their presence and contacts in "our world of money," and not limit themselves to a small locale or a few local coin clubs. To this end, I actively joined *all* active northern California local coin clubs, plus other local coin clubs around our nation and even in Canada. This allows me to compare and contrast ideas.

Being a member of the Casino Collectibles Association and the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, their outstanding quarterly publication, *Casino Collectibles News*, fall 2019 edition, is at hand. Inside was a short submission by a longtime member who wanted to learn, "*why would someone join the Casino Collectibles Association?*" The gentleman offered a list of reasons, derived from his exchanges with fellow collectors, which he summarized:

- To learn about gaming history and to own a piece of it.
- To enjoy the way chips/tokens capture moments of history, time and people's lives.
- Because of an interest in design themes.
- For the joy of learning about the chips and tokens themselves.
- To display and share with others.
- For the satisfaction of completing a collection.
- For the excitement of finding rare chips and tokens at flea markets or estate sales.
- To enjoy belonging to a club and meeting fellow collectors from around the world.

The gentleman also stated, "there is a certain magnetism about the hobby that reveals itself in different ways to different people."

His observations are universal. What has been expressed is what we in the Representative Program need to inquire, to question, and to ask of those whom we encounter and exchange within our "world of money," and apply that knowledge to entice and to encourage others into our hobby and then to join the ANA.

It is too easy to retort, "we know already." I reiterate, "*we need to learn why some enter our hobby and enhance their enjoyment.*" The gentleman's commentary is important. I propose that other representatives do like inquiries, questioning and asking, then share their results via *MintMark*. Don Hill and I intend to commence something around northern California and collect responses. Again, my proposal to fellow representatives is to do likewise; let's learn that "certain magnetism."

Responses may be sent to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410, or via email to EMPERORI@juno.com.

Fairfield Coin Club / Vallejo Numismatic Society

The Fairfield Coin Club and the Vallejo Numismatic Society are proud to report that ANA Executive Director Kimberly A. Kiick has tentatively accepted an invitation to attend the two groups' 33rd Annual Joint Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec. 7, in Vallejo, Calif., at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

The party will have a full holiday buffet and door prizes, including 70 U.S. Silver Eagles, "Goodie Bags," and a Mega-Drawing with prizes valued at \$2,500. The cost is only \$22, and this party is open to any coin hobbyist or anyone who wants to enjoy a nice holiday season evening and share the "certain magnetism" mentioned above.

Reservation forms are posted on www.solanocoinclub.com. Inquiries can also be made to EMPERORI@juno.com or dlhcoins@gmail.com or csnalibrary@gmail.com.

Northern California Numismatic Forum

The recent Northern California Numismatic Forum, a joint endeavor of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), had two up-and-coming young numismatists presenting: Kyle W. Lubke (age 24), and Matthew L. Malvini (age 19). The forum was held on Saturday, Sept. 14, in Vallejo, Calif.

Comments indicated that attendees were most impressed with "the two kids" and their digital presentations. Matthew has already been invited to address the 2020 forum.

Both have written for *The California Numismatist*, and are committed to sharing and adding to our hobby. Excellent, Kyle and Matthew!

Other California Clubs

Covina Coin Club

by Dennis Rocklein, drocklein@gmail.com

At the club's Aug. 21 monthly meeting, guest speaker Bill Nash, who is also a teacher and member of the Civil War Token Society, presented "Politics as usual – Clarke – ABNC – Nickel – Nickle – Fractional Currency." (That's quite a title! ABNC is apparently the American Bank Note Company.)

On Sept. 18, Dennis Rocklein presented a slide show from the 1970s on his tour of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum. Although such old slide shows are rarely shown nowadays, they used to be a mainstay of coin club meetings; and can still be interesting and nostalgic. You'll need an old-fashioned slide projector, or a slide scanner.

Club meetings are held at the clubhouse of the San Dimas Royal Mobile Estates, 1630 W. Covina Blvd. San Dimas, Calif.

Cupertino Coin Club

by Suzanne Trigonis

Cupertino Coin Club officers ran a BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop at CoinExpo at the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, Calif., Sept. 14. This is the fourth such workshop, now offered semi-annually, that the club has made available to scouts, both boys and girls, ages 11-17, who are currently registered with the BSA or the GSA. Sixty-six scouts registered and attended the event this month. They arrived early, looked around the show to satisfy one of the ten requirements for the merit badge, sat in on an hour-long presentation, and then met with one of nine merit badge counselors to review their numismatic knowledge and the coins and/or currency they collected. Well-prepared scouts who completed the ten requirements earned the merit badge by the end of the workshop.

The workshop was run by merit badge counselors from the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), by Emile Mestressat, treasurer and immediate past president of the Cupertino Coin Club and by Suzanne Trigonis, president of the Cupertino Coin Club. Additional merit badge counselors from three councils of the BSA assisted as a staff of nine (see second photo).



Photo: Emile Mestressat running BSA workshop.



Photo: BSA Merit Badge Counselors from left to right: Kyle Anderson, Suzanne Trigonis, Todd Eyring, Don Pannell, Brian Jones, Granville Goza IV, Granville Goza V, Alexander Trigonis and Emile Mestressat.

The Boy Scouts of America first offered coin collecting as an elective merit badge in 1938. Currently 137 merit badges are offered. According to data published in *Bryan on Scouting*, the lifetime rankings show coin collecting at #64 of 139, with 514,650 scouts having earned it between 1938 and 2018. Cupertino Coin Club offered its first BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop in fall 2011, which resulted in Alexander Trigonis joining the club and eventually bringing 15 additional members, both peers and their parents, to the club. The Cupertino Coin Club resumed offering this workshop to scouts semi-annually in September 2018. Attendance has grown substantially in the last year from about a dozen, to more than five times that.

Scouts who attended the workshop were invited to attend Cupertino Coin Club's October general meeting, which is its Youth Night run by Junior President and Life Scout, Griffin Goza. The guest speaker for that evening's program was youth member and Life Scout, Andrew Amey, who presented his talk on "Australian Currency and Coins."

Cupertino Coin Club thanks Scott Griffin of Portsmouth Square Coin & Bourse Company for helping promote the workshop and providing the space to offer the workshop on the bourse floor. The club also thanks Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, BSA, for promoting this workshop. Without the council's support, we would not have had 66 scouts attending. It has truly been a rewarding experience!

Long Beach Coin Club

As reported in the *Long Beach Coin Club Courier*, the club's newsletter:

The club's October meeting featured the popular "Bourse Night," a mini coin show at which any member could set up a table to sell coins and collectibles for a cost of only \$3, with free pizza provided by the club.

On Sept. 9, Mike Ontko presented "Coins of the Papal State, Part 1." For centuries, the Pope ruled not the tiny Vatican of today, but a sizable nation in central Italy. Papal State coinage (and some currency) has an intriguing and intricate history, with even inexpensive pieces often quite scarce.

On Aug. 5, Nate Butler presented on the popular topic of Jefferson Nickels. Nate is known for his stunning collection of toned Jeffersons.

Club meetings are held at the Millikan High School cafeteria.

Club info.:

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Florida news begins in the column at right. If you would like more Florida and regional news, please subscribe to Tony Swicer's regional newsletter by emailing Tony at swicer@comcast.net.

Florida

Summer FUN Show

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA national volunteers

We attended the 13th Annual Florida United Numismatists Summer FUN Show at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., July 11-13. We have represented the ANA at this important coin convention for many years. We were in the same table location as last year and had a great view of the entire bourse along with the non-competitive exhibits and other activities. After the opening ceremonies, well over 100 people streamed through the door. The convention was busy throughout the three days the bourse was open. Total registered public attendance for the show was 3,500, which was a record. This figure doesn't include the FUN board, staff, bourse dealers, coin club table personnel or exhibitors.

At both FUN conventions, FUN pays for busses that bring coin club members to the convention. Coin clubs that participated in the program and the number of club members from each group attending included: Greater Jacksonville Coin Club (32), Ocala Coin Club (43), Palm Beach Coin Club (44) and West Hernando Coin Club (39). Photos of each group can be seen on the FUN website. It is quite generous for FUN to continually pay for transportation to bring coin club members to their two annual conventions.



Photo: FUN President Bob Hurst at the opening ceremonies welcoming everyone to the Summer FUN Show.

We want to sincerely thank FUN Convention Coordinator Cindy Wibker, President Bob Hurst, and the directors for once again providing the ANA with a free table. FUN directors, in their orange jackets, along with supporting staff members, do a wonderful job of handling all the responsibilities for this important convention. The Florida United Numismatists is an amazing organization with a dedicated board, staff and volunteers who year after year have "MS-70" coin conventions which are well attended, organized and run. We like FUN Show Coordinator Cindy Wibker's comment in the official program, "We appreciate the time, effort and expense required to make the trek, park, and enter

the building, so we want to give you as much for your investment as we possibly can.” Cindy and the entire FUN board do just that with everyone who comes to their event, be it in the summer or in January. The show had a sold-out bourse consisting of 202 dealer booths, plus 80 Early Bird badges.

The location in Orlando for the FUN conventions is great. Lots of nearby hotels and restaurants, nearby theme parks and other major attractions. Activities for the non-collecting members of your family are limitless at both FUN conventions. When you attend FUN conventions, the organization arranges a parking fee of only \$10. Furthermore, FUN pays for a bus to bring you to the front entrance after you park.

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. We were able to sign up or renew 25 members for the Association. Not the most we have ever signed up, but the enthusiasm everyone had for the coin collecting hobby and the ANA was very heartwarming. Over the years, we have represented ANA at many coin conventions around the country. Not including the two annual ANA conventions, we consider this one of the best coin conventions we have ever attended. We want to thank Dealer Charles Adams of Artifacts, Ltd., located in the Cayman Islands, for the \$25 donation for the shipment of the coin show kit.

The Young Numismatist program, chaired by board member Tony Bonaro and his staff, along with ANA staffer Sam Gelberd, all did a wonderful job of registering and assisting at the “YN Coins and Kids Table.” The YN program ran for the duration of the convention. Over 200 YNs registered at the large horseshoe table in the back center of the hall. They had so many YNs register that Sam had to have more treasure trivia applications printed. The YN program on Saturday had 70 kids. The boy and girl scout coin collecting merit badge clinic also held on Saturday had 80 register. It was almost non-stop with YNs stopping by the ANA table and asking the questions on the form, “Where is the American Numismatic Association headquarters located?” It was a lot of fun with some YNs saying New York City, others San Francisco and most Colorado Springs. Our stock of material was greatly depleted and all we can say is that the YNs kept us very busy along with everyone else who stopped by the table. We ran out of many items we brought for ANA membership and to give away to the visiting public and YN treasure trivia hunt.

Please contact John Wilson for a more complete report of other convention highlights.

Once again, thank you FUN for your great hospitality. We look forward to seeing you at one of the following FUN Conventions: The 65th Annual FUN Convention, Jan. 9-12, at the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC); and the 14th Annual Summer FUN Convention, July 9-11, 2020, also at the OCCC in Orlando. Info.: www.funtopics.com.

Brandon Coin Club

by Jack Iaci, secretary

The BCC’s most recent coin show was Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shows are held at Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla. Popular show features typically include 30 dealers with 45 tables, free admission/parking/door prizes including a drawing for a gold coin, free coin grab bags for children under 12, free appraisals, ICG grading service in attendance (with free verbal opinions and discount slabbing) and excellent food available on site.

Contact: Jack Iaci, (352) 777-6073, brandoncoinclub@yahoo.com, or write to Brandon Coin Club, PO Box 3869, Brandon, FL 33509-3869.

The club’s website, <http://bcc.anacoinclubs.org/>, has been online since 2011. Club members may reserve space to set up their own numismatic display on the site. Please see Jerry at a club meeting or send an email to jsscassj@gmail.com for illustrations and instructions on how to upload your numismatic achievements for all to see.

Coin Club of Pasco County

The CCPC has scheduled its next show for Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shows are held at New Elks Lodge #2520, 9135 Denton Ave., Hudson, Fla. Popular show features typically include 16 dealers with 36 tables, free admission/parking/door prizes including a drawing for an American Silver Eagle, and excellent food available on site.

Contact: Chuck Grecco (727) 534-7597, or write to Coin Club of Pasco County, PO Box 6223, Spring Hill, FL 34611.

Illinois

Chicago/Rosemont ANA

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA national volunteers

The ANA World’s Fair of Money® (WFOM) was held for the 14th time in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13-17. The actual site was the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill., which is very close to Chicago O’Hare International airport. We have been writing about major conventions for a long time, and this one had to be near the top of all that we have ever attended. In grading terms this was an “MS 70” convention, drawing in 7,000 visitors, including ANA staff, volunteers and exhibitors. At least 1,000 dealers were registered (including early birds), and 1,000 tables were set up in the very large convention center.

When the doors opened on Tuesday, several hundred people were waiting in line to get into the show. The registration lines were also very busy. After the doors opened, public traffic was busy for the entire run of the convention. If you attend any ANA convention for two days, it pays to be an ANA member, and the cost for adults is only \$28 for a digital membership. A

lot of the people waiting in line could have entered the convention a half hour early as a benefit of ANA membership. Everyone who registered received the official 88-page show guide, along with a cloth bag sponsored by eBay and CDN Publishing.

A big thanks to:

- ANA staff headed by Executive Director Kim Kiick, along with Convention Director Jennifer Ackerman.
- The ANA Board of Governors and President Gary Adkins.
- The Chicago Coin Club, celebrating its 100th anniversary, along with Host Chair Richard Lipman and his hard-working committee, and
- The ANA national volunteers who work in various areas of the show supplementing the ANA staff in key locations.

The ANA held its 128th anniversary banquet, silent auction and officer installation on Friday night. Awards were also presented and included:

- The Lifetime Achievement Award went to long-time literature dealer George F. Kolbe, who received the award from ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick.
- The Farran Zerbe Memorial Award was presented to Thomas G. Hallenbeck. It was presented by Michael Fuljenz who sponsors the award.
- Arthur M. Fitts III was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame.



The new ANA board of Governors was sworn in by H. Robert Campbell (at lectern). From left, Michael Ellis (partially obstructed), Muriel Eymery, Mary Lynn Garrett, Greg Lyon, Clifford Mishler, Paul Montgomery, Shanna Schmidt, Dr. Ralph Ross and Colonel Steven K. Ellsworth (61st President of the ANA).

Please contact John Wilson for a more complete report of other convention highlights, including the ANA Museum Showcase.

It has been proven over the years that the Rosemont site is a great venue for the ANA. The Donald E.

Stephens Convention Center is a world-class building with many nearby hotels, restaurants and reasonable parking one block away. The show also had great promotion and once again thank you Donn Pearlman for all he does to get the word out in the local media.

Thanks again to everyone involved for helping to make this convention very successful. Just about every dealer we spoke to said they had a very successful show, or one of the best they ever had. We look forward to the next two ANA conventions, the National Money Show® in Atlanta, Ga. (Cobb Galleria Center), Feb. 27-29, 2020; followed by the World's Fair of Money® at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 4-8, 2020.

Chicago Coin Club

Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot proclaimed Aug. 13 as Chicago Coin Club Day in honor and recognition of the club celebrating its 100th anniversary with a special banquet that evening. The anniversary banquet was held in conjunction with the ANA World's Fair of Money® convention held Aug. 13-17 in Rosemont.

Founded in 1919, the Chicago Coin Club celebrates and promotes the collection and study of coins, paper money, tokens and medals, literature and other objects related to numismatics and exnumia.

Media questions should be directed to chicago_coinclub100media@gmail.com, or for club information write to Chicago Coin Club, PO Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690, or visit www.chicagocoinclub.org.

Elgin Coin Club

by Howard Curtis, vice president

The ECC's fall coin show was held on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd., Elgin, Ill. The show featured 50-plus tables with a wide variety of vendors, raffle prizes, kids auction and door prizes.

ECC coin show information online:

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

Illinois Numismatic Association

Here are some ideas from Illinois, to increase numismatic outreach in your local community.

1. **Neighborhood block party!** I was invited to attend a block party down the street from my office in Chicago, so I decided to bring some world coins, along with some snacks and games. I set up a card table and put out a large container with 10 pounds of world coins. When kids/parents came by to look, I showed them a few coins. Each coin has a story to tell, from a different time, place and culture. I showed the kids/parents how to take a picture of a coin with my smartphone using the Coinscope app. Then I helped them load the app on their own phone. Pretty soon, I had a bunch of kids/parents sorting through my coin hoard and talking about different countries they had visited or

where their ancestors came from. After a few tries, most kids could identify the country or ruler on the front of the coin, so I let them keep the coins they could correctly identify. One of the boys was able to get a few coins from Ireland, noticing they all had harps or animals on them. Another boy came back later in the day and was upset that he had lost his coins in the bounce house. I let him find some new coins, and off he went back to the bounce house.

2. **Local library presentation!** If your coin club is a member of ANA, you can request an educational kit be mailed to your ANA club rep. Inside the educational kit you will find enough materials to do a presentation at a local library. You'll need to decide what age group you're comfortable presenting to. Most libraries have programs for young kids, middle/high schoolers, adults and seniors. Next step is to call the library and set up an appointment with the program director. You can also go to the library's website and apply online to do a presentation. Some libraries will help you promote the program on their website, with a flyer or mailer. If you need help with a library program, the ANA, CSNS and ILNA are ready to help.
3. **Local history museum presentation!** If you live near a local museum or historical society find out what they have in their collection and what kind of programs they offer in the community. I recently became a member of a local museum and offered to do a numismatic presentation geared towards elementary age kids, talking about how money has evolved in different cultures. Ancient coins are very interesting to kids, and not expensive to obtain. I was able to get a variety of coins from ancient Rome, India and China from a local coin dealer who liked what I was doing and wanted to help. If your local museum focuses on local history, you could suggest a presentation about coins of the Civil War, World War 1 or World War 2. Conflict changes money, and period coins/currency help people understand how everyday life is affected when money changes.
4. **Little free libraries!** Many towns have different versions of little free libraries, just check www.littlefreelibrary.org to find them. I carry a box of books in the trunk of my car to give away. You can also insert flyers for your coin club or upcoming coin show. This morning I put a Whitman penny album and a 2015 Red Book in the free library, along with a flyer for the Oct. 27 Elgin coin show and an ILNA membership application. If there's not a little free library in your town, you can build one and put it up yourself.

Michigan

Huron Valley Numismatic Society

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The Huron Valley Numismatic Society (HVNS), which meets the second Wednesday of each month in Highland, Mich., will celebrate its 10th anniversary at its November meeting.

Club information: Huron Valley Numismatic Society, PO Box 1174, Highland, MI 48357-1174; phone (248) 505-3690; email alraddi@aol.com. Also see the previous *MintMark* for more information including the club's 10th anniversary souvenirs.

Nevada

Las Vegas Numismatic Society

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The Las Vegas Numismatic Society's Young Numismatist's Annual Showcase and Auction was presented Oct. 12 at the club's monthly meeting.

Our young numismatists took center stage with their presentation of "Coins and Monies of the American Civil War Era (1859-1866)." This year's showcase featured two new member teams, for a total of seven. Topics discussed included: "Dimes and Half Dimes from the San Francisco Mint," "Civil War Gold Coinage" and "Commemorating the American Civil War." Henry Stutz, award recipient from our 56th Annual LVNS Coin Show in May, discussed "Quarters and Half Dollars of New Orleans." Other topics included "Silver Dollars of the War Years" and "Three and Five Cent Nickels," discussed by Sam Reinhardt and Logan Heimiller.

Morgan Diorguardi, ANA Summer Seminar scholarship winner and "timeline" display artist opened the show with his presentation of "Indian Cents, Two Cents and Three Cent Silvers."

The auction featured several interesting pieces from the Civil War Era.

In other club news, the YNs and LVNS would like to extend a special "Thank you!" to Don Hotchkiss of Hands on History for supplying uniforms and period correct clothing for our May coin show — especially for outfitting General Grant — and for his special presentation titled "How I began researching my Civil War ancestors." Thank you, Don.

More on the showcase next quarter, along with the club's trip to the Mob Museum in Las Vegas.

Reno Coin Club

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The Reno Coin Club had its first picnic in July thanks to David Loder and Laurel Hoggan, with a good turnout of about 40 people and lots of food. It's likely to become an annual club event.

A few of us participated in the replica striking of the 1870-CC half dollar at the Nevada State Museum on Aug. 1. Robert got several early numbers, and I got to see number 44 struck on the press. The half-ounce silver coin will be selling for \$125. The number of strikes has been raised to 3,000. Thomas Rogers, the retired U.S. mint engraver, was there to sign the cards. It's a beautiful coin.



Reno Coin Club President David Elliott at the 1870-CC half dollar replica striking ceremony.

We have also joined the ANA's effort to get a 2021-CC Morgan Dollar from the U.S. mint to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the transition from the Morgan to the Peace Dollar. We will need 290 co-signers for House Bill 3757. Please join the effort at <http://www.money.org/coin-legislation>, and get others to help us. We only have until December.

The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Details can be found on the club's website, www.renecoinclub.org.

New Hampshire

Nashua Coin Club

by Kevin Winn, secretary/treasurer

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

July's coin of the month featured "Fun with Flags" as its theme, and saw many items with flag related themes. In August we highlighted "Small Coins," anything dime-size or smaller. Members brought in collections of U.S., foreign and ancient coins, from dimes to Widow's Mites. We went the opposite direction in September with "Large Sized Coins," and we saw some spectacular examples of big coins, medals and tokens from almost all the members in attendance. The biggest attraction was brought in by Bob F., who passed around his Canadian one kilogram (32 Troy ounce) concave, ultra-high relief commemorative celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Canadian National Railroad. This beautiful piece of artwork is made from .999 pure silver and is one of a maximum of only 400, which will be struck on demand.



100th anniversary of the Canadian National Railroad one kilogram commemorative displayed at the Nashua Coin Club.

Our annual awards banquet was held in October with more than 35 members and guests in attendance. We handed out awards to Sam Ouellette for Young Numismatist of the Year; Keith Potter for Literary Achievement; Richard Mullen for Numismatic Achievement and the 2019 Gold Award went to Adam Webster for his generous donation to the club. A rare and special President's Award was also handed out to Randy Bullis for completing his 18th year as our newsletter editor. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all as well as a very informative program about numismatic auctions presented by guest speaker Frank Van Valen.

Our October schedule also included the semi-annual Manchester Coin and Currency Expo. Many members spent part of the two-day expo staffing the Nashua Coin Club table. We gave out educational material and souvenirs to passers-by as well as answering many questions about coin collecting or coins in general. It's always a fun event for the club and a good opportunity to seek out new members with a kindred interest in coins.

Director Bob Fritsch and Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Winn started another year mentoring the students in the coin club at Nashua South High School. We will be covering a multitude of topics throughout the year, but we spent the first few weeks mentoring students who put together exhibits for the Manchester Coin and Currency Expo.

Show-and-tell continues to be a popular feature at our monthly meetings. Many items, both new and old, are brought in and passed around for members to see.

We have welcomed six new members to the club so far this year, and two of them are Young Numismatists who add a different perspective to club meetings.

We had 24 members at our September meeting, the second largest attendance at a regular monthly meeting in recent years. This is another sign that our recruitment efforts are paying off and our meeting agenda is always interesting and viable to the members.

Our newsletter continues to grow with many original articles submitted by members. We also publish informative coin-related facts such as upcoming local shows and coin auctions as well as U.S. Mint planned releases.

We will continue our monthly meetings through the fall and look forward to our annual White Elephant Auction/Fundraiser in December.

North Carolina

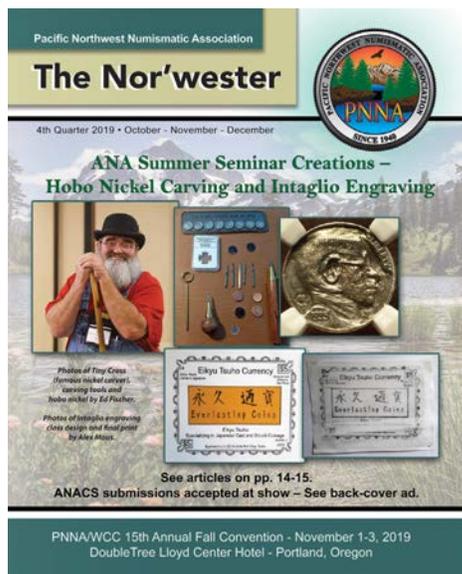
Lower Cape Fear Coin Club
from *Coinfusion*, club newsletter

The club's annual picnic was held on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Hugh McCrae Park. This event was open to all dues-paid members and their immediate families. The rain held off and the temperature was acceptable enough for this to be our most-attended picnic ever with 57 people. Many thanks to Karen, Rob, John, C.J. and their helpers for all their work. The food from Smithfield's was terrific and everyone walked away with a raffle prize.

The club's previous July 14 meeting was attended by 24 members and guests. The program was "Fun Facts About Coins" by Ken Barlow. At the club's September meeting, club member Greg Frayseth came all the way from Greenville, S.C., to present a very interesting program on "German inflation money of the 1920s." He had roughly One Billion Marks on display! As if he needed it, he also won the 50/50 raffle.

Lower Cape Fear Coin Club information: write to P.O. Box 4744, Wilmington, NC 28406, or visit <https://www.lcfcc.org/>.

Washington and Oregon



The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) typically awards two ANA Summer Seminar scholarships each year – one to an adult, and one to a YN. This year's recipients both had a creative bent. Adult recipient Ed Fisher of Oregon studied "Hobo Nickel Carving," while YN Alex Mous of Washington studied "Intaglio Engraving." Both wrote interesting reports about their experiences for the PNNA's quarterly publication, *The Nor'wester* (cover image shown above). The full edition is available on the PNNA's website, pnna.org.

Panama

Numismatic Association of Panama –
Collections Fair XXIII 2019

by *Eduardo Lay Parra*, district representative and
Numismatic Association of Panama president

Collections Fair XXIII was held in Panama City, Panama, from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, at the Vasco Nuñez Convention Center of Balboa Hotel El Panamá. The theme of the fair was the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Panama City, 1519 to 2019.

The event was opened by the main sponsors, and by the National Bank of Panama, the Vice Minister of Tourism and the President of the Numismatic Association of Panama, Eduardo Lay Parra. Attendance exceeded 5,000. The two ANA DR's who participated were Jorge Proctor and Eduardo Lay Parra.



Photo: Ribbon-cutting ceremony in Panama City.

The numismatic exhibitions were of the first level, showing visitors some of the most complete numismatic collections of Panama from different collectors, valued at about \$2 million. These collections included:

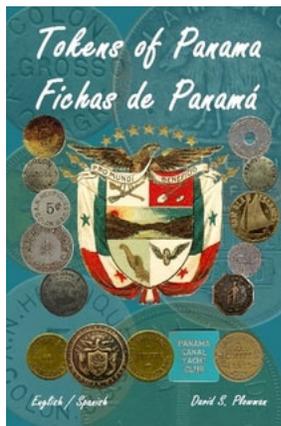
- A series of coins of Panama's first mint that lasted only three years, from 1580 to 1583.
- Rare and highly sought-after coins of the world.
- The entire series of coins from the Republican era of Panama in 1904.
- In its current circulation version, the collection of the Panama Gold Coins Test.
- An important token collection from the union of Panama to Colombia to more recent ones, including the very desirable tokens of Palo Seco (Leprosorio) of 1919, made with the endorsement of the United States to be used in the Hospital of Leprosario, built during the construction of the Panama Canal and in force until the mid-1950s.
- Unpublished collections of Panama banknotes, from the time of union with Colombia until the only issue that circulated in the Republican period.
- The dollar that circulates in Panama as a banknote, and fractional coins of both the U.S. and those made for Panama.
- A fabulous collection of Panama coin dies of the 1980s, when many of our coins for collectors were made by The Franklin Mint.

Other diverse items on display included:

- Star Wars, Lego and Robot Group memorabilia.
- A fabulous collection of old maps of Panama.
- Collections of 17th century ship models.
- Panamanian military-related collections.
- A collection built by modelers who design scale models of the ancient city of Panama, and
- A spectacular collection of eight classic cars.

This event has been organized each year to promote history and numismatic collecting. It was an event with more than 40 bourse tables, with great opportunities for all lovers of this fabulous hobby to acquire coins and banknotes from Panama, the United States, Colombia and the world in general, along with other collectibles. As always, this event was completely free for the public.

Parallel to the event, there was an academic seminar in which many important historians of the region participated, highlighted by Jorge Proctor, author of the important work on Panamanian colonial coinage, *The Forgotten Mint of Colonial Panama*. Also participating was recognized Colombian historian Jorge Becerra, who delighted attendees with a spectacular conference joining the great celebration of the 500-year anniversary.



Other important events at the Collections Fair included the launch of an important book, *Tokens of Panama* (or *Fichas de Panamá*) written by well-known numismatist and historian David Plowman, who after 28 years outside of Panama, decided to visit our country. His book is the most important work on Panamanian tokens—over 400 tokens are described in detail, almost all with photographs. There are many new discoveries and tokens never before

cataloged, and a price range is assigned to each item according to the most important auction records. The book had the participation of the most important collectors of Panamanian tokens, based in all parts of the world. (Cover image from [lulu.com](https://www.lulu.com), which has the book for sale.)

We also witnessed the launch of another important numismatic book, *Coins and Banknotes of Colombia*, written by Colombian historian Jose Pablo Hernández.

The event included an important auction with pieces highly coveted by collectors of the world, including an extremely rare 20 balboas ticket of 1941 (one previously auctioned by Heritage for \$37,000), the very rare test currency of Panama of 1904, 25C denomination (of which there are only 12 pieces known), and a very rare ½-real colonial coin from the Mint of Panama.

Specialty Clubs

The Elongated Collectors

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World's Fair of Money® Kept TEC Busy —

The Elongated Collectors (TEC) made their presence known at the show. From the club table to the exhibit floor to the meeting rooms, there was always something happening. The club table was not in the best of locations, but we still had steady traffic for the duration. The two show elongated designs – horizontal ANA and vertical TEC – were plentiful and we gave out over 10,000 coins to visitors. The designs were also available in six-coin sets and badges, of which both enameled and plain versions were worn by many. Contributions flowed in from our generous members, and these were distributed among goodie bags, the auction, or in the sale tubs. We were a Treasure Trivia stop, and about 200 YNs visited us to answer the question and get their prize. The table was staffed by President Cindy, VP Tyler, Secretary Terri, Editor Sandy, Governor Bob, Press Agent “The Other Bob,” and several members who donated an hour or two of their time.

There were seven exhibits featuring elongated coins, four in the Elongated class, one in Show Theme, and two non-competitive by different coin clubs. Four awards were given for these outstanding displays. Congratulations to Cindy (twice), Terry and Simcha.

The annual meeting saw 31 members and guests from around the nation. The new board was installed by Ray Dillard. A short educational presentation was given by member Burt on how he formed a regional elongated club in the 1970s. “The Other Bob” conducted the annual auction which netted over \$1,100. Members were asked to select the lots they were interested in buying, and these were called first to save time. The highlight was a copy of the reprint of *Yesterday's Elongateds* that was signed by all members visiting the table. It hammered for a significant sum. A slide show of items from the TEC archives was shown continually for the duration of the meeting.

TEC is on Facebook where there are several extremely active threads on varying topics. And our website sees a lot of activity too. The TEC Store is crammed full of elongated delights; visit it at <https://www.tecnews.org/store/>. Elsewhere on the website, you can engage in various ongoing discussions, see what is happening in the wonderful world of elongateds, and even join the funnest club in numismatics.



Photo: Cindy, Terri, “The Other Bob” and Tyler.

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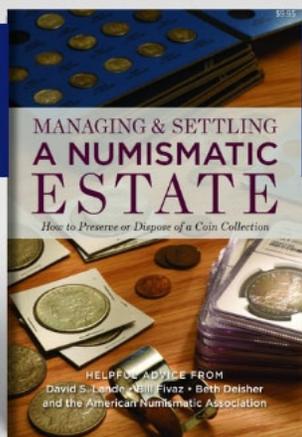
Editor’s Message by *Eric Holcomb*

Thank you for the submissions received; we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Please be sure to read the interesting club news, along with important ANA news and messages. I enjoyed seeing many of you in Chicago/Rosemont, and I might actually attend FUN in January for the first time.

Please remember to keep it concise — there is a strong tendency to keep writing, once you’ve started! You can include an online link to a more lengthy report about your (or your club’s) activities.

The next (1st quarter 2020) edition of *MintMark* is not far off. Start planning and writing now. Make it a *short* summary, with a photo or two, of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep. Program, or perhaps some special club milestone, award, etc.

Happy Holidays!



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