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ANA Convention Coverage

Can't be in Philadelphia? Connect with the ANA on social media for the next-best thing.

The ANA coverage team will be shooting pictures and videos, posting links to news stories and live tweeting from the World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia. Here's where you can keep up on all the coverage:

On Twitter, at www.Twitter.com/ANACoins and using hashtag #ANAShows. We'll be live-tweeting the Board of Governors open session as well as tweeting schedule reminders to help keep those in attendance apprised of when various events start.

On Facebook, at facebook.com/numismatics. We'll be posting pictures, videos and news updates throughout the course of the show.

On YouTube, at youtube.com/AmericanNumismatic. We'll be posting videos from the opening ceremonies as well as various video stories from the dealers and collectors in attendance. Go there now for a look at the 1792 Half Dime that was donated to the ANA late last year that is the centerpiece of the Museum Showcase.

On Pinterest, at pinterest.com/anacoins/. We'll be pinning photos there leading up to the show (check out images of some of the coins that will appear in the Museum Showcase, for instance) as well as during the show.

And lastly, go to worldsfairofmoney.com/live-coverage.aspx for a regular roundup of all of our coverage. If you're not a social-media person, this handy website will keep you up to date with photos, videos, tweets and much more. And no login is required.

Bill Fivaz first 'victim' of Summer Seminar roast

For the first time, Summer Seminar attendees were witness to scathing barbs, harsh jokes and general tomfoolery in an actual official setting. Bill Fivaz, a longtime instructor at Summer Seminar and a member of the Numismatic Hall of Fame, was honored as the roastee during the first-ever Summer Seminar Celebrity Roast.

Such numismatic heavy-hitters as Ken Bressett, Mike Ellis, David Sklow, JP Martin, Don Bonser and more were part of the panel. If you couldn't see it in person, the full hour-long video is now available on the ANA's YouTube channel, title "The roast of Bill Fivaz," [video code bGNxxE03Ako](#).

Money Talks presentations will be available online in late 2012

A wide range of Money Talks, the new name for presentations formerly known as Numismatic Theatre, will highlight the schedule for this year's World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia.

ANA staff will record all talks, which will be available as podcasts in late 2012. Select talks will also be made available as PowerPoint presentations, which clubs will be able to download for use in local presentations.

At the World's Fair of Money, these 30-45 minute presentations will cover a wide range of topics and are a chance for collectors to discuss their ideas and collections with the numismatic community.

Money Talks will serve as the umbrella term for all talks hosted by the ANA: From live presentations at the World's Fair of Money, National Money Show, and Summer Seminar; to audio tours in the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and the traveling Museum Showcase; and soon, to podcasts available on the ANA's website, www.money.org.

"We are fortunate to have so many first-class educational talks in Philadelphia," said ANA Education Project Manager Susan McMillan. "Through their presentations, our speakers are sharing their ideas, research, collections and passion for numismatics. We want to make sure their talks reach as many people as possible."

The name Money Talks is a tribute to the ANA's popular 1990s radio series of the same name, which aired on more than 550 stations in the United States.

National Coordinator Message

by *Oded Paz, ANA Club and District Representatives Program Coordinator.*

Dear ANA Club & District Representatives,

Another quarter has passed and here I am, writing to you again.

The Philly World's Fair of Money is almost upon us, and there's a lot to do and prepare ahead of time.

Will you visit the convention? Will you attend the District and Club representatives meeting?

The ANA Club and District Representative Meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, in room 107B of the convention center. I look forward to seeing as many club and district reps as possible!

There is SO MUCH to do at these conventions, besides the obvious buying and selling of numismatic items. The exhibitor showcase will have great exhibits, the museum showcase will have rarities that are rarely seen anywhere else, the lectures and presentations are very educational, some rare and not so rare coins will be auctioned off and there are also the club meetings and other great events.

Be well, and safe and happy coin hunting!

Thank you ANA and Denver

Reported by *John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.*

The American Numismatic Association National Money show was held May 10-12 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Attendance for the event seemed to be steady. Kudos' to Host Chair Chuck D'Ambra and his committee, the Denver Coin Club, ANA President Tom Hallenbeck and the Board of Governors, ANA Convention Staff headed by Rhonda Scurek, the National Volunteers, Exhibitors (including Museum Showcase participants), Judges, Numismatic Theater Speakers, top-notch PPI Security, the Kids Zone and Treasure Trivia volunteers, Scout Clinic, Convention Sponsors, dealer participants, excellent program and exhibit guide, superb PR and advertising, Elongated Collectors Table (Mother's Day Elongated and two others), coin club tables and the numismatic press.

Thanks also to the U.S. Mint, Treasury and Post Office, FedEx and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which had special show cards for sale and brought the spider press. Treasurer of the U.S., Rosie Rios, attended and signed autographs for close to three hours. Downtown Denver has several chain hotels near the convention center and the nearby 16th Street Mall has many fine restaurants and other attractions. Close by you will find the U.S. Mint and Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch.

The breakdown on Saturday had most of the ANA Staff, including many volunteers and ANA Governors, helping with this task. Thanks again to everyone who had a part in this successful convention. We look forward to seeing you at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia on August 7-11.

News and notes from Summer Seminar

The 43rd ANA Summer Seminar saw more than 400 students turn out for the two-week program despite some uncertainty from the nearby Waldo Canyon wildfire that spread into Colorado Springs.

The wildfire, which forced the evacuation of several Colorado Springs neighborhoods during Session I, never threatened the ANA Headquarters or the Colorado College campus where the courses took place. But the fire did cast a smoky haze over the city for several days, and several recreational tours near the burn area had to be cancelled for safety concerns.

Despite the campfire smell that permeated the air, the rest of Summer Seminar went off without a hitch. Highlights from Summer Seminar include:

- The two auctions raised a total of \$60,000 for the YN program, shattering the previous two-auction total of \$42,000.
- Two honorary doctorates in numismatics were awarded to Joe Boling and Peter Huntoon. Boling has been an instructor for 14 consecutive Summer Seminars. Huntoon has taught at the past 12 Summer Seminars and has authored hundreds of articles as well as three books on the subject of National Bank notes.
- Hannah Powell, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, was named the 2012 YN of the Year. Powell has a wide range of collecting interests and is currently collecting a note from every country in the world, building her MPC collection (especially with the number 6), as well as elemental coins from the periodic table. Powell's numismatic interest was on display with her high school prom dress, which was designed with coins sewed into the material.



Rod Gillis instructs ANA Young Numismatists during a lesson at the Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library at ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

Reported by Richard Jozefiak, District Rep.

The Madison County Coin Club held its first picnic and bourse night on Monday, June 25, outside of the Huntsville Senior Center. More than a dozen members and guests attended the event. Members brought food to share with their fellow collectors on the warm summer evening. A number of members also brought coins to sell and trade.



Photo: Activity at the Madison County Coin Club first picnic and bourse night.

California

Diablo Numismatic Society (Concord, CA)

For the fifth consecutive year, the Diablo Numismatic Society will donate a portion of its annual coin-show proceeds to a local food bank.

The annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show is the perfect place to get informal, free appraisals from more than 30 West Coast dealers. Admission to the show is \$3 and a portion of the proceeds is donated to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano counties.

The show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-14, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Doors open to the public at 10 a.m. each day.

“We are honored to support our local food bank” said James Laird, president of the nonprofit coin club hosting the show. “And we’re pleased to provide the community at large an easy way to learn the true value of their coins and collectables. The show is also educational and fun for the entire family.”

There will be drawings for valuable coins and other prizes. Boy Scout Troop No. 465 will host a youth exhibit that includes free coins for children.

Contact Bill Green of the DNS for more information at (925) 351-7605, or visit the club’s website at www.diablocoinclub.org. The show also maintains a Facebook page.

Florida

Summer FUN

Reported by Mark and Myrna Lighterman and John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.

We want to sincerely thank the Florida United Numismatists for setting up a table for the American Numismatic Association at its 6th Annual Summer FUN Convention held in Orlando, July 12-14. We were able to sign up about 20 members for the Association. A special thanks to David Amey for his \$100 donation to the ANA, part of which paid for the show kit to be sent to the convention.

FUN conventions are always “can’t miss” shows that have something for everyone, and we rate this one as outstanding. A large bourse, great Heritage auction, educational programs (videotaped by David Lisot) and exhibits, a nicely done program, lots of giveaways, numismatic publications, YN and Scout programs, PPI Security that is always the best, lots of hotels, attractions and restaurants nearby, coin club tables, a spacious and well-lit convention center, and the friendly FUN staff and their helpers always nearby to assist you.

The attendance appeared to be steady for the show. Several coin clubs and their participating members even had their trip paid for by FUN (which paid for the bus to bring them to the show and take them home). It was another very well-organized convention by the FUN Board, and we want to especially thank Convention Coordinator Cindy Wibker and President Tony Swicer. We look forward to next year’s Summer FUN which will be held July 11-13, 2013.

Brandon Coin Club

The next two Brandon Coin Club Coin and Currency Shows are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 25 and Oct. 20 at the Brandon Elks Lodge No. 2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, FL. There will be free coin grab bags for all children under 12. For more information, please contact Mark Palermo, PO Box 6768, Seffner, FL 33583, phone (813) 361-0740, email msentllc@tampabay.rr.com.

West Hernando Coin Club

The next WHCC Coin and Currency Show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Brooksville Elks Lodge No. 2582, 14494 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL. For more information, please contact Mark Palermo, PO Box 6768, Seffner, FL 33583, phone (813) 361-0740, email msentllc@tampabay.rr.com.

AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC and TN

Tony Swicer produces the “ANA Region 4 Newsletter” that summarizes the activities of a number of coin clubs in these seven southeastern states. For more information or to receive a copy of the newsletter, contact Tony at PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466, or email Swicer@comcast.net.

In his latest newsletter, Tony reports on an amazing 19 different coin clubs. In one example, Tony reports that the Palm Beach Coin Club (FL) “had a quiz of 10 U.S. Mint engravers matching the pictures with the names. (In) the second meeting they had a video of L.C. Swains Middle School coin club activities, including attributing, grading, and pricing world coins. PBCC supports the school with coins and supplies. Club members Charles Heck and Sandy Pearl have been nominated for the Numismatic Ambassador Award. Six more club members have started the ANA Diploma Program. Eighty club members were in attendance.”

Georgia (and regional)

Blue Ridge Numismatic Association

The Buzz is everywhere and spreading west to Texas, north to Baltimore, and all across the Southeast, but was first discovered in Orlando during the FUN show. It is not associated with the latest world news nor the neighborhood gossip, but a regional coin club.

Each year the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association has a club table at the FUN show and has supplied different types of advertising, such as pens and copies of original Whitfield County banknotes, with the convention information printed on the back. These banknotes have been a very popular item for the YNs and have a large amount of history for the adults. This is one banknote that was printed with a blank face – just right for advertising and history buffs.

This year, after several ideas, Ron Blackman, the editor of the *BRNA Journal* and also the organization’s webmaster, came up with the idea of a tri-fold brochure. The name of this tri-fold is *The Buzz*. This brochure contains information regarding the upcoming convention and also pictures from past conventions.

If you are attending a coin show in the area mentioned above, please look for *The Buzz* as it has a great supply of information concerning the BRNA.

Also visit the association’s website, www.brna.org, or Facebook page for information concerning its 53rd convention which will be held Aug. 17-19 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton.

The Buzz will be there not only in the paper form but with a sold out bourse floor with more than 300 tables.

Kentucky

Kentucky State Numismatic Association

The Kentucky State Numismatic Association (KSNA) and the Louisville Coin Club merged as of March 18. At a combined meeting the two groups voted to merge operations, effective immediately.

Club meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month (except December) at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY. The club will sponsor a major regional coin show Sept. 27-29 at the Hilton Garden Inn. For information about the show, contact John Bolly at (812) 945-3622. For information about the club, contact Rollo Fox at (502) 599-0598.

Maryland

Montgomery County Coin Club

by Simcha Kuritzky

The Montgomery County Coin Club has been providing members the new statehood and America the Beautiful quarters and presidential dollars at face value for the last few years, thanks to treasurer Simcha Kuritzky who works near the Mint Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Since the new dollars and now S-mint quarters are not available in banks but are sold at a substantial discount in bulk, MCCC has started buying boxes of the dollars and will buy bags of the quarters for resale to the members at a slight premium.

This is the type of service that is ideal for clubs, allowing members to pool their resources to make bulk online purchases from the Mint. The members get a better price than at most dealers, and the club gets a small income as well.

Mississippi

Mississippi Numismatic Association

The annual 51st MNA Coin Show and Convention will be held at the Desoto County Civic Center, 4560 Venture Dr., Southaven, MS, Oct. 19-21.

For information, contact Blake B. Rouleau, (601) 527-9340, or email rulobe@comcast.net.

Blake should also be contacted for information about the Meridian Area Coin Show, Meridian, MS, scheduled for August 4-5, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Nevada

Reno Coin Club

For National Coin Week this year Old Press #1 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City was minting medals under the watchful eye of Ken Hopple while David Elliott offered all the new dollar coins and national park quarters, featuring Chester Arthur and Chaco Park.

There was a display of ancient and obsolete U.S. coins as well as animal coins, foreign currency and Nevada coins, medals, and casino medals and chips. Foreign coins were free to all kids (and kids at heart) and we were pleased to have a Boy Scout troop come and earn their merit badges, as well as more than 100 fourth-graders, who learned about the history and process of making coins. The next minting and dollar exchange was scheduled for June 29 at the museum.



Photo: Boy Scouts and fourth graders visit the Reno Coin Club's educational display at the Nevada State Museum.

South Carolina

Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)

The May meeting's guest speaker was Robert Moon, who presented a program on "National Bank Notes." He gave a brief history of Charter National Bank Notes and displayed a number of rare large notes including some issued to South Carolina banks representing each charter. He also showed some examples of smaller notes that were introduced around 1929.

Arno Safran presented a program on "Collecting the U.S. Coins of 1875," the year his maternal grandfather was born. Also at the June meeting Chuck Goergen volunteered to take on the duties of club treasurer. The newly elected treasurer had resigned due to illness. V.P. Pat James, in addition to handling the duties of program chair, volunteered to take on the responsibility of publicity.



Photo: Robert Moon, guest speaker at the May Stephen James CSRA Coin Club meeting.

An ANA video, "Old Man Dodge and His Coins," was shown at the July meeting. As usual, several members presented "show and tells" at each meeting. Several of the club's members are planning on attending the ANA convention in Philadelphia in August.

The club will hold its next one-day show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the H.O. Odell Weeks Activity Center, Whiskey Rd. (Route 19s), Aiken, SC. The bourse chair is Steve Kuhl, (803) 645-1769, email sjcsracoclub@gmail.com, or visit the club's website at www.sjcsracc.org.

Tennessee

International Paper Money Show

Reported by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.

We want to thank show owner Lyn Knight, along with show chairman Doug Davis, for providing the ANA a free table at the 36th International Paper Money Show, held at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, on June 7-10. We were able to sign up 15 members and provide information regarding the Association and its upcoming coin conventions. Special thanks to Champion Stamp Company in New York for funding the shipment of the coin show kit.

The show once again had something for everyone. Outstanding exhibits, a major Lyn Knight Currency Auctions sale (of around 8,000 lots that were sold at the show and Internet auctions after the show), educational programs, club meetings, a huge diversified bourse covering all paper money, ephemera, stamps and post-

cards, grading services, *Coin World* and *Bank Note Reporter*, an SPMC breakfast, great security and a well-done program. We look forward to attending next year's show, June 14-16, 2013.

Washington

Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club

Solar viewers were available before the Tuesday, June 5 TLCC meeting so that members and guests could witness a rare astronomical event – the “transit” of Venus across the sun. A similar event was observed by Captain James Cook in Tahiti in June 1769, on his famous voyage that led to the discovery of Australia. Despite an unfavorable weather forecast, the skies cooperated enough for the event to be visible before the meeting and during the break. Todd Hughes presented the regular meeting program, about mint errors.



Photo: TLCC members Becky Alexander and Clint Johnston view the June 5 transit of Venus at the club's meeting location in Lakewood, Wash.

Canadian News

Ottawa Numismatic Society

At their May 28 meeting, members of the Ottawa Numismatic Society voted unanimously in favor of making the Society's award-winning publication, *moneta*, free for all to enjoy.

“The members felt it was important for the promotion of the hobby and numismatic education to make *moneta* available free to as many people as possible,” said Steve Woodland, the Society's president.

moneta was first published in 2010, and that same year won first place in the American Numismatic Association's Outstanding Local Numismatic Publication competition. “Coming in first among 500 competitors – in just our first year of publication – was a great achievement,” said editor-in-chief Serge Pelletier, “but given the amazing contributors we have, I was not entirely surprised.”

The magazine-format publication is profusely illustrated with large color images. While it is distributed electronically, it is designed to be printed. The ten issues of 2010 added up to 282 pages, while the 2011 issues totaled 376 pages. “And we have articles in both English and French,” Pelletier said.

“Given that we're the club that serves the Canadian capital, and that we have members from both sides of the Ottawa River (i.e., from Eastern Ontario and western Quebec), the membership felt it was essential to be bilingual,” said Woodland.

“During our first two years, the publication's content was, on average, 70 percent in English and 30 percent in French,” said Pelletier, “but this year, we're happy to say that we're fully bilingual at 50/50.”

Money collectors and numismatists are invited to read the publication on the Society's website at www.ons-sno.ca.

Specialty Clubs

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC>CC) concluded its 20th annual convention on June 23, held at the Southpoint Spa Hotel and Casino. It was a very successful convention.



Photo: Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the CC>CC annual convention in Las Vegas.

Photo Credit: Mr. Alan Schuyler.

The club reported almost 1,000 walk-in visitors and 375 pre-registrations for a total attendance of almost 1,400 despite the economy. Among the highlights were the banquet speaker, noted ADVANTAGE player and mathematics professor Dr. Eliot Jacobson. Also presenting at the educational seminars were Ralph Pollack, Charles Kaplan, Gene Trimble, Ed Hertel and Dr. David Schwartz of the UNLV Special Collections Library. The closing volunteer banquet speaker was Mark Hall-Patton, curator of the Clark County Museums and

frequent expert on the wildly popular “Pawn Stars.”

The show room floor was crammed with dealers and collectors for most of the three days the showroom floor was open and many, many purchases were made.

Next year’s convention has already been scheduled, once again at the Southpoint Spa Hotel and Casino. The dates are June 19-22, 2013. The public is invited on June 20, 21 and 22. Based upon the highly successful number 20, number 21 is going to be great.

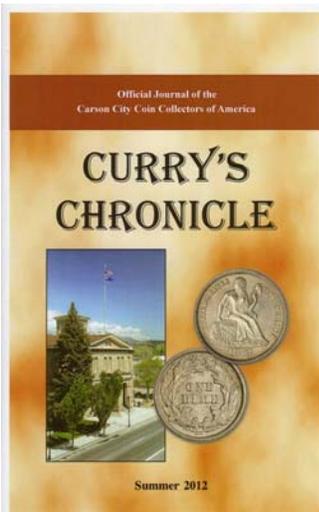
Casino collectibles continue to fascinate the public as exhibited by the tremendous number of walk-in registrations to a casino located quite far from the traditional Las Vegas “strip” or downtown.

Further information is available on the club’s website at www.ccgctc.com.

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

Contact: Marie Goe, PO Box 18040, Reno, NV 89511, email mariesgate@sbcglobal.net, phone (775) 322-4455, website www.carsoncitycoinclub.com.

In the summer 2012 issue of *Curry’s Chronicle*, the journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, preeminent numismatist Q. David Bowers presents an article titled, “An Appreciation of Carson City Coinage and the Battle Born Collection.” Bowers’ company, Stack’s Bowers, will auction the Battle Born Collection, only the second complete 111-piece set of Carson City coins ever assembled and owned by one person at one time, on Aug. 9 at the ANA’s World’s Fair of Money in Philadelphia. Club president Rusty Goe said he was honored when Bowers submitted his enlightening article. “Bowers has written about Carson City coins—in all of his books, articles, and auction catalogs—more than anyone in history,” said Goe.



his column, “Crane’s Carson Coin Corner,” how he just

Club member “Belay Off” contributed an article about his experiences in assembling a comprehensive set of Carson City coins in what he calls “single-digit condition (grades Poor-01 to VG-08).” Liberty Seated half dollar specialist Bill Bugert’s article describes a countermarked “CC” half dollar he found at an antique store. John Crane, an avid countermarked coin collector, shares in

missed getting a “CC” 20-cent piece with the name “Pratt” stamped on it.

Weimar White, who has submitted an article for all 26 issues of *Curry’s Chronicle* to date (from its inception in 2005), writes about his Uncirculated 1892-CC gold double eagle. Michael Parrott explains why the 1870-CC and 1873-CC examples are two of his favorite pieces in his complete 19-piece set of Carson City gold half eagles. Mark Archambault provides members with a progress report on his efforts to complete a 10-piece set of Carson City half dollars (1870-1878). Tom DeFina introduces his clever word-search puzzle with an essay about firearms from the Carson City Mint era. Goe’s article, “Climbing High – Toward a Complete 111-piece set of “CC” Coins,” profiles 10 collections (past and present) that came close to the ultimate mark, all of which ascended to at least the 100-piece echelon of Carson City coins.

The journal also includes information about two scheduled club meetings, one on Aug. 9 in Philadelphia, at which Goe will lecture on, “The 111-piece Set – A Gateway to the Discovery of Carson City Coins,” and one in Carson City on Aug. 24.

Original Hobo Nickel Society

The Original Hobo Nickel Society (OHNS) wishes to announce its upcoming 2013 auction of hobo nickels. This event will be held in conjunction with the society’s annual meeting which will take place on Jan. 12, 2013 at the F.U.N. Convention in Orlando. This annual event is the largest venue for the sale of high quality classic and contemporary hobo nickels.



Photo: One of the hobo nickels offered for sale in the Jan. 2013 OHNS auction.

To either consign hobo nickels to the auction or bid on them, you must be a member of OHNS. Annual dues are \$15. Besides being able to bid in the OHNS auction, members receive the club’s quarterly publication *BoTales*. Details can be found at the OHNS website www.hobonickels.org, or contact Ralph “Bazoo” Winter, home phone (734) 429-3743 or cell phone (313) 600-9347.

The OHNS also wishes to announce the recent election of Becky Jirka as club secretary, replacing the late Verne Walrafen.

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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; enough to fill this issue of *MintMark*. Many local clubs are active and thriving. I hope everyone can glean some ideas for your own future numismatic club activities.

I will see many of you in Philadelphia in August.

The 4th Quarter 2012 edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing your submissions now! Remember, I’m looking for a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program, perhaps with one photo.

If you 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.