Notes from Headquarters

Member clubs that need materials or assistance should contact Cary Hardy, Membership Manager, phone 800-514-COIN or e-mail hardy@money.org.

Get involved with National Coin Week, April 17-23, 2011

“Blue, Gray and Greenbacks” is the theme of 2011 National Coin Week, April 17-23. The event will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, which began at Fort Sumter, S.C. on April 12, 1861. Clubs can take a trivia challenge testing Civil War numismatic knowledge. Prizes include a Stone Mountain half dollar, two and three cent pieces, a set of Confederate notes and rare Civil War tokens.

Other activities include a video scavenger hunt and competition for students to create coin and note designs. Club resources are available on www.money.org, including a sample press release, proclamations, an interactive flier and online games. Clubs who get involved receive bookmarks, buttons and other promotional materials, and earn $5 off club dues. To register your club, call 719-482-9814 or e-mail ncw@money.org.

Updated Club Information Needed

The ANA’s goal for 2011 is to have all clubs listed in the online Club Directory. To achieve this goal, every club’s up-to-date information is needed. To obtain a club information form, call 719-482-9870 or visit www.money.org.
Club Tables for ANA Shows Available for $150

All ANA member clubs can purchase a booth at 2011 ANA conventions for just $150 in Sacramento, March 17-19; Chicago, Aug. 16-20; and Pittsburgh, Oct. 13-15. It’s a great way to raise club exposure and boost membership. To download a club application form, visit WWW.NATIONALMOONEYSHOW.COM or WWW.WORLDSFAIROFMONEY.COM.

2011 Summer Seminar: Don’t Miss Out!

Summer Seminar remains the best educational experience in numismatics. New courses in 2011 include Pictures from a Distant Country: The World of 19th Century America, Coin Carving 101: Creating the Modern Hobo Nickel, Finances of the American Civil War and Advanced Numismatic Digital Photography. Events include an overnight whitewater rafting trip on the Arkansas River, 4th of July fireworks & baseball, and BBQs to kick off both weeklong sessions. This year’s additions include a talent show and a series of roundtable discussions on Sunday nights.

YN Program Materials

From Walt Ostrombecki, ANA Governor and Youth Numismatic Educator

Louisiana dealer and YN booster Paul Hollis has a beautiful historical Lincoln card and $1 coin available for distribution for use in YN programs. It’s another of his great giveaways to help promote numismatics to youth and young non-collectors. Please contact him for quantity availability details as his supplies are limited. (At $1.00 each, your editor can understand why supplies are limited! Hollis’ previous YN offerings included a similar card, but with the 2009 Lincoln cents.)

Paul has provided these cards to every ANA YN on our membership roster, some 850+. Thank You, Paul! Please help spread the word, and e-mail him (paul@paulhollis.com) any notes and meeting photographs with youth when you distribute the cards!

Use Your Library: It’s as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Once you’ve started an online account, using the ANA Dwight N. Manley Library is simple. 1) Call or e-mail your request, or order from the online catalog. 2) We’ll send it to you and charge shipping costs to your credit card. 3) Enjoy the books for 6-12 weeks then ship them back. It’s that easy! Call 719-482-9821 to enroll, or sign up online.

Program News

Tony Tumonis has stepped down from the position of National Coordinator of the Club Representative Program. The Board and staff of the ANA thank Tony for his dedication and continued work in the program. Robert Fritsch has been appointed ANA Membership Committee Chairman. ANA President Clifford Mishler plans to appoint a new National Coordinator soon.

Money in Early America is one of 10 ANA Small Traveling Exhibits for clubs. To reserve an exhibit for your club, call 719-482-9828 or e-mail museum@money.org.
News from Around the Country

Region 4
AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC and TN

Tony Swicer produces an “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 e-mail Swicer@comcast.net.

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club by Richard Jozefiak

The Madison County Coin Club (MCCC) has released its 2011 program list, which includes a celebration of the club’s 10th anniversary and 100th meeting.

The MCCC meets at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center in Huntsville, AL. All meetings are free and open to the public, who may bring in coins, paper money, and similar items to any club meeting for free evaluation. For more information call Richard Jozefiak at 256-337-5092, e-mail ANALMRJ@gmail.com, or see http://mccc.anaclubs.org.

California

CSNA by Howard Feltham, Board Member

The California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) will conduct a free educational symposium on March 12, 2011 at the Long Beach Airport Holiday Inn (conference center) on Lakewood Blvd. Parking and attendance are free, with lunch available at a cost of $16.00.

The symposium speakers are Scott McNatt (World Currency), Brad Yonaka (Spanish Colonial Pillar Dollar), G. Lee Kuntz (U.S. Large Copper Cents), Walter Ostromecki (Money of the Afterlife) and Barry Stuppler (rare coin and precious metal marketplace).

There will be two open raffle items to all in attendance, one gold Mexican dos pesos, and a Silver Eagle. There will also be educational exhibits on display. For more information, e-mail Howard at hfelt@aol.com.

INSSD by Ken Spindler, President

The International Numismatic Society of San Diego, founded in 1962, has announced its meeting topics for 2011, which span practically the entire world, plus such topics as estate planning, exonumia and emergency money. The society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the North Park Adult Center in San Diego. For more information, visit the society’s web site at http://www.INSSD.org. Visitors are always welcome!

Colorado

Denver Coin Club by Theo Tozan, President

The Denver Coin Club, a life member of the ANA, celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Crowne Plaza-Denver, July 24, 2010.

Guest speaker was Tom Hallenbeck, ANA Vice President and owner of Hallenbeck Coin Gallery in Colorado Springs, CO. He gave congratulations and spoke of the forward momentum of coin collecting, the future of numismatics and clubs, and the future plans of the ANA in North America and the mints around the world. He inspires Young Numismatists at home and abroad with his enthusiasm and encouragement.

With over 70 members attending, the banquet proved to be quite the event. To commemorate the event, a wooden nickel was produced by Canada Wide Woods in Ontario, Canada (see photo above). In addition, proof U.S. nickels were encapsulated by ANACS coin grading service (Englewood, CO) with a custom label for the participants in attendance. Other contributors were Tozan.com and All C’s Coins & Collectibles in Aurora, Colorado.

The Al Muklebust Numismatic Ambassador Award for exemplary service and contribution to numismatics was presented to Mr. Howard Hinsey, a former president of the Denver Coin Club and a leading figure for the ANA’s 2006 World’s Fair of Money in Denver.

It was officially announced that as of Oct. 14, 2009, the Denver Coin Club is a Federally acknowledged 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, charitable-educational organization.

Anyone interested in the club’s activities or its commemorative wooden nickel should visit the club’s website at http://denvercc.anaclubs.org.

Florida

Central Florida Coin Club by Daniel R. Aidif, P.A.

The Central Florida Coin Club (CFCC) held their annual picnic in late October. There was great weather, great barbeque and great conversation!

CFCC also held their annual holiday party at the Amvets Hall in Sanford. A wonderful dinner was had by
all. Bob Wollnick was honored at the dinner with a plaque and proclamation showing the club’s appreciation for all the volunteer hours he has given to the club.

Two of our members won first place prizes for their exhibits at the FUN show: B.J. Neff for errors and varieties, and Zack Lauer in the YN category.

In February and March, CFCC will once again participate in the Creative Arts and Hobbies section at the Central Florida Fair. We will staff a booth during the hours that the Fair is open to the public, have displays and talk to attendees about coin collecting. For more information, e-mail Dan at daidif@earthlink.net.

Fort Myers by Gary Lewis, Club President

The Fort Myers Coin Club (FMCC) assisted The Salvation Army in the sale of seven gold coins (one St. Gaudens and six one-ounce Krugerands), a 10-ounce silver bar and two diamond rings that were generously placed in the kettles during the recent Christmas kettle drive. The coins and rings were on display at the Fort Myers Coin and Currency Show, January 22, 2011, and sealed bids on the coins were accepted at the show. The sealed bids will be opened on January 26 at The Salvation Army administrative offices. The proceeds from the sale will go towards furthering the mission of The Salvation Army. In addition the FMCC donated the profit from its coin show raffle to The Salvation Army.

Silver Sands Coin Club by Anthony Bedell, ANA Club Rep.

The Silver Sands Coin Club meets every 3rd Tuesday at the Hancock Building, 1022 W 23rd St, Panama City, FL. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. For more information, e-mail Anthony at abedell3@comcast.net.

West Hernando Coin Club by Mark Palermo

The West Hernando Coin Club has rescheduled its first coin and currency show of 2011. The new date is February 26, 2011, and the location is in Brooksville, FL. For more information contact Mark Palermo, PO Box 6768, Seffner, FL 33583, or e-mail MSENTLLC@Tampabay.rr.com.

Editor’s Note: ANA member clubs that conduct shows should seriously consider promoting the ANA and the hobby along with running the show. Contact the ANA for more information about how to request a “show kit.” Also keep in mind that the event calendar in The Numismatist is the primary means that the ANA helps publicize your club’s show. Only very limited show announcements can appear in MintMark, as this publication is not a show calendar, and the audience for MintMark (mostly club officers and club reps) are people who should already be familiar with coin shows in their geographic area.

Illinois

Lake County Coin Club by George Efsen

The Lake County (Illinois) Coin Club will have its 50th anniversary coin show on March 27, 2011. The show has also been designated as the First Annual Les Hannula Memorial Show. The show location is the Warren Township High School in Gurnee, IL.

For more information, call George Efsen, 847-244-5160, cell 847-975-5338, e-mail george.efsen@att.net.

Maryland

Montgomery County Coin Club by Jack Schadegg, President

The Montgomery County Coin Club (Maryland) recently conducted an auction of numismatic material donated by members to benefit the Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Silver Spring, Maryland. Auction proceeds and cash donations raised $820 to be used to advance the welfare of area youth.

For more information, contact Jack Schadegg, President, Montgomery County Coin Club, phone 301-738-5321, e-mail jack.schadegg@baesystems.com.

Michigan

Michigan State Numismatic Society

From: ANA President Clifford Mishler, National Volunteers Mark and Myrna Lighterman, and John and Nancy Wilson.

Re: Thank You Michigan State Numismatic Society, 55th Anniversary Convention

Dear MSNS Officers, Committee Members and Host Coin Clubs:

We want to sincerely thank you for once again providing a table for the ANA at your 55th Anniversary Fall Convention held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI on November 26-28, 2010. We were able to sign up close to 20 new members for the ANA, solicit donations and give out numismatic information. We had steady public traffic throughout the three days of the convention. We especially want to thank Mark Bevenuto, Ph.D., for his $25 donation to ANA, which paid for the shipping of the show kit.

What a great convention this was, that had something for everyone. A large numismatic bourse (in two rooms), educational programs, excellent exhibits, YN activities and lunch, coin club meetings, free numismatic literature, top notch security, free parking for everyone, outstanding pre-convention publicity, a 50th Tokens and Medals and 45th “Mich-TAMS” Anniversary Dinner, Ray Dillard’s elongated rolling machine,
non-denominational Sunday service, a well-done official program, a dealer/committee hospitality room, morning donuts and coffee for dealers, exhibitors, judges and committee workers, 55th Anniversary Awards Breakfast, and a great venue – The Hyatt Regency Dearborn. From the start to finish, this was an outstanding coin convention that would receive the highest grade.

{If you wish to see more of the letter, contact the editor or the authors, who look forward to the MSNS 56th Anniversary Convention, Nov. 25-27, 2011.}

Royal Oak Coin Club by Daniel Sheffer

The Royal Oak Coin Club of Royal Oak, MI will have their spring coin show Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Royal Oak Senior Center. The club named a new show chairman, Bill Ewald, for 2011. For additional information, contact Daniel Sheffer, e-mail dcoin_currency@sbcglobal.net.

\textbf{South Carolina}

\textbf{Myrtle Beach Coin Club by Ernie Turnes, Pres.}

The Myrtle Beach Coin Club is pleased to announce that the South Carolina Numismatic Association (SCNA) has named its club president, Ernie Turnes (pictured), Most Outstanding Numismatist of the Year for 2010. The award was presented at a breakfast in Greenville, SC on October 31, 2010, on the last day of the three-day SCNA convention/coin show. It was one of several awards given out at the breakfast, including the same award given to Randy Clark of North Charleston.

Cliff Mishler, president of the American Numismatic Association, was the featured speaker at the breakfast.

Every year the Myrtle Beach Coin Club donates monies from the club’s coin show to Meals on Wheels. 2010 was no exception, with the club donating $1,071.

2010 was another good year for the Myrtle Beach Coin Club (MBCC). Below are some activities and accomplishments:

- 30 new members joined the club. The October 5, 2010 meeting turnout was the biggest so far for a regular meeting, with 48 members and guests present.

- MBCC (along with MB Coin Exchange) donated $2,195 to Horry County Meals on Wheels, and MBCC made a $300 donation to the Grand Strand Senior Center, where the club meets (2010 was the first full year of meetings there).

- The club had its second Christmas dinner, with more than 50 members and guests attending.

- Planning began for the release of a medal in 2012 to mark the MBCC’s 50th anniversary.

- South Carolina Numismatic Association named a club member one of two “Most Outstanding Numismatists” for 2010.

In addition a number of other activities continued, including efforts to keep the club’s name visible in the local and numismatic press, and efforts to have an education segment at each meeting, with the first monthly meeting having a theme.

\textbf{Low Country Coin Club by Jim Barry}

The Low Country Coin Club (LCCC) of North Charleston, SC held its annual dinner and awards banquet on December 1, 2010. This was also the club’s 50th anniversary. Seventy-four club members and guests were in attendance.

The Dinner was held at Aunt Bea’s restaurant in the historic district of North Charleston, SC. Everyone in attendance was treated to a fabulous dinner of baked chicken, baked ham and fried flounder, with all the trimmings.

One year ago, the LCCC held a contest for members to design a 50th anniversary token with an obverse and a reverse. The winners were Tony Dantzler and Danielle Moore. The club had 100 tokens minted as one troy ounce silver rounds. Randy Clark presented the first of the tokens to Mr. Tyner (see page 6), and the next two to the winners of the design contest. Each member of the club during 2010 was given one token free as a memento of the club’s 50th anniversary. One hundred bronze tokens were also minted to be sold for $10.00 each.

The evening’s events also included an awards presentation. The LCCC presented a life membership to Mr. Arthur Darr. Arthur has worked for the good of the club in the area of young numismatists. Arthur has set up YN tables at the Charleston, Florence and Savannah shows and the SCNA shows in Greenville. Also the LCCC conferred its annual Numismatist of the Year award to Mr. Richard Smith. Richard has served as the club’s treasurer and assistant bourse chairman for the past three years and has been instrumental in the improvement of the club’s shows.
The keynote speaker was Eric Emerson, Ph.D., Agency Director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Mr. Emerson spoke on the SC bank notes discovered in the basement of the State House that were to be destroyed 100 years ago. He brought samples of each note for club members to view, and a five-pound sealed package not opened for 100 years. He explained the notes would be auctioned at the Heritage Auction in January at the FUN Show in Tampa, FL, and during a public auction to be held in April 2011.

A second speaker was Mr. A.E. Tyner, who is the last surviving founding member of the club. Mr. Tyner spoke of how the club started 50 years ago and how proud he was to see it doing so well. Mr. Tyner brought several items he donated to the club for its archives. Mr. Tyner also presented Randy Clark, current president, with the original club gavel he used as president from 1963 to 1970. He said he hated to turn over the gavel but knew it would be in good hands.

The evening was capped off by a talk from The Honorable Keith Summey, Mayor of North Charleston. He spoke of how the city was growing but retaining its small town charm. He spoke of how good it was to see clubs coming together for a common interest.

Photo: Bill Latour, Vice President; Mayor Keith Summey; Randy Clark, President.

Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)
by Jim Barry

At the November meeting, SCNA Past President, Jim Barry, presented club president Steve Kuhl, third place winner of the October SCNA Convention drawing, with a sheet of uncut 1873 State of SC bond scrip.

Club member Chuck Goergen presented a program on “Spanish Colonial Cobs and the Treasure Ship Nuestra Senora de Atocha.” Chuck received a certificate of appreciation for his program.

The club’s holiday dinner was held on December 2, 2010 at Houndslake Country Club.

South Dakota
Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club
by Robert Maisch

The Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club (BCCSC) of Mobridge, South Dakota was organized on April 17, 1958. The club became a member of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association in April 1958 and the American Numismatic Association in January 1959.

The club conducts its annual show in October on the Sunday following the opening weekend of South Dakota pheasant hunting season. The club is known for its spirited auctions of coins, stamps and tokens. Since 1958 only one year was missed -- that being 1960.

The BCCSC has hosted the South Dakota State Association shows on six separate occasions. It has also conducted an auction for the state group and will do so again for the state show in Aberdeen, South Dakota on April 30 and May 1, 2011.

The Club meets on the first Thursday of the month from September through May. It also hosts two social events: In January, club and family members gather for an evening dinner, exchange gifts and enjoy a pleasant get-together. In August members and family again gather for a barbeque picnic in the city park.

Club members really participate in National Coin Week. There are exhibits in the Dacotah Bank, Great Western Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Klein Museum (if open), A.H. Brown Public Library and last year also at the Mobridge Chamber of Commerce office. There were so many volunteer exhibitors that exhibits doubled up at some locations. The club has members that appear on radio shows, write press releases and give talks at schools. The club also conducts local contests in conjunction with the ANA contests. There have been trivia contests and even a riddle last year that was distributed at exhibit locations, at the local nursing home, church groups and even read during two radio programs. Prizes were all donated by club members. Last year the BCCSC won a proof set in the ANA’s Club Challenge Contest, and this proof set will be one of the prizes in this year’s local National Coin Week contests.

As an ANA member club the BCCSC has utilized the ANA for educational slide and VHS tape programs, used the Hobo Nickel traveling exhibit and purchased books for donation to the local library. Over the years books on coins, stamps, tokens and paper money have been donated to the local public library. Monetary gifts have also been given to the library, hospital and one to help with a bone transplant operation.

As with other clubs in the nation the club has not been able to develop an organized junior group. The interest is there; as an example, one club member family gives Halloween “Trick or Treaters” the option of
The club’s annual Christmas raffle was a huge success. Dave Hunsicker, who brought in a wide variety of prizes, took in so much money for tickets that everyone at the party was able to get at least one prize. Some folks even got cash back!

President Jeff Keough posted pictures from the party on both the homepage and club news page of the club’s website, http://waukeshacockinclub.com.

International

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada by Roger Grove

The Edmonton Numismatic Society (ENS), with over 100 members, has proven to be Western Canada’s largest and most dynamic numismatic collector club. The club wanted to give something back to the public and improve the club’s offerings to members in 2010.

Last summer, the club set into a partnership with the TELUS World of Science to take part in their travelling display, the Sultans of Science. The ENS put on an eight-case display of “Coins of the Muslim World,” meant to augment the major attraction. Club volunteers put on the display as well as staffed it during busy periods to answer questions from the public.

Each year the club hosts two coin shows and sales (spring and fall). Each show offers a free appraisal table for the public to bring in their items to find out everything from their worth to their history. As always the appraisal service was very well received and resulted in many new acquisitions for dealers. Each show draws more than 35 dealers from across Canada. The club’s latest show in November saw a record attendance with over 1,000 patrons. This effectively puts the ENS event as one of the largest coin shows in the country.

The ENS offers many benefits to its members, including a volunteer recognition program, called “Go for the Gold.” The program has three categories of volunteers – general club volunteers, volunteers or submitters of articles for the club’s publication The Planchet, and executive volunteers. Any active member who receives status as a volunteer under any or all of the categories will receive one silver Maple Leaf for each category. In the December general meeting, draws are held from all volunteers for gold coins (the more a member volunteers the more times their name gets entered into the draws). In December 2010 two gold sovereigns were awarded, one to Pierre Driessen and one to John Callaghan. John Callaghan was also the recipient of the Wray Alton award for unsurpassed dedication to the club in the calendar year.

To experience the ENS and what they have to offer, check out www.edmontoncoinclub.com, or e-mail the club’s ANA representative, Roger Grove, at editor_ens@yahoo.ca.
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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

I’ll look forward to seeing many of you in Sacramento, which is only a day’s drive from my home in Bend, Oregon!

This time we filled up the pages with your reports and club information. Thank you very much, and I hope everyone can glean some ideas for future club activities.

The 2nd Quarter 2011 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 and online calendars, please e-mail magazine@money.org well ahead of time.