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National Coordinator Message

by *Richard Jozefiak*, ANA national club coordinator,
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The annual ANA District and Club Representatives meeting was held on Aug. 18 during the ANA World's Fair of Money® in historic Philadelphia, Pa. More than 30 people attended the breakfast meeting, including ANA President Gary Adkins and ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick. Some highlights from the meeting:

- Congratulations to Brett Irick for receiving the ANA District Representative of the Year Award. Brett's district areas are Michigan and Canada. He is very involved in a number of numismatic organizations, and has contributed to the District Rep program for many years. Thank you Brett for your many years of service.
- ANA President Gary Adkins spoke at the meeting about the value of the program to the ANA and his continued support for the program.
- ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick spoke about the contributions the District and Club Reps make for the ANA and the hobby.
- When you sign up a new ANA member, please always write in your name and ANA membership number in the "sponsor" section of the membership form. This information is recorded by the Membership Department at ANA HQ, and helps identify which ANA program is bringing in new members.
- Eric Holcomb, *MintMark* editor, discussed the increase in the number of articles being submitted to the *MintMark* for publication and the excessive length of some articles. The purpose of the *MintMark* is to allow clubs and organizations to tell what they are doing for the ANA and the hobby, e.g., major accomplishments, awards, new ideas and the like. Please keep it short!

There will be an ANA District and Club Representatives meeting from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the FUN Show at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla. I have already received the meeting confir-

mation from Cindy Wibker, FUN convention coordinator. Please plan to attend the meeting if you are at the FUN Show or in the area. Tiffanie Bueschel, ANA club coordinator, will be contacting you about attending the meeting. The meeting will be over before the opening of the show on Saturday.



Tiffanie Bueschel (L) standing with ANA President Gary Adkins (R, standing) speaking at the annual District & Club Rep meeting on Aug. 18.



District & Club Rep annual group photo, taken on Aug. 18 in Philadelphia.



Eric Holcomb, ANA MintMark editor, discussing inputs to the publication.

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 ANA coin clubs, ANA members and the general public.

Thank You from ANA Club Coordinator

by Tiffanie Bueschel, ANA club coordinator

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

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

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

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

ANA Educating Young Students with Educational Kits

Adopt-A-School Program Introduced

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

The Adopt-A-School program consists of educational kits to be used in a classroom setting. Parents,

district representatives or club members can “adopt-a-school” and use the kit to teach students about the importance of numismatics while adhering to the educational curriculum.

Various lessons included in the kit are geared toward different age groups, from upper elementary grades to high school. The education kit provides lesson plans that could easily fit into a classroom schedule, meet a teacher's goals and provide a more in-depth look at numismatics for the kids.

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

Adopt-A-School kits are available for free to ANA member clubs – one kit per ANA club upon request. The kits can also be purchased for \$24.95, postage paid.

For more information or to order a kit, contact Tiffanie Bueschel at tbueschel@money.org or call (719) 482-9816.

Over 1,700 Kids Participating in ANA's Coins For A's Program

For five years the American Numismatic Association has offered a program to young, budding numismatists called Coins for A's. The program encourages students from kindergarten to high school to achieve 3 A's during their marking period in return for a free coin and a one-year digital membership to the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

Today, there are more than 1,700 kids participating, working to achieve A's in their classes. Students from virtually every state—Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Georgia and Colorado being big contributors—are taking part to earn their coins.

“About a quarter of the children who participate are home-schooled,” said Rod Gillis, ANA education director. “The ANA is very proud of our commitment to home schoolers.”

The ANA digital membership provided to program participants includes access to the online version of the monthly hobby magazine, *The Numismatist*.

Kids interested in taking part in Coins for A's should send a copy of their most recent report card to: Rod Gillis, Education Director, American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, or email the report card to rgillis@money.org.

For more information about the Coins for A's program or any of the other young collector programs offered by the ANA, contact Rod Gillis at rgillis@money.org or call at (719) 482-9845.

2019 ANA Shows

Mark your calendar for the 2019 National Money Show® in Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 28-30), and the 2019 World's Fair of Money® in Rosemont, Ill. (August 13-17). These events offer access to hundreds of dealers, spectacular exhibits, entertaining and informative educational programs, and fun family activities.

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Mentors Encouraged to Join ANA's Diploma Program

Chance for Experienced Collectors to Pass on Knowledge

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) offers individuals the opportunity to discover and explore the world of money by enrolling in the School of Numismatics Diploma Program.

Those who complete correspondence courses, hands-on seminars or a combination of the two, can receive a "Numismatic Scholar" certificate. There is a final exam that consists of an extensive 200-question written test covering information from all of the correspondence courses. Students embark on an exciting and

rewarding journey while acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to appreciate and enjoy the hobby.

While students take part in the program, they can request a mentor to help answer numismatic-related questions they may have. It's the mentor's responsibility to help guide students through the courses. The ANA is currently looking for mentors to apply to the program.

Qualifications to be a mentor for the Diploma Program include:

- Experienced background in numismatics
- Be available to answer emails and occasional phone calls
- Graduation from the ANA Diploma Program not required but encouraged

Correspondence courses include "Introduction to Numismatics," "Grading U.S. Coins Today," "Detecting Counterfeit & Altered U.S. Coins" and more. In-class courses may be used as substitutions for required courses. All students are required to be ANA members to complete the Diploma Program.

To enroll as a student or mentor, or for more information, contact Suzanne Seyfi, ANA education assistant, at (719) 482-9829 or email her at sseyfi@money.org.



THE ANA WANTS YOU

to provide a theme for the
2019 NATIONAL COIN WEEK,
April 21-27

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 16

SUBMIT NOW!

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the moon landing! The 96th annual National Coin Week will focus on discovery, invention and innovation. Theme submissions should reflect this focus.

The ANA member who provides the winning theme will receive a 2018 American Eagle silver one ounce proof coin.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, ANALMRJ@gmail.com

Congratulations to *MCCC Newsletter* Editor Harold Fears. The ANA awarded the *MCCC Newsletter* second place in the 2018 annual ANA Publication contest, electronic club publication category. Harold has won an ANA local club publications award a number of times since he became the club's editor in 2005.



Harold Fears with the 2018 ANA 2nd Place Publication Award.

Arizona

Tucson Coin Club

The Tucson Coin Club held a coin show on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Fraternal Order of the Police located at 3445 North Dodge Blvd. in Tucson, Ariz. The show hours were 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission and parking were free. The club's shows typically feature 35 tables of dealers with U.S. and world coins and paper money, tokens, medals, gold and silver, and numismatic supplies. Free appraisals are offered on many numismatic items, either by club members or selected dealers.

The show was followed by an Oct. 23 club meeting, at which Terry Caldwell spoke about "Classic and Modern Commemoratives."

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

California

California State Numismatic Association

The CSNA 136th Convention and Coin Show is set for Dec. 14-16 at the Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 West Duarte Rd., in Arcadia, Calif. The show opens at 1 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Info.: Howard Feltham, phone 310-850-9860, email: hfelt@aol.com, website: calcoin.org.

We encourage everyone to attend the show and most importantly, bring your children and grandchildren. Our children are the future of our hobby. Children 15 and under are admitted to the show for FREE.

Educational Exhibits Needed for Show

Once again, we have started having Educational Exhibits with awards presented to first and second place and a Best-in-Show Award. We are asking exhibitors to set up Friday by 1 p.m. Start putting your exhibits together now, whether coins or currency or books or research. We hope to see you there. Questions: contact Dennis Hogan, hogandjp@yahoo.com or 951-551-0338.

CSNA Sponsored Awards

New this year after an absence are the following award programs:

- CSNA Club of the Year Award
- CSNA Numismatist of the Year Award
- CSNA Publication of the Year Award

Go to calcoin.org (homepage) to download award applications. All programs were extended to an Oct. 31 deadline.

Awards will be presented at the convention on Saturday, Dec. 15. Questions regarding awards can be submitted to:

Phil De Augustino at augustino1@gmail.com, or

Dennis Hogan at hogandjp@yahoo.com.

The California Numismatist Wins First Place

Congratulations to Greg Burns and the many contributors to TCN for winning the first-place award in the ANA's Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication contest. This makes 13 years of placing, missing only 2016.

The CSNA needs a replacement reporter to handle club reports for Northern California. Our thanks to Lila Anderson for the great job she did. For questions, or to volunteer, contact Editor Greg Burns, email gregburns@gmail.com.

CSNA Help Needed

Your help is needed to support our organization. It only takes a few hours, two or three times a year. For information on helping, contact Joyce Kuntz, email joycemedals@aol.com.

Northern California News

by Michael S. Turrini, district representative

The next local coin club show where Michael Turrini will staff an information table is:

Feb. 17, 2019, the Cupertino Coin Club's Forty-Seventh (47th) Annual Show, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Church Hall, 10110 North DeAnza, (off the corner of DeAnza and Stevens Creek), in Cupertino, Calif. All ANA members are welcome to say hello. As usual, Turrini's "combination table" will double as the show's youth table.

Lee H. Gong (1950-2018)

Among the most devoted and well-known error coin scholars, Lee H. Gong, of Santa Rosa, Calif., passed away suddenly on Sept. 21.

A lifelong resident and respected local businessman in Santa Rosa, Lee was an active representative program participant in the 1990s. His major devotion was to CONECA, the Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America, and his beloved Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Coin Club.

Lee had an intense belief in the grass roots of our hobby, the local coin club, arguing that it is the most common venue for novice entrants into our world of money. His devotion to the Redwood Empire Coin Club, and its consistently growing membership, is evidence of his belief. R.I.P., Lee.

Diablo (Concord/Walnut, Calif.) Numismatic Society

This society has relocated its monthly third Thursday meetings to the Concord Museum and Event Center, 1928 Clayton Road, downtown Concord, Calif. The society continues a quite active schedule with emphasis on numismatic education, urged by its current Vice President, Robert E. Luna, who advocates education as our hobby's best asset.

Herbert Miles

After many years in the San Francisco Bay area and now retired, Herbert Miles has relocated to Southern California to be closer to family, including his children and grandchildren. Herb was a mainstay with the distinguished Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and Alameda Coin Club. He was often a guest speaker on diverse topics. Herb's devotion was intense. Before his departure, the Northern California Numismatic Association honored him with a President's Medal and the Alameda Coin Club bestowed the coveted Donnell Award.

Young Numismatist on the Rise

Matthew Malvini, age 18, a recent high school graduate now enrolled at San Jose State University, has carved a niche in our hobby with his searching of coin rolls. His discovery of a Civil War Wisconsin token was reported

in *Numismatic News* and the *NOW News* of the Numismatists of Wisconsin. With a 4.00 GPA in high school, he constructed a device to clean shoes without any water or mess! Matthew remains an active participant with his home coin club, the aforementioned Cupertino Coin Club. Hopefully, Matthew will assist me at the club's show in February. Best wishes, 'kid!'

Updates and Notices

Fellow ANA Members seeking information about Northern California local coin clubs can inquire at either EMPERORI@juno.com or dlhcoins@gmail.com.

Observations for Fellow District Volunteers

After well over a decade staffing and setting up my combination table at local coin shows, these suggestions might prove valuable or useful to fellow volunteers.

First, your table, a full eight feet or more, should be prominent at or near the show's entry. Being buried within the bourse floor or against a back wall near only the restrooms is ineffective.

Second, your table needs to be inviting. Use a nice and colorful table cloth or covering. Have information neatly arranged. My preference is desk trays, to keep information organized. Avoid eating or allowing congregating at the table.

Third, your table needs attractors: something to draw passers-by. Our association once had portable banners. I lay out some odd and curious money.

For example, some years ago, in my simple display was a large size Russian-era Czarist rouble banknote; it was large — an easy attraction. An older gentleman and his adult son walked by, noticed the note and spoke in Russian. The older gentleman identified the note as a forgery printed by the Bolsheviks to discredit the Czarist regime. I learned something, and they paused, allowing conversation to spark.

Fourth, you need to be at eye level with show visitors. Sit on a stool or elevate your chairs. Avoid looking up. Also, have chairs in the front for someone to sit and converse.

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) advocates its information/recruitment tables be bar/countertop height, with NMRA representatives standing or seated on stools, with a large background sign. The space under the bar/countertop would be for literature and handouts.

Fifth, your table needs to offer more than ANA recruitment. This is my approach, combination: youth, local coin club fliers, show fliers, complimentary brochures from the U.S. Mint and the Professional Numismatic Guild (PNG). The latter is readily available, just for the asking. Many inquiries at my combination table have little initially to do with the national ANA. But, to answer or to provide information offers a lead-in to the ANA. Again, as I have preached before, "rising tides raise all ships," or simply stated, *collaboration*.

I welcome comments and enjoy exchanges with fellow volunteers in regard to what is effective, or any suggestions as to what is good and what is, well, not so good. Email EMPERORI@juno.com or write to: PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590-0410.

Extending this welcome, those district volunteers who have commitment and involvement with other hobbies and avocations might have some observations how these hobbies and avocations recruit, retain and reinstate members. We can learn from our compatriots in the collecting world.

Numismatic Association of Southern California
by Walt Ostromecki

Scouts help make Golden State Coin Show 'Golden'

The Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), in conjunction with the sponsorship of the ANA, hosted its ninth annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS) in Arcadia, Calif.

Fifty-four scouts (both boys and girls, as shown in the photo) from 11 districts in southern California participated in the event. The workshop was facilitated by BSA Western Los Angeles Council Executive, certified merit badge counselor and ANA past president, Walt Ostromecki; Orange County Council Executive and Scoutmaster, Albertus Hoogeveen and Greater Los Angeles Area Council Scoutmaster and merit badge counselor, Marc Mussman.



NASC President Mike Kittle commented, "NASC is committed to reaching out to and attracting new collectors into the coin hobby. Our yearly show scout workshops are one of the best avenues we have at attracting and connecting both next generation youth and adults with and into the numismatic hobby. Our 2018 outreach and education program added a special golden touch to our coin show."

Following the merit badge workshop, scouts were treated to a special fun hands-on activity, a **penny search**. Don Berry, GSCS show chair, emptied out a couple of large bags full of circulated miscellaneous date Lincoln cents on two eight-foot tables. Each scout was provided, courtesy of the NASC, a set of three Whitman Bluebook Lincoln cent albums dating from 1909 to 2000.

Scouts were shown by Mr. Berry how to properly insert the cents into the albums before embarking on a

Lincoln cent search adventure for dates and mintmarks to fill the coin folder holes. Then the excitement and fun of the hunt began as roughly two dozen scouts descended on the two huge piles of coins with magnifying glasses in hand. It was rumored that a 1914-D was added into the mix of approximately 7,500 cents.

The NASC and the ANA also provided each attending scout and scout leader with free one-year on-line memberships to the *California Numismatist* and *The Numismatist*. Seventy-two were donated and dispensed. "This courtesy is designed to further and bolster interest in the coin collecting hobby and foster growth and promote the value of membership in coin clubs and organizations," noted Berry.

On Saturday evening, the NASC held its annual awards and dealer appreciation catered barbeque dinner in the kitchen area at the back of the bourse room. Thirty-seven dealers, current and past NASC officers and guests attended. NASC board member John Duff took on the dual role of emcee and award presenter.

The Richard P. Goodson Award, NASC's highest distinction honor for dedicated service over many years to the association, went to a shocked and surprised Don Berry, current vice president. Speaker of the Year honors were bestowed upon Gregg Bercovitz. Outstanding 2017-18 club newsletter awards were presented to: 1st place, Hemet Coin Club, Jim Phillips, editor; 2nd place, Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Bob Thompson, editor; and 3rd place, Bay Cities Coin Club, Bernie Malis, editor.

ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki recognized *The California Numismatist*, Editor Greg Burns, as the ANA's 1st place winner for Regional Numismatic Publication, for the 12th time out of the last 13 years. He then presented the ANA's 3rd place certificate award for outstanding local coin club newsletter to Hemet Coin Club Editor Jim Phillips. One NASC member, Dr. Sol Taylor, an NASC past president, was re-feted as a 50-year member.

The annual NASC member club Nona G. Moore benefit gold drawing, with 25 gold coin prizes, took place on Sunday afternoon. Eighteen of the 21 member coin clubs sold a record \$4,560 worth of tickets and retained one-half the sales amount for their individual treasuries. NASC made a profit of \$753 from the sale.

"Overall, most dealers were very satisfied with sales during the NASC's first expanded three-day show. The ANACS table, which is a great public and hobby collector draw feature, did an exceptional volume of business on both Saturday and Sunday," said Mike Kittle.

Plans for the 2019 NASC Golden State Coin Show, which will again include a Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop, ANACS onsite grading, hands-on youth activities, Kids Zone and more is scheduled for Aug. 22-24, 2019, at the Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 E Duarte Rd., Arcadia, Calif. Bourse information can be obtained from Don Berry, email dberry@pressedsales.com.

Additional information about the NASC and its various educational outreach activities and programs can be viewed on its website, nasc.net, or by contacting corresponding secretary, Harold Katzman, PO Box 3382, Tustin, CA 92781-3382. Both online and hard copy mailed *TCN* memberships are offered.

The NASC is a California non-profit organization founded in 1954 to educate, enhance collector knowledge and grow and serve as a valued numismatic resource for all ages and levels of hobbyists and clubs in southern California.

Covina Coin Club

For the club's Oct. 17 meeting, club members were invited to attend a presentation by Brad Yonaka, who just published a new book on the topic of *Real Coins from South of the Border*. Attendees could have their Spanish colonial Reales pictured in future editions, by bringing them for Brad to photograph.

Contact Information: c/o Dennis Rocklein, PO Box 446, Duarte, CA 91009; email: drocklein@gmail.com.

Long Beach Coin Club

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

At the club's Sept. 10 meeting, the program was "Hobby Trends at the 2018 World's Fair of Money." David Schwager discussed the recent ANA convention in Philadelphia, relating aspects of the show to hobby development.

Dedicated "show and tellers" were happy to hear that the club had another extended "show and tell" program in October. Club members were advised to "keep it lively, but feel free to talk a little longer."

Meetings are held the first Monday of every month, including Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Millikan High School cafeteria.

Club information:

David Schwager, davidschwager@hotmail.com.

Connecticut

Mansfield Numismatic Society Boosts NENA's Young Numismatists Program

Recently, and for the second year, the MNS from Mansfield, Conn., voted to support Young Numismatists (YNs) in a variety of positive ways!

Although the MNS is over a two hour drive from the nearest YN program sponsored by the New England Numismatic Association (NENA) in Manchester, New Hampshire, the MNS voted to accept applicants for a scholarship to the NENA program and to subsidize the travel expense involved to attend the program. A sufficient amount of money per approved applicant will be awarded. Although we are looking for youngsters from our own club, we may also accept YN applicants who are members of other NENA clubs.

In addition to the scholarships, we will be boosting Boy and Girl Scout interest in coin collecting. A stipend to cover food, travel expense and spending money will be given for up to six scouts and a driver to make a day trip to Manchester to attend this popular program.

The NENA YN programs run by Richard Hand are held twice a year at the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester, and it is the intention of the club to sponsor YNs during one of these conventions. The next convention for which we will consider applicants is the Fall Expo on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, with the actual program held on Saturday, Nov. 10. Contact us or look in the pages of *NENA News* for an application form.

Lastly, the MNS voted to donate \$250 to NENA to use as it sees fit to enable the success of the YN program, and hopes that other clubs and/or individuals in the region will follow this initiative in some manner in the quest to involve more young people in numismatics. We think it will be money well spent!

For more information about our initiative and how your club can make an impact with your local YNs, please contact us at oldmoneyinfo@yahoo.com, or at PO Box 33, Storrs, CT 06268.

Florida

Brandon Coin Club

by Jack Iaci, secretary

The Brandon Coin Club's final coin and currency show of the year was held on Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All of the club's shows are held at the Brandon Elks Lodge, just off SR-60 in East Brandon at 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla. BCC show dates for 2019 are Mar. 30, Jun. 15 and Nov. 2.

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

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

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

Coin Club of Pasco County

The Pasco Coin & Stamp Expo, sponsored by the Coin Club of Pasco County, was held on Sat. Oct. 13 at the New Lakes Regency Park Civic Association, 8330 Civic Dr., Port Richey, Fla. Coins, currency, bullion and jewelry items were bought, sold and appraised. Attendees could register to win a one-ounce U.S. Silver Eagle. There was free admission and free parking, and a food vendor was on-site selling lunch items.

Info: Call Chuck at (727) 534-7597.

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Idaho

Coeur d'Alene Coin Club

by Michael Teague, secretary/treasurer

The Coeur d'Alene Coin Club held its annual elections at the club's Oct. 2 meeting. The newly elected officers are: President, Pete Slauson; Vice President, Richard Price; Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Teague; and Bourse Chair, James Dhal.

Many thanks to our outgoing officers who dedicated many years of service to the club: Emil Torp as President, Ron Hagen as Vice President, Cindy Gruhot as Treasurer, and Shanna Torp as Bourse Chair.

Illinois

Elgin Coin Club

by Howard Curtis, vice president

The club's fall show was held on Oct. 28 at the Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd., Elgin, Ill.

Information:

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

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

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

Maryland

Maryland State Numismatic Association

by Bryce Doxzon, MSNA secretary

The MSNA coordinated and completed a day trip to the ANA convention at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia on Friday, Aug. 17. A rented passenger van filled with Maryland coin club members went to several pickup points in Montgomery County and Baltimore County early Friday and returned Friday evening.

The following MSNA coin clubs participated and were represented on the day trip: Bowie Coin Club, Carroll County Coin Club, Catonsville Coin Club, Chesapeake Coin Club, Montgomery County Coin Club and the Washington Numismatic Society.

Riders enjoyed a full day of numismatic fellowship discussing type coins, mintmarks and a wide variety of other hobby topics while transiting up and back – and enjoyed the low-cost opportunity to visit and shop the ANA convention bourse or attend the variety of educational talks offered in the convention meeting rooms.

Also, MSNA will sponsor an exhibit competition at the Whitman Baltimore Coin and Collectibles Expo, Feb. 28 to Mar. 3, at the Baltimore Convention Center. Anyone wishing to place an exhibit in this competition may contact Exhibits Chairman Bryce Doxzon at beedolf33@gmail.com for exhibit rules and an application.

New Hampshire

NENA Convention Activities Planned

by Bob Fritsch

The New England Numismatic Association (NENA) will hold its 74th Conference and Convention Nov. 9-10 in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo in Manchester, N.H. This two-day event features competitive exhibits, speakers, a "Whatzit" table, YN (Young Numismatist) activities and exhibits, an ANA table and an exhibiting workshop. Activities will culminate Saturday afternoon with our annual meeting, installation of officers, a short talk about the 2018 medal theme and exhibit awards. Everybody is invited to attend and participate.

The 2018 medal features Henry Opukahaia, a Hawaiian who inspired the first missionaries to travel to Hawaii following schooling in Connecticut. This set is jointly produced by NENA (antique bronze finish) and the Big Island Coin Club in Hawaii (antique silver finish). BICC has odd-numbered sets and NENA has the evens. A set of two medals cost \$25 if picked up at the convention; add \$3 postage if not. Orders may be sent to NENA, PO Box 2061, Woburn, MA 01888.



2018 NENA Medals:

common obverse (left)

NENA reverse (below left)

BICC reverse (below right)



Nashua Coin Club

by Kevin Winn, secretary/treasurer

The Nashua Coin Club had a very busy summer season on many different fronts. July's coin of the month was "non-coin collectibles," and as expected, we saw a wide variety of objects that couldn't be spent! Our veteran collectors brought in losing lottery tickets, WWII field glasses and other memorabilia, flags, transportation tokens, pictures of an Apple Computer collection, political pins, baseball cards, boy scout memorabilia and even a collection of Rubik's cubes from one of our YNs (Young Numismatists).

We also welcomed six new members (including two YNs) to the club in July; our best month in a long time!

Stanley Chu, our ANA district representative, attended the meeting, joined our club and gave a very eloquent address about the importance of seeking out and passing down our numismatic knowledge to a younger generation of collectors.

Three of our members had travelled to Colorado Springs in June for the ANA Summer Seminar and all reported positively on their experiences there as well.

Our coin of the month for August was “tokens from around the world,” and once again the members came through with some fabulous examples of transportation, Civil War, Hard Times and Good For tokens.

Six members made it to Philadelphia in August to attend the ANA World’s Fair of Money®. All reported having a great time and just plain “shock and awe” due to the extraordinary coins and banknotes on display at the Fair. Our director, Bob Fritsch, gave a well-attended talk on “The Lure and Lore of Medals” and later in the week, Bob was honored with the Joseph E. Boling Award for Judging Excellence by the ANA.

September’s coin of the month was another interesting topic: “coins, medals, tokens and scrip with a musical theme.”

The meeting started with a short presentation of thanks and a donation to the Nashua Public Library for years of hospitality in letting us use their facility for free to host our monthly club meetings. Three librarians attended to graciously accept our gift.

We also talked about and voted to join the Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTA) with a club membership. The ICTA is important to the collecting universe in their fight to keep tax exemptions in place and also to act as an anti-counterfeiting task force.

Our fall season will also be very busy as we will have our annual awards banquet in October and we will set up and staff a club table at the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo in Manchester in November. We will follow that with our annual white elephant fundraising auction in December.

Oklahoma

Comanche County Coin Club

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

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

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Oregon

Polk County Coin Club

All visitors who attended the 3rd Annual Polk County Coin Club Show on Oct. 7 in Rickreall, Ore., were treated to an all-day, fun-filled numismatic learning experience complete with hands-on games and activities focused on attracting youth and families into the coin hobby — and ultimately club membership.

PCCC President and Show Chair John Brown said, “Our club voted to add an educational outreach and hobby information table at the 2018 one-day show. ANA Past President and youth-family numismatic outreach educator, Walt Ostromecki, was the perfect fit.”

Brown continued, “Walt has a vast wealth of numismatic knowledge which he passionately shares with others. His personable hands-on approach to numismatic learning made a great impact on all our show visitors, especially kids and families. I believe his participation did in fact increase this year’s attendance, which topped 200 and helped make the show a great success!”

PCCC Treasurer Danny Bisgaard handled the club’s donated numismatic book fundraiser table adjacent to Ostromecki. Many a first-time non-hobbyist visitor, eager to learn more about the fun, fascinating and historical hobby of coin collecting, purchased a “Redbook” along with other beginning hobby guides. Overall, sales netted the club a healthy income, which is earmarked for educational outreach.

Buyers were given a specially designed club information and meeting card with a 2018 Georgia Cumberland Island National Seashore ‘P’ Mint ATB Quarter and 2018-P Lincoln Cent attached.

Bisgaard commented, “I was amazed by the fact that many visitors to our coin show had absolutely no idea there was a coin club in Polk County. This is something the club is going to have to work on if it wants to grow and promote local hobby interest.”



Mom, Michele, and daughter Kennedy, age 15, enjoying a learning experience with Walt Ostromecki, ANA Past President and numismatic educator.

Walt also attended the PNNA/Willamette Coin Club annual show and convention in Portland, Ore., Oct. 19-21, running the YN treasure hunt program and related activities as he does almost every year. This show, now in its 14th year, was once again a big success, with a two-day public attendance of over 500, and 20 cases of high-quality competitive collector exhibits.



These two YNs working together on the Foreign Currency Country Match Game in Portland earned 25 of 33 pieces of currency.

Fall convention webpage:

http://pnna.org/convention/convention_fall.html

Pennsylvania

World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA national volunteers

The ANA World's Fair of Money® (WFOM) was held for the eighth time in the "city of brotherly love," Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 14-18 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This had to be one of the busiest ANA conventions we have attended in many years. Even with the admission charge to enter the show, traffic was almost continuous once the doors opened until they closed on Saturday. Unlike past shows, many of the dealers stayed close to the end of the convention. If we wrote about all of the highlights, we would have to get some publisher to write the book, so we will only cover some of them.

First and foremost, thanks to the ANA for arranging this very successful show for its members, dealers and visitors – of which there were many. Everyone connected with this show, including those listed below, deserves a **huge** thank you for their work and dedication in making this such a successful convention.

- ANA President Gary Adkins and his Board,
- Executive Director Kim Kiick and her staff,
- Convention Director Jennifer Ackerman and her crew,

- Host Chair Edward Hammond and his committee and volunteer workforce,
- Host Club the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN),
- The ANA National Volunteers.

Whenever a convention has a 96-page show guide, you know that a lot has to be going on. WFOM is probably the only coin convention you will ever attend where you have many conflicts, and cannot do everything you might want to do. Such was the case with us, and we missed meetings and other show events that we wanted to attend. This convention probably covered every word in the dictionary from A to Z, in everything that was being held in conjunction with the show.

Registration ran smoothly and though the lines were long at times, the ANA staff worked hard to get visitors into the show as quickly as possible. Many people forget that as an ANA member you get free admission to the show. You can also enter the show a half hour before the general public. Working the ANA future convention table close to the entrance, several people joined the Association just for that reason.

As for the highlights, here are a few:

- Excellent convention center with many nearby hotels,
- Outstanding advertising and media coverage,
- Exceptional public attendance,
- Large and diversified bourse,
- Top-notch security,
- Huge and successful auctions by Stacks-Bowers and Heritage Auctions,
- Generous title sponsors and patrons - which help pay for the convention,
- All the major grading services including NGC & PMG, which are the official ANA coin and paper money grading services,
- Special elongated coins made for the convention including a booth which rolled out your coins,
- Literature dealers including the ANA official service Whitman Publishing Company,
- U.S. Mint and Bureau of Engraving and Printing (including the Spider Press) participation along with several world mints,
- World-class ANA Museum Showcase with 1913 Liberty Head nickel, a Nova Constellatio Quint and other rarities,
- Outstanding competitive exhibits,
- Scout seminars, a Kids Zone with a treasure hunt,
- Numismatic publication booths,

- ANA coin club tables including their educational programs and dinners and other events,
- Interesting Money Talks presentations,
- A very nice ANA awards banquet and silent auction, along with many things to do for the family in downtown Philadelphia.

Congratulations to ANA Farran Zerbe Memorial Award winner Cindy Wibker and Lifetime Achievement Award winner Mark Lighterman. Prue Fitts was the recipient of the Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award for Achievement in Numismatics. Visit www.money.org for other award winners.

Thanks to the ANA Board, along with the Association staff, the host club and their committee, and the ANA volunteers for hosting or helping to make this convention such a successful show. Just about every dealer we spoke to had a very successful show.

We look forward to the National Money Show®, Mar. 28-30, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the World's Fair of Money®, Aug. 13-17, 2019, in Chicago (Rosemont), Ill.

Texas

Spartans Coin Club

by Dr. Ralph Ross, Spartans Coin Club sponsor

The Spartans Coin Club, the only registered high school coin club in the ANA, announced its participation in the Association's new "Adopt A School" program. This program is designed to provide teachers and administrators with tools and strategies to teach elementary, middle and high school students about numismatics. Educators can use the kit equipped with curriculum materials to help students learn more of history and the world around them through money.



Dr. Ralph Ross (left) is dedicated to providing numismatic knowledge to students, such as these members of the Spartans Coin Club—Jacqueline Martinez, Meija Merary and Nathaniel Ewest.

The club's sponsor, Dr. Ralph Ross, who also is a member of the ANA Board of Directors, similarly uses Eisenhower dollars, Kennedy half dollars and Booker T. Washington half dollars, to enrich pupils' minds and reward their successes. Since most students are not familiar with these coins, this hands-on approach leads to discussion of the figures' historical significance. Some students in Dr. Ross' class thought the first African American on U.S. coinage was actor, entrepreneur and rapper "50 Cent," whose real name is Curtis James Jackson III. But thanks to Dr. Ross, they now know that distinction belongs to educator, author and civil rights leader Booker T. Washington.

Canada

Regina Coin Club

by George Manz, FRCNA

An extremely rare Hudson's Bay Company £1 1870 Promissory note issued at Fort Garry during the Red River Rebellion was on display at the Regina Coin Club Show and Sale in October. See the previous edition of *MintMark* for the full story.

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

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

Panama

Numismatic Association of Panama

by Eduardo Lay

The Numismatic Association of Panama had the honor of presenting its annual numismatic exhibition (otherwise known as the Collections Fair), held in Panama City from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, this year celebrating the first participation of Panama in the FIFA World Cup of soccer.

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

This year, we were able to increase public participation by 75%. Everything related to the numismatics of Panama was exhibited, with allegories to the soccer World Cup, in addition to themes of old collections and philately. The event was attended by delegations from several countries of the region, and conferences and trainings were also held. In this four-day event, many educational activities were offered, and there was an auction of collections that had important numismatic items from Panama and the United States, as well as other items of art.

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

Our event is always free and is aimed at spreading the collecting hobby in Panama, accompanied by enhancing the cultural value of our country. This event is held every year in Panama City, during the month of August. Next year we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the founding of Panama City, and we hope to hold a spectacular event with the presence of more countries and an event full of conferences as well as opportunities to learn and acquire items for collections.



*Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the 2018 Collections Fair in Panama City. Left to right: **Eduardo Lay**, president of Panama Numismatic Association; **Dora Castro**, sub-director of Post and Telegraph of Panama; **Ricardo De Leon Alba**, general manager of Panama National Bank; **Victor Guindi**, treasurer of Panama Numismatic Association.*

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Peru

First Numismatic Convention in Chiclayo, Peru

by Jonathan Moscoso, ANA Peruvian district representative

Several associations, coin clubs and members of the public gathered at the first numismatic convention held in Chiclayo, Peru, on July 27-28. The Numismática Chiclayo and the Numismatic and Philatelic Club of Chimbote enthusiastically organized this event.

Attendees got to meet designers from the Central Reserve Bank of Peru, including former engraver Miguel Antonio Carrion Villacorta, current engraver Felipe Escalante Chuñocca and author and numismatic specialist Daniel Robles Smithson.

During the convention, a temporary numismatic museum was open to the public for 20 days. It offered a section of recommended books and other free activities. Various dissertations and presentations about the hobby were given and helped bring a spirit of camaraderie and sharing.

Next year's numismatic convention in Peru will take place in Chimbote.

Specialty Clubs

The Elongated Collectors (TEC)

by Robert F. Fritsch

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Right next to the Kids Zone, The Elongated Collectors (TEC) occupied an advantageous position at the World's Fair of Money® in Philadelphia this August. Staffed by President Cindy Calhoun, Vice President Tyler Tyson, Secretary Terri Ventresca, Governor Dee Drell, and several other current and past board members, over 12,000 coins in four different designs were given to visitors and to passersby. One coin was created in tribute to Eric P. Newman, whose foundation had given the club an educational grant, and 200 specially rolled coins were presented to Len Augsburg, representing the Newman Numismatic Portal. Eleven elongated collectors joined the club at the show.

The annual meeting drew 25 members and featured business reports, a presentation, awards, an auction and a cake celebrating 125 years of elongated coins. The auction of items donated by our members generated over \$800 in 65 lots.

Four elongated exhibits were entered to compete for the Dottie Dow Award, with one more containing elongated coins in a different class. The TEC Past President and current Press Agent took home the Joe Boling Award for Excellence in Judging. *Editor's note: Congratulations, Bob!*

On a somber note, we note the passing of long time members Michael Pender and Larry White. Larry was a staunch supporter of TEC and served as the TEC store manager for many years.

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.



Cake "Celebrating 125 Years of Elongateds."

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

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Editor’s Message *by Eric Holcomb*

I enjoyed seeing many of you in Philadelphia, and Richard Jozefiak even captured a photo of me addressing the delegates at the breakfast meeting! (See page 2 for the photo.)

Thank you for the submissions received; we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Thank you also for responding to my previous message about keeping *MintMark* more concise. The current issue is shorter and should be easier to read, but still provides lots of interesting club news, along with important ANA news and messages.

The next (1st quarter 2019) edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing now. Make it a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program, or perhaps some special club milestone, award, etc.