National Coordinator Message  
by Sandy Hill, National Coordinator for the District Representative Program, SandyHill@money.org.

The ANA has put together its new website, www.money.org, and added some wonderful content specifically designed for clubs. The first one is the club blog page. Here’s the info:

Club members can now start their own blogs to communicate with other clubs, as well as post their club newsletter. Tell your club members to follow your blog to access your current club news. Share your ideas and successes with other clubs, or follow other club posts and learn what they are doing. To access the Club Exchange, go to Community, then ANA Clubs, and scroll down to the bottom of the page until you see Club Exchange. Club members can view posts and make comments. To learn more about how to start a blog, please go to: http://www.money.org/blog/how-to-post-a-blog. It’s a fun and exciting new area for clubs to communicate, or let others know about your upcoming show, and share your knowledge with other clubs.

Rod Gillis, ANA’s Numismatic Educator, has put together some fun things for clubs on the website. It is a list of quizzes that can be used in monthly meetings or special club events. Here is the link: http://www.money.org/clubs/club-activities. There are a lot of ways to utilize these quizzes. Use your imagination – prizes for new members or visitors who get the best score, something to challenge YN’s, something to grab attention at your shows or anything you can come up with. Share your ideas for use on the above blog.

Happy collecting, Sandy Hill.

ANA Announces NCW Theme Contest

The ANA wants YOU to provide the theme for 2015 National Coin Week, April 19-25. The 2015 event will focus on World’s Fairs and Expositions. The ANA member who provides the winning theme will receive a 2014 Civil Rights Act of 1964 proof silver dollar.

2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the famous Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, and theme ideas should focus on World’s Fairs and Expositions. Educational activities will involve the many coins and medals honoring these spectacular events, along with the many famous firsts (elongated pennies, modern U.S. commemoratives, etc.) and famous structures (Crystal Palace, Eiffel Tower, Space Needle, etc.) they introduced. National Coin Week will also highlight the influential ideas in architecture, science and social progress that have been featured at World’s Fairs, and the people responsible for these ideas.

The National Coin Week theme not only sets the tone for the annual weeklong celebration, it’s also an exhibit category at the National Money Show, held next year in Portland on March 5-7. The criteria is to promote the hobby with an exhibit that is suitable for showing in public places, such as a library or community center, with the total numismatic value not exceeding $250.

Entries must be submitted by Oct. 31, 2014, using the form available on www.money.org. Previous National Coin Week themes have been short statements such as “Buffalo Nickel Centennial: Black Diamond Shines Again” (2013) and “Coin and Country: Celebrating Civic Service” (2014).

Support the ANA on AmazonSmile

The ANA is now participating in the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on Amazon.com, consider shopping through smile.amazon.com instead. It’s the same website, with the same products at the same prices, but now you are able to support the ANA through your purchases.

AmazonSmile allows customers to select a charitable organization of their choice to receive a 0.5 percent donation each time they purchase an item on smile.amazon.com. This is a great, hassle-free way to donate to the ANA without worrying about codes or additional links.

If your default browser is Google Chrome, consider installing the SmileAlways browser extension. This is a handy app that will automatically send you to smile.amazon.com when you go to amazon.com.
Each donation you make will help further the ANA’s educational mission by helping to fund some of your favorite programs and services.

To sign up for AmazonSmile, follow the instructions at smile.amazon.com.

Call for Service Award Nominations

ANA Service Awards are an opportunity to recognize those collectors who support and uphold the association’s mission. Nominations, which are due by noon Mountain Standard Time on Jan. 15, are currently being sought for the following service awards:

Farran Zerbe Memorial Award — The ANA’s highest honor, it is given in recognition of numerous years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics.

Medal of Merit Award — This award honors individuals who have dedicated numerous years of service to the association and promotion of the hobby.

Glenn Smedley Memorial Award — This award recognizes individuals who have devoted their efforts to the betterment of the ANA.

Lifetime Achievement Award — This award is presented to an individual, family, firm or judicial entity that has made outstanding contributions to organized numismatics.

Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallic Sculpture — A lifetime achievement award in the field of medallic sculpture.

Adna G. Wilde Award for Excellence — The award honors an ANA member who dedicates his or her time and resources to strengthen the hobby, further the educational mission of the ANA and sets an example for others to follow.

Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award — The award honors a professional numismatist who shows uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the ANA and displays exemplary ethical standards as a numismatic dealer.

Exemplary Service Award — The award recognizes an individual or entity (club, corporation, firm or association) that has performed services on behalf of the ANA that are “above and beyond” the call.

Adult Advisor Award — This award is presented to an individual who has devoted their efforts to recruiting young numismatists and aiding in the development of intermediate to advanced young collectors.

Young Numismatist of the Year Award — This award honors a young collector for outstanding contributions to the hobby and industry.

Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award for Achievement in Numismatics — This award honors women who have made significant contributions to numismatics.

The Outstanding District Representative — This award is designed to recognize the District Representative who most fully promotes coin collecting, coin clubs, and the American Numismatic Association.

Make a nomination at:


Scholarship applications available

There are two options for scholarships at the 2015 ANA Summer Seminar:

Young Numismatist Scholarship: Partial and full scholarships to Summer Seminar for YN’s ages 13-17. Scholarships are awarded based on merit. Deadline to apply is Jan. 30.

Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Program: Partial and full scholarships to Summer Seminar for adults ages 18 and older. Scholarships are awarded based on merit. Deadline to apply is Feb. 20.

Download application forms and further details at http://www.money.org/summer-seminar.
Stack’s Bowers Galleries announced as the Official Auctioneer for the Portland National Money Show

Stack’s Bowers Galleries will serve as the Official Auctioneer for the American Numismatic Association’s 2015 National Money ShowSM, to be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon, March 5-7, 2015.

“We are happy to once again be working with Stack’s Bowers Galleries as the Official Auctioneer for the National Money Show in Portland,” said Kim Kiick, ANA executive director. “We look forward to partnering with Stack’s Bowers Galleries in making the Portland National Money Show a big success.”

Brian Kendrella, president of Stack’s Bowers Galleries, said, “It is an honor to have been chosen as the Official Auctioneer for this important ANA event. Our mission is not just to sell coins for the highest possible price but to provide authoritative, historically important catalogs that are graphic works of art and to educate young numismatists and seasoned collectors alike. These objectives are quite similar to those of the ANA and we applaud their efforts.”

The consignment deadline for the Official Auction of the 2015 National Money Show is Jan. 5, 2015. Collectors can contact a consignment specialist by calling 800-458-4646 on the West Coast, 800-566-2580 on the East Coast or emailing Stack’s Bowers Galleries at consign@stacksbowers.com.

Collector exhibits for Portland

Collector exhibits are strongly encouraged for the ANA’s 2015 National Money ShowSM, to be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon, March 5-7, 2015.

Your MintMark editor, Eric Holcomb, is also the Exhibit Chairman for the Portland show and has already conducted a collector exhibit seminar in Salem, Ore., to help local collectors prepare to exhibit in Portland. Experienced ANA exhibitor and judge Thomas Sheehan will also conduct an exhibit seminar on Sunday, Nov. 9 in Edmonds, Wash., near Seattle. For more information, email thomassheehan@msn.com or call Tom at 206-949-2646.

Exhibitors may choose from six thematic classes, or may enter the National Coin Week class subject to certain restrictions (see page 1). The deadline to enter is January 23.

Thank you Chicago, 123rd ANA World’s Fair of Money Participants

The ANA World’s Fair of Money (WFOM) 123rd Anniversary Convention was held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, in Chicago, Ill., on August 5-9. The convention had close to 600 bourse tables, around a dozen world mints, many coin club tables, world class exhibits and a superb ANA museum showcase display.

Congratulations to Mack Martin for winning the coveted Howland Wood Memorial Award for Best-in-Show Exhibit.

Two major auction companies held separate sales during the convention. Stack’s Bowers Galleries (www.stacksbowers.com) and Heritage Auctions (www.ha.com) held phenomenal auctions and probably set a record for a total sales price as well as lots sold.
We compare this ANA Convention to the ANA 1991 100th Anniversary Convention held in this same building. The Money Talks presentations and Sundman Lecture Series were great. Many coin clubs had outstanding educational programs in conjunction with their meetings. The Scouts had a great clinic and you could see them after their meeting on the bourse floor. Young Numismatists (YNs) had their own Kids Zone in the back of the bourse along with a treasure hunt. The Show Guide was excellent and covered everything. The convention medal by Jamie Franki was exceptional. Security by PPI was outstanding.

Big thanks to all the dealers for taking tables, the early birds for purchasing badges, along with the show sponsors and patrons for their generous donations in support of the convention. Starting at this event on the second day, the ANA allowed its members to enter the bourse a half-hour earlier than non-members. Maybe, as a special perk, the ANA should allow its Life Members to enter a half-hour earlier on the opening day of the show. The half-hour earlier for ANA members is a great reason to join the Association.

Attendance was probably close to the numbers of the 2013 show which was held in this same building. Lines for registering were very long on Monday to obtain registrations to enter the convention on Tuesday. This was due to the U.S. Mint releasing their 2014 Kennedy gold piece on the opening day of the show. On Tuesday morning we looked out our window at the Doubletree and the line was well over two blocks long. Probably more than 1,000 people attempted to buy one of the first 500 released on the opening day. The release of the Kennedy gold piece turned out to be a huge problem for the mint and the ANA. It was agreed upon by both that the last two days of this release be canceled. If the U.S. Mint has special releases like this at future conventions, we suggest that they make some available for special daily drawings at their booth. This would give visitors, dealers and collectors a chance to purchase one of the coins being offered.

Other than the U.S. Mint Kennedy release, the convention ran very smoothly and a large thank you goes to: Convention Director Rhonda Scurek and Executive Director Kimberly Kiick and all their staff; President Walter Ostromecki Jr. and the Board of Governors; the host Chicago Coin Club (CCC), Host Chair William Burd, Honorary Chair William Cross and 75-plus coin club volunteers in their red convention shirts. Kudos’ to the CCC and all the volunteers wearing red shirts for doing an outstanding job. This is by far the most volunteers of any convention ever held by the ANA. This was the 14th ANA Convention hosted by the CCC.

Thanks also to the ANA National Volunteers for their dedicated service to the Association. Thanks to the exhibitors, judges, educational speakers for their tireless work; along with the numismatic press, media, sponsors and patrons for their many contributions.

The show featured a Tuesday evening Kickoff Event – Oktoberfest in August at nearby MB Financial Park. The Friday ANA banquet had Wendell Wolka as emcee and it ran smoothly. The steak dinner was great. The ANA held its first donor silent auction at the banquet and it realized $18,918. These funds will be used to fund the Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Fund. We want to congratulate Neil Shafer on receiving the ANA’s highest award, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award. Congratulations to all the other award recipients.

Many other great events were also held in conjunction with the show. They include the Numismatic News Ambassador Award Breakfast. It was announced that this great award program is ending after 40 years. Congratulations to Mitch Ernst, Dan and Kathy Freeland, Eugene Freeman, Dr. Jay Galst, Warren Jackson and Simcha Kuritzky for being the last recipients of this award.

Other events held were the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) dinner and the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA) dinner. Two great coin clubs held a joint dinner meeting at the show - The Chicago Coin Club and the New York Numismatic Club. The Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG) Bash was also held and many awards were presented.

Thanks again to everyone (and anyone we missed) for their donations, work, effort and contributions who helped to make this an outstanding convention. We hope to see you at the next two ANA Conventions which will be held in Portland, Ore. (Oregon Convention Center) on March 5-7, 2015; and Chicago, Ill., at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill., on August 11-15, 2015.

Yours in Numismatics,
John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.
News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club
by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Representative

Bob Jaques presented an interesting presentation, “Philippine Guerrilla Currency,” at the August 26 meeting of the Madison County CCC. This was paper money used by resistance forces during the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines during World War II. Bob also exhibited a number of Philippine Guerrilla currencies from his collection.

MCCC had its event ad listed in The Huntsville Times “GO Magazine” for a number of weeks this year. MCCC has received a lot of free publicity. In addition, MCCC will now be having a public service announcement on WLRH 89.3, the public radio station in Madison County and the surrounding areas. Bob recorded the PSA earlier this month, and the PSA was written by Richard Jozefiak.

MCCC President Kurt Springfield (right) presents Bob Jaques (left) the ANA Educational Award. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

Arizona

Yuma Coin Club

As a reminder from last time, the Yuma Coin Club coin show will be held Nov. 1 at the Coyote Ranch Clubhouse, 9351 East 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona. There will be 14 tables and admission is free. For information, contact Lefty, yumacoinclub@hotmail.com.

Florida

Brandon Coin Club
by Jack Iaci, Club Editor

The Brandon Coin Club has been dedicated to education since it was formed in 2006. The club hosts four successful shows a year, with the club’s next show set for Nov. 1 at the Elks Lodge, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., just off SR 60 in Brandon, Fla. Shows feature 30 dealers, free admission, parking and door prizes, food available on site, free coin grab bags for all children under 12 and free appraisals.

The club uses proceeds from dealer donations to offer scholarships to ANA Summer Seminars. The club donates books and other items to libraries and youth groups and gives free informational seminars to any non-profit or community group requesting one. Programs are conducted for at least four schools per year for the “Great American Teach-in,” and the club has helped members of four Boy Scout troops earn coin collecting merit badges. Special programs are also offered for the club’s own youth members. The club’s current president is a 17-year-old YN and the recording secretary is 16.

To top that off, well-educated numismatist and club member Bill Jones does an excellent job every month giving an educational presentation at regular club meetings held on the third Tuesday of the month.

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Georgia

Blue Ridge Numismatic Association
by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Representative for Alabama

The Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) 55th Annual Convention was held at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton, Ga., August 15-17. There were a number of special events held at the convention to commemorate the 55th Anniversary.

BRNA President Grant Campbell, along with other officers and governors, provided many special events, meetings, and special guests for the public and coin dealers during the convention. The sold-out bourse had more than 350 tables.
The ANA supported the BRNA 55th Annual Convention by staffing an ANA membership table attended by ANA President Walter Ostromecki Jr., ANA Governor Mike Ellis and ANA District Representative for Alabama Richard Jozefiak. They attended a number of meetings, meet with ANA members, and meet with the general public attending the convention.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, more than 65 people attended the YN program by Gayle Pike. Every YN attending received many numismatic items. Items were donated by BRNA, coin dealers, and the ANA. Special guest speakers at the event were President Abraham Lincoln (aka Dennis Boggs) and General Robert E. Lee (aka David Chaltas). They talked about their time and the events they experienced.

Selected BRNA convention award photos:

Ron Blackman (in blue) is presented the ANA Presidential Award by ANA President Walter Ostromecki Jr. (right). Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

Ron received this award for contributions and work for the BRNA over many years. The award was presented prior to the convention’s opening.

Photo; ANA President Walter Ostromecki Jr. (left) presents longtime numismatist, author, researcher and educator Bill Fivaz (right) the “Numismatic Point of Light” award. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

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Maryland

Maryland State Numismatic Association
by Bryce Doxzon

On Sept. 14, Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) Vice President Jack Schadegg presented an encased Fort McHenry quarter to a Royal Navy Warrant Officer of the British frigate HMS Argyll as an appreciation of its visit to Baltimore. The ship was docked at Fells Point in Baltimore, Maryland, to participate in the festivities comprising Star Spangled Spectacular, the celebration of the bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore and of the national anthem.

Referring to the events of 200 years ago, Vice President Schadegg’s presentation letter remarks that “We also celebrate the friendship and alliance those 200 years since have forged between our two nations.”

Celebrating the bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore (Sept. 13-14, 1814) and of the Star-Spangled Banner, the encased Fort McHenry quarter was produced by MSNA. Collectors interested in obtaining their own P, D, or S-mint Fort McHenry encased quarters may contact MSNA at PO Box 13504, Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504 or visit the MSNA website, www.mdstatenumisassn.org.

Photo: Fort McHenry encased quarter.

Photo: Royal Navy Warrant Officer receives letter and encased quarter on behalf of the Commanding Officer and crew of the HMS Argyll from MSNA Vice President Jack Schadegg (left).
Massachusetts

Congratulations, Richard!

Photo: Richard J. Hand, Jr. (holding certificate) receives an ANA Numismatic Point of Light (NPOL) award. The award was made on Sept. 8 at the Currency Club of New England meeting in Waltham, Mass. Others (left to right): David Leong, President of Currency Club of New England; Sherry Briggs, President of Boston Numismatic Society; William Harkins, President of the Collectors Club of Boston.

Richard Hand has been instrumental in bringing National Coin Week to Brockton, Mass. for eight years in a row.

New Hampshire

New England Numismatic Association

On Saturday Oct. 11, the New England Numismatic Association (NENA) held its 70th convention and annual meeting in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo., held that weekend at the Radisson Hotel / Center of New Hampshire. The John Kittredge Young Numismatist program was sponsored at the expo by NENA and the Kittredge foundation. Other highlights included educational presentations, exhibits and meetings of many clubs.

Richard J. Hand, Jr. was asked to help and soon ran the YN program.

Jack Haroian and John Kiley have worked with the YNs for many years, and NENA president William Harkins presented Jack and John awesome clocks as awards for their many years of labor and love of numismatics.

It was a good size turnout of YNs and moms and dads. Questions were asked, and the YNs with the right answers got to pick many donated numismatic treasures from the dealers on the floor. There was also a game of “stack the cents as high as you can in 60 seconds,” and the winner got to pick an item; for example, coins, proof sets, medals, coin folders and items donated by the U.S. Mint (Lincoln cent and planchet / piggy bank). YNs whose pile of cents fell down still got many chances to win, so all the YNs were winners thanks to the donations and the many years of dedication from Jack Haroian and John Kiley.

Richard Hand ran the “stack the cent” table, helped ask questions and took photos.

Ohio

Central Ohio Numismatic Association

After the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Warren E. Motts, founder of Motts Military Museum, secured several artifacts from the tragedy for the museum, including the wreckage of NYC Fire Department Ladder 18, a 17-foot section of the antenna that stood atop the North Tower and two demolished police cars.

The artifacts are in temporary storage in an outbuilding at the museum in the Columbus, Ohio suburb of Groveport while funds are being raised to prepare a proper permanent exhibit.

The Central Ohio Numismatic Association became involved in the 9/11 project after Motts spoke at the group’s 2013 Christmas banquet. In January, the club appointed a committee of Chris Barlow, Larry French and Gerry Tebben to look into creating a medal or challenge coin to help fund the project. French, a member of both the museum and the coin club, served as liaison, helping design the medal and selecting a mint.

After several months of discussion, CONA President Stephen E. Petty, called for a vote on the project in June. The club decided to commission SilverTowne of Winchester, Ind., to prepare an obverse die showing the fire truck being pulled from the wreckage and a reverse die featuring the museum’s logo, at a total cost of $800.
Unfortunately, five prominent PNNA members have passed away since July:

- **Larry Rowe** of Vancouver, Wash., PNNA honorary life member HLM 22 and past Seattle and Portland ANA convention general chairman, passed away Oct. 3.
- **Gene L. Henry** of Issaquah, Wash., longtime Seattle coin dealer and PNNA member, passed away Sept. 23. An obituary is available on the Coin World website.
- **Alfred “Al” Schy** of Seattle, Wash., also a prominent member of the Boeing Employees Coin Club, passed away Sept. 7.
- **Rawlin “Mac” McInelly** of Spanaway, Wash., PNNA life member and prominent member of the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, passed away Sept. 5. An obituary is available on legacy.com.
- **Theodore O. “Ted” McCann** of Everett, Wash., a longtime member of the Everett Coin Club, passed away July 1.

See the PNNA memorial page, [http://www.pnna.org/info/memorial.html](http://www.pnna.org/info/memorial.html), for more information.

**Pennsylvania**

**Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists**

*by Pat McBride*

PAN’s Fall Coin Show and Convention is in October, with a banquet on Friday evening, Oct. 24.

The banquet speaker, Mr. Bob Evans, is the Chief Scientist and Historian of the S.S. Central America Project, and the co-discoverer of the shipwreck site. Details were in works for many months, while Bob was out at sea. Salvage operations completed for the season, allowing Bob to attend the coin show. He also agreed to be part of the lecture series on Friday afternoon and attend PANKidZone on Saturday morning.

The 130-table show with free admission was scheduled for Oct. 23-25 at the Monroeville Convention Center in Monroeville, Pa., just east of Pittsburgh, and should be complete by the time this *MintMark* is published. For more information, go to PAN’s website, [www.pancoins.org](http://www.pancoins.org).

**Oregon and Washington**

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association / Willamette Coin Club 10th annual fall convention in Portland, Ore., Oct. 10-12, was a success despite the absence of ANA President Walter Ostromecki Jr., who normally conducts the youth activities at this show.

Five exhibitors, including two YNs, set up collector exhibits at the show, acquiring valuable practice and judging feedback for the upcoming National Money Show in Portland (see page 3). The winning exhibit was “India: 550 BCE-480 AD, Cyrus ‘The Great’ through the ‘Golden Age’” by Gerald R. Williams.
**Specialty Clubs**

**Carson City Coin Collectors of America**

Twenty-six members of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America attended the club’s 2014 regional meeting in Carson City on August 22, 2014 at the Carson Nugget Casino. The event was held in conjunction with the Nevada State Museum’s coin show. Meeting highlights included a show-and-tell session where members shared stories about items they presented to the group, as well as mini-lectures, and a club auction.

Event coordinator Mark Archambault, from New Hampshire, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. He then introduced club president Rusty Goe, who expressed his appreciation to the members who have consistently submitted articles and letters to the editor to the club’s journal, *Curry’s Chronicle*. Goe proclaimed that “Since the club was founded in 2005, *Curry’s Chronicle* has published 306 articles covering at least 38 different topics, all related to the Carson City Mint or its coins, over the span of 32 award-winning issues.” He said that many of the article contributors had never written anything before, except for “maybe a brief note in a greeting card,” let alone had their writings published. He encouraged everyone to continue to submit content for *Curry’s Chronicle*, so that the journal will leave a lasting legacy to future generations of Carson City coin enthusiasts.

Following Goe, life member Michael Parrott shared his excitement about receiving credit in national trade publications for articles he’s submitted to *Curry’s Chronicle*. Parrott also detailed the editing process that goes into preparing submitted articles that appear in each club journal. He compared the process to how record producer George Martin took songs composed by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and turned them into hit-selling hits on Beatles’s albums.

Other members proceeded to share about favorite items in their collections, and pass those items around for all to view. Tony Arnold passed around his 1872-CC $10 gold piece graded XF-45, and proudly announced that this was the 102nd coin he acquired for the 111-piece set of “CC” coins he’s building. Mike Wagner showed everyone the 1890-CC Tail Bar Morgan dollar he found that is pedigreed to the Lincoln Fitzgerald collection. One member dazzled everyone with his presentation of an 1876-CC twenty-cent piece, which is pedigreed to the E. A. Carson collection from 1976.

Bill Dunn from California, surprised everyone when he gave each person a blue baseball cap (or visor for the ladies) with C4OA embroidered on the front.

Midway through the event, members conducted a lively auction of items, which were donated to raise money for the club’s treasury.

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Much to the enjoyment of the attendees, Rusty Goe also sang a song that he wrote called “That’s Our Carson Mint,” using the song “That’s Entertainment” for the melody.

Goe then threw out quiz questions for everyone in attendance, which dealt primarily with survival populations of all the different denominations in the Carson City coin series. He also discussed the theme of “discovering who we are as coin collectors.”

The meeting lasted for more than four hours. Special thanks were given to Mark Archambault for spearheading the regional meeting, from his home nearly 3,000 miles away. Rusty Goe presented him with a plaque.

Following the meeting, 20 members met for dinner in the Carson Nugget’s steakhouse.

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**Editor’s note:** I also welcome *MintMark* submissions from persons who’ve never written anything before, except for “maybe a brief note in a greeting card.” While I won’t compare the editing process to producing a record album, it’s still an important and often time-consuming process. If you can have someone proofread your submission first, that’s great, but if not please send it anyway. Photos should be attached separately, with medium resolution and a descriptive filename (beginning with the initials of your club) if possible. And be sure to let me know the name of your club along with the city and state if it’s not obvious; I’m not an expert on U.S. geography and town names. The name and club title of the person who wrote the article is also important, as I prefer to give credit.
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Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2015 MintMark: January 15, 2015.

Editor's Message by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; we have another nice issue of MintMark. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news, and perhaps I’ll see you in Portland next March.

The next (1st Quarter 2015) 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.

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, or go to https://www.money.org/submit-an-event. Also, please see the ANA’s new online events calendar at https://www.money.org/events.

Panama Canal Anniversary Medals Offered

The 100th anniversary cruise through the Panama Canal is just about one month away, and a special commemorative medal minted by Daniel Carr is being offered as shown. The obverse design is similar to the “So-Called Dollar” Hibler & Kappen (HK) 398, except the legends and scrolls have been modified to state “1914 - COMPLETION PANAMA CANAL - 2014" and “100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.” The reverse design is an adaptation of HK 432 from the 1915 Panama-California Exposition with minor modifications.

The medals will be struck in silver, copper, gold plated and gold, with appropriate edge markings on the silver and gold versions. Prices start at $10 each for the copper medals, during a pre-order period.

For more information, contact “So-Called Guy” Jeff Shevlin, socalledguy@hotmail.com, as soon as possible. It is Jeff’s intention to carry these medals on a cruise through the Panama Canal as was done 100 years ago.