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A solid showing for ANA's inaugural fall National Money Show

Dubbed the New Fall Classic, the Pittsburgh National Money Show saw more than 4,000 visitors attend the three-day affair, including a healthy turnout of 1,521 visitors on the show's final day.

Along the way, collectors and dealers enjoyed educational events like the ANA's Numismatic Theatre and Collector Exhibits, saw the sights of Pittsburgh from the deck of the *Gateway Clipper* during the kickoff event, marveled at rare collections in the Museum Showcase, and enjoyed a thriving bourse floor that included more than 300 tables.

Re-live the fun of the National Money Show through our photo gallery, series of videos and roundup of news coverage, all of which is available at NationalMoney-Show.com.

ANA Board sets new club tables policy

The ANA Board of Governors voted in Pittsburgh to reinstate free tables for ANA-member clubs at the ANA's three annual shows. "Clubs have always been the lifeline of the ANA," President Tom Hallenbeck said. "We believe our long tradition of offering free tables to member clubs was beneficial to the hobby."

The board did set a few rules for clubs to follow — primarily, that the club tables must be staffed for the whole show by club members, except when clubs are holding educational or similar functions. In those cases, tables should include a sign that specifies when a club member will return.

Commercial activity at club tables is limited to the sale of club-produced literature or merchandise that will benefit the club, not individual members. Each club will be issued three staffing badges, and all badge holders must be ANA members.

Each club will be provided with one free display case. Additional cases must be rented by the club at the standard cost.



A view of the bourse floor from the upper skywalk at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. There were more than 300 dealer tables at the show.



ANA members relax during the Kickoff Event, which was a boat ride and dinner on the Gateway Clipper. The event included a scenic view of Pittsburgh from the water, dinner and live music.



President **Tom Hallenbeck** and Govs. **Mike Ellis**, **Scott T. Rottinghaus** and **Walter A. Ostromecki Jr.** welcome visitors to the National Money Show during the opening ceremonies on Oct. 13.

ANA reaches 2,000 Facebook fans

The ANA recently garnered its 2,000th fan on Facebook. To become a fan, simply go to Facebook.com/ Numismatics to join the community. The ANA uses its Facebook page to share interesting news stories about the field of numismatics; update members on ANA activities; share photos from events like the National Money Show, Summer Seminar and World's Fair of Money; and to discuss recent happenings within our favorite hobby.

New Way to Communicate Among Exhibitors and Judges

by Joseph E Boling, ANA chief judge

An online discussion forum (ANA-EXHIBITS) has been established in Yahoo!-groups for ANA exhibitors and judges. These are the competitive and noncompetitive exhibitors whose collections are displayed at ANA conventions, and those who judge the exhibits for awards at various levels. If you are an exhibitor or judge who has not yet received an invitation to join this group, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ANA-EXHIBITS/ and click the "join" button. The moderator will check your name against lists of known exhibitors and judges and will either admit you to the group or ask you for additional information to establish your eligibility.

The purpose of the group is to serve as a discussion vehicle, over which we can make suggestions, ask questions, air gripes, and pass information about the ANA's exhibiting and judging program. Several threads have already been started, dealing with subjects such as: what shows welcome exhibitors, refresher training for judges, and YN exhibiting. Check out this new forum.

And if you are a collector who has not yet exhibited but want to know more about doing so, you are also welcome.

Updated Club Information Needed

The ANA's goal for 2011 is to have all clubs listed in the online <u>Club Directory</u>. 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 http://www.money.org/AM/Template.cfm? Section = ANA_Club&Template = /CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=10145 for the interactive PDF form. The completed form should be printed, signed and mailed or faxed to the ANA Membership Department.

Host club announced

The board voted unanimously to name the Denver Coin Club as the host club for the 2012 Spring National Money Show in Denver.

Chuck D'Ambra was named the general show chairman. A past Denver Coin Club president, D'Ambra is now beginning to make committee appointments for the show, which will take place May 10-12.

Committee chairmen named

ANA President Tom Hallenbeck announced chairmen for several ANA committees, which the board unanimously approved.

Clifford Mishler will lead the Strategic Planning Committee. Larry Baber was tapped as treasurer, with Gerome Walton, Kenneth E. Bressett and Ken Hallenbeck as assistant treasurers.

David Sklow became secretary, with Joseph E. Boling named assistant secretary. A. Ronald Sirna Jr. was appointed to another term as general counsel.

Barry Stuppler was named as the board's exofficio non-voting member. While this position traditionally goes to the outgoing ANA president, Stuppler was named because of Mishler's current role as a governor.

More appointments are forthcoming.

Additional Fun Photo



ANA Vice President Walter A. Ostromecki Jr. tries his luck in the Cash Cube at the ANA area of the Pittsburgh show. Ostromecki didn't keep the money, but the lucky winners of the drawing sure did. Most of the people who tried it walked away with a fistful of money.

News from Around the Country

Florida

Reported by Robert S. Bartanowicz, ANA District Representative <u>bartano@verizon.net</u>, and other sources.

Brandon Coin Club

The Brandon Coin Club continues growing and is very active. It now has a new meeting place which is conducive to growth. Every member works to make it successful!

The Brandon club reports with sadness the passing of one of the founding members of the club. On Oct. 1, 2011 Wanda Moore passed away. She was battling a long-term illness. Her husband Howard (Butch) and she were the first secretaries of the club. They shared this job until almost 2008. We all extend our condolences and respects to Howard.

Capital Coin Club of Tallahassee

Work is under way on establishing the "Capital Coin Club of Tallahassee, Florida." The club should be fully established, including ANA membership, by the end of 2011.

Casselberry Coin Club

Ron Fursa spoke about "Chilean coinage through the years." Bob Russell spoke about his collection of "coins used for things other than coins." And Dan Aidif spoke about "proof three cent nickels."

Central Florida Coin Club

The highlight of the club's quarter was its semiannual coin show that was held on Sept. 9-11, 2011. The show was a sellout and had more traffic than any other CFCC shows over the past few years.



Dealer and former president of CFCC Roger Trenkle and his wife, Cathy, at the club's recent show.

Cindy Wibker of Florida United Numismatists (FUN) spoke to the club about exhibiting. Although several members of CFCC have won awards for exhibiting at FUN, far more club members have never exhibited.

The club's picnic was held Oct. 16, and members and guests experienced beautiful weather and great food, as usual.

Clearwater Coin Club

The Clearwater Coin Club had its annual banquet on Oct. 11 at the Clearwater Country Club. It was a great event and well attended (full house).

Ft. Myers / Cape Coral Coin Club

The club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary and will have coin shows on Saturdays Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and March 10. The club has 90 members.

Palm Beach Coin Club

Local Coin Club Surpasses 300 Members

The Palm Beach Coin Club signed up its 300th member Sep. 14. After three years of approaching 300 members, "we finally did it," says club president Tony Swicer. Every year in Florida, people come and go. Clubs have about a 10% attrition rate every year. We were at 289, 293, 294, then finally we hit 300 this year, with three months to go.

We now claim to be the largest local coin club in the U.S. without any special memberships. Every membership is either a regular \$10 membership or a \$100 life membership. There are no discounted specials.

Our popularity is attributed to a lively coin club meeting, a market report, a program, free refreshments, and a 100-lot auction every meeting. We have three free food nights every year and two free bus trips to the FUN Show. The 53-table monthly coin show is one of the best monthly shows, where we sign up new members every month.

We try new ideas all the time, but by the same token after years of experimenting we know what works and we don't try to fix it. The club donates 22 Red Books to the Palm Beach County Library System every year. We speak at the libraries about six times a year as well as at local schools, retirement homes, Rotary, and Kiwanis clubs.

The club won the FUN "Florida Coin Club of the Year" award in 2009. In 2003 the club won best promotion of National Coin Week, and we are proud to be a 30-year member of the ANA and FUN. Visit the website at www.pbcc.anaclubs.org, or write PBCC, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466.

Tampa Bay Coin Club

The Tampa Bay Coin Club has gone into hibernation until January 2012. It cannot find a place to hold meetings.

West Hernando Coin Club

The West Hernando Coin Club presents the WHCC Coin & Currency Show at a new venue, the Brooksville Elk's Lodge #2582, 14494 Cortez Blvd. in Brooksville, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, from 9 am to 3 pm.

For more information please contact Mark Palermo, PO Box 6768, Seffner, FL 33583, or call 813-361-0740, or e-mail MSENTLLC@tampabay.rr.com.

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.

Idaho

Eagle Rock Numismatic Society, Idaho Falls by Oded Paz.

During September's meeting, the club enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Stephen S. who gave an excellent presentation on collecting marbles. He brought a small part of his collection, and it was very interesting to see the way they were sorted and the many types of marbles that exist. We were also astonished to learn of their value.

The new quarterly "Mini-Bourse" started at the September meeting, where club members set up and sold some of their coins, currency, exonumia and collectables an hour before the regular meeting. It was a great success, and it will continue as long as there are members who participate in this new endeavor.

The ERNS' monthly publication received a facelift when the new editor, Oded Paz, was appointed. The first issue he sent out in October was five pages long, with photos and full color.

Nevada

Reno Coin Club by David Elliott

On Oct. 28 and Oct. 29, the Reno Coin Club and the Nevada State Museum in Carson City had a special celebration of Nevada Day. All the new U.S. coins were available at face value or cost. Coins available included presidential dollars through Rutherford B. Hayes, Native American dollars, National Park Quarters through Vicksburg, and all four commemorative Lincoln "pennies."

There was also a display of obsolete U.S. coins, plus free foreign coins for kids (and kids at heart) as well as the Old Coin Press minting a special Nevada Day medallion both days.

Website: www.renocoinclub.org



Old Coin Press #1
at the Carson City
Mint, now Nevada
State Museum, with
Karen and Ken
Hopple. Ken is the
chief coiner, and his
wife assists and has
done a lot of the art
work for the many
medals minted on
the coin press with
the CC mint mark.

New Jersey

Atlantic County Numismatic Society by Jim Majoros, ANA District Rep.

Members of the Atlantic County Numismatic Society are launching a drive to start another club in the southern part of the state with a special meeting to be conducted in October that includes Ray Williams talking about metal detecting for coins.

Ocean County Coin Club (OCCC) by Jim Majoros, ANA District Rep.

The Ocean County Coin Club did something new this past quarter as follows:

Formerly calling it "Hot Dog" night at one of the August meetings, the club changed it to "Membership Appreciation" Night. The club did the "hot dog thing" for its members as well as giving out five \$10 gift certificates for the winners to use in buying coins only at the club meetings from the half-dozen dealers that set up. The dealers appreciated that also.

The club also had its first "New Jersey" night, when the members were requested to bring in coins, tokens and paper money about the state. A number of interesting "show and tells" surfaced, including elongated coins from the Morro Castle disaster off Asbury Park in 1934, counterfeit nickels from the Camden area, etc. It went over so well, it will now be an annual event.

The club also had its 41st Annual Show and Exhibit in September with 200 attending and five exhibits shown, all prepared by the club's YNs.

New York

Flushing Coin Club by David Menchell

During the club's Oct. 14 meeting, the club heard a special presentation by guest speaker and author David T. Alexander. He discussed the Circle of Friends of the Medallion and Society of Medalists, based on his award-winning new book, *The American Art Medal*, published by the American Numismatic Society.

In November, the club holds its annual donated auction, which contains a large selection of U.S., foreign and ancient coins, including a series of Roman Denarii, a 19th century British/Indian proof set, and U.S. obsolete coinage, including a three-cent and twenty-cent piece.

Tennessee

<u>Chattanooga Coin Club</u> by Dennis Schafluetzel

Each summer the Chattanooga Coin Club, a 63-year-old ANA Club, sponsors a dinner for members and their spouses. This year 29 attended the dinner held at the Chop House on Aug. 30. Eleven tempting dinner choices were listed on the menu.

Dennis Schafluetzel, ANA District and Club Representative, presented past club president Stanley Davis a certificate of appreciation signed by (now former) ANA Executive Director Larry Shepherd. The club awarded Davis a one-year ANA membership.



Dennis Schafluetzel, presenting the ANA membership award to **Stanley Davis**.

Club charter member Bill II (age 96) and his son Bill III (age 65, who joined as a YN) attended and enjoyed the outing.

A \$5 Liberty gold coin and six other prizes were awarded in a drawing.

West Tennessee Collectors Club

The 53rd Annual Coin Show sponsored by the West Tennessee Collectors Club (Jackson, TN) was held Sept. 10-11, and was sold out with 19 dealers and 31 tables. The attendance was steady, and the dealers reported a strong show for buying and selling. The next show will be Sept. 8-9, 2012. For information, contact MacMann (club president), PO Box 7351, Jackson, TN 38302, or e-mail trime1865@yahoo.com.

Washington and Oregon

PNNA/Willamette Coin Club by ANA V.P. Walt Ostromecki

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The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and The Willamette Coin Club (WCC) jointly sponsored the annual MINI-CON coin show and convention at the DoubleTree Hotel, Portland, OR, Oct. 21 -23.

"An array of non-collector, youth and family focused outreach programs, exhibits and educational activities highlighted this year's show," remarked Lisa Loos, PNNA President. "We were indeed honored to have ANA Vice President Walt Ostromecki in attendance to once again lead various free public and youth activities which included the ever-popular Kid's Zone Treasure Hunt and Coin Collecting 101 Basics. Walt also held a public forum on Saturday evening for ANA-PNNA members, dealers and the public about 'What's Happening Inside Today's ANA.'

In addition, Loos went on to say: "PNNA members James Reinders and YN Katie Reinders each conducted very successful coin-collecting badge workshops for Boy and Girl Scouts, with approximately 40 scouts in attendance on Saturday afternoon. They also spearheaded the youth's outreach drive for numismatic exhibits which did net three entrants, including one first timer."

The show was attended by well more than 600 despite the lingering economic downturn and lower prices in the stock and bullion markets. General Chairman and current WCC President Gene Wiley noted, "We expected a bullion show, but it broke out into a collector-based extravaganza with many dealers reporting lively sales all day Saturday."

Dennis Reed, owner of Lacey Rare Coins, Lacey, WA, observed: "Friday was a slow start with lots of foot traffic, but little buying. Oh but, Saturday, all I can say is WOW! It was a collector-buying bonanza."

Amiee from Bellevue Rare Coins, Bellevue, WA, remarked: "We didn't know what to expect from the public when it came to purchasing certified coins (their massive show inventory included approximately 85% of slabbed and various graded collector coins), but we are sure glad we came to this show."

The Penny Lady, Charmy Harker, Irvine, CA, said: "I did well and was very busy all three days with sales. But the most enjoyment and satisfaction I received came from my participation in Walt's educational kids' treasure-hunt program. I just love engaging and talking with youngsters and families in conversations about coins."

PNNA Exhibit Coordinator and Chief Judge Eric Holcomb reported that there were nearly a dozen cases of outstanding exhibits, with two YN's participating. Best of Show as well as a first place award was captured by YN Katie Reinders (PNNA ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship winner and 2011 Outstanding YN Summer Seminar attendee), with *Happy Birthday Oregon*. Second place honors were claimed by James Reinders, *A Swedish 3 Daler Plate From the Nicobar Wreck*. Third place went to a YN first time exhibitor, Marie Fernandez, *Mint Marks of U.S. Coins*. Judges were Eric Holcomb, Scott Loos and Danny Bisgaard.

During the PNNA business meeting, President Lisa Loos gave a big kudos to Rick Shultz and Kevin Charbonneau (Rick's wing man), who both manned a PNNA and Numismatic Hobby exhibit and display booth in September during the run of the Puyallup Fair. Membership was reported as up a bit over last year. The January 2011 PNNA-ANA jointly hosted counterfeit detection education seminar was "a sold-out success with 30 participants." PNNA will again sponsor a YN to the 2012 ANA Summer Seminar. A PNNA People's Choice Exhibit Award will be established and instituted at the 2012 PNNA Spring Convention in Tukwila, WA. The Board also voted to establish a coin club newsletter award. A committee was set up to review and update the PNNA bylaws. Nominations for 2012-2014 election of officers are being solicited. The PNNA website (www.pnna.org) has a new look and members can opt for an online quarterly newsletter versus a printed one at a reduced cost, yet to be set.



Walt
Ostromecki
working with
Girl Scouts at
the Kid's Zone
table at the
PNNAWillamette
fall show.

A father and son collecting together at the PNNA-Willamette fall show.



Boeing Employees' Coin Club by Greg Smith

The Boeing Employees' Coin Club (BECC) is holding its 48th annual coin show Jan. 21-22, 2012, at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. North, Kent, Washington. The show is the second largest in Washington with more than 70 dealers participating and arguably the best liked show as well.

The BECC is one of the most active coin clubs in the Pacific Northwest. It is organized in a spirit of friendliness and good fellowship to share the pleasures of coin collecting. It's purposes include to promote, extend, and protect the interests of coin enthusiasts and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms.

The BECC publishes a monthly newsletter, holds an annual coin show in January, mints an annual commemorative medal featuring a Boeing product, and promotes numismatics through special educational programs and social activities such as the numismatic displays at the Puyallup Fair each September. The commemorative medals have been made in silver, bronze and pewter since 1977 and copper medals were introduced this year.

The official web site of the Boeing Employees' Coin Club is http://seattlebecc.org/. The BECC is part of the official employee recreation program of The Boeing Company, however, club news items and editorial comment do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Boeing Company.

For more information contact: Greg Smith, 253-737-6268, e-mail smithgd11@comcast.net.

Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

Bob Brock explains why the 1873-CC Liberty Seated silver dollar is his favorite coin, in the fall-winter 2011 issue of *Curry's Chronicle*, the official journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America. Brock's article describes how he got interested in the Liberty Seated dollar series and how he soon discov-

ered how challenging it would be to add a four-piece set of Carson City Mint examples to his collection, all in uncirculated condition. Brock tells how when he realized the Carson Mint made the 1873-CC Seated dollar in the year of his grandmother's birth, it became the most special coin he owns.

The father-and-daughter team of Tony Arnold and Mary Elise Arnold-Giambrone contributed two articles to the fall-winter *Curry's Chronicle*. Tony Arnold shares his vision of how he wishes to acquire one example of each of the 111 date-denomination combinations issued by the Carson City Mint, and his daughter, Mary Elise Arnold-Giambrone, provides an in-depth review of the C4OA's August meeting at the ANA's World's Fair of Money convention in Rosemont, IL.

Long-time member Michael "The Drummer" Parrott shares how he and 15 other members met for a dinner and impromptu show-and-tell session after the Nevada State Museum's Carson City coin show in late August. Mark Archambault gives readers a synopsis of his game plan to build a 10-piece "CC" Liberty Seated half dollar set, limited to circulated specimens. Mitchell Yee's article provides background information, pricing histories, survival estimates, and images of two countertop, cardboard stand-up displays used by the GSA in the 1970s to promote its Carson City silver dollar sales.

Weimar White, who has contributed at least one article to each of the first 24 issues of *Curry's Chronicle*, suggests five reasons why he thinks collectors like Carson City-minted coins. John Crane introduces a new column to the journal, Crane's Carson Coin Corner, in which he plans to write about countermarked and love token coins that bear the "CC" mintmark. He starts off with a countermarked 1876-CC quarter. Club president and the journal's editor, Rusty Goe, in his article asks, "How many 'CC' coins survive from the pre-Morgan silver dollar era — 1870 to 1877?"

Information: CCCCOA, PO Box 18040, Reno, NV 89511. The website is at www.carsoncitycoinclub.com, or phone (775) 322-4455, or e-mail info@ccccoa.com.

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

The CC>CC is pleased to announce that Rick "RIVERBOAT" Pokracki has accepted the appointment to become the next Educational Director of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. Rick follows in some very heavy footsteps, pun intended, and we know he will do a great job. Rick will bring his enthusiasm and knowledge to the Education Director position. The CC>CC is an IRS 501(c)3 educational organization and as such this is a very important function.

The previous Education Director, Sheldon Smith, was quoted as saying, "Having been the Educational

Director for six years, it was time to turn the reigns over to someone new."

Pokracki responded, "I consider it an honor to be nominated to the position of Educational Director and an even higher honor of the unanimous vote by the Board of Directors. I understand the importance of the position in relationship to the educational mission of our IRS 503(c)3 Educational Organization and I know the big shoes to fill of my predecessor. I will do my best to find educational speakers that will interest all members attending the convention from the new members to first-time conventioneers to the seasoned veteran hungry for more knowledge."

Souvenir Card Collectors Society by William Kriebel

Mr. Kriebel is president of the Souvenir Card Collectors Society, and also the editor of its quarterly journal and the author of *Souvenir Cards: A Visual Reference*, now in its second edition. You can obtain sample pages, including the index and introduction, by contacting him at kriebewv@drexel.edu. The full 168-page publication, in a flexible binder, can also be purchased.

This topic might be of interest to paper money collectors, as many banknotes have been reproduced on the intaglio cards of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the American Banknote Company (ABNCo).

From the desk of the National Coordinator by Oded Paz

Dear ANA Reps,

Since August, when I was appointed as the new National Coordinator for the ANA Club Representative Program, I have been working diligently in organizing the program, sending out updates and information, etc.

I have sent out the following information:

- Letter to the DRs on Sept. 22
- What's going on at the ANA (October)
- ANA DR meeting on Oct. 14
- District Rep Award Form for 2012, plus nominations list
- Questionnaire on Nov. 1
- What's going on at the ANA (November)

If anyone did NOT receive any of the above, please contact Oded immediately, via e-mail (paz@money.org), snail mail (Oded Paz, PO Box 633, Arco, ID 83213-0633) or phone (208-527-5270).

I also encourage you to communicate with me regarding the clubs you represent and anything else that you want to contribute and/or vent. I am here for you and for the success of this program!

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Editor's Message by Eric Holcomb

I just returned from the successful PNNA-Willamette fall show in Portland (see page 6), and then found time to finish this edition of *MintMark*.

Thank you very much for your reports and club information, and I hope everyone can glean some ideas for future club activities. For example, you can read about how one club in Florida reached 300 members; congratulations on that milestone!

The 1st Quarter 2012 edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing your submissions now! Remember, I'm looking for a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program, perhaps with one photo.

If you have a coin show or event to list in the ANA's printed and online calendars, please e-mail magazine@money.org at least two months in advance.