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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

Spring is finally here and it seems like the warmer weather is here for good. We have finally had to turn on the air conditioning in the house just the other day.

I hope everyone's Christmas went well and all of you got some type of numismatic gift for Christmas. I got a couple of Lincoln Cents for my daughter and my son was able to get a couple Franklins with full bell lines. I was told that the only coins I have left for my collection were too expensive so I didn't get any coin gifts but the ONA Coin Show is coming up soon so I will have to make up for that at this next show.

The ONA show will be here in May and I always enjoy working the front desk with my son early on the Saturday morning of the show. We usually help

some of the dealers get their tables set up and generally assist in any way we can before the show opens up to the public. My son's favorite part though, I think, is the donuts. Last year we got in trouble with my wife when we got home from the show and she asked him if he was hungry. He said he wasn't because he had 10 donuts at the show. This year I will have to keep a closer watch on him.

Hope all of you enjoy the spring weather and I hope to see you at the ONA show in May!



Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

Hope you have all had a great start to the year. It looks to be a great one for the coin collecting community. The Enid Spring Coin Club Show just finished and it was a little slower than last year but still a great show as always. There were several more new dealers attending the show than in the past and attendance was steady both Friday and Saturday with Sunday being the normal slow day with most dealers gone or leaving early. At least we had good weather and no snow or ice storms to cut it short like we have had in the past. High grade no problem coins are in high demand as always but I have also seen movement in the lower grade coins with collectors just filling holes if the price is cheap enough.

I'm looking forward to the Oklahoma City ONA show which is just around the corner. It has always been the

largest show of the year and is always highly attended. I'm still collecting error coins and at the Enid show we had a computer slide show display of error coins that was viewed by a lot of collectors and hopefully built a new interest in the error collecting hobby. This is an area that you can still find a coin in your change that is worth more than face value and seems to interest a lot of kids that I have been able to introduce to this area of collecting. At least they are looking at their change with a new prospective of maybe finding something worthwhile.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.



2nd Annual NWA Coin Show

JULY 21, 22 & 23, 2017

Dealer Set-up Friday, July 21, 8 a.m. – open to public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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Why We Collect

Recently I acquired a special Coin. A 1926-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar. This coin is a U.S. Coinage classic design.

Designed by Laura Gardin Fraser(obverse) and James Earle Fraser(reverse), it's considered by many, including me, to be the most attractive Early Commemorative coin. It brought me back to this amazing series of coins. I finished my type collection of Early Commemorative's several years ago. I liked the Oregon Trail example so much, I acquired several examples even though I only needed one.

The Oregon Trail coin shows an Indian Warrior trying to push back the endless wave of westward bound pioneers and the reverse shows a Conestoga wagon with a young woman and baby within headed toward a setting sun. The execution of this magnificent design is as good as art gets. This coin has high relief features and texture on the surfaces that rival the Saint Gaudens Double Eagle, another classic.

Study this coin carefully you will



Gary Parsons - Vice President

see details that go unnoticed by many. The tiny baby in her mother's arms in the wagon and the arc of clouds above the Indians outstretched arm are examples of details many miss.

The Oregon Trail Half Dollar usually comes well struck and the 1926-S example I acquired is no exception. However, many coins you see in the market have been abused by improper cleaning or have acquired unattractive toning from improper storage. My coin is an exception. It was most likely placed in an album not long after being made and stayed there protected for decades.

It has picked up attractive rim toning that show blue, rose, and golden highlights. The luster on the coin is full. It shows no marks with unblemished surfaces. This coin could grade MS-67 or better. I think I have another keeper!!

Many overlook the Early Commemorative's to collect. They have much to offer with low mintage's, attractive designs by many of our most talented artist from the period, and fascinating back stories about their development. Because the series

have been somewhat out of favor prices have come down and are now very affordable except for a few key dates. Take a Look! You might find a new challenge!



Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The January 2017 meeting of the MECC was opened up at 7:01 PM by President John Sands, who welcomed the ten members and two guests to the proceedings. The meeting was held in the church coffee shop to accommodate the auction. Drawings were won by members Shane Cornell and Chris Harrell.

Old Business: The club discussed area coin shows. Several members were able to attend the Black Friday Coin Show held in Glenpool in November 2016. The Stephens County Coin Show is coming up on February 10-11. Shane Cornell said there is always a good variety of dealers and items available at this show. The Enid Coin Show will be March 10-11.

The Holiday Dinner was held at The Delta Café at 4100 South Garnett Road in early December. Those attending had a great night of food and fellowship.

New Business: Annual dues were collected. Guests Mark Langston and John Saco became members. The Annual Winter Board Meeting was held to include all

of the membership present. President John Sands and Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe will retain their positions for the next year. Long time club Vice President Ron Lawrence stepped down, and Chris Harrell was selected to replace him. Ron was thanked for his continued and faithful service to the club. The itinerary for the year was set: Educational Programs will be set for the February, April, June, August, and October meetings, while auctions will be held in March, May, July, September, and November.

Member Keith Morgan related a trip to Colorado Springs, CO to get an 1830 Capped Bust half dollar variety identified.

Show & Tell: Shane Cornell presented some French casino tokens that were issued by individual towns.

John Sands showed a couple of gold pieces, including a 1946 50 Mexican peso coin and 2006 US Indian Head/Buffalo piece.

Ron Lawrence had a 1970 Great Britain proof set, which were the

first decimal coins issued for England.

Charles Meyers showed a Davisson's catalogue that featured ancients, British, and other hard to find numismatic items for sale.

Tim O'Keefe showed a collection of British Honduras/Belize coins and notes going back 140 years.

Auction : The club ran its third coin auction. Keith Morgan acted as auctioneer again, and 22 items were put on the block for sale. The club waived the buyer fee for this meeting. Items included US proof sets, various silver half dollars, some copper bullion pieces, a 1940 rupee note from India, an

1851 half dime, a 1914-D Barber quarter, a 1966 Jamaica 5 shilling piece, and some other assorted foreign coins .

Close: The next meeting of the MECC will be at 7PM on Thursday February 23 at Yale Avenue Christian Church, 3600 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa, OK. Tonight's meeting was closed by acclamation at 8:30PM.



OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

Our February meeting was held on February 7th and the presentation was on the coins of Spain by Dr. Schnabel. There was buying, selling, & trading that started around 6:30.

The March meeting was considered a "Round Robin" where we all re-introduced ourselves then

gave a brief commentary on our interests in the coin collecting hobby.

If you are a Facebook user, please join our Oklahoma City Coin Club page. It is currently a closed group, but we can change the settings as needed.

The OKC Coin Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at St. Lukes United Methodist Church at 222 NW 15th Street in Oklahoma City.



Duncan's Annual Coin Show

* Free Admission to the Public *

Stephens County Fairgrounds
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What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

I suppose what we collect is somehow determined or inspired by the people in our lives. While recently inspecting my collection, I was reminded of several coins and notes that were given to me as gifts over the years. The coin that launched my numismatic interests was provided to my parents as a birth gift by an unknown relative in 1959. The coin is an 1878-S Morgan dollar that was encased in a metal key fob. My mom kept the coin tucked away in a box in our house. Even though I started collecting when I was about 9 years old, I was not entrusted with adding that item to my collection until I was 12 or 13, as it was more valuable than any of my starter sets.

I attended Catholic grade school in Connecticut in the 1960s. The school was run by nuns who ruled with an iron fist (I still have a bruise or two left to prove that point). In 6th grade, I was tasked with an assignment to inventory something in my house. I chose my coin collection. The second grade teacher at the school, Sister Rose Agnes, heard that I had an

interest in numismatics. The good sisters had everyone in the school volunteer one day during the school year to help clean the adjacent convent on the campus grounds. During my turn in the rotation, Sister Rose Agnes showed me her collection of silver Peace Dollars (which was quite extensive). She asked if I knew a way of getting them appraised. There was a coin shop about 5 blocks from the school, and she allowed me to bring them there for inspection. (I'm guessing it was a lesson in responsibility and trust). The shop keeper said that while they were all in Fine to Very Fine condition, none were key dates. I returned all of the coins to the convent. Sister Rose Agnes was pleased to get a monetary value on the coins, and said she had a gift to give me for assisting her. I eagerly anticipated getting one of the Peace Dollars. However, she instead gave me a group of imitation Roman coins in a plastic holder. She probably wanted it out of the convent as the obverses featured anti-Christian Roman leaders. Still, I was glad to accept the items.

In the spring of 1972, my mom flew two of my brothers and myself to California for a week's vacation with my Aunt Rose and her family. Trips to Disneyland, the San Diego Zoo, and Malibu kept us quite entertained. One afternoon we crossed the border into Mexico, and spent a few hours in Tijuana. The city was run down, dirty, and not a good place for a 13 year old to hang out. I told Aunt Rose that I wanted a souvenir from the sojourn to Mexico. She was able to procure me a few peso coins and notes. They are not worth very much, but they are a valuable reminder of a short adventure into another country. Over the years, I somehow managed to get some battery acid spilled on one of the notes, but I would never think of replacing it.

In 1984, my best friends Terry and Robin McGill got married in Massachusetts. I was privileged enough to be included in the wedding party as a groomsman. Terry has always been a class act. Each of the groom's assistants received a metal business card holder with a silver round encased in the center. I never did figure out if he gave me the coin for helping out with the wedding, or to buy my silence for the wild and crazy bachelor party we had the night before (that's a story for another venue). And I'm

happy to say that they are still together after all of these years.

My Dad is a consultant for a firm in Bogota, Colombia (and at 84, he is still going strong). He always brings me back Colombian money for my foreign book upon completion of his trips. My daughter has been over to Europe a few times. When she asks what I want her to bring back for me (besides herself), I always ask for a few dollars in pocket change of current euros. She has never disappointed and it did not bust her traveling budget. I have a friend at work who is in the military and travels all over the world. He has brought me bank notes from South Korea, Trinidad & Tobago, and some places in the Middle East. That's networking at its best.

I have been blessed with several generous and good friends over the years. Their actions have enhanced my life and my collection. The items they have given me, while not worth much monetarily, are quite dear to me. They mean more than most of the high dollar acquisitions I have made while on my eternal national scavenger hunt. Always appreciate the people you have around you. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

Coin & Stamp Show

April 1, 2017

Salina, Kansas



- Saturday-9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Free Admission

No children under 12 unless accompanied by parent or guardian

- Food

- Free Parking

- Security Provided

BUY-SELL-TRADE-SHOW

Reservation Deadline: March 25, 2017

First 8' table \$45. Each additional table is \$25. Back up tables included. Forty (40) tables available. Dealer set up Saturday, April 1 after 8 am. Salina Coin Club and VFW are not responsible for thefts or accidents. Dealers will be required to keep tables uncovered and open for selling during show hours.

Reservations must be accompanied by payment or minimum deposit of \$25.

VFW-1108 W. Crawford  

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Send check with reservations to:

Salina Coin Club
Box 1111
Salina, KS 67402-1111
785-827-9766
Email: sp-coins@vfwbcf.net
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OKC Coin Club

ONA Life Member 40
Meets 1st Tuesday monthly at 7pm
St. Lukes Methodist Church
222 NW 15th St
President - Terry Gust
Vice Pres - Blake Gibb
Secretary - Shane Gray
Treasurer - John Ogilbee
Historian - Allan Ramsey
Box 21022
OKC, OK. 73156-1022

Border Town Coin Club

ONA LM-234
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
Bancorp South - East Branch
7000 Rogers Ave
Fort Smith, AR
President - Phil Rosar
Vice Pres - Richard Bartlett
Sec/Treas - Dale White
PO Box 931
Fort Smith, AR. 72902
479-783-5881

Enid Coin Club

ONA Life Member 67
Meets 1st Tuesday monthly at 7pm
Oklahoma Highway Patrol Station
5725 W Owen K Garriott Rd.
President - Frederick Pepe
Vice Pres - Larry Bennett
Secretary - Kim Pepe
518 W. Broadway Ave.
Enid, OK. 73701

Indian Territory Coin Club

Meets 2nd Monday each month -
6:30pm
Sizzlin Sirloin, S. George Nigh
Expressway, McAlester
President - HL Dollens
Vice Pres - Dale Ennis
Sec/Treas - Gary Parsons
1232 S Main St.
McAlester, OK. 74501
(918) 423-9044

Magic Empire Coin Club

ONA Life Member CC 241
Meets 4th Thursday monthly at
7pm.
Yale Avenue Christian Church
3616 S. Yale
President - John Sands
Vice Pres - Chris Harrell
Sec/Treas - Tim O'Keefe
PO Box 580055
Tulsa, OK. 74158
918-697-8348

Comanche County Coin Club

ONA Life Member 14
Meets 1st Wednesday of each month
- 630pm
Chateau of Lawton
6302 SW Lee Blvd.
President - Sam Feeback
Vice Pres - James White
Secretary - Lisa Kay Ewing
Treasurer - Erwin Wheeler
130 S. Hillside Rd, Apache, OK.
73006

Stephens County Coin Club

ONA Life Member 17
Meets 4th Monday of each month -
6:30pm
Red River Technology Center
3300 W Bois D'Arc, Duncan, OK.
President - Erwin Wheeler
Vice Pres - Robert Meyer
Secretary - Sam Feedback
Treasurer - Dan Fletcher
(580)470-8799
Box 635
Duncan, OK. 73533

Indian Capitol Coin Club

ONA Member CC 185
Meets 3rd Monday of each month -
6:30pm
Muskogee Library
8th & Okmulgee
President - Mike McClendon
Vice Pres - Sam Carter
Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway
PO Box 2521
Muskogee, OK. 74402

Custer County Coin Club

Meets 3rd Monday of each month -
7:00pm
217 N. Illinois ST. (in the back)
Weatherford, OK 73096
President - Trent Boesen
Vice President - David Tautfest
Sec/Treasurer - Kim Arganbright
405-222-8718

Northwest Arkansas Coin Club

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month -
6PM; Embassy Suites Hotel,
Rogers, AR. at Exit 83.
President - Bill Nelson
Secretary - Mark Yarbrough, Jr.
Treasurer - Daniel Yarbrough
214-232-2410.



COIN SHOW GUIDE

2017 ONA Annual Coin Show

May 5-7

Friday 1-5

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-3

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Bldg

Free Admission to Public

For more info, contact Gary

Parsons at 405-426-9044

2nd Annual NWA Coin Show

July 21-23

Dealer Set up Friday at 8am

Open to Public:

Friday 1-5

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-4

John Q Hammons Center and

Embassy Suites Hotel

3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy

Rogers, AR

Contact Bill Nelson at

214-232-2410

ONA Fall Show

Magic Empire Club

Sept. 8-10

Fri. noon dealer set-up,

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm

Tulsa Elks Lodge,

5335 S. Harvard

2 blocks south of I-44

at Harvard Exit;

contact Dale Schaffer for info at

918 496 3008 or e-mail:

dale.schaffer@cox.net

OKLAHOMA'S UNIQUE COIN SHOW,

October 20-21

Fri. 12-5pm, Sat. 9AM-6PM

S. E. Oklahoma Expo Center,

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of McAlester, 1 mile east of

Indian Nation

Turnpike; for info contact Gary

Parsons at 405 426-9044 or e-mail

at olegar@cox.net



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