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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

The Oklahoma City Coin Show is a big event at our house. My dad plans his trip to visit my family during the coin show and we take both Saturday and Sunday walking around and picking out some nice coins to purchase.

This year, my seven year old son wrote out his wish list and went to the show with his list in hand. He was able to finish up his Jefferson nickel collection by picking up a gem BU 1950-D nickel and then he went on a mission finding some of the semi-key dates in the Lincoln Cent series. He ended up picking up a 1910-S, a 1922-D, and a 1933-D just to name a few. It helps being only seven years old as he was able to get some excellent deals on coins that I

don't think the dealers were giving to just anyone.

Along those lines, I would like to thank the dealers that spent a little extra time with my young collector, knowing they will not make much money, but still taking the time to go over countless of common date Lincoln pennies with him. He had a blast and he is already making his list for the show next year. I heard that the coin on the top of the list for next year is a 1909 S-VDB...

ELECTION NOTICE

A ballot has been included in this issue along with a return envelope. You may use the return envelope to return your dues check as well. This slate of officers were selected at the ONA Board meeting at the OKC show and are being elected to a 2 year term.

ITS DUES TIME

Enclosed are dues envelopes. If your mailing label says Dues Paid thru 6/2011, you are due. Submit ballots in the same envelope.

Letter from the President



Gary Parsons - President

Thank you dealers, volunteers, and everyone who helped with the ONA Oklahoma City Show! By all accounts, it was one of our best shows ever. Please read the WHY WE COLLECT column for details on the Oklahoma City show. If you didn't make it, you have another chance this year to attend our Tulsa show in September. The dates are September 10 and 11. The Enid club has a show coming up in August and several good shows will be held in North Texas and Kansas before the end of the year. Please refer to our show section of the newsletter for details on all these shows.

Bullion prices for gold and silver pulled back from record levels that occurred just before the Oklahoma City show. This appears to me to be a normal correction in a bull market. Silver was particularly extended and has pulled back the most. It now appears to be stabilizing at prices between \$35 and \$40 per ounce. I believe bullion prices will be moving higher by fall and may retest the old highs.

Summer is usually a little quieter in the hobby! But it can be a time to learn and reflect on your hobby experience. Don't forget ANA Summer Seminar at ANA headquarters in Colorado

Springs the end of June and early July. I will be attending as usual. August brings the ANA's Worlds Fair of Money, which will be in Rosemont, Illinois (suburb of Chicago). The dates are August 16 to 20, even though pre-show activities start as early as August 12. If you have never been to the "BIG SHOW", it will be an experience you will not soon forget. I'm hoping I can go! Maybe I will see you at the show. Let me know if you plan to attend. Go to these activities and you will learn more about the hobby and by doing so, derive more pleasure from the hobby.

We would like to get more articles from our membership for the MINTLUSTER. Club reports are always welcome. We need members to step up and volunteer to work for ONA. We could be doing a lot more at our shows, at our local club meetings, and for our membership in general if we had more help. Please contact me anytime at 405-426-9044, if you want to volunteer.

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Why We Collect

This column will be used to report on our recent Oklahoma City Show. We will pick back up on Civil War Money next quarter. The Show had many positives and a few negatives, but it will be one to remember! Bullion prices for silver and gold were at record levels going into the show which helped with interest and turnout. We added several new dealers this year, WELCOME ABOARD. Public attendance was the best in years and over one hundred more than last year. Dealers



Gary Parsons - President

reported strong sales and a few dealers had to leave early due to their inventory being nearly depleted. Most of the public attending were buyers. Attendance at our programs was down a little from last year, but still good. In spite of our effort to tighten security, we still experienced three dealer losses, which is unacceptable.

We will work harder at our future shows to prevent theft. Temperature comfort level in our building was another area where improvement is needed. However, from most reports the show was a positive experience for our patrons and

A Program During the Show



Photo by Brian Miller

A Great Turnout on Day One



Photo by Debbie Miller

dealers. Thanks to everyone involved!

The Oklahoma City Club provided the volunteers to make the show possible. They turned out in record numbers to staff most of the critical areas that must be staffed. They should all be commended for the great job they did in helping the show run smoothly. The club will share in the profit we made from the show!

The Redbook Challenge was won by the Stephens County Coin Club from Duncan and they took home a check from ONA for \$100. The Border Town Coin

Club from Fort Smith came in second and received a check for \$50. Congratulations to all that participated! Those representing their clubs at the finals won 2012 Redbooks, courtesy of ONA. Look forward to a new competition next year. Perhaps a coin grading competition. I'm looking for ideas. Please contact me.

Above all! I think most of us had a great time! We need not forget that we are involved in a hobby for most of us. It is important that we provide activities and an environment where our patrons learn and have fun. To this end, I think we succeeded!

A Future Collector at the Show



Photo by Debbie Miller

New Members

Tim Yager, Prairie Grove, AR
Luis Mendez, Benbrook, TX

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A Year to Remember

On June 28, 1914, the heir to the Habsburg throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife, Duchess Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo, capital of the Austrian province of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia.

An Austrian declaration of war against Serbia began with a bombardment of Belgrade. Complex problems and suspicions followed, and with her ally Germany, World War I began.

As a collector of world coinage, I was deep into the coins of Austria and the Holy Roman Empire. After a visit in 1972, I added to my collection, Yugoslavia and its provinces, Serbia and Montenegro.

By 1986, I had completed a decent type collection, with one exception. I had not found a 1914 Para of Montenegro. Searching World Coin News, in the wanted section, found an ad from a dealer in Europe, looking for the same coin. I wrote him suggesting, if he was looking for it, did he find any, and if so, would he sell me one. His reply was that he



Irv Brotman

had one for sale, at \$150. The coin in fine condition was valued at only \$6. Why the disparity in price?

My research found that due to the start of World War I, between Austria and Serbia in 1914, all the copper coins of the area were taken in and melted for bullets. Therefore, before their release, the 1914 Para coins were melted down. But we know, that there are always coins that get out of the mint before the 'official' release. And this was no exception. But would I pay \$150 for one, no way!

At the 1988 coin convention in Los Angeles, as I walked the floor, I came across a dealer whose table was crowded with buyers. Found out he was going out of business and all coins were marked down. Bargain time! I squeezed in, got the 'M' book, and to my surprise, there it was,

and for only \$6, wow! I knew it was worth about \$150, could I, in all conscious, steal this one. No. So I searched his bargains, and bought about \$50 worth of coins, some that I already had. But a bargain is a bargain never to pass up. When would the next time

come, when I would find a coin that I had spent 16 years looking for? So my \$150 find, for only \$6, was a steal. By the way, when I disposed of my collection in 1996, that coin brought \$200.



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ONA Life Member 40
Meets 1st Tuesday monthly at 7pm
St. Lukes Methodist Church
222 NW 15th St
President - Terry Gust
Vice Pres - Ron LaSpisa
Secretary - Candace Howard
Treasurer - Van Nakagawara
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 - Robert Gregg
Vice Pres - Keith Boltz
Secretary - Ronald Forshee
813 W Maine
Enid, OK. 73701

Indian Territory Coin Club

Meets 2nd Monday each month -
6:30pm
Angels Diner, 1402 S. George Nigh
Expressway, McAlester
President - HL Dollens
Vice Pres - Jeff Cecil
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 - Ron Lawrence
Sec/Treas - Joe Anne Sloan
PO Box 580055
Tulsa, OK. 74158

Comanche County Coin Club

ONA Life Member 14
Meets 1st Thursday of each month -
7pm
Lawton Public Library Room 2
President - Sam Feeback
Vice Pres - Ed McGill
Secretary - Patrick Payne
Treasurer - Larry E. Campbell
PO Box 6555, Lawton, OK. 73506

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 - JT Whatley
Vice Pres - Rex Ross
Secretary - Joy Woods
Treasurer - Larry E Campbell
(580)470-8799
Box 635
Duncan, OK. 73533

Indian Capitol Coin Club

ONA Member CC 185
Meets 3rd Monday of each month -
7:00pm
Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center
119 Spaulding Blvd.
Muskogee, OK. 74403
President - John Vaughn
Vice Pres - Sam Carter
Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway
1500 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK. 74401

COIN SHOW GUIDE

Cowtown Coin Show

July 9-10, 2011
Saturday 9-5 & Sun. 9-3
Lockheed Rec Center
3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd,
Fort Worth, TX.
Contact Gary Andrews at
817-444-4813 or
apctexas@aol.com

ONA Coin Show

September 10-11
Saturday 9-6 & Sunday 9-2
Tulsa Elks Lodge
5335 S Harvard
Tulsa, OK.
Contact Shane Cornell at
918-629-0208 or
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Enid's Fall Coin - Token - Collectables Show

August 5-6-7, 2011
Friday 12-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3
Garfield County Fairgrounds
Pavilion Building
111 West Purdue
Enid, OK
Contact Clifford Cooper at 580-
233-0007 or cccoins@att.net

Fort Worth Coin Show

November 5 & 6
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3
Lockheed Recreational Center
3400 S Bryant Irvin Rd
FT. Worth, TX.
Contact Ron Suprenant at
682-227-0700

OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Gary Parsons

At our April meeting we had our semi-annual club auction. Attendance was good as usual at our auctions, and many bargains were acquired. Of course some people paid too much, but that is the nature of auctions. We have a great time. Please join us at our next one in the fall.

Dr James Schnabel presented our program in May on U. S. Classical Coin Design. His programs are always well done. I regret that I missed the meeting

and his program. I intend to try to get him to repeat it at the Oklahoma City ONA Show next spring.

Carroll Johnson presented a very interesting program on the U. S. Dollar Bill. I didn't know there are thirteen olives and thirteen leaves on the olive branch on the great seal of the United States on the reverse of our One Dollar bill. There are many other thirteen's on the bill besides the obvious thirteen stars and stripes. You need to come to our meetings. You will learn something new at every one. Thanks Carroll!!

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