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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

One of the things that I enjoy most about being the editor of the Mint Luster is the article submissions that I receive from the membership. At the end of January, I received an email from Russell Doughty with his article along with some pictures. I have included his article in this issue along with a couple pictures of what he called a "baseball card" that he did for school when he was in 5th grade. Thanks again Russell for your submission and pictures. I encourage all of you to keep your submissions coming and I will be sure to include all articles in upcoming issues.

We once again have our Letter from the President and our Why We Collect column from Gary Parsons as well as the Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes. We also have the latest installment of What We Collect from Tim O'Keefe. I always look forward to getting his column in my email for inclusion in our publication. Thanks Tim for your contributions to our newsletter!

I am really starting to look forward to the ONA Annual Coin Show in May. I should have a little extra money and I am hoping to finish up a couple of my collections. The problem I have is deciding which collections I should complete. I will definitely be finishing up my Buffalo Nickel collection as I

only need the 1913-S type 2. I am torn between finishing my Walking Liberty set or my V Nickel set as well. I probably won't be able to make up my mind until I get there.

My son and I will be helping out at the show and will be working the front desk for a couple hours on Saturday morning. He always has a great time at the shows and I am glad he has agreed to help out a little too with the "behind the scenes" work of the show. Last year he helped out with the name tags, helped move some tables and even answered a couple questions for people about where things were located.

My almost 8 year old daughter is one of the newest members of the OKC Coin Club. Last month she spent her own money to join the club. I think she is most excited about getting her own name tag but I told her that now that she is a member, she will have to start planning on doing a presentation. Maybe one day she will put on a presentation for us all at our monthly meeting in a couple of years!

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 Show just finished and it was better than the last few shows with higher than normal traffic and better than normal weather. Being an election year I think we can expect a roller coaster of activity that should only help our hobby.

We still need to try harder to get a younger group interested in the hobby. I noticed very few younger people at the show and the fact that more and more business is being done over the internet doesn't help the future of our local smaller coin shows. If anyone has

any ideas on this, please share them with us all and we will try to implement them. I know Gary Parsons has been doing a lot of work to try and get younger people involved and even getting them to go to grading seminars with the ONA helping with the expenses. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and hope to see you at a future coin show.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.



1st Annual NWA Coin Show

June 10, 11 & 12, 2016

Dealer Set-up Friday, June 10, 8 a.m. – open to public 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Why We Collect



Some of my favorite coins made by our country is the Early Type Coins made before 1830. For the most part, they are all rare and have a very interesting story to tell if you can unlock their secrets. By the way, these coins are rapidly increasing in value while the rest of the coin market is flat to down.

One of my favorite coins from this era is the 1815 Capped Bust Quarter Dollar. With a mintage of 89,235 according to Breen in *ENCYCLOPEDIA of U.S. and COLONIAL COINS*, examples have become difficult to find in nice collectible condition. The great majority of these pieces have been melted in 19th century melts, particularly 1853 when silver prices soared.

It has been estimated by several experts that less than 3% of the silver coins minted before 1850 still exist in any condition. The 1815 Capped Bust Quarter is a first year type, since it was made for the first time with this John Reich design. All quarters from this period are rare because demand was low for the quarter because the 2 Reales Spanish



Gary Parsons - Vice President

Colonial was also circulating in our country and was preferred by most citizens. Both pieces were valued at 25 cents.

Quarters were not even minted most years, in fact, quarters had not been made since 1807, when the last Draped Bust type was made. A surprising fact Breen uncovered in his research was that 20,003 of the 1815 dated Capped Bust Quarters were not made until Jan. 10, 1816, and these were made with used dies with clash marks and are generally poorly made. Bottom line, if you can find a smooth, well made example without significant problems you had better snap it up.

I have had the good fortune to find two recently after looking for several years. I have sold one to a friend and will keep my fine example until I find a better one that I can afford. These old quarters are costing over \$600 now in

fine condition, if you can find an example. Expect the prices to continue to escalate as the rarity of these early type coins become common knowledge.

IS THIS A GREAT HOBBY OR WHAT!!



New Members

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Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The January meeting of the MECC was opened at 7:04 PM by President John Sands, who welcomed the seven members and one guest. Jearldine Lawrence advised that long time club members Joe Chumley and his wife died within a month of each other over the holidays.

Drawings were won by President Sands, Jearldine Lawrence, and Charles Meyers.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe received the order of wooden nickels from the dealer in Austin, Texas, and handed out samples for inspection by the club. The club discussed changing venues to one of the Tulsa City-County libraries. S/T O'Keefe said he would investigate in the coming days. S/T O'Keefe also renewed the club's American Numismatic Association (ANA) membership for the next two years.

Shane Cornell stated that Dale Schafer has taken over as the bourse chairman of the Annual Tulsa Coin Show in September. The club thanked Shane for his many years of faithful service.

The club held its annual business meeting at this time. Club Officers and the Board of Directors stayed the same. President Sands directed S/T O'Keefe to update some language in the charter. S/T O'Keefe presented the 2015 financial report and the 2016 meeting schedule.

Show & Tell – Vice President Ron Lawrence presented an Austrian 2 florin piece dated 1859B, a French 1811-A piece featuring Napoleon, and an 1880 Belgium piece commemorating 50 years of independence. President John Sands showed a 1950 United States proof set. Shane Cornell had a Hungarian florint dated 1879, a Bavarian 2 mark piece dated 1911-D, a Bavarian 3 mark piece dated 1914-D, a German 1 mark piece dated 1914-A, and a German 1 mark piece dated 1916-D. S/T O'Keefe passed around a collection of New Zealand coins and currency.

The February 2016 meeting of the MECC was opened at 7:05 PM. President John Sands welcomed the nine members in attendance.

Old Business: S/T O'Keefe said that the first contact to create a club website fell through. He is working on a secondary source.

S/T O'Keefe went by Schusterman Library at the end of January. This was in response to finding a new venue. They are booked up for most evenings though August. Other local libraries have the same issue. S/T O'Keefe suggested that the matter be revisited later in the year. As such, the rent at the church was paid up for the year.

Vice President Ron Lawrence purchased prizes for the monthly drawings and the bi-monthly Educational Presentation. He was reimbursed from club funds. The monthly drawing is now cut back to two prizes.

Announcements: Shane Cornell encouraged the membership to attend the Enid Coin Show March 11-13.

Drawings: Won by Tim O'Keefe and Shane Cornell.

Educational Presentation: Tim O'Keefe began a discussion on Barber Coins. He showed a set of Liberty Nickels, including an 1883 'no cents' variety, a gold plated 'racketeer' nickel that pushed for the need of changing the coin that year, an 1883 "with

cents' variety, and a copy of a 1913 piece. He spoke about the story of deaf-mute Josh Tatum in Baltimore in the 1880s who was reportedly passing these 'racketeer' pieces as part of an on-going fraud. He also showed a fairly complete set of Barber dimes (1892-1915), a smaller set of Barber quarters (1892-1916), and a complete set of Barber half dollars (1892-1915) in AG-VG. He also discussed the Barber Coin Collectors Society, which promotes the collecting of Barber coins and issues a quarterly newsletter. The group also has an informative website.

Show & Tell: Shane Cornell had a grouping of French transportation tokens made of brass and pewter from Orleans, Nantes, and Lyon. Charles Meyers showed a silver groat of Henry VIII dated 1530. Steve Langinn showed a 1964-D double died Kennedy half dollar. Keith Morgan presented some various tokens, including an 1884 love token. President Sands showed a 1940 proof set. Vice President Lawrence presented a 1782 Swedish riksdaler of Gustavus III, along with three United States Turban head half dollars dated 1810, 1811, and 1834. S/T O'Keefe showed a 1936 uniface three pence pattern piece featuring Edward VIII. A similar piece was featured in this month's 'The Numismatic'. According to

the article, only 18 pieces were created. O'Keefe has contacted the article's author, Robert Jaque, for further information. Mr. Jaque has in turn contacted the Royal Mint in London to find out more about the piece.

The next meeting of the MECC will be held at 7PM on Thursday March 24 at Yale Avenue Christian Church. This will be expanded Show & Tell, with refreshments provided by Ron and Jearldine Lawrence.

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OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

At our February meeting, Gary Parsons spoke about chopmarks on Trade Dollars. The discussion was very informative.

In March, our guest speaker was Allan Ramsey with a discussion on German Talers. Auction packets were also distributed along with some discussion about our semi-annual auction coming up in April. We were told to start saving up our money so we can participate in the auction.

Our meeting in June will be on a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday.

In June, the meeting will be on June 8th instead of the 7th because of a conflict in the scheduling with the church and the room that we have reserved for our meetings.

Blake is also looking for more presenters for late summer and fall. If any of you would like to make a presentation for the OKC Coin Club, please contact Blake.

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.



What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

I have always felt that the best part of coin collecting is the coin shop experience. Going into a business that caters exclusively to the hobby, dealing with a shop proprietor who is versed on the subject, and getting to search through various notebooks and junk boxes just enhances the excitement of putting together any collection. While I was amassing my British Commonwealth collection and finishing some US sets, I visited shops all over the country in search of items and information, and had some interesting encounters.

I was in Kansas City about 10 years ago visiting my sister. There were several shops in the area, including one about ten minutes from her apartment. I went by there one morning. It was an unassuming building on a busy thoroughfare. Upon entry, I was impressed with the set up within. The elderly couple running the place had quite a cross section of items—shelves of antique toys, bins of old record albums, and lots of coins and cur-

rency. There were two display cases with rotating shelves containing a healthy inventory of British Commonwealth pieces, so I knew I was in a good place. I also noticed in the center of the shop was an over-sized cardboard box containing a large amount of dated adult magazines. It was definitely out of place, so I asked the shop owner why it was there. He said that it brought people in, and that the items sold. You have to go with what sells. I could not argue with that logic. However, I kept my purchases to coins only.

Trips to Connecticut have always been fruitful. During one visit, my brothers and I stopped in at a shop on Route 1 outside of Orange, CT. To say that the shop was small would be an understatement. One had to step outside just to change one's mind. Seriously, if you stood in the middle of the business, you could touch the east and west walls at the same time with outstretched arms without a problem. The owner, Marty, had a plethora of boxes stacked up in what was almost the physical equivalent of

a phone booth. He knew where everything was. The issue was him having to move everything else around in his extremely cramped confines to get at what he wanted. I bought the last two Walking Liberty halves I needed to complete the set, and at a decent price, so it was worth having him dig through his wares.

During another trip to the Nutmeg State, I ventured down to Milford, CT to a shop I had visited once before. It was in a seedy part of town in an old brick building on a side street off of the main drag. It was not the best of neighborhoods. My dad went with me, which was the first time he had ever taken an interest in my hobby. The owner was a bit leery when we first walked in. I was guessing that he did not like unfamiliar customers coming in unannounced, and obviously did not recognize me from our previous encounter. His attitude changed to disgust when I told him that I was looking for English-based coins. He begrudgingly took out several notebooks filled with British Commonwealth pieces. He then proceeded to ignore me for the next 30 minutes. My dad found that somewhat rude and incredulous, as we were the only customers in the store. The coins looked like they had been in storage for some time, as the pages within the books were yellowed

and somewhat frayed. The 2x2s were not in much better shape, with faded ink on the cardboard and brittle cellophane within, but he had some excellent items on hand. I found about \$75 worth of coins that I had been searching for, including a very reasonably priced Queen Victoria fifty cent piece from Hong Kong, pre-1900. I brought my stash up to the front counter. The owner tallied up my finds without making any eye contact, He then gave me a 25% discount, saying he was glad to finally move some of this stuff. I thanked him and left. My dad shook his head the entire ride home.

If you are lucky enough to have a coin shop or two in your town, I encourage you to go there and introduce yourself to the owner. You will only enhance your numismatic knowledge, come away with a story or two, and maybe make a friend in the process. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Russell Doughty

Howdy fellow numismatists! My name is Russell Doughty and I joined the ONA last year after becoming a member of the Indian Territory Coin Club in McAlester. I'm 33 years old, but I have been collecting ever since I can remember. My obsession undoubtedly was seeded by my great grandfather born in 1899, Lester M. Doughty, who ran the bank in Talihina in the 1950s. He was one of five brothers, but they remained in the Altus area when Granddaddy moved out east to Falfa, which is between Buffalo Mountain and the Potato Hills.

The Doughty brothers ran the bank in Altus. Granddad was an avid collector of coins; he would bring home bags of pennies from the bank and go through them. Although he passed away before I could form memories, I grew up thumbing through his coin collection. I always admired his coins and aspired to have a collection of my own one day.

Well, by the time I was 9 or 10, I had a decent collection for a little kid. Unfortunately, most of Granddad's coins were sold off. A dealer went through it all and left what was 'best' with the family. It

included a fake 1909 S VDB, which they didn't know until I told them it was counterfeit. Obviously, the collection was probably picked over pretty good as only the tip of the iceberg remained. But, I'm still so happy to flip through the old Whitman albums and trinkets that are left behind.

Perhaps my favorite find of Granddad's was a bag of brown UNC wheat pennies from the 1940s. They all toned a gun metal blue and are rather stunning. The bag was a decent size, probably 20 rolls worth. I really can't wait to get the time to search them some day.

My specialty are Indian Head Cents at the moment. You can check out my website at www.indianvarieties.com, where thousands of photos are archived on Flying Eagles and Indian Cents. Macro photography, birding, and nature photography are some of my other hobbies.

I'm a graduate of Talihina High School, Grinnell College (Economics), and Oregon State University (Master of Natural Resources). Currently, I'm apply-

ing to be a PhD student at the University of Oklahoma. My career is one of public service through non-profit, education, volunteer, Forest Service, and National Park Service opportunities.

Oklahoma has such beauty and I'm very blessed to be back home. If I can help you in your numismatic endeavors, then give me a holler! I look forward to learning from everyone.



ONA COIN CLUBS

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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 - Ron Lawrence
Sec/Treas - Tim O'Keefe
PO Box 580055
Tulsa, OK. 74158

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
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 - Erwin Wheeler
Vice Pres - Robert Meyer
Secretary - Sam Feedback
Treasurer - Dan Fletcher
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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
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Weatherford, OK 73096
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Vice President - David Tautfest
Sec/Treasurer - Kim Arganbright
405-222-8718

Northwest Arkansas Coin Club

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month -
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Rogers, AR. at Exit 83.
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214-232-2410.



COIN SHOW GUIDE

ONA OKC Show

May 6 - May 8, 2016,
Fri. 1 - 6PM,
Sat. 9 - 5PM, & Sun. 9 - 3PM,
Oklahoma State Fair Grounds;
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Fri. 1 - 6PM (Dealer set-up begins
at 8AM), Sat. 9AM - 6PM, Sun.
9AM - 3PM, Embassy
Suites Hotel, 3303 S. Pinnacle
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call Bill Nelson,
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Coin Show

Sept. 9-11, 2016; Sat. 9AM - 5PM;
Sun. 9AM - 2PM; at Tulsa Elks
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