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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

**T**his issue we have our usual President's column and the Why We Collect contribution from Gary Parsons. I really enjoy reading the "What We Collect" columns by Tim O'Keefe and look forward to getting his article for each issue. When I read his articles, I remember how I got into collecting. My dad was in the Air Force so we moved around a lot as well and even though I never lived in Maine, I lived several years in northern Ohio and Wyoming so I know what it is like when he talked about snow in his article. I remember riding my bike through snow drifts to get to the coin shop on Saturday mornings.

My son actually came up with an idea to get more members to contribute to

our newsletter. He said I should have them write an article introducing them to the club and how they started in coin collecting. I told him that if he wrote an article, I will add his story and maybe more members will follow his lead. To my surprise he sat down and typed up an article. I am calling it "In the Spotlight", and it can be found on page 8. I encourage all of you to simply type up a page or two introducing yourselves and send it to me. Maybe you will be the next person "In the Spotlight".



# Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

**H**ope this letter finds all doing well. We just completed the Enid Annual Coin and Token Show and even though the weather was terrible, the show was a pretty good one for most dealers. There was a major theft from one of the dealer's tables and is still being looked into. It brings to the front that even with security and a low volume of public, thefts like this can and do occur. I have had a few small thefts from my table in the past and the feeling of the loss is something you don't want anyone to suffer.

It is very important to team with another dealer or have someone from the coin club or a trusted individual watch your table while you are away from it. As the economy gets worse and the thief's get bolder, I only see this getting worse. It is already very tight for most dealers to make a little profit without this happening.

On to better things, — this year the NTCA National Token show will be held in Oklahoma City on September 4th and 5th at the Biltmore Hotel's North ballroom. Location is 401 S. Meridian Ave, just north of I-40 on Meridian. This will not just be tokens, but coins of all kinds and I believe it is the first time to have this National show in Oklahoma. This is a show that will bring a great variety of merchandise from dealers all across the US. Since I have branched more into the collecting of Oklahoma good for tokens this show is a no miss for my calendar and I hope you can also attend.



# Coin & Stamp Show

## April 3-4, 2015

### Salina, Kansas



- Friday-3 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday-9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Free Admission
- Food • Free Parking
- Security Provided

No children under 12 unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

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**Reservation Deadline: March 27, 2015**

First 8' table \$78. (\$60 IF PAID BY 3-6-15). Each additional table is \$50. Back up tables included. Forty (40) tables available. Dealer set up Friday, April 3 after noon. 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 \$35.

**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-coin@awbell.net  
 If no answer, call:  
 785-827-2024

**RESERVATION FORM**

Number of tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

# Why We Collect

It's time for another issue of MINTLUSTER and while considering a topic, I got to thinking of the numerous interesting stories and technical subjects that could be possible. My problem has always been what to exclude at least for the current issue.

A topic that has been on my mind for sometime has been the many friendships made and good people you meet in our wonderful hobby. For lack of a better title, let's call this one, "Numismatic Friends For Life".

Because we share the common interest in collecting old money, we have been drawn together. We may have very different backgrounds ethnically, educationally, politically, and socially but we bond because of this common interest. Most of us that have been active in the hobby for an extended period have made our best friends in our Clubs and Associations.

Those that choose not to get involved are really missing out on a wonderful opportunity to enrich their lives. The best part of



Gary Parsons - Vice President

the hobby for me after my six decades has been the close friendships I have made! As we age, we come to realize that our friends and family are all that really matter!

On a recent snowy day, while trapped inside, I had occasion to talk to five hobby related friends. Most were dealer friends and we visited about our upcoming Show in Oklahoma City, and the impact of the weather on the Enid Show in progress. Without my involvement in the hobby, I might not of heard from anyone.

Almost all of the dealers and serious hobbyist in Oklahoma have become friends. It's a rare day that I don't hear from someone. In our conversations, we lament our health problems and those of our spouses and other friends. We discuss the ups and downs in the coin market. We discuss how to improve our shows and club experiences for everyone, and

how make our hobby better! I have come to realize that my friendships are the best part of the hobby for me.

We are at a point in the history of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association and many of our affiliated clubs where we need new blood or young blood might be a better term. The leadership in our Association and clubs is aging. We worry about who will be there to fill the responsible

positions in our organizations when we are gone or can no longer perform. Please give this some thought!

If you are not involved now, get involved! Join the ONA and/or your local club. Let your officers know you would like to do more. We can find a place for everyone! Speaking from my experience, You will not regret it!



# ONA SPRING COIN SHOW

COMING MAY 1-3

*See Coin Show Guide on page 16  
for more information.*

# Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

January 22, 2015

Vice President Ron Lawrence opened the January meeting of the MECC at 7:14 PM and welcomed the 8 members in attendance. The membership all enjoyed the December holiday dinner at the South Tulsa Red Lobster.

Drawings for coins were won by Louise Sands, John Sands, Sherrie Perdue, and Jearldine Lawrence. Several members were able to attend the Glenpool "Black Friday Coin Show" in November of 2014, and all were able to find items they needed.

The MECC January Board meeting was also held tonight. John Sands was selected as the new President for 2015. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe noted that this October will mark the 50th Anniversary of the MECC, and that next January will mark 50 years of MECC membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA). The club is also investigating creating a coin or medal to commemorate these milestones. In conjunction with that, the Board

voted to send a monetary donation to the ANA for this year's Money Show to be held in Portland, Oregon this March.

Show & Tell: Brian O'Keefe presented the 1960 United States proof and mint sets. Sherrie Perdue showed a collection of 'copy' foreign coins. Star showed a 1996 Canadian \$2 piece she obtained while on vacation there. Charles Meyers passed around a 1713 German ducat from Hamburg that graded AU. Vice President Ron Lawrence had three coins - a Persian drachma from 591-628 AD from the reign of Xisero II, a coin dated 1421 from Aquitaine with a low silver content from the reign of Henry V, and a tetradrachma from the reign of Phillip II, approximately 244-249 AD. Tim O'Keefe brought a book of various foreign notes that he had accumulated over the years. Most were gifts or minor coin shop buys, and covered all seven continents.

The next meeting of the MECC will be at 7PM on Thursday February 26 at Yale Avenue Christian Church, 3601 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa, OK.



MECC Christmas Dinner at Red Lobster

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Kansas Numismatic Association**  
Coin & Stamp Show



**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 21, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



To be held at the:

**Cessna Activity Center**

2744 George Washington Blvd.

Wichita, KS 67210

Free Admission/Free Parking

For Dealers or Questions about this Show

Contact Duane Higgins, 316-773-2238

[www.kansasnumismaticassociation.org](http://www.kansasnumismaticassociation.org)

# ***IN THE SPOTLIGHT***

**H**i, my name is Austin Miller and I am 11 years old and I am a member of the OKC Coin club. I became interested in collecting coins when my dad showed me his collection of coins. My dad told me to start my collection with Lincoln Cents so that is what I did. I started collecting them when I went to my first coin show when I was 7. My dad gave me a few coins to get started with but I remember the first coin I bought was a 1955-s in uncirculated condition. My dad told me to buy the best condition I could afford.

I quickly filled in almost all of the holes in my album until only the harder ones were left. I bought my 1911-s in vf condition after I saved up for almost a year. I like this one because it is nicer than my dads.

After another year of saving my birthday and Christmas money, I bought my 1909-s in vf. I had a choice of the 09-s or the 31-s and I chose the 09-s. I bought it because the 09-s was more likely to go up in value.

I did get my 1931-s a couple of months later in xf condition at the coin auction at the OKC coin club. I got a good buy on it because

when I bid on it, everyone else stopped bidding. I was glad because I bid all the money I had.

I am hoping to get a 1914-d at the next coin show in May and I hope I have enough money to buy it in vf. Ever since I started collecting coins I wanted to buy the 09-s VDB because it is the rarest coin. I will have to save up a lot though for that one.

Because a lot of the cents I need cost so much, I started a collection of Franklin half dollars just so I can get a new coin every now and then. My very first collection I finished was my Jefferson nickels. I bought my 1950-D at the last coin show.

I really like collecting coins and I really like to look at old Red Books my dad has and look at the prices of coins back when he was little. I like the coin club and going to the meetings because of the auctions and the show and tell. I used to get scared when I had to stand up and do the show and tell, but now I like it. If I get my 1914-d at the coin show, I will bring it to the show and tell and let everyone know.

Austin.

# Air Capital Coin & Stamp Show

Sponsored by the Wichita Coin Club



**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



[www.wichitacoinclub.org](http://www.wichitacoinclub.org)

Best Western Airport Inn, 6815 West Kellogg Drive

Wichita, KS

Free Admission/Free Parking

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## FREE ELONGATED TO ATTENDEES OF THE 32nd KNA COIN SHOW!

Free elongated coins for the attendees of the 32nd Annual Kansas Numismatic Association Coin & Stamp show; Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21, At the Cessna Activity Center in Wichita, KS. The KNA has graciously arranged for elongated coin roller Tyler Tyson to set up his machine and custom elongated die at the show. He will be rolling the KNA – “Promoting Numismatics Thru Education and Participation” elongated both days with the show coin for attendees, stop by where he has his chrome rolling machine and bring a penny to roll a free elongated. Mintage on this elongated starts at 400pc on cop-

per cents and will continue until the end of the show. Other denominations will be rolled in small numbers.

If you cannot attend and still would like the elongated coin with the message “Promoting Numismatics Thru Education and Participation” please contact the KNA Secretary. Single Copper Cents \$2 ppd, (4) Copper Cents \$5ppd, Denominational Set (Cent, Dime, Nickel, Quarter) \$6 ppd. Send requests to the KNA Secretary, 2238 N. Covington St., Wichita, KS 67205. Checks (to KNA), M.O. accepted. Please show your support.

# What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

**H**ow do we determine what we collect? For most of us, the choice may have been made from pocket change we came across as kids—wheat pennies, Buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes. Maybe we had a relative with a collection that piqued our interest. Perhaps some of us attended a coin show that garnered our attention.

I was recently pouring over one of my many notebooks of coins when I came across my Barber collection. When I first started out in collecting, Barbers were not on my radar. I really did not become aware of them until I was 13 years old. In 1972, my Dad took a job outside of Bangor, Maine. This is the United States equivalent of living in a Siberian outpost. A year of heavy snow convinced me that I was not going to live anywhere north if I could help it (thus, I am a transplanted Oklahoman).

My family moved quite a bit while I was growing up, and my folks tended to find houses that were away from the general pop-

ulation and off the beaten path. Maine was the one exception. They rented a three story house on the cusp of downtown Bangor. That meant I could actually walk to school, have friends who did not live a day's journey away, and had access to the local coin shop, which was now less than a mile from the house. Even with the 200 inches of snowfall we endured that year, I could still get out and navigate on foot or on bicycle that distance.

"Twin Cities Coin" was nestled on a side street adjacent to a park that featured a statue of Hannibal Hamlin. He is the answer to a trivia question—"Who was Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President?". "Twin Cities" referred to the cities of Bangor and Brewer, which straddle the Penobscot River. The shop owner did not mind young inquiring people coming in and spending their allowances. He also had what he labeled a "Grab Box". This was a wooden container that held rows of small 2x2 orange envelopes. For each quarter you gave him, one could select a random envelope. Inside might be a

1930's nickel, a Russian ruble, or an Italian lira.

My biggest score was a 1964 Lincoln cent that had a sticker attached for a 1964 Proof Set (Now that's a 25 cent prize!). But more importantly, I obtained my first Barber coin from this box. It was an 1892 Barber dime. The coin had a few minor nicks, but had plenty of detail.

I asked the proprietor what the history of the coin was, and he referred me to my first Yeoman's 'Blue Book'. I was quite satisfied to find out my coin was a first year issue, and this started me on a quest to try and complete a collection. My next purchase at the store was a very worn (probably AG) 1899 Barber half dollar. We left Maine within a year, and my access to coin shops once again diminished.

Over the following years, I worked on gathering my Barbers somewhat haphazardly, depending on what I came across at various coin shops and what my finances could afford. I really did not concentrate much on finishing up until the late 1990s. I went as far as I could with the dimes (Does anyone have a spare 1894-S ten cent piece they wish to donate to my cause?). I'm only about 5 pieces short of a set. The quarters have proven elusive (and expensive), as I have several

holes in that collection. But I do have a complete set of Barber halves (minus the 1892 Micro O). To quote one of my coin club members, the collection is in BU—as in Beat Up. Most are Good, a few in Fine, and some in Almost Good. However, the details are all there, and the dates and mint marks are all readable. The final half dollars were located and purchased at the Annual Tulsa Coin Show in 2002, and when I told the dealer that my collection was now complete, he knocked a few dollars off of the final purchase price.

Over the course of 40 years or so, I still retain that first 1892 dime. I upgraded the 1899 half several years ago. A lot of fun went into the search for my Barbers, and they were gathered pre-Internet—from shops and shows in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma. A blind twenty five cent purchase made in the early 1970s led to a quest that has brought me quite a bit of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

# New Members

Derwin R Comer  
Paul A. Parish

Oklahoma City  
Duncan



## ONA TULSA SHOW

Everyone plan to attend the ONA/Tulsa Coin show on September 11th and 12th at the Elks Lodge located at 5335 S. Harvard. That is 2 blocks south of I-44 at the Harvard exit. Show hours are 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 2pm on Sunday. The Magic Empire Coin Club will be hosting the event. Dealers will be there to offer both US and foreign coins and paper money for sale. Of course there will be dealers wanting to buy as well. Bring a friend and spend some time.

# OKC COIN CLUB

## NEWS

By Brian Miller

For the January meeting, Marvin gave us an in depth look at national bank notes. He went through all the charter periods and series, giving details each step of the way. He also covered the various parts of the bill which included the bank title, charter number, serial number, plate position letter, geographic letter, and series date.

Since there are so many different notes, it can be overwhelming to collect so most collectors collect

by towns they have lived in, National Bank Notes they have visited or even all of (or as many as possible) the towns in a specific state. Some people will collect unusual bank names or even banks that have unique histories.

We also had our usual show and tell and after Marvin's presentation, we had several door prizes to be given away. We all had a great time and can't wait until the February meeting.

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.

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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  
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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 - Myles Yoes  
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 - 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 - Ron Hass  
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  
- 7pm  
Chateau of Lawton  
6302 SW Lee Blvd.  
President - Sam Feedback  
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  
(580)470-8799  
Box 635  
Duncan, OK. 73533

### 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

### 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 - Mike McClendon  
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Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway  
1500 W. Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK. 74401



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# COIN SHOW GUIDE

## **ONA Spring Show**

May 1-3

Sat: 9-5, Sun: 9-3

Friday is dealer setup

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds

Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Bldg.

North May Avenue in OKC.

Contact: Gary Parsons at

405-426-9044

or olegar@cox.net

## **Texas Coin Show**

May 8-10, Adm \$3

Fri 2-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-3

Convention Center

1209 S. Main@Hwy 114

Grapevine, TX 76051

Contact: David Pike

(214) 794-5499

TexasCoinShows@aol.com

## **32nd Annual**

### **KNA Coin & Stamp Show**

Sat: June 20, 9-5pm

Sun: June 21, 9-3pm

Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington Blvd.

Wichita, KS. 67210

Free Admission

Free Parking

Contact: Duane Higgins

316-773-2238

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## **NTCA National Token & Coin Show**

Sept. 4th & 5th,

Friday 10AM - 6PM,

Saturday 9AM - 6PM

Biltmore Hotel - North Ballroom

401 S. Meridian Ave. at I-40 &

Meridian (NW Corner)

50 Tables

Free Admission

For info contact Mike at

[michael\\_leafgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_leafgreen@yahoo.com) or

580 695 5072.

## **ONA Tulsa Show**

September 11 and 12th

Sat: 9-6pm, Sun: 9-2

Elks Lodge

5335 S. Harvard

Contact: Magic Empire Coin Club  
as they are hosting this event.

## **Custer County Coin Club Show**

Sept. 25 & 26,

Fri. 12 noon - 5PM,

Sat. 9AM - 5PM

Southwest Oklahoma State

University Event Center

900 N. 7th Street,

Weatherford, OK 73096

Admission Free

For info contact Trent Boesen at

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or 405-222-8718.



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