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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

This is the first issue for the new year! As I write this, it is still a few weeks before Christmas but by the time all of you get this issue, Christmas will be behind us and we may even already be in 2018. I am looking forward to this holiday as I was able to get my children some coin gifts and even though I am unable to get them some of the real nice coins they really want, I am glad I am still able to encourage them in their hobby and hopefully they continue in their coin pursuits and maybe one day, they will pass along this hobby to their children.

I still remember a Christmas when I was about ten years old. I had really wanted a 1931-S Lincoln cent and after all our presents were opened, my dad told me there was still one more gift hiding in the tree. I looked up and in the Christmas tree was a present wrapped up with a little bow on it and it was the size of a two by two coin holder. I remember opening the gift and seeing a beautiful 1931-S cent in AU condition.

My dad had collected coins as well and I loved hearing stories of when he was a child and some of the coins he got in change and some of the coins that were still in circulation. I remember him telling me of getting a 1913-S buffalo

nickel type II one time at his school cafeteria. He said he sold it that same day after school at the local coin shop.

It is funny listening to some of the coins he says never found in circulation. He says he looked forever for a 1955-S Lincoln but never found that one. He also never found the 1937-D 3 legged buffalo and he says the key date Mercury dimes were impossible. But yet he said he did receive a 42/41 Mercury dime once in change. He said he sold that one too.

I have never found anything great in change other than an occasional wheat cent or silver dime every now and then. I did get an Indian head cent in change once at a McDonalds when I was in high school. Recently, I found a 1986 Statue of Liberty Commemorative in a roll of half dollars and even a Franklin Half will show up every now and then.

This is a great hobby and I am so glad to be able to share it with my father and my children. Hope all of you have a great Christmas and a super New Year.

Letter from the President



Russell Doughty - President

The holidays are upon us and if you are like me, your belt might have become a little tighter over the last couple of weeks. I love this time of year, not necessarily because of the four "F"s – food, friends, family, and football – but because the cooler weather and short days often gives me a chance to look at my coins! Usually, I also have a bit of time to poke around on the internet and see what I can't find.

I had a good time at the McAlester Coin Show this year, and our gate continues to grow. I posted the show on ONA's Facebook page and some other Facebook pages, which proved to be fruitful. Several of my internet buddies showed up at the show, and it was my first time to meet them. I've now reserved a website address and have started to build our webpage, but it isn't up yet. I will have some time over the holidays to make us an attractive and informative website.

The ANA will be having the National Money Show just next door in Irving, Texas. The date is March 8-10. Thursday and Friday will be 10am – 6pm, and Saturday the show will be open until 4pm. By the way, admission is FREE on Saturday! Gary Parsons is looking to help the Texas Numismatic

Association (TNA) fill in gaps at the registration table and help visitors find their way around the floor. If you have a little spare time and want to lend a hand, Gary's contact info is inside the cover.

I promised a short story in the last issue about ANA summer seminar. Gary and I both took Rick Snow's class on Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent Die Varieties. We spent a lot of time grading by looking through much of Rick's amazing inventory. The toughest part of grading isn't the lower grades, in my opinion, but the mint state coins are tough to grade, especially in the 64 and up range. There have been many attempts to objectify coin grading over the years with many different grading systems, but at the end of the day most of it seems to boil down to subjectivity and experience. While we were passing around coins and grading them, I noticed a very nice 1863 graded MS64 by PCGS with a repunched date. I knew it wasn't listed in Rick's guides as soon as I saw it, but I double checked it real quick in the guide then

asked him if I could buy it. He said sure, of course. Then I told him it was a new RPD and asked him to attribute and PhotoSeal it. He took a gander at it and said, sure enough, it is a new variety! Variety hunters of all series should remember that we may make discoveries in even the most unlikely of places.

Numismatics is such an exciting hobby full of mystery and adventure. I hope you will enjoy spending your time with friends and family this holiday season, but don't forget to reserve some time for yourself and your coins!



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Why We Collect

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he early coins of American coinage have always been of intense interest to most serious coin collectors. The 1792 Half Disme, original spelling, has always been considered our first regular issue coin after the adoption of our Constitution. The coin was produced in temporary facilities in Philadelphia while our first Mint building was under construction.

We have recently learned due to research by Joel Orosz, that the coins were made from silver provided by Thomas Jefferson, based on Jefferson's original personal memorandum book. They were produced a few weeks after the new mint employees received the silver in the summer of 1792, and they were spent into circulation by Jefferson on his trip home to his estate in Virginia. What a history!

It appears they were all owned and handled by Jefferson, our 3rd President. Makes you want to own one! You better be prepared to spend about \$10,000 even for an about good example.



Gary Parsons - Vice President

The Half Dime, our first five cent piece, was made in various types for another eighty years until 1873. They were not made in every year, but being a low denomination coin, they were widely used in circulation and most survivors are heavily worn. If a collector decided to collect the Half Dime series, a type set might be a good start.

There are eleven (11) major types if you include the 1792 coin, according to The Red Book. Most have considered the 1792 coin to be a pattern in the past and not included in type set of circulation strikes. It now appears this was not the intent of Jefferson and the early Mint employees, based on Joel Orosz's research. You decide. If you can afford it, you should include it.

The flowing hair examples of 1794 and 1795 came next and are expensive but not impossible, selling in the \$500 to \$800 range

in about good. The draped bust types, 1796 - 1805, come with the small eagle reverse and sell in the \$700 range and the large reverse type sell in the \$400 range in about good. All the other types starting with capped bust type (1829 - 1837) are inexpensive with good examples selling for less than \$50.

The information above regarding Joel Orosz's research came from his article in COIN WORLD magazine of April, 2017. Other reference consulted for this article is Daniel Valentine's, THE UNITED STATES HALF DIMES.

Take a look at this historic series! Our first five cent coin made ini-

tially in silver and later in nickel, has always been a workhorse in day to day commerce. You could study and enjoy this series for

years, and as Orosz proves, there is still more to learn. IS THIS A GREAT HOBBY OR WHAT!!



Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The September 2017 meeting of the MECC was opened at 7:00 PM by President John Sands, who welcomed the ten members in attendance. President Sands asked for a reading of the August 2017 minutes. Secretary Tim O'Keefe read the minutes. There was a motion by Vice President Chris Harrell to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Shane Cornell. The drawings were won by Ron Lawrence and Louise Sands. Jearldine Lawrence gave the Telephone Report.

Old Business: The Tulsa Coin Show was a success. There were several positive comments from the dealers. Tim O'Keefe provided an email address to all of the dealers prior to their departure to give feedback on their show experience. As of tonight's meeting, no one has responded. Over 100 mail-in cards were turned in at the front desk. They were evenly split between Tulsa County residents and out of town attendees. Not everyone filled out the section about notification, and some folks filled out numerous informational outlets. Most folks knew about the show from having attended previously or by

word of mouth. 20 people indicated they heard about the show from the internet (either Facebook or CoinZip). 5 people said they found out from Numismatic News, and 5 others from Coin World.

Dale Schaefer advised that he had signed a contract with the Tulsa Elks Lodge for next year's show, and the thought is they might be able to accommodate an additional table or two. This led to a discussion spearheaded by Todd Holiman over who is running the show (Magic Empire vs the ONA). There was a motion that was seconded to open the floor to discussion about the direction of the show and the club. Tim O'Keefe and Chris Harrell volunteered to check into prices for alternative venues in the Greater Tulsa area by the next meeting, when the discussion will be opened up again.

Change of Club Venue: Chris Harrell made a motion that was seconded to discuss changing our monthly meeting place from the church to Hardesty Library at 8316 East 93 Street. The library has multiple meeting rooms, is

accessible to the public, and would not charge the club rent, as several members already have library cards. Ron and Jearldine Lawrence advised that they would not follow the club to a new meeting place. The move would save the club \$110 per year and open up the possibility for new members in a high profile area. There was a motion by Tim O'Keefe to make the move, which was seconded by Todd Holiman. The motion passed. The premier meeting will be the first meeting in January 2018. Tim O'Keefe stated that he will make the arrangements.

Holiday Dinner: There was a motion by Chris Harrell seconded by Todd Holiman to once again have the holiday dinner at the Delta Café, 4100 S Garnett Road. The club picked Friday December 8 at 7pm.

Show & Tell: Shane Cornell brought a silver tray he found at Dysinger's that included coins of Hungary (1651), and Austria (1700 & 1737). Chris Harrell brought a Mexican mint set and a 1936 Albany, New York commemorative 50 cent piece. Ron Lawrence brought a set of Walking Liberty Half Dollars. Tim O'Keefe brought an English florin that was counter stamped with the Azores government seal from the late 1800s.

Due to the discussions of the evening running long, the scheduled auction was tabled until the October meeting, which is set for 7pm on Thursday October 26 at Yale Avenue Christian Church. There was a motion by Shane Cornell seconded by Jearldine Lawrence to close the meeting at 8:20 pm.

The October 2017 meeting of the MECC was opened at 7PM by President John Sands, who welcomed the ten members and one guest in attendance. Guest Scott Orr joined the club. Secretary Tim O'Keefe read the September minutes, and Jearldine Lawrence gave the Telephone Report. Drawings were won by Keith Morgan and Louise Sands.

S/T O'Keefe has contacted the Tulsa City-County Library at 8316 East 93 Street, and the club meetings will commence there in January 2018.

Dale Schaefer signed a contract with the Tulsa Elks Lodge for September 2018, the Annual Tulsa Coin Show will once again be held there next year.

Show & Tell: Louise Sands brought a 2017 America The Beautiful Washington quarter featuring Ellis Island. President Sands brought a Scottish 5 pound note featuring pro golfer Jack Nicklaus. S/T O'Keefe brought a

collection of Euros encompassing all 22 Eurozone nations. Ron Lawrence brought a series of Mexican coins, including an 1821 eight reale piece, and 1823 eight reale piece of the First Empire, an 1866 peso of the Second Empire, an 1895 eight reale piece of The Republic, and peso from 1909 and 1910.

A very lively auction was held with Keith Morgan acting as auctioneer. 17 items changed hands at reasonable prices.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 PM. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next meeting of the Magic Empire Club will be held on the third Thursday of November. This will be our final meeting at the church before moving to Hardest Library in 2018. Remember to like us on Facebook.

The November meeting of the MECC was opened at 7p.m. by Vice President Chris Harrell, who chaired the meeting in the absence of President John Sands. VP Harrell welcomed the 10 members in attendance. Drawings were won by Sherrie Perdue and Tim O'Keefe.

Educational Presentation : S/T Tim O'Keefe gave a talk on 1929 series Oklahoma national bank notes, discussing the early charters of the state, going into detail

about chartered banks in Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Tulsa, and Muskogee, and sharing several notes he has collected in the past 6 years.

Show & Tell: Todd Hourihun had a slabbed 1875-S United States Trade Dollar with a significant chop mark.

Keith Morgan discussed the details of his trip to the Denver Mint this past summer.

John Sayco showed a complete collection of Kennedy half Dollars, 1964-2012.

Ron Lawrence brought coins of Mexico, including a 1993 50 new peso piece, a 2004 100 new peso coin, a 1915 2 peso piece of Oaxaca, and a 1915 50 centavos piece also of Oaxaca

Auction: The club held an abbreviated auction. Keith Morgan acted as auctioneer. 7 items were successfully bid on.

The next regular meeting of the MECC will be at our new location at The Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93 Street in Tulsa at 7PM on Thursday January 25, 2018. This will include our annual business meeting and election of club officers. If time permits, there will be another auction.

OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

Our October meeting had a presentation on "Horse and Rider with a focus on Queen Elizabeth II" by Ben Swagerty. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

Our November meeting was our semi annual auction. Even though I am no auctioneer, I helped out at the table and tried to auction off some of the lots. During the auction, my son bid on some Franklin Halves and I had to end the bidding quickly after he bid because I knew he bid all the money he had with him. My daughter was looking for some semi-key Lincolns but

she was unable to find any at the auction.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Dinner at the Golden Corral. We all enjoyed the buffet and then we all participated in the dirty Santa gift exchange. Both my children look forward to the gift exchange and my son came home with a new hardbound Red Book and my daughter came home with some proof sets and a commemorative half dollar. We all had a great time and it was a lot of fun sharing the holiday season with OKC coin club.

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

In my last column, I described in great detail my collection of 1929 national bank notes from the State of Connecticut. While that particular series has been the focal point of my collecting, I have not ignored other areas of interest. I chose Connecticut because I was born there, lived there, and went to school there through 12th grade. This is also my largest grouping of nationals. My second largest collection is 1929 series Oklahoma notes. I figured that since I live here, finding a variety of affordable notes would be easy, though that has not turned out to be the case. Oklahoma had 557 chartered banks starting with Indian Territory institutions. By the end of the 1920s, that number was down to 214 banks. While tracking down notes from the Charter Oak State is a priority, bills from the Sooner State always catch my attention, though are somewhat harder to locate.

The initial nationally chartered bank in Oklahoma was the First National Bank of Guthrie (Charter 4348) in 1890. The bank

survived into the Great Depression, and 1929 series notes are out there. I have seen them on ebay, but even a specimen in good condition commands around \$400. I have not been able to obtain one yet. Curiously, the second bank to be chartered in Oklahoma was also in Logan County, The National Bank of Guthrie (#4383). However, that bank went into receivership in 1892, and there are no reported notes out there.

Probably the most plentiful notes out there are from The First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City (Charter 4862). Type I and Type II notes are available for purchase from anywhere of \$50 to \$300, and denominations go \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 for Type I, and \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 for Type IIs. I was easily able to purchase several examples of both types. There were ten chartered banks in Oklahoma City, but only three made it to the 1930s. The Security National Bank of Oklahoma City (Charter 8472) closed in 1930. It issued Type I \$10s and \$20s, and very few to that end. Bank

records show only 246 \$10s and a microscopic ten \$20 bills were printed. The final chartered bank was The Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City (Charter 11230).

I have lived in the Greater Tulsa area for 36 years, 35 of which were spent working for the City of Tulsa, so notes from here are of particular interest to me. There were thirteen chartered banks in Tulsa, five of which operated in the early 1930s. I have been able to obtain three Type I notes from The Exchange National Bank of Tulsa, Charter 9658. I have one from The National Bank Of Tulsa (Charter 13679). Of note is that Charter 9658 was liquidated in 1933, but reopened as Charter 13679 that same year, maintaining the same location, the same Cashier, and the same Bank President.

Muskogee had 10 national banks from 1863 to 1935, and three were still open for 1929 series notes. The First National Bank of Muskogee (Charter 4385) issued only Type I \$50s and \$100s. The other two institutions were The Commercial National Bank of Muskogee (Charter 12890) and The Citizens National Bank of Muskogee (Charter 12918). I have been able to track down notes from these last two banks.

Oklahoma coin shows have been a reliable source of national notes

for me. The late Eddie Sise always had some in his inventory. In addition to most of my Oklahoma City and Muskogee notes, I was able to buy examples from Vinita (Charter 4704) and El Reno (Charter 5985) from him. He was a fixture at the Tulsa show, the Enid Show, the Glenpool show, and the Oklahoma City show. With his passing, the search has become more of a challenge.

Tulsa coin shops have also been helpful in my hunt. However, I have discovered that the note collecting population in Tulsa has the same tastes as myself. Richard McPheeters at Tulsa Coin and Tom Dixon at Dons Coins are aware of my quest, but I do have parameters to follow. Oklahoma notes are so popular that I had better be in the shop the day fresh notes come in, otherwise they go to the next guy. (I'm sure this is a trick to keep me frequenting their prospective shops). From Tulsa Coin I have been able to obtain a note from The Peoples National Bank of Checotah (Charter 10051), the Type I \$10 I bought shows a population of only one in national census records. Mr. Dixon recently sold me a Type I \$20 from The First National Bank of Wynnewood (Charter 5126) which shows only 4 other similar notes reported.

Because finding Oklahoma notes is somewhat daunting, I have lowered some of my usual standards when locating a note. I have a \$10 note from the First National Bank of Pryor Creek (Charter 5546). This is one of only two Mayes County national banks. My specimen looks like it may have been underwater for some time, as the printing is somewhat blurred. Another note I have is a Type I \$20 from the Citizens National Bank of Pawhuska (Charter 7883). Only 200 were issued, and only 4 have been reported. Mine has serial number A0000036A, which is the lowest one known. However, it looks as though it spent years folded up in somebody's wallet, and there is a dark stain covering about one quarter of the bill.

I'm not rich enough or determined enough to try and get specimens from all 214 institutions, but I do enjoy the thrill of the hunt and amassing the few that I can find and/or afford. I find it fun researching the banks that are no longer with us and in checking out the kind of money that was being spent almost 90 years ago. As always, find something you love and collect the heck out of it.

Source : "National Bank Notes- A Guide With Prices", Sixth Edition, Don C Kelly, 2008, The Paper Money Institute, PO Box 85, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

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Fort Smith, AR. 72902
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518 W. Broadway Ave.
Enid, OK. 73701

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73006

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