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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

I am planning on attending the Broken Arrow coin show in September. I am making up my list of coins that I would like to purchase and I am really looking forward to this show. The ONA show here in OKC was cancelled again this year so I am really going through some withdrawals at this point in attending coin shows.

In this issue we have the usual Presidents Column and the Why We Collect Column as well as the minutes of the Magic Empire Club and the What We Collect contribution. We also have a new column called ONA News written by Tim O'Keefe.

It was interesting that in the What We Collect column, the subject was Bartlesville Bank Notes. My son has graduated high school this year and he has a baseball scholarship to Oklahoma Wesleyan in Bartlesville. I had him read Tim's article and I told him that I will

pick him up from college and we will go together to the coin show in Broken Arrow and also go see some of the sights Tim wrote about in his article. He told me he couldn't wait but I think he rolled his eyes when he told me.

The OKC coin club has resumed meetings and our groups are getting larger. It is nice to see gatherings starting back up again.

The warmer weather is here finally and it will be nice to see a lot of you at the show in Broken Arrow in September. If you see me, come up and say Hi. Enjoy your summer!



# Letter from the President



Gary Parsons - President

**T**he election results are in and the new officers will take office July 1. Chris Harrell was elected President, Gary Parsons, Vice President, and Tim O'Keefe, Secretary Treasurer. This will be my last Presidents Letter and I want to thank all our members for your support during the last very difficult year for everyone. As for me, I always look to the future and all the signs are pointing toward a reopening of the economy and rapidly improving market for coins and currency. Finally, clubs are reopening and shows are coming back. The future looks bright for our hobby! I hope all of you have a very successful and happy year!

It looks like ANA is going forward with their big show, World's Fair of Money, August 10 -14, in Chicago. That will likely be a turning point to normalcy for shows, because the big shows have not been coming off because of Covid restrictions. Lets hope it doesn't get cancelled again! I have decided to not plan to go because of that possibility.

The good news is the smaller shows are coming off especially in the south. Our fall show in Broken Arrow is coming on September 10 - 12. See the Show Guide for details! Everyone needs to plan to attend! Chris and members of the Magic Empire Coin Club who have been helping have made it a great show.

As the clubs start to reopen, everyone needs to get back to the meetings and start supporting our clubs that are the life blood of this association and the hobby in general. Without a healthy collector base, interest will decline over time. This has been a difficult year but we all need to believe working together we can make it better!

# Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The March 2021 meeting of the MECC was opened at 6pm by S/T Tim O'Keefe. President Chris Harrell and Vice President Todd Hourihan were both occupied prepping for the coming week-ends South Central Region Coin Show in Broken Arrow and could not attend. As such, official club business could not be conducted. O'Keefe welcomed the nine members and one guest in attendance.

Old Business: 1) O'Keefe contacted Russell Doughty to update the Club's information on the ONA website. This has been accomplished. 2) The Enid Coin Show was held in mid-March. Several Club members and dealers attended, and all reported a successful show. 3) Maggie Cornell sent a Thank You letter to the Club in reference to our contribution to Shane's hospice facility.

New Business: 1) Due to some extremely rigid COVID protocols, the May 2021 Coin Show in Oklahoma City has been cancelled. Parsons advised he has a possible new show director coming in for 2022. 2) The first annual South Central Region Coin

Show is set for March 26-28 at Stoney Creek Hotel in Broken Arrow, President Harrell and Vice President Hourihan are the organizers. Club members are encouraged to attend.

Drawings: Won by Mark Kephart and Keith Morgan.

Auction: Gary Harris and Keith Morgan both brought several numismatic items for auction. \$4 was added to the Clubs charity fund.

Magic Empire Coin Club minutes  
April 22, 2021.

Drawings: Won by John Sayko and Ron Lawrence.

Old Business: ONA President Gary Parsons presented the Club with a \$750 check for our assistance with the Fall 2020 Tulsa Show.

New Business: Discussion centered around growing the membership of the club. S/T O'Keefe traveled to Rogers Arkansas this week for the Northwest Arkansas Coin Club meeting. They have almost 100 members, 35 of whom

showed up for Tuesdays meeting. They held an Educational Presentation as well as a profitable and well-organized auction. COVID has interfered with club meetings, as the Muskogee Club has not gotten together in almost a year. S/T O'Keefe has been pushing membership on line and on the Facebook page, as well as at the March Broken Arrow show.

President Harrell suggested getting some school presentations, particularly aiming at grades 6 through 8, or possibly History or Economics classes. President Harrell would also like to get a banner made for use at shows promoting the club.

Educational Presentation: ONA President Gary Parsons gave an extended talk on Early Paper Money of America 1690-1875. He began with information of the Massachusetts Bay Colony issuing the first paper money in the New World. This is a five shilling note issued December 10 of 1690, and it is presently housed at a museum in Salem, Massachusetts. He then went into notes of the Colonial period, the War of 1812, Obsolete notes, Fractional notes, Federal notes, and Confederate notes. He showed several specimens from his personal collection and shared several literary resources the Club can access for further information.

The May 2021 meeting of the MECC was adjusted to a different format as we had multiple guests and not a lot of club business to cover. We had 25 people in attendance.

Scout Troop 935 arrived to prepare for their Coin Collecting merit badges. 8 scouts and 5 parents spent an hour asking questions and taking notes about numismatics from President Chris Harrell and S/T Tim O'Keefe. They were given some coins and a few Whitman folders to retain their interest. Three of the scouts took part in the auction and won some items.

The meeting was opened up to Tulsa Police personnel for appraisals. Dale Schaffer and Chris Harrell assessed three collections, and Dale bought one of them. Due to the threat of heavy rain, attendance for this portion of the night was low. It will be repeated at the June 2021 meeting.

President Harrell acted as auctioneer for the bi-monthly auction. 8 items changed hands.

Drawings: With the extended crowd, we held 4 drawings. They were won by Mark Kephart and George Lee. Scouts Blaine Lindell and Alex Foster also won.

George Lee joined Magic Empire during the meeting.

Updates:

1) The Club's Facebook page is approaching 400 followers and likes.

2) Russell Doughty has opened up a discussion page for the ONA on the internet.

3) American Numismatic Association (ANA) voting is open until July 1. Remember to cast your ballot for President, Vice President, and Board of Governors.

4) The May issue of The Numismatist printed Shane Cornell's obituary.

5) The Northwest Arkansas Coin Show was held May 13-15. Several dealers in the Club set up, and a few members attended. All

comments on the show were positive.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is set for 6pm on Thursday June 24 at FOP Lodge 93, 12512 East 21 Street. An Educational Presentation is scheduled.



# Why We Collect

**T**he History of Early Paper Money in America is fascinating! I recently started research to put together a club program and turned to Eric Newman's book by the same name, Fifth Edition and Q. David Bowers, *OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY*, issued by banks in the United States, 1782 - 1866 for information.

I learned a lot and now have a program available for clubs that are interested. This column does not allow for a long article therefore I will hit high points.

How many of you knew that the Massachusetts Bay Colony issued the first government issued paper money in the Western world? Note: China likely issued notes much earlier and some still exist from 14th century. The paper money was a Dec. 10, 1690 issue, 5 Shilling note. Only one example exists today and it is in a museum in Salem, Mass. The notes were issued to pay troops from the colony that participated in a military campaign against Canadian colonies. Most of the notes were likely redeemed. This



Gary Parsons

was a hard money period in history and paper money was rarely used. Usually it was only necessary for a government purpose that could not be financed with hard money. Examples could include wars or large government improvement projects. Most colonies issued paper money for these purposes until the Revolutionary War. The Continental Congress issued paper money to finance the war that are now known as Continental Currency and the colonies also issued notes.

After the Revolution, States retained the right to issue paper money known today as Obsoletes and the Federal government issued notes to finance the War of 1812. Notes from this period are more available and collectible, particularly Continental Currency from the Revolution which become virtually worthless because the coun-

try was broke and the notes were never fully redeemed. During the American Civil war, the Federal Government effectively took over the paper money in our country and established the system we have today with major modifications in the 1930's. My program covers the period up to the Civil War. Paper money col-

lectors will find much to research and enjoy from this early period.

Most budgets could afford examples!

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# ONA News

By Tim O'Keefe

Elections results:

Paper ballots were sent out with the Spring Edition of Mint Luster. 37 ballots were returned by close-of-business on April 30, 2021. The terms for the ONA offices is two years. The results were as follows:

**PRESIDENT:**

Chris Harrell 35 votes  
Erwin Wheeler 1 vote  
Robert Ranford 1 vote

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Gary Parsons 35 votes  
Steve LaFrance 1 vote  
Robert Ranford 1 vote

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Tim O'Keefe- 37 votes

**Annual Dues**

The Summer issue of Mint Luster will have dues envelopes for fiscal year 2021-2022. Life Members (LM) may dismiss the envelopes. The following yearly members have paid through 2022 and may disregard the dues notice:

Patrick Cross, Keith Morgan,  
Roger Geary, Brian O'Keefe,

Andrew Girard, Allan Ramsey,  
Sandra Gosnell, Daniel Rechtfetig,  
Robert Hall, John Tripp, James Hill, Terrell Thurman, David Holybee, Peter Vail, Mark Kephart, Stephanie Warden, George L Lee, Mike Yeager, Rodney Levingston, Indian Territory Coin Club-McAlester.

**New Members**

Andrew Girard, George L Lee,  
and Daniel Rechtfetig.

On March 26, 2021, outgoing Oklahoma Numismatic Association President Gary Parsons was presented with an American Numismatic Association Presidents Award at the South Central Region Coin Show held at Stoney Creek Hotel in Broken Arrow.

Current ANA President Col. Steve Ellsworth flew in from Tennessee to make the presentation. He was joined by former Presidents Award winners David Lisot, Executive Producer of Coin Television, and Tim O'Keefe, current Secretary and Treasurer of the ONA.

Gary has been an ambassador of the hobby for many years, giving Educational Presentations on coin collecting, holding his own coin show in McAlester annually in the fall, contributing columns to Mint Luster, serving as Secretary and Treasurer for the Indian Territory Coin Club, as well as fulfilling his

duties as ONA President. He is the third ONA member to be honored as such in the past year, joining O'Keefe and John Highfill. Congratulations to Gary



# What We Collect



By Tim O'Keefe

Once again my best laid plans for research were severely interrupted by the ways of the world. Not only were we still dealing with the pandemic in February, but then Mother Nature decided to chip in with nastiest winter on record in some time. In addition to being confined to my house because of the weather, I had a four day wait on a plumber to address two broken pipes. Since venturing out anywhere seemed like a bad idea, I had to again turn inwards for information on

this quarter's column. This also helped me from going completely stir crazy and utilize the forced free time in a productive manner.

I decided to concentrate on Bartlesville, Oklahoma national bank notes for this installment. Bartlesville is just south of the Kansas line along the Caney River. The city is mostly situated in Washington County, though a small portion juts into adjacent Osage County to the west. In 1870, an Indian trader named



Phillip Bldg. and First National Bank Bldg., Bartlesville, Okla.—18



Nelson Carr opened a trading post in the area. Business was so good that it attracted a gentleman named Jacob Bartles from the Midwest. In 1873, he purchased the trading post from Carr. Northern Oklahoma was indigenous to Native American tribes of Osage, Cherokee, and Delaware. Bartles married Nannie Journeycakes Pratt, the widowed daughter of Delaware Chief Charles Journeycakes. This marriage arrangement allowed Bartles to conduct business in Oklahoma Indian Territory, and the area began to expand economically over the next few years.

Bartlesville was incorporated as a city in early 1897. In April of that year a subject named George Keeler found evidence of oil in the vicinity, and wells began to be dug. The first commercial well turned into a gusher, and the soon the Oil Boom was underway. By 1914, the industry had attracted the Phillips brothers, Frank and L.E. They hit a series of gushers and by 1917 had established Phillips Petroleum, which for years was Oklahoma's largest employer.

With all of this prosperity, there was a definite need for banks. On April 27, 1900, The First National Bank of Bartlesville



(Charter 5310) was chartered, followed two years later by Bartlesville National Bank (Charter 6258). Charter 5310 lasted until August 9, 1920, when it was liquidated and combined with Charter 6258 on August 14, 1920, which also took its name. Phillips Petroleum built their original headquarters in the same building as the bank, and I was able to obtain a postcard of the structure from the early 20th century (with an oil derrick in the background). There are no Large Size Indian Territory notes reported on either bank. I purchased a Series 1929 Type II \$10 from Oklahoma dealer Johnny Satterlee at the Oklahoma City Coin Show in 2018. The note features the signatures of Cashier DA Beger and Bank President WC Smoot. Both of these men were the only office holders during the 1929 Series run. I was also able to locate a small metal children's savings bank from that era

distributed by The First National Bank of Bartlesville.

The next bank to be chartered in the city was The American National Bank of Bartlesville (Charter 7032). It opened in November of 1903, but lasted only until April 1910. There are three Large Size Indian Territory notes listed on the Don Kelly census.

The fourth and final national bank to serve the Bartlesville area was The Union National Bank of Bartlesville (Charter 9567). It was chartered in October 1909 after Oklahoma had achieved statehood. The bank survived through the national bank era and issued Type I and Type II notes. The specimen in my collection was wrestled away from dealer Richard McPheeters at the 2018 Tulsa Coin Show. The note is a Type I \$10 with a somewhat low serial number featuring the signatures of Cashier JM

Hockensmith and Bank President, HE Hulen. Notes on Charter 9567 are somewhat more plentiful than those of charter 6258.

Historically there is plenty to do in Bartlesville. The Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife preserve is always worth visiting, and I have been there several times. Other places to see and tour are the Price Tower Arts Center, the Frank Phillips Home, and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. I sincerely hope that the world situation improves this year so that I may venture out and actually go to some of these

places that I write about. Oklahoma history is everywhere, and it is always better to experience it in person. We all need to get out and return to some semblance of normalcy. Remember, find something you like and collect the heck out of it. Meanwhile, I have another driveway to go shovel.



# ONA COIN CLUBS

All ONA member clubs may have their information listed at no charge. Send any changes or corrections to the Mint Luster Editor.

## 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 - Brian Miller  
Secretary - Tyler Tyson  
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  
PO Box 1901  
Enid, OK 73701

## Indian Territory Coin Club

Meets 2nd Monday each month -  
6:30pm  
Taco Bobs, S. Main, McAlester  
President - Steve DeFrango  
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 monthly on 4th Thursday at  
6pm.  
12512 East 21 Street,  
FOP Lodge 93 in Tulsa  
President - Chris Harrell  
Vice Pres - Todd Hourihan  
Sec/Treas - Todd Hourihan  
PO Box 580055  
Tulsa, OK. 74158  
918-697-8348

## Comanche County Coin Club

ONA Life Member 14  
Meets 1st Monday of each month  
6pm.  
622 C Avenue, Lawton  
President - Jon Wozniak  
Vice Pres - Glenn Stebleton  
Secretary - Lisa K. Ewing  
Treasurer - Erwin Wheeler  
130 S. Hillside Rd, Apache, OK.  
73006  
580-583-0873

**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 - Ed Wheeler  
Secretary - Mark Yarbrough, Jr.  
Treasurer - Steve Weeks  
479-621-3277  
PO Box 5751  
Bella Vista, AR 72714



# COIN SHOW GUIDE

## **ONA Greater Tulsa Coin and Currency**

Hosted by the Magic Empire  
Coin Club  
September 10 - 12  
Stoney Creek Hotel Conference  
Center, 200 West Albany Drive,  
Broken Arrow, OK  
FRI. Noon - 6PM,  
Sat. 9AM - 6PM,  
Sun. 8AM - 3PM  
Admission is free  
Contact:  
Chris Harrell 918 850-0117 or  
chris@arkansascoinandbullion.com  
for info.

## **Stephens County Coin Show**

September 17 & 18  
Stephens County Fairgrounds,  
1618 S. 13th St.,  
Duncan, OK 73533  
Fri. 10AM - 5PM  
Sat. 9AM - 5PM  
Contact: Ed McGill  
580 475 4570 or  
Dan Fletcher 580 467 0168.

## **Indian Territory Coin Show**

October 15 & 16  
Southeast Oklahoma Expo  
Center  
4500 W. Hwy. 270  
McAlester, OK  
Fri. Noon - 5PM  
Sat. 9AM-5PM  
Contact Gary Parsons 405 426 9044  
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## **Glenn Stebleton Stamp, Coin, Baseball Card Show**

Free admission, tables are 35.00  
each with one back up table.  
Castle Inn & Suites, 2202 N Hwy  
277, Lawton, OK 73507  
Hotel reservations phone num-  
bers are (405)406-5599 or  
(580)959-0310.  
Oct 22, 9-6pm and 23, 9-4pm  
Contact Glen Stebleton at  
(580)699-3682 or (580)678-8323.  
Applications can be sent by call-  
ing Lisa Kay Ewing, at (580)583-  
0873.

## **Mustang Coin Show**

Sat. Nov. 6  
Town Center Great Room  
1201 N. Mustang Road  
9:30AM - 4PM  
Contact Rich Wall at 405-795-5128

## **Black Friday Coin Show**

Glenpool Conference Center,  
12205 S. Yukon Ave., Glenpool,  
OK, Nov. 26 & 27;  
Fri. Noon - 5PM  
Sat. 9AM - 4PM  
Contact Robert at 918 521 1679



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