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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

This issue is a little smaller than the last issue. We have the usual President's column and the latest installment from Gary Parsons in the Why We Collect story. The Magic Empire Coin Minutes are included as usual and I have tried to update everyone on the goings on at the Oklahoma City Coin Club.

I have been having a hard time getting to the coin meetings at the Oklahoma City Coin Club. During the spring and summer months, my son plays baseball and I think he was scheduled for a game every night this summer that the coin club met. When it finally looked like I would be able to attend the September meeting, my son broke his nose pitching the evening before the meeting. He wanted to attend as well, but he wasn't up for going with two black eyes and a busted nose, so we had to stay home. I think the October meeting is looking OK. I will have to wait and see.

I do know that the OKC Coin club is planning their semi annual coin auction in October. My daughter has already made up a list of some of the cents she is hoping to pick up at the auction. My son, who has started a Franklin Half collection will be looking for a few high end Franklins to add to

his newly started collection. As for me, I think I will be upgrading. The most fun is spending time looking what is up for auction and deciding which coins to bid on. Maybe I will find an Indian Head or V nickel that is in better condition and I can upgrade.

Be sure to check out the coin show guide at the end of this issue. I know that Gary Parsons has been working hard on getting the Mcalester Coin Show up and going. It is scheduled for October 10 and 11th. I will be trying to attend and I think it will be a lot of fun. All of you should plan on attending.

I also received notice of the Black Friday Coin Show. It is going to be held right after Thanksgiving in Glenpool. There is a flyer of the coin show on page 3. What better way to spend the day off after Thanksgiving than at a coin show?

This is the last issue of the year, and although it is currently in the 90's, it is hard to believe the next issue will be after Christmas! Happy collecting!

Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

Hope you all have had a great summer and have been able to attend some of the coin shows in the state this year. Today I'm getting everything ready to go to the Tulsa ONA show and hope to have a great show and visit with a few fellow collectors. Gold and silver have been real weak this year and I have given up on predicting what might happen in the near future. It seems to go opposite of what I think it should do but I would like to see a strong move upward.

I'm sure you have all had some bad experiences with sending coins in to be graded by the Top grading services but thought I would let you know of my recent experience. I have always told my customers it is best to not buy some coins unless they are graded and authenticated by the top grading services, but I'm having trouble believing in their capabilities.

The last three 1909 S-vdb cents I have sent in have all come back ungraded. One was too harshly cleaned to verify, one was claimed to have a damaged mint mark that kept them from being able to verify it, and this last one that was in nice un-damaged condition is coming back as questionable authentication. No kidding that is why I sent it

to the GOD'S of authentication to verify. They have no problem taking our money and just leaving it still up in the air as to if it is a good coin. I guess I'll just reduce the price and let the next customer know that he is buying at his own risk.

I had another coin come back questionable color so the customer cleaned it by dipping and I sent it back in and it came back MS64. The moral of the story is to use your best judgment since it is probably as good as the grading gods. I've also had several coins come back miss-labeled with the worst one being an MS64 1864 Two Cent coin coming back labeled as Small Motto but was really Large Motto. There is a big difference in the coin and price, so I sent it back in to be corrected. They re-labeled it for free but I had to pay shipping cost. Let us know of some of your experiences.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.

Third Annual
Black Friday
Coin Show



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November 28th & 29th, 2014

Friday, Noon - 6pm

Saturday, 9am - 5pm

Glenpool Conference Center
12205 S Yukon Ave
Glenpool, OK



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Why We Collect

As we continue our discussion of Early Commemorative Coins, we will take a look at the key date, 1928 Hawaiian Sesquicentennial. It isn't my favorite early commemorative, but it is a very expensive, low mintage and interesting coin. The designs are by Juliette May Fraser and modeling by Chester Beach. On the obverse we see a bust of Captain James Cook, discoverer of Hawaii and on the reverse, there is a depiction of a Hawaiian warrior chief in full regalia. The mintage was 10,000 plus 50 proofs.

It is very difficult to find this early commemorative in a decent grade. They were widely distributed at the time of release and many to non-collectors in the Hawaiian Islands. Unintentional numismatic abuse cause many examples to fall in the EF-AU category with many being unattractive in color at best or with doctored surfaces at worst. Even these coins sell in the 700 to 900 dollar range. You may have to spend around \$1500 to get a mint state example with only minor



Gary Parsons - Vice President

problems, but it would be the best option. I looked for my example for over two years, because I prefer undipped, attractive and original pieces. I can tell you that very few, if any, exist in the more affordable, lower mint state range. I finally settled for an example that had been dipped by a professional sometime in its life but had re-toned lightly, and has a decent look. It is housed in a PCGS-MS64 holder. You will be spending a lot of money if you acquire an example so take your time and be picky.

Counterfeits of these coins exist, so be careful. For most, it would be best to only buy certified pieces and only from knowledgeable dealers. For many, this will be the last coin acquired to complete the silver type set, but my advice is to start looking now for an attractive example that you can afford and if you find it, buy

it. You will probably be looking for a long time.

The Early Commemorative Series is a challenging set to collect for reasons stated in this column. There are other examples which are expensive and difficult to find in nice condition, which we will take a look at next quarter.



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Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The May 2014 meeting of the Magic Empire Coin Club opened up at 7:05PM with President Ron Hass greeting the 12 members and one guest in attendance.

Discussion led to the Oklahoma City Coin Show in early May. Most of the membership was able to attend. Louise Sands was able to complete her Indian Head cent collection by locating pieces from 1871 and 1877. Tim O'Keefe was able to purchase a 1929 South Dakota national bank note from Bartlesville dealer Eddie Sise. Members Shane Cornell and Richard McPheeters both had tables at the event. Cornell said the show was good for him, as he sold many items.

Prize drawings were won by John Sands, Shane Cornell, and Charles Meyers.

Most of the meeting was spent on expanded Show & Tell. Refreshments were provided by Ron and Jearldine Lawrence.

Louise Sands showed off her now-completed set of Indian Head cents. John Sands presented 4 mill tokens from the Great

Depression. Brian O'Keefe showed a 2014-S United States Proof Set. Shane Cornell brought some foreign tokens from Nice, France. Mary Hass had a 2014 Canadian \$5 Maple Leaf. Tim O'Keefe presented a series of coins from Essequibo & Demerary, The British West Indies, and British Guiana. Charles Meyers showed an example of Swedish plate money from 1748 and German hyperinflation money from 1921 made of porcelain. Ron Lawrence presented a collection of "so-called dollars"-US medals from the past 150 years. Ron Hass showed a 1773 Virginia Half Penny that was made at the Tower Mint in London and a 1787 New Jersey cent.

The meeting closed at 8:07 PM, with our next one scheduled for 7 PM Thursday June 26, 2014.

President Ron Hass opened up the June meeting and welcomed the nine members in attendance. Mary Hass has volunteered to bring refreshments for the July meeting, and has also offered to do the August Educational Presentation.

Show & Tell included President Hass showing a 1755-A Parisian coin. Vice President Ron Lawrence showed two Irish coins - 1805 half penny and penny featuring George III. He also showed three Dutch coins, including a 1902 twenty five cent piece, an 1898 half guilder, and an 1898 guilder. Member Charles Meyers passed around a 1632 Austrian thaler of the Holy Roman Empire featuring King Leopold I.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe had the Educational Presentation. The topic was Irish coins and O'Keefe family history. Included were samples of James II gunmoney. These shillings were issued 1689-1690 to help James II raise money for an army in a failed attempt to regain the British throne from William and Mary. The legend was that the coins were made from melted guns and cannons, but more than likely they were from old church bells and any other available metals. They were minted in Dublin and Limerick, and the coins also carry the month of mintage. He also presented bank and merchant tokens from the early 1800's, along with coins minted by the British government for Ireland between 1805 and 1825.

The Irish Free State was established in 1921, and in 1928, the

country began issuing its own coinage. The farthing, half penny, penny, three pence, six pence, shilling florin, half crown, and crown were minted intermittently until 1969. While most are attainable at reasonable prices the 1937 and 1943 half crowns, and the 1943 crown go at very high premiums. Ireland followed England's lead in 1970 and went on the decimal system. The final coins were made in 2000. In 2002, Ireland began issuing Euros.

O'Keefe and his brother Brian explained that the O'Keefe name traces its origins to approximately 400 AD, when the Clan O'Keefe was established by Cormac Of Munster. The immediate family follows its roots back to the Fermoy area of Southern Ireland, dating to approximately 1800. There were several generations of blacksmiths. O'Keefe visited the island in 1992, and showed pictures of several historical and family structures with lots of tales of his travels. He also presented some of the pocket change he brought back from the trip.

President Ron Hass opened the July meeting and welcomed the eight members and one guest in attendance. Louise Sands, Mary Hass, and Brian O'Keefe won the monthly drawings. The membership was encouraged to attend the Enid Coin Show the weekend of

August 1. Shane Cornell reminded the group of the upcoming Tulsa Coin Show on September 6-8. Magic Empire will play their usual role in providing a top notch show for the region.

Extended Show & Tell was led off by Vice President Ron Lawrence. He had a series of silver British coins, including pennies, 2 pence pieces, 1/2 groats, and Maundy money. Member Charles Meyers had a couple of coins from India, including a Mughal piece from the 1550s. Member Brian O'Keefe showed a 2004 US Proof set. Sherrie Perdue brought 1984 and 1985 US Proof sets. Member John Sands had some German bonds from the 1920s. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe brought a series of Edward VIII coins dated 1936 from several countries, and also a 1937 uniface

example of an Edward VIII profile. President Hass continued his quest to find the perfect lion on a coin, and presented a 1759 West Frisiae coin. Mary Hass had the Find Of Month, coming across a 1965 ten cent piece from Hong Kong in her travels.

The club was contacted by John White of Tulsa. His father recently passed, and Mr. White found a collection of world coins in the estate. He donated them to the club, and they will be used for the monthly drawings in the coming months.

The meeting adjourned at 8PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7PM on August 28, 2014



OKC COIN CLUB NEWS

By Brian Miller

Our June meeting was held June 3rd and Blake Gibb gave a presentation on how we can all use the internet to help us with our numismatic pursuits. He gave out many tips on how to use Ebay, how to check out seller's feedback and looking at the photos closely. He also covered several other auction house sites. He also discussed coin collecting forums. They are a great way to chat with other collectors when we are between coin club meetings. He ended with database programs that can aid us in tracking our collection.

Our July meeting, we held our annual picnic and everyone had a great time sharing good food and talking about coins.

The topic of our August meeting was a brief history of counter-stamped coins.

In our September meeting, Gary Parsons conducted the presentation and he spoke of Indian Head and Flying Eagle Cents.

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.

2nd Annual McAlester Coin Show

*October 10 and 11,
Friday 12-5, Saturday 9-6
SE Oklahoma Expo Center*

4500 West Hwy 270

Free Admission to Public

*Contact: Gary Parsons
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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 - 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
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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 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 - Erwin Wheeler
Secretary - Joy Woods
Treasurer - Ed McGill
(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
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Indian Capitol Coin Club

ONA Member CC 185
Meets 3rd Monday of each month -
7:00pm
Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center
119 Spaulding Blvd.
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Ft. Worth Coin Club Fall Coin Show

Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2
Fri: 2-6pm, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 9-3
Forest Hill Civic and
Convention Center
6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX.
Contact: John Post at
817-992-1868
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Comanche County Coin Club

53rd Annual Coin Show

Setup: Fri, Nov. 7, 1-5pm
Show: Sat, Nov. 8, 9-5pm
Comanche County Fairgrounds
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mation, contact Terry Bell II.
phone: 580-695-6006,
email: tbell@arrowmoving.com

3rd Annual Black Friday Coin Show

November 28 and 29
Fri: Noon-6pm, Sat: 9-5
Glenpool Conference Center
12205 S Yukon, Glenpool, OK.
Contact: Robert Ranford at
918-521-1679

Cowtown Coin Show

Dec. 19-21
Fri: 2-6pm, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 9-3
Forest Hill Civic and
Convention Center
6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX.
Contact: Gary Andrews at
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