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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

It is hard to believe that this is the last issue of the Mint Luster for the year 2016. The next time I will be working on an issue, Christmas will be upon us.

This issue is back to the more familiar size with the usual articles from the President and the "Why We Collect" column. The Minutes and the "What We Collect" columns by Tim O'Keefe are included as well. In addition to these articles, there is also an article by Russell Doughty about the ANA Summer Seminar. I met him at the OKC Coin Club meeting and he is very knowledgeable about coins and was very enthusiastic about his time at the Summer Seminar.

This has been a fun year for collecting and for me, the highlight of the year

was the annual OKC Coin Show at the Fairgrounds. This year both my children helped out at the front desk welcoming the public into the show and helping the dealers set up. I asked them what their favorite part of helping out was and both of them said at the same time "the donuts!" We are looking forward to the next show in May and we are all saving up for that next coin purchase.

Hope all of you have a great holiday and the next time I write my Editors column, it will be 2017!!



Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

Summer is finally coming to an end and the weather is much cooler and of course with that comes shorter days which gives us more time in the evenings to look at our coin collections. The other day I pulled my error collection out of the safe and was looking at it and I still get excited seeing them. A double struck quarter, a cent on a dime planchet, a nickel on a cent planchet. Double dies, RPM's, rotated dies, it seems the list just goes on and on. These are the type of coins that still excite me today. It is also an area where we can still find a valuable coin or two in our circulating coins.

Following are a few examples that can be found in everyday change:

Rotated die coins— this is when you have the coin oriented with heads up and flip it vertically it is not aligned straight up. The more the rotation, the more the value, and the larger the denomination, the more the value. I have them on the Sac Dollar, Presidential dollar, and State quarter.

Missing Layer coins—this occurs on our so called sandwich coins, The Dime, Quarter, Half and Dollar. They

all have 3 layers to them. They are easy to spot on the dime, quarter and half. They will be copper colored on one side and normal on the other. The Presidential or SAC dollar will not be as easy to spot but one side will be more copper colored than the other. They are all thinner and lighter since part of the metal is not there.

There are also other errors that can be found like clips, off center, RPM's, Double Dies, etc. So if you are like me, save your change and save it for one of those days that is coming where the weather is bad and you want something to do in the evening. You might even plant an error or 2 in the change for the kids to find. There is nothing more exciting than finding something of value and it may even start someone on a new lifetime hobby that they will enjoy the rest of their life.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.

NEW MEMBERS

Tim O'Keefe

Tulsa, OK converted to Life Member

Russell Doughty

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55th Annual



Comanche County Coin Club "Coin Show"

- At the Hilton Garden Inn in Lawton Oklahoma 135 NW 2nd Street Lawton, OK 73501 (A block of rooms is available)
- Fee for dealers is only \$100.00 for both days
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- November 18th and 19th 2016
- Time: 09:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Contact: Lisa Kay Ewing at (580)583-0873 for more details
- Reservations must be made by 30 September 2016 or show may be canceled this year

Why We Collect



Early Quarters of the United States are rare and perhaps our most interesting early denomination to study. There was little need for them at the time because the Spanish two(2) Reales piece was in circulation, valued at 25 cents and preferred by most Americans. At a time when coins were ordered from the Mint, you will find the reported mintage's to be very low. In fact, quarter's were not made in most years prior to 1815.

The first Quarter dollar, with Draped Bust obverse design, and "small eagle" reverse design was not made until 1796 and is a one year type. The total mintage was 6,146 according to mint records. At the September Oklahoma City Coin Club meeting, member Ron LaSpisa shared his example with the club. It's always a treat to see such a rare coin!

Quarters were not made again until 1804 by which time the Heraldic Eagle or "large eagle" reverse was used, creating a new type. The total mintage in 1804 is reported to be 6,738. Draped Bust Quarters were produced three more years until 1807. Mintage's



Gary Parsons - Vice President

increased to 220,643.

No quarters were made until 1815 when the Capped Bust obverse design was used for the first time and the reported mintage was 89,235. It has been estimated by numismatists that only 3% of our early silver coins still exist in any condition due to melt's that occurred in the 19th century and natural attrition. You do the math and you will find the Draped Bust design Quarter is extremely rare when you compare with most other early types.

Recently I acquired an 1806 Quarter, with a reported mintage of 206,124, in nice collectible condition. It is a great addition to my type collection. I have learned much about my quarter and the other early quarters from reading the standard reference, *The Early Quarter Dollars of the United States 1796 - 1838*, by A. W. Browning (completely updated by Walter Breen in 1992 edition),

which has been my primary reference for this article.

These rare and historic coins make an exciting addition to any advanced collection. As many have suggested, study the book before acquiring the coin to avoid disappointment. All early types are expensive. If you want to see

my example which is now housed in an NGC holder, look me up at some of the Fall shows and club meetings.



OKC COIN CLUB NEWS

By Brian Miller

Our August meeting consisted of a discussion on "Short Sets or How to Collect a Small Group of Cool Coins" by Blake. It was very informative and we learned that how fun collecting short sets can be. We had our usual show and tell and door prizes at the end.

Stephanie Worden highlighted the September meeting with a discussion on "coins that make you smile!". It was a lot of fun and we all can't wait until the next 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.

Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The start of the June 2016 meeting was delayed as the club discussed the logistics for the upcoming Tulsa Coin Show in September. Dale Schafer explained that most of the tables have been sold, and that the Elks Lodge is ready to assist us with the three day operation. We covered putting people on the front table at the entrance to process the cards and greet the public, some various forms of advertising, posting flyers at several area venues in the area that are exposed to the public, and providing snacks and beverages for the staff and dealers. Dale asked for volunteers from the club to ensure a successful weekend.

The meeting was officially opened at 7:45 by Vice President Ron Lawrence, filling in for the absent President John Sands. He welcomed the eight members and one guest in attendance. VP Lawrence asked for a reading of the May 2016 minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe read the minutes, which were approved by acclamation. VP Lawrence then asked for the Telephone Report. Jearldine

Lawrence said that she had contacted everyone.

Old Secretary/Treasurer O'Keefe reported that the phone number for the club has changed. Mint Luster and the Tulsa City-County Library have been notified of the change.

Drawings: Won by Charles Meyers and VP Lawrence

Educational Presentation: VP Lawrence spoke on 'Interesting Coins & Medals Of the World (potpourri)'. He explained some of the early history of English monarchs, including William Of Orange, Queen Mary, and Queen Anne, and showed coins from their reigns. He also showed some coins of King Gustav of Sweden, along with various medals and coins from Europe from the past several hundred years.

Show & Tell: Charles Meyers had a coin of Leopold I of the Holy Roman Empire dated 1632.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe

showed a collection of coins from Essequibo & Demerary, the British West Indies, and British Guiana, including specimens of Anchor Money and 20 different silver 4 pence pieces.

Close: There was a motion by Sherrie perdue seconded by Shane Cornell to close the meet-

ing at 8:20 PM. The next meeting of the club will be held at 7PM on Thursday July 28, 2016, and the night will feature expanded Show & Tell.



2016 ANA Summer Seminar

By Russell Doughty

With the utmost humility I thank the ONA for sponsoring my attendance to the ANA Summer Seminar. It was such a blast that I didn't want it to end! My experience was much better than I could have ever expected.

The atmosphere at ANA Summer Seminar is very positive and the people are just tremendous. It seemed everyone was welcoming and warm. My teacher, Steve Roach, editor-at-large for CoinWorld, did a fantastic job of introducing our class to the wonderful world of numismatic publishing!

Our project for the class was to write a short numismatic article that we could share with other classmates. The last day we provided each other with constructive criticism, which was a positive. My article was on the galvano, hub and die making processes during the early days of the Mint. The article is intended to be a chapter in a book I am writing on the top varieties in the Flying Eagle and Indian Cent series.

I took with me to the seminar the last 10 coins which I needed photographed for the book. Steve had asked we bring some coins to practice cataloging. My choice of coins turned out to be fantastic. Steve introduced me to the photography class and they had fun photographing my cents for the book. It will be exciting to acknowledge both classes in my book when it gets published, and the ONA!

I start a PhD assistantship in Microbiology at the University of Oklahoma on August 1st, so I will be attending the OKC Coin Club most often. However, I intend to make it back to the Indian Territory Coin Club in McAlester as often as I can!

By the way, I'm pleased to say that I'm now a Life Member of both the ANA and the ONA. I was feeling particularly generous after obtaining the scholarship to attend Summer Seminar. THANK YOU!



What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

Itend to drive the local coin shop dealers a bit crazy because my collecting interests jump all over the place. I have several different collections that I like to work on, depending on where I am with a particular set or what sparks my attention at a specific time. Originally, I started out with minor coins taken out of my paper route money in the late 1960s, concentrating on United States cents, nickels, dimes, and quarters. I also grabbed onto whatever Canadian coins I could find, as I grew up in New England, and such coins were common in every day change. The occasional coin shop provided some good specimens, as did gifts from relatives. My assorted foreign collection was usually fed by people who traveled out of the country and did not know what to do with the coins they brought back. I gladly latched onto them.

My collecting ways stayed pretty much to these parameters until leaving college. Once I started working full time after graduation, my interest waned for several years. It was not until about

1996 that I caught the bug again. I came across a numismatic periodical on Morgan silver dollars, and began my quest anew. I found a reliable supplier with quality and affordable silver dollars, and began amassing my collections again. I was able to obtain all but five of the Morgan set, and completed my Peace Dollar collection. From there, it was time to work on the small US collections, which led to completing Liberty, Buffalo, and Jefferson nickels, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes, and Washington quarters, Barber, Liberty Walking, Franklin, and Kennedy half dollars sets. I have been able to locate most of the Indian and Lincoln cents, Barber dimes, and Barber and Liberty Standing quarters. Pocketbook considerations and rarities have led to some holes in the collections that I can live with.

As I neared the completions of my US treasures, I picked up interest in my dormant Canadian collection. The local shops had plenty of the common coins, and the internet led to some excellent finds from across the country.

I've been able to complete the Canadian cent collection 1858-2012, including several of the varieties. The nickels and dimes were difficult, but those sets are nearly complete. Quarters and half dollars have been somewhat more elusive. I have several of the dollar coins, along with provincial money from New Foundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

In 2002, the Euro made its official debut. My challenge was how to collect them. Some countries produce few coins with high premiums, such as Monaco and Vatican City, while others like Germany have multiple mints issuing sets every year. Places like France made their coins years ahead of time in anticipation of the monetary change, and by law, had to put the actual year the coin was made on the piece. Also, the European Union loves to put out lots of commemoratives, which leads to a large number of available pieces out there. I figured the sanest way to collect would be to get a first year issue from each EU member (usually 8 coins- 1,2,5,10,20, 50, dollar, and two dollar pieces). Since the usual coin page has 20 slots, I would fill the other openings with pre-Euro specimens. I've been able to get coins from all 22 member countries.

In 2004, I had some major surgery which led to a lot of down time during recovery. That is when I began my British Commonwealth collection. The British Empire spanned across the world. The majority of coins from English influenced countries are common and inexpensive. Junk boxes are always a good source of undiscovered material. I think I have items from over 90 jurisdictions and governments, ranging from Scotland to Gibraltar to Cyprus to British West Africa to the Straits Settlements to Australia. Many are dead nations that most folks have never heard of. It is interesting to watch the evolution of coins and the portraits on them, as the British have had few rulers since Queen Victoria took the throne in the 1830s.

I began my current interest in Series 1929 national bank notes in 2011, and I've discussed that trek in previous columns. One of the enhancements I have made to that collection is finding antique post cards and canceled checks from some of the issuing banks I have on hand.

In addition to fueling my new love for paper money, I have my standard purchases for the year-the issued US Mint and Proof sets, an American Eagle, the current Canadian issue set, and any

new members of the European Union that come out. I like the variety and the challenge of keeping up with newest items. A cross section this diverse also keeps me busy at tables at the local coin shows, as I am not limited by just one area of interest. And I still never turn down somebody's offer of excess foreign coins, wherever they may be from. There are many different

ways to collect, and I encourage folks to be creative when putting their wares together. As always, find something you love and collect the heck out of it.

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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

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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
918-697-8348

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
(580)470-8799
Box 635
Duncan, OK. 73533

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ONA Member CC 185
Meets 3rd Monday of each month -
6:30pm
Muskogee Library
8th & Okmulgee
President - Mike McClendon
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Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway
PO Box 2521
Muskogee, OK. 74402

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217 N. Illinois ST. (in the back)
Weatherford, OK 73096
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405-222-8718

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Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month -
6PM; Embassy Suites Hotel,
Rogers, AR. at Exit 83.
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214-232-2410.



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