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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

This issue we are back to our regular size and number of pages. I would still like to encourage all of you to simply type up an email and send me a short article so I can include you in an upcoming issue in our "In the Spotlight" column. Just write a couple of paragraphs introducing yourself to the club and how you got into collecting coins and some of your favorite series to collect.

We had a great time at the July OKC coin club meeting. Because the temperature is usually so hot, we decide to have our annual picnic indoors and every year I am glad we have it inside. This year it was especially hot and the food was delicious. We had plenty of barbeque, hot links, brisket, cole slaw, and plenty of other sides. There was also cookies and brownies and pies and just about anything else you would love to eat.

I am looking forward to the semi-annual coin auction coming up in October for our OKC coin club meeting. I always pick up something, but both of my kids really look forward to this as they type up lists and what they are willing to pay for certain coins.

It is hard to believe, but this is the last issue of the year and the last issue before Christmas. The next time I prepare an issue for all of you, Christmas will be right around the corner. I am planning on a few numismatic gifts this year and hopefully the gifts will start a new collector into this wonderful hobby. Merry Christmas!!



Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

Hope you had a chance to make it to the NTCA coin and Token show in Oklahoma City. It was a great show for me and from what I heard from most dealers, they also had a great show. Collecting Good for Tokens are a great way to get a glimpse back in time as to how merchants did business and advertised. If you have an interest in history, this is a great way to combine that interest with collecting as well as an investment. As in coin collecting, there are rare tokens that run into the hundreds and even thousands of dollars in value. There are also inexpensive tokens that are great buys at just a few dollars.

The gold and silver market is and will continue to be very volatile. The premium is way up on silver because the supply is down and demand is over the roof. I can't keep 90% silver or silver rounds, they sell almost the same day they come into the shop. High quality collector coins are selling good with a high interest in Type coins of any grade.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.



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Why We Collect

If you missed the National Token Collectors Association Show in Oklahoma City on Sept. 4 & 5, you missed a real treat! This group is primarily about tokens and since I collect Oklahoma Trade Tokens and Civil War tokens, I had a great time.

Several local dealers were in attendance that offered a variety of collectible coins and notes. There was something for everyone.

If you haven't looked into Token collecting, you should. Prices are generally very reasonable, and you can collect material that circulated in your home town and may have been used by your grandparents in trade. For Oklahoma, the reference is OKLAHOMA EXONUMIA by R.W. Chadwick.

Johnny Satterlee, a contributing editor was in attendance at the show and goes to most of our shows. He makes a market in Oklahoma Trade Tokens. Other contributing editors to the reference Bill Waken and Jack Wolfe were also in attendance at the



Gary Parsons - Vice President

show. Mike Leafgreen, the son of another contributing editor, was the Show Chairman and Mike's brother Paul helped. It was like old home week for serious token collector's and dealer's.

The history of these old tokens is fascinating and can occupy much time in research. If you are interested in the history of the area or areas you lived in, tokens can open up new areas of learning. If you like research, you will love token collecting.

The show drew over 30 dealers and over 200 collectors. This group always has an auction on Friday night. This years auction was professionally done and well attended. I was able to acquire eleven lots out of the over 300 in the auction. I picked up some Oklahoma Towns I didn't have and prices were very reasonable.

I helped with the show and had a great time. It was great to get a

National Hobby organization to come to Oklahoma. It was reported to me that everyone had a good time and enjoyed their time in Oklahoma and would likely return for a show in the future. Next year they will be in North Dakota. Thanks to everyone in ONA and the Oklahoma City Coin Club that helped with the Show! A special thanks to Mike Leafgreen who did a great job as Show Chairman!!

Pick up an old Token from your home town. As you hold it, ask who might have used it and for what purpose. It might open up a new collecting interest!!

Is This A Great Hobby Or What!!



New Members

Russell Doughty
Keith Morgan
Chris Harrell

Clayton, OK
Skiatook, OK
Broken Arrow, OK

Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The June 2015 meeting of the MECC opened at 7:07 PM with President John Sands welcoming the seven members in attendance. Drawings were won by members Charles Meyers, Shane Cornell, Louise Sands, and Jearldine Lawrence.

The club now has a contact for wooden nickels from the Enid coin Club. President Sands said the proposed logo was almost ready. The club has also discussed moving our monthly venue to one of the Tulsa City-County Libraries to provide easier access for the meetings, and a quieter area, as the church has had several activities going on during our Thursday get-togethers. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe has a contact with the library system and will inquire.

Shane Cornell has put out advertising in "Coin World" and "Numismatic News" for the September Tulsa Coin Show. Magic Empire will once again be assisting with the event. Flyers have been made up and are being distributed.

New member Chris Harrel was scheduled to give the bi-monthly Educational Presentation, but had a last minute conflict arise. Tim O'Keefe did a talk on the history of United States silver dollars beginning the 1790s. He showed a 1799 Draped Bust piece, a Goebrecht dollar, some Trade Dollars (including one with Chinese chop marks), a nearly complete collection of Morgan dollars, and complete sets of Peace dollars, Susan B Anthony dollars, and Sacagawea dollars. He discussed the history of each series of coins, along with a few fun facts related to each.

Member Brian O'Keefe brought up the news that the United States is considering putting a woman on the \$10 bill. This sparked a small debate on whose image should be utilized on the note.

Show & Tell was highlighted by President Sands showing a set of Walking Liberty Half Dollars, Brian O'Keefe presenting a 2002-S US proof set, and Vice President Ron Lawrence showing a 2015-S Silver US proof set,

along with a series of European riksdollars.

The meeting closed at 7:50 PM.

The July 2015 meeting of the MECC was opened at 7:10 PM by Vice President Ron Lawrence, who chaired in the absence of vacationing President John Sands. He welcomed the seven members in attendance. Drawings for coin prizes were won by Shane Cornell, Charles Meyers, Steve Langgin, and Brian O'Keefe.

The club has discussed changing its venue to one of the many Tulsa City-County Libraries, as we already advertise on their web site. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe contacted them. He was advised that as long as the club presents proof of its non-profit status, the libraries in the system will give us 12 free meetings a year. Member Charles Meyers suggested that The Schusterman Library would be a logical choice, due to its central location and easy access. The only issue may be having to change our scheduled meeting time of 7PM on the fourth Thursday of the month if the library has a conflict. Secretary/Treasurer O'Keefe is going to inquire further.

The club now has a contact for the wooden nickel project.

President Sands sent word that the proposed logo is ready. Member Sherrie Perdue is going to check on its status this weekend. Once the logo is inspected and approved, the wooden nickel project and the web site project can proceed.

Show & Tell: Brian O'Keefe showed a 1996-S United States Proof Set. Steve Langgin brought a 1972 Double Die Lincoln cent that was slabbed. Shane Cornell showed a Ft. Riley, Kansas token and gave some history on the piece. Ron Lawrence presented a slabbed 1897B (Bombay) British Trade Dollar, a slabbed 1935 George V British crown, a German 10 mark commemorative piece from 1994, and a book of mostly British Commonwealth coins, featuring pieces from South Africa, the Solomon Islands, British Malaya, and the Straits Settlements. Tim O'Keefe showed a short collection of coins from the British North Borneo Company minted at the Heaton Mint in England, with dates ranging from the mid-1880s to the late 1930s.

Refreshments were provided by Sherrie Perdue. The meeting closed at 7:54PM.

President John Sands opened up the August meeting of the MECC at 7:10 PM, welcoming the eight

members in attendance. He asked for a reading of the July 2015 minutes. Member Brian O'Keefe read the minutes. There was a motion by member Louise Sands to accept the minutes as read, which was seconded by member Shane Cornell. President Sands then asked for the Telephone Report. Member Jearldine Lawrence stated that she was able to contact all members. Drawings were won by Louise Sands, Keith Morgan. Jearldine Lawrence, and Brian O'Keefe.

Old Business: Shane Cornell said that all was ready for the Tulsa Coin Show. Member Chris Harrell purchased two tables for the event. The membership was asked to volunteer to assist in set up and to work the door. Tim O'Keefe said that he would update a flyer to encourage more membership, and that it would be available at the door during the weekend of the show.

General News: Tim O'Keefe vacationed in Kansas City, Missouri in early August. He visited the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank. The tour there allows visitors to see how the vault works, how money is moved within the building, and features Former President Harry S. Truman's extensive coin collection.

Educational Presentation: Louise Sands had the bi-monthly presentation. She discussed brief histo-

ries of five influential people in numismatics, which included dossiers on Q. David Bowers, Larry & Ira Goldberg. Fred Weinberg, Jeff Garrett, and Steve Ivy.

Show & Tell: Vice President Ron Lawrence showed two Hungarian coins- a 3 krajczar piece from 1695, and a one thaler piece from 1635, along with two Egyptian 20 piastre pieces, one from 1929 featuring King Faud, and one from 939 featuring King Farouk. Brian O'Keefe presented a 1985 United States Proof Set President John Sands showed a 1954 United States Proof Set and a 1926 quarter eagle gold piece Keith Morgan showed a holed and zinc 25 cent piece. Tim O'Keefe passed around a collection of Fiji coins and notes, with dates 1934 to the early 2000s.

Find Of The Month: Vice president Lawrence came across two Liberty Walking Half Dollars with his metal detector, but won't say where.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2015 at 7PM, at Yale venue Christian Church. Tim and Brian O'Keefe will bring refreshments. This will be extended Show & Tell night. There was a motion by Tim O'Keefe to close the meeting, which was seconded by Louise Sands. President Sands brought the meeting to a close at 8:10.

ONA NEWS

By Gary Parsons

Attendance at our spring Show in May exceeded 1000 for the second year in a row. In an effort to improve the show we have decided to open to the general public at 1 PM on Friday. As you know Friday has traditionally been a dealer only day. We will continue to work with Fairpark staff to improve parking and allow signage to help attendees find us. Look for the 2016 Show to be even Better.

ONA Officers have decided to offer a Scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar in 2016. The Summer Seminar is ANA's premier event each year. It is held at it's headquarters in Colorado Springs each year in late June and early July. To qualify for scholarship, you must be a member of

ONA and ANA in good standing. You need to have a good reason for getting the scholarship and be willing to report on your experience with a short article in the MINTLUSTER. Questions about details need to be directed to Gary Parsons, 405-426-9044 or olegar@cox.net. You must send a letter to Gary Parsons by January 15, 2016, expressing your interest, why you want to go, your hobby experience and interest, and any other relevant information that will help with decision. You can send your letter to Gary Parsons at P.O. Box 21752, Oklahoma City, OK 73156. The decision will be made before March in order to obtain available discounts from ANA. **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!**



What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

Most collectors start out with the same intention, namely to try to complete a set of coins or currency. I think a lot of that comes from those infuriating blue books that show a collector all of the possibilities within the context of a complete set of coins.

It makes one wonder how many folks picked up the Mercury Dime book, and realized that the odds of getting the 1916-D grew smaller with each passing day (and yes, I do have one in AG), and therefore they gave up. I believe that the majority of hobbyists my age probably began collecting Lincoln cents. A penny was cheap, and for years they were easily found in pocket change. Growing up in a pre-credit society, hard cash was plentiful and full of possibilities.

I found the 1924-D Lincoln cent that currently sits in my collection in my paper route money in 1969. And before I go any further, I do not collect error coins—double dies, date-over-date, off-centers, etc... I respect the folks who do collect those, they are just not

for me. As for Lincoln cents, most years and mint marks are available to the common purse string, though there are some that challenge the average collector - the 1931-S, the 1914-D, and the 1909-S VDB, to name a few. I recall saving up in college to purchase my 1914-D from a coin shop in West Chester, Pennsylvania. \$80 was a lot of money in 1978, and I was scared to tell my folks that I spent that much on one coin (and to this day, I still haven't). The 1909-S VDB is still an expensive omission from my collection.

The first collection that I was able to complete was my Franklin halves. I picked up my first piece, a 1956 in XF, at my first coin show in Norwich, Connecticut in 1970. While the coins are fairly easy to find and inexpensive to buy, I did not get around to finishing the set until the late 1990s.

I really wanted to get a complete set of Liberty nickels, but those darned elusive 1913 pieces are just downright hard to locate, with only 5 known. I completed the 1883-1912 run, and bought the only replica coin I have to fin-

ish the set, and it is clearly marked "COPY" in its 2x2 folder.

I completed my Indian Head/Buffalo Nickel collection with a Bid Board buy of a 1913-S Type II piece that looks like it was run through a wood chipper, but the details I needed to see are visible.

Foreign coins can prove troublesome, not only in finding reference material but in tracking down the coins themselves. With some help from a dealer in Vancouver, British Columbia, I have amassed a complete set of Canadian cents, starting in 1858.

I worked on several runs of British Hong Kong coins. I found the final piece in a junk box in Tulsa at a shop I do not usually frequent. The clerk that was waiting on me had me go to the back of the store so the rest of the customers would not see me digging through the "cheap" box, as I guess I was bringing property values down by being at the front counter.

And then there was Ireland. Having a lot of Irish ancestry, and having visited there for a week in 1992, there was ample incentive to start and finish that collection. I had a smattering of Irish coins on hand, mostly given to me by relatives. The Irish Free State began issuing coins in 1928, with

denominations matching those of British LSD values. In 1971, the country converted over to the decimal system, which it stayed on until adopting the Euro standard in 2001. So, armed with a Krause/Mishler Catalog, I began my quest. Coin shops and coin shows in Oklahoma yielded additional finds. From there, it was on to EBAY, first in the United States, then worldwide. I found several sellers in Ireland with excellent inventories and reasonable prices. A few were able to provide vital information. There was one decimal coin listed in Krause/Mishler that I could not locate anywhere. One of my Irish contacts advised that the coin had never been minted, and that he would like to own one too if I ever came across one.

I think my strangest buy was a half penny from the 1970s. The only one I could find anywhere was in a curiosity shop in Paris, France. The coin was extremely cheap, but the postage was fairly high. The LSD coinage proved tougher. There are three pieces that I will not be able to get—the 1943 florin, and the 1939 and 1943 half crowns. Both 1943 issues had very low mintages (35 and 500, respectively), and the only 1939 piece I ever saw advertised was on EBAY Canada for about \$2000 a few years back. A little humility is good for me.

I seriously doubt that the Smithsonian Institute is ever going to come knocking on my door looking for contributions. I've put together some modest collections that I have come to enjoy. Some have eye-appeal, some are fillers, and all were sought with equal enthusiasm. My experience is that the search

is as fun as the acquisition. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

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OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

At our July meeting, we held our annual indoor picnic. There was plenty of barbeque, sides and of course my favorite, desserts. I brought my whole family for this event, and my son was given a copy of CoinWorld magazine that contained his article that he had written and published. We all had a great time.

The August meeting contained the usual show and tell and at the end of the meeting, we drew for door prizes.

The September meeting started exactly at 7 pm although we allowed some buying and selling between 6 and 650pm. We had our usual show and tell and then Isaac Wallie gave a very informative discussion on Morgan Dollars and VAMS. He is very knowledgeable and we all enjoyed his presentation.

The October meeting will be our semi-annual coin auction. Be sure to bring all your extra coin buying money and pick up some needed coins.

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.



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 - 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 - Robert Gholston
Secretary - Kim Pepe
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
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Tulsa, OK. 74158

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
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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 -
6:30pm
Muskogee Library
8th & Okmulgee
President - Mike McClendon
Vice Pres - Sam Carter
Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway
PO Box 2521
Muskogee, OK. 74402



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at 920 SW Sheridan RD, Lawton,
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Contact: Lisa Kay Ewing at
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Sun 9 -3; Garfield County
Fairgrounds, Pavilion Bldg., 111
West Purdue,
Enid, OK; for info contact
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ONA OKC Show

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