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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

**T**he other day a friend of mine asked me to come to his house and take a look at some of his coins that he had. He is not a collector and the coins were given to him from his father.

I always enjoy when someone asks for me to look at their coins because there is always a chance that I will stumble across something interesting or a rarity. Unfortunately, I always seem to come across common date silver coins or wheat pennies from the 40's and 50's.

So I dumped out his coins from the zip lock bag he stored them in. I started pulling out the bicentennial halves and the Susan Anthony dollars thinking

there was going to be nothing here. He had 20 or so common Mercury Dimes, some dateless Buffalo Nickels, and some silver Washington quarters. I then noticed he had 4 quarters dated 1932. I flipped them over and three were D mints and one was an S mint. He was thrilled to hear how much they were worth but I think I was more excited than he was when I came across those Washington Quarters. He just may be our newest member!!



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# Letter from the President



Russell Doughty - President

I have some exciting news regarding our website. It is up and running! You can check it out at <http://www.oklahomanumismatic.org>. Our website features the meeting dates, times, locations, and contact information for each of our 10 member clubs. We have a calendar that displays the meeting information for each club and local coin shows. If you click on an event in the calendar, it will also give you directions. Since our website launched on January 2nd, we have had 96 users. It may not sound like a lot, but we will get more traffic the longer the webpage is up. I've listed the website in Google, so we appear on the first page of the search results if you search for 'oklahoma coin club' or 'oklahoma numismatic'. Our Facebook page is also returned in these search results, which now has 49 followers. Please let me know if you see any errors or have any suggestions about the website or our Facebook page.

There were some interesting coin-related news articles over the past couple of months. The owners of a piano discovered 913 British gold sovereigns and half sovereigns dated 1847-1915 when they had the piano repaired. The Royal Canadian Mint celebrated the 30th anniversary of the one-ounce .9999 fine Silver Maple Leaf. NGC is the first to have graded 40 million coins and will open a new office in London in April. Stack's Bowers sold 605 lots of Colombian paper currency, which topped \$1.1 million. Alabama approved a sales tax exemption for bullion. The 2018 US Lincoln Cent is now in circulation. Have you found one yet?



# OKC COIN CLUB

## NEWS

By Tyler Tyson

The February 2018 OKCCC meeting was very well attended even with poorly forecasted weather and flu season on the rise. The presentation was covered by the ONA VP – Gary Parsons. The topic Gary covered was Classic Coins of America, this provided an overview of classic US coins produced by the mint. From the

most popular cents, hard to get/afford eagles, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, and commemoratives. Gary once again impressed the OKCCC with his fabulous presentation and made it well worth fighting the weather to attend.

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.



**Gary Parsons giving presentation**

# Why We Collect



If you are a serious collector and have never been to an American Numismatic Association show you are missing a real treat! Your next opportunity will be the World's Fair of Money show at Philadelphia in August. A visit to the Philadelphia Mint could top off your week. I had such a good time at the ANA show in Irving, Texas, last week, I'm seriously thinking about going.

Big show's offer so much to collectors that it is impossible do everything offered. Most of us go to shows to find coins for our collection or to sell items we no longer want. There were 500 dealers at Irving, Texas show dealing in every area of the hobby. If you like auctions, they are conducted almost every day. The material offered is phenomenal. Even if you can't afford it, it's fun to look at it.

Other activities are numerous and well done. Educational opportunities abound. They start before the show opened on Thursday with two day seminars on grading and counterfeit detection. You will have to pay for these classes. On Thursday and Friday, one hour presentation are conducted throughout the day on hobby related topics. These are free.



Gary Parsons - Vice President

Other highlights include competitive exhibits by ANA members. I liked exhibit's on Civil War Fractional Currency and Franklin Half Dollars. They were extremely well done. ANA showcases their famous 1804 Dollar and 1913 Liberty Head Nickel along with other rarities in a special exhibit.

All the grading services were present at the show accepting submissions. So there is something for everyone. The Summer Show in August is even bigger!

I have been fortunate enough to attend many ANA shows and activities. As a result I have made friends in the hobby from all over the country. The best part of every show is getting to see and hang out with my friends. Because this show was close to Oklahoma, a number of Okies were at the show including Russell Doughty, ONA President. He and I worked shifts at the show to help. Tyler Tyson, Shawna and Corey Maxwell, and Issac Wallie from the Oklahoma City Coin club were present. A number of my dealer friends were in

attendance including Brad Smith and Robert Ranford from Tulsa, Sal Olivieri and the APMEX bunch from OKC. Michael and Kyle with Mid-America Coins in Grove, Rex and Cindy from Kansas, Dale White from Arkansas and numerous Texas based dealers and friends.

It was like old home week! To me, time spent at the show with my friends talking coins is what makes it special!!

Get involved, join ONA and ANA!  
Have Fun!



# Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The first meeting of 2018 for Tulsa's Magic Empire Coin Club was opened at 7 PM by President John Sands. He welcomed the 10 members to our new location, the Hardesty Library at 8316 East 93rd Street. Drawings were won by Louise Sands and Sheryl Morgan.

Old Business: VP Chris Harrell is going to get the yearly business cards printed up. The reverse will have meeting dates and the dates of the two major shows and will reflect our change of address. He was waiting for the September 2018 meeting date to be set. He will present the final cost to S/T O'Keefe upon completion of the work. VP Harrell also has us advertising the club on coinzip. The Oklahoma Numismatic Association (ONA) has their website up and running, and our club information is now available there also.

Due to the untimely and unannounced closing of the Delta Café, the club's holiday dinner was moved to Tally's Café at 11 & Yale at the last minute. There was still a good turnout.

New Business: The American Numismatic Association (ANA) sent the club discount tickets for non-ANA members to attend their March show in Texas. S/T O'Keefe was tasked with emailing the by-laws and club charter to members who requested it. Annual dues were collected from the attending members.

Show & Tell: Ron Lawrence showed some Northern European silver coins, including an 1839 specie dollar from Denmark, a 1777 specie dollar from Norway, and riksdalers from Sweden dated 1782, 1852, and 1862. Keith Morgan presented a Los Angeles, California commemorative. Tim O'Keefe showed a collection of coins and notes from Gibraltar. Shane Cornell had a series of HK so-called dollars, including one from the Columbia Exposition, one featuring Henry Hudson, one commemorating the Cheyenne Semicentennial, one from the Veterans Corps Of Artillery, and one from the McCormick Company.

The Greater Tulsa area experienced some severe inclement weather on the night of our February meeting, which led to a small turnout for the monthly meeting. Vice President John Sands opened the meeting at 7:20 PM and welcomed the 5 members and one guest in attendance. Because of the reduced numbers, the meeting was kept informal. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe read the January 2018 minutes. Ron Lawrence advised that Jearldine Lawrence completed the telephone contacts. Sheryl Morgan will be taking over that duty next month. Drawings were won by Tim O'Keefe and Keith Morgan.

Old Business: The ANA renewal for club membership finally arrived in the mail. ANA numbers were collected from the members, and S/T O'Keefe will mail the forms out on the next business day.

President Chris Harrell could not make the meeting, but did advise that the business cards are ready.

The Enid Coin Show and the National Money Show (Ft Worth, Texas) are March 9-11, and the membership was encouraged to attend.

Educational Presentation: In lieu of a 20 minute talk, the membership in attendance went around

the room, and everyone explained how they first got into coin collecting.

Show & Tell: Ron Lawrence showed four slabbed coins, including a 1937 Canadian Half Dollar of George VI, a 1935 British silver crown featuring George V, a 1935 US Peace dollar, and an 1826 Swiss batz coin.

Tim O'Keefe showed a book containing a collection of US large and small cents, a short set of Philippine coins minted in the United States, and a catch-all of tokens from around the country.

Next Meeting: We are scheduled for 7pm on Thursday March 22, 2018 at the Hardest Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.



# What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

**M**y first exposure to Tulsa's Magic Empire Coin Club came at one of the Annual Tulsa Coin Shows. Members Jearldine Lawrence and JoAnn Whitman were always working the registration table at the front door, and each year they would encourage me to join. During the 2000's, I was at the show either as a customer or working security. However, Thursday night meeting times were a problem for me. I was either working my full time job, had some other event going on, or simply forgot.

It wasn't until my next oldest brother moved to town in 2011 that I took a vested interest. He has been a lifetime collector. We both needed an activity that we could both participate in, so one Thursday evening we showed up unannounced. We were made to feel extremely welcome, and I haven't missed a meeting since.

I joined Magic Empire so I could sit back and allow my brother to interact with folks with a similar interest. I was content to stay in the background, but fate had other plans.

In the summer of 2012, Ms. Whitman left the club and moved out of town. In addition to being an ambassador for the club, she was also the Secretary and the Treasurer so I volunteered to take the notes at the meetings. There is a saying, "No good deed goes unpunished". President John Sands stopped the meeting immediately, noting my willingness to help, and nominated me to take Ms. Whitman's place. There was a quick vote, and suddenly I was a club officer. Some men aspire to greatness, while others have it thrust upon them. I was obviously ambushed, but I have accepted the position with glee and gusto. My brother, meanwhile, moved out of state in 2015.

The Magic Empire Coin Club had its beginnings in 1966. Tulsa oil money fueled a large membership, which is where the name of the club came from. The Tulsa Coin Show used to be held at the Tulsa Convention Center downtown in the 1960s and 1970s, and the club was big enough to meet twice a month.

The club's meeting place has changed several times over the years. Former Vice President Ron Lawrence has provided me with a box full of club history that I need to go through. There are a lot of handwritten club notes to decipher and this may be the subject of a future column. Mr. Lawrence also advised me that there was a Tulsa Coin Club, but they have not met for several years and they are definitely inactive in regards to the local coin scene.

My favorite part of the meetings is the Show & Tell. Not only do we get to share the fruits of our labors, but this portion of the meeting spurs a lot of positive comments and discussion. One of the first educational presentations I attended was by Louise Sands. She did twenty minutes on the Euro, discussing its history and implementation in Europe. At the next meeting, I brought in my extensive Euro collection, which tied together several points she had made during her talk. Connecting with another collector is always important.

Our club has a diverse cross-section of collectors. President Sands and his wife lean more toward coins of the United States. Charles Meyers is always presenting a gem from his extensive collection of ancients. Ron

Lawrence has a vast and varied collection of foreign coins. Vice President Chris Harrell likes to bring in new acquisitions from his coin company. Shane Cornell gives us examples and information on foreign tokens. Canadian dealer Dale Schaffer expounds on the virtues of coinage from Canada. Everybody brings their own particular expertise to the table, and the group is the better for it. I tend to dabble in a little bit of everything, so every presentation is a learning experience for me.

Tulsa's Magic Empire Coin Club was recognized in 2016 by the American Numismatic Association for 50 years of membership. We were given a plaque from the home office along with recognition in the national publication of The Numismatic News. We host the Annual Tulsa Coin Show every September. In 2018, we have moved to a new location, The Hardesty Library at 8316 East 93 Street (93rd & Memorial to the east) in Tulsa. We will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM. We invite the general public to come to our meetings and enhance your coin collecting knowledge. We can answer your questions, show off our treasures, and guarantee you will have some fun. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

# 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 - 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  
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.  
The Hardesty Library  
8316 East 93 Street, in Tulsa  
President - Chris Harrell  
Vice Pres - John Sands  
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  
130 S. Hillside Rd, Apache, OK.  
73006

### **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 - Bill Nelson  
Secretary - Mark Yarbrough, Jr.  
Treasurer - Daniel Yarbrough  
214-232-2410.



# COIN SHOW GUIDE

## **ONA Spring Show**

**May 4 - 6, 2018**

Oklahoma State  
Fairgrounds, Hobbies, Arts &  
Crafts Bldg.,

Admission is free to public

1- 5 on May 4,

Sat. May 5, 9AM - 5PM,

Sun. May 6, 9AM - 3PM. For

information call Gary Parsons at  
405-426-9044

and email at olegar@cox.net.

## **ONA Fall Show**

**September 7-9, 2018**

Saturday, 9-5

Sunday, 9-2

Tulsa Elks Lodge

5335 S. Harvard,

2 blocks south of I-44

Contact Dale Schaffer at 918-496-

3008 or email at

dale.schaffer@cox.net

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