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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

**E**very July I remember a good friend of mine who helped me tremendously in my coin collecting hobby. I was 13 years old and living in Cheyenne, Wyoming and I would spend my entire summer going to the local coin shop and hanging out with the owner of the shop, Dwight Brockman.

He was young, probably in his mid 30's at the time and no matter how busy he was, he always found time for me to go through Lincoln Cents no matter how common or of little value they were. When I was 15, I bought my 1909-S from him and I told him I will be back to get a 1909SVDB from him soon.

I remember he told me something then that I didn't understand at the time. He told me that one day I will move on from coins and spend money on girls and cars and other things, but he asked me to promise that I will always return to coins when the time was right. I promised him.

Time passed and he was right. I turned 16 and then 17 and found other things to spend my money on. It broke his heart the day I came in selling my 09-S so I could get a water pump for my car. He said he would save it for me when I had the money again. It took 6 months but he still had my 09-S waiting for me.

Time passed and I went away to college then moved to Oklahoma for Law School. After school was over and I had worked for several years, I came across my old coins. Finally the time was right for me to get that 09SVDB and I had to buy it from him. I drove back to Cheyenne to his coin shop and told him I was wanting to get that 09SVDB. More than 20 years had passed, but he remembered me and he said he had been waiting for this day. He took his SVDB from his own collection and sold it to me. He had tears in his eyes when I left his coin shop that day.

That was 2008 and we kept in touch by email every now and then and he was so happy my kids enjoyed coins too. Then in July, 2015 my mom called me and said that Dwight Brockman had been killed in a robbery of his coin shop. I was heartbroken and I wished he knew how much he had meant to me. He was more than a coin dealer, he was my friend and if he was here today, I would tell him I kept my promise. I came back to coins when the time was right. I miss you Mr. Brockman.

# Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

**T**he 2017 Oklahoma City ONA Coin Show just completed and even with the weather related change of venue it was another great show. This will be my last Presidents letter and it was an honor to serve as President of the ONA even though my work kept me from doing a lot for the organization. A personal "Thank You" goes out to Gary Parsons, our ONA Vice President and OKC ONA show leader who has picked up all the slack and should be highly commended for all the time and work he has put in for the ONA organization. I would also like to add a thank you for Brian Miller, our Editor and Shane Cornell, our long time Secretary/Treasurer. They both gave a lot of time and personnel effort to the ONA organization over the last few years.

With the increased use of the internet the collectors coming to coin shows are more prepared and come looking for certain items and know what the values are. This is a plus in most ways as

they move on to the next table fairly quickly and leave your table open for the next prospective customer. This year I had a couple of young collectors come by my table and I was impressed with the knowledge and interest they showed in a wide variety of coins, including medals and error coins. Adding young collectors is greatly needed to keep the hobby going in the future. It also shows the need for coin shows to continue and probably increase the education part of the shows with displays and classes. I hope to continue sharing my knowledge with as many new collectors as possible and hopefully help build part of our next generation of collectors.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NWA Coin Show

**JULY 21, 22 & 23, 2017**

**Dealer Set-up Friday, July 21, 8 a.m. – open to public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



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At the end of the show

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# Why We Collect

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any reasons attract people to collect. Most who become very serious are probably born with the tendencies that are usually triggered at some point in life. For some it's about the possibility of profiting financially. For others who discover old money to collect, it's about where they came from, who made them and why. The history of old money is fascinating and in many cases is the only link we have to the past. Completing sets draws others to our hobby. Others are drawn to the art and methods used to make the pieces. The reality is that most of us have some of all these interests.

As we age, coin collectors come to realize that after decades in the hobby we achieve most of the reasons we started. What really matters as we approach the end of our life's are the friendships we make and the fun we have in coming together through to share knowledge, hangout together and enjoy each others company.

Our recent Show in Oklahoma City is a great example of how we can come together in spite of very



Gary Parsons - Vice President

difficult circumstances to make a bad situation better because we are friends. The show week started with a very powerful storm hitting the fairpark which lead to the closer of the building we normally use. We had to move to a different building with little notice and try to make it work. Everyone seemed to understand it wasn't going to be a perfect show (if that is ever possible), and we pulled off it with minimal pain and suffering. I think most of us had at least a good show and we had a lot of fun, which is always my bottom line. I will be forever grateful for your understanding and help! You are my best friends! I'm truly blessed!

## ELECTION NOTICE

It is election time. A ballot has been included in the Mint Luster as well as a return envelope. You may also use this envelope to return your dues check as well.

This slate of officers was selected at the ONA Board Meeting at the Oklahoma City Show. The officers are being elected to serve a two year term.

President – Russell Doughty  
Vice President – Gary Parsons  
Secretary/Treasurer – Shane Cornell



Aubrey Miller working the front desk at ONA Show

Photo by Brian Miller

# Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The February meeting of the MECC was opened at 7:05 PM by President John Sands who welcomed the ten members and one guest in attendance. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe read the January minutes. There was a motion by Charles Meyers to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Louise Sands. Jearldine Lawrence gave the telephone report, and said she had contacted everyone.

The Educational Presentation was given by Oklahoma Numismatic Association Vice president Gary Parsons. He gave a lively and informative talk on 19th century United States type sets, and brought several examples from his private collection to share with the group, including pieces of copper, silver, and gold.

Annual dues were collected from the members present. The meeting was closed by acclamation at 8PM.

The March 2017 meeting of the MECC was opened up at 7:01 by president John Sands, who welcomed the ten members in attendance. President Sands asked for

a reading of the February 2017 minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe related an abbreviated version of the minutes. There was a motion by Vice President Chris Harrell to accept the minutes as read, with a second by Shane Cornell. President Sands then asked for the telephone report. Jearldine Lawrence said she was able to contact everyone. Drawings were won by President Sands and Charles Meyers.

Old Business: Shane Cornell and Chris Harrell both expressed good feelings with the Enid Coin Show in early March. Keith and Sheryl Morgan, along with Tim O'Keefe were able to attend. The show had a good attendance and lots of coins were purchased and sold.

Membership cards and business cards with dates of the years coin shows and club meetings were distributed.

The Club was encouraged to attend the Oklahoma Numismatic Association Show May 5-7 in Oklahoma City.

Auction: Neither of our two auctioneers were able to attend the night's meeting, so the auction was tabled until the May 2017 meeting.

Show & Tell: Charles Meyers brought two certified Roman dinari coins. Ron Lawrence showed 4 Russian coins, including silver coins of Catherine (1763), Elizabeth (1755) and Anne (1734). Chris Harrell showed a series of Mexican crowns dated 1948, 1953, and 1956. Tim O'Keefe presented some notes of the British Isles, including pieces from Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle Of Man, Scotland, and Wales.

Find Of The Month: Tim O'Keefe received a 1935-S Lincoln cent in change earlier in the day.

Close: Tim O'Keefe offered to take care of the April Educational Presentation. The meeting was closed by acclamation at 7:30PM.

The April 2017 meeting of the Magic Empire Coin Club was opened at 7:01 by President John Sands who welcomed the 13 members in attendance. President Sands asked for a reading of the March 2017 meeting. Secretary Treasurer Tim O'Keefe read the minutes. There was a motion by Keith Morgan to approve the minutes as read, which was seconded by Shane Cornell. President Sands

then asked for the Telephone Report. Jearldine Lawrence said that she was able to contact everyone.

Vice President Chris Harrell contacted National Bank Note expert Don Kelly in Oxford, Ohio. He had an informative conversation with him, and purchased his book on national notes. He also remembered to ask for an autograph.

Educational Presentation: Tim O'Keefe gave a 20 minute presentation on Series 1929 Type I and Type II national bank notes from the State of Connecticut. By the late 1920s, there were 57 chartered banks left that were issuing small size notes. O'Keefe has examples from 37 of the institutions. He explained the differences between Type I and Type II notes, and gave a brief history on some of the early charters. He showed related post cards and bank cards he has obtained over the year, along with some recent photographs of how some of the banks look today.

Show & Tell : Ron Lawrence showed a 1786 Hungarian Thaler, an Iranian 5000 diram piece dated 1902, and a Denmark piece of Frederick VI

President Sands passed around blue books of Roosevelt dimes dated 1946-1964, and a blue book of uncirculated Peace dollars

Mini-Auction: The club voted to hold an auction to make up for not holding one in March. Seven coins changed hands. Dale Schaeffer donated half of the take to club coffers (\$11).

Church, 3616 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa. An extended auction will be held. There was a motion at 9PM to close tonight's meeting by Shane Cornell, which was seconded by Sherry Perdue.

Close: The next meeting of the MECC is set for Thursday May 25, 2017 at Yale Avenue Christian



## OKC COIN CLUB NEWS

By Brian Miller

Our April meeting was held the first Tuesday of April and we had a discussion on the Oklahoma Statehood Quarter by Richard Mitchell. He was a wealth of knowledge and was a pleasure to listen to.

Our May meeting was our semi-annual auction and we all went home with some extra coins and we all had a great time.

Our June meeting was a discussion on Russian coins presented by Dr. Schnabel.

We have our annual picnic scheduled for July. This is held indoors out of the heat and is always a well attended event.

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.

# Duncan's Annual Coin Show

\* Free Admission to the Public \*

Stephens County Fairgrounds  
1618 S 13th St  
Duncan, Oklahoma 73533

September 15 & 16, 2017

Friday, Noon - 6pm

Saturday, 9am - 5am

Gold, Currency, Coins, Silver, Stamps, Tokens, Supplies

Contact: Ed McGill

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Cell: (580) 475-4570

# What We Collect

By Tim O'Keefe

**I** have never denied being a packrat. That's probably where the collector in me comes from. I do try to limit the things I let accumulate: an extensive comic collection, a ton of t-shirts from my numerous 5K races, and car parts for my elderly and beloved Corvette in the garage. My coin collection is probably the neatest and most orderly hobby I have, as everything is organized, categorized, alphabetized, and specialized. The coins are in good shape. However, a few boxes of accessories have not been tended to for some time. I have three repurposed tool boxes that I have been dropping various numismatic-related items into for years. With some rare free time during a recent weekend, I ventured into them to see exactly what I had.

Anything (and I do mean anything) having to do with collecting was tucked away haphazardly. I began my task by pulling out numerous and varied business cards I have been given or had sent to me over the years. Dealers and ebay sellers made quite a

stack. I also found a ton of contains, mylar flips, and 2x2 envelopes that had piled up and are now in one easy-to-find location.

Of more interest were the rest of the items I came across. First were a series of small paper envelopes from The Littleton Coin & Stamp Company of New Hampshire. When I first started collecting in the 1960s, foreign coins were difficult to find, so my folks started me on world coins by mail order. Each envelope contained a coin or coins from a different country, and each had a description on the outside. The prices I paid were over-inflated even back then, as each was printed on the envelope. (Now I remember where all of my paper route money went). The coins have long since been moved into my permanent collection, and their values never really rose. (Hence the term "starter set").

My Grandfather Frank Kremer retired from the New Haven Railroad after 50 years of service in 1967. He and my grandmother moved from Connecticut to

Massachusetts that year. He took a retirement job as a bank courier in downtown Boston, working for "The Boston Five". He gave me an advertising item from the bank, which was a cardboard folder with a 1971 Jefferson nickel attached within. The slogan reads "Yes, we do give samples at The Boston Five". I had forgotten all about it.

Other items I came across included a tan envelope from one of my favorite coin shops, "Twin City Coin", in Bangor, Maine. We lived there for a year in the early 1970s, and it was the first coin shop that was within walking distance of our house. I spent a lot of time and allowance money there. The shop is long since closed, but I still retain several of my purchases from the store. I also found a flyer for silver medals of Bangor with some very favorable 1970s prices. I'm sure they have gone up considerably over the years.

Further investigation showed a cardboard informational piece that compared the similarities and coincidences between the assassinations of President Abraham Lincoln and President John F. Kennedy, such as the tidbit that Lincoln had a secretary named Kennedy who told him not to go to the play, while Kennedy had a secretary named

Lincoln who told him not to go to Dallas. Attached to the card was a Lincoln cent with an image of Kennedy etched onto the obverse.

I came across 2 one million dollar notes, though spending them is probably out of the question. I found an envelope full of coins I had flattened on purpose on the rails of the dinner train in Eureka Springs, Arkansas a few years back. There was an empty money pouch from the short-lived and long-defunct "All American Rare Coin Shop" that was located at 3030 South Sheridan Road in Tulsa. There were four pieces of replica Civil War era currency from Connecticut that my mom gave me some time in the 1980s. The original envelopes that my 1979 and 1980 Susan B. Anthony sets came in were still where I left them decades ago. And near the bottom of the box was my dog-eared United States Coin Checklist. It was neat to see how many wish lists I have completed.

One of the unmarked 2x2 envelopes I came across still had a coin inside. It was a 1953 Elizabeth II Canadian cent. I have no idea why it was there. And I found a wooden ashtray I purchased in 1972 while on a trip to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in Canada. There

was a Canadian penny affixed to the base. As I recall, it was the only coin-related item I could find on the trip. I am not a smoker, so it is still in pristine condition.

There were several yellowed and wrinkled numismatic articles within that were not very neatly folded, and I'm surprised they survived the neglect. There were promo lists from a few dealers I used in the 1990s. And there were some reference materials for some of the coins and medals I collect.

I was not planning on getting nostalgic while doing my overdue cleaning, but I had an excel-

lent time walking down Memory Lane. I did fill up a waste basket with a lot of items that had no further use, so I was productive. It's not always about the coins when it comes to collecting. Of course, now I have no excuse, as I have to tackle the garage next. As always, find something you like and collect the heck out of it.

## **IT'S DUES TIME**

**Enclosed are return envelopes for you to remit your dues. If your mailing label does not say Dues Paid thru at least 06/2018, or later, you are due. \$10/year or you may pay for more than one year or apply for Life Membership @\$150**

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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 - 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 - Chris Harrell  
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

## **2nd Annual NWA Coin Show**

July 21-23  
Dealer Set up Friday at 8am  
Open to Public:  
Friday 1-5  
Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 9-4  
John Q Hammons Center and  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy  
Rogers, AR  
Contact Bill Nelson at  
214-232-2410

**ONA Fall Show**  
Magic Empire Club  
Sept. 8-10  
Fri. noon dealer set-up,  
Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm  
Tulsa Elks Lodge,  
5335 S. Harvard  
2 blocks south of I-44  
at Harvard Exit;  
contact Dale Schaffer for info at  
918 496 3008 or e-mail:  
dale.schaffer@cox.net

## **Duncan's Annual Coin Show**

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Saturday, 9am - 5am  
Contact: Ed McGill  
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October 20-21  
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Parsons at 405 426-9044 or e-mail  
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