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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

I hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather and that all of us are spared from the tornado threat that seems to be here nearly every week.

This issue is four pages larger than our previous issues and I am happy that our newsletter continues to grow in size and in popularity. At the ONA Coin Show here in Oklahoma City, I was approached by several dealers and members who recognized me as the guy in the newsletter. They stated how much they liked the newsletter and some even promised to contribute an article or two in the future. I am glad a lot of you are enjoying the newsletter.

I love going to the Oklahoma City Coin Club meetings, but unfortunately, with baseball season in full swing, I have been unable to attend as often as I would like. But on April 2nd, I just couldn't miss our coin auction. My son and I got there early and we hunted for some of the coins we were needing. My son Austin, found a beautiful 1931-S

Lincoln Cent and decided that was going to be his item to bid on. He only brought 100 dollars with him and he was glad no one else placed a bid as the opening bid was 90 dollars plus the 10 percent buyers fee. He had just enough money and he was able to add a nice 1931S to his collection. On top of that, he had a great time at our auction and both of us can't wait for the next auction at the Oklahoma City Coin Club.

Hope all of you enjoy this issue of the Mint Luster.



Letter from the President



Gary Parsons - President

This will be my last President's letter. It's time for new leadership and perhaps a new direction for the Association. You need to step up and support and volunteer to help our new President. That's my plan!

Thank all of you for making the last four years great for me. I've made many new friends, expanded my knowledge and appreciation for our hobby, and I like to think I'm leaving the Association stronger. It's election time, so complete and return your ballot that is enclosed.

The ONA Oklahoma City Show was a blast! Most gratifying to me was our overall attendance for the three days was up more than 200 over last year to a total exceeding 900. We had 61 dealers in attendance, which is about maximum we can accommodate.

We got through another year with no dealer inventory losses reported. Bottom line, most dealers reported a successful show and attendee's reported having a good time. In fact, one attendee made an unsolicited donation of \$150 to the Association, which I don't think has ever happened. Thanks to the volunteers from the Oklahoma City Coin Club who worked the show

this year. We wouldn't have a good show without their help. Most of all I thank our Dealers who pay the bills, provide door prizes, and help the old show chairmen with set up and ideas for improving the show. We are blessed with the best group of dealers of any show. That is the main reason our show is a success!

The market for rare coins and notes are slowly improving, in spite of lower metals prices, which I believe is being manipulated by major players in that market to include governments. They will ultimately fail to keep prices artificially below fundamentals.

I'm personally pleased that collector coins and currency are doing well and have not been overly affected by the drop in bullion prices.

I will close by asking each of you what you have done personally to make the ONA better during the last year. We continue to struggle with lack of involvement by many of our members. We could be doing much more for the hobby in Oklahoma if we had more

members willing to work. Please try to get involved, attend our officers meetings (mostly at our shows), write articles for the newsletter, volunteer to set up an Association website, volunteer to help us with YN programs, and help us with other ventures not even considered yet. We are a volunteer organiza-

tion. We need volunteers to be effective. We could be doing much more. It's up to you!

Thank you again for allowing me to be your President!

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Why We Collect

Perhaps the most collected United States coin series of all time is the Lincoln Cent. It is certainly the longest running series, at over one hundred and four years and counting, starting in 1909. The Victor David Brenner designed obverse image of Lincoln is still being used with minor modifications over the years. The reverse has changed several times with the U.S. shield debuting in 2010.

Most of us old-timers started with a Whitman Blue album and the lowly cent as our first formal collection. Many nice examples could be found in circulation when I started in the 50's. Even many of the tougher dates could eventually be found by searching rolls. Even when we had to buy an example from a dealer, they could be had inexpensively except for the 1909S, 1909S VDB, 1914D, and 1931S. These we only dreamed about, and if really lucky one of these key dates could be found in circulation. Alas! No more!

I didn't acquire my 1909S VDB until much later, but it was a proud occasion. For such a long



Gary Parsons - President

running series, it is indeed a challenge because the huge number of coins required to finish a complete set, but it is still one that most can complete, if circulated examples of the key dates are included. I think every serious collector of U.S. coins should have a Lincoln Cent collection.

Over the years, I have searched many collections I have acquired from other collectors, sets acquired at auctions, and hoards acquired from various places. I love Lincoln Cents! I have learned that there are a few dates that I think are often over looked in the market and are probably undervalued. These dates are not as often found in partial sets and are under represented in the hoards. In order to not exclude a particular mint, I have picked two from each mint, one earlier date and a later date. Below is my list with mintages and very fine values from the Redbook:

1914, with a mintage of 75M is listed at \$6.

1921, with a mintage of 39M is listed at \$2.

1912D, with a mintage of 10M is listed at \$25.

1931D, with a mintage of 4.5M is listed at \$8.50.

1914S, with a mintage of 4M is listed at \$40.

and the 1926S, with a mintage of 4.5M is listed at \$17.

Except for the Philadelphia issues, you will notice mintages are very low for a twentieth century cent. You may want to take a look at acquiring some nice examples of these coins. If the cent is eventually discontinued as a circulating coin, I believe values will rise. Possibly, the dates listed above will do better than others.

IS THIS A GREAT HOBBY OR WHAT!

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 – Clifford Cooper

Vice President – Gary Parsons

Secretary/Treasurer – Shane Cornell

Coin Shops Are Still Needed !

By Brian Miller

When the internet started to become popular and more and more people found e-bay as a method of purchasing coins, the days of going to the local coin shop seemed to be a thing of the past. Occasionally I am asked if the local coin shop is really needed any more. All anyone has to do is go online and make their purchases from home. Well I say the local coin shop is still needed and the coin shop could never be replaced by a computer screen and keyboard.

As a child, I remember going to the local coin shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It was located downtown and in the summer, when I was out of school, I would go to work with my mother and then walk to the coin shop. Sometimes, I would walk the several blocks to the coin shop with my coin collection under my arm. It is a wonder I was never robbed.

Back then, I had my collection in a three ringed binder and all my coins were in 2X2 holders in the

plastic sheets - just like the coin man kept his coins at the coin shop. When I got to the coin shop, the coin dealer spent hours with me going through my coins, and sometimes he would find "a little better" coin for my collection. I remember he had a cabinet with trays that moved up and down with a push of a button where he kept his better coins. He would always show me a coin from that cabinet knowing I didn't have the money to buy anything from there. But most of all, he always had time to spend with me and never got bored looking at all my common date Lincoln Cents through the countless hours I spent with him in his shop.

I remember one time I had saved up some money to purchase a Capped Bust Quarter to add to my 19th Century Type Collection. I went into the shop and he began to show me several quarters from the 1820's and 30's. I think he quickly realized that these coins were out of my price range, so he went into the back of the shop and came back with an 1820 quarter in

AG-3 condition. The date was barely readable and most of the details were worn smooth. He said I had enough to buy this one and that this coin was actually special in that it was touched by Andrew Jackson.

I held the coin in my hand and knew I had to buy it. A coin that Andy Jackson held!! I couldn't believe it! I paid for it and as I was leaving, I wondered how he knew Andy Jackson had touched this coin. I remember standing at the doorway and turning to face him asking him how he knew Andy Jackson held this coin. When I asked him, he replied, "From the looks of that coin, everyone in America touched it at least once."

I still have that coin and it is still housed in my 19th Century Type Collection even though I have several better Capped Bust Quarters I keep in a separate tray. I tell everyone who looks at that old 1820 quarter that Andy Jackson once held that coin in his hand and then I tell them how I know it to be true.

I remember buying my first 1909S Lincoln Cent from him in my early teens. It was a lot of money, at least for me, and I remember him saying that the time will come when I will find other things to spend my money on. I thought he was foolish to think that I would one day move on from my

coin hobby and find other things to spend my time with.

But he was right. When I turned 16, I had to get a job which took me away from visiting the coin shop on a daily basis, and then I had to get a car, and then when the car broke down and needed repaired, that 1909S had to be sold. I sold it back to him, but I think he was as sad as I was when that coin exchanged hands.

At least 10 years went by without me visiting that coin shop. I had moved to Oklahoma and while visiting Wyoming in the mid 1990's, I stopped by that coin shop and purchased another 1909S. He remembered me, and told me he was glad I was back. That was the last time I was there.

When I turned 40, my mother went into that coin shop, and purchased my dream coin for me, a 1909SVDB. She said she had to get it from "the coin man" at that coin shop I spent so much time at as a child.

So yes, coin shops are still needed. The internet and E-bay will never replace the kindness and generosity of a coin dealer. The next time I visit Wyoming, I plan on bringing my 9 year old son to that shop. My son wants to show him some of his old common date Lincoln cents...

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association Meeting, May 5, 2013.

The meeting was brought to order by President Gary Parsons at 8:15 at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

Old Business: Coin Show expenses are up mainly due to security. This expense was offset because more tables were sold and also the increase of table fees to \$150.

Treasurers Report: Figures for the checking account do not reflect all of the income or expenses for the ONA Coin Show. Final figures will be available later.

Life Member CD \$30,050.00

Checking Account \$36,270.48

Saunders Fund \$ 2,214.48

An additional \$600 will be added to the Life Member CD at the next anniversary date.



Shane Cornell - Secretary / Treasurer

New Business: This being an election year, a slate of officers was presented.

President – Clifford Cooper

Vice President – Gary Parsons

Secretary/Treasurer – Shane Cornell

The ONA Show will be held at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds next year.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM.



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Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

Our March meeting was attended by eleven members and two guests. The meeting opened up at 7PM sharp, with President Ron Haas welcoming everybody. Member Shane Cornell talked about the success of the Enid Coin Show earlier in the month, and encouraged everyone to attend the Indian Capital Coin Show in Muskogee April 13 & 14.

President Haas discussed changing the format of our monthly meeting. We currently have a main speaking presentation at ten of our meetings (the January business meeting and the December holiday dinner are excluded). He suggested having just five main presentations during the year (every other meeting) to allow the speakers more time to prepare their material. He wants to use the other five meetings to expand the Show & Tell portion, encouraging more time for discussion and research.

Secretary Tim O'Keefe is going to research the bylaws to see if we can accommodate this change. President Haas has also suggested we institute a small swap meet or auction at each meeting, as most members have extra coins that other members may need. We also discussed having a

cookout at President Haas' home later this year.

Mary Haas gave a rousing presentation on Spanish doubloons, also known as Pieces Of Eight. She discussed their importance as the initial currency of the New World, and talked about the power of Spanish gold that lasted for centuries.

Show & Tell included a 1558 Spanish Netherlands piece, an 1811 Spanish 20 reales piece, Swedish riksdollars of 1782 and 1862, a 1924 Peace dollar, a 1960 Mexican peso, 1978 US P & D mint sets, a collection of Jamaican farthings, half pennies, and pennies dating 1869-1970, a 1939 New York World's fair piece, a French centennial piece dated 1789-1889, and two shell coins-one a Paris commemorative made of zinc and aluminum, the other a French induction piece made of brass.

The Magic Empire Coin Club is now advertising for membership on the American Numismatic Association (ANA) website. Check the club section of the site. Contact Tim O'Keefe tfok1414@yahoo.com. We are also on the Tulsa City-County Library website under "Tulsa

Organizations and Services” (TOS).

The April 2013 meeting of the MECC was attended by 8 regular members and three guests, two of whom joined the club that evening. President Ron Haas has proposed some format adjustments to keep the meetings fresh and interesting. We are going to start having just 5 main presentations each year (every other month), and the Show & Tell portion of the meeting will be expanded to allow for more detailed descriptions and discussion of items presented. The church has allowed us to serve refreshments during the meetings, and this will start with the June session.

Secretary/ Treasurer Tim O’Keefe was notified in his capacity as a police officer of a subject in Oklahoma City and Tulsa passing bogus gold and silver pieces at several coin shops. Police reports have been filed in the matter, and a picture of the suspect has been obtained from the NCIC website in Dallas, Texas. NCIC is a non-profit numismatic coin watchdog agency that works with law enforcement.

Some of the club members were able to attend the Indian Capital Coin Show in Muskogee, OK April 13-14. Members were encouraged to attend the ONA Show at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds May 4-5, and an announcement was made for an

initial coin show to be held in McAlester this coming October.

Member Louise Sands gave the monthly presentation, directing her efforts on the Civil War. She discussed the economic disparities between the North and South, how the New Orleans mint produced 1861-O half dollars authorized by three separate government entities, how postage stamp money, tokens, and fractional currency came into being, and provided other facts about the war effort that the group had not heard before.

Show & Tell included a 1986 US Proof Set, a ‘Hopalong Cassidy’ token found by member Ron Lawrence earlier in the day with his metal detector, an 1856 Brunswick Wolfenbutter 2 thaler piece, an 1861 Frankfurt 2 thaler piece, an 1840 Prussian 2 thaler piece, an 1861 Saxony 2 thaler piece, a 1775 British George III piece, a 1782 Mexican 8 reales piece from a shipwreck, a dinaria from 100 AD, a Smyrnan piece from circa 115-105 BC, and a 1799 Draped Bust silver dollar.

The Magic Empire Coin Club met at 7PM on Thursday May 23. Eight members and two guests were in attendance. The group decided to add an item to the agenda called "Find Of The Month/Flop Of The Month". The "find" would be any numismatic item found during the month, either in change, by accident, with metal detecting, or other non-traditional means. The 'flop'

would be any purchase or transaction that turned out not to be as advertised.

Shane Cornell advised that all is on track for the Tulsa Coin Show to be held September 7-8 at the Tulsa Elks Lodge, 5335 South Harvard Avenue.

Several members of MECC were able to attend the ONA Show in Oklahoma City in early May, and all reported having success finding pertinent additions to their collections.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe had the bi-monthly presentation. He did thirty minutes on 1929 Type I and Type II United States national notes, discussing the number of

banks, a history of the notes going back to 1863, explaining the charter numbers, showing the differences between Type I and II notes, providing available reference material, giving a list of currency experts and collectors who have compiled data on the notes, and passing around multiple examples of national notes from around the country.

MECC is having their first annual cookout at President Ron Hass' home on June 14, and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 27, 2013 at 7PM, Yale Avenue Church, 3600 S Yale Ave, Tulsa. Guests are always welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

Blake Gibb

Rowdy McDoulett

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Tyler Tyson

Oklahoma City

Tuttle

Tulsa

Harrah

LIFE MEMBERS

Kim Pepe

OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Van Nakagawara

The meeting on May 7th was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Ron LaSpisa. President Terry Gust was on vacation and was not in attendance and Secretary Candace Howard was also not in attendance due to the passing of a dear friend.

Ron LaSpisa welcomed all of the attendees and a lively Show-and-Tell of various coins and currency brought by members were reviewed.

John Ogilbee reported that the recent auction sponsored by the OKC Coin Club netted \$241.48.

Treasurer Van Nakagawara reported that we had \$3,872.26 in our club checking account.

Ron LaSpisa reported that the Club's June meeting will have a special speaker from the Ft. Worth Coin Club. John Ogilbee volunteered to bring refreshments for that June meeting.

Casey Tilford gave an outstanding lecture on counterfeit and physically altered coins. Casey provided several examples of these coins that were of great interest to the attendees. A lively discussion on this topic was ongoing during the lecture. The Club membership wishes to thank Casey for taking the time and effort in putting this excellent presentation together for our enjoyment.

Door prizes were won by Mitchell Davis, Tyler Tyson, Shawna Maxwell, and Cory Maxwell. Congratulations to all the winners! The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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 - Ron LaSpisa
Secretary - Candace Howard
Treasurer - Van Nakagawara
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 - Robert Gregg
Vice Pres - Keith Boltz
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 - Jeff Cecil
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 - John Sands
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
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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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Custer County Coin Club Show

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Pioneer Center, 1000 Gartrell

Place,

Weatherford, OK.

Call Trent Boesen,

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Indian Territory Coin Club Annual Show

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