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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

It looks like the warmer weather is finally upon us and winter is a thing of the past! I am looking forward to the warmer days and the summer months.

Of course, the summer starts off for me with the ONA Coin Show in Oklahoma City on May 4th and 5th. My son and I have already started making our list of the coins we would like to buy at the show. He is looking for a 1931-S Lincoln Cent and I am going to be hunting for a decent 1912-S Liberty Head Nickel. Of course, I have a couple backups just in case I can't find the V Nickel. For example a 1913-S variety 2 Buffalo nickel would work and so would a 1909-S Indian Head Cent. I will have to make up my mind soon and I just can't seem to find out which ones I will buy. I may have to pick up more than one I guess !!

In this issue, Magic Empire Coin Club has begun to send me their meeting minutes for my inclusion in the newsletter. I have included the last three months of meetings and also threw in a picture of their Christmas Coin Club dinner. They had their dinner at Red Lobster and from the looks of the picture, they all seemed to have been enjoying themselves ! Hopefully, I will continue to get their minutes and I

will continue to add that column to our newsletter. I think it will be a great addition.

Gary Parsons has already written an article on the Buffalo Nickel in his Why We Collect column and in his Letter From the President, he writes about the upcoming coin shows as well as other numismatic news from around the area. He is already hard at work in organizing the ONA Coin Show and I know this one will be even better than the last one !

I would also like to welcome the Custer County Coin Club in Weatherford into the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. I have added them to our ONA Coin Club list in this issue so be sure to check out when they meet and who to contact if you would like to get involved in their club.

Hope all of you are having a great spring and hopefully I will see more of you at the ONA Coin Show in May. See you there.

Letter from the President



Gary Parsons - President

The year started with a Bang! The first \$10 million coin sold in Stack's auction in January. The finest known and possibly the first made 1794 Dollar at our Mint made history. I have had the good fortune to hold this coin in my hand at an ANA Summer Seminar. It is truly a remarkable coin Graded Specimen 66 by PCGS. From all accounts the market is very strong at auctions and major shows that have occurred this year. I have recently attended very active shows in Ft Worth, organized by Gary Andrews, and in Duncan, organized by Arty Dovers. The market for collector coins and great rarities appear to be live and well!

Bullion prices for gold and silver have been weak lately trading near bottom of their trading ranges at \$1575 and \$29, respectively. Spot prices for these metals on a daily basis are getting very difficult to predict due to what appears to me to be market manipulation by some of the major players. Fundamentally, there is no reason for gold and silver values to be this low.

As I write this letter, I'm preparing to travel to Enid for what always is an active and well run show organized by Clifford Cooper and staffed by Enid

Coin Club. I look forward to this show each year.

Final preparations are under way for our ONA Spring show at the Fair grounds in Oklahoma City. At this point we are almost sold out and our dealer count is about the same as last year. I recently got some good news from State Fair Park officials. Our building will be available in 2014 and probably 2015. It is shaping up to be an exciting show. Most active collectors and a large number of dealers from this part of the country will be in attendance. If you have questions about the show which happens May 3 – 5, please contact me. See the show calendar for more details.

Please note that the Show Calendar is expanding with several recurring shows this summer and two new shows at McAlester and Weatherford in the fall. Our ONA fall show will be in Tulsa as usual, on September 7 & 8. Mark your calendar!

Hope to see you soon!

Coin & Stamp Show

April 5-6, 2013

Salina, Kansas



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Why We Collect

This year brings a significant anniversary in American coinage! 2013 is the centennial of the introduction of the Indian Head or Buffalo Nickel. As an avid collector of this beautiful coin, that many consider the most American in design of all of our coins before and after, I am enthusiastic about the attention that will be brought to these old nickels. This will be my 60th anniversary as a collector and I started as many did with Lincoln Cents and Buffalo Nickels. This year in this column I have decided to devote the column to our most widely collected U.S. Coins starting with the Buffalo Nickel and continuing with Lincoln Cents, Morgan Dollar, and ending with the Walking Liberty Half.

Fortunately, Buffalo Nickels is a series that can be collected by almost any collector regardless of the size of your bank account. There are no real stoppers if you stick with the lower circulated grades, and don't include the expensive varieties, like the 1937-D 3 Leg. The only dates over \$100, in the grade of Good, are



Gary Parsons - President

the Variety 2, 1913 D&S. These are not so expensive that you can't afford with a little saving.

James Earle Fraser designed these classic coins and his initial F appears prominently below the date. This is not a mintmark as a few have asked. The mintmarks, on those that have one, are on the reverse under the Five Cent denomination. Fraser used real Indians as models for the Indian depicted on the Obverse. He stated many years later that the image reflects a composite of several Indian models he had used and not just one. A real Buffalo (actually a Bison), Black Diamond, who was housed at the New York Central Park Zoo was used as the model for the Buffalo image on the reverse.

The variety 1, 1913 Nickels best show Fraser's original design with higher relief and rough textured fields and devices. I personally prefer these coins, but

they were difficult to strike up and the date and denomination on the reverse were raised on this design and quickly wore off in circulation. The design was modified mid year in 1913 to address these problems resulting in the variety 2 Nickels. There were other less significant design modifications over the years until this series was replaced with the Jefferson Nickel in 1938.

The facts cited in this article were mostly taken from, *The Complete Guide to BUFFALO NICKELS*, by David W. Lang, Third Edition, which is a great reference book to use for studying this series.

My collection of Buffalo Nickels is my favorite. I completed it many years ago but have upgraded it several times over the years to better specimens. It is a series I come back to again and again. They are hard to grade and offer many challenges in finding well struck and pleasing examples, but every collector should have a set! Try It! You will love it, too!

Is This a Great Hobby or What?



Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

Nine members showed up for the meeting on October 25. The Club has asked the secretary to prepare a list of past programs so as not to duplicate future presentations. The main presentation was done by president John Sands, who gave a brief history of the US Peace Dollar. The coin was issued 1921-1935, and some may have been minted in 1964, but then melted by the government. Show & Tell included a series of British crowns with various monarchs of Great Britain, a collection of coins from British Cyprus, the eight varieties of 1982 Lincoln cents, and a Roman dinarius.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the November meeting was moved up to November 15, which curtailed the usual turnout. Our reserved room was occupied, so we met in the church coffee shop. An announcement was made for members to attend the First Annual Black Friday Coin Show in Glenpool, OK the weekend of November 23-24. Tim O'Keefe gave a presentation on the Canadian cent, starting in 1859 and going through to its recent demise in the Spring of 2012.

Show & Tell included a 1992 Premier US Silver Proof Set and a 1936 plastic uniface model of an Edward VIII coin of Great Britain.

The Club does not hold a December meeting, but does get together for a holiday dinner. This year it was held on December 14 at the Tulsa Red Lobster near 51st & S Yale. Sixteen members were able to attend. There were many conversations on coins, currency, and general topics of the day.

New President Ron Haas opened the meeting and greeted everyone. The five member board for the club will stay the same for 2013. Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe announced that most of the membership had paid their annual dues, and made a plug for the Enid Coin Show the weekend of March 1-3. Brian O'Keefe won the initial drawing, and Jearldine Lawrence won the second, with each picking from coins provided by Vice-President Ron Lawrence.

President Haas had the monthly program. He gave a spirited presentation on the ins and outs of

purchasing coins on ebay, and showed some coins he had purchased from the site.

Show & Tell included a 1982 Australian mint set, an 1826 Liberty 50 cent piece, a 1758 English 6 pence, a 1955/5 Lincoln cent, a 1939 Swiss Shooting Thaler, an 1845 British crown of Queen Victoria, a hammered 1631 Scottish 12 shilling piece of

Charles I, and 2012 US mints sets (P & D).

The Magic Empire Coin Club meets at 7PM the fourth Thursday of every month at Yale Avenue Christian Church, 3616 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa, OK. Guests are always welcome. Contact Tim O'Keefe at Union213@aol.com for further information.



Magic Empire Coin Club Christmas Dinner

OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

The January club meeting was pushed ahead to January 8th because of New Years and we had a great turnout. Stephanie Worden presented the program and discussed Canadian Commemorative Coins.

The February meeting was held on February 5th and after the usual show and tell, Jim Schnabel presented the program: "Coins of the Bible".

With the warmer weather, the March meeting brought an even larger turnout. We had the show

and tell portion of the meeting and then Gary Parsons had a discussion on coins when our nation was new. He also brought up the ONA Coin Show in May and the need for volunteers and passed around a signup sheet so we could help out during the show.

Before the night was over, we talked about the upcoming auction in April and passed out the auction packets for those of us who will be selling items at the auction. Personally, I love the auction and although I am not a seller, I hopefully will be able to pick up a couple of items for my collection.

Hoping to see you at one of the meetings in the upcoming year.

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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
(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

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
(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 -
7:00pm
Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center
119 Spaulding Blvd.
Muskogee, OK. 74403
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2013 Annual ONA Coin Show

May 4-5
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Oklahoma State Fairgrounds,
Gate 3
Free Admission
Contact: Gary Parsons
405-426-9044
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Sept 7-8
Sat 9-5, Sun 9-2
Tulsa Elks Lodge
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Contact Shane Cornell
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Custer County Coin Club Show

September 21, 9-5pm
Pioneer Center, 1000 Gartrell
Place,
Weatherford, OK.
Call Trent Boesen,
405-222-8718 or
thisoldcoin@yahoo.com

Indian Territory Coin Club Annual Show

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