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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

The summer seems to have just slipped away just while I was getting used to the longer days. September is now half gone and soon we will be seeing cooler weather and the shorter days that come with it.

This issue is the same size as the last issue because of the additional article by Gary Parsons about the ANA scholarship. Be sure to read the article and if you are interested in the scholarship, contact Gary Parsons. We also have a new president of the ONA. His name is Clifford Cooper and I have included his picture as well as his contact information on the opposite page. I look forward to working with him in the future as he assists me in the newsletter and keeps me up to date on the coin shows and other news.

I would like to thank Gary Parsons for his leadership and help as his presidency has come to an end. He was one of the first people I met at the Oklahoma City Coin Club meeting several years ago. I soon started helping out with the newsletters and he has helped me tremendously as I continue to produce the Mintluster. He makes sure I have all the information I need and he lets me know of all the coin shows and he always has his article ready to go and on time. When I finish the newsletter,

he even comes to my house and we do a double check of the newsletter and he then drives the file over to the printer for printing. So again, thanks Gary for all you do for the club and for your help on this newsletter.

I am looking forward to the coin auction in October at the OKC coin club. I will have to bring some extra money and hopefully I can find a good 1913-S variety 2 buffalo nickel to finish up that collection. It seems like I only need one or two for each of my collections and it is harder and harder to find one that I would like to have.

I think I would like to start a brand new collection. Maybe get a head start on a collection of large cents. I have about 15 or 20 lying around. I think I may just buy a large cent album and start a new collection. I think that would be cheaper than the 16D Mercury dime I still need, or the 1877 Indian Head cent I am still missing. That is what makes coin collecting fun. Happy collecting!!

Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

First I would like to start by expressing the ONA's appreciation for all the hard work Gary Parsons has done the last few years. He has been instrumental in helping new clubs get a start in Weatherford and McAlester as well as involvement in the clubs all over the State. We are very fortunate in having him stay on as Vice President and continuing his involvement in running the ONA Oklahoma City show as well as his involvement in training and education programs for ONA and club members.

The ONA is currently in a very strong financial state and is getting stronger year by year. The ONA owes a lot of this strength on the great management of the finances by our long time Secretary/Treasurer Shane Cornell. Great work Shane. The Mint Luster has taken on a great new look over the last year and our Editor Brian Miller is doing a fantastic job in improving it as we go along. I'm looking forward to working with Shane, Gary and Brian as well as all ONA members in continuing to grow the ONA's presence and strength throughout the State.

The ONA Tulsa show just finished and speaking as a dealer, it was one of the best we have had for several years.

There was a steady flow of public throughout the day and many collector coins were being purchased at dealer tables than in previous shows. Even with Gold and Silver running on a roller coaster, the dealers I visited all seemed to have a great show.

I'm hoping we have strong ONA membership support for the 2 new shows this year by the new Coin Clubs in Weatherford and McAlester. You never know what kind of new coins or contacts you might find at this type of show. Please check your calendars and see if you might be able to make it out and help support the new Clubs.

We are planning to get a few projects kicked off this year that involve the clubs. One is an educational scholarship program that Gary parsons will be handling. Another is creating a Good for Token that can be used at both 2014 ONA sponsored shows by members to purchase items at dealers tables and then the dealers can redeem them back to the ONA. Current plans involve giving these out to the clubs to be distributed to ONA members only. So if you

are not current on you ONA dues, please send them in to Shane. We are still in the design process on this token so if you have any ideas please contact me directly at cccoins@att.net. Currently, this is to be in the form of a wooden nickel that hopefully may become a collectable item as well. We

plan to keep the cost as low as possible so that it might end up being a yearly event item and a great advertising piece.



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Why We Collect

Morgan Dollars - What a coin! Just about everyone around here collects these old dollars. If not the most collected US coin series, it's near the top. I couldn't collect them when I was young because I couldn't afford a collection. However, I couldn't wait until I could.

These large silver dollars have survived in large numbers, many mint state, because they didn't circulate in the east. However, they were needed to back Silver Certificates and were minted in large quantities and simply stored in vaults. Why do we love them? There are probably many reasons. They are large attractive coins with a flashy brilliance when found in mint state, and huge quantities are available. Therefore prices are modest.

They are easy to grade and are available almost anywhere coins are available for sale. Putting a set together is a major challenge because of the large number of types. Over one hundred are needed, not considering varieties. Key dates like the 1893S, 1894, and 1889CC are stoppers



Gary Parsons - Vice President

for many on a limited budget. However, many short sets are possible such as a nice mint state example from each mint where they were made. Only five coins would be needed. One from Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, Carson City, and Denver would comprise the set. The Carson City would be the most expensive. With a little searching, a nice AU 58 example of a common date Carson City can be purchased for \$150. There are many other short sets, so in many respects, they are easy to collect. They did circulate in the west and remind us of our old west heritage.

Learning about and collecting Morgan dollars is a lot of fun. Who knows who might have owned and used one of your circulated Carson City examples? Perhaps Wyatt Earp or Doc Holiday to make a purchase in Tombstone. Miss Kitty, at the Long Branch Saloon in Dodge

City, may have deposited one of your mint state New Orleans examples given to her as a tip from a gentleman friend. I'm too modest to tell you where she likely deposited the coin, hint it wasn't a bank. If you haven't looked at your old Morgan dollar album in a while, you better pull it out.

There are probably still a few holes to fill or examples that need upgraded. While looking we can relive a lot of history, our own, and our country's.

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ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship

By Gary Parsons

Members and Officers of the ONA approved a scholarship for a worthy member to the ANA 2014 Summer Seminar which will take place at Colorado Springs, Colorado, over a two week period next summer. The scholarship will pay most of the cost of attending for one week up to \$1500.

Vice President, Gary Parsons, was charged with overall responsibility for developing criteria and handling the submissions. It is critical that we move quickly because of ANA deadlines and the fact that many of the classes fill very early.

New President, Clifford Cooper, wanted to make this initiative one of his first. Parsons contemplates receiving applications until January 15, 2014, and recommending a deserving member to the President who will make the final decision.

Below are the criteria and process Parsons has developed.

1. Interested ONA members will need to apply by submitting an

application letter to ONA, Gary Parsons, at P.O. Box 21752, Oklahoma City. OK 73156, or email at olegar@cox.net. The letter must be in the form of an essay (approximately 150 words) on why you should receive a scholarship and what course you would be interested in taking and why you deserve to take it. 2013 offerings can be found at the ANA website: www.money.org. The offerings in 2014 will be very similar.

2. In addition to essay, you need to provide your name, age (if less than 18), mailing address, phone number, and if you have one, your email address. Please provide both your ANA and ONA member numbers. You must be a member of both to attend. If you are not a current member of ANA, you can contact Parsons for help in becoming a member.

3. The Scholarship will pay the tuition, room, and meals at Colorado College, and possibly some extra for travel expenses.

4. Please understand that being fully qualified and having suc-

cessfully applied does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship, because the association approved funding for one.

5. Finally, if you win the scholarship you will agree to write an article for the MINTLUSTER about your experience.

Parsons reports that he is trying to make it as easy as possible for members to apply and offers his assistance to those that need it. He will base his recommendation

on need, quality of response, and reason member gives for attending. He encourages letters of support from local club officials and other ONA members that can accompany application. Young Numismatists (YNS) may also be eligible for ANA scholarship which Parsons can help them pursue, if eligible. Parsons can be contacted at his email address or at 405 426 9044.

BLACK FRIDAY COIN SHOW

**DATES: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2013 &
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2013**

**FRIDAY: SETUP: 9AM-NOON, OPEN TO PUBLIC:
NOON-6PM**

SATURDAY: OPEN TO PUBLIC: 9AM-5PM

**LOCATION: GLENPOOL CONFERENCE CENTER
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Comanche County Coin Club

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Setup: Friday Nov. 8, 2013, 1pm-5pm
Show Dates: Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, 9am-5pm
Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, 9am-3pm

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Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

The meeting on June 27th began at 7:02 PM. President Ron Hass could not attend due to a pressing personal issue. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Ron Lawrence. 10 members were in attendance.

The barbeque at the Hass household held on June 14 was a success. Several members were able to attend and enjoyed the burgers and food Ron and Mary prepared. Ron also played guitar and regaled the group with stories of Chez Hass.

The Enid Coin Show will be held at the Garfield County Fairgrounds August 2-4. The membership was encouraged to attend.

Shane Cornell continues prepping for the Tulsa Coin Show September 7-8 at the Tulsa Elks Lodge, 5335 S Harvard Avenue. The tables have been sold out, and there will be some new dealers on the floor.

Tim O'Keefe shared an internet article on hotel security. There is a site that shows how to construct a small device that defeats

the electronic locks on hotel room doors. Members were advised to not to keep valuables in their rooms if traveling.

Door prizes went to Charles Meyers and Louise Sands.

Expanded Show & Tell: Brian O'Keefe brought the three types of "S" variety bicentennial Kennedy half dollars. He discussed the metal composition, total mintage, and how he came to collect them.

Charles Meyers brought a silver Roman dinari of Severus Alexander, who ruled 220-235AD. This is a well minted coin with fine details. Mars, the God of war, is on the reverse.

John Sands brought two British Virgin Island \$20 pieces, both dated 1985.

Ron Lawrence brought a collection of British florins. First issued in 1849, the coin originally did not have Dei Gratia (by the grace of God) imprinted upon it. This was changed in 1850, and the style was upgraded to more gothic. Equal to 1/10th of a

pound, the coins are .925 silver content.

Tim O'Keefe brought a Hong Kong coin and currency collection. The first coinage was the tiny mil, minted 1863-1866. Great Britain began issuing coinage with Queen Victoria on the obverse in 1863, using the American decimal system rather than the English pound. Coins were made as needed, rather than every year. The cent, five cent, ten cent, twenty cent, fifty cent, and dollar were made intermittently between 1863 and 1997, when the lease for Hong Kong ran out and the country was returned to China.

Find Of the Month:

Sherrie Perdue was given a bag of coins and a stack of old silver certificates from a friend. The coins included one silver coin from Mexico, and the notes included 1's, 5's and 10's going back to 1928. These included several different varieties and signatures.

Mary Hass brought refreshments for the group, sharing fruit, chips, and beverages.

Due to widespread storm damage and power outages, the July 25 meeting of the Magic Empire Coin Club was canceled.

Our next meeting on August 22nd came to order at 7:02 PM. President Ron Hass greeted 12 members. As there was no July meeting due to storms in the Tulsa area, member Brian O'Keefe read the June minutes. A motion was made by member Shane Cornell to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by member Louise Sands.

Vice President Ron Lawrence won the first drawing, and President Ron Has won the second.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe and Brian O'Keefe attended the Enid Coin Show in early August. The show was well attended, and both picked up some coins they needed.

Shane Cornell is heading up the Tulsa Coin Show for September 7 & 8. All is in place. Secretary/Treasurer O'Keefe and Cpt. Richard Lawson (both of the Tulsa Police Department) will be providing round the clock security for the duration of the weekend. Member Sherrie Perdue said she will man the door on Saturday, and Brian O'Keefe has offered to take Sunday. Flyers will be available at the door to encourage more people to join the MECC.

Since there was no July meeting, the club went ahead with the

Show & Tell portion scheduled for that night. Member Charles Meyers is scheduled for the September presentation. As Show & Tell progressed, members Kim and Fred Caudle served some great snacks.

Show & Tell included Vice President Ron Lawrence showing a series of crowns that were used for trade in the Orient, including US Trade Dollars and British Trade Dollars, and explained the significance of chop marks to verify the silver weight and content.

Member John Sands brought an Indian 2 rupee note. Sherrie Perdue brought a replica piece of California gold. Shane Cornell explained how to tell the difference between fake and real California gold pieces.

Brian O'Keefe brought the two versions of the 1981-S Kennedy Half

Dollars (clear and filled S), along with a 1981 Guernsey crown featuring the wedding of Princess Diana and Prince Charles.

President Ron Hass showed a collection of Civil War tokens and confederate currency, an 1826 Draped Bust Half Dollar, and collection of late 1700s tokens.

Secretary/Treasurer O'Keefe brought a collection of obsolete US coins, including half cents, two cent pieces, three cent pieces (trimes), half dimes, a 20 cent piece, and a short collection of Shield Nickels.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned promptly at 8PM. The next meeting will be held at 7Pm on Thursday September 26 at Yale Avenue Christian Church, 3616 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, OK



OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

The annual OKC Coin Club Picnic was held on July 2nd. Everyone brought their favorite side-dish or fruit or dessert and John Ogilbee was in charge of the barbeque meat. Everyone had a great time and we can't wait until next July for the next picnic.

On August 6th, the OKC Coin Club met and after show and tell, Allan Ramsey gave a presentation about the coins of the Byzantine Empire. The presentation was very informative.

On September 3rd, Blake Gibbs gave a very informative program on Seated Liberty Coins. He concluded with a discussion on the follow up to Gobrecht's design, the twenty cent piece and trade

dollar along with a discussion of what Liberty is really sitting on. There were three door prize winners with one person winning a Disney Dollar and the other two winning a 1917 quarter and an 1876 quarter.

The October meeting will involve our annual auction. Please email John Ogilbee at jogilbee@goc-pas.com if you need a sales packet.

In November, Brian Miller will be running a game show/quiz on American coins. He is needing 4 participants to play the game and the winner of the game will receive a prize from the OKC Coin Club.

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 - 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
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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 - Ron Hass
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
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Secretary - Patrick Payne
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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
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Secretary - Joy Woods
Treasurer - Ed McGill
(580)470-8799
Box 635
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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 -
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Contact Gary Parsons

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Black Friday Coin Show

November 29-30, 2013

Friday: Setup: 9am-Noon, Open
to Public: Noon-6pm

Saturday: Open to Public: 9am-
5pm

Location: Glenpool Conference
Center 12205 S Yukon Avenue
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Contact: Robert Ranford (918)
521-1679

robert.ranford@yahoo.com

Table cost: \$120

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