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Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

By the time all of you get this it should be right around Christmas and New Years. I hope all of you got something this Christmas to add to your collections. My son wanted to get his grandparents a birthyear set, so he spent his money on a set of 1942 cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half dollar. He then told me he had to get two nickels for their collection, one silver war nickel and one of the normal composition. I have to admit that he knew what he wanted to give them. He then found a place online that sold a holder for the coins and now he is anxiously waiting for Christmas to give the gift of coins to them. I think they will enjoy it.

In this issue, we have several contributions from the membership. Stephanie Worden has written an article on medals and Johnny Satterly has written an article explaining his fascination with Oklahoma Tokens. We will also be including the monthly minutes from the Magic Empire Coin Club with each newsletter. It is nice to see so many contributors to the Mint Luster. I have also received a lot of positive feedback about the newsletter and I am glad so many of you like it. Remember, if you anything you would like to see in the Mint Luster, just let me know. If you have an idea for an article or a story

about a special coin you have found or purchased, and you would like to share that story with all of us, just send me the story and I will include it in an upcoming issue.

Be sure to check out the calendar of upcoming coin shows. I can't believe it is already time to start advertising for the next OBA coin show here in Oklahoma City. It is every May and it will be here before we know it. I need to start saving my money now for that show. All I need for my collections are the tough ones now, so I think I will be looking finally for that 1877 Indian Head Penny this year!! Either that or the 2 big V Nickels I still need.

Hope all of you are having a wonderful holiday season and I will see you next year at one of the coin shows!

Letter from the President



Gary Parsons - President

As we reach the end of another year, it's a good time to reflect and examine what we accomplished in the hobby. With bullion prices more stable, it was a year many returned to buying collector coins. Personally, I completed an upgrade of my Indian Head (Buffalo) nickel collection. All of my set is now "Full Horn", even those tough early and middle dates that tend to be poorly struck. I failed to acquire the last early commemorative silver coin I needed to complete my type set. Maybe next year. By the way, these very rare early commemorative pieces are very reasonably priced. How was your year? I hope it was productive.

Our 2012 ONA shows in Oklahoma City and Tulsa were well attended and successful from all accounts. Our affiliated clubs are all doing well and I have recently learned that another new club is forming in Weatherford. I have been in contact and it appears they will want to affiliate with ONA. We are blessed to be part of active and growing association.

Work has recently picked up on preparations for the 2013 ONA spring show in Oklahoma City on May 3-5. See the show calendar for more details. You

dealers that plan to participate need to get in your show applications. I have attempted to contact everyone on my dealer list. Some of you still have not responded. We also have shows coming up next quarter in Duncan and Enid (See the Show Calendar).

As most of you know, I have not been as active this year due to the seriousness of my wife. I missed you and my normal club visits. My wife is finally improving. I hope I can return to a more normal schedule next year.

The New Year is almost here. It's time to start planning to attend some good local shows and possibly big national show. The ANA spring show is in New Orleans this year. Educational opportunities abound at all these shows. Start thinking about attending ANA Summer Seminar. It's an experience you will never forget. Let me know if you need information about any of these activities.

Here's Wishing you a rewarding and fun year in 2013!!

Mark your calendars now
for the first coin show of
2013.

**Stephens County Coin Club
Coin Show**

Feb. 9 and 10

Stephens County Fairgrounds
1618 South 13th, Duncan, OK.
Free Admission



Why We Collect

Did you know that the first large copper coins authorized for use in North America were not English but French? The copper Sou or nine Deniers coppers were made for the French colonies of North America in 1721 and 1722 at mints in Rouen and La Rochelle, France. These pieces were likely the first copper coins to circulate in our region of the country because they have been found in archaeological sites dating to 1720's in Louisiana and Alabama. Like some of the English issues for the colonies in the New World, these copper coins were disliked by the colonist who favored silver coins. These French coins were rejected by the colonist in French Canada and returned. It is likely that many of these pieces were sent to the French West Indies and Louisiana where they circulated. Some of our French and Indian ancestors likely used these old coppers.

These old coppers are scarce but available with those showing the "R" Mintmark below the date for the Rouen mint being the rarest and La Rochelle mint, showing



Gary Parsons - President

an "H" mintmark being the most available and least expensive. These interesting coins are similar in size to our early Half Cents with weight varying from about 5 to 6 grams. Red Book shows retail prices as low as \$100 for coins in very good condition for common varieties.

You can acquire a fascinating coin from our early history for less than you would expect. The Auction Companies Stacks and Heritage sell these coins with some regularity. A recent Stacks Baltimore auction had a major collection of these coins for sale.

The Stacks Auction catalog for the recent Baltimore sale and the Whitman Red Book, 2013 version were used as references for this article.

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OKC COIN CLUB

NEWS

By Brian Miller

The October auction was well attended and we all were able to acquire a few new coins for our collections. Some items it seemed no one bid on at all and other items ended in a bidding war. My son was able to get some Indian Head Pennies he was needing and my daughter even picked up a couple Lincoln Cents.

In December we had the annual Christmas Dinner and dirty

Santa gift exchange. This year we held it at the Golden Corral on Northwest Expressway and we were able to fill one of their meeting rooms with members. After a great dinner, the dirty Santa gift exchange began and at times, got nasty. Some items were stolen and then were stolen back by the spouse the item was originally stolen from! At the end of night, we all had a great time and all of us walked away with a gift.

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



Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

At the August 23, 2012 meeting, the group was informed that long-time Secretary-Treasurer Jo Anne Sloane has suddenly retired for personal reasons. Tim O'Keefe was nominated and elected to replace her, and accepted the position. Member Louise Sands gave the monthly Educational Program on Indian Head cents, giving the group information on the history of the coin, pointing out key dates and fun facts about the run from 1859 to 1909. The Show & Tell portion of the night allowed members to see coins from Poland, the British East India Company, Lafayette commemoratives from France, and some recent US issues.

At the September 27 meeting, Shane Cornell gave a very positive report on the Tulsa Coin Show held at the Tulsa Elks Lodge #946 September 7-9. Sales were brisk, and the floor was full for the Saturday event. All 39 tables were sold out ahead of time, and foreign and tokens sales were up. Several of the dealers were impressed that uniformed security was roaming the floor during the show. MECC members Jearldine Lawrence and Brian

O'Keefe worked the door all three days. Member Ron Hass gave the monthly Educational Program on Lincoln Wheat cents, showing some pieces from his personal collection and giving background on the coins designer, Victor D. Brenner. Show & Tell included coins from the island nation of Mauritius, an 1875 20 cent piece found in a junk box, a 2012 silver US quarter set, and some pieces of gold.

The Magic Empire Coin Club meets the fourth Thursday of every month (except December) at 7PM at Yale Avenue Christian Church on the southwest corner of 3600 South Yale Avenue in Tulsa. The public is free to attend, and we are always looking to expand our membership. Yearly dues are \$10. Whether you are a long time collector, a novice to the hobby, or just interested in what we do, please come by and enjoy a lively evening of discussion, information-sharing, and fun.

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
(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 - Joe Anne Sloan
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

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
President - John Vaughn
Vice Pres - Sam Carter
Secretary/Treas. - Robin Holloway
1500 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK. 74401



Medals; Spencer, Iowa; and Dewey the Library Cat

Long trips on the road and coin and medal collecting are my most favorite activities. Some of the travels involve going to places I read about in the books I read. Such was the case of my trip to Iowa. I learned about Spencer, Iowa in a great book called "Dewey: The Small Town Cat Who Touched the World."

There were no coin shops in Spencer, Iowa or the surrounding area but the antique shops were abundant. This area is known for the Iowa great lakes. The antique shop in Spencer, Iowa had a Spirit Lake Centennial coin. Just the item to remember this great trip. The great lakes are pictured on the coin's obverse. Other nice artwork is on the reverse. The date 1879-1979 is on the coin.

Traveling north on Highway 71 from Spencer are the small towns of Arnolds Park, Okoboji, and Spirit Lake. My next "find" was in Arnolds Park. One of the display cases had a plastic bag with several interesting items. There was a National Safety Council medal which was attractive. It's a two year award for a no accident dri-

By Stephanie Worden

ver. On the reverse it states, "if found, please drop in mailbox". The medal is designed so that it can be attached to a chain. The next item in the bag was a Motorola coin. The company was promoting their "feather trac tone arm" which is pictured on the obverse. On the reverse are the words, "as light as this coin-records last long". Also among this assortment was a Shell Oil Company "famous Americans coin game". Thomas Edison - inventor is pictured on the obverse. On the reverse is a picture of a large shell with the words SHELL written across it.

What is a monarch range? The coin's obverse has the date 1896, a picture of a man who looks like he is standing on the range, and a lady in a long dress is facing him. The words "Monarch malleable iron range" is written on the coin. Since the range is malleable iron, I hope the man pictured has a firm footing. This coin was issued in 1946 to celebrate the Monarch company's golden jubilee.

The remaining items in my bag

included a good luck pocket souvenir from Stubbs Ranch Kitchen in Spencer, Iowa, a “good for one cake of Palmolive soap free when you buy one cake” token, and a “good for tow cakes of Crystal White Laundry soap free when you buy three cakes” token.

So, because of Dewey, the Library cat, I was able to enjoy this wonderful hobby. When he was a kitten, Dewey was put in the library

book drop-box on very cold winter night. He lived in the library for 18 years and was the library mascot. Library patrons and other folks visiting the library were fascinated by this unusual cat. He is buried in front of the library and his full name is Dewey Readmore Books.



WHY TOKENS?

By Johnny Satterlee

Why collect tokens? In particular, 'Good For' merchant tokens. In many cases, such as mine, collecting US coins slowed down after a while when the coins became too rare or too expensive. Many collectors look for other related things to collect, a certain series, currency, die varieties, etc., all of which are great. Some of us discovered Oklahoma good for tokens due to the history and rarity. Many Oklahoma tokens are extremely rare, unique (the only one known), or just two or three known and still cost less than \$100.00. More common pieces can be acquired for just a few dollars. A US coin of the same rarity would cost thousands of dollars.

In Oklahoma we have a rich diversity of types of tokens, including Indian trader pieces, early Indian Territory (pre statehood 1907) fort pieces, Oklahoma Territory, transportation, dairy, saloon, general merchandise, even circus tokens. They come from all corners of the state. They

also come in all shapes and sizes, round, scalloped, triangular to name a few. Also materials they are made from vary from brass, aluminum, fiber, cardboard, white metal and plastic. What they were 'good for' was various denominations, 1c, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c (a bit), 25c, 50c, \$1.00 or good for 'a drink', 'a cigar', etc. At this time condition is not as important like it is with coins. Our grades are collectable and non-collectable. We like to feel them and hold them and are not concerned about a finger print. Collecting tokens can be by your town, county, the entire state or by type such as lumber, coal, military, etc. The newest reference for these is 'OKLAHOMA EXONUMIA' by (our own) Richard Chadwick. It is a very rewarding hobby.



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Show Dates: Feb. 9 and 10

Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3

Stephens County Fairgrounds

1618 South 13th, Duncan, OK.

Free Admission

Contact: Arty Dovers

580-444-2732.

Email: adovers@windstream.net

2013 Annual ONA Coin Show

May 4-5

Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds,

Gate 3

Free Admission

Contact: Gary Parsons

405-426-9044

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Enid's Spring Coin Show

March 1-3, 2013

Fri 12-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3

Free Admission

Garfield County Fairgrounds

Pavillion Building

111 West Purdue

Enid, OK

Sponsored by Enid Coin Club

Contact: Clifford Cooper

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Code of Ethics

of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association

Membership in the ONA is a privilege extended to those persons and organizations deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Such membership can be maintained only until the Board of Directors determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Association, such membership should be terminated. For the guidance of its members, this Code of Ethics has been duly adopted by the Board of Directors under the authority vested in it by the ONA Bylaws. A breach thereof by any member reflects, directly or indirectly, upon all members. Such a breach shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association and cause for action by the Board of Directors.

As a Member of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association:

I agree to support and be governed by the ONA Bylaws and such rules, policies, and regulations as may be in force from time to time;

I agree to conduct myself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the ONA, or impair the prestige of membership therein;

I agree to base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality;

I agree to neither buy nor sell numismatic items of which the ownership is questionable;

I agree to comply with the accepted standards of dignified advertising;

I agree to immediate steps to correct any error I may make in any transaction;

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Applicant's signature and date

Signature of Proposer ONA#

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