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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

**D**ecember is now about half way passed and it won't be long until Christmas will be upon us. When I was a child, this was the time of year I loved the most. Every year, my Christmas wish list started off with either a 1909SVDB, a 1914D or a 1931S.

One Christmas, I think I was 9 or 10, I saw a gift from my dad under the tree. It was small, in a square box, and was very light when I shook it. I still remember my surprise when I opened it and a 1931S in uncirculated condition fell into my lap. I remember running to my coin album and instantly putting the coin into the correct spot and filling that hole in the album.

Of all the gifts I received over the years at Christmastime, I think that 1931S is the only gift I still have. The toys and computer games and footballs have all been lost or forgotten about, but that 31S is still in that holder in my album.

So this Christmas, I will give the gift of coins to my family members. I think I already have my son hooked, so I will maybe give some Indian Head pennies to my nephew or Buffalo Nickels to my

Cousin. Sometimes that is all it takes to start a new collector into the world of numismatics.

Gary Parsons reports that he has not received any applications yet for the ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship. He is wanting me to remind members to get those applications in soon because we are getting close to the deadline. If you need further information, just look at the last issue of the Mintluster or contact Gary Parsons at 426-9044.

Happy collecting and Merry Christmas and I hope you get all the coins you are asking for !!

# Letter from the President



Clifford Cooper - President

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season with friends and family and I wish everyone a happy new year. 2014 is looking to be another roller coaster ride for precious metals and the economy as a whole. So hold on tight as we take on another year, the water may get a little rough at times.

The first coin shows at Weatherford and McAlester are now in the books and even though the silver and gold markets were falling the turnout for first time shows was very good. The clubs had a great turnout and support from members and we are all looking forward to shows in 2014.

The response on having a good for token for the 2014 ONA shows has been zero in response for interest and after re-thinking this will be put off until we see more interest in having tokens for the ONA shows. If anyone has a desire to have these in the future please let me know.

I'm sure most of you know that since the internet use has increased there has been a significant change in Coin show attendance as well as how much the costs of having a show has increased. This increase in cost is felt mostly by the Coin Dealers who bring their

inventory to the shows and setup shop to sell and trade. I thought it might be good time to give a little information on how to help keep the dealers coming to the shows and therefore keep the shows alive. Following is a few tips to remember when attending coin shows.

1. Be prepared by bringing a list of what you are looking for and what price/grade you are looking for. Time is of the essence for dealers when they are hoping each customer will stop at their table.
2. Be sure and ask dealers if they have the coin you are looking for. A lot of a dealer's inventory is sometimes not shown and lies on the backup table or covered up from view. They want to make a sell but may not be able to afford table fees for the inventory they have.
3. Remember that the dealer is trying to first cover expenses incurred from attending the show-Travel/meals/motel/etc., so if the floor is fairly active keep it moving by allowing the next customer to visit and

see if the dealer can help them with their needs. You can always stop back by to visit if the dealer is slow.

4. Most dealers will discount prices if you buy a larger priced item or bigger volume. Don't expect a discount on a lower priced item or small volume. –Remember, the dealer needs to cover a lot of overhead costs just to setup at the show. Selling a \$1,000 worth of inventory may only make them \$20-\$50. Even 10% at \$100 is not much money when expenses can be as high \$300-\$600 to attend a show.

5. Come early if possible, it's usually slower the first 2 hours of the first day and the last 2 hours of the first day and the selection for coins is usually better. A lot of dealers also leave early on the last day of the show or if it's a Fri-Sat-Sun or just Sat-Sun show some dealers are just there for the first day. This is just to minimize the expenses and justify setting up at the show.

6. Since the internet sells are taking more and more of the business that use to be at coin shows the profit for a deal-

er is getting smaller and smaller. Build a good relationship by complimenting the dealer on the fact you are able to see the coin in hand before purchase and it will go a long way in building a relationship that may go on for years. It's usually better to pay a little more for an item you can hold and have now than buying on the internet and not knowing what you will receive for sure.

As of this writing the Black Friday Show at Glenpool put on by Robert Ranford just completed and had a strong attendance. This is the second year now and has great potential in the future. The location is easy access and a new motel is being built right next door to this location. This is a show to watch in the future.

Thanks for being part of the ONA and happy collecting.



# Why We Collect

The last in my series of most collected coins is the "Walker" as we collectors refer to Adolph Weinman's magnificent Walking Liberty Half Dollar. I believe the Walker is widely collected because of its beauty. As a young Art student, Weinman studied under Augustus St Gaudens, one of our masters. He won a competitive contest to give us the Walking Liberty Half Dollar and the Winged Liberty Head (Mercury) Dime in 1916.

Obviously Weinman possessed considerable artistic talent. His design was copied in 1986 for our one dollar Silver Eagle. The Silver Eagle bullion coin is starting to be collected by series. He joins James Earle Fraser of Buffalo Nickel fame as designers who have more than one U.S. mint made coin based on their original design. Who is the other?

The Walkers are not difficult or expensive to collect in circulated grades. Rarer early dates in the series were not saved at the time because of their value (fifty cents was a lot of money) and a lack of collectors. Therefore Mint State



Gary Parsons - Vice President

collections are very expensive with numerous examples worth over \$10,000 in MS-65. The series includes 65 separate types excluding varieties, so it is not a short series. However, there are no major rarities. The 1921 and 1921D examples are the only two coins with values above \$100 in G-4. It is a series often collected in mixed grades with later dates after 1939 collected in Mint State with Choice Uncirculated (MS-63) examples for under \$100. It is a challenge but a doable collection however you choose to do it.

I know a female collector who loves the design so much that she recently completed the Silver Eagle set after previously completing a Walker set. She is the only collector I know with complete sets of both series. The bold depiction of Miss Liberty striding confidently into a sunrise or new day, will always be viewed as one of our classics.

It's time you got started on a Walker collection!!

Next year I plan to start a series of columns on our Early Commemorative coins that are unappreciated at present. They all have low mintages if you like rarity and almost all have

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# ***MAGIC EMPIRE COIN CLUB***

## ***AT THE TULSA COIN SHOW***

By Tim O'Keefe

What makes a great coin show? The people, of course. And this year's Tulsa Coin Show at the Elks Lodge in South Tulsa was no exception. Shane Cornell called upon the Magic Empire Coin Club to help out with this year's event, and the club came through.

The Tulsa Coin Show has an excellent following and a fairly good pattern. The show is easily accessible from I-44. Planning begins months earlier, with dealer tables being advertised and logistics of the day put into order. Friday begins with basic set up--tables, chairs, extension cords, etc. Shane and club President Ron Hass had to crawl around on bended knees to get things exactly right. Show security is 'round the clock, provided by Captain Richard Lawson and Officer Tim O'Keefe, both of the Tulsa Police Department. Being both secretary and treasurer of the MECC insures O'Keefe is going to be there. Friday afternoon is reserved for the arrival of the dealers. They unload their vehicles, locate their assigned tables,

and set up their wares. Old acquaintances are renewed, followed by the great debate over where to have dinner and who will pay.

Saturday is the busiest day of the weekend. The public started pouring in around 8:45 AM, and they kept coming all day long. Club members Mary Hass, Sherrie Perdue, Brian O'Keefe, and Jearldine Lawrence registered the attendees, handed out flyers for future area shows, and encouraged membership in the MECC. Shane and club member Richard McPheeters each tended their own dealer tables. Members Ron Lawrence, Charles Meyers, and John and Louise Sands visited all of the dealers in search of elusive coins and good deals.

Sunday is usually a quiet, wind-down day. However, this year, there was a steady stream of buyers, collectors, and curiosity seekers coming through the door for the majority of the day. The main floor was a bevy of activity throughout the morning. Sundays are generally dedicated

to dealers buying from each other, getting caught up on current events, and telling each other a fib or two. Gary Parsons, Clifford Cooper, and Shane held a brief executive meeting of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. Our leaders are keeping the Good Ship ONA on a steady course.

By early afternoon, the dealers had begun to pack up and file out. Goodbyes were made, well wishes were given, and promises

to see one another at the next show were made. The Magic Empire Coin Club made some new friends, obtained some coveted items, and hopefully did some successful recruiting for the club. Dealers and attendees alike had positive things to say about this year's show, and we hope to see them all again in 2014.

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# Magic Empire Coin Club Minutes

By Tim O'Keefe

President Ron Hass opened the September 26th meeting at 7:02 PM and greeted the 8 members in attendance.

Drawings: Secretary/Treasurer Tim O'Keefe won the first drawing, and Louise Sands won the second.

Programs: October 2013 will feature extended Show & Tell. Ron Lawrence has the November educational program.

Old Business: The Tulsa Coin Show was a success. Flyers advertising the club were handed out at the door.

Shows: The inaugural McAlester Coin Show is set for October 10 & 11 just off of the Indian Nations Turnpike. The Second Annual Black Friday Coin Show will be held in Glenpool on Thanksgiving weekend. The membership was encouraged to attend.

Educational Program: Charles Meyers was scheduled to give the presentation, but was unable to attend. Member John Sands graciously offered to put together

a program for the night at the last minute. John brought a collection of Liberty Head nickels, described as BU (beat up). Liberty Nickels were produced 1883 through 1912 for general circulation, replacing 3 cent pieces and the unpopular Shield nickels. John explained how there were two different types of 1883 issues, one without cents, and one with "cents". Some coins of that year were gold plated by counterfeiters passing them off as \$5 gold pieces. There was discussion about some of the harder and more expensive dates to acquire. He also talked about the five 1913 pieces that were not released to the public, and command million dollar premiums. The club thanked John for his impromptu program.

Show and Tell :  
1) Ron Lawrence -- brought a series of double-headed coins, including a 1981 Great Britain crown of Prince Charles and Princess Diana as well as coins from the German States: a Hesse 1904 two mark piece, a Prussian 1861 thaler, a Mecklenburg 1915 three mark, and a Worttenberg 1911 three mark piece.

2) Brian O'Keefe – brought a 2005 United States Silver State Quarters set, which included the states of California, Minnesota, Oregon, Kansas, and West Virginia.

3) John Sands – brought a short collection of Lincoln cents, 1941-1961, including the 1960 small cent issues.

4) Tim O'Keefe -- brought a collection of Solomon Island coins and currency. The Solomons are in the Pacific Ocean, east of Papua New Guinea. They cover approximately 10,993 square miles with a population of 324,000. The islands were discovered in 1567 by Spanish explorer Alvaro De Mendana. Germany and Great Britain both claimed the islands in the late 1800s, and they became a British protectorate in 1893. Coins have been issued there since 1976, and the country uses the Franklin Mint in the United States to create their coinage.

The October 2013 meeting convened with Vice President Ron Lawrence chairing the meeting for 8 members.

Old business covered promoting the club for expanding the membership. Magic Empire advertises on the ANA website and on the Tulsa City-County Library site. Flyers are also available at Tulsa Coin, 2606 S Sheridan Road, Tulsa, Ok, which is operated by

club member Richard McPheeters.

Members Brian and Tim O'Keefe were able to attend the inaugural McAlester Coin Show held October 11 & 12. Richard McPheeters had a table there. Member Shane Cornell said that he spoke with Gary Parsons, who said McAlester was a success.

Vice President Ron Lawrence won the first drawing of the evening, and member Louise Sands won the second.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our next meeting will be held on Thursday November 21 at 7PM. Our holiday dinner will be held at the Red Lobster near 51st & Yale in Tulsa on December 13 at 7PM.

Show & Tell: Shane Cornell brought an unreported military token from Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He talked about various data bases on the internet and discussed TAMS.

Charles Meyers discussed a recent trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico and a visit to the Robert McCubbin Library, which holds a wide collection of books and other Wild West memorabilia, including a butcher knife with provenance that it once belonged to Billy The Kid. He also discussed a coin purchased by the

late Charles Webber in 1952 for about \$50. It was a German Frederick II piece, which is now worth thousands of dollars.

John Sands brought collections of Eisenhower and Presidential dollars.

Tim O'Keefe brought a collection of notes and coins from the island nation of Fiji, dating 1934 to the present. Included were wartime issues minted by the San Francisco mint.

Ron Lawrence brought a collection of English crowns, starting with Charles II (1662), including every British monarch to Elizabeth II.

The November 2013 meeting of the MECC was held in the coffee shop of Yale Avenue Christian Church, as the regular room was occupied by another group. President Ron Hass welcomed 11 members and one guest.

President Hass has encouraged the membership to check their personal collections for any duplicate items they may have. He would like to start a swap meet at the monthly meetings.

Member Louise Sands won the initial drawing, and member Charles Meyers won the second.

Vice President Ron Lawrence had the bi-monthly educational program. He gave what he described as a "potpourri" of numismatic information to the group. He presented coins and history from several different nations and eras. He showed half crowns of the latter part of the 17th century involving the British monarchy. He presented a set of Maundy coins and discussed their significance. He passed around several Swiss shooting thalers and talked about their origins. He also had some Mexican coins and explained their importance in warfare south of the border. He also showed some coins that were fakes, and pointed out how to detect counterfeits.

The December Holiday dinner replaces the monthly meeting of the MECC. Our next meeting will be held on January 23, 2014 at 7PM at Yale Avenue Christian Church, 3602 South Yale Avenue. The yearly club business meeting will be held at the same time.



# OKC COIN CLUB

## NEWS

By Brian Miller

The October auction was a great success! Thanks to everyone that participated in the auction. We had 80 lots and 66 lots were sold. The Club gained \$150.50 from the auction and we all would like to thank Robert Gilmore for the donation of the Indian Head Penny to the clubs proceeds.

The November meeting, we had a great game show contest ran by Brian Miller with the help of his son Austin. After four rounds of questioning, Terry Gust came out the winner. Others participating

in the game were Gary Parsons, Ron LaSpisa and Rowdy McDoulett.

The December meeting was our annual Christmas Dinner. We all had a great time enjoying the food and especially the dirty santa gift exchange. There were several very nice coin gifts that were received and I would like to thank all who participated in the Christmas Dinner and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange.

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  
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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 - 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  
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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Meets 3rd Monday of each month -  
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217 N. Illinois ST. (in the back)  
Weatherford, OK 73096  
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Vice President - David Tautfest  
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### Indian Capitol Coin Club

ONA Member CC 185  
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Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center  
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Muskogee, OK. 74403  
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Contact Gary Parsons

phone: 405 426 9044,

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