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# Editor's Notes



Brian Miller - Editor

In this issue we have a couple of coin show flyers and our quarterly article from our President and "ONA News" by Tim O'Keefe. We have our "Why We Collect" by Gary Parsons and the "What We Collect" by Tim O'Keefe. We do not have anything to report from our Magic Empire Club meetings but we intend to have the minutes in the next issue.

I did receive an excellent article and a couple of photographs from James White. His article is on ONA Coin Sets and I included a picture of the set that he had sent. He also sent another picture which I have added below. This picture depicts the edge of the coin from his ONA coin set.

If you have an article you would like published in our newsletter, just send me your article and any pictures you may have (as separate attachments) you would like included.

I hope you enjoy each issue of the Mintluster as much as I enjoy putting it together each couple of months.



# Letter from the President

**H**ello fellow members. As winter ends and spring begins so does the second quarter of 2022. We have a lot of uncertainty in the US and world economy. This uncertainty is creating fluctuations in the gold and silver markets. During the Fun Show and other national shows coin prices have been sky high. No different than oil prices and what all of us are feeling at the gas pump. I would like to let everyone know during all this uncertainty that there is value to find in precious metals and the numismatic market. Go to a local coin shop or any coin show and you can find value.

ONA Membership is on the rise. We have increased by more than fifteen members in the last quarter. This is due to having information tables at coin shows and our membership. A huge shout out to Ed McGill you have been a rock star finding new members. Thank you, Ed for all your help.

Our State Show is May 19th, 20th, and 21st at the Canadian County Expo Center. Rich Wall is doing a fantastic job with this show. If anyone needs informa-



Chris Harrell - President

tion about the show Rich can be reached at 405-795-3128.

I would like to address an issue that keeps coming up. Our State Coin Shows OKC and Tulsa are going to be charging admission. This is not anything that one person has done. It is necessary to charge admission to have quality venues such as Stoney Creek and the Canadian Expo Center. We want to maintain fair table cost to our dealers. I feel the ONA is providing an incredible value when we can bring close to 100 dealer tables under one roof. This enables anyone coming to the show the opportunity to get the best value possible. If one does not like an offer a dealer makes all they need to do is walk eight feet in any direction and they can get a second opinion. This value is easily worth three dollars.

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# ONA News

By Tim O'Keefe

I want to start off this quarter's column by asking the membership to keep Johnny and Susan Satterlee in your thoughts. Johnny is a longtime ONA member and dealer out of Edmond. He has experienced some serious medical setbacks in recent months and will have to curtail his numismatic activities.

One of our more daunting challenges in numismatics is attracting new collectors to the hobby. This has become a staple topic not only for Oklahoma, but also nationwide. Barely a meeting goes by on any level where the issue of membership comes up. We as an association need to step up our game and start thinking outside the box. Instead of waiting for the new collector to come to us, we have to start going to them. In the past year, Tulsa's Magic Empire Coin Club has tried some different approaches. In June of 2021, we invited a local Boy Scout troop to our meeting so they could earn their coin collecting merit badges. At the Fall Tulsa Show, the club sponsored a youth competition of historical coin-related exhibits with cash prizes. In September I went to the

Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie and established a relationship with them over numismatic related historical items. Then in October I put together a display of Tulsa national bank notes for Tulsa Community College West Campus in conjunction with their month-long examination of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot. We have to put ourselves out there to inform the world that we exist and have much to offer. President Chris Harrell wants to start having an ONA table at every coin show in the state. Our membership stretches from North Carolina to California with our numbers hovering around 150 active members. A good percentage of those are from out of state. I would like to challenge our Oklahoma contingent to invite someone to your local club, tell people about upcoming coin shows, do a program at your local school or library, talk to cash register attendants about the money passing through their hands each day—anything to get the word out. The simple definition of money has changed radically for most of us since our younger days. It is up to us to adapt and to assert the advantages, experience,

and expertise of the Oklahoma Numismatic Association to allow our hobby to grow and flourish.

We are finally able to have a Spring Oklahoma City Show this year after a prolonged hiatus. I want to thank Rich Wall for picking up the baton to lead us to the new venue in El Reno at the Canadian County Expo Center. His efforts are highly appreciated and I anticipate a great show.

Welcome back to former members Wayne Hatcher and Dennis Beasley. And a shout out to new members Dave Rickard, Dan

Fletcher, Richard Glenn, Doug Hershey, and Duane Bunch.

We post the ONA financials every year. After holding onto the deposits for the OKC Show for two years, the Board decided to refund the dealers last year in case we could not put on a 2022 show. The \$4840 we returned is the difference between breaking even for the year. I hope to see all of you in May in El Reno.

  
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Difference	- \$4,852.60		
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>Outgoing</b>	
Mint Luster Ads	\$730	OKC Show 2021 Refunds	\$4,840
OKC Fairgrounds	\$15	Lifetime Member Badges	\$20
Refund 2021	\$1,875	Magic Empire Stipend	\$1,550
Tulsa Show 2021	\$11,839	2020 and 2021 Shows	
Table Fees		Printing (Mint Luster)	\$645.51
CD Interest	\$31.56	Postage (Mint Luster)	\$479
		ANA Dues (2022-2023)	\$45
		PO Box Fee (USPS)	\$188
		Donation to Arkansas (Sales tax effort)	\$1,000
<b>Total In</b>	\$14,455.56	Tulsa Show Refunds (2021)	\$414
		ONA Table-- Tulsa Show 2021	\$30
		2021 Tulsa Show Expenses	\$5038.89
		2022 OKC Show Deposit (El Reno)	\$1,000
		2022 Tulsa Show Deposit (BA)	\$3,500
		2022 OKC Show Advertising	\$396.18
		Web site reimbursement	\$151.58
		Petty Cash (Parsons)	\$50.00
		<b>Total Out</b>	\$19,348.16

# Why We Collect

**M**any collectors find collecting foreign coins and banknotes much more challenging and enjoyable. I have found myself acquiring more foreign money. The field is vast and requires some focus. This article is intended to provide an overview of this part of our hobby and perhaps some suggestions for concentrated study and collecting.

Ancients are a good place to start. If you like history of the world, you will be naturally drawn to Ancients. Roman and Greek coinage have survived the ages to provide the only trace remaining of ancient states and civilizations. Who wouldn't want to own an Alexander the Great tetradrahm from 300 B.C.? Many ancient coppers can be acquired for less than \$20.

More modern coinage and notes from the rest of the world are much more attractive and interesting than our own. Many foreign collectors collect coins from countries of their family origins. If your family originated in Norway, you might collect Norse coinage. Others collect topically,



Gary Parsons

such as collecting coins and banknotes with animals, fish, birds, or ships on them. Many examples can be acquired at minimal cost.

Many world collectors try to acquire an example from as many countries past and present as they can find. I recently acquired a coin from Saarland. A look in the Krause catalog (the main reference for Foreign), shows that the country did not exist for very long following World War II. It is a mining and industrial area that is now part of Germany. This country issued four coins in its short history. I own one one of them. How neat is that!

Banknotes provide a large palate for beautiful designs. If you are artistic, you will love them. I don't know why our country can't do better. I recently acquired a \$20 note from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. This island nation is part of

British Empire and shows a young portrait of Queen Elizabeth, therefore it is likely 1960's era. The central vignette is a green sea turtle in a school of fish swimming through a reef. The back vignette shows the eastern Caribbean archipelago depicting all the small islands that make it up. It is a beautiful multi-colored note. I acquired it for less than \$20 in extremely fine condition.

I hope I have inspired some of you to take a look at collecting

foreign. You might want to consider going to Summer Seminar at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs this summer and taking our own Ben Swagerty's course on world coins. Ben is a past president of Oklahoma City coin club and has been a contributor to editorial staff of the Krause World Coin catalogs for many years. If you want to know anything about world coins and banknotes ask Ben.

Is this a great hobby or what!!

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# What We Collect

**I** really enjoy the diversity of numismatics. Collecting can easily be adjusted to suit one tastes or interests. One can try and complete a type set of United States coins or try to get every available specimen of a particular series, such as Lincoln cents or Mercury dimes, or try to obtain signature combination of dollar bills. The possibilities are rather endless.

As an example of this, I decided to dedicate this quarter's column to collecting Tulsa. I live in the Metro area and over the years I have come across several different items that could be considered coin collecting. So lets start out big.

My love for national bank notes tends to shine through in my writings. From 1899 to 1935 Tulsa had 13 active national banks. While that sounds like enough banks to provide an abundance of notes to collect, that is not quite the case. Two of these banks have no reported notes in the Don Kelly census. Two other banks have just one note report-



By Tim O'Keefe

ed for each bank. Then there are three banks that have known populations of 2, 3, and 5. That accounts for over half of the operating institutions, and the prices for these items are extremely expensive if you can find them. The First National Bank & Trust Company of Tulsa (Charter 5171) operated during this entire period, but during the end of the era (small-sized notes 1929-1933) the bank only issued notes in denominations of \$50 and \$100. If you are starting out with a limited budget, this might not be the way to go.

So what else is there to collect? The answer is a hearty "plenty". Tokens are a good way to learn the history of a city. Issued by all sorts of businesses, they were a cheap and efficient way to get a customer to come into a store and be coaxed into making a purchase. The term "exonumia" means numismatic items other than coins or paper money. If you choose to go down this rabbit hole, particularly in Oklahoma, I

highly urge you to track down a copy of "Oklahoma Exonumia: A Catalog of Money Substitutes" by RW Chadwick with pertinent contributions from two of my friends, Jack Wolfe and Johnny Satterlee. Just about every government entity and private business in the State issued tokens for various reasons, and this book has as many listed as one could ask for.

There is an old adage that goes "Don't take wooden nickels". I heard that quite often while growing up. However, in recent times, I go out of my way to grab one when the opportunity arises. They are mostly used for advertising at coins shows these days. In the late 1970s and early 1980s Tulsa's Magic Empire Coin Club used them as giveaways at the door to the shows held in town. If you check on ebay under "Tulsa exonumia", you will see several wooden nickels available at very reasonable prices. They were issued by restaurants, car dealers, hotels, and barber shops, to name a few. Many of the businesses have been closed for several years, making this is a good way of remembering them. One prevalent specimen that shows up is from the "Basham Worm Hatchery" that used to operate in East Tulsa. Nothing says 'buy my worms" better than a wooden nickel.



Transportation tokens are another direction to go. Tulsa ran a series of trolleys around town starting in 1906 and ending in 1936. Tokens for those lines are still out there. Buses began to replace the trolleys in the mid - 1930s, leading to companies such as Tulsa City Lines, Inc and Tulsa Transit. Most of these tokens will have the business name and the image of a bus. They are made from base metal and are very easy to obtain.

Tulsa is known as The Oil Capitol of the World, and for years the International Petroleum Exposition (IPE) was held in the





city. This large event led to commemorative tokens being issued to mark the celebration. These items can range from a few dollars to over one hundred dollars, depending on rarity and availability.

Elongated coins are another way to go. In years past, one would drop several coins onto a section of railroad track and let a locomotive do the pressing. While highly efficient, it was also highly dangerous. Today there are machines available to do the pressing in a much safer environment. Skilled (or unskilled) artists can etch whatever motif they wish upon the now-blank surface. The Tulsa Zoo and the Tulsa State Fair utilize these machines to make instant mementos. The most historical elongated coin I have was pressed in 1991 by the now-defunct Tulsa Coin Club. The club was established in 1938, and 1991 marked their 50th anniversary of membership in the ANA.

I have touched on just a few ways to collect Tulsa items and I'm sure I left other possibilities out. There are railroad tokens, car wash tokens, pizza palace tokens, toll road tokens- the list goes on. I offer these ideas as a way to get young people interested in numismatics. Most of these items are within the budget of a ground floor collector and offer a variety of history, shapes, and sizes. Not only will you find these pieces in a coin shop, but also in thrift shops, flea markets, antique shops, and the internet. I am a huge fan of the search for items and love a good scavenger hunt. The Magic Empire Coin Club will be giving away some of those aforementioned wooden nickels from the 1970s and 1980s at this year's Tulsa Coin Show in the fall, so we will be doing our part to spark interest in this aspect of the hobby. And of course the bottom line is to have fun doing what you are doing. So find anything you like and collect the heck out of it.



# ONA Coin Sets

By James White (LM64)

Recently I bought a coin that was part of a set that was issued and sold by the ONA. The coin sets were issued each year from 1979 until 1995. My silver, one troy ounce coin was from a first-year coin set with the image of Will Rogers. Thirty years ago, the coin sets were more sought after. First year coin sets had an estimated cost of nearly \$450. I paid \$35 for the Will Rogers coin, little more than the bullion content.

Two coins, identical except for their metal, were mounted in a white plastic holder with a cost of \$30. One coin was .999 silver; the other was bronze. The coin's reverse had the ONA logo. The obverse had the theme for that year's coins, which might be such as a place, an event, a memorial, or a famous Oklahoman. The obverses of the first nine years were created by Robert A. Gartland, an Oklahoma artist noted for his landscapes. The coins were issued in a close-fitting envelope with the set number of the silver coin

marked in silver colored ink on the envelope. Life Members of the ONA might collect a set each year with his life number. It is my understanding that, at least for the first few years there was a limit of 200 sets per year. Bronze coins could be bought singly or in rolls with no limit. Silver coins had a reeded edge with a blank space marked with that coin's set number and .999, the fineness of the silver. They were well struck with a proof-like finish.

My favorite set was the third year, WICHITA WILDLIFE REFUGE. The coins have, in bold relief, front views of the heads of a Bison and a Longhorn. Two smaller images were of a Prairie Dog and the State Bird of Oklahoma, the Scissor Tailed Flycatcher. The silver coin is spectacular.



# 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 - Brian Miller  
Secretary - Tyler Tyson  
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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 - Frederick Pepe  
Vice Pres - Larry Bennett  
Secretary - Kim Pepe  
PO Box 1901  
Enid, OK 73701

## Magic Empire Coin Club

ONA Life Member CC 241  
Meets monthly on 4th Thursday at 6pm.  
12512 East 21 Street,  
Shiloh's Restaurant  
2604 N Aspen Ave  
Broken Arrow, OK  
President - Chris Harrell  
Vice Pres - Todd Hourihan  
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PO Box 580055  
Tulsa, OK. 74158  
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## Border Town Coin Club

ONA LM-234  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month  
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Fort Smith, AR  
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Vice Pres - Richard Bartlett  
Sec/Treas - Dale White  
PO Box 931  
Fort Smith, AR. 72902  
479-783-5881

## Indian Territory Coin Club

Meets 2nd Monday each month - 6:30pm  
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Vice Pres - Dale Ennis  
Sec/Treas - Gary Parsons  
1232 S Main St.  
McAlester, OK. 74501  
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## Comanche County Coin Club

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President - Jon Wozniak  
Vice Pres - Erwin Wheeler  
Secretary - Julie Montoya  
Treasurer - Erwin Wheeler  
130 S. Hillside Rd, Apache, OK.  
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580-583-0873 (Lisa Kay Ewing)

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ONA Life Member 17  
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# COIN SHOW GUIDE

## **Broken Arrow Show**

Stoney Creek Hotel Conference  
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Albany Dr., Broken Arrow, OK.

Mar. 25 - 27, 2022, Fri. 12 - 6,

Sat. 9 - 6, Sun. 8 - 3, contact

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## **Northwest Arkansas Coin Club 6th Annual Show**

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301 SE Walton Blvd.,

Bentonville, AR.

Thursday, May 5, 12 noon - 5PM.,

Friday, May 6, 9AM - 5PM.

and Sat., May 7, 9AM - 4PM,

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3001 Jensen Rd. East, El

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