

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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**Our next meeting  
will be at the  
South Huntsville Public Library  
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE  
Huntsville, AL 35802  
On April 21, 2025  
from 6:00 – 7:30  
Doors Open at 5:30**

**Kurt Kelley  
Presents  
*Coin Stories***

## The President's Corner

Coin club camaraderie...

I'm writing this while preparing for a trip to the Dalton Coin Show on a joint venture with one of our esteemed members from the MCCC. At the end of February, I accompanied 2 of our members to the Chattanooga Coin Show and I had a great time. I can honestly say it was the first time that I went to a show with the intention of purchasing something on my want list without much consideration for savings, book value, etc. I discovered that the value was eclipsed by the fellowship and the wisdom shared on the journey. The club not only consists of fascinating collections but fascinating people as well. Thank you for imparting a portion of your knowledge onto me.

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*Dave blings out with his new silver eagle.*

## Last Meeting's Door Prizes



Each meeting the club gives away several door prizes. The winners at our last meeting were:

First Prize:	Wayne Koger:	Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Keith George	Two 1/10-ounce silver eagles

# Huntsville Stamp, Postcard & Coin Show

**May 31 – June 1, 2025**

## **Jaycee Community Building**

John Hunt Park  
2180 Airport Road  
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

### **Free Admission**

Be sure to drop by our table!

More information can be found at:

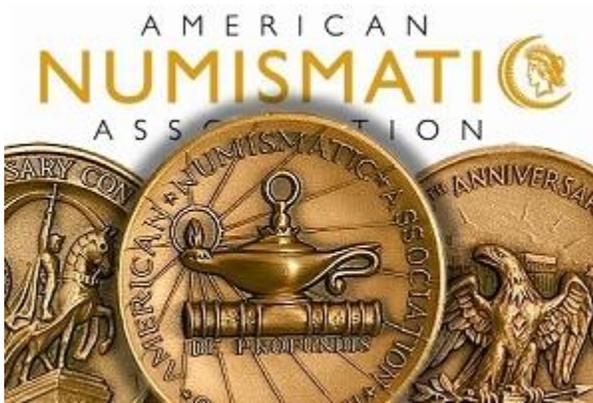
<http://www.sefsc.org/huntsdex.html>



*Last year over 250 people attended the two-day event.*

## ANA 2025 Summer Seminar

For many students, the Summer Seminar is a life-changing event; it has catapulted the careers of several of the nation's most respected collectors, authors and dealers. Classes are designed to suit every collector's interest and include courses such as: Grading U.S. Coins, Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins, ancient Greek and Roman coinage, Early American Copper Coinage, Colonial Americana, Morgan Dollars, World Numismatics, and much more.



Students gather in small groups, allowing everyone to be an active participant. You'll learn from instructors who are recognized leaders in their fields, and from the collective experiences of fellow students, who range in age from teenagers to seniors. Students may select from a variety of tuition and lodging options to meet their needs, preferences and budget. Activities include seminars and

lectures, special events, great food, receptions and banquets, and optional tours.

Learn more at:

<https://www.money.org/summer-seminar/>

### **Free American Numismatic Association Membership**

In celebration of National Coin Week, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) is providing a world of education and resources to everyone—FREE. For a limited time (*offer available April 18-28, 2025*), new members can claim a complimentary one-year Gold (digital) membership.

For more information, see <https://info.money.org/ncw2025-clubreps> for details.

# **My Visit to the Chattanooga Coin Show**

*By Todd Hutto*

I was able to attend the Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS) coin show in Chattanooga last week. After literally hours of looking and talking to many dealers, I chose to buy only one coin. The dealer I got it from had, earlier in his life, lived and worked in Italy, for a number of years.

While there, he purchased a metal detector and got into the habit of going out and searching the countryside. Fortunately, for him, his job required him to be outdoors, in mostly rural areas. This gave him the perfect opportunity to search the woods for all sorts of relics, including coins. During his time there, he found thousands of ancient and contemporary coins. Most were badly corroded due to centuries of exposure to the elements. However, some were exceptional. This set him on his way to collecting, and eventually, dealing in ancient coins. He had a very impressive and large display, so picking one coin was quite a challenge.

The coin described below is what I acquired. It's small but has an excellent patina. The obverse is especially well struck, the reverse is not as perfect. The reverse was struck a bit off center. Overall, I found the coin to be very desirable and attractive.

## **Coins Background and History:**

Ancient Greek coin from the region of Islands off Caria, modern-day western Turkey. The coin's design features two prominent symbols that are closely tied to Rhodes: the Sun god Helios and the rose. The obverse of the coin displays the radiantly crowned head of Helios. Helios was one of the most important deities associated with Rhodes, as the island was often regarded as the "Sun Island," and Helios was considered the protector of the city. The figure of Helios on the coin is skillfully rendered, with sharp details of his flowing hair and crown. His visage exudes both power and serenity, as he represents the Sun, which was not only an important religious symbol but also emblematic of Rhodes' wealth and vitality, particularly given the city's reliance on trade and maritime activities. The inscriptions surrounding the image of Helios help identify the coin as a product of Rhodes, and his depiction is consistent with other coins from the city that feature similar themes of divine protection and prosperity.



*The Island of Rhodes*

**Caria Rhodes AR (Silver) Drachm -Obverse - Head of Helios – Reverse: Rose Bud**

Struck between 205 – 170 BC (between 2,230 and 2,195 years old in 2025)  
 1.5 cm (9/16”) - 2.5 grams

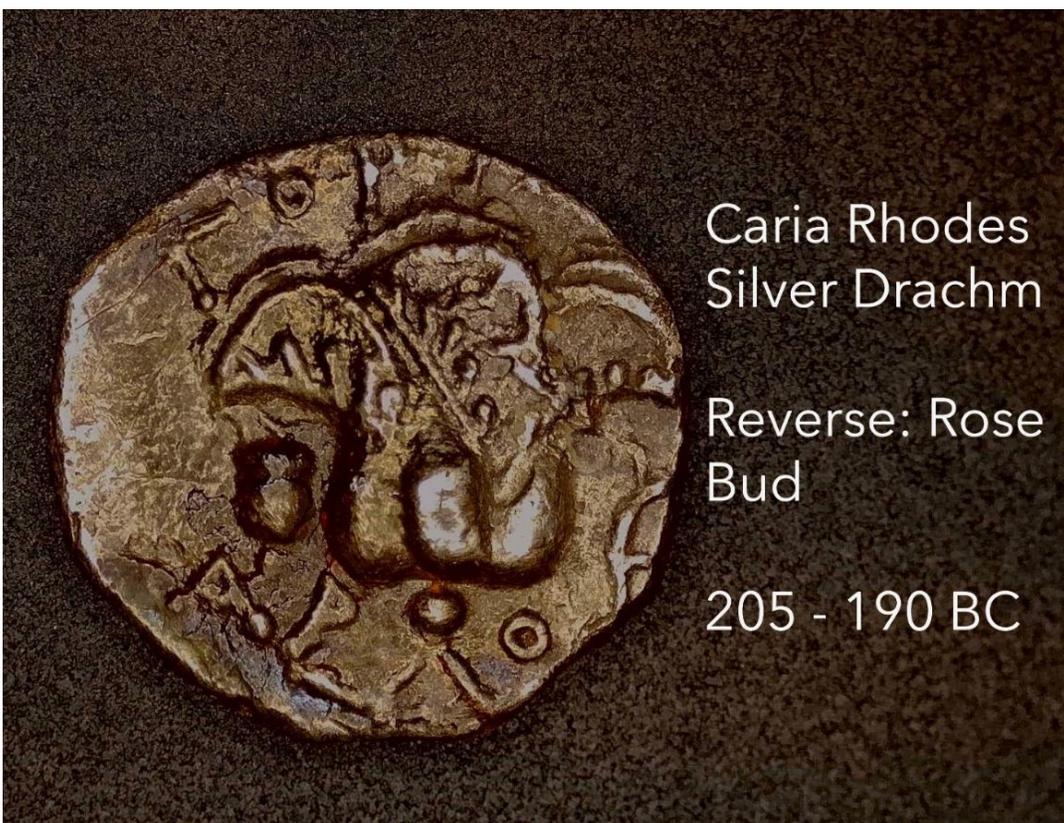
In ancient Greek religion and mythology, Helios (Ancient Greek: Ἥλιος, Homeric Greek: Ἡέλιος) is the god who personifies the Sun. His name is also Latinized as Helius, and he is often given the epithets Hyperion ("the one above") and Phaethon ("the shining"). Helios is often depicted in art with a radiant crown and driving a horse-drawn chariot through the sky. He was a guardian of oaths and also the god of sight. Though Helios was a relatively minor deity in Classical Greece, his worship grew more prominent in late antiquity thanks to his identification with several major solar divinities of the Roman period, particularly Apollo and Sol. The Roman Emperor Julian made Helios the central divinity of his short-lived revival of traditional Roman religious practices in the 4th century AD.



Caria Rhodes  
Silver Drachm

Obverse: Head  
of Helios

205 - 190 BC



Caria Rhodes  
Silver Drachm

Reverse: Rose  
Bud

205 - 190 BC

The reverse of the coin features an open rose, another key symbol associated with Rhodes. The rose was a prominent motif on many coins issued by Rhodes, symbolizing both the city's connection to nature and its cultural identity. The open rose, with its intricately detailed petals, represents the island's natural beauty and agricultural prosperity, which were significant aspects of its economy. In addition, the rose served as a symbol of the goddess Aphrodite, who was believed to have been born from the sea near the island. This connection between the rose and the divine further reinforces the city's religious and mythological significance in the ancient world. The design is completed with the inscription that names Rhodes as the issuing authority, affirming its place in the Mediterranean's economic and cultural landscape.

The minting of this Rhodes Caria AR Drachm would have been done at the official mint of Rhodes, which produced a wide variety of coin types during its long history. The minting process during this period remained relatively consistent with earlier practices, with skilled engravers working to create dies for striking the coins. The use of silver for these drachms ensured their durability and appeal, as silver was highly valued in the ancient world and often used for larger denominations. These coins were crucial for everyday transactions, especially in trade, as Rhodes was one of the busiest commercial centers in the Mediterranean. They were also symbolic of the city's identity, carrying the images of its gods and the symbols of its power and prosperity. The minting of coins, including this AR Drachm, allowed the city to project its cultural and political influence across the Mediterranean, facilitating commerce and promoting its identity as a thriving city-state.

The mintage of this Rhodes Caria AR Drachm is not definitively known, as is the case with many ancient coins. However, it is believed that large quantities of these drachms were struck during the period from 88 to 42 B.C., as the coin served a crucial role in both trade and as a symbol of the city's autonomy and prosperity. These coins were widely circulated throughout the Hellenistic world, as they were accepted in commerce not only in Rhodes but also in neighboring regions and cities. The widespread use of these drachms would have contributed to their relatively high mintage, though the surviving examples, especially those in good condition, are rare. Many of these coins, due to their practical use, were heavily circulated and worn, making well-preserved examples particularly valuable to collectors.

**Rhodes** (Greek: Ρόδος) is the largest of the Dodecanese islands of Greece and is their historical capital; it is the ninth largest island in the overall Mediterranean Sea.

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Administratively, the island forms a separate municipality within the Rhodes regional unit, which is part of the South Aegean administrative region. The principal town of the island and seat of the municipality is Rhodes. The city of Rhodes had 50,636 inhabitants in 2011. In 2022, the island had a population of 125,113 people. It is located northeast of Crete, southeast of Athens. Rhodes has several nicknames, such as "Island of the Sun" due to its patron sun god Helios, "The Pearl Island", and "The Island of the Knights", named after the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, who ruled the island from 1310 to 1522.

Historically, Rhodes was famous for the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Medieval Old Town of the City of Rhodes has been declared a World Heritage Site. Today, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe.



*The Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*

## The Tudor Beasts Collection Part 2: The Seymour Unicorn

*By H.K. Fears*

Continuing our visit of the Tudor Beasts Collection, we will take a quick look at the Seymour Unicorn coin. This coin depicts the Seymour Unicorn. Standing opposite the Lion of England at the front of the Moat Bridge at Hampton Court Palace, this heraldic beast was commissioned by Henry VIII for Jane Seymour. The fertility symbolism of the unicorn made it a fitting choice for his new queen because of Henry VIII's desire for a son and heir.



*The Seymour Unicorn wears a royal coronet and a wreath of flowers*



*The Lion of England  
(proof version)*

These coins feature the edge inscription 'HAMPTON COURT PALACE · ROYAL  
TUDOR BEASTS.'



*The obverse of the 2025 coins depicts King Charles*

The two pounds coin is 38.61 mm in diameter and weighs two ounces.

## Can You Identify This Coin?



In this section each month a new coin will be pictured, and your task is to see if you can identify it. Can you step up to this numismatic challenge every month? Email you answer to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.

Last month Mike Campbell and Wayne Koger were able to identify the mystery coin, a dollar coin from the Cayman Islands.



## Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the [newsletter editor](#) of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. The person entering the notice must answer all responses to notices. Preference will be given in the following order to notices when the page is oversubscribed in a single month:

1. Research Notices
2. Wanted Items
3. Trades Offered
4. For Sale Items

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### World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale

Contact: [Steve Young](#), P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409.

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### Buying Tokens

Contact me if you want to buy or sell tokens, medals, pinback buttons, encased coins, etc.

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Scottsboro, AL 35768  
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## Canadian 2023/2024 Commemorative Dollar/Two Dollar Coins for Trade for 2025 U.S. Native American or Innovation Dollar Coins

I have a limited number of 2024 Canadian \$1 “Loonie” coins featuring King Charles’s effigy (4 available), 2023 100th Anniversary - Birth of Jean Paul Riopelle (4 available), 2023 CANADA \$2 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2 Dollar Colorized Toonie Coins (4 available), and Canada \$2 Dollar Coin Toonie, Colorized Inuit Nunangat (4 available), all uncirculated acquired from a direct exchange during a visit to the Ottawa Royal Canadian Mint. I would like to trade for 2025 United States Native American and/or Innovation Dollar coins as they are released.

Keith George, [keith@keithgeorge.net](mailto:keith@keithgeorge.net) or text 334-717-9091.



## Selling Alabama (Huntsville) Innovation Coins



If you are interested in acquiring the 2024 Alabama Innovation \$1 coin, please contact me. I'm selling them for \$3 each. These are the Philadelphia mint version, and I will bring them to the next Club meeting. If you want any via mail, there would be an additional shipping charge.

Please contact me at: [VanHut32@gmail.com](mailto:VanHut32@gmail.com) .

Thanks, Todd

## Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

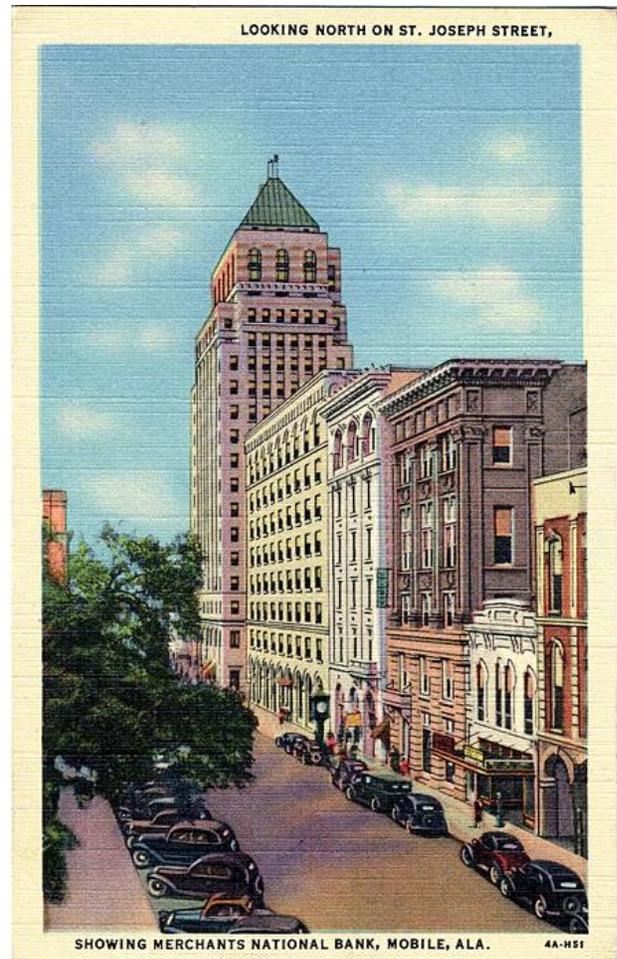


## Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better Alabama Obsolete Banknotes



Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.



## 2025 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
January 27	Harold Fears	Randy Partin <i>Civil War Dog Tags</i>
February 17	Shane and Laura Armstrong	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
March 17	Wayne Koger	Todd Hutto <i>Counterfeit Coins</i>
April 21	Pat Douglas/George Steele	Kurt Kelley <i>Part 1- An unissued Confederate War Bond with a story to tell</i> <i>Part 2- The conception of the Lincoln cent</i>
May 19	Ann Fulmer	Chad Thrasher <i>TBD</i>
June 16	<b>Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction</b>	
<b>July 14</b>	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>TBD</i>
August 18		Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
September 15	Doug Glandon	Nathan Burrows <i>TBD</i>
October 20	Keith George	David Hollander <i>The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting</i>
November 17	<b>Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers</b>	
<b>December- NO MEETING</b>		

## 2025 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance of Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
<b>May 31- Jun 1</b>	Huntsville, AL	<b>HUNTSPEX 2025 Stamp, Postcard &amp; Coin Show</b> Jaycee Community Building 2180 Airport Road, SW Huntsville, AL 35802 Sat 10 am – 5 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Mike O'Reilly 256-527-4601 mcoreilly@yahoo.com	+
<b>July 16-19</b>	Bessemer, AL	<b>62<sup>nd</sup> Alabama State Coin Show</b> 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	++
<b>July 31- Aug 2</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>66th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> Dalton Convention Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org	+++

		Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm		
<b>Sept 4-6</b>	Nashville, TN	<b>The International Money Expo</b> Music City Center 201 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203 Th-Sat 10 am – 5 pm	COL Steven Ellsworth, ret. 703-932-6331 ellsworth@imex.show www.imex.show	<b>++</b>
<b>Nov 7-9</b>	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> <b>Camp Jordan Arena</b> <b>I-75, Exit 1</b> <b>Chattanooga, TN</b> <b>Fri &amp; Sat 10 am – 6 pm</b> <b>Sun 10 am – 3 pm</b>	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	<b>++</b>

Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs - **++**

Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. Worth the drive - **+++**

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## Madison County Coin Club

For over twenty years, the Madison County Coin Club has served the north Alabama community by bringing numismatists together for the love of coin collecting. The Club strives to impart knowledge to its members through presentations and personal experiences. Through the sharing of knowledge and experiences, it enhances and enriches coin collecting for the numismatic community. Speaking of our members, we have a vast group of collectors who collect all types of United States coins, as well as foreign coins. Many of our members collect coins from a certain era (19th century, for example), while others collect strictly modern coins. We also have members who collect only a certain type of coin (Seated Coins, Morgan Dollars, and Commemoratives, to name a few). Some members focus solely on foreign coins (for instance English, German, and Chinese) which can span many centuries. This diversification makes our club dynamic, providing something for every type of collector.



Members of the club enjoy several benefits: Monthly lectures, covering a range of numismatic topics.

- Access to the club's extensive numismatic library.
- Monthly notices via email of club events.
- Able to purchase club medals.

We are keen to encourage anybody with an interest in numismatics to join the club. We provide a warm and friendly welcome and are very keen to encourage those new to the study, collecting of coins, tokens, or banknotes.



The club is a member of the American Numismatic Association (Member #C-195870 Region 20, AL & GA), Alabama Numismatic Society (ANS), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), and the Florida United Numismatists (FUN).

## **The Club's Mailing Address**

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## **Club Officers**

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Board Member: [Todd Hutto](#)

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Newsletter Contact: [Harold Fears](#)

## **Club's YouTube Channel**

You can subscribe to our YouTube Channel at [MCCC Meeting](#). There you will find links to both upcoming and past meetings.

## **Join the Club**

The membership form can be found [here](#) on our [website](#).