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Meeting Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: 2200 Drake Ave. SW
Huntsville, AL 35805
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Meeting Dates: 4th Monday
of every month, except
May & December

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President's Report

By: Harold Fears

Wow, how time flies! It is hard to believe that our club will have its fiftieth meeting this February. When **Richard Jozefiak** started the club back in March, 2001, he wrote the following:

Why a Coin Club in Madison County?

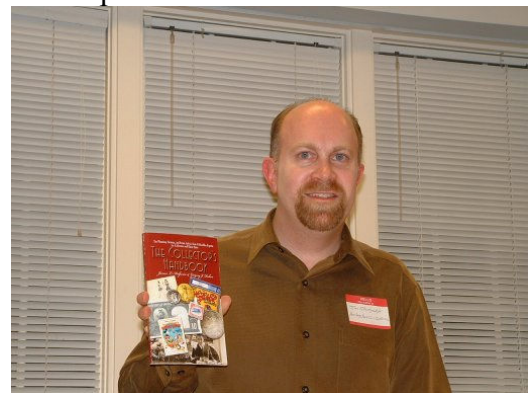
MCCC was founded to provide a forum for coin collectors, young and old, to have a fun time and share their knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby. The club is open to all people who like to collect any coins, medals, paper money, or any other numismatic material.

Most club meetings will have an educational speaker or video, club auction, refreshments, and time to share. Please bring an item of interest to share with fellow club members during the mini-exhibit time.

What Richard wrote five years ago, still applies today. Our club is a forum for young and old to have a fun time and share their knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby.

In January, 21 members and 7 guests spent an entertaining time having a question and answer period with **Jim Stoutjesdyk**. For those of you who don't know, Jim is the Vice-President of Heritage Rare Coin Galleries who purchased over \$20,000,000 worth of coins

last year. With his many stories about collecting and discovering numismatic treasures, we all could have listened for hours. Also, Jim was nice enough to give to each person attending "**The Collector's Handbook**", a step-by-step guide to estate planning for collectors. We still have several copies left, so if you were unable to attend in January, please come to the next meeting and pick one up.



Jim Stoutjesdyk donates to the club "The Collector's Handbook."

It's that time of year again. Your 2006 dues can be paid at the meeting to **Michael Campbell**, our club's treasurer. Since 2004, the dues are \$12, the senior rate is \$10, and the YN rate is \$5.



The gang listening to one of Mike's stories...

February Meeting

It has been an annual tradition that in February, **Charles Cataldo** presents to the club "The State of the Coin Market." Mr. Charles Cataldo has been a local dealer for many years now and the author of the book "*Currency & Tokens of Huntsville and Madison County, Alabama*". The February meeting will be held Monday the 27 at the Senior Center in Huntsville. We will meet in the Ceramics Room with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m.



Coin collecting is sometimes called the hobby of kings. If that's the case, meet our royalty. One question remains? Who is the court jester?

Elephants in New England

These half pence tokens circulated in New England in the late 17th century. It is believed they were coined in the period 1666 to 1690, with the dates 1672 and 1680 most commonly quoted. The real reason behind the production of this piece is unknown, but the reverse provides a clue in GOD PRESERVE LONDON that they were made after the devastating London fire of 1666 and the plague of the same year. Being in Alabama, we can't help but say, "Roll Tide!"



Passing on the knowledge ...



Chip and Charlie Taylor receive their awards for being the club's top YNs for 2005.

Please bring a coin, medal, note, or something for Show-and-Tell. It's easy, fun, and adds interest to our meeting.

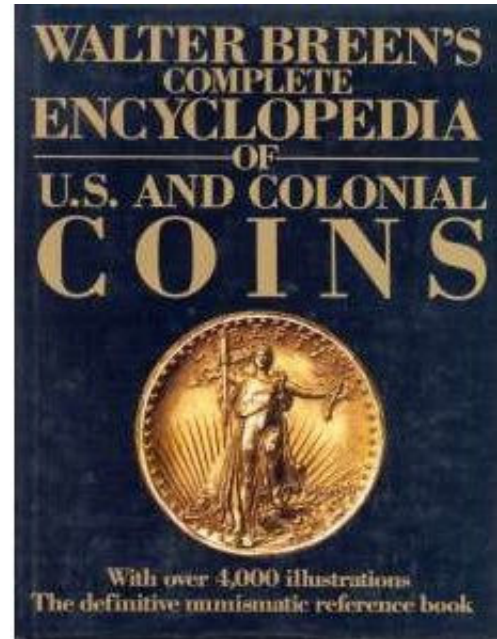
YN Notes

After the January meeting **Neil Cocker, Glen Cantley, Ray Norwood, Mark Larsen, and Jon Stimpson** discussed recruiting school children into our club. If we send a representative to a school to give a presentation, we will need a teacher as a sponsor along with coins for each student. We may be able to 'capture' a few YN's this way. Please contact one of the above members, if you are willing to help in this endeavor.

Inclement Weather Notice

If the Huntsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the Huntsville Senior Center is closed. There will be no club meeting if the Huntsville Senior Center is closed.

From our Library



Book Review: **Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins** by Walter Breen.

It has been said about this book, "If you could own just one numismatic book, this is the one!" Drawing on a lifetime of research, America's top coin historian presents the most comprehensive guide to U.S. coins ever published. This is the definitive numismatic reference book for U.S. coins, with over 4,000 illustrations and 753 pages. For collectors and those with general interests, Breen's work is virtually a one-volume library of American numismatics, with a remarkably high percentage of information valuable to both novices and experts. The text and extensive illustrations explain the history and varieties of all U.S. coins, from colonial times to today. If you would like to review this book for yourself, please see the club's librarian, **Mark Steuer**, to check this book out from our library.

Why not bring a friend to the meeting?



Visitors Welcome - Doors open at 6:00 pm.



Open to New Members including Seniors and Young Numismatists - dues are very reasonable.



Door Prizes



Educational Speaker Program and other numismatic activities.



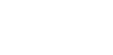
Bourse Tables



Show and Tell



Meet fellow numismatists and hobbyists



Refreshments

January's Door Prize Winners

- 1st Place: **Bob Jaques** 1975 Silver Proof Malawi Crown
- 2nd Place: **Gene Walker** 2003 S Proof Dime
- 3rd Place: **Jon Stimpson** 1993 D Uncirculated Dime



What have you won lately?

From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli

“This is the first time the United States Mint has ever

struck a coin for one of the services, and we are extremely proud,” said Gen.

Michael Hagee, commandant of the Marine

Corps. This commemorative coin features on its obverse a rendition of Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the raising of an American flag by the United States Marines on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima. The coin's reverse features the Eagle, Globe and

Anchor, official emblem of the United States Marine Corps.

All Marines are guided by three core values; Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

These are ingrained in Marine Corps culture, and they're never forgotten.

The coin was so popular it was completely sold out and can no longer be ordered from the mint.



Change for that Hundred



Ray has so much money that he likes to carry various denominations with him. He was wondering, "What is the largest amount of money he can have in \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 bills and still not be able to make exact change for a \$100 bill?" Want to know the answer? Come take a look in Ray's wallet at the next meeting for the solution.

Factoid: You're benched

Around the tenth century, Italians began conducting their financial business outside on street benches. "Banca" is the Italian word for bench, which has since been altered slightly to give us the word "bank."

Answer to Last Month's Puzzle

For the penny or quarter puzzle the answer is "You will give me the quarter or neither of the coins." If Frank gave Ray neither coin, then the statement is true and Frank can't pick that option. If Frank gives Ray the penny, then Ray's statement is false, and Frank can't pick that option either. If Frank gives Ray the quarter, then the statement is true.

For the coin transaction puzzle, Frank had 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, and the remaining coins in the ten bags.

Ray's Coin Puzzle



Lay nine coins in the shape of an equilateral triangle, as shown above. The coins must touch each other. In the least possible number of moves, try to form the bottom figure.



You may only move one coin at a time (do not lift it up) and the coin which is moved must touch at least two other coins.

This puzzle can be solved in four moves. If you need help like Frank did, come find the solution at the next Madison County Coin Club meeting!

Frank's Riddle

When Frank was a teenager, he collected 1916D dimes and tossed them into a 30 gallon barrel.

Recently, he noticed that the barrel was completely full and wanted to roll it into his vault. Unfortunately, the barrel was so heavy he couldn't move it. What did he add to the barrel to make it lighter?



Upcoming ANA National Money Show

This year's national ANA Money Show will be in Atlanta, Georgia from April 7-9, 2006. If you have ever been to an ANA national show, you know how much fun they are. If you haven't, this is the

perfect opportunity to go to one. The show is free to the public and there is something for everyone. There will be hundreds of dealers selling every kind of numismatic item imaginable, so I'm



sure you can find that missing coin to fill in the hole in your set. Also, there will be many entertaining and educational exhibits displaying a variety of topics. Many exhibits are truly impressive in their quality, while others show a love of the hobby that we all share. This is the one show you don't want to miss this year.

Help!

To help reduce the cost to the club, if you are receiving the newsletter via the post, have you considered receiving it via the web? If this is feasible, please email me at hkfears@knology.net.

Upcoming Meetings for 2006

February 27 – State of the Coin Market by **Charles Cataldo**

March 27 – **Frank DuVall** presents “Some Special Coins”

April 24 – National Coin Week celebration

June 26 – Pot Luck and Bourse Night

July 24 – British Night by **Bob Jaques**

August 28 – **Dwight Maxwell** presents Roman Coinage

September 25 – Computers by **Mark Larson**

October 23 – Commemoratives by **Arthur Patrick**

November 27 – Pot Luck and Bourse Night

Questions or Comments

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