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# *Madison County Coin Club Newsletter*

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**ANS & GNA Member**

**Meeting:** Thomas W. Davidson, Sr. Senior Center

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

**Location:** 2200 Drake Ave. SW  
Huntsville, AL 35805  
256-881-6268

**Meeting Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
of every month, except  
May & December

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## President's Report

By: Harold Fears

At our last meeting Dwight Maxwell's hands on presentation of inflationary notes and coins were very interesting. Dwight produced many interesting banknotes and coins from all parts of the globe. Although the banknotes have a wide range of topics, denominations, and quality, all have one thing in common – they are very inexpensive. The wide variety allows an almost unlimited choice of collecting themes and would make a wonderful addition to any collection. Why not pick up a few at the next show?



*A German 20,000,000 mark note (circa 1922).*



*A 5 million Zaires note.*

## September Meeting Notice

The September meeting will be held Monday the 25 at the Senior Center in Huntsville in the Ceramics Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

**Mark Larson** will be our speaker and his topic is "Computer Technology and Coin Collecting."

## **Why Do We Collect Coins?**

### **By Bob Jaques**

Recently, a friend asked me about some of the coins I have collected over the years, and he asked me, “Why do you collect coins?” Good question. I began thinking about an answer.

When I thought about some of the coins I have in my collection, it then became easy to answer his question. First, it is fun. Finding coins in circulation, and sometimes, even some rare ones are exciting. Then it is interesting to find out the history of the coins found, and then to keep them organized in an album for safe keeping. Once you have an album in which to keep the coins, you then become “hooked” as a collector because we seek to fill all the holes in the album. Right?

The state quarter program has sparked renewed interest in coin collecting among all age groups. One reason is that an example of each one can be found in circulation. The exceptions are those quarters produced for collectors such as in mint sets and proof sets. Some states are harder to find than others, but then that is the “thrill of the hunt”. This is an easy way to start building a collection.

Another reason for collecting coins is to admire the skill in making them and the beauty of the finished coin. Many of our commemorative and state quarter coins are expertly designed, engraved, and produced by skilled craftsmen at the Mint.

One of the best reasons to collect coins is the opportunity to meet other men and women who share an interest in coin collecting and enjoy trading and talking about their collections. I have gained a lot of numismatic knowledge by listening and talking with people who have different types of collections than mine. What a wonderful way to build friendships. And the easiest way to meet other collectors is to join and become an active part of a local coin club.

So you see, when you think about it, there are a lot of good reasons collecting coins.

**Please bring a coin,  
medal, note, or something  
for Show-and-Tell.**

**It's easy, fun, and adds  
interest to our meeting.**



### Montenegro 1914 5 Perpera

The **perper** was the currency of Montenegro between 1906 and 1918. It was divided into 100 para and was equivalent to the French franc. Gold coins were minted in values of 100, 20 and 10 perpers; silver coins were minted in 5, 2 and 1 perper. Smaller denominations were also minted Banknotes were also issued. Pictured is a crown size 5 perpera coin depicting Nickolas I.



### Liechtenstein 1900 5 Kronen

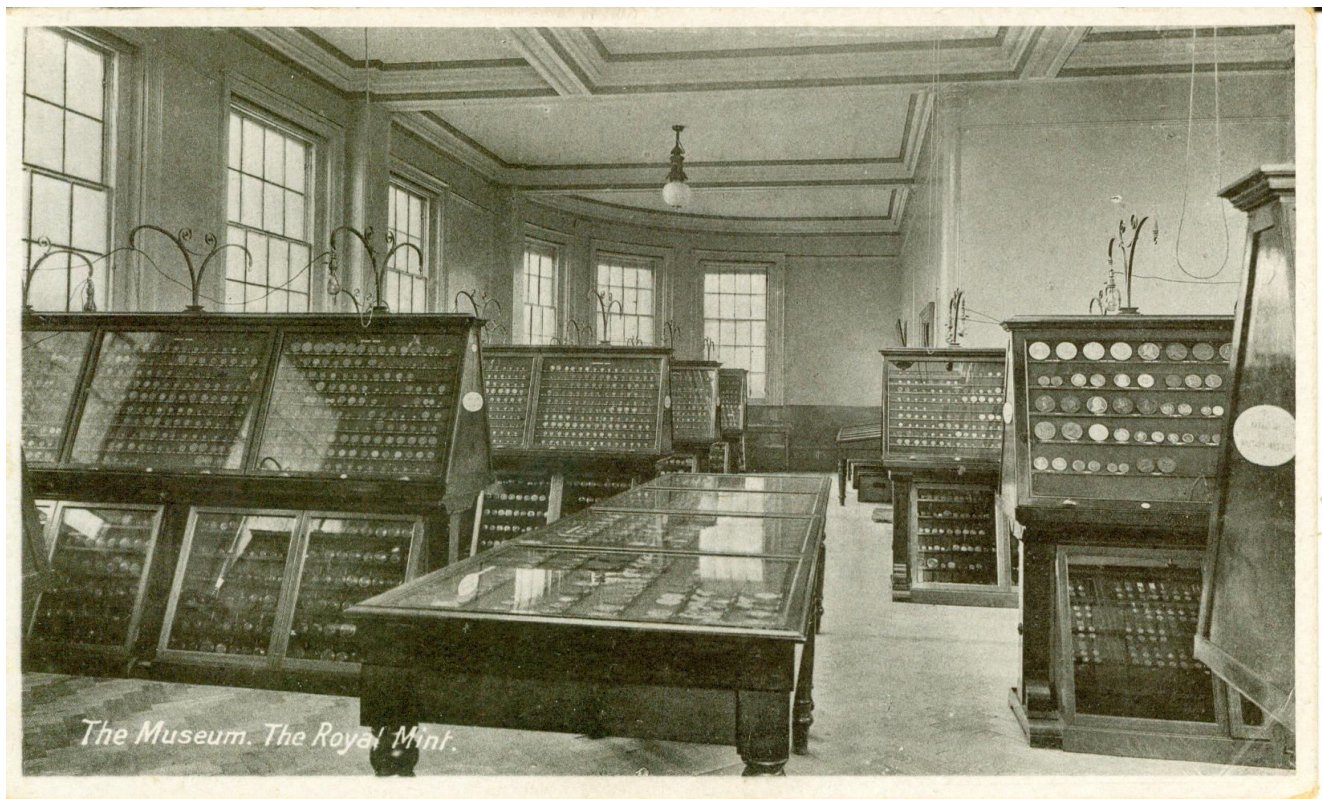
The Liechtenstein **krone** was the currency of Liechtenstein from 1898 to 1921. Their coins came in values of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 kronen. Mintages are very small and most coins are rare. Pictured below is another crown with this depicting Johann II. He was prince between 1858 and 1929. This makes his the second longest reign in European royal history, after Louis XIV of France.





## British Royal Mint Post Cards -- Part 2

Here we have a post card circa 1912 depicting the British Royal Mint's collection of coins. The Royal Mint Museum was established in 1816 by the Master of the Mint William Wellesley Pole. Pole wanted to guarantee *'a regular Deposit in the Office of His Majesty's Mint, of a Proof Impression of every Coin and of every Medal which, from this time forth, shall be struck at the Royal Mint; and which may also secure a Deposit of all original Matrixes and Puncheons...'*



*A postcard (circa 1912) depicting the British Royal Mint's collection.*

## Questions or Comments

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## Upcoming Meetings for 2006



September 25 – Computers  
by Mark Larson



October 23



November 27 - Pot Luck -  
Bourse Night

