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

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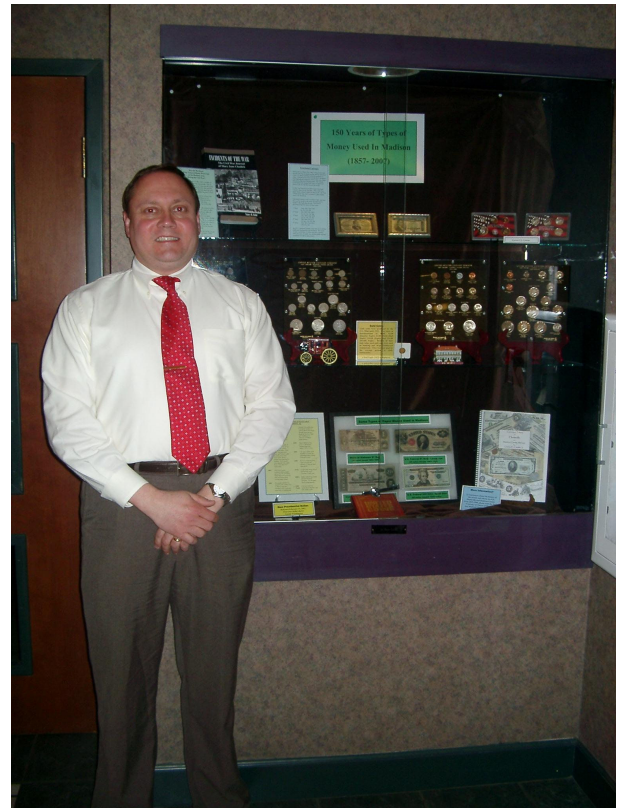
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President's Report

By: Harold Fears

At our last meeting, Richard Jozefiak presented his latest exhibit for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Madison, AL. This exhibit was displayed at the City of Madison Library during the month of March 2007. This exhibit "*150 Years of the Types of Money Used in Madison (1857-2007)*," illustrated the major types of money used in Madison and the surrounding area over the past 150 years.

The exhibit had a collection of type coins showing the major designs and denominations produced by the U.S. Mint that circulated in the area. The exhibit also displayed the major types of paper money used. Along with coins and paper money, books relating to the Madison area are also shown.



"150 Years of the Types of Money Used In Madison (1857-2007)" was Richard Jozefiak's exhibit at the City of Madison Library During the Month of March 2007.

June is Pot Luck Month !



The June meeting will be held Monday, June 25th at the Senior Center in Huntsville. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. As usual we will be meeting in the Ceramics Room. This is our semi-annual pot-luck meeting. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members.

Also, **Dennis DeLong** is our featured speaker for June. His presentation is “**Building a West Point Set.**”

I Like Ikes



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THE EISENHOWER DOLLAR was issued from 1971 to 1978. It has a _____ edge, measures 38.1mm in _____, and was struck by the United States Mint at _____, _____ and _____. The _____ is on the _____, above the date.

The obverse of the coin shows a left-facing portrait of the United States' 34th _____ (1953-61), Dwight David _____, who died in 1969. The reverse relates to another milestone of 1969, the _____ 11 _____, which put the first man on the _____: Neil _____. The design recalls the transmission describing the lunar module setting down on the _____ of Tranquility: "The _____ has landed."

Both sides were created by U.S. Mint _____ Engraver _____ Gasparro. His _____ "FG" are found on the obverse at the _____ of the bust and on the _____ below the eagle.

Collectors talk about the "Ike" dollar, referring to Eisenhower's nickname. He became a popular figure when he was a _____ during _____ War II; he commanded Allied forces on D-Day in 1944. His 1952 presidential campaign slogan was "I Like ____."

_____ dollars were made in 1975 and 1976 (and dated 1776-1976) in celebration of the United States _____. The reverse, by Dennis R. _____, shows the _____ and the moon. ©

APOLLO	MINTMARK
ARMSTRONG	MISSION
LIBERTY BELL	MOON
BICENTENNIAL	OBVERSE
DENVER	PHILADELPHIA
CHIEF	PRESIDENT
COMMEMORATIVE	REEDED
DIAMETER	REVERSE
EAGLE	SAN FRANCISCO
EISENHOWER	SEA
FRANK	TRUNCATION
GENERAL	WILLIAMS
IKE	WORLD
INITIALS	

TO SLAB OR NOT TO SLAB?

by

Bob Jaques

One of the main changes to the coin collecting hobby in the past 15 years has been the introduction of small, air-tight plastic containers, which are commonly referred to as "slabs."

The main reason to have one of your coins slabbed was to merely protect it from the elements that might cause some color change or damage. But today, companies that slab coins, which are called Grading Companies, not only protect them from damage or discoloration, but they also guarantee their authenticity. And in today's high number of counterfeit rare coins, this is an important feature. They also give each coin a grade and that grade eliminates most of the guesswork between buyers and sellers.

Going to a major coin show, or even to a small local coin show, the majority of coins on display are in these plastic slabs. Trading is often quite brisk and buyers and sellers are usually satisfied the money paid is right for that grade of coin.

The most highly regarded grading companies for accuracy are PCGS, NGC, ICG, and ANACS. Some of the lesser grading companies are PCI, SEGS, NCI, and INS.

As a die-hard opposed to making a change in my collecting habits, I have successfully avoided having any slabs in my collection...until recently. As a ANA member, I can use NGC to have coins slabbed by using my ANA membership number as a customer number. I have a nice 1909-S VDB cent that I sent off to NGC to have graded, and to make sure it is authentic. I read that this particular coin is one of the most counterfeited coins on the market.

So I sent in my 1909-S VDB cent and two 1982 Kennedy Halves without the designers initials (see my earlier article about this coin) to be authenticated and graded. In about two weeks, the three coins arrived in my mailbox and I must admit, I am pleased with them. My cent was authentic and graded F-15, and my halves are authentic errors in MS-63 and MS-64.

So now I have joined the thousands of collectors who now have slabbed coins in their collections. If you have rare coins you are concerned about being real, I recommend having them slabbed to insure their authenticity and to protect them as well.

So whether to "Slab or not to slab" is the question, but only you can provide the answer.

My View Point **On the ANA Elections**

by

Richard Jozefiak

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I have been asked by a number of American Numismatic Association (ANA) members over the past year on why they should vote in the upcoming ANA election this summer? What difference will their vote make? I have tried to come up with an answer to their questions.

Since I became a member of the ANA in 1990, I have voted in many ANA elections. From past elections, only about 15% of the ANA membership votes. In an organization of about 32,000 members, that means about 4800 votes or less are cast in an election. There have been many Governor positions over the years that have been decided by less than 100 votes.

The ANA is facing a major junction point in its future. The current ANA Board of Governors and Executive Director have one vision of the future direction of the organization, while other non-incumbent candidates have a different vision for the future direction of the ANA. Both sides have expressed their views in the different numismatic

press publications over the past many months.

From my prospective, the upcoming ANA election comes down to two main choices. Choice 1: Vote to support the vision and direction of the ANA by the current Board of Directors by re-electing them, or Choice 2: Vote to elect the non-incumbent candidates who want the opportunity to bring a different direction to the organization.

Each ANA member vote will be extremely important, and will carry more weight than ever before. For those ANA members who choose to vote, your vote will be critical to the future direction of the organization. For those ANA members who do not vote, you will let other people decide for you on the direction of the organization for many years to come. No organization is perfect, but voting is the only way to have your voice counted on the Board of Directors by electing the people that support your views. Take the time and make a difference by voting.

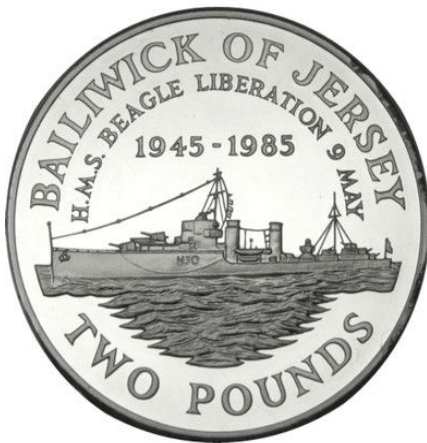
A Jersey Commemorative?

On the first of July 1940, the Island of Jersey was occupied by German troops and became, along with the other Channel Islands, the only British soil to be occupied during the Second World War.



On the 9th of May 1945, a British force liberated the island and the German Commanding Officer was taken aboard the H.M.S. Beagle where he signed terms of surrender.

The reverse design of this crown depicts the destroyer H.M.S. Beagle. The edge of the coin bears an incuse inscription recalling Winston Churchill's words "our



dear Channel Islands will also be freed today."

Have you found one?



Collectors are scrambling to find a new error that appears on some John Adams Presidential dollars. These error coins were run through the edge-lettering press twice so the 2007 date, mintmark, "In God We Trust" and "E Pluribus Unum" were impressed twice. Because the coins are fed into the edge-lettering press at random, the second impression also can be upside down when compared to the first. The spacing between letters varies. Some hobbyists are calling these double-edge-lettered dollars, but they are not related to doubled-dies in any way. They are selling online for hundreds of dollars.

***Please bring a friend to a meeting,
all are welcome!***

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. Local TV and radio stations will give notice of any Huntsville school closure.

Help!

If you are receiving the newsletter via the post and would like to help reduce the cost to the club, please consider receiving it via the web at <http://mccc.anacclubs.org/> . If this is feasible, please email me at hkfears@knology.net .

Questions or Comments

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Meetings for 2007



January 22 Bob Jaques presents "Military Payment Certificates"



February 26 "State of the Coin Market" by Charles Cataldo



March 26 David Hollander presents "An Introduction to the National Banknotes of the United States, Supported by the Alabama National Banknote Trial Census and the Alabama Collection"



April 23 Richard Jozefiak presents "The Modern British Sovereign and Half-Sovereign"



June 25 Pot Luck – Bourse Night – Dennis Delong presents "Building a West Point Set"



July 23 British Night by Bob Jaques



August 27 Dwight Maxwell presents Roman Coinage



September 24 – Computers by Mark Larson



October 22 – Commemoratives by Arthur Patrick



November 26 Pot Luck – Bourse Night

