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The President's Corner

A great way to beat this months heat is to be sure and come to the next Coin Club meeting at the air conditioned Senior Center.

It has been two months since our last meeting, and it's important to be at this meeting because it is our annual June potluck dinner and coin bourse.

Plan to participate in our bourse by bringing in coins and currency you want to sell or trade. There will be opportunities to buy what you need for your collection.

See you on **June 28th**.

Bob Jaques

The Jersey 1960 Proof Penny

By Harold Fears

In 1649, at the height of the English Civil War, King Charles I was executed. After the execution of Charles I in 1649, Jersey was the first place to proclaim his son King Charles II. (It was not until the end of the English Civil War in 1660, that he was actually crowned king in England.)



King Charles II

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

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On November 28, 1663, King Charles II presented to the Bailiff of Jersey the Royal Mace in gratitude for the loyalty and kindness he received during his two stays on the Island during the English Civil War. The Royal Mace is considered by many as one of the finest maces of the 17th century. It consists of 11 pieces and is made of silver gilt. The mace is 4' 9.5" long and weighs over 237 ounces (14 pounds, 13 ounces).

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*The reverse of the 1960 Jersey penny commemoratives
Charles II stay in Jersey*

In 1961 1,200 proof coins were made. A first order of 800 coins was completed by the end of February, while a second order of 400 coins was completed late in September. Then, in 1962 1,000 proof coins were made. Finally, in 1963 1,400 proof coins were made. The total mintage for the proof coins is 3,600. Krause has reported mintage of 4,200 for this proof issue, and

is incorrect.



The obverse of the 1960 penny

In 1968, it was discovered that a mistake was made in the production of the proof coins.



The mule obverse of the 1960 penny

These error coins -- or as numismatists like to call them mules -- were produced when the Royal Mint accidentally used a wrong obverse die when minting the proof sets. At first glance, the incorrect die

appears to be the one used on the Jersey 1945 Liberation issue. However, the Royal Mint destroyed these dies when a new design was introduced in 1957.

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The incorrect die is a British Caribbean Territories two cents die. The British Caribbean Territories two cents coin was the only coin of the same size, weight and alloy of the Jersey penny and incidentally had the inscription below the effigy. Although proof specimens of the British Caribbean Territories two cents coin and the Jersey penny were struck at the Royal Mint in each of the years 1961, 1962, and 1963, there was only one time, viz. from August the 8th through the 22nd, 1961 when obverse dies of both coins were held in the coin processing room die store. Evidently it was during this time period when the Royal Mint manufactured eighteen two cents proof coins for the Mint Museum, which this die was inadvertently used for the Jersey coins. As for the number of mules produce, an exact number is impossible to determine.

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However, it would be reasonable to assume that some normal proof coins were produced after August 22 and until late September when the order was completed. Also, we can assume that some normal proof coins were produced before August 8 and that striking continued concurrently with the striking of the Caribbean two cents coins. These mule coins are a tiny sub-set of the total 1960 proof mintage and thus, this coin is a modern rarity. ■

Coin Quiz

1. *What was the face value of the first U.S. nickel coin?*

- A. Three Cents
- B. Five Cents
- C. Ten Cents
- D. Twenty-Five Cents

2. *What was the last circulating U.S. coin that contained silver?*

- A. Peace Dollars
- B. War Nickles
- C. Kennedy Half Dollars
- D. State Quarters

3. *What was the first U.S. coin that used the words "In God We Trust?"*

- A. Two Cent Pieces
- B. War Nickels
- C. Buffalo Nickels
- D. Peace Dollars

3. *Whose portrait is featured on the Mercury Dime*

- A. "Mercury"
- B. Susan B. Anthony
- C. "Nemesis"
- D. "Liberty"

Answers on Page 6.

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Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter (see back page for address). Notices will be limited to a maximum of 8 lines, including the name and contact information. 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

Looking for world coins or tokens with sailing ships, or dragons. Interested in crowns, and smaller denominations. Silver, Cupero-Nickel, bronze, Aluminum and the like. Contact Mark at TheLarsens@bellsouth.net

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens. Contact: Richard at ANALMRJ@gmail.com or 256-337-5092

Looking for numismatic information concerning the Island of Jersey, Channel Islands. Especially interested in magazine or newspaper articles. Contact: Harold at hkfears@knology.net or 256-881-6268.



2 Dollar Coin
"Toonie"

Looking for circulated contemporary Canadian coins. Also have a few available, including some older items. Contact: Mike at mcampbell7@juno.com

June is Pot Luck Month



The June meeting is our annual mid-year potluck supper. The club will provide drinks, paper products and utensils. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members. It is also our bourse night. Come see what treasure you can find!

Answers to Coin Quiz

1. A - The "Three Cent Nickel" was produced from 1864 to 1869 and was America's first nickel coin.
2. C - While the mint began producing clad Dimes and Quarters in 1965, Kennedy Half Dollars minted from 1965 through 1969 contained 40% silver and were the last regularly minted, circulating coin made with that precious metal. The 1970 Half Dollar also had a 40 percent silver content but its distribution was limited to proof sets.
3. A - The Two Cent Piece which began production in 1864 was the first US coin to use the phrase "In God We Trust."
4. D - The personification of "Liberty" in a winged cap is represented on the Mercury Dime, not the Greek god of that name as is commonly believed.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Senior Center in Huntsville in the Ceramics Room. We meet on the fourth Monday each month except for May and December. Meetings start at 6:30 and typically end around 8:30. The Thomas W. Davidson, Sr. Senior Center is located at 2200 Drake Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL 35803

JANUARY 25

FYLING EAGLE CENTS 1856-1858 BY BOB JAQUES

SNACKS: BOB JAQUES

FEBRUARY 22

STATE OF THE COIN MARKET BY CHARLES CATALDO

SNACKS: HAROLD FEARS

MARCH 22

GSA CARSON CITY DOLLAR SALE BY MIKE FORD

SNACKS: JIM KEIRSTEAD

APRIL 26

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: ALASKA BY RICHARD JOZEFIAK

SNACKS: RICHARD JOZEFIAK

JUNE 28

ANNUAL POTLUCK AND BOURSE NIGHT

SNACKS: EVERYONE!

JULY 26

THE 1887 COINAGE FROM ENGLAND BY HAROLD FEARS

SNACKS: JOHN LINDBERG

AUGUST 23

Open.

SNACKS: MIKE FORD

SEPTEMBER 27

Open.

SNACKS: GREG WARD

OCTOBER 25

COMMEMORATIVE HALVES BY ROBERT PATRICK

SNACKS: NICK SKOGLAND

NOVEMBER 22

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AND BOURSE NIGHT

SNACKS: EVERYONE!

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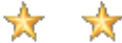

Can You Identify this Coin?



This is one year type coin. It is a dime size bronze coin. Can you identify it? The solution will be published next month in the newsletter.

Solution to last month's quiz: A Jamaican \$10 coin.

2010 Coin Shows Around Huntsville, AL Area

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Feb 13-14 <i>Sept 18-19</i> (tentative)	Pelham (Birmingham), AL	Central AL Coin Show Civic Center 500 Amphitheater Road Pelham, AL Sa 10 am – 6 pm Su 10 am – 3 pm	Dr. Carl Shory 205-620-0560	
Mar 5-7 Nov 5-7	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75 Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Gayle Pike 901-327-1703 901-210-7669 (cell) pikegk@aol.com www.tsns.org	
April 16-18	Dalton, GA	46 th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri- Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Chip Cutcliff 770-421-8387 chascoins06@yahoo.com www.gamoney.org	
May 7-8 (tentative) Oct 22-23 (tentative)	Huntsville, AL	Rocket City Coin Show Knights of Columbus Hall 3053 Leeman Ferry Road Huntsville, AL	Charles Cataldo AL Coin & Silver Co. 256-536-0262	
May 20-22	Nashville, TN	Whitman Coin and Collectibles Nashville Convention Center 601 Commerce Street Nashville, TN 45644	David Crenshaw info@whitmanexpo.com 404-214-4322	TBD- This is a new Whitman show, and will be large
July 16-18 (tentative)	Bessemer, AL	Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-939-1178 corbitchandler@bellsouth .net	
Aug 20-22	Dalton, GA	51 th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Su 10 am – 3 pm	Bob Hurst 321-383-1742 forvm@cfl.rr.com www.brna.org	

Richard's Rating:



Small coin show, no educational programs



Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs



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