

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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## The President's Corner

Harold Fears received another recognition for the MCCC Newsletter. The Madison County Coin Club's e-newsletter was been selected by a panel of judges to receive the second-place ANA Outstanding Club Publication Award in the "Electronic Newsletters" category. Congratulations Harold! Last month's coin auction went very well. Both members and the coin club benefited from sales. We hope to repeat the auction in the near future. Join us this month for Stan Benedict to continue his presentation on German coins.

Kurt

*"Numismatics, like some aspects of astronomy and natural history, remains a branch of learning in which the amateur can still do valuable work, and it is on the great collecting public, or rather on that part of which is interested in the subject at a scientific level, that the progress of numismatic science largely depends."*

Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics,  
University of Cambridge

## Some Rare New Zealand Decimal Currency Coins

There are few rare decimal currency coins. The most recent example is the 2004 5-cent coin. Although 15,000,000 coins were made, an unknown number of coins (but certainly less than 10,000) were issued for circulation. The first sale of the coin on Trade-Me, on 8 August 2006, generated huge interest and a sale price of \$360. Subsequent publicity saw 50-100 coins put up for sale. Prices were above \$100 in mid August 2006, despite the large number of competing auctions, but subsequently more were found in an overseas dealer's stock and prices are well down. This coin is still scarce in comparison with other modern New Zealand circulating coins. It will remain a collector's item.

Also, of recent interest are the 2005, 10, 20, and 50 cent circulated coins. These coins are available in a "Small change" set that was issued by NZ Post (the sets sold out rapidly; they also contain the new smaller coins). Five thousand sets were issued, and they contain identical coins to those in circulation. Because of this, the value of the individual coins will always be linked to the value of the Small Change sets. The sets have sold for \$100 or more. Individual coins have also been auctioned. Sales prices have ranged from about \$5 (50 cent coin) to \$100 (10 cent coin). These coins will remain collectable. Estimated numbers released (but not necessarily for circulation) are: 10 cent, 28,000; 20 cent, 178,000; 50 cent, 503,800. These numbers include 5,000 in each case for the "Small change" sets. Of course, most the coins released were returned to banks, and will have now been destroyed.

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Other rare decimal coins are:

- 1967 5 cent, “No sea”: Lines representing the sea missing to the right of the tuatara;
- 1967 5 cent, “No tail”: Small triangular area of tail under the tuatara’s chin missing;
- 1971 10, 20, 50 cent, circulated: Differ slightly from those in sets. Only rare in uncirculated condition.
- 1967 50 cent, “dot over 1”: A dot over the “1” in “1967”.

Numerous mule coins have been accidentally minted, at least two of which have ended up in circulation.

The first instance occurred in 1967, when the two cent coin was accidentally minted with the obverse of the Bahamian five cent coin.

Subsequent examples include a New Zealand 1981 5c obverse muled with a Canadian 10c reverse and a 1985 50c obverse muled with a Canadian \$1, both of which are extremely rare.

Another example occurred in 2000, with ten known instances of the commemorative \$5 coin found in uncirculated sets. This coin had the Pied Cormorant on the Reverse side, as did the other \$5 coins of the year, however the obverse was from Solomon Islands.

Though not technically a mule, a mix-up of a different kind arose in 1975 when some NZ 20c coins were accidentally struck on scalloped blanks intended for the Hong Kong \$2 coin. The obverse and reverse dies are correct for the NZ coins; only the blank is the incorrect shape.

An earlier reported instance of a mule involving the small-sized 20c coin introduced in 2006 with a Canadian 5c most probably relates to reports in the press of the discovery of Canadian 5c coins in mint rolls of NZ 20c coins, mainly in the Taranaki region; this was simply a packaging error and no actual muled coins are known.







"With Sea" - not valuable



"No Sea" - valuable



A very rare mule striking combining the obverse of the New Zealand 50 Cents with the reverse of the Canada Dollar.

# **Madison County Coin Club 4th of July Pot Luck Dinner and Buy, Sell and Trade Night**

**June 24, 2014**

By  
Richard Jozefiak

The Madison County Coin Club annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pot Luck and Buy, Sell and Trade Night was held on June 24, 2014. There was plenty of great food for members and guests to enjoy while buying, selling and trading numismatic items. The club auction was a success with all lots selling. Donated lots to the club raised almost \$30 for the club. The MCCC meets at the Huntsville Senior Center, Huntsville, AL.



Club Members Setting Up the Pot Luck Dinner  
(photo by Richard Jozefiak)





Members eating and looking at coins  
(photo by Richard Jozefiak)



Members eating pot luck dinner  
(photo by Richard Jozefiak)

## 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](mailto:TheLarsens@bellsouth.net)

**Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens.** Contact: Richard at [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hkfears@knology.net) or 256-881-6268.

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

**Selling Uncirculated set of Lincoln Cents 1934-1964:** All dates and mints from 1934 to 1964 with the exception of a missing 1960 small date. All cents grade from MS60 to MS65. Most are higher grade. Will sell all for \$175.00. If interested, let me know and I will bring to the next coin club meeting! Mike Ford 256-783-5433

## July is Obsolete Denomination Month

March is obsolete denomination month. So whether if you wish to trade, sell, or buy some two cents, three cents, or twenty cent pieces, the coin club's March meeting is the place to be!



*An 1833 half dime*

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



## The Club's Ten Year Anniversary Medal

The club had medals minted for the club's ten year anniversary. The medals are 1.75 inches in diameter and come in nickel, copper, and a golden material. If interested in owning these medals, see Richard at the meeting.



## Membership Dues

Your 2014 dues can be paid at the next meeting, or if you wish, you can send in your check to:

Mike Campbell  
15073 Ashmont Blvd  
Huntsville, AL 35803

Membership	Amount Due
Regular	<b>\$15.00</b>
	<b>Senior Rate</b>
	<b>\$12.00</b>
Spouse (same address as Regular member)	<b>\$5.00</b>
Young Numismatist (YN)- Persons 17 years or younger.	<b>\$5.00</b>
Young Numismatist	<b>\$5.00</b>
Young Numismatist	<b>\$5.00</b>
Family (all members of a family with the same address)	<b>\$25.00</b>

Please make check payable to Madison County Coin Club. Please support MCCC by promptly renewing you membership.

# 2014 Madison County Coin Club Program

## Refreshments and Programs Schedule

**NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY of the month**

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name Top Door Prize	Program- Title and Name
January 28	Kurt Springfield Top Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	German Coins- Stan Benedict
February 25	Richard Jozefiak  Top Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	ANA President Walter Ostromecki, program on 1. ANA Update 2. Dumb Coins 3. Awards
March 25	Bob Jaques Top Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo
April 22	Richard Jozefiak  Top Door Prize- Franklin Half Dollar	DVD- Art of Making the Rare Coin Deal by H. Robert Campbell (past ANA President)- Jozefiak
May- NO MEETING		
June 24	4th of July Pot Luck and Buy, Sell & Trade Night Top Door Prize- Franklin Half Dollar	
July 22	Robert Franklin Top Door Prize- Franklin Half Dollar	Open
August 26	John Lindburg Top Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	Examples of WWII Philippine Guerilla Currency- Bob Jaques
September 23	Open Top Door Prize- Franklin Half Dollar	Open
October 28	Harold Fears Nomination of 2015 Officers Top Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	Coins from Rhodesia- Harold Fears
November 25	Holiday Pot Luck and Buy, Sell & Trade Night Election of 2015 Officers Top Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	
December- NO MEETING		