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The President's Corner

Thanks to all who helped out with the Trivia Challenge. We are ready to submit our response and hope to win the challenge again. Get ready for another great program this month by Stan Benedict. Stan will be speaking on Zambia's Independence Coinage.

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

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Medallions

In 1897 Queen Victoria passed a landmark that no reigning monarch had managed since or before the Norman invasion of 1066; she celebrated her 60th year on the throne and reached her diamond jubilee. As in 1887 with the celebrations for her Golden Jubilee, many artefacts commemorating this feat were duly issued.

Description

This medallion was issued in several versions by T Brock and was issued as 'The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the official medal.'

Obverse

The obverse features the veiled bust of the 'old head' Victoria with the inscription: - VICTORIA ANNVM REGNI SEXAGESIMVM FELICITER CLAVDIT XX IVN MDCCCXCVII

Reverse

The reverse depicts the famous young head portrait of Queen Victoria with the date of her accession to the throne (1837) below. To either side of the portrait is the inscription: - LONGITVDO DIERVN IN DEXTERA EIVS ET IN SINISTRA GLORIA

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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

Jubilee Medal Technical Specifications

Description	Metal	Diameter	Weight	Fineness	AMW
1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Large Medallion	Gold	56	93	.916 (22)	2.74
1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Small Medallion	Gold	24.3	12.8	.916 (22)	0.3772
1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Large Medallion	Silver	56	84.52	.925	2.51
1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Small Medallion	Silver	25	9.70	.925	0.2884
1897 Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Large Medallion	Bronze	56	70		



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— Hor., Sat. I, i, 66.

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ANOTHER "1804 DOLLAR" FOUND.

AUGUST brings the story of the discovery of another "1804 Dollar." It is said that Mr. John Cunningham, of Leominster, Mass., while digging for fish-worms in the garden of his house on Pleasant street, "in one spadeful of earth which he turned over, struck something round and hard. Cunningham is a collector of old coins, and, thinking that he had struck some kind of coin, he examined and found it to be a piece of money, but it was so badly tarnished that he could not make it out. He took it into the house and put it into a solution of kerosene and alcohol and let it soak while he finished digging for fish-worms. He then gave the metal a thorough cleansing and scouring, and found that it was a silver dollar of 1804. The coin was not so badly damaged by the action of the earth, and after a liberal application of the solution and elbow-grease it was cleaned so that the figures and characters were as legible as they were the day the coin was minted."

Further particulars will be awaited with some interest, that the particular type and variety of this recent find may be learned, as there were no U. S. Dollars struck in 1804.

MCCC March 24, 2015 Meeting

By
Richard Jozefiak

The March 24 meeting had almost 20 members and guests to hear our speaker, Mr. Harold Fears of Huntsville, AL. He gave a presentation on “The 1811-1831 Copper Tokens from the Isle of Man”. The Isle of Man is located in the Irish Sea between Ireland and England, and has an interesting numismatic history. Harold gave a very informative presentation on the coinage of this island. Harold is also the MCCC vice-president and an ANA member.

For 2015, the following meeting dates still need a Refreshment Volunteer and/or a Program Volunteer.

<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Program</u>
	August 25
September 22	September 22
October 27	October 27

Please consider to bring refreshments or do a program. A program does NOT have to be a PowerPoint presentation. You can set up a display and tell about it, or bring an item(s) from your collection to tell the club members about them. Most presentations last between 10-30 minutes, sometimes longer. All presenters receive an ANA Educational Award.

If you are interested in learning about membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), please see me. The ANA provides many benefits and educational opportunities, and there are different membership levels.

MCCC belongs to the GNA and FUN (Florida United Numismatist), and both organizations award full ANA Summer Seminar scholarships each year. I encourage members whom belong to GNA and/or FUN to apply for the ANA Summer Seminar scholarships.

Upcoming meetings- Just a reminder that there is *NO May meeting*.

June 23 (4th Tuesday of the month, not the last Tuesday of the month of June). The program for the month is the club’s annual pot luck and auction night. Members please bring food to share with 6-8 people. The club provides the plates, cups, utensils, etc. for the pot luck.

For the auction, please remember that this is a cash auction, and money is collected from each lot as it sells. Small bills are very helpful. If you bring an item for the auction, please remember to complete the small auction form that identifies you and the item. Auction lots can be placed beginning at 6 pm. We try to keep the auction to about 50 lots.



Members and Guests before the start of the program



*Harold Fears (R) being presented the
ANA Educational Award by MCCC President Kurt Springfield (L)*

Richard Jozefiak for ANA Governor 2015

(LM-6087)

With non-profit experience, integrity, and dedication, I am running for ANA Governor in the 2015 election. Every vote counts and I would be honored to receive your vote.

I have over 20 years of ANA volunteer experience at the local level beginning as a club representative, district delegate, regional coordinator and currently being a district representative. I have served in Alabama, Florida and Virginia. I have been the district representative for Alabama since 2006.

At the national level, I have served on the Educational Committee (2008-09) and the Strategic Planning Committee (2011-12).

I have experience serving on the Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) Board of Governors. I am also the advertising manager for the GNA Coin Show, one of the largest coin shows in the country.

I am committed to the ANA vision of being: "The most respected, influential, and beneficial numismatic association focused on education, fellowship, and public service."

As ANA Governor, I will work to:

- Maintain financial discipline with a balanced budget
- Explore new donation programs and policies to expand donations
- Work with ANA staff on program development
- Support the ANA Road Show

I will bring over 30 years of professional experience of project management, budget, planning and government

experience to the Board of Governors. I believe the Board of Governors needs members with a wide scope of professional skills and experience to support and work for the leading numismatic organization in the country.

Some major numismatic awards received: Numismatic Ambassador Award (2013), Adna Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence (2014), Medal of Merit (2011), Century Award for member recruitment (2011), Outstanding District Representative (2010, 2009), and Georgia Numismatic Association Outstanding New Board Member (2012).

I have published over 100 numismatic articles in local, state, regional and national numismatic press over the years. I have also exhibited at many state, regional, and national coin shows.



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MCCC MEMBER ATTENDS GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION

By
Bob Jaques

When the postal worker from Florida landed on the ground of the U.S. Capitol Building, I was in the 30 minute lockdown initiated by the Capitol Police. However, my main reason for being in the Capitol Building on Wednesday, April 15, was to attend the Ceremony for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

This Gold Medal is the highest honor Congress can bestow on any person or organization. The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders were recognized for their heroic flight 73 years earlier to bomb Japan. Their mission was a direct response by the United States to avenge the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. The damage inflicted on the Japanese was minimal, but it proved to the Japanese they were vulnerable to attack.

Six of the leaders of the U.S. House made their brief remarks to an audience of about 250 friends and supporters of the Raiders. The event was held in Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitors Center.

The last two surviving Raiders, out of 80 that flew the mission, were unable to attend due to another event at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio on April 18th. Lt.Col. Dick Cole, the co-pilot on Plane #1, and Staff Sgt. David Thatcher, the engineer-gunner on Plane #7 will present the Gold Medal to the Air Force Museum on April 18th to be placed on permanent display with other Raider artifacts.

Congressman Mo Brooks, R-Huntsville commented on the Doolittle Raiders, "The heroic actions of the Doolittle Raiders brought about a much needed victory for America and was a critical turning point in World War II".

The 3" pure gold Medal was on display during the ceremony. The U.S. Mint makes a 3" and a 1-1/2" bronze copy of the medal to be sold to the public after the gold Medal is presented.



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 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.

April 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.

2015 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4th TUESDAY of the month

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name
January 27	Richard Jozefiak Door Prize- Franklin Half	The World of Elongates- Richard Jozefiak
February 24	Candy Albright Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo
March 24	Open Door Prize- Franklin Half	The Isle of Man 1811-1831 Copper Tokens – Harold Fears
April 28	Robert Franklin Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	Zambia's Independence Coinage. Stan Benedict
May- NO MEETING		
June 23	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- Franklin Half	
July 28	George Baker Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	TBD Bob Jaques
August 25	Bob Baker Door Prize- Franklin Half	Open
September 22	Open Door Prize- Franklin Half	Open
October 27	Open Nomination of 2015 Officers Door Prize- Peace Dollar	Open
November 24	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2015 Officers Door Prize- Franklin Half	
December- NO MEETING		

2015 Coin Shows in the Huntsville, AL Area

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Jan 8-11	Orlando, FL	60 th FUN Convention (Florida United Numismatists) Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive Orlando, FL	Cindy Wibker 407-321-8747 CWibker@aol.com www.funtopics.com	+++
Feb 28 May 16 Sept 19 Nov 21	Pelham, AL	Central Alabama Coin Show Pelham Civic Complex 10 am- 4 pm 500 Amphitheater Road Pelham, AL (I-65, Exit 246, follow signs)	Carl Shory 205-620-0560 sbshory@gmail.com	+
Mar 6-8 Nov TBD	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 17-19	Dalton, GA <i>ANA Road Show at this event!</i>	51 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	+++
July TBD	Bessemer, AL	Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-939-1178 corbitchandler@bellsouth.net	++
Aug 11-15	Chicago, IL	ANA World's Fair of Money Donald E. Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, IL Tu-Sat 10 am – 6 pm	ANA Convention Staff 800-367-9723 www.worldsfairofmoney.com	+++
Aug 21-23	Dalton, GA	56th 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	Blenda Brush Jbrush2@gmail.com 864-617-3378 www.brna.org	+++

NOTE: Before traveling any distance, it is recommended to check with the show contact to see if there are any changes.

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- +++