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## The President's Corner

Thanks to all who participated in the auction last month. If you missed the auction we will have another one at the end of the year. A special thanks to Bob Jaques for efforts with the medal for the Doolittle Raiders. This a great way to remember this historic event.

Kurt

## THE TOKEN COLLECTORS HALFPENNY of 1797

Late in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the desire by British numismatists for collecting tokens caused a trade to spring up. So much so that tokens holding up these collectors to ridicule were actually struck and sold. Once such token is called the "*THE TOKEN COLLECTORS HALFPENNY*". The obverse depicts a collector smoking a pipe and seated at a table on which are a number of coins is having a fool's cap placed on his head by an old man. The legend "**TOKEN COLLECTOR'S HALFPENNY PAYABLE ON DEMAND 1796**". The reverse of this token is two boys riding a race upon asses. The legend states "**ASSES RUNNING FOR HALFPENCE**". The edge inscription reads "**ANY SUM GIVEN FOR SCARCE ORIGINAL IMPRESSIONS**".

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## THE TOKEN COLLECTORS HALFPENNY



# COUNTERFEIT COIN DETECTION CLASS AT SUMMER SEMINAR

By  
*Bob Jaques*

Being one of two Georgia Numismatic Associations (GNA) scholarship recipients for the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) educational Summer Seminar, the opportunity was a fantastic experience.

The Summer Seminar covered two weeks from June 20 thru July 2. My class on *Counterfeit Coin Detection* was during the first week. The class consisted of about 15 people from all over the United States, and was taught by longtime coin dealer Brian Silliman from Los Angeles. His assistant instructor was Jim Robinson, a numismatist from the large bullion company APMEX.

After signing in at the registration table on the first day, participants were able to eat a deli-style buffet and get to meet other attendees. After dinner, everyone assembled in a large meeting room to be welcomed by ANA Staffers and Summer Seminar instructors.

Summer Seminar is held on the campus of Colorado College while the College students are away for the summer months. Summer Seminar students can either stay in the College dorms or stay off-campus.

One of the people at Summer Seminar I was pleased to meet and talk with was Kenneth Bressett, the editor of the famous Red Book. He has written many different books related to numismatics and is considered one of the best authorities on the subject.

Classes began on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>. I had chosen my *Counterfeit Coin Detection* class because as a longtime numismatist I have bought and appraised large coin collections. It is important for me to expand my knowledge in determining genuine from fake coins and vice versa.

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**<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>**

Colorado College is only a block away from the ANA Money Museum, where hundreds of rare coins are on display. It has the famous 1913 Liberty Nickel and the 1804 Silver Dollar each worth over a million dollars.

The ANA Money Museum also has a large Library that ANA members can utilize either in person or by mail. The Library has an annual book sale during Summer Seminar, and many old books are sold to Summer Seminar students at bargain prices.

The class on *Counterfeit Coin Detection* not only talked about different methods used by counterfeiters to make fake coins, but it also included coins with altered dates and mint marks. Crooks go to a lot of trouble to fool collectors and the public, but there is always some important feature or detail that finds them out.

With the high-tech machinery available today to transfer images into dies, it is harder and harder to detect a well-made fake. Most of today's fakes are coming from China where it is not illegal to make fake rare coins from other Countries.

My class spent two days of looking at hundreds of fake or altered coins mixed in with genuine coins to practice telling them apart. I must admit that the gold coins were the hardest for me to identify as either fake or genuine, but after looking at many of them I could begin to properly pick out the genuine coins. On gold the first diagnostic is the color difference between a fake and genuine coin.

Detecting counterfeit coins takes experience, and my class was a beginning for me.

Mixed in with the educational class was the opportunity to have some sight-seeing. I went to the top of Pike's Peak; visited an old original gold mine 1,000 feet underground; and toured the Air Force Academy.

The classroom study concluded after four days and then the graduation dinner on the fourth night. Students are able to keep their textbooks for future reference.

I am grateful to the Georgia Numismatic Association for giving me the opportunity to attend Summer Seminar; to meet new and interesting people; to tour the ANA Money Museum; and learn about *Counterfeit Coin Detection* that I can use in my future numismatic experience.



# MCCC June 23, 2015 Meeting

By  
*Richard Jozefiak*

The June 23 meeting had many members and guests for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pot Luck Dinner and Auction. There was plenty of food for the pot luck. The auction sold over 60% of the lots.

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

<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Program</u>
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.



*Members enjoying the pot luck dinner*



*Kurt Springfield was the auctioneer for the night*



*Club members bidding during the auction*



# Die Varieties of the 1893 Guernsey Eight Doubles

The Guernsey eight doubles of 1893 was minted at the Heaton Mint in Birmingham. It also has a small mintage of only 117,600 pieces. A variety of this coin has larger letters for DOUBLES and larger date figures. If you have only one of these coins to look at and wonder which variety you have, the center of the 8 in the date doesn't touch on the small letters variety, while it touches on the large letters one. It is my opinion that the larger date is the harder one to find.



*Two varieties exist for the Guernsey 1893 Eight Doubles coin.*



*Large Date.*



*Small Date.*

*Varieties can be determined by comparing the 8 in 1893 or  
the size of the letters (especially the L and the E).*



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL

## Doolittle's Raiders

*Airmen who made the courageous first attack on Japan during WWII are recognized for their service.*

➤ ON APRIL 15, 2015, members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony at Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. The 17th Bombardment Group, led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle during World War II, made the first strike against Japan on April 18, 1942. The risky mission called for the raiders to take off from the deck of the U.S.S. *Hornet* (CV-8) aircraft carrier approximately 450 miles from Japan, bomb specific Japanese targets and fly to safety in unoccupied areas of China.

Their mission did not go as planned. Dwindling fuel supplies forced the 16 B-25 bombers to make emergency landings at sea, bail out, or crash-land in China. One of the five-member crews was forced to land in the Soviet Union, where the men were held prisoner for 13 months. Created by U.S. Mint engravers in collab-

oration with designers from the mint's Artistic Infusion Program (AIP), the medal's design honors the bravery of the 17th Bombardment Group. The obverse, designed by AIP artist Chris Costello and U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver Don Everhart, depicts a B-25B Mitchell aircraft launching off the U.S.S. *Hornet*. Sixteen stars represent the flight crews. The inscription reads DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS, FIRST STRIKE and APRIL 18, 1942, the date the men went into battle.

The reverse design, created by AIP artist Donna Weaver and Sculptor/Engraver Joseph Menna, features three B-25B Mitchell aircraft and four patches representing the four squadrons (34th, 37th, 89th and 95th). The reverse inscription, TOUJOURS AU DANGER, translates "Always to (the) Danger," signifying the risks of battle and the commitment of U.S. Armed Forces to spring into action.

To purchase a 38.1mm bronze reproduction of the medal for \$6.95 or a 76.2mm medal for \$39.95, visit [catalog.usmint.gov](http://catalog.usmint.gov).

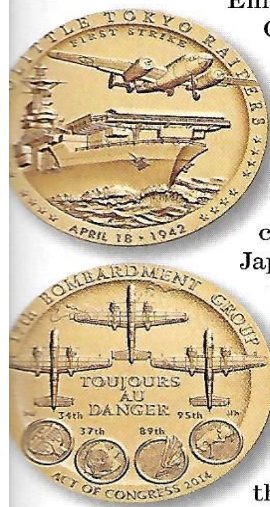
➤ As a lieutenant colonel, Jimmy Doolittle led the 17th Bombardment Group in the first air raid of Tokyo on April 18, 1942. The planes took off from the deck of the U.S.S. *Hornet*, 450 miles from Japan.



the Doolittle Raiders brought about a much needed victory for America and were a critical turning point in World War II."

The 3-inch, pure gold medal was on display during the ceremony. In addition, two commemorative covers, cancelled "Washington, D.C. April 15, 2015," were prepared in quantities of 100 each. Some were given to the two surviving Raiders; some were presented to officials of the Raider organization; and some were sold as souvenirs.

—Bob Jaques



## ANA Member Attends Medal Presentation in Washington

When a Florida postal worker illegally landed his gyrocopter on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building on April 15, I was on the premises. Along with other visitors and staff, I waited while the Capitol was in lockdown for 30 minutes.

My main reason for being there on that Wednesday was to attend the ceremonial presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders." The Capitol police thought the gyrocopter incident would delay the medal presentation, but it did not. The ceremony was held promptly at 3 p.m. as planned.

This gold medal is the highest honor Congress can bestow on any person or organization. The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders were recognized for their heroic bombing mission 73 years earlier. The medal ceremony, held in Emancipation Hall at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, was impressive and attended by about 250 friends and supporters of the Raiders. The famous U.S. Army Band from Fort Myer, Virginia, performed patriotic music. Six members of Congress made brief remarks to the audience: House representatives Pete Olson (R-Texas), Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana), and

Nancy Pelosi (D-California); and Senate representatives Dick Durbin (D-Illinois), Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), and Sharrod Brown (D-Ohio).

The last two surviving Raiders, out of 80 that flew the mission over Japan, were unable to attend due to another event at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday, April 18. Lieutenant Colonel Dick Cole, the co-pilot on Plane #1, and Staff Sergeant David Thatcher, the engineer-gunner on Plane #7, presented the gold medal to the Air Force Museum on April 18 to be placed on permanent display with other Raider artifacts.

Congressman Mo Brooks (R-Alabama) commented on the airmen's achievement, stating, "The heroic actions of

# The 1897 Queen Victoria Medals Excerpted from the

## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE DEPUTY MASTER AND COMPTROLLER  
OF THE MINT,

1897.

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The year under review is remarkable for having witnessed the completion of the 60th year of the Queen's beneficent reign a reign which has extended over a longer period of time than that of any one of Her Majesty's predecessors In January I received instructions from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to prepare designs for a medal to commemorate this felicitous event Early in February the Queen was pleased to approve that the medal should bear on the obverse Her effigy as delineated by Mr Brock for the existing coinage and on the reverse Her effigy as portrayed by the late Mr William Wyon for the coinage introduced at the commencement of Her Majesty's reign Drawings were accordingly prepared by the Engraver to the Mint Mr De Saulles and an inscription was placed on the obverse to mark the occasion on which the medal was struck in the following words VICTORIA ANNVM HEGNI SEXAGESIMVM FELICITER CLAVDIT XX IVN MDCCCXCVII On the reverse the inscription was adapted from the Vulgate Proverbs III v 16 to the following effect LONGITVDO DIERVVM IN DEXTERA EIVS ET IN SINISTRA GLORIA WORDS COMPLYING with the idea of the young Queen ascending Her throne bearing in either hand the gifts of Wisdom gifts which during Her reign have been so abundantly increased At the base of the effigy an arrangement of olive branches denoting prosperity and the date of the year of Her Majesty's accession 1837 completed the medal The Queen having signified Her assent Mr De Saulles was instructed to proceed with the engraving of the matrices and punches according to the designs submitted a work which he carried out with great skill to a satisfactory result The simplicity of the treatment as well as the excellence of the engraving no doubt contributed to the great demand which arose immediately on the issue of the medal and the following particulars will show how great that demand has been The medal was struck in two sizes the large 2 6 inches in diameter the small 1 inch in diameter There had been some desire expressed for a special coinage on this occasion but it was considered undesirable to multiply the types of coins in circulation especially as new designs had been adopted in the last few years which had given general satisfaction The striking of a commemorative medal in coin size would it was hoped meet in some degree the wishes of those desiring a special coinage The large medal was issued in three metals fine gold fine silver and copper bronzed the small in two metals fine gold and fine silver The first issue was made on June 16th and no applications were received after 15th November The Banks of England Ireland and Scotland undertook to receive applications and to distribute the medals in the three Kingdoms It is difficult to express adequately to the managers of these great Institutions my gratitude for the invaluable assistance which they have afforded the Mint and for their public spirit in this matter The task involved a great deal of trouble exposed them to much grumbling when medals were not forthcoming in accordance with the expectations of an eager public and was performed without charge Up to the 31st of December 1897 there were issued 3,115 large gold medals at the price of 13Z apiece 18,671 small gold medals at 21 apiece 13,249 large silver medals at 10s apiece 215,646 small silver medals at 1s apiece and 13,113 bronze medals at 4s and 3 apiece a total of 264,294 medals With the exception of the bronze medals at 3 and the small silver medals all were enclosed in red leather boxes



stamped with the Imperial crown find the dates 1837 1897 The total number of orders received has been as follows

	Gold.		Silver.		Bronze.	Total.
	Large.	Small.	Large.	Small.		
<b>Bank of England :—</b>						
London... ..	2,477	11,600	17,409	135,958	25,257	192,701
Birmingham ... ..	77	361	769	11,396	1,171	13,774
Bristol ... ..	89	645	962	8,118	1,531	11,345
Hull ... ..	27	134	189	1,666	266	2,282
Leeds ... ..	69	429	507	4,521	503	6,029
Liverpool ... ..	160	784	1,322	10,520	2,527	15,313
Manchester ... ..	260	2,001	1,906	18,859	3,004	26,030
Newcastle ... ..	72	464	589	5,361	1,036	7,522
Plymouth ... ..	15	79	208	1,784	313	2,399
Portsmouth ... ..	15	86	157	1,717	290	2,265
	3,261	16,583	24,018	199,900	35,898	279,660
<b>Bank of Scotland :—</b>						
Edinburgh ... ..	396	2,591	3,074	39,383	5,201	50,645
<b>Bank of Ireland :—</b>						
Dublin ... ..	52	224	352	4,500	512	5,640
<b>Miscellaneous ... ..</b>	26	55	238	2,161	371	2,851
	3,735	19,453	27,682	245,944	41,982	338,796







Up to the present date all applications have been met with the exception of those for bronze medals of which 17,400 have still to be struck I may point out that the form of these medals added considerably to the difficulty of turning them out They have no rimmed edge and require trimming and handling after each blow to a greater extent than in the case of the ordinary pattern of medals such as are issued for military service As a rule the large medals required six blows each in gold four blows in silver and four blows in copper The small medals especially burred considerably and the trimming and edging required very careful treatment and a considerable number were rejected until experience was gained in the work Polished dies were not used as a highly polished table would not have been suitable to the



arrangement adopted and is not so agreeable or artistic in effect as a dull table. The large silver medals were also subjected to treatment to lessen the bright surface produced by striking and to obtain a pleasing result of light and shade. In this case again experience yielded better results. The small silver medals were also specially treated although in a less degree. The copper medals were bronzed at first by being coated with oxide of iron and raised to a certain definite temperature in a furnace but after a lengthened series of very careful experiments Professor Roberts Austen was enabled to produce far more satisfactory and rapid results by immersing them in a specially prepared bath. A description of the processes adopted will be found in his Memorandum. Illustrations of the medals accompany this Report. It will be seen that the small medal was reproduced in diamond shaped form with a ring to be worn as a decoration with a ribbon. The decoration was executed in fine gold and in fine silver the former being bestowed by Her Majesty on the Lord Mayors and Lord Provosts of the United Kingdom and the latter on the Mayors and Provosts. The ribbon to be worn was light blue in the centre with two narrow bright blue stripes on either side fringed with a light blue border. This combination of colour is the reverse of that adopted for the medals distributed by the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887. It may be interesting to add that on that occasion the total number of Commemorative Medals delivered amounted to 944 in gold, 2,289 in silver and 4,257 in bronze. These were all large sized medals and the great increase in the demand on the present occasion may be attributed not only to the reduced prices but also to the wider interest evoked and perhaps to the more general approval of the design and treatment of the medal itself. In 1887 specimen coins of the new coinage issued in that year were struck concurrently with these medals and their place was taken on the present occasion to some extent by the small medals. I may mention as illustrative of the far greater work now thrown upon the Mint that in 1887 the bronze medals were executed at Birmingham and that the total issue extended from the 18th July 1887 to the 26th February 1889.



## 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](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.

## July is Obsolete Denomination Month

July 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 July meeting is the place to be!



*An 1833 half dime*

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



## **MCCC is now on Facebook**



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The newly created Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to: <http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

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## **Membership Dues**

Your 2015 dues can be paid at the next meeting, or if you wish, you can send in your check to:

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

## 2015 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	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	Detecting Counterfeit Coins -- Bob Jaques
August 25	Open 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	+++

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**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- +++