Madison County

Coin Club of Huntsville, Alabama





August 2015

The President's Corner

If you are wanting to buy or sell numismatic items or just want talk with other coin collectors, we are always available in our normal meeting place starting at 6:00pm. We are happy to provide this pre-meeting opportunity, but will also remain faithful to our start time of 6:30 to begin our prepared program.

Also, we have an opportunity to lead classes to be held at the Huntsville public library on numismatics topics and promote our coin club to the general public. If you are wanting to help out, please let me know.

Kurt

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MCCC is now on Facebook



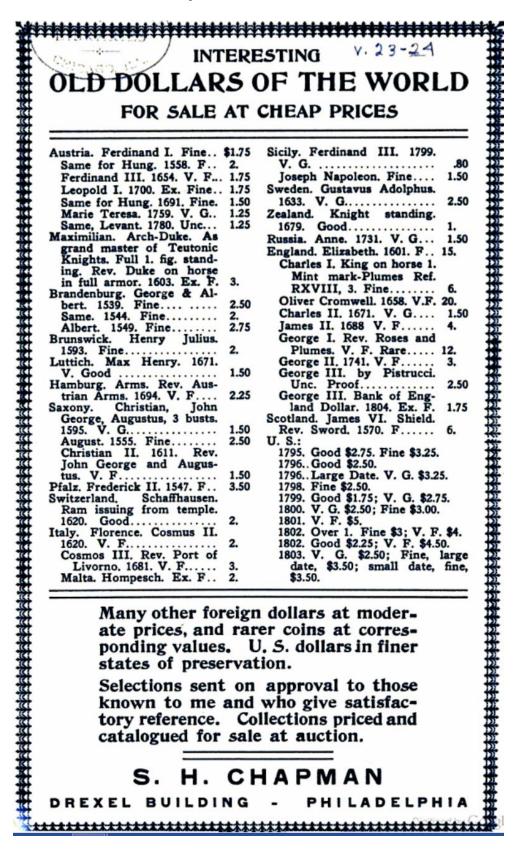
The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The newly created Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to: <u>http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCounty</u> <u>CoinClub</u>.

Post comments - Visit the page and don't forget to "Like" us.

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.



MCCC July 28, 2015 Meeting By Richard Jozefiak

The July 28 meeting had 15 members at the meeting. The program for the evening was a presentation by Bob Jaques on "Detecting Counterfeit Coins". His presentation covered a number of ways to check coins to see if they are counterfeit.

The presentation was based on the ANA Summer Seminar Class Bob took in July in Colorado Springs, CO. Bob was a recipient of a Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) full scholarship. MCCC is a member club of GNA.

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

Refreshments	Program
September 22	September 22
October 27	October 27

Please consider to bring refreshments or do a program. A program does <u>NOT</u> 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.



Members at start of meeting



Bob Jaques speaking



MCCC President Kurt Springfield (L) presenting Bob Jaques (R) with ANA Educational Award

From the October 1911 issue of The Numismatist

A FABLE.

A dollar and a cent once happened to be together in the same pocket, and the dollar began to put on airs. "I am a big gun," said the dollar, "and you are nobody. I am white and bright, and you are only a dull mud-colored little Indian. I am religious, for I am all the time saying, 'In God we trust,' and you are only a pagan I am patriotic, for on one side I have the American eagle and on the other the Goddess of Liberty, and I buy lots of fireworks on the Fourth of July. I am heavenly-minded, for I have the stars to think about, and you don't have anything. I am precious, for I am nice bright silver, and everybody wants me; but you are the base copper, and nobody cares a snap for you."

"That may all be so," said the poor little cent. "You may be more patriotic than I am and more religious than I am, but I go to church more than you do and am found in the contribution box oftener than you are."—Lyons Republican.

Membership Dues

Your 2015 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	\$15.00
	Senior Rate
	\$12.00
Spouse (same address	\$5.00
as Regular member)	
Young Numismatist	\$5.00
(YN)- Persons17 years	
younger.	
Young Numismatist	\$5.00
Young Numismatist	\$5.00
Family (all members	\$25.00
of a family with the	
same address)	

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

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 <u>ANALMRJ@gmail.com</u> or 256-337-5092

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

August is Foreign Coin Month

August is foreign coin month. So whether if you wish to trade, sell, or buy some foreign coins, the coin club's August meeting is the place to be!



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



Coins from the Territory of New Guinea

Between 1929 and 1945 a total of thirteen coins were struck for the British Territory of New Guinea. The first of these, the 1929 half penny and penny saw 25,000 and 63,000 pieces produced respectively, but they were not released in circulation and most were destroyed. Both denominations featured a similar design, with imperial royal elements on the obverse and examples of Native Guinean art on the reverse. The reason of the withdrawal was the similarity of the two denominations to size of the six pence and shilling of Australia, both of which were struck in silver and obviously more valuable. Since there was a remote chance that the coins would make it back to Australia and put into bank rolls as the more valuable Australian coins it was decided that the coins should be send back to the Australian continent and destroyed. Approximately 400 coins of each were retained by the Melbourne Mint (where all New Guinea coins of this period were struck) and later sold to collectors. Without a doubt these two issues are now the keys of the set and have sold for several thousand dollars each at auction.

Descriptions of the designs and physical data of the coins for the Territory of New Guinea were published in Coinage Proclamations No's 1 and 2, in the New Guinea Gazette and were deemed to have operated from 2 December 1935. The information however, was found to be inaccurate and these two proclamations were rescinded and replaced by the following, Coinage Proclamation No. 3:

ORDINANCE

by the Administrator of the Territory of New Guinea under the Currency Coinage and Tokens Ordinance 1922-1935.

WHEREAS by section fifteen of the Currency Coinage and Tokens Ordinance 1922-1935 it is amongst other things proved that the Administrator may by proclamation determine the dimensions of the design for any Territory coins:

AND WHEREAS by Coinage Proclamation No. 1 and Coinage Proclamation No. 2, each dated the eleventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, the Administrator determined the dimensions of and design for each of the Territory coins known as the shilling, the sixpence, the threepence and the penny:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to revoke the said Proclamations and to issue a Proclamation in Substitution for those Proclamations:

NOW THEREFORE I, Walter Ramsay McNicoll, the Administrator of the Territory of New Guinea, do hereby revoke the said Coinage Proclamation No. 1 and Coinage Proclamation No. 2 and determine that —

1. Every Territory coin shall be circular, shall have a concentric hole and shall approximate in dimensions to the dimensions specified for coins of the same denomination in the following table:

Denomination of coin	Diameter of Coin.	. Diameter of Hole	Thickness of coin where not raised or embossed.
Shilling	.9335	178	064
Sixpence	.738	155	055
Threepence	6426	1385	0455
Penny	1.068	1462	061

2. Every Shilling and Sixpence shall have a milled edge and every threepence and penny shall have a plain edge.

3. The designs for the said coins shall be as follows:

(a) Every shilling shall have on the obverse side an Imperial Crown above the hole, two royal sceptres crossed below the hole, a necklet of dogs' teeth entwining the sceptres, a seven-pointed star between the bases of sceptres, and in the margin the inscription GEORGIUS V. D.G. REX ET IND. IMP. and on the reverse side four oblong representations of a native carving extending from the hole, in the form of a Greek cross interspersed by four narrow pointed representations of a native carving and in the margin two inscriptions TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA and ONE SHILLING together with the year of the coin in figures;

(b) Every sixpence shall have on the obverse side an Imperial Crown above the hole, the Imperial monogram G.R.I, below the hole and the year of the coin across the coin — two figures on either side of the hole — and on the reverse side, symmetrically surrounding the hole, a representation of the stone head of a native war club in the form of an eight-pointed star, and in the margin two inscriptions TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA and SIXPENCE;

(c) Every threepence shall have on the obverse side an Imperial Crown above the hole, the Imperial Monogram G.R.I, below the hole, and the year of the coin across the coin — two figures on either side of

the hole — and on the reverse side symmetrically surrounding the hole, a square surmounting a representation of the stone head of a native war club with four points, one point projecting symmetrically from each side of the square and in the margin two inscriptions — TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA and THREEPENCE; and

(d) Every penny shall have on the obverse side an Imperial Crown above the hole, the Imperial Monogram G.R.I, below the hole, and, on either side of the hole, representations of ornamental carvings on native war canoes — and on the reverse side, surrounding the hole, representations of native ornamental carving, and in the margin two inscriptions TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA and ONE PENNY together with the year of the coin in figures.

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After the two failed denominations which were never released into circulation it would take another six years before the next coins specifically meant for New Guinea would be struck in Australia. In 1935 three denominations were released, a three pence struck in copper-nickel (mintage 1,200,000), a six pence struck in copper-nickel as well (mintage 2,000,000) and a shilling struck in sterling (.925 fine) silver (mintage 2,100,000). All coins of New Guinea were designed by English artist George Kruger Gray, known for many coin designs of Great-Britain and its territories struck during this the first half of the 20th century. The obverse of the three pence featured a crown, the date and the monogram "G.R.I" (GEORGIUS REX IMPERATOR), the reverse a representation of a stone head of a native war club. The six pence had a similar obverse, while the reverse featured an 8-

pointed star which also was a stone head of a native war club. The shilling, interestingly, copied the design of the ill-fated 1929 issues, with minor modifications.

In 1936 a bronze penny was introduced, with a total of 360,000 coins struck for circulation. The design was different from the penny struck in 1929. It featured a stylistic design with swimming birds, a crown and the monogram "E.R.I" (EDWARDUS REX IMPERATOR) on the obverse. The reverse shows a representation of native New Guinean ornamental carving. This coin is one of the few coins of British territories that bears a reference to the short-lived King Edward VII, who ruled briefly in 1936 before handing the thrown to his brother, George VI. The only other denomination dated that year was the shilling, with 1,360,000 pieces produced. This coin, unlike the penny, did still feature the name of George V.

No coins were struck for New Guinea in 1937, and in 1938 the penny (mintage 360,000) and shilling (mintage 3,400,000) were struck, both now with either the monogram or full title of George VI. The final issues were struck during World War II, when New Guinea was mostly in the hands of the Japanese during the New Guinea Campaign of 1942-1945. Coinage issues during this period were the penny in 1944 (mintage 240,000), the three pence in 1944 (mintage 500,000), the six pence in 1943 (mintage 130,000) and finally the shilling in 1945 (mintage 2,000,000). No more coins would be struck for the territory and in 1949 Papua and New Guinea united to form the new territory of Papua New Guinea, which used mostly Australian coinage until independence in 1975.



2015 Madison County Coin Club Program **Refreshments and Programs Schedule** <u>NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4th TUESDAY of the month</u>

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name	
January 27	<i>Richard Jozefiak</i> Door Prize- Franklin Half	<i>The World of Elongates</i> Richard Jozefiak	
February 24	Candy Albright Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	<i>The State of the Coin Market</i> Charles Cataldo	
March 24	Open Door Prize- Franklin Half	The Isle of Man 1811-1831 Copper Tokens – Harold Fears	
April 28	<i>Robert Franklin</i> Door Prize- Morgan Dollar	<i>Zambia's Independence Coinage</i> Stan Benedict	
May- NO MEETIN	G		
June 23	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- Franklin Half		
July 28	<i>George Baker</i> 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 ME	ETING		

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 ANA Road Show at this event!	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-	+++