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The President's Corner

Thanks to Stan Benedict for sharing grading techniques that he learned while representing the club. After safely viewing the eclipse on Monday, join us on Tuesday for a presentation by Bob Jaques on the "*The Gold Mint at Dahlonega, GA.*" Make sure protect your eyes on Monday, so you can view your coin collection and join us on Tuesday.

Kurt

126th ANA Convention in Denver, CO

By
Richard Jozefiak

The 126th ANA Convention was held at the Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO August 1-5, 2017. I attend the convention with my wife Karen from August 3-5. The public turnout was good.

The United States Mint sold-out of the 2017 enhanced uncirculated coin sets during the first day of the show on Tuesday, August 1. I was told by U.S. Mint Sales staff at the show people were allowed to buy up to 500 sets at a time, and that dealers had people in line by 8:30 am, when the doors to the bourse floor were open for dealer set-up. The public is not allowed onto the bourse until 10:00 am, and sales of the sets started at 1:00 pm local time. I was told many people waited in line for hours only to be disappointed when the sets sold

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out. I do not understand why the U.S. Mint did not lower the number of sets you could buy when there was a long line of people to purchase the set. I bought a set from a dealer at the show.



Richard (R) meeting Rick Harrison, star of “Pawn Stars” at the ANA Show

At the show, I got to meet Rick Harrison, star of “Pawn Stars”. He was a guest of the company MCM (Modern Coin Mart), who had a large area on the bourse floor. Rick Harrison has a new marketing agreement with MCM. Rick Harrison signs PCGS or NGC slab labels. The only tie in to the coin in the slab is that Rick has “seen” the coin. MCM did not say that Rick had owned the coin in the past or that he came from his pawn store. I passed on buying any of the coins since the price asked was well above the typical price of a similar slabbed coin. You are paying a high premium for his autograph.

Rick did autograph photos from “*Pawn Stars*” for free. I did speak with him, and told him I saw his program on French TV when I was there in 2016, and that he was speaking French. He told me that “*Pawn Stars*” is currently being shown in 150 countries in 36 different languages. Rick does seem to have an interest in coins as I saw him on the bourse floor.



New ANA President Gary Adkins (L) presents Richard with a “Thank You” slab for his service

The ANA’s newly elected President, Vice President, and seven Governors were sworn in at the ANA annual banquet on Friday, August 4. I was asked by new ANA President Gary Adkins to serve another 2-year term as National Coordinator, and I agreed. My first term as National Coordinator was 2015-2017, and my second term is 2017-2019. Each new ANA president gets to appoint all people who serve him directly. As National Coordinator, I report directly to the ANA President. The ANA Board must vote to approve all direct appointments.

Money without a Country!

By
Bob Jaques

Last June, I was in Colorado Springs to attend a class the first week of two weeks of ANA'S Summer Seminar. The class I enrolled in was titled *Roman Coins*, which was the fourth class I have taken at Summer Seminar over the past four years.

One of the events that generates excitement during Summer Seminar is when the ANA library has its annual sale of old and discarded numismatic books, pamphlets, and assorted paper items.

The ANA library sale this year included 8 three-ring notebooks full of miscellaneous paper items. While looking through one of the notebooks, I came across two pieces of paper currency that were in uncirculated condition, sequentially serial-numbered, and from a place I never heard of....San Serriffe. Having paid their asking price of only \$6 for the pair, I could not wait to get home and research these pieces of currency.

Soon after returning home from Summer Seminar, I got on *GOOGLE* and typed in "San Serriffe". What I learned was an amazing story.

San Serriffe is a fictional island that was created on April Fool's Day, 1977 by one of Britain's largest newspaper called the *GUARDIAN*. The newspaper printed a 7-page hoax supplement commemorating the island's tenth anniversary and printed advertisements of goods on the island from major companies. The supplement provided an elaborate description of the island as a tourist attraction and a developing economy.

The public reaction to the hoax was dramatic and almost instantaneous. Soon after the story was first printed, many readers wrote to the *GUARDIAN* telling of their wonderful experiences during their vacations to the island. How nice the weather had been and how beautiful the forests and beaches were around the island. All these stories were untrue but the readers enjoyed continuing the gag about San Serriffe.

The *GUARDIAN* began selling bumper stickers “I’ve Been to San Serriffe”. One angry reader, who was a member of the fictitious “San Serriffe Liberation Front”, wrote a letter to the editor of the *GUARDIAN* complaining about San Serriffe Government policies.

The two pieces of currency I purchased are pictured with this article. Their value is 25 Coronas, and the Series is 1986. According to one article I found, these notes are scarce and quite collectible. No value was given for them however.

A reader by the name of Henry Morris was so fascinated by this great hoax about San Serriffe that he privately printed some “San Serriffe stock certificates” and sent 10 of them to the *GUARDIAN*. Mr. Morris also privately designed and struck 500 pieces of a San Serriffe 100 corona coin made of 1 oz .999 silver. These coins are also scarce and very collectible.

So if you want to have fun at a large coin show, see if you can find any San Serriffe currency and the silver coin.



100 CORONA .999 SILVER COIN



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MCCC August 22 Meeting

By

Richard Jozefiak

The August 22 meeting comes right after the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) coin show in Dalton, GA. This is one of the largest coin shows in the southeast, and many MCCC members go the show. The program for the evening is “The Gold Mint at Dahlonega, GA” by Bob Jaques. The Dahlonega mint has always been an interest of mine since only gold coins were produced there, and the mintages were very small. Minting started in 1838, and stopped in 1861 due to the Civil War.

FREE ANA GOLD MEMBERSHIPS!!

Richard Jozefiak has a number of vouchers left for a one year FREE ANA Gold (digital) membership. This is a \$28 value. Four people have signed up for the free ANA Gold membership at the meeting. If you are not a current ANA member, what better way to try an ANA membership for one year! The ANA provides many benefits and educational opportunities, and there are different membership levels. Please see Richard Jozefiak for a free voucher at the next meeting.

MCCC July 25, 2017 Meeting

Stan Benedict gave an interesting program on “ANA Grading Class in Dalton, GA” at the July 25 meeting. Stan was the recipient of the MCCC scholarship to attend the ANA Grading Class held before the start of the 53rd Georgia Numismatic Association Coin & Current Show April 21-23 in Dalton, GA. There were 16 members and guests at the meeting. Mike Campbell recovered enough to be able to attend the meeting. Welcome back Mike!



Members during the meeting



Stan Benedict speaking



Kurt Springfield (L) presents Stan Benedict with an ANA Educational Award

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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

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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2017 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4th TUESDAY (NOT THE LAST) of the month

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name
January 24	<i>Richard Jozefiak</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>U.S. Mint Numismatic Update</i> <i>(presentation from U.S. Mint Forum in Philadelphia, PA on October 13, 2016)</i> Richard Jozefiak
February 28	<i>Harold Fears</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>The State of the Coin Market-</i> Charles Cataldo
March 28	<i>Stan Benedict</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>Ben Franklin Half Dollars</i> Daryl Gahm
April 25	<i>David Tully</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>Numismatic Finds on my Trip to France</i> Richard Jozefiak
May- NO MEETING		
June 27	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
July 25	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>ANA Grading Class in Dalton, GA</i> Stan Benedict
August 22	<i>Kim Biltz</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>The Gold Mint at Dahlonega, GA</i> Bob Jaques
September 26	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>National Banks of Huntsville</i> David Hollander
October 24	TBD Nomination of 2018 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>Trip to Singapore</i> Stan Benedict
November 28	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2018 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

Last update: REV E, June 12, 2017

2017 Regional Coin Shows around Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Mar 3-5 Nov 3-5	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	++
March 9-11	Orlando, FL	ANA National Money Show Orange County Convention Center 9899 International Drive Orlando, FL 10 am – 6 pm (Thurs. & Fri.) 10 am – 5 pm (Sat.)	www.money.org	+++
March 11 May TBD Sept TBD Nov TBD	Trussville, AL	Central Alabama Coin Show Trussville Civic Center 9 am- 4 pm 5381 Trussville-Clay Rd Trussville, AL (NEW LOCATION) 38 tables	Carl Shory 205-612-5538	+
April 21-23	Dalton, GA	53rd 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 18-20	Dalton, GA	58th 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	Ron Blackman Rblackman@cfl.rr.com 321-258-0325 www.brna.org	+++

NOTE: Before traveling any distance, it is recommended to check with the show contact to see if there are any changes.
Currently there are no local coin shows in Huntsville or Madison County

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- +++