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The President's Corner

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for another year in the MCCC. If anyone has an event or program for the club, we would like to hear about them. Please join us Tuesday when Richard presents on his Numismatics adventures in Australia.

Kurt

MCCC is now on Facebook



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. Navigate to:
<http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub>.

The George V Shilling of Fiji

In 1934, coins were introduced for Fiji in denominations of ½, 1 and 6 pence, 1 shilling and 1 florin. Shillings of this type were minted only in 3 years:

1934 with a mintage of 360,000
1935 with a mintage of 180,000
1936 with a mintage of 140,000

The obverse depicts a portrait of King George V with the lettering "GEORGE V KING EMPEROR." The reverse is an outrigger canoe with the lettering "SHILLING 1934 FIJI." The engraver was Percy Metcalfe.



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Prices of these shillings ranges from \$5 for circulated to \$90 for nice uncirculated.

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Austrian Two Schillings Commemoratives

Part 1: Franz Schubert

From 1928 thru 1937 Austria produce commemorative 2 schillings silver coins. Each depicts a famous individual or place in local history. One commemorative was produced each year. The list is:

- Franz Schubert - 1928
- Theodor Billroth - 1929
- Walther von der Vogelweide - 1930
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - 1931
- Joseph Haydn - 1932
- Ignaz Seipel - 1933
- Engelbert Dollfuss - 1934
- Karl Lueger - 1935
- Prince Eugene of Savoy - 1936
- St. Charles Church, Vienna - 1937

The first coin was struck to commemorate the centennial of the death of composer Franz Schubert. With a mintage of 6,900,000 nice uncirculated examples can be purchase for under \$15

Franz Schubert (31 January 1797 – 19 November 1828) was an Austrian composer. Schubert died at age 31, but was extremely prolific during his lifetime. His output consists of over 600 secular vocal works (mainly Lieder), seven complete symphonies, sacred music, operas, incidental music and a large body of chamber and piano music.

Appreciation of Schubert's music while he was alive was limited to a relatively small circle of admirers in Vienna, but interest in his work increased significantly in the decades following his death. Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt, Johannes Brahms and other 19th-century composers discovered and championed his works. Today, Schubert is ranked among the greatest composers of the late Classical and early Romantic eras and is one of the most frequently performed composers of the early 19th century.



Oil painting of Franz Schubert by Wilhelm August Rieder (1875), made from his own 1825 watercolor portrait



The obverse of the 1928 Austrian Two Schilling Commemorative



The reverse of the 1928 Austrian Two Schilling Commemorative

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.

63rd FUN Show Report

By Richard Jozefiak

The 63rd FUN Show was held January 4-7, 2018 at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. Due to the winter weather in many parts of the country and in Florida, attendance was down. A number of coin dealers were not able to fly in to Tampa to attend the show. Attendance at the show will probably be about 7,000, when typical FUN shows have a 10,000 average attendance. The weather was cold (by Florida standards) on Thursday-Saturday.

The FUN Show was held at the Tampa Convention Center due to schedule conflicts with the Orlando Convention Center. A FUN Governor told me that FUN will be returning to the Orlando Convention Center for the next six years, and that the contract was signed by the FUN organization. Returning to Orlando will increase hotel choices and have greater flight choices for attendees and dealers.



MCCC Members Richard Jozefiak and Bob Jaques

Madison County Coin Club is a club member of FUN, and as such, is invited to send two club members to the annual FUN appreciation luncheon for member clubs. This event is held at noon on Saturday. This year, Bob Jaques and I went to the luncheon and represented MCCC.



(L) Clifford Mishler, Bob Jaques, and Richard Jozefiak at FUN Club Luncheon

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



Bourse Floor

MCCC November 28 Meeting

By Richard Jozefiak

The November 28 meeting, the last meeting of the year, had 15 members and guests attend. It was the annual holiday pot luck dinner, and auction. There was plenty of food and drink to share. During the auction, four lots were sold for the club, and \$51 was raised. Thank you to all who donated. The club has purchased a new LCD projector. This will greatly help during presentations. Thank you Mike Campbell for getting the new LCD projector.

At the November meeting, the following slate of officers for 2018 were voted and approved by the members present at the meeting.

Congratulations to the following people elected as officers for 2018:

Kurt Springfield	President
Stan Benedict	Vice-president
Richard Jozefiak	Secretary
Mike Campbell	Treasurer
Bob Jaques	Member-at-Large

Future Activities- For 2018, please consider bringing refreshments or doing 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. Programs are needed for: April, July, August, September and October. If you can give a presentation, please contact Richard Jozefiak to schedule.



YN Caroline Springfield helping with the club auction



Club Members at the November 28 pot luck meeting



2018 Officers- (L)Mike Campbell, Bob Jaques, Stan Benedict, Kurt Springfield, 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 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.

The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2017

Brentwood, Tennessee—Colonel Steven Ellsworth, ret. of the Butternut Company has announced the annual selection of **"The Best Secured Coin Shows for year 2017."** COL Ellsworth personally attended over 36 coin shows and conventions in 2017, closely observing and evaluating the various types of security measures provided to both dealers and the public. In addition, he receives numerous reports from across the nation from coin dealers, collectors and crime-incident reports from the media and law enforcement sources. This is the 20th year a report with show-listings has been named.

"For the past 20 years, I've had the privilege of helping new- as well as experienced dealers by writing articles regarding security. I am also a principal instructor on how to build a solid, successful business and teach sound security protection-measures during the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminars in Colorado Springs. By all accounts, these educational sessions have been rewarding for the students as well as from the *physic income* I garner from the students and the other attendees," said Ellsworth.

He went on to describe some of his instructional techniques in which he requires students to create a basic balance sheet for the fictitious ABC Coin Company. When students list the assets of a typical coin business, by far, the single most valuable asset of the company's is the inventory of coins, noting that most students do not own a stationary store-front. If all- or most of a company's inventory is lost, the survival of the coin business will be questionable. If this basic financial reality is correct, then why not implement as many security strategies and measures possible to minimize such risks? The answer is usually the same; *"This is the way we have always done it and have not had a problem yet"*. With that logic, why not cancel your home liability, fire and flood insurance since you have not had a claim since you owned your home? In today's social and economic environment, whatever you can do to improve your own- as well as your family's security- is never enough.

This year there have been over 115 coin and currency crimes reported during 2017. Violent crimes have decreased but there has been an increase in robberies and thefts that in all likelihood will continue through 2018. The coin business creates very lucrative target for criminals, especially since many of our hobby's gathering sites are well-advertised.

"Over the years, I continued to address and emphasize two very important items to help manage the risks associated with valuables:

1st; develop a written security plan. The casual disregard in the need to draft a written security plan, by the majority of dealers and collectors, is still a major security lapse facing our industry. It does not matter if you're a part-time dealer, collector or employed by one of the major numismatic firms, without a written plan, you are not being pro-active in managing risks against you and/or your business. "If it is not a written plan, your security plan is just an idea"! Remember; your plan is relevant and remains dynamic when it's updated, actively engaged (used) to keep pace annually with your business trends, travel schedule, or hobby pursuits. Plan to review and update your business's security plan in January!

2nd; NEVER, LEAVE VALABLES UNATTENDED in your vehicle. This rule is so basic; yet, for over twenty years after emphasizing this simple, basic security measure, it is still ignored. Every other week, I get a report of a dealer or collector has had their collection and inventory stolen when it was left in an unoccupied vehicle. Occasionally, most of us have had to leave a vehicle unattended, while transporting valuables, consider yourself lucky...simply lucky! It only takes 15 seconds for a thief to gain entry into your locked vehicle. As predicted, several dealers or collectors were virtually wiped-out from theft and terminated their businesses, while some collectors relinquished the hobby altogether.

Why are these two simple security measures so difficult to grasp and yet seem so seldom followed? Ask the many victims of theft. Most will usually respond with "I can't believe this happened to me".

"Don't make a mistake which lessens your safety, security and life," stated Ellsworth.

The American Numismatic Association has been proactive for a number of years by offering security courses during their Colorado Springs, Summer Seminar Sessions. They have also co-sponsored seminars with the great job Doug Davis of Numismatic Crime Information Center is doing with Federal, State, County and Local law enforcement officers on how better to investigate numismatic crimes. This year's Summer Seminar will offer our first 2-evening security course "Safety First: Security for Dealers and Collectors" in addition to "The Business of Being a Coin Dealer". If you are planning to attend please sign up early as space is limited. If you have not made plans to attend, do so. These two courses are well worth your time and consideration regardless the size of your business. For more information on these courses contact: Amber Bradish, ANA Education Project Manager 719.482-9865, Email: abradish@money.org.

"All shows listed below were actually attended by our company or our representative. It is evident that some show-managers or promoters are taking the safety of their exhibitors and attendees more seriously; however, many still are not prosecuting shoplifters. Simply throwing a shoplifter out-of-a-show creates an incentive to repeat their crimes; as well as an example for other criminals to follow. Even though it's time-consuming and somewhat costly, dealers and bourse-chairs must accept the responsibility to prosecute an offender. On a final note; when performing security personnel briefings, remind security personal to refrain from casual viewing or surfing the internet from I-pads or cell phones when working; and, limit their use to only "must answer" calls. It is impossible for them to be texting and still be vigilant when it comes to security. Security is one of the top three expenses of running a show so insist on receiving what you have paid for. Go over what is expected before any agreement you make.

Below and in **alphabetical order**, are some of the shows attended in **2017**, which placed security as a top priority, rather than a bi-product of the show. The objective in formulating an annual list is to help ensure security measures remain on the "forefront" to aid dealers and collectors in safely managing the risks posed from theft or criminal acts, which can result in loss, bodily harm or even death," commented Ellsworth.

- **American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money Show, Denver, CO.** *Security was continually provided by plain clothes private security and uniformed Denver police. Security has continually improved each year. There was excellent security in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. All security officers are tied into a monitored communication net. Registration and name tags were required for all attendees. The ANA staff and board continue to be proactive in to reduce crime and improve the safety of its members and staff and the entire hobby through their excellent educational and awareness programs. This organization has and deserves to be commended for their efforts to keep the security of exhibitors and attendees safe.*
- **Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.** *Security is continual provided by off-duty uniformed Walker County Sheriffs, off duty GBI agents and private security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Unloading and Loading is under watchful security personnel. Security personnel continually walk the show floor to discourage shoplifting. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. They like many other shows have an officer in a marked patrol car near the show entrance.*

- **Colorado Springs Coin, Currency and Collectibles Show, Colorado Springs, CO.** Security is provided by a private security contractor with extensive military and civilian experience. Security is excellent in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Parking areas are also patrolled before, during and following the show. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. The show is well attended by ANA summer Seminar Students who are required to display their credentials. The bourse chairman makes security a critical part of his event plan.
- **Central Ohio Coin Club, Dublin, OH.** Security is provided by off-duty Dublin police officers. Security in the past assisted in making arrests, the booking and jailing show thieves. Registration and nametags were required for all attendees. Dealers are allowed to load and unload at the front doors of the facility. Again with all shows, collectors and dealers leaving a show need to immediately implement their own individual plan on their remaining travel to avoid theft.
- **North Carolina Numismatic Association, Concord, NC.** Security is continual provided by off-duty uniformed County Deputy Sheriffs. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Unloading and Loading is under watchful security personnel. Security personnel continually walk the show floor to discourage shoplifting. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. They also display a marked patrol car near the entrance.
- **Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, Tukwila, WA.** Security is provided by Tukwila Police. Security is constant from setup and breakdown, in and out of the facility. It is continuous during the show. Officers do an excellent job of keeping watch of the parking and loading areas during setup and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Security personnel are highly visible during all aspects of the event.
- **Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN), Monroeville, PA.** Security is provided by a private armed security firm wearing distinctive company clothing. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags were required for all attendees. Dealers are allowed to back up to the loading docks for unloading and loading. As with all shows, collectors and dealers leaving a show and the security provided must immediately implement their own individual plan on their remaining travel to avoid theft.
- **Tennessee State Numismatic Association, East Ridge, TN.** Security is provided by East Ridge Tennessee Police. The show's organizers put security

high up on their plans for running a safe and secure show. Security is excellent from setup to breakdown with uniformed officers keeping a careful watch of activity on the bourse, parking areas, entrances and exits of the facility. Officers are well equipped with all the necessary weapons and equipment to handle most any incident and extra patrols are made during and after show hours. A patrol car is parked in a strategic location and dealers are escorted to their vehicles. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

- **Texas Numismatic Association, Arlington, TX Security** is provided by Doug Davis of Numismatic Crime Information Center and off duty Arlington police. Security is excellent from setup to breakdown with both uniform and plain clothes officers keeping constant vigilance of the bourse, parking areas, entrances and exits of the facility. Officers are well equipped with all the necessary weapons and equipment to handle most any incident. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.
- **Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, Baltimore, MD.** Security is continually provided by private security and uniformed Baltimore City Police. Unloading and loading is in a gated section of the convention center and provides better than average security for dealers un-loading and loading. All security officers are tied into a monitored communication net. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. This show has grown to one the largest in the country and their security has adjusted accordingly.

COL Steven Ellsworth is a retired Army Colonel with over 32 years of service. His many assignments include serving in the Army's Special Forces (Green Berets) as a Ranger. In addition he has had assignments as a Physical, Intelligence and Communication Security Inspector. He has received highly specialized training in anti-terrorist, physical, intelligence and personal protective security. He currently is a full time coin dealer and a collector and has served on many numismatic boards. He is a certified Master NRA Instructor and has been an instructor for the American Numismatic Association during the Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs numerous times over the past two decades. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the ANA.

Colonel Ellsworth has written many articles on coin collector security over the last twenty years. After receiving constant inquiries from collectors and dealers as to what type of security they could expect when attending various shows throughout the country and overseas, Colonel Ellsworth began to recognize those shows that did an outstanding job providing security. This is the 20th year a list has been named. For more information and tips on security, go to his website at www.Butternut.org. Or contact Colonel Steven Ellsworth, email; BUTTERNUT@Butternut.org Address; PO BOX 2869, Brentwood, TN 37024.

Finding a Rare Coin at the FUN Show!

*By
Bob Jaques*

It is always exciting to attend a coin show and come home with a rare coin to add collection. Such was the case a couple of weeks ago when I attended the large FUN (Florida United Numismatics) Show in Tampa, Florida the first week of January, 2018.

To keep my hotel cost down, I shared a room/suite with three other guys who I have known for several years. One of the men showed me a slabbed NGC liberty seated half-dollar dated 1861-O with a notation it was "Confederate States Issue" that he purchased from a dealer at the Show.

I looked at the slabbed coin with interest and thought "I would like to have one of these". He told where to locate the dealer on the floor. I found the dealer and asked if he had any more of the Confederate made 1861-O half dollars. He showed me a slabbed coin but it was tarnished. I did not like the appearance so I passed on it. I asked if he had any other examples.

He went through a box and found one that looked much better. The label on this coin read "SS REPUBLIC -SHIPWRECK EFFECT- CONFEDERATE STATES ISSUE". This was a historic recovered shipwreck coin so I purchased it.

The 1861-O half dollar has an interesting and historic history. It was made at the U.S. Mint in New Orleans, which first began minting silver coins in 1838. In 1861 the U.S. minted coins from January and February. In March the State of Louisiana took over the Mint and minted the same dated half dollars until April 1. The Confederacy took over the operations of the Mint from the State of Louisiana and struck half dollars from April 1 to May 31.

By June 1, 1861 the Mint was closed until The Federals once again took over the Mint at the end of the War in 1865. The New Orleans Mint did not resume operations until 1879 when it minted silver coins from the dime to the dollar.

There were 2,532,633 liberty seated half dollars dated 1861-O struck at the New Orleans Mint from January to the end of May 1861. Here is a breakdown of the coinage. The federals minted 330,000; the State of Louisiana minted 1,240,000; and the Confederacy minted 962,633.

Experts can tell which coins were made during the Confederate occupancy by a small die break on the obverse of the coin from the rim dentil to the ladies chin. There were other diagnostics that experts could use to distinguish who made the coins.

On October 25, 1865 the ship *SS REPUBLIC* sank off the coast of Georgia. In the ship's hold were over 51,000 gold and silver coins. Among the silver coins were some 1861-O half dollars. *ODYSSEY MARITIME EXPLORATIONS* found the ship's remains and brought up the coin treasure.

Fascinated by this story, I decided to check the Census section of the NGC website to see how many 1861-O half dollars were certified as "Confederate from *SS REPUBLIC*". NGC certified 325 -1861-O half dollars not from the shipwreck. They certified 60- 1861-O half dollars from the shipwreck but not Confederate made.

NGC only certified only 1 -1861-O Confederate made half dollar from the *SS REPUBLIC* shipwreck.

And this is the rare coin that I purchased at the FUN SHOW. As you can imagine, I am very proud to own this only known coin made by the Confederacy and recovered from a sunken ship.



2018 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 23	Richard Jozefiak Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	My Numismatic Adventures in Australia - Richard Jozefiak
February 27	Wayne Koger Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo
March 27 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The Many Ways To Collect Early Copper Coins- ANA Governor COL Steve Ellsworth
April 24	Doug Glandon/Julian Olander Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
May- NO MEETING		
June 26	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
July 24	Don & Jinnie Adams Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
August 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
September 25	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
October 23	TBD Nomination of 2018 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Paper Money- TBD David Hollander
November 27	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2019 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

Last update: REV B- December 26, 2017

2018 Coin Shows With In Driving Distance from Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Mar 2-4 Nov TBD	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++
March 8-10	Irving, TX	ANA National Money Show Irving Convention Center 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd 10 am – 6 pm (Thurs. & Fri.) 10 am – 5 pm (Sat.)	www.money.org 800-367-9723	+++
April 13-15	Dalton, GA	54th 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	+++
April 19-21	Franklin, TN	1st Annual Coin, Stamp Collectible Show & Convention Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park 4215 Long Lane (Peytonsville Road Exit I-65) Franklin, TN Fri-Sat 9 am- 6 pm Sun 9 am- 4 pm	COL Steven Ellsworth, ret PO Box 2869 Brentwood, TN 37024 703-932-6331 ellsworth@money.org	This is a new show, and no rating at this time.
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 14-18	Philadelphia, PA	ANA World's Fair of Money Philadelphia Convention Center Philadelphia, PA Tu 1 pm --5:30 pm W-F 10 am – 5:30 pm Sat 10 am-- 4 pm	www.money.org 800-367-9723	+++
Aug 24-26	Dalton, GA	59th 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.

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- +++