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"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

Austrian Two Schilling Commemoratives Part 8: Dr. Lueger

This month's installment in our series of Austrian 2 Schilling commemorative is the memorial to Dr. Karl Lueger. Karl Lueger (24 October 1844 – 10 March 1910) was an Austrian politician, Burgermeister of Vienna, and leader and founder of the Austrian Christian Social Party. He is credited with the transformation of the city of Vienna into a modern city. The populist and anti-Semitic politics of his Christian Social Party are *sometimes* viewed as a model for the Nazis.

With a mintage of 500,000, the obverse has Lueger facing right and is inscribed "BURGERMEISTER DR. KARL LUEGER 1844-1910." Nice uncirculated examples are available for about \$50.

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Dr. Karl Lueger is depicted on the 1935 commemorative



The obverse of the Austrian 1935 2 schilling commemorative
Depicts Dr. Karl Leuger



The reverse of the Austrian 1935 2 schilling commemorative

MCCC August 28 Meeting

By
Richard Jozefiak

The August 28 meeting had 14 members and guest attending. Congratulations to *MCCC Newsletter* Editor Harold Fears. The American Numismatic Association (ANA) awarded the *MCCC Newsletter* second place in the 2018 annual ANA Publication contest, electronic club publication category. Harold has won an ANA local club publications award a number of times over the years since he became the club's editor.



Harold Fears with the 2018 ANA 2nd Place Publication Award

Bob Jaques was the program presenter for the evening, and gave an informative presentation on “*Norfed Money, Legal or Illegal?*”. Norfed Money was issued by Bernard von Nothaus as an alternative to U.S. currency. His currency was backed by gold and/or silver and called “Liberty”.

The U.S. Government charged von Nothaus with violating the counterfeiting laws. On November 17, 2007 FBI and Secret Service agents raided his offices and confiscated the items. Von Nothaus was convicted, but received a minimal sentence and in 2018 the government returned the confiscated items (worth millions of dollars). Bob has a large type collection of the private coins issued by von Nothaus. A catalog will become available on Liberty coins on October 1, 2018.



Club Members at meeting



Liberty Coins and Paper Money from the Bob Jaques Collection



Some Liberty Coins from the Bob Jaques Collection



MCCC President Kurt Springfield (L) presents Bob Jaques with the ANA Educational Award

Nomination for 2018 Officer Positions

The nomination for 2018 club officers will be held at the October meeting. For our club to continue to be a successful, members are needed to fill the following positions: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. If you are interested in learning what an officer does, please feel free to talk to one at the meeting. All positions are for a one year term. The current officers have held their positions for a number of years.

CHINESE ZODIAC, PART 3

By

Stanley Benedict

Now any fool knows, even I know, that there are 13 months in a Lunar Calendar and the Jade Emperor was no fool! After all, he invited 13, count them, 13 of his favorite animals to race to determine their place on the calendar, one for each month so what happened?

Just to refresh your memory for a bit, and mine as it gets fuzzy with age, the great Jade Emperor invited not only the rat, ox, monkey tiger, rabbit, dragon, rooster, snake, horse, dog, goat and pig but also the **cat**.



The Great Race: The Origin of the Chinese Zodiac

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 | BY RYAN LANDES-GILMAN



The Chinese Zodiac is a cycle of 12 years, where each year is represented by one of twelve animals.

There exists a story, in Chinese mythology, of a great race that decided which animals made it into the Zodiac and in what order.

Two main variations of the myth exist. In one variation the Jade Emperor, the ruler of all gods within Chinese mythology, hosted the race. To finish the race and become one of the animals in the calendar, the animals had to cross a river. Here's our interpretation of this story!

The Great Race

The great race loomed just on the horizon and the Cat and the Rat were best of friends. Together, the two of them hatched a plan to ride the Ox across the river together. They knew the large and hardy Ox was accustomed to crossing rivers and would likely finish first.

At the start of the race, the two animals slipped atop the Ox. Being rather thick-headed, the Ox was oblivious to the two animals atop him. But, as the Cat and the Rat rode atop the Ox, the Rat jolted abruptly forward. The sudden force sent the Cat flying off the Ox and into the river. The Cat let out a piercing hiss directed at the Rat, but by then, it was too late, and the Ox, with the Rat atop, was already too far ahead of the Cat.

The Ox lumbered towards the finish line. The Ox was going to come first. Suddenly, the Rat leapt from Ox's back and crossed the finish-line first. The Ox crossed the finish line a moment later. However, the Ox was too composed a sort to make a big fuss.



Water splashed forth from the river. The Tiger had burst from beneath the water, his coat sopping wet. The water had weighed the proud Tiger down, but the well-muscled Tiger pushed forth, hind legs rippling with tense firmness. His huge paw prints bore down on the damp muddy shore and with one final fierce stride, the Tiger claimed the third spot in the Zodiac.

The Jade Emperor watched as the trio of Rat, Ox, and Tiger crossed the finish. He applauded them. They would be the first three animals of the Zodiac.



The Rabbit stood perched upon a rock in the river. He was only lagging slightly behind the Tiger. River water lapped up at his paws. The Rabbit let out soft huffs and heaves. He had been trying desperately to keep up with the Tiger. Despite the Rabbit's small stature, he had kept pace, leaping from one rock to another so he could quickly cross the river. A long trail of rocks jutted up from the river bed. As worry overtook the Rabbit, the Rabbit hastened his motions, pulling back hurriedly on his strong hind legs.

The Rabbit feared that if he did not pick up his pace, another animal might seize the fourth spot from him. Suddenly, the Rabbit slipped, tumbling back-first into the murky waters of the river. The Rabbit's thoughts began to race. Would he even be able to finish in time?

A moment later the Rabbit's eyes widened. A log was floating slowly by. Nearly leaping up from the river, the Rabbit sped into a wild paddle, water flying up around him. He pressed both paws to the log, clinging on as tightly as he could muster.

The Jade Emperor smiled again as he peered down. Alas, the log was barely moving, bobbing complacently in the water. A sudden gust stirred thickly in the air, sending the log hurdling down the river. The Rabbit's heart throbbed in slow motion as the log drifted towards the shore where the finish line was. The Rabbit's pulse gradually slowed, seemingly one beat at a time, as he neared the shore, a deep-seated feeling of relief overtaking him. The Rabbit peered backwards as he floated closer to shore. No other animals were in sight. The Rabbit hopped right across the finish line.



The Rabbit did not stop as he passed the Jade Emperor. The Emperor was smiling at the Rabbit with a generous grin. The Rabbit passed rice paddies as he made his way towards the forest. Reaching a shaded and secluded thicket the Rabbit collapsed into a tiny heap of white fur. A mix of relief and exhilaration had seeped through his being, replacing the disappointment he had felt about only getting fourth place.

Over the finish line the Dragon soared swiftly, moving in a majestic aerial stride as it shimmied through the clouds, his long tail streaming and lashing about the placid sky, wind racing past him. As the Dragon made his rapid descent, the clouds seemed to part. The Jade Emperor stood awaiting the great creature. *Why has the Dragon not come in first*

place? he wondered. When the Jade Emperor addressed the Dragon, he began to explain the circumstances that had befallen him.

"Exalted Jade Emperor ~ on my way I saw several villagers that were in trouble. A fire had ignited amidst their crops and they had been surrounded in a circle of blaze. I knew that my spot in the Zodiac was on the line, but I could not stand by and watch. To put out the flames, I used my breath to extinguish the blaze, snuffing it out like a flickering candle. I had to be careful though. I did not want to also sweep the villagers up in this gale of my own creation. I also saw a tiny Rabbit in the river clinging to a log, so I used my breath to push it to shore."

The Jade Emperor smiled again. He was well acquainted with the Dragon's nature. He was not disappointed in him.

As the Dragon and the Jade Emperor spoke, the Horse was in the midst of galloping across the river, splashing up water as her hooves moved like beating pistons through the ankle-deep water, beads of mist silhouetting her strong equestrian form.

The Horse burst from the river. Only a few strides separated her from the finish line. Something slithered through the grass. From the grass the Snake surged out, approaching from behind the Horse's hooves. Overtaken by shock the Horse recoiled, leaping backwards. A high nay exited the Horse's mouth, hooves thrown up towards the sky. With a quick slither, the Snake crossed the finish line.

The Jade Emperor watched the snake move past the finish-line, still smiling. He did not judge the Snake. The Snake had merely been clever.

The Horse lowered her long-face, a tinge of shame lingering in her dark beady eyes as she stepped slowly across the finish line. Fear had cost her the sixth spot. Her legs, which moments ago had carried her in an untamed gallop were now locked in slow shaky steps, which barely left imprints upon the dirt.

Back in the river, the Monkey, the Rooster, and the Sheep, all floated atop a raft, which the Rooster had found resting by the opposite shore - unclaimed by anyone.

Together, the three of them worked furiously, using lengthy branches as makeshift paddles. The sticks would often get caught in tangles of underwater weeds, which weaved up from the riverbed, but the three of them did not stop paddling, severing the leafy binds with forceful branch strokes. When the Rooster, the Monkey, and the Sheep reached the river's shore, they let the Sheep cross first - claiming 8th place.

The Sheep had been so comforting and formed such harmonious bonds with them, that the others felt it was only right to let the Sheep claim the 8th place. If the sheep had helped foster these bonds, they may not have all made it to the finish-line.

The Monkey claimed the ninth place and the Rooster took the tenth place.

Coat sopping wet, the dog scrambled across the finish line next, panting as he did so, canine tongue flapping from his open mouth. The dog was an adept swimmer, but because he had not bathed for some time, he had over indulged in the river, frolicking without a care in the water. The sun sat high in the sky today and had heated the water, making it pleasant to bathe in. And, thus, the dog claimed the eleventh place in the race.

By the finish line stood the Jade Emperor. Eleven animals had already crossed. There was only one spot remaining in the Zodiac now. *What animal will conclude the race? the Jade Emperor wondered.*

Over the horizon, a loud exhausted oink sounded. The Pig waddled towards the finish line, pink skin caked in dense layers of dirt, sniffing snout pasted brown with mud. Yet, the Pig moved at a surprisingly swift gait, little feet locked in a tiny cyclical gallop.

The Jade Emperor gave the pig a sharp glance as he crossed the finish line. "How has one such as you who possesses such surprising speed fallen so far behind?" he asked.

The Pig snorted as he readied himself to speak. "Sorry, Exalted Jade Emperor - I was hungry and couldn't resist stopping to gobble something up. I felt sleepy after eating and couldn't help myself."

With the Pig's arrival and the time for the race done. The Pig collapsed onto his side, lapsing back into sleep. Snorts that sounded like snores

sounded from the Pig's rotund heaving form. The 12 animals of the Zodiac had been decided and so concluded the great race.

And what became of the Cat? He was swept downstream by the strong current of the river and very nearly drowned. Eventually he washed up on the bank where they all started, and he shivered and shook with the cold and rage and so there are 12, not 13 months in the Chinese calendar and there is no year named after the Cat. And if you wonder why cats hate rats so much – now you know!

The Lunar Calendar, no – a Luni-Solar Calendar was born, and this is the reason the Chinese New Year is different each year. Now some would say that this was all based on the planet Jupiter's near twelve-year cycle around the sun but who can say for sure? Not I!



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 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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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	1928-1937 Austrian 2 Schilling - Harold Fears
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	George VI Coins from Malaya Stan Benedict
August 28	Stan Benedict Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	NORFED Coins and Currency Bob Jaques
September 25	Bob Baker Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD Doug/Julian
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		

2018 Coin Shows With In Driving Distance from Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Jan 4-7	Tampa, FL	Florida United Numismatics (FUN) Tampa Convention Center 333 S. Franklin Street Tampa, FL	Cindy Wibker Cwibker.aol.com 407-321-8747 www.funtopics.com	+++
Mar 2-4 Nov 2-4	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 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.
July 20-22	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	+++