

# Madison County Coin Club

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## The President's Corner

Thanks to Doug and Julian for their presentations last Month. We have another great presentation this month by David Hollander on "*The Henderson National Bank of Huntsville, Alabama*". We will also be taking nominations for club officers.

Kurt

*"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,

## "STRAKER AND SONS" RARE CONFEDERATE NOTES

*By Bob Jaques*

While visiting my son Jon in Murfreesboro this summer, he opened his office desk drawer and pulled out some graded PCGS currency. They were labeled "CSA Straker and Sons Chemicograph Back". I had never heard of this company or these notes.

Fascinated, I asked about where he found them. Jon said they were on the Internet in a currency auction and no one was bidding on them. He bought the four notes for under \$100. On E-Bay they were going for over \$200 each so Jon had a real bargain.

What are the Straker and Sons notes?

In late 1863, the Secretary of the Treasury for the Confederate States wanted to reduce counterfeiting of CSA notes. He ordered new high quality printing plates for the backs of 1864 Confederate paper money from Straker and Sons in Great Britain. He ordered plated for the backs of the

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1864 \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500 denominations.

In 1864 the Union Navy was stopping and capturing more than half of the blockade runners trying to dock at Southern Ports. Straker and Sons shipped the completed printing plates to Nassau, West Indies where smugglers would take them to Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Union Navy stopped and captured the smugglers before they could arrive at Wilmington. Thus, the plates were captured by the Union Navy and were never used by the Confederacy.

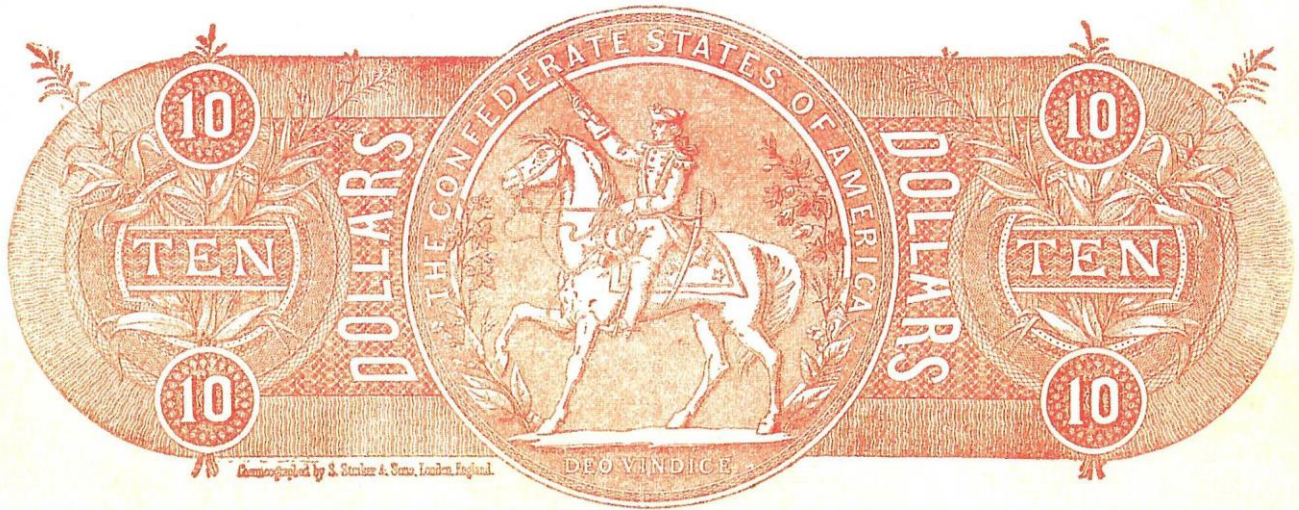
An entry in the *American Journal of Numismatics* in the 1870's mentions a man names Charles Chaplin who purchased some of the plates before the Union melted them for scrap. Most of the plates have been lost but a few survived. The surviving plates were used to print the notes Jon had purchased.

When the new plates never arrived at Wilmington, the Confederate Secretary of the Treasury resumed printing the basic blue backs that are common on 1864 CSA notes. The Confederacy was never able to curtail the counterfeiting of their paper money.

Very few collectors have ever seen or heard of the Straker and Sons Confederate plates, which are rare and hard to find. Now when I attend a large coin show I will look at the dealer's table to try and find one of these historic notes for my own collection.









## MCCC September 25 Meeting

By  
Richard Jozefiak

The September 25 meeting had 14 members and guest attending. The program for the evening was a presentation given by Doug Glandon and Julian Olander. Their presentation was: *"Increase Your Coin Knowledge through Podcasts and Collecting Barber Dimes"*.

Doug spoke first on Barber dimes, and he specializes in this interesting series. Barber dimes were minted from 1892-1916, and they take their name from the designer of the dime, Charles E. Barber (1840-1917). The Barber dimes were produced at the following mints: Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans and Denver. Doug discussed the grading standards of Barber dimes and gave examples of counterfeit and cleaned Barber dimes. He discussed the different collecting strategies that can be done with the series. For higher grades and expensive Barber dimes, he recommends buying third-party (slabbed) graded dimes.

Julian discussed Podcasts and where you can find very useful sites on coins and collecting. YouTube has many sites that are hosted by the major coin grading services and others. There is a lot of good and free information available on the web.



Uncirculated 1894 O Barber Dime  
(New Orleans Mint)  
Mintage: 1,330,000



*MCCC President Kurt Springfield (C) presents Julian Olander (L) and Doug Glandon (R) each an ANA Educational Award for their presentation*



*Club Members at meeting*



Congratulation to Mike Campbell on his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday! The club had a birthday cake to help Mike celebrate the big event. Mike has been with the club since it started in 2001 and has been the club's treasurer most of the history of the club.



***Celebrating Mike Campbell's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!***

## **Austrian Two Schilling Commemoratives**

### **Part 9: Death of Eugene of Savoy**

Our study of the Austrian 2 Schilling commemoratives continues this month with the commemorative for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Eugene of Savoy. Prince Eugene (1663-1736) was from the famous house of Savoy, which ruled the territory of Savoy and Piedmont for nine centuries. He led the Austrian forces to victory over the Turks at Zenta in 1697 and again at Belgrad in 1717. The obverse contains the his bust facing left with the inscription PRINZ EUGEN VON SAVOYEN 1663-1736-1936.

With a mintage of 500,000, nice uncirculated examples are available for about \$40.



*Prince Eugene of Savoy*











## Nomination for 2018 Officer Positions

The nomination for 2018 club officers will be held at the October 23 meeting. For MCCC to continue to be a successful club, 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.

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## Chinese Zodiac, Part 4

*by Stan Benedict*

### A Little History on the Chinese Calendar

The Chinese zodiac consists of twelve animals that first appeared in the Zhan Guo period [5th century B.C.]. No one knows the exact date as of when the zodiac was essentially created, but they were officially identified during the Han Dynasty [206 B.C.–9 A.D.], which was over 2000 years ago. The zodiac became a popular way to determine a person's birth year during the North Zhou Dynasty [557-581 A.D.] and is still very commonly used today. The zodiac is calculated by a cycle of sixty years in which each animal signifies a different year.

The lunar calendar paved the sequence of the Chinese zodiac animals. This calendar can be traced back to the 14th century B.C. Myths say that Emperor Huangdi, the first Chinese emperor, in 2637 B.C. invented the Chinese lunar calendar, which follows the cycles of the moon.



The zodiac was based on Chinese astrology and was used to count years, months, days, and hours in the calendar. It was formed from two components: The Celestial Stem and the Terrestrial Branch. Each of the 12 animals stands for a year in a 12-year cycle, a day in the 12-day cycle, and for every two hours in a 24-hour day. These were used to name each year along with the animal signs, but now they mainly just use the dates.

The animals identified in the Chinese zodiac may correspond with the signs in Western Astrology. In fact, some say the animals were borrowed from the West:

**The Rat and Aries 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008**

It makes sense that the rat was substituted as the first sign of the zodiac. In China, rats are not loved but sighting one foretells a busy day ahead, likewise the move-on personality of Aries.

**The Ox and Taurus 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009**

An obvious match, an ox and a bull.

**The Tiger and Gemini 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010**

The tiger has contrasting stripes – light and dark, much like the good and bad aspects of Gemini. The Tiger is a beast of prey as well as a beautiful kitty cat. Anyone who knows Gemini is aware that they can go from compliant kitten to a fearsome predator in the blink of an eye.

**The Rabbit and Cancer 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011**

The Rabbit hides in its hole while the Crab retreats into its shell, both exhibiting a need for security to protect sentimental emotions too close to the surface.

**The Dragon and Leo 1928-1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012**

The king of the jungle in Lion-free China is most definitely the Dragon. The Leadership and self-assurance of these signs matches too well to be dismissed as coincidence.

**The Snake and Virgo 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013**

In the West, the Snake represents the devil tempting Adam and Eve. In the East, the Snake represents a clever and resourceful animal that moves fast without feet. This aligns well with Virgo, the sign that is a repository of knowledge and solutions





**The Horse and Libra 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990. 1002, 2014**

The Scales of Libra are an inanimate object but represent the duality of being independent and yet being a partner. The Horse matches with the balancing act as an animal in partnership with humans yet remains its own boss when free.

### **The Sheep and Scorpio 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015**

The Sheep might be the sign of Aries as the Ram, but the characteristics of a brutal, aloof mountain goat do not match up with the Chinese view of the Sheep and its siblings. In China, sheep have always been viewed as loyal animals whose prolific reproduction is a harbinger of sexual intimacy. Scorpio is the sexiest sign of the zodiac and fiercely loyal. The Sheep is also quiet reinforcing the nature of Scorpionic secrecy.

### **The Monkey and Sagittarius 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016**

While the West's mythological half-man, half beast Satyr represents the Sagittarian sense of adventure, the optimistic and mischievous Monkey is obviously akin to the freedom-loving members of this sign.

### **The Rooster and Capricorn 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017**

The sign of the Goat in the West rules over the security of the establishment. Roosters were once money, literally, in ancient China. The foundation of the establishment is represented well by this proud and valuable bird.

### **The Dog and Aquarius 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018**

The Western zodiac sign of doing one's part for the greater good is well-symbolized in the dog, man's best friend in Chin, Europe or wherever humans and canines travel together.

### **The Pig and Pisces 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, (2019)**

Sometimes the Pig is referred to as the Wild Boar, a fierce creature impossible to tame. Others see the well-fed farm Pig as a sufficient symbol. But it is the inherent duality of this animal association that closely resembles the Fish or Pisces, always represented as a pair as far back as ancient Babylonia. The Piscean urge to be of independent service is well matched with the need for those born in the year of the pig to be part of the greater society but always on their own terms.

This matching of East and West can well be construed as a bit of a reach. One can find attributes of almost any culture compared to another if one reaches far enough! Enough said, Chinese culture or Western culture each one satisfied the needs of the culture that used it! From what I can see, there is no direct match-up of the signs of the Western Zodiac from Babylon or Sumer on with the Chinese characters. The Western Zodiac is an annual with each sign representing roughly a month while the Chinese Zodiac uses a 60-year cyclic using the 12 zodiacal animals with the 5 elements on a recurring 2 year cycle. Both systems worked for their cultures.

The Chinese went further using their animals in measuring time of day or night but that is a tale for another time.



## 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.

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## 2018 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

**NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Florida United Numismatics (FUN)</b> 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	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> 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	<b>ANA National Money Show</b> 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	<b>54th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	<b>1st Annual Coin, Stamp Collectible Show &amp; Convention</b> 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	<b>Alabama State Coin Show</b> 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	<b>ANA World's Fair of Money</b> 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	<b>59th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	+++