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The President's Corner

We had a GREAT turnout for our first meeting of the year! Richard Jozefiak's presentation on Counterfeit Coins was an eye opener and very informative! We also had several nice "show-n-tell" and "show-n-sell" items that were very intriguing. I also want to extend a welcome to Bill Smith as a new member and Robert Ford as a returning member. I also want to take this opportunity to encourage you to submit articles to our newsletter. Sharing your experiences and opinions are invaluable to the club! Write them up and send them to Harold Fears (hkfears@knology.net). He needs them by the 20th of each month.

Sincerely,
Doug

The Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 2 – the 700th Anniversary of Lubeck as a Free Imperial City

The next coin in our numismatic journey of the Weimar Republic commemorative series is a 3 Mark coin minted in 1926. In 1226, Emperor Frederick II elevated Lubeck to the position a Free Imperial City. A Free Imperial City could wage war, make peace, and control their own trade, and they permitted little interference from outside and was subordinate only to the Holy Roman Emperor.



Lübeck's flag is similar to Poland's

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In 1871 Lübeck became an autonomous component state within the newly founded German Empire. Its status was weakened during the Weimar Republic by the Republic's enforcement of its right to determine state and Reich taxes. In 1933 Lübeck's senate and parliament were streamlined in order to manufacture Nazi majorities. By 1935 the statehood of Lübeck, like that of all German states, had faded completely, without being formally suspended. It is interesting to note that Adolf Hitler had a personal dislike for Lübeck for two main reasons. The first is Lübeck refused to allow him to campaign there in 1932. The second is because the flag of Lübeck was extremely similar Poland's flag. With the Nazi in power, the 711-year-long statehood of Lübeck came to an end in 1937.



LÜBECK



Location of the Free City of Lübeck within the German Empire



Lübeck's coat of arms is depicted on the coin's reverse.

The coin's reverse depicts Lübeck's coat of arms with the inscription "700 JAHRE REICHSFREIHEIT LÜBECK" which translates to "700 Years of Freedom for Lubeck."



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The coin's obverse has the denomination in the center surrounded by a half wreath of oak with the inscription "DEUTSCHES REICH." The edge inscription "EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT" means "Unity and Justice and Freedom."



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For these coins, the mintages are:

| Mint | 3 Marks | 5 Marks |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| A (Berlin) | 200,000 | None minted |

Nice uncirculated examples of the typically can be purchased for \$300 - \$350 range.

Our Visit to Jamaica

By

Daryl & Sandra Gahm

On a recent trip, we had the once in a lifetime opportunity to stop off in the country of Jamaica. We only had a short time to visit the county and the people; however, wanted to share a few items of interest with you. The country of Jamaica has almost 3 million people. While the early economy was primarily based on sugar and bananas, the later years resulted in the production of bauxite and aluminum.

As expected, we looked like American tourists, and were guided to the local tourism areas. The hosts all spoke English and informed us that they spoke a dialect of the Creole language. From early first impressions, it appeared that the citizens of Jamaica are heavily dependent on tourism. We enjoyed their extreme hospitality and the tremendous smell of food in the air throughout our stay. We saw some local people standing on 14 - 18 foot stilts and appeared to be some of the nicest people anyone would want to meet.

We ate a Jamaican sandwich which resembled some type of soft flour tortilla that was slightly spicy but very good. The sandwich was really good, as well as the fruit drinks that went with it. As we continued our walk, we saw souvenirs of Usain Bolt, who at one time was known as the world's fastest man. It was very obvious to us that Jamaica was very proud of their native son.

As the last part of our walk, we ran into a nice lady who went by the name "Big Mama" who claimed she either knew everything or could find out what we wanted to know. We asked if we could purchase any Jamaican currency. We purchased a \$ 5 coin, \$ 10 coin, \$ 20 coin, \$ 50 dollar bill, and \$ 100 bill for \$ 2 US dollars. We later found out the exchange rate was 137 Jamaican dollars equals 1 US dollar. Last year, Jamaica quit minting coins; however, continues to print paper money. The front of each bill is a prominent political figure or local hero, while the back of the bill is a significant historical figure that contributed to Jamaica's culture and history.

We enjoyed the festivities (and especially the Jamaican pie sandwiches.)



100 Jamaican Dollar Note

Front: Sir Donald Sangster

Back: Dunn's River Falls



Jamaican 10 dollar

Rt. Excellent George William Gordon



50 Jamaican Dollar Note
Front: The Right Excellent Samuel Sharpe, National Hero;
Back: Doctor's Cave Beach, Montego Bay



Jamaican 20 dollar
 Rt. Excellent Norman Manley

An Early Guernsey Banknote

Collecting early banknotes from Guernsey can be a very challenging task. Here we have a 1914 note for 5 shillings or 6 francs. Can you do some research and determine the connection between this note and the state of Massachusetts?



HOW THE ALLIES CHANGED GERMAN WW II COINS

*By
Bob Jaques*

Even prior to the start of WW II, the German Government or the Third Reich, began minting small denomination coins featuring the eagle and the swastika. The denominations were the 1, 2,5, 10 and 50 Reichspfennig.

The obverse had the words “Deutsches Reich”; an eagle with outstretched wings; and a swastika within a wreath beneath the eagle’s talons. These coins were minted in bronze, zinc, and aluminum.

The reverse of the coins had the denomination in big letters along the top and a large number in the center. Beneath the number was a mintmark between two oak leaves.

The mintmarks were from seven different mints throughout Germany and Austria. They were as follows:

A-Berlin
B-Vienna 1938-1944
D-Munich
E-Muldenhütten
F-Stuttgart
G-Karlsruhe
J-Hamburg

Soon after the war ended on May 8, 1945, the Allies changed the dies at the mints and continued to mint coins for circulation. What did they change? They removed the swastika from beneath the eagle’s talons to show “de-nazification”. And they made the new coins in denominations of only 1,5, and 10 Reichspfennig.

These Allied Occupation coins as they are called were made from 1944 thru 1948. Not all the mints struck these coins. The mints that were still operating were A, D, E, F, and G. Midway thru 1948 new Federal Republic coins were minted with a new design with 5 oak leaves on the obverse. These were a sign of peace.

The Allied Occupation coins are not very common and prices can vary from \$20 to over \$100 depending on condition. The Allied coins were all minted in zinc.

In my own collection I only have three different Allied Occupation coins. When I visit coins shows I keep searching through German coins hoping to find more of these historic reminders of WW II.



The obverse design of the WW II German coins



The obverse of the Allied Occupation German coins.

MCCC January 22, 2019 Meeting

*By
Richard Jozefiak*

The January 22nd meeting was the first meeting of the year. There were 18 people at the meeting. MCCC President Doug Glandon presented outgoing president Kurt Springfield with a plaque that reads "In Appreciation & Recognition of Outstanding Leadership as President of the Madison County Coin Club, 2008-2012". Kurt served six terms as club president.



MCCC President Doug Glandon (L) presenting award to Kurt Springfield

At the meeting were all the past club presidents. A group photo was taken. Past club presidents and their years of service:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Richard Jozefiak | 2001-2003 | 3 terms |
| Harold Fears | 2004-2007 | 4 terms |
| Bob Jaques | 2008-2012 | 5 terms |
| Kurt Springfield | 2013-2018 | 6 terms |
| Doug Glandon | 2019 | Current |



Richard Jozefiak (L), Harold Fears, Bob Jaques, Kurt Springfield, Doug Glandon

The program for the evening was “*Counterfeit Coins in the Numismatic Market and Collector Impact*”, and I was the presenter. Chinese Counterfeit coins have entered in large numbers in the numismatic market, both raw and third-party graded (slabbed) coins. Many Chinese counterfeit coins are sold on E-bay and similar services and at flea markets and swap meets. Some counterfeit coins are so good, that PCGS and NGC (the major third-party grading companies) have graded these coins. Only later was it determined that the coins were counterfeit.

Chinese Counterfeit Coin Classifications

| Classification | Manufacturing Method | Person Aimed to Defraud | Quality of Item | Third Party Slabbed Known |
|----------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Type 1 | Crude | Tourist | Poor | No |
| Type 2 | Die struck, but weight, diameter, and/or material not correct | Beginning collector | Poor-Medium | No |
| Type 3 | Die struck, correct weight, fineness, size, design | Advanced collector/ Investor | High-Very High | Yes, by all major grading services |

Coin/Slab Combinations

| TYPE | COIN | SLAB | COMMENTS |
|--------|------|------|---|
| TYPE 1 | REAL | REAL | This is still the majority of slab coins being sold. <i>"The real thing!"</i> |
| TYPE 2 | FAKE | REAL | Fake coin certified by a grading service. Major grading services will reimburse for their error. In market, and affecting confidence of buyers. |
| TYPE 3 | REAL | FAKE | Coin tends to be very over graded, slab will not pass close inspection. Seen more on E-Bay than at coin shows. |
| TYPE 4 | FAKE | FAKE | Seen more on E-Bay (and similar services), also swap meets, etc. Price tends to be a lot lower than market. |

The Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force (ACTF) is an independent organization in association with PNG (Professional Numismatic Guild) that is working to fight the Chinese counterfeit coins. The organization is led by Beth Deisher, retired *Coin World* editor, and based in Sylvania, OH. Information can be found at their web site: <https://acefonline.org/>.

I recommend the following when buying coins today:

- Set a value point (e.g. \$50) that anything above that amount that you will buy slabbed (third party graded) items
 - Always verify your slab with the company's app. PCGS and NCG have apps that allow you to match the coin, registration number and other factors of a slab.
- Know what you are buying by reading the book first and looking at examples at shows
 - If something does not look right, then walk away. First impressions are always the best.
 - If in question, ask to take the item to a grading service or a dealer you know at the show for their opinion. A professional coin dealer should have no problem in you getting another opinion(s).



Richard Jozefiak (L) receiving presentation certificate from President Doug Glandon



Club member at meeting

On another note- The club's furthest member, Michael S. Turrini, renewed his membership for another two years. Mike resides in Vallejo, CA (about 25 miles from San Francisco), and is an ANA District Representative and past ANA governor. He sent a letter with his check and said "He enjoys reading and learning of local coin club happenings around the nation". He has been a club member for many years. I want to thank him for his continuing support of the club and the hobby.

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.

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UNSLABBED HUMOR by Sandra & Daryl Gahm

**Q: What kind of roads do
coin collectors like?**

A: Graded

"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

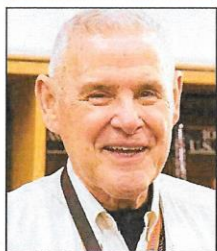
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FUNDAMENTALS OF GRADING U.S. COINS

Sharpen your grading skills! Knowledge of coin grading not only makes you more confident on the bourse floor,



but also adds to your enjoyment of the hobby by helping take the worry out of numismatic purchases. Learn how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. The seminar covers many topics and emphasizes the fundamental principles of grading circulated U.S. coins, including the history and evolution of grading standards, analysis of a coin's focal points, technical and market grading, how to determine initial signs of wear and evaluating surface marks, strike, luster and eye appeal.

Instructors: Rod Gillis, ANA education director; and Bill Fivaz, co-author of *The Cherrypicker's Guide to Rare Coin Varieties*.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: TBD



School of Numismatics Seminars

Seminar Dates:

Wednesday & Thursday, April 10 & 11

In conjunction with the

**54th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show,
Dalton, Georgia**

Friday - Sunday, April 12-14, 2019



ANA seminars are "hands-on."

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1st

SCHOOL OF NUMISMATICS >> *Registration and Payment*

| | EARLY DISCOUNT RATE (REGISTER BY FEB 22) | ANA & GNA MEMBER PRICE | ANA Life Membership Discount | Non-Member Price | | Total |
|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| FUNDAMENTALS OF GRADING U.S. COINS | \$234 | \$259 | <input type="checkbox"/> -\$40 | \$359 | | \$ |
| ANA Basic Membership (money.org) | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$28 | \$ |
| FUN Regular Membership (funtopics.com) | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | \$ |
| Grand Total (USD) | | | | | | \$ |

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2019 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 22 | Richard Jozefiak Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | Counterfeit Coins in the Numismatic Market and Collector Impact- Richard Jozefiak |
| February 26 *Special Guest Speaker* | Wayne Koger Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo |
| March 26 | Bob Baker Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | TBD |
| April 23 | Doug Glandon Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | Stan Benedict- Program TBD |
| May- NO MEETING | | |
| June 25 | 4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | |
| July 23 | Stan Benedict Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | Bob Jaques- Program TBD |
| August 27 | TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | Weimar Republic 3 Marks- Harold Fears |
| September 24 | Julian Olander Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | Barber Half Dollars- Doug Glandon |
| October 22 *Special Guest Speaker* | Ken & Cindy Walker Nomination of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | David Hollander- Program TBD (will need use of a lap top) |
| November 26 | Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle | |
| December- NO MEETING | | |

Last update: October 30, 2018

2019 Coin Shows within Driving Distance from Huntsville

| Date(s) | Area | Location | Contact Info | Richard's Rating |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Mar 1-3 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 | Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs |
| March 9 May 18 September 21 | Trussville, AL | Central Alabama Coin Show Trussville Civic Center 5381 Trussville-Clay Road Trussville, AL From I-59, Take Exit 141 9 am – 3 pm | Christopher Lambert alabamacoinshow@gmail.com | Small coin show, no educational programs |
| March 15-16 | Franklin, TN | 2nd Annual Coin, Stamp Collectible Show & Convention Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park 4215 Long Lane (Peytonsville Road Exit I-65) Franklin, TN Fri 9 am- 6 pm, Sat 9 am -4 pm Sun 9 am- 4 pm | COL Steven Ellsworth, ret PO Box 2869 Brentwood, TN 37024 703-932-6331 ellsworth@money.org | Small coin show, no educational programs |
| April 12-14 | Dalton, GA | 55th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention 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 | Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. |
| June 15-16 | Gadsden, AL | 70th Annual Northeast Alabama Coin Show Gadsden Mall 1001 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL Sat-Sun 10 am- 9 pm | Blaine Smith 256-820-9691 blainelsmith@cableone.net Rainbow City Coin Club | Small coin show, no educational programs |
| July 19-21 | Bessemer, AL | Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm | Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com | Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs |
| Aug 23-25 | Dalton, GA | 60th 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 | Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. |

