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The President's Corner

Hey All,

Wow, what a great time of fun, food, and fellowship we had at our 4th of July Potluck & Auction in June! A great crowd and so much good food! J We also had two guests join the club: Nelson Gay & Brandon Schroeder...Welcome! Also a special thanks to our officers and Kurt for making the auction a success!

See you at the next meeting!

Doug

The Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 6 – the 400th Anniversary of Founding of Philipps University

This month in our study of the Weimar Republic's commemorative coinage we will look at a 3 mark issued for the 400th Anniversary of Founding of the University of Marburg (Philipps University.) Philipps University is the oldest Protestant university and was founded in 1527, while the city of Marburg received its charter in 1227. The university became renowned throughout Europe.

The obverse depicts several lions in different positions, the one in the middle wearing a crown. The stars represent both the University and the town. On the right side is the inscription "MARBURG 1527-1927" and on the left is "PHILIPPS UNIVERSITY." The reverse depicts the German eagle, denomination and the A mintmark (Berlin). With a mintage of 130,000 NGC states the coin has a value of \$400 in MS 60 and \$450 in MS 63.

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This 3 mark commemorative was issued in 1927 for the 400th anniversary of Philipps University. Also note that the edge inscription "EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT" means "Unity and Justice and Freedom."



This was the last of 4 commemoratives issued in 1927. The 4 were for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Bremerhaven, 1000th anniversary of founding of Nordhausen, the 450th anniversary of the founding of Tübingen University, and this coin.

APOLLO 11 INSIGNIA ON REVERSE OF TWO U.S. COINS

*By
Bob Jaques*

This past week from July 16th thru July 24th, the United States and most of the world celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the successful first landing on the Moon by the crew of Apollo 11. The three crew-members were Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins.

This remarkable feat is often heralded as “Man’s Greatest Accomplishment”. The three men were launched atop a Saturn V rocket on July 16, 1969 and returned to Earth on July 24, 1969.

Former President Eisenhower died in March, 1969, and it was decided to strike a coin in honor of him. After much discussion in Congress, it was decided to issue a new dollar coin with Eisenhower’s image on the obverse. This was a bold decision because a dollar coin had not been minted since the last Peace dollar in 1935.

In thinking of what to put on the reverse, following the successful flight of Apollo 11, it was decided to place the Apollo 11 insignia on the reverse. The Apollo 11 insignia was designed by Apollo 11 crewmember Michael Collins.

The new Eisenhower dollars were minted from 1971 thru 1978. The Apollo 11 insignia design was stopped during the Bicentennial years 1975-1976 and new design was chosen. It featured the Liberty Bell with a Moon background. In 1977 the Apollo 11 design was continued until the series ended in 1978.

The new Eisenhower dollar was large and cumbersome and the public did not circulate it in transactions. In 1977 the Mint began to consider a smaller dollar size coin to make the dollar coin more acceptable by the public.

Beginning in 1979, a new small dollar coin was introduced with Susan B. Anthony on the obverse, but the Apollo 11 insignia was again placed on the reverse. The public again did not like this dollar and it was discontinued in 1981. However, it was struck again for one year in 1999.

A complete set of both the Eisenhower dollar and Susan B. Anthony dollar are easily available at a fairly low cost. Both type coins have the distinction of honoring Apollo 11, “Man’s Greatest Achievement”.



*The Apollo 11 insignia was designed
by Apollo 11 crewmember Michael Collins*



*The Apollo 11 insignia design was
stopped during the Bicentennial years 1975-1976*



*The Susan B. Anthony Dollar
with the Apollo 11 insignia*

Coin Collecting 101

by Sandra Gahm

BAG-MARK - A mark on a coin's surface that has been acquired through contact with another coin or coins banging around inside in a MINT bag.

Tornado in Branson, Missouri

*by
Daryl Gahm*

After seeing several shows in Branson, MO, my wife and I stopped by the Branson, Missouri coin shop, New Collectors' Showcase, Inc. owned by Joseph & Angie Tranchita. We were looking around their shop for a few minutes when several sirens sounding the alarm of an impending tornado. The noise, wind, and rain were a very scary agenda. We asked whether we could stay in the coin shop until the tornado went by. Mr. Tranchita graciously agreed and we thanked him appropriately.

To settle our nerves, both Joseph and I started talking about his shop and his coin experience, as the sirens continued to sound alarms and developed into an informal interview. Joseph talked that counterfeit coins come into his shop on a weekly basis. He stated that it is very difficult to prosecute customers who bring in counterfeit coins. He pointed out that a coin owner cannot ask a customer where he got the coins originally and a customer can always claim that he did not know they were counterfeit. However, this writer takes the position that "Joseph knows".

Joseph stated that several celebrities had been to his shop.

Mr. Tranchita stated that he formerly worked for the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) before starting his coin shop decades ago, so he is particularly fond of and appreciative of law enforcement personnel.



He stated that Missouri does not charge any taxes on buying and selling coins & currency. His shop is primarily a cash business but sometimes accepts debit and credit cards. Coin volatility is not a factor when selling coins. Joseph stated that he knows the original price of his purchase and makes a reasonable profit when selling currency & coins later.

Although I thought this was very unusual, Mr. Tranchita stated that some of his customers are clergy & law enforcement officials. He stated that church officials receive coin donations for the church, and the church wants to know the value of the donations. He went on to say that several law enforcement officials visit his shop both in uniform and in civilian clothes.

Joseph stated that he has an audit trail of customers and for customers of prior and current purchases. He stated that his wife, Angie, went from zero knowledge about coins to a current expert today. Even though Branson, MO is a noted tourist destination, Joseph stated that most of his customers are local.

SILENCE! After almost two hours in the coin shop, the sirens had stopped. This writer was so fascinated by the wealth of knowledge of Mr. Tranchita that I hadn't realized the tornado had passed.

I would like to thank Mr. Joseph Tranchita. I think he was a perfect MS 70.



New Collectors Showcase Branson Coin Shop

MCCC June 25 Meeting

Our 4th of July Potluck and auction was enjoyed by all! We had 23 in attendance, of which, 7 were guests. Two of guest joined the club. The auction was also a success with 3 bullion silver coins, 2 bronze medals, 2 Great Britain Type Sets, 2 President & First Lady Dollar sets, and a Norwegian 25 Ore coin sold.

Some Scenes for the Last Meeting



The Crowd



The Auction Begins.



Good times had by all.

My Visit to the U. S. Mint Gift Shop in Denver

By Harold Fears

On July 3 of this year I had a chance to visit the mint in Denver. Although the mint tour was unavailable because of the holiday, the gift shop was open for business. I arrived when the doors opened and noticed that the shop had various numismatic items for sale, including T-Shirts, books, trinkets, and various tourist items. Also, they did have a few of their recent products (mint sets, medals, etc.) for sale. I milled around for about 10-15 minutes looking for something to acquire before I settled on a notebook. The notebook had a nice cover depicting various U.S. banknotes. I'm not sure what I going to do with it, but I have it. On my way out of the shop, a young man, Alfredo, asked me if I was in line. I asked, "In line for what?" His response was that today was the first day to acquire "The Pride of Two Nations" limited edition two coin set. As we stood in line for almost two hours for the coins to go on sale, I struck up a conversation with him and his other three family members. He described his previous trips to the shop and that sometimes the line is very long. As 10 o'clock approached, an employee of the mint told us that only two people at a time would be allowed to purchase the sets. A U.S. Mint Policeman also appeared then for crowd control. Finally, at 10'oclock sharp, Alfredo and I went into the shop and we both purchased the maximum sets allowed, five each. Over all, I enjoyed my visit to the shop, talking with Alfredo, and coming away with some nice coins.

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> .



A view of the Denver mint from W Colfax Ave



Pictures along the sidewalk





A set of 1943 steel pennies.



Numismatic time pieces are also on sale.



A set of state quarters in a nice wooden display box.



Making friends with Alfredo.



The line forms in eager anticipation.

"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



The line is getting impatient for the coins to go on sale.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



The U.S. Mint Police show up for crowd control.

Club Officers:

President: [Doug Glandon](#)

Vice President: [Julian Olander](#)

Secretary: [Richard Jozefiak](#)

Treasurer: [Mike Campbell](#)

Board Member: [Bob Jaques](#)



The Pride of Two Nations set contains an American Eagle silver coin with an enhanced reverse proof finish and a Canadian One Ounce Silver Maple Leaf with a modified proof finish. The coins are minted at the West Point and Canada's Ottawa Mint.

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.

Unslabbed Humor

by Sandra & Daryl Gahm

In Great Britain, a British coin owner, Roger, was very excited one day as he opened up his shop. One of his customers, Sara, asked Roger about his excitement and nervousness. Roger replied, "The Queen has asked some businesses for a supper and also to talk about our products. I was one of the business chosen."

A few weeks later, Sara returned to Roger's store and asked how the visit with the Queen went. Roger stated, "It was great. I put on a display of pre 1933 gold coins and provided examples of various coin sets and methods of grading coins. She seemed to really like it." Sara asked, "Did the Queen say anything?" Roger replied, "She said she liked my Prestige."

Can You Identify this Coin?



Can you identify this coin? The solution will be published next month in the newsletter.

Members' Notices



A Coin from the Solomon Islands

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. 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

Need one coin, any denomination, from Solomon Islands and one from Tuvalu. Contact: Mike at mikathy48@gmail.com .

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 by Impact- Richard Jozefiak
February 26	Wayne Koger Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The State of the Coin Market by Charles Cataldo
March 26	Bob Baker Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Liberty Seated Coins by Mike Campbell
April 23	Doug Glandon Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Back to Europe again, almost! by Stan Benedict
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	Medals for Apollo 11 by Bob Jaques
August 27	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Weimar Republic 3 Marks by Harold Fears
September 24 *Special Guest Speaker*	Ken & Cindy Walker Nomination of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Program TBD by David Hollander
October 22	Julian Olander Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Barber Half Dollars by Doug Glandon
November 26	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

Last update: June 23, 2019

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.

