

Madison County Coin Club

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The President's Corner

Hey Everyone!

We had a great meeting in July! Bob Jaques did a great job educating the club on Apollo 11 medals and coins! I had no idea there were so many! Also I want to give a shout out to Harold Fears and everyone who contributed to the newsletter over the past year! Our newsletter was ranked 2nd in the nation this year! Great job Club! So keep sending Harold your great articles!

Doug

The Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 7 – the 400th Anniversary of Death of Albrecht Dürer

Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) was one of Germany's greatest painters, wood workers, engravers, and theorist of the German Renaissance. Thus, Germany issued a 3 Mark commemorative to mark the 400th anniversary of his death. (A collector could form a nice collection of coins depicting his work and his life. I did a quick search on EBay and found 7 different coins from five different countries.)

The obverse has a dexter bust of Dürer with the inscription "ALBRECHT DURER GEDENKJAR – 1928". The reverse depicts the German eagle, denomination and the D mintmark (Munich). The edge inscription reads "EHRT EURE DEUTSCHEN MEISTER" or in English, "Honor Your German Masters." With a mintage of 50,000 NGC states the coin has a value of \$1050 in MS 60 and \$1200 in MS 63.

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Dürer's self-portrait at 28 (1500)



Praying Hands, pen-and-ink drawing (c. 1508)



Knight, Death and the Devil, 1513, engraving



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A Brief History of the Ocean County Coin Club

By William Smith

In 2018 I moved to Huntsville Alabama after living my entire life in New Jersey. There I joined the Madison County coin club. Before that I was a longtime member of the Ocean County (NJ) coin club. I served in a variety of positions as an officer. In June of 2019 I went back to New Jersey for a visit. While I was there, I attended a meeting of my old coin club. It was a bittersweet moment.

The Ocean County coin club was founded in May of 1970 by five airmen stationed at the Lakehurst NJ air base. They met in a room on the naval air base and began what is NJ's most active coin club. Several original members are still with the club today.

Soon the club out grew the naval base and moved first to Toms River, then Brick, finally settling in Point Pleasant Beach where they are located today. Many vestiges of the club's beginning remain, most notably the use of a zeppelin on the club's logo. The zeppelin is featured because the Lakehurst naval base was used to dock zeppelins prior to WWII. It was also famous for the crash and burning of the Hindenburg in 1937. Today tours are available of these huge hangers.

From the beginning the club was very active. Where most coin clubs have one meeting a month, this club has two meetings a month. The first meeting was an educational meeting featuring a speaker. The second meeting of each month featured a large auction. In October our awards banquet was held, followed by a Christmas social during the first meeting in December. An annual show has been held for the last 45 years, along with a smaller national coin week show in April. Many exhibits have been held for public education.

We also boast a large YN program. At times 30-40 kids attend the junior's meeting, held before the main meeting. The kids would have homework and earn YN money by attending meetings, turning in the homework, and doing various projects. They used this to bid on real coins donated by the club's dealers.

I joined in November of 1993 at the urging of my best friend. Soon I was an officer, starting as the secretary and serving in a variety of positions through the years. I exhibited many times at our annual show. Around the year 2000 we began our member of the year program. The first numismatist of the year was a dealer, Dave Wilson. In 2012 I was made member of the year, shortly before hurricane Sandy.

Hurricane Sandy began one of the darkest times of the coin club. Our meeting place is located at the Point Pleasant Beach firehouse about a mile from the ocean.

The distance from the ocean didn't matter to Sandy. Five feet of water flooded the firehouse during the storm surge. Our numismatic library was destroyed. It was six months before we met again. We had to find an alternate meeting site. For over a year we met in nearby Brick. With great difficulty we held our annual coin show. Since the show represents almost half of our income, without this we might have been forced to disband.

Today the Ocean county coin club is back at the firehouse. In 2018, after being a member for 25 years I left New Jersey for Alabama. My last meeting was a somber moment for me, but I was satisfied with my role in the history of the club. I had made so many great friends there. I left the club knowing it was in good hands with current president Dennis Berube.

In 2020 the Ocean county coin club will celebrate its 50th anniversary. They will issue a medal and re-release the official history of the Ocean County coin club. Thus the ocean county coin club will continue its run as NJ's most active coin club well into the future.



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> .

Birds in Numismatics

By William Smith

Birds have always inspired me. Indeed, I enjoy bird watching, sometimes wishing that I was free as a bird. So when I needed a theme for my exhibit at the 2014 OCCC show, I decided to explore the avian world in my coin and banknote collection. What a pleasant surprise.

I began with the most familiar birds, those eagles that grace the reverses of so many American coins. Even here I was pleasantly surprised at the variety that the eagles offered. There is the flying eagles on the 1857 cent, as well as the gold eagles. The Morgan dollars feature an eagle with outstretched wings. More recently, a soaring eagle adorns the back of the Sacajawea dollar coins. Indeed bald eagles have been on nearly every US denomination. However, other birds have also been on US coins. These come from the state quarters. In 2002, Louisiana put a pelican on their design. Before that, South Carolina showed a small thrush as part of their logo in its 2000 quarter. With the 2005 quarters came the California condor. Then in 2007 Idaho added a peregrine falcon. South Dakota chimed in with a pheasant in flight in 2008.



The picture became a lot more diverse when I got into my foreign coinage collection. First I searched through the Canadian pieces. I obtained a decent loon on the one dollar coin. These are commonly called loonies. However, I also found a 1967 Canadian penny, instead of the familiar maple leaf, there was a bird in flight on the reverse.

From Canada I headed into my Mexican collection. On nearly all Mexican coins, an eagle clutching a serpent appears on the reverse. The 1970 one peso coins shows a nice example. From Bermuda came a seabird in flight on a 1967 quarter. However, my favorite avian piece came from Belize. This is a proof 1975 silver quarter. What I like is the simplicity of the design. A small tropical bird is sitting on a small branch. Nothing else takes away from the bird.



I also found out that many other countries use eagles on their coins. Poland and Germany gave me two nice examples of eagles with outstretched wings. Several former Soviet states also showcase eagles. Staying in Europe, France used roosters on some of their pre Euro coinage. The example I found is a twenty franc piece from 1950, although the rooster is also on a 100 franc coin.

When I got into my Asian collection I was somewhat disappointed. It wasn't until I found the 1 rupee coin that I scored my first Asian find. This nice note shows a fantailed flycatcher on the obverse. However, New Zealand certainly did not disappoint me. On the dollar coin is a kiwi bird. More would be found here when I get to the banknotes.



Africa offers a wide selection of birds to choose from. With just a cursory glance I found a twenty cent piece with an ostrich on it. A more detailed search will likely yield far more birds on coins.

To add color to my exhibit, I often use banknotes. Here is where the birds truly took flight. Canada has robins on the two dollar note and a kingfisher on the five. My favorite banknote with birds on it comes from China. This note showing doves being released is from the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Communist takeover in 1949. Interestingly, This 50 RMB note is not legal tender in China.

Coming back to New Zealand, a hummingbird is on the two dollar note. Closer to home, Trinidad and Tobago's one dollar note features a flamingo. Among the African banknote collection that I've worked to put together, the Twenty Kwacha banknote stands out. A gorgeous falcon is sitting on a small branch. I really enjoy the color shown in this specimen.

Finally, Antarctica gets into the act. Few people even know that Antarctica even issues money. Yet the one dollar note is simply beautiful. Of course penguins are the main attraction here. This is just a small sample of the birds that are on coins and banknotes. With more than just a one day search, I am confident that I will turn up many more avian issues from around the world. Enjoy your flight and soar with the Chinese doves or dive like a Canadian loon. Enjoy the trip into the world of birds on banknotes and coins.



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I Was Lost, But Now I'm Found

By Doug Glandon

As part of our monthly coin meetings, we conduct a "Show & Tell" which gives our members an opportunity to share and discuss coins and other related items with the club. It also gives members exposure to different types of coins that they may not know existed. During our last meeting we had several interesting items presented by members.

Harold Fears presented a nice assortment of British pennies assembled in a plastic display case.



A British Penny

Harold also presented the "Pride of Two Nations" set that he had recently purchased while visiting the mint. The set consists of a one ounce silver American Eagle and a one ounce silver Canadian Maple Leaf. It is the first collaboration between the U.S. Mint and the Royal Canadian Mint.



2019 Pride of Two Nations Mint Set

Kurt Springfield presented a Commemorative coin from the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. The medal was designed by Italian sculptor, Constantino Affer and struck by A.E. Lorioli Fratelli of Milan. The medal is nicely detailed with a heavy 3-D relief of the moon's surface, an astronaut, and the moon lander. Above the word "APOLLO" you can see the earth on the right and the Apollo 11 on the left. The name of the artist who designed this image "Affer" is on the right edge. The reverse reads "APOLLO 11 FIRST MEN ON THE MOON, JULY 20th 1969" and the names of the three Apollo 11 astronauts.



Apollo 11 Moon Landing Commemorative Medal

I had planned to present my "customary" new Barber dime acquisition, but Harold's and Kurt's coins and medal were so unique and interesting, I decided to keep my coin in my pocket.

Later in the meeting, Bob Jaques presented a nice program on Apollo 11 medals to the club. After the meeting had adjourned, Bob, Kurt and I were having one final conversation in the parking lot before leaving. We discussed having lunch, so that I could present Bob with his program certificate. We made our plans and headed home.

Once I got home, I realized that I had misplaced the Barber dime I was going to use for Show & Tell. I checked my pockets, my book bag, and my car with no luck. Susan, my wife, could see the frustration on my face suggested that we should go check the parking lot at the Senior Center. We surveyed the parking lot, but came up empty. Afterwards, Susan said, "I'll call the Senior Center in the morning and see if anyone found it and turned it in." With a skeptical tone, I said, "Sure, you do that". About 10:00 AM the next morning, Susan calls me at work and the first thing she says is "I found your coin!" I almost dropped the phone! She said that a gentleman, who was a member at the Senior Center had found it in the parking lot and had turned it in to "Lost and Found". It left me almost speechless. I immediately left work and went to the Senior Center to pick up my coin.



1916 Barber Dime

The coin had been sealed in an envelope with the finder's name and number written on the outside. I immediately called the gentleman that found my coin and thanked him over and over again. I even offered to buy him lunch, but he said that was not necessary. He said, "When I found the coin, I knew someone was missing it! So I turned it in..." He also told me that his inspiration for doing this was because he had misplaced his cell phone at the Senior Center a few days earlier and someone had turned it in to "Lost and Found". He wanted to return someone else's good deed with one of his own. His name is Jerry Mitchell. Thank you again, Mr. Mitchell!

Barber Quarters: **An Old Man's New Approach**

By Leonard Rizzo

Through the purchase of a Barber Dime on Ebay a couple of years ago, I met fellow Barber coin collector, Leonard ("Lenny") Rizzo from south Florida. As I became better acquainted with Lenny, I came to realize that his focus and expertise was on the Barber Quarter series. I ask Lenny if he would be willing write an article about his experiences in collecting this series and provide guidance on the series, as well as, good practices that could be applied to coin collecting in general. The coins pictured in this article are from Lenny's collection and were developed by Vern Sebby. – Doug Glandon

Here's Lenny in his own words...

"Hello, Fellow Coin Enthusiasts! Recently I've had the privilege to be invited to write a numismatic article for a local coin club. I've been a huge fan of the Barber Quarter series for about 12 years, and have assembled a top Everyman Registry collection. Although it was fun being at the top, this honestly came about by default and good fortune. It turns out that one of my buddies sold his top set and I had the opportunity to fill some of the very tough holes with high quality pieces."



1901-S Barber Quarter

“But, like all things, they’ll always be a time to pass the torch, and I no longer sit on the king’s throne. Honestly, it’s not a title that I care to compete for. However, I do see this as an opportunity to still be involved in the hobby and collect the series that I love so much, with a slightly different focus.”

“So I need a new approach, and quite frankly, it’s been a long time coming. After finishing the Barbers, I found a new passion in Liberty Seated Quarters. With this series, I chose to fill each spot with quality and value, and did not strive for better “technical” grades for the sake of registry points. It’s a philosophy that has worked very well for me, and now I can incorporate that philosophy to my Barbers.”



1896-S Barber Quarter

“To boil it down to one sentence, the mindset I have going forward is: How can I add a “better” coin to my collection? It seems simple, but what’s “Better?” Is a 1909-S quarter in AU-53 better than one in AU-58? It’s certainly possible, although many collectors that I know wouldn’t dream of this type of upgrade because they lose registry points. Is one in an MS-64 holder better than an AU-58? Maybe not! Does the holder TPG holder matter? What if CAC doesn’t approve? Lots of questions!”



1913-S Barber Quarter

“My first step will be to compare “Quality” of the coin that I have to the potential replacement. It is important to me that a coin is original. I know that I have a few dipped coins that are in PCGS holders. Some are even quite lovely to the eye, having retoned somewhat naturally. So I own a 1910-D quarter in a PCGS 58 holder (hypothetically speaking) that I’m not 100% pleased with. Maybe a perfect XF-45 presents itself, having natural skin, pleasing and unblemished surfaces, and just a small amount of wear. Imagine the same seller has an MS-63 example with very few surface marks and natural cartwheel luster. Here are two chances for an upgrade on both sides of the spectrum. What should I do?”

“Second step should be value. In this example, I figure that I overpaid 150 dollars for my current AU-58 example. This is by no means a stretch, given the run of everyman sets over the past 10 years. So I calculate that I’m down \$150. I really like the MS-63 example, and the premium is 250\$. So, If I choose this path, I’ll have a better coin, but I’ll be 400\$ behind. The XF-45 example is selling at a fifty dollar discount. For the grade, I think it is stellar. In fact, I wouldn’t mind if all my XFs had this same look. You can see where I’m heading here. In my estimation, I’d be adding value to my collection by downgrading to an XF-45. So in my vision, this is actually an upgrade!”

“Next consideration for me, being that I’m an ordinary average guy with a modest income is: How easily can I sell this coin and break even or make a small profit? I don’t like to purchase coins that I think I will have any trouble selling or trading if I

decide to do so. I see way too many collectors taking losses on their coins. Everybody has to from time to time, and it's always a learning process, but beware of the trap of overpaying for coins that you think you "need." When I walk around a show with a "want list," I feel like I'm in trouble. Throw away your want list. Start looking for eye appealing coins with some upside value. This step in the process goes hand in hand with the value step. I want to always be adding value to my collection, and sometimes the way to do that is to downgrade numerically. Don't be afraid to do so."

"A final consideration for me is availability. If the MS-63 example has a population of 40 coins, and there are plenty of 64s as well, why pay a premium? (Unless it is just absolutely perfect in every way.) If the population is 7 and 4 better, now maybe that is worth further consideration."

"Going slightly off topic, the Barber Quarters series is a wonderful and challenging collection to assemble. Aside from the 3 key dates, a nice original collection of the remaining 71 coins is a stellar feat, in just about any grade VF or better. I would advise an experienced opinion before attempting to assemble this set. There are many overpriced examples of tough coins on the market, and many have issues and would not be a good value. Try to stick with highly reputable dealers and good friends to guide you. I'd be happy to elaborate in a private conversation."

"Lastly, I think my new approach would work for any collection, if Barbers aren't your cup of tea!

Happy Collecting!!"

Lenny

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The Madison County Coin Club would like to thank Lenny Rizzo for taking the time to write this informative article for our Club.

Madison County Coin Club Newsletter Wins 2nd Place in the 2019 ANA Publication Contest

By Richard Jozefiak

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) awarded the *Madison County Coin Club Newsletter* the 2019 Second Place Outstanding Electronic Numismatic Publication award at its World's Fair of Money in Chicago, IL on August 15, 2019. Harold Fears is the editor of the *Madison County Coin Club Newsletter*, and he has won an ANA publication award for a number of years. Great job Harold! Harold is only the second editor that the *Madison County Coin Club Newsletter* has had. I accepted award on behave of Harold at the awards ceremony.

First place for Electronic Numismatic Publications went to *Double Shift*, Greater Houston Coin Club (John Barber, editor). Houston is the fourth largest city in the country, and the Greater Houston Coin Club is much larger than MCCC. Third place went to the *Sacramento Valley County Coin Club Newsletter*, Sacramento Valley Coin Club (Patrick Carpenter, editor).

Other publication awards given at the 2019 World's Fair of Money awards ceremony:

Regional

First Place	<i>The California Numismatist</i>	Numismatic Association of Southern California and California State Numismatic Association (Greg Burns, editor)
Second Place	<i>The Clarion</i>	Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (Richard C. Jewell, editor)
Third Place	<i>FUNTopics</i>	Florida United Numismatics (Greg Burns, editor)

Local

First Place	<i>The Cincinnati Numismatist</i>	Cincinnati Numismatic Association (David G. Heinrich, editor)
Second Place	<i>Pocket Change</i>	Albuquerque Coin Club (Phil Vitale, editor)
Third Place	<i>South Hill Coin Club Newsletter</i>	South Hill Coin Club (Rick Schulz, editor)

Specialty

First Place	<i>International Bank Note Society Journal</i>	International Bank Note Society (Alexander Kort, editor)
Second Place	<i>BoTales</i>	The Original Hobo Nickel Society (Ralph Winter, editor)
Third Place	<i>The Shekel</i>	American Israel Numismatic Association (Mel Wacks, editor)



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MCCC July 23, Meeting

By Richard Jozefiak

We had 14 members and 2 guests attending the meeting. Bob Jaques was the speaker for the evening, and his program was "Apollo 11- Medallions, 50th Anniversary". Bob showed a number of medals he has collected that celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon mission that happened in July 1969. Many of our club members remember this world historic event.

Bob also brought to the meeting a number of the medals he has collected and had them on display. There are a wide number of medals to collect that have been issued for the 50th Anniversary. The United States Mint has issued seven different coins, and a number of different sets.



Members at the July 23, 2019 meeting



Medals Bob Jaques showed at the meeting



Some of the medals

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.

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 by 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	Bob Baker Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The Weimar Republic Commemorative 3 Reichsmark by Harold Fears
September 24 *Special Guest Speaker*	Ken & Cindy Walker Nomination of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Size Does Matter or How the USA Went from Large Size to Small Size Currency 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: August 9, 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.

