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Hey Everyone,

Hope you had a great summer! I did, but I'm ready for fall and cooler weather! As we move into fall, we will be taken nominations for officers in the club. Richard Jozefiak will be stepping down as the club's Secretary as he is relocating to Florida. Richard was a charter member of the club and has served as the club's President as well. We want to thank Richard for his dedication and service to the club and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Doug

The Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 8 – the 900th Anniversary Founding of Naumburg

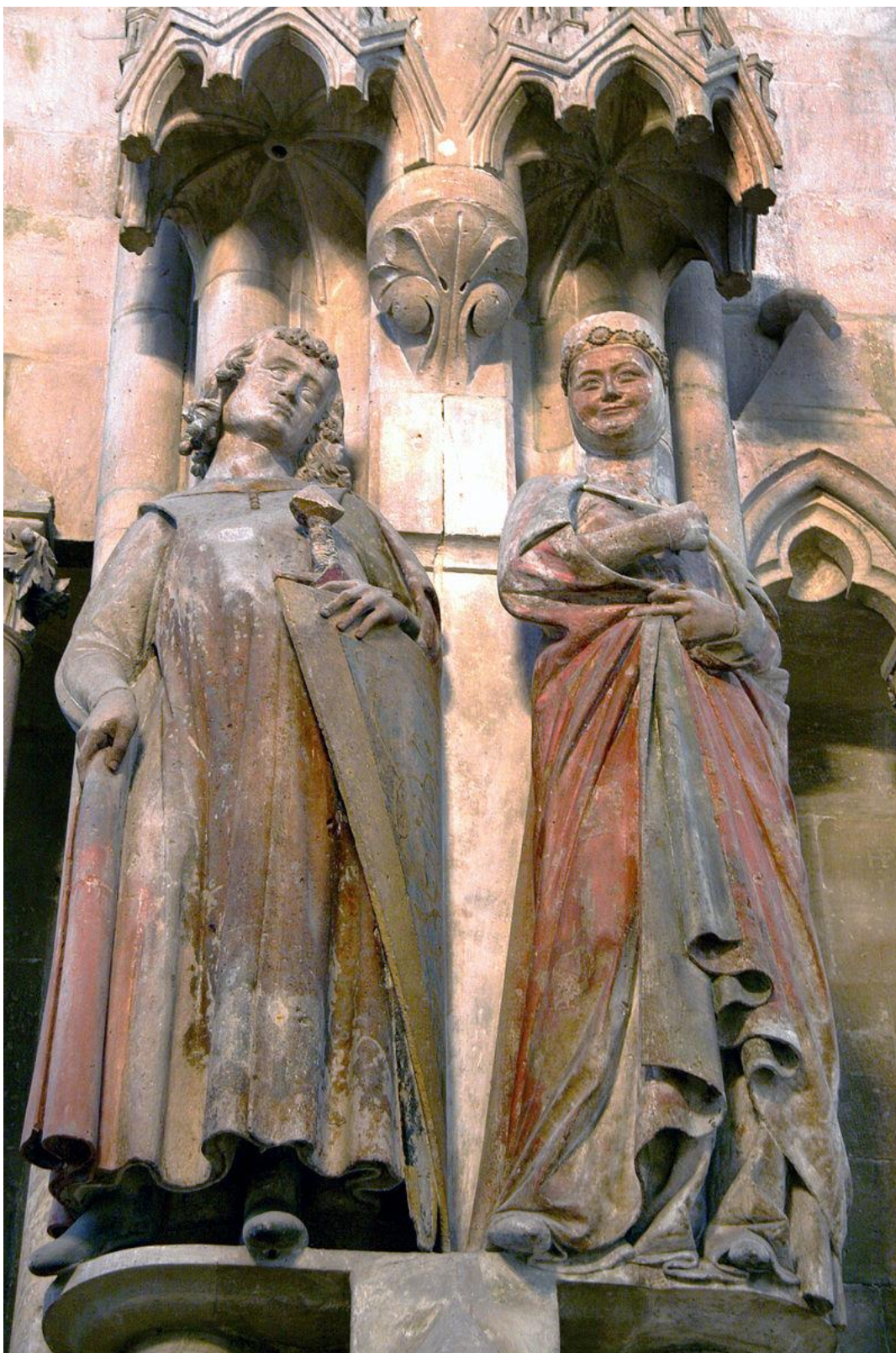
For many years, Naumburg was a fortress of the margraves of Meissen. In 1028 it was transferred to the rule of Zeitz and chartered as a town. Currently there is a controversy over who is the current Margrave of Meissen.

The obverse depicts Hermann von Meissen, the founder of the Naumburg Cathedral. The inscription "GRUNDUNGSFEIR NAUMBURG-SAALE 1028 -- 1928" MEANINGS "Founding Naumburg – Saale."

The reverse depicts the German eagle, denomination and the A mintmark (Berlin). The edge inscription reads "EHRT EURE DEUTSCHEN MEISTER" or in English, "Honor Your German Masters." The Berlin mint struck 100,000 coins. NGC states the coin has a value of \$400 in MS 60 and \$480 in MS 63.

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Hermann von Meissen and his wife Reglindis, founders of the Naumburg Cathedral



The obverse of the 1928 German three mark commemorates the 900th anniversary of the founding of Naumburg.



The reverse has the A mint mark for Berlin.

YES! I FOUND ONE

By Bob Jaques

Last fall, when the U.S. Mint released information about the “Great American Coin Hunt”, collectors and dealers eagerly awaited January 1, 2019.

To increase the awareness and interest in coin collecting, the U.S. Mint struck 2 million National Park Quarters with a “W” mintmark rather than a P,D,or S. The “W” mintmark refers to the Mint’s coin facility at West Point, New York.

All five different National Park quarters for 2019 will have the “W” mintmark on the obverse to the right and below Washington’s neck. From what I understand, this “W” will be added for 2019 only.

The “W” quarters will not be included in the Mint’s regular Mint sets, Proof sets, and Silver Proof sets. These “W” quarters can’t be ordered directly from the Mint. The 2 million quarters for each National Park will be released in general circulation across the Country. Birmingham is the closest point in Alabama for distribution of these quarters to banks.



People have made runs on banks asking for 2019 quarters or new rolls that could be searched. I am one of those people looking for the quarter. I have gone to every bank in my hometown of Hartselle and sorted through about 12 rolls from each bank. No luck.

Recently, while in Mobile on business, I went to a Wells Fargo bank and bought 8 rolls of quarters. Since Gulfport, MS was a distribution point, I was hoping some may have found their way to Mobile.

Sorting through the first 7 rolls I was disappointed to not find a single “W” quarter. In the last roll I went through, I found regular clad quarters, statehood quarters, and National Park quarters.

However, while going thru the last 9 quarters in the roll, Eureka! There it was....a 2019 Guam quarter with a “W” on it. It may be hard to believe, but I was excited finding this elusive coin.

It now has a resting place in a 2 x 2 plastic quarter holder sitting on my bookshelf in my study.

So as more and more different National Park quarters with a “W” on them being released, they should be easier to locate in rolls or in change. Keep looking!

Why We Need Local Coin Clubs

By William Smith

Recently a good friend of mind showed me two silver quarters that he bought over the internet. He had several problems with them. A local coin dealer claimed that they were counterfeit. Since he knew I was a member of a local coin club he gave them to me to be authenticated. Turns out that they were genuine. But the coins, a 1932d and a 1932s quarter proved to be worth about fifty bucks each. The problem; he paid nearly \$200 each. This real-life example shows why local coin clubs need to play a bigger role in the numismatic hobby.

Collecting coins in the twenty first century can be very challenging. Our hobby has to deal with counterfeit coins, the internet (especially E-bay) and trying to attract new hobbyists. One of the best ways to deal with these issues is all too often overlooked: local coin clubs. Why should you join a local coin club? After all now if you need to find information on a coin, you can simply look it up online. Why go to a club meeting to sell a coin when you can do it on E-bay? Well let's find out why we need local clubs more than ever.

I joined the Ocean County coin club in New Jersey in late 1993. Now that I reside in Alabama, I joined the Madison County coin club in Huntsville. I have spent much of the past twenty six years as an officer of the club in NJ and serving the hobby in various ways. I have seen tremendous changes take place in my favorite hobby.

Counterfeit coins were not so much of an issue when I joined. The internet was just starting to impact the hobby. Fast forward to today and the picture is vastly different on both fronts. Counterfeit coins are a huge problem. Increasingly they are high quality. Many dealers are getting fooled. In yet another disturbing trend, coin clubs seems to be slowly dying. I can recall when the New Egypt coin club in NJ folded.

What did I get out of joining the club? One of the most important benefits was the amount of friends that I made. This is something you can't quite do over the internet. This also gives me access to many dealers. It is that intimate knowledge that you gain from going to a local club that makes the difference. When you are friends with a dealer he or she will work with you to find a good coin. In addition, you actually get to see the coin before you buy it. This can be a problem online.

Another question is why pay dues for a club membership? At the Ocean county Coin Club, the dues are fifteen dollars for a regular membership. Joining a club is like a bank account. The more you put into it the more you can use later. If

you want to just attend meetings for a night out, then that is fine. However, for those fifteen dollars that I spend, I get twice monthly meetings, auctions and education, refreshments, two annual coin shows, and a great Christmas social. Once a year we even have a free hot dog night. Sounds like a great deal to me. And that doesn't even begin to mention the comradery that I find so refreshing. The Madison county club offers similar benefits, though they only meet once a month. This club is very active in combating counterfeiting. Each club is different. They will have unique benefits you can't get anywhere else.

I also take advantage of opportunities to use the club library. Hopefully, most local clubs have one. At one time, the Ocean county club had hundreds of books until Sandy hit. If you want to find out what a coin is or what is worth, a little searching can be very rewarding. Even better can be coin club auctions. However, not all clubs may have monthly auctions. This is a great way to get the members involved in the club. Many of the Ocean County coin club members would stay just for the auctions. I had the opportunity to purchase an 1896-s Barber half in AG for \$8.50 during one auction. Although the coin is an AG, this is a thirty dollar coin. Without the knowledge gained through the coin club I might not have spotted this.

Local coin clubs serve the numismatic communities in so many ways. One of the most important is helping collectors stay on top of pressing issues. One of the gravest threats to the hobby today is counterfeit coins. At the Ocean county coin club and the Madison county coin club we have "show and tell", as well as dealer discussions on this hot topic. While one can search for information on any coin via the internet and become informed, it can't replace real experiences.

Take my friend that bought the silver quarters. If he had been a member of a club in his area, he would have had access to the club's resources. Knowledge is power. While my friend didn't do anything wrong, by using the club he could have possibly avoided a costly mistake while making friends as well.

Thus, joining a local coin club not only supports the hobby, it brings immense benefits to the collector. Here a member can stay informed about the state of the hobby. Many friends can be made as well. The member can often obtain coins at great prices at a club auction. At the same time a club library may be available to use. All for a reasonable price. I encourage any coin collector to join a local club and support this great hobby.

A Basic Guide to Creating a Coin Exhibit

By William Smith

In 1998 I put together my first exhibit. It was at a local show put on by the Ocean County coin club in New Jersey. It was a display of African banknotes. While I didn't win any awards, I got a lot of positive comments. This inspired and encouraged me to keep exhibiting my coins. When I wasn't exhibiting, I became an exhibit judge for my club. Eventually I became the exhibits director for several years. Along the way I acquired lots of knowledge and enjoyed myself immensely.

When it comes to exhibiting your coins, there is a lot of things to consider. Here I will provide a basic guide on how to create and exhibit. The first thing is deciding on a theme. This should be in your collecting area, but doesn't have to be. For my first exhibit, I had been collecting African coins and banknotes for years. So, this is where I started.

Now consider that you will have a small area to fill. A common mistake is overfilling the display case with coins. If you do this, first the exhibit can look cluttered. In addition, you will not have enough room for the writing part of the exhibit. This includes a clear bold title, a quick summary of the exhibit and descriptions of the coins. The best exhibits have a balance between the written information and the coins,

Now select the coins. Keep in mind that while rarity can be a factor in exhibits, the display with the most expensive coins might not win. You don't have to spend thousands of dollars to create an award-winning exhibit. It's the overall effect that counts. Don't worry about how expensive your coins are. Stick to your theme when selecting the coins. This helps to create a clear vision of your exhibit's goal.

Now research your coins a little. What information do you put in the exhibit? It can vary a little, but here are the basics. Put the type of coin, the country for foreign coins, the mintage if known, maybe the coin's composition, this should be typed on a small piece of paper which will be placed next to the coin. If you want you can also add where you obtained the coin. A common mistake is to over research the exhibit and include too much information. What happens then is that the coins become lost in the sea of information.

Now write a brief description of your exhibit. State your goals here. Ideally this is the place to tell where you got the coins, for example I when to China in the year 2000. Thus, in my description, I stated that I obtained the coins while in China. Tell the viewer what these coins mean to you. Why did you choose this topic? But also keep the summary brief. The best exhibits let the coins do the talking.

Now consider what to mount the exhibit on. The best displays use a piece of wood or hard plastic that is measured to the size of the display case. This is then covered in felt cloth. However, I have seen great exhibits mounted on poster paper. The biggest advantage to using the wood or plastic, is that despite being professional looking, you can continually reuse it. Also consider the color of the exhibit. Sometimes, you can tie the color into the exhibit's theme. For my Chinese exhibit I used red cloth, since red symbolizes happiness there. However, be careful with the color. A display of silver coins would not look great on a grey background. The coins wouldn't stand out. Pick a color that compliments the display.

Finally, practice setting up the coins. Most clubs or shows will have cases. So, at first just arrange them on the mounting surface. Doing so will make it go a lot faster on the day of the show. Once you are at the show, find the case and slide the mounting surface in first then arrange the coins. Now step back, make sure the display case is locked, then enjoy the show.

There are a few mistakes to avoid. One is putting your name on the exhibit. This especially true if the exhibits will be judged. Judges should be impartial. If they see your name in there, it might affect this. As a personal opinion, I like to take the coins out of the holders if they are in the cardboard 2 x 2 holders. Doing so lets the viewers see the coin not the holder. Another is not having fun. Enjoy creating an exhibit. Hopefully, this basic guide can help you get started. Along the way you will have fun, gain knowledge, and help the hobby.

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 August 27, 2019 Meeting

By Richard Jozefiak

We had 14 members and 1 guest at the meeting. Harold Fears, editor of the *MCCC Newsletter*, received the American Numismatic Association (ANA) 2019 Second Place Outstanding Electronic Numismatic Publication award. It was my honor to present the award to Harold. He has done a great job with the *MCCC Newsletter*! Congratulations again to Harold.



Harold Fears (L) receiving the 2019 ANA 2nd Place Electronic Publication Award presented by Richard Jozefiak, ANA National Coordinator

Harold Fears was the August speaker, and his presentation was “An Introduction to the Commemorative 3 Reichsmark Coins of the Weimer Republic”. Harold is assembling a type set of these interesting Germany commemorative coins. The coins were issued from 1919-1932. The coins are: 30 mm, .500 silver finesse, 15 g weight, and each with a different design.

There are 54 coins in a complete set (from all the German mints). Harold brought in his collection of these coins and has almost a complete set. He is working to finish the set. MCCC members have a wide numismatic collecting area, and it is great that they are willing to share their interest with other members.



Some of the Commemorative 3 Reichsmark coins Harold Fears displayed at the meeting



Harold Fears discussing the coins from his collection at the meeting



Club Members at the August 27, 2019 meeting



MCCC President Doug Glandon (R) presenting Harold Fears (L) with an ANA Educational Award for his presentation

*Photos from the ANA World's Fair of Money
Rosemont, IL August 13-17, 2019*



Q. David Bowers (L), Richard Jozefiak, Ken Bressett

Club Officers:

President: [Doug Glandon](#)

Vice President: [Julian Olander](#)

Secretary: [Richard Jozefiak](#)

Treasurer: [Mike Campbell](#)

Board Member: [Bob Jaques](#)



Richard Jozefiak (L) with new ANA President Col. Steven Ellsworth

"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

Upcoming 2020 Election of Club Officers

By Richard Jozefiak

At the October meeting, nominations for 2020 MCCC officers will be taken. Club elections are held at the November meeting (annual holiday potluck and auction night). The following people are currently serving, along with their position:

Doug Glandon	President
Julian Olander	Vice-president
Richard Jozefiak	Secretary
Mike Campbell	Treasurer
Bob Jaques	Member-at-Large

If you are interested in serving in a position, please consider nominating yourself. If you have a question on any position, please don't hesitate to talk with a club officer. A new person in office can help the club continue to grow and bring different skills and abilities.

With my upcoming relocation from the Huntsville area, I will not run for an office. The club will need a new secretary. I will continue to support the club, and plan to attend a few meetings during the year. I will assist the new club secretary and will be only an email or phone call away to answer or help as needed.

I had the opportunity to work for the ANA at the Long Beach Expo, September 6-7, 2019. I was appointed by ANA President Col. Ellsworth as National Coordinator for another two-year term.

Why not invite a friend to our next meeting?



*ANA Team at Long Beach Expo, Long Beach, CA
September 6-7, 2019*

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> .

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.

