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"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 Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 9 – the 1000th Anniversary Founding of Dinkelsbühl

Dinkelsbühl is a historic town in Bavaria. Although founded in 928, it took 400 years for Dinkelsbühl to become a free city. Dinkelsbühl is still surrounded by the old medieval walls and towers. Today, there still exist many outstanding attractions. The image of this town is very typical for a German town of the 15th to early 17th century.

The obverse shows the city crest and the date. Above is a figure carrying sheaves of wheat and below is the shield of the city. The inscription "TAUSEND JAHRE DINKELSBÜHL"

The reverse depicts the German eagle, denomination and the D mintmark (Munich). The edge inscription reads "EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT" or in English, "Unity and Justice and Freedom." The Berlin mint struck 40,000 coins. NGC states the coin has a value of \$1300 in MS 60 and \$1500 in MS 63.

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The obverse of this 1928 German three mark commemorates the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Dinkelsbühl .



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The reverse is the familiar eagle and denomination.

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A Special Donation from Bob and Gail Futoran

By Doug Glandon

I recently received an email from a lady who wanted to donate some coins to our Club. She mentioned that she was downsizing and wanted to give the coins to someone who enjoys coin collecting. She described the coins as silver dollars dating between 1891 and 1926. A modern dollar, as well as, one foreign coin would be included in the donation. This generous person's name is Gail Futoran.

Gail and I discussed the matter on the phone and she invited me to her home to pick up the coins. It was a nice assortment of Morgan and Peace Dollars, an Eisenhower dollar, and a British 20 pence coin. I thanked Gail, and her husband Bob, for the generous gift to our club.



1891 Morgan Dollar



1926 Peace Dollar

After meeting the Futorans, I learned that Gail was a retired psychology professor and Bob was a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who later worked for Boeing in the aviation training field. Gail is originally from Maryland and Bob is from New Jersey and have lived in the area for 10 years. Gail and Bob both volunteer with the Huntsville Botanical Garden.



Bob & Gail Futoran

In the course of meeting Gail and Bob, I ask Gail the history behind her coins and she told me that they had been her father's. I then ask Gail if she would write a short biography about her father. She agreed, and with assistance from her sister, Ruth Brown, wrote the following about her father, Walter Benjamin Clark:

“My dad was born in 1916 in Laurel, Maryland. He enlisted in the Navy after graduating from high school and served in California and Hawaii. He got out of the Navy and married my mother in 1938. He worked as a steel worker in a Baltimore factory. When Pearl Harbor happened, he tried to reenlist but had to wait for ships to become available. He reenlisted in 1942. During the war his service was primarily in the South Pacific and North Africa.

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Seaman Clark



LT Clark

“Over the course of WWII, he was promoted through the ranks to warrant officer, and then to officer. He served on several different warships, most notably the U.S.S. Missouri when the Japanese surrendered. He left the Navy as a LT JG at the end of the war and worked for a while as a carpenter, but then went back in and stayed. When he died of cancer in 1958, he was a Lieutenant Commander with 18 years of service.”

“I think it was shipboard duty that encouraged some of his interests, such as first day cover (stamps) collecting, coin collecting, wood working, and photography. At our last base (Fort Omaha) he had a vegetable garden and a darkroom for photography. He liked to stay busy.”
 “He was working on his BA when he died. I don’t know what he would have done after retiring from the Navy, but he enjoyed work and I suspect he would have found something to engage him.”

“He was a sweet man and my older sister and younger brother were lucky to have him as a dad.” – Gail Futoran

I want to thank Gail and Bob again for their generosity to our club and for sharing a piece of their family’s history with the numismatic community.

A Special Donation from Katharine Garstka

By Doug Glandon

Katharine Garstka from Huntsville recently contacted me about wanting to make a donation to our coin club. She found our website and noticed that we not only have interest in U.S. coins, but also have interest in foreign coins. She wanted to donate her collection to an organization that would appreciate them. I told Katharine that we would be honored to receive her collection.

Ms. Garstka's collection consisted of coins from Great Britain, Germany, France, Belgium, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, Mexico, Philippines, and Ceylon. She also donated currency from France, England, Scotland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Poland, USSR, China, Mexico, Philippines, and Iraq.

Pictured below are examples of some of the coins and currency in Ms. Garstka's collection:



1935 1 Shilling (GBR)



1919 Half Penny (GBR)



1942 Six Pence (GBR)



1943 20 Centimes (FR)



1923 50 Centimes (FR)



1943 2 Francs (FR)



1907-A 5 Mark (Prussia)



1913 3 Mark (Prussia)



1912 1 Florin (AUS)



1943 6 Pence (NZ)



1949 Quarter (CA)



1900 Dime (CA)



1948-49 Ten Shilling Note (GRB)



1970 One Pound Note (Scotland)



1944 Two Francs Note
Allied Military Currency (FR)



1944 Ten Francs Note
Allied Military Currency (FR)



1914 2 Mark Banknote (GR)



1937 1 Rentenmark Banknote (GR)



1947 China Republic Central Bank Shanghai
500 Customs Gold Units Note

In the course of meeting Katharine, I asked her about the history behind her collection and she said that the majority of the collection belonged to her father, Earl Galloway. Ms. Garstka provided a short biography about her father and his collection:

“Most of the coins in this collection belonged to my father, Earl Galloway. He was teaching school in California when he was drafted in October 1942. He served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant during WWII, and was stationed in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the 5th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division. During and after the war he traveled in England, France, Germany, and Austria, returning home in 1946 to resume his non-military life. Later, after he retired, he vacationed in England and Scotland. He collected coins from these and other nearby countries.”



Earl Galloway (U.S. Army)



Earl Galloway with His Parents

"I suspect he had collected coins as a child, as there are a number of more exotic coins in the box I inherited from him. I have no idea how he acquired coins from Ceylon, Australia, the Philippines, and the USSR, among other places; perhaps people who knew of his interest gave them to him. Over the years I have added to the collection from my own European and Canadian travels."

"My parents moved from California to Huntsville in 1990 to be closer to me, their only surviving child. He died in 2007; his wife Anne (my mother) died in 2005." - Katharine Galloway Garstka

The Madison County Coin Club wants to thank Katharine Garstka and recognize her for her generosity and sharing part of her family's history with the numismatic community.

Building a Numismatic Library

By William Smith

One of the more rewarding goals in the hobby of numismatics is building a library. Doing so can produce great results when buying coins as well as in acquiring knowledge about your collection.

The first thing to consider what is your goal in collecting. This way your library can help you get there. Do you only collect world coins? Then your book collection should focus on world coins. If you want to specialize in a particular United States series, there might be a book about that series. The choice is yours.

Regardless of what your collecting area is there are a few books that should be in almost any numismatic library. The Red book is one. It gives a great overview of US coins. It can be used as a price guide for nearly every US coin. It is also essential to at least learn the basics of coin grading. Doing so will help prevent overpaying for coins, as well as recognizing a good deal when you see one. Either Photograde or ANA grading standards are good. Both provide detailed descriptions for each grade as well as photos of every grade. A good world coin catalog is also good to have. This will help you identify most world coins.

From here you should specialize according to your area of interest. I also have in my collection a guide to error coins, as well as a Morgan dollar guide book. The possibilities are almost endless here. The only limit might be how much space you have for your library.

But what do you do if you don't have the money, or have a small apartment? Find a local coin club. Most clubs have a numismatic library. At the Madison County coin club in Huntsville, Alabama we have dozens of books available in a small storage cabinet. You can even borrow them.

But why do this in the 21st century? Isn't all this information on the internet? Let's look at two cases when having a library could have made a big difference or did make a difference. In 2017, I was living in New Jersey. I was a member of the Ocean County coin club. A good friend bought two silver quarters for \$200. The problem, he used the internet as a price guide.

He turned to me to help him sell the coins when a local dealer wouldn't give him \$200 for the coins. One look at the coins told me the problem. They only graded fine. At the most they were \$50 coins. If he had taken the time to learn a little about grading and used a red book as a guide, I believe he would have seen this. Using a book can be a valuable check on the sometimes-inflated prices on the internet. This is something I've seen all too often as a coin collector. Knowledge of the hobby pays off.

At a recent club meeting, a member has a coin, but he did not know what it was. I happened to have my world coin catalog with me. I looked it up but could not find it. Then it was noticed that it did not have a denomination. A search on e-bay turned it up. It was a medal from Austria. It was listed for \$99. Wow a hundred-dollar medal, right? The problem is that it had not sold in six months. Thus, the seller was asking too much for the medal. Without a knowledge of numismatics someone could pay the asking price, and be unable to resell it. This is why having a numismatic library is still relevant today.

Nomination for Officer Positions

The nomination for club officers will be held at the October 22 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.

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.

My First Coin

By William Smith

My numismatic story began about a little more than 40 years ago. I was about four years old. It was 1976, and America had just finished celebrating the bicentennial. I still recall going to the parade, everybody was waving flags. It was a simpler time to be a child, there were no video games or cell phones like there is today. If you wanted to have fun, you took up a hobby.

But what hobby could a four-year-old boy have? The answer was not long in coming. It would spark a lifetime interest that continues more than 40 years later. Some of my friends would collect baseball cards or comic books. However, I lived on an isolated farm in coastal New Jersey. Thus, I had only limited contact with boys my age.

My numismatic career began when my mom took a job as a cashier at a Roy Rodgers in a nearby mall called Sea View Square. It was a different time in the mid 1970's. My mom spoke to the manager. She asked if she could bring me to the restaurant. I would stay at a table with a book. In today's world this sounds incredible. But we didn't have money for daycare. The manager said yea as long as I didn't bother anyone. It was a decision that led to a lifetime interest in coins.

Soon, my mom told me that as long as I stayed near the restaurant, I could walk around a little. It was nearing Christmas time. While there were people, the holiday rush hadn't started yet. I found a small kiosk within sight of the Rot Rodger. It was a small coin shop. They let me ask questions and look at some coins. There was a small display of coins for one dollar. These were mostly buffalo nickels and common Indian head cents. I wanted one.

So, I began to pester my mom and she gave in. Once I got the dollar, I ran over to the kiosk and selected a 1920 buffalo nickel in VG condition. I was so happy. I took the coin home with me. A few days later, my mom found a silver florin from Australia with a kangaroo on it. I still have both coins 43 years later. Today, I am still involved in the hobby. I am a proud member of a great coin club in Huntsville, Alabama. After nearly 45 years, I have amassed a lot knowledge within the hobby. And I have gained a lifetime of enjoyment.

Club Officers:

President: [Doug Glandon](#)

Vice President: [Julian Olander](#)

Secretary: [Richard Jozefiak](#)

Treasurer: [Mike Campbell](#)

Board Member: [Bob Jaques](#)

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		

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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.

