

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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## The President's Corner

Greetings!

We had another great meeting in February! Charles Cataldo enlightened us all on the half cent series and its unusual history. It was interesting to learn that the Mint engaged in reminting to obliged collectors who were unable to obtain certain half cent dates! Great job Charles! I also want to give a special thanks to Brandon Schroder who is our new Secretary. He is doing a great job with his duties, especially with our Newsletter. Great job Brandon! On that note, please contribute to our Newsletter with your articles! We all have great experiences and knowledge that we can share with the club! Harold Fears (hkfears@gmail.com) needs your articles by the 20th of the month!

Thanks All!

Doug

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## The Three Mark Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 13 – the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Weimar Constitution

The defeat of Germany in World War I led to the Weimar Republic. Proclaimed almost overnight, it was finally headed by Hindenburg. A constitution was passed by the national assembly at Weimar on August 11, 1919.

On the obverse is the upraised hand of "the vote" with the inscription "TREU DER VERFASSUNG" 1919-1929 11. AUGUST meaning "Loyal to the Constitution." The reverse carries the bust of Paul Von Hindenburg facing left with the denomination and inscription "Hindenburg Reichs-Präsident." The edge inscription "EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT" means "Unity and Justice and Freedom."

The coin was minted at the various German mints. With a total mintage of a little over 3 million coins, NGC states the coin can be had for as little as \$100 in uncirculated condition.

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*The obverse of the 1929 3 Mark Constitution Commemorative*

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*The reverse of the 1929 3 Mark Constitution Commemorative*

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# **Numismatic Ramblings**

*by Hal Pullum*

Isaac Williams and I attended the first day (Friday) of The Tennessee State Numismatic Society annual Spring Coin Show, which was held 6-8 March 2020. We arrived about 11 A.M. and found the parking lot quite crowded. After we registered and purchased some raffle tickets we got down to business and started looking at coins. As usual there was an abundance of Morgan Dollars. We spend time at almost all the dealers' tables looking over what they had to offer. I had brought some trading material with me in the form of two rolls of quarters. Each of these rolls had one W mintmark showing on the end. I traded with two different dealers, one roll of quarters for one silver eagle. Both dealers were wishing for additional W quarters. They both opened the rolls and neither found any additional W mintmark quarters. I felt bad for them, but I had told them the rolls were taken from a sealed box of quarters I purchased at the bank. Both rolls were the original Loomis paper roller. We spent about five hours looking at everything.

I spoke with a number of dealers about a wide range of topics. One of the dealers told me that very recently he had talked with an individual at the US mint concerning W mint mark quarters. He had been told the mint were not releasing 2020 W quarters until the beginning of April when the Weir Farm National Historic Site quarters are set to be released. This means that American Samoa W quarters will not be released until April. The P and D American Samoa quarter are already in circulation.

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A big shout out and a very big thank you to Mr. Steven Link for the donation of five modern uncirculated US Mint sets. Mr. Link's brother recently passed away and Steven inherited a very nice coin collection. Many of the coins I sold over the last six months or so were from this collection. The collection included silver eagles, silver proof sets, proof sets, uncirculated sets, all types of US coins and even a number of foreign coins and paper money. All of us at the Madison County Coin Club send our sincere condolences to Mr. Link and thank him very much for sharing this collection with us.

# American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show

*by Doug Glandon*

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mike Campbell, Stan Benedict, and I attended the ANA show in Atlanta. The show was located in the colossal Cobb Galleria Centre. It was estimated that over \$100 Million dollars in rare coins, currency, and artifacts were available for view and to buy. This was the first ANA show I had attended in several years, so my excitement and anticipation level were high!

As I entered the convention room with all of the dealers, it was exciting but also felt a little overwhelming! I thought, how will I see everything that is here in one afternoon? I wasn't sure, but I thought I would give it my best shot! By my estimation, there were about 300 dealers in

attendance.





As I began walking down the aisles, I was pleased to see many dealers that I had purchased coins from in the past on the internet at the show!



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In addition, PCS and ANACS grading services were there to accept coins for grading.



As most of you know, I mainly collect Barber dimes. As I began reviewing the Barber dime inventory at the show, I noticed a trend – the majority of the high quality dimes were graded MS64 through MS67, with an occasional VF or EF coin. What was vastly lacking at the show were coins graded between AU50 and MS63. I did find a few in this category:



1913-S AU58 PCGS

Gerry Fortin (Venice, FL) was selling this coin and mentioned that it came from the Twin Lakes Collection. His price was \$550, which was \$50 higher than the PCGS Price Guide value. It is a late key date in the series and apparently came from a renowned collection, but that did not warrant the exuberant price in my opinion. Secondly, its toning was dull in color...so I passed on this one...



1901 MS62 PCGS

This nicely toned dime was for sale by Glenn Holsonbake from America Rare Coin (Sacramento, CA). This coin would probably be awarded a green CAC sticker. The asking price for this coin was \$195 which was \$65 above the PCGS Price Guide value of \$130. Even with the nice peripheral toning and the possibility that it could receive a CAC sticker did not justify paying this price. In addition it was a common date, so again, I passed...



1900 MS63 PCGS

My last example is another nicely toned 1900 dime for sale by Olevian Numismatic Rarities (Pittsburgh, PA) for \$175. The price of this dime was the same as the PCGS Price Guide value. The starting price was much better than the previous two examples, but was still full retail and the dealer was only willing to negotiate to \$165. I was surprised considering all of the competition in the room! It was a coin show after all! So, for a third time, I passed...

At the end of the day, I had nothing new to add to my collection. I wasn't really disappointed, but was very surprised with the lack of mid-grade Barber dimes for sale and the prices dealers wanted for the few that I found. Are mid-grade Barber dimes becoming more scarce, and as result, driving prices up? This is very possible considering that the majority of Barber dime collectors collect below the grade of MS64. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues in the future.

To be continued...

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## 2020 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

**NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY (NOT THE LAST) of the month**

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name
January 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	U.S. Commemoratives Kurt Springfield
February 25 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Half Cents Charles Cataldo
March 24	Cancelled	Cancelled
April 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Colonial Coins and Currency Bob Jaques
May- NO MEETING		
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June 23 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.	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Harold Fears
July 28		
August 25	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	“W” Quarters Hal Pallum
September 22 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD David Hollander
October 27 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Nomination of 2021 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD Jeuron McMillan
November 24	Holiday Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2021 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

## 2020 Coin Shows within Driving Distance From Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info
<b>Feb 27-29, 2020</b>	Atlanta, GA	<b>ANA National Money Show</b> Cobb Galleria Centre 2 Galleria Pkwy S.E. Fri-Sat 10 am – 5:30 pm Sun 10 am – 3:30 pm ANA Members- FREE Public- \$8, free on Saturday	www.money.org 888-448-3262
<b>Mar 6-8</b> <b>Nov 6-8</b>	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org
<b>March 28</b> <b>September 19</b>	Trussville, AL	<b>Central Alabama Coin Show</b> Trussville Civic Center 5381 Trussville-Clay Road Trussville, AL From I-59, Take Exit 141 9 am – 3 pm	Christopher Lambert alabamacoinshow@gmail.com
<b>April 17-19</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>56th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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
<b>TBD</b>	Gadsden, AL	<b>71st Annual Northeast Alabama Coin Show</b> 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
<b>July 17-19</b>	Bessemer, AL	<b>Alabama State Coin Show</b> 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com
<b>Aug 21-23</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>61st Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	Jacob Hall 865-607-9645 Jacob@HallmarkRareCoins.com www.brna.org

