

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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The President's Corner

Hope you are doing well as we progress forward with ending the COVID pandemic! For now we are still meeting virtually using Zoom. Our 20th anniversary medal design has been submitted to the engraver and will be minting our medals in the near future. I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product! Kudos go to Mike Jozefiak for doing all of the hard work on the design and being our liaison with the engraver. Mike Campbell also deserves much credit for collecting and dispersing the funding for this effort. Great job Richard and Mike! If you would like a link to our virtual meeting, please send me an email request prior to the meeting date (4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30).

The Club's 20th Anniversary Medal

The club has decided to strike a medal for our 20th anniversary. In order to make the medal as affordable as possible, the club is contributing \$750 toward the cost of minting. We are initially targeting 20 medals to be minted. If 20 are minted, the cost is estimated to be \$110 each.

In addition, if we reach our goal of 20 silver medals, club members will also be able to buy a three metal set (bronze, brass, and either nickel or tin) for approximately \$12 per set.

For every 5 additional silver medals we have minted, the unit price is reduced.

If you are planning to participate in the purchase of medals for our 20th anniversary, please send your money (checks are recommended) to the club's mailing address below:

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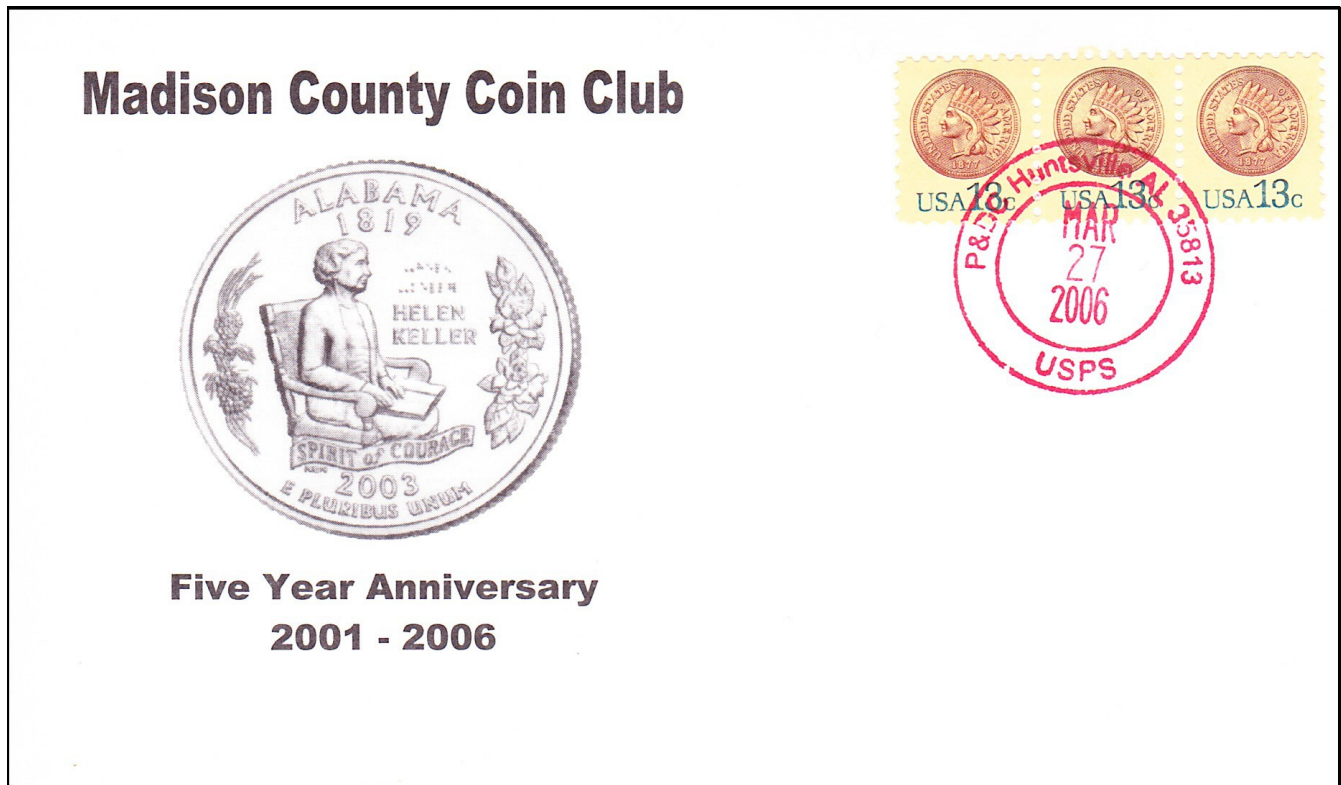
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The club's 20th anniversary medal

The Story Behind the MCCC 5th Anniversary Cover

By Bob Jaques



When an envelope is used to transport a letter or other item thru the mail it is just that...an envelope. If the envelope has a special meaning such as a stamp first day of issue, or a special event, then the envelope is referred to as a “cover”.

Whether the envelope is used for a first day stamp or special event, then a picture called a cachet is usually printed on the left hand side of the envelope. This leaves room on the right side for the recipients name and address.

A U.S. Post Office cancellation is an important part of a cover as it authenticates the place and date of the special cover. The postmark is similar to a Notary Public’s attesting to a person’s signature on a legal document.

Back in 2006, when the Madison County Coin Club was recognizing its 5th anniversary, I thought a special event cover would be of interest to the members. It would be a unique souvenir of the event.

Since 2006 was when the Alabama statehood quarter was minted, I thought reproducing the Alabama quarter as a cachet would be appropriate. Earlier in the year, the Post Office issued small stamps featuring the Indianhead cent. I thought these stamps with the coin theme would be a fine addition to the cover.

I had the envelopes printed by a firm in Decatur. Then I took the covers to the Huntsville Post Office. I used their hand cancel and I sat at a desk and cancelled each cover manually.

Each member received a 5th Anniversary cover free of charge as a Souvenir of the Club's 5th year of existence.

As we approach the Club's 20th Anniversary, if anyone would like a special cover please see me with any suggestions you might have for a cachet.

Our next coin club meeting is a virtual meeting and will be hosted on Zoom. Use the information below to join:

Topic: Madison County Coin Club's Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 23, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

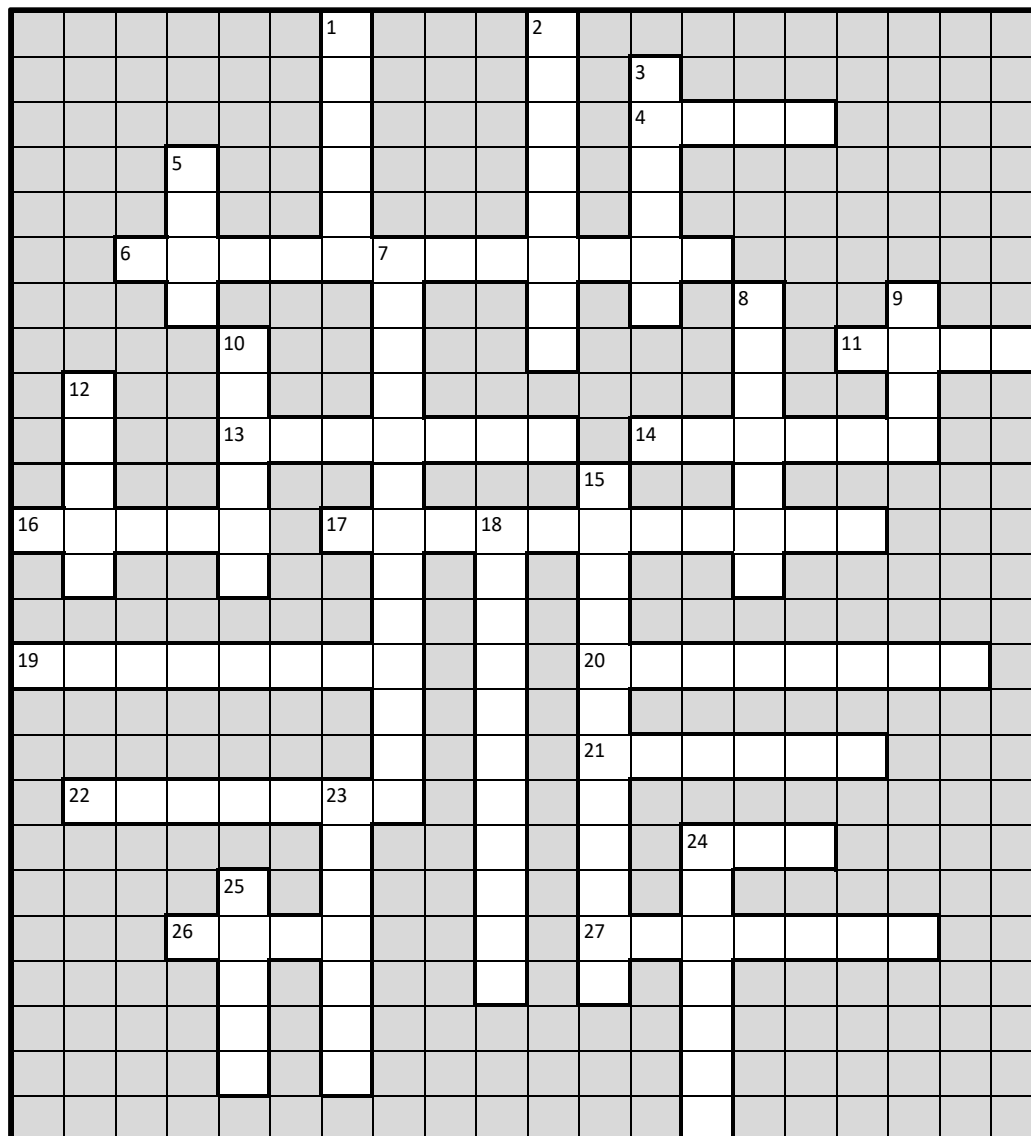
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Meeting ID: 559 835 4632

Contact Doug for the pass code at: dmg4792@hotmail.com

Aaron's Corny Coin Crossword



ACROSS

4. Third side of a coin
6. Never used
11. These place images on coins
13. U.S. coins must include this word
14. To stamp a planchet
16. Take a good close look with this
17. Always be alert to avoid this
19. Coin before it's struck
20. Shows where the coin was made
21. V
22. Process of producing coins
24. Encircles each side
26. Au
27. heads

DOWN

1. Morgan or peace for example
2. Face on a coin
3. Raised portion of a coin
5. It's not a penny
7. These honor someone or something
8. Four of these in a football game
9. Despite the name it's not made of mercury
10. Ag
12. Extra shiny
15. Face value
18. If you're reading this you must be one
23. Did yours earn an a, b, c, d, or f
24. Tails
25. In god we trust

The 1928 Dollar Bill

This first U.S. currency matching today's compact size was introduced with the 1928 series. The silver certificate pledged a silver dollar on demand, a type of currency that was withdrawn decades ago. Its striking reverse design entirely differs from later U.S. dollar bills — that's why it's affectionately known as the "Funnyback" today. Seals and borders of the Washington obverse also differ distinctly from subsequent dollar bills. Our Very Good quality circulated when "a dollar was a dollar."



If Bob laid one million of his 1928 \$1 bills end to end, they would stretch from Portland to Seattle. If he laid one billion, they would circle the earth nearly four times. If he laid one trillion \$1 bills end to end, they would stretch to the moon and back more than 200 times. Wow! That Bob, he has a lot \$1 bills, doesn't he?

1895 S Quarter- The Sliding Mintmark

By Jeff Mendenhall

Here is another article from fellow Barber coin collector Jeff Mendenhall on the various positions of the S mintmark on the 1895-S Barber Quarter. A great technical article with very detailed images. – Doug Glandon

Barber Quarter collectors are aware the series has more than one mintmark position. From 1893 to 1895 most collectors believe there were two positions: Center and Far Right. This article demonstrates that in 1895 there were more than two MM positions on the San Francisco (S) Quarter.

In March of 2020 I began searching for varieties of the 1895 S Barber Quarter MM Position (on the internet). I would estimate that approximately 600 unique examples were found and viewed (both graded and raw). Although I was primarily looking for the fairly rare Center MM position, I found there were more than 2 mintmark positions. The positions were documented and various examples of each variety were purchased. The search continued diligently over 7 months. In total 4 distinctively different mintmark positions were found.

The four positions slide from centered between the “R” in QUARTER and the “D” in DOLLAR to above the D near the arrow feathers. The MM positions are located on a fairly straight line, nearly equally spaced. In the 7 months of research multiple dies for each position were found (except for the center position- only a single die was found). Due to the limited number of examples available, this study cannot be considered conclusive. It’s very possible more than 4 positions exist.



1895-S Barber Quarter PCGS AU58

For purposes of this article the positions have been titled (from left to right):

1. Center
2. Slight Right
3. Right
4. Far Right



#1 Center



#2 Slight Right



#3 Right



#4 Far Right

Purists may conclude there are really only 2 positions of the 1895 S Mintmark:

- Center, and
- Right (with 3 variations of right)

It seems to this author, however, that the position variance of the 3 right versions are more than minor. My view is they should be considered different and separate. Of course, there is no right or wrong on the topic.



It will be interesting to see if other MM locations can be identified by other Barber collectors.

Thanks again Jeff for sharing another great article with our club!

Sweden's 1897 Two Kroner Commemorative

King Oskar II's Silver Jubilee of Reign

Oskar II was king of Sweden from 1872 to 1907 (and Norway until the dissolution of the Swedish-Norwegian Union in 1905.)



Oskar Fredrik was born in January 1829 at the Royal Palace of Stockholm. He was the son of Oskar (I) and Josefina of Leuchtenberg.

In 1857, he married Princess Sofia of Nassau in Biebrich, Germany. Four sons were born of their marriage, the oldest of whom became King Gustaf V.

During Oskar II's reign, Sweden underwent a period of industrialisation and rapid technological development. At the same time, the union between Sweden and Norway grew weaker, and was eventually dissolved. This period is sometimes known as the Oscanian Period.

Oskar was extremely talented and well educated, but was also temperamental and volatile. His appearance was distinguished and stately. Bitterly disappointed at the failure of the union and its dissolution in 1905, he died in December 1907.

In 1897 Sweden issued a two kroner coin to commemorate his 25th year of reign. The obverse has a portrait of crowned King Oscar II in left profile, wearing a royal robe with Order of Seraphims Chain and holding a Royal Scepter.



The obverse

At right the royal Orb is depicted. The lettering is: OSCAR II SVERIGES NORGES G O V KONUNG (Oscar II, King of Sweden, Norway, the Goths and the Wends.) The reverse has the crowned national Coat of Arms with lion supporters at sides. On the outside is the legend and the dates of Reign's anniversary. The lettering is: TVÅ KR MINNE · AF · TJUGUFEMÅRIG · REGERING 1872 – 1897 (Two Kroner In memory of twenty five years government.) The Swedish mint produced 246,000 coins.



The crowns and coronets have not been worn by Swedish royalty since 1907, but they are still displayed at weddings, christenings and funerals. Prior to 1907, the crowns and coronets were worn along with royal mantles by the king and other princes at the monarch's coronation, during the opening of the Riksdag, and displayed on other occasions. After the death of Oscar II (the last to be crowned) in 1907, the practice of wearing the crowns at the opening of the Riksdag ceased and the crowns were no longer worn. After this, the crown of the King and his sceptre were simply displayed on cushions on either side of the silver throne while the king's mantle was draped over it.



The reverse depicts the Swedish coat of arms.

Note that the arms are supported by two lions with forked tails (queue fourchée), facing away from the shield and crowned with Royal Crowns. For centuries, the lion has been an important element in Swedish heraldry and especially for the State Coat of Arms.

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>) has two new links that will give you access to all our previous newsletters dating back to 2005! We also have a link to programs that are presented at club meetings! This gives you an opportunity to read previous articles posted in our newsletters, as well as, review recent programs. These resources can be very useful in increasing your knowledge on specific coins, a series, types, and other coin-related topics. Go check it out!

Read our previous newsletters at:
<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/newsletters/>

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<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/programs/>

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Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics, University of Cambridge

