

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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## The President's Corner

Greetings All,

I hope everyone is doing well. We had a good virtual meeting in March with Julian Olander presenting a guide to modern collecting using Internet tools such as podcasts, YouTube, and multiple informative and educational websites. You can reference Julian's presentation from our online library. Great job Julian! I also want to welcome our newest and youngest member, Aaron Whales to our club! He provided the cool crossword puzzle for our March newsletter. Thanks so much Aaron! On a different subject, we are closely monitoring the status of the Senior Center. If it reopens in May, we are planning to have our first in-person meeting in over a year! It will be an informal meet-greet meeting. It will also be an opportunity for you to pick up your 20th anniversary medals you ordered. So check our website for updates. For April, we anticipate our meeting will be virtual. If you would like a link to our meeting, please send me an email ([dmg4792@hotmail.com](mailto:dmg4792@hotmail.com)).

Doug

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## Club Zoom Meeting



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

**<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5598354632?>**

**pwd=MUx0cmo5dDFkdmxuRTVRNW52R1o3Zz09**

**Meeting ID: 559 835 4632**

**Contact Doug for the pass code at:**

**[dmg4792@hotmail.com](mailto:dmg4792@hotmail.com)**

# **My First Coin Show**

Tennessee State Numismatic Society Coin Show  
Chattanooga, TN  
March 6, 2021

*By Aaron Wales*

We were welcomed inside. We were greeted by many tables set up with coins, weapons, paper money, and more. There were ancient coins as well as recent coins.

My first coin show purchase was an Andrew Johnson Presidential dollar coin which we needed for our collection. We later found another table with a large variety of Presidential dollars and we walked away with five more Presidential dollars and an Innovation dollar. The Innovation dollar was commemorating the Polio vaccine for the state of Pennsylvania. It has a microscope on the reverse.

Then, we lucked upon a 50% off bin where we found two Benjamin Franklin half dollars, a Barber dime, and a standing Liberty quarter all of which we needed. I saw a shield nickel. It's the first five cent piece made out of copper-nickel by the U.S. Mint. It's also the first coin to be referred to as a nickel. I had never seen one. So, it was one of my purchases.

At the show, we found a Morgan dollar that was worth \$4,900 because it was a high relief. The funny thing is, it was right next to another Morgan dollar that was worth \$20.

Later, we found another bargain bin that had three Indian cents which we bought.

We saw several special coins based off famous movies such as Star Wars and the Lion King. The vendor said there were Harry Potter coins available, but unfortunately, we did not see any at the show.

At another table we saw a bag of Mercury and Silver dimes. After perusing the bag, we bought five silver dimes.



*Reviewing my Franklin Half Dollar Collection*

We also found some coins that were special for basketball and baseball. One side is curved in while the other is curved out. They actually look like a ball.



The ancient coin area had coins that were from the time of Hadrian and other Roman emperors. I recently watched a Mysteries of the World episode about Hadrian and his fascination with the Sun.



*Proud Owner of a Andrew Johnson Presidential Dollar*

The last thing was a gift of a 2009 cent given to me by a vendor but sadly it wasn't the one we needed. We really needed a 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial cent for his Presidency pictured with the Capitol building for Philadelphia mint. Better luck next time.

It was great to see other collectors walking around the arena. My family and I enjoyed our trip. I will definitely be going to another coin show in the future.

## **The Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal**

*by Mike Campbell*

### **Production Quirks**

To commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Madison County Coin Club, Daniel Carr, proprietor of the Moonlight Mint of Loveland, CO, was commissioned to produce twenty-five silver medals and twenty-five sets of medals in copper, brass and nickel. For the price on which we agreed, we actually received 127 medals and the striking dies. Here is the story behind the extra 27 medals.

Mr. Carr struck 25 silver medals, Figure 1, all edge-marked "ONE TROY OZ . 999 SILVER", and all with edge-marked serial numbers "01" through "25". He also struck and retained a silver medal with serial number "00".



*Figure 1 Silver Medal*



He then struck 25 copper medals, Figure 2, without incident.



*Figure 2 Copper Medal*

After striking at least 12 brass medals, Figure 3 and Figure 4, Mr. Carr observed a thin die gouge, Figure 5, on one of the medals. This gouge is present on the rest of the brass medals, but visible only with close observation. One of the brass medals, Figure 6, has a thin die sliver embedded in the obverse.

*"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



*Figure 3 Brass Medal*

**The Club's Mailing Address:**







*Figure 4 Brass Medal Without Die Gouge*

**Visit us on the web at <http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>**





*Figure 5 Brass Medal with Die Gouge*

**Club Officers:**

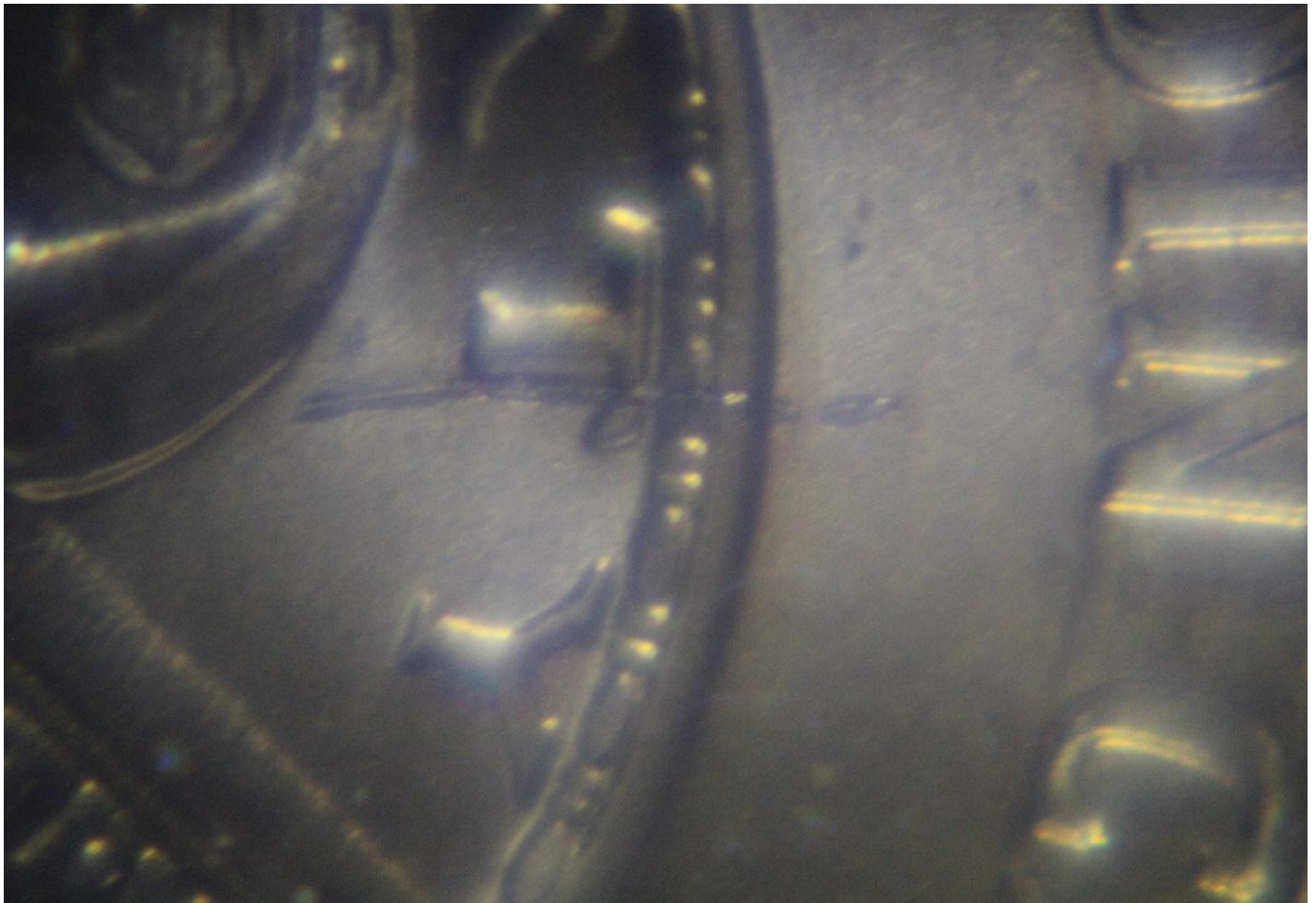
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Vice President: [Julian Olander](#)

Secretary: [Wayne Koger](#)

Treasurer: [Mike Campbell](#)

Board Member: [Bob Jaques](#)



*Figure 6 Brass Medal with Embedded Sliver*

Mr. Carr began striking the nickel medals with the gouged die, Figure 7, and struck 16 nickel medals. He then observed a die crack in the obverse, Figure 8 and Figure 9, and struck 2 more nickel medals with the die crack.

**Why not tell a friend about our next meeting?**





*Figure 7 Nickel Medal*

### **Members' Notices**

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 numismatic information concerning the Island of Jersey, Channel Islands.** Especially interested in magazine or newspaper articles. Contact: Harold at [hkfears@gmail.com](mailto:hkfears@gmail.com) .





*Figure 8 Nickel Medal with Die Crack*

### **MCCC is now on Facebook**

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word 'facebook' in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

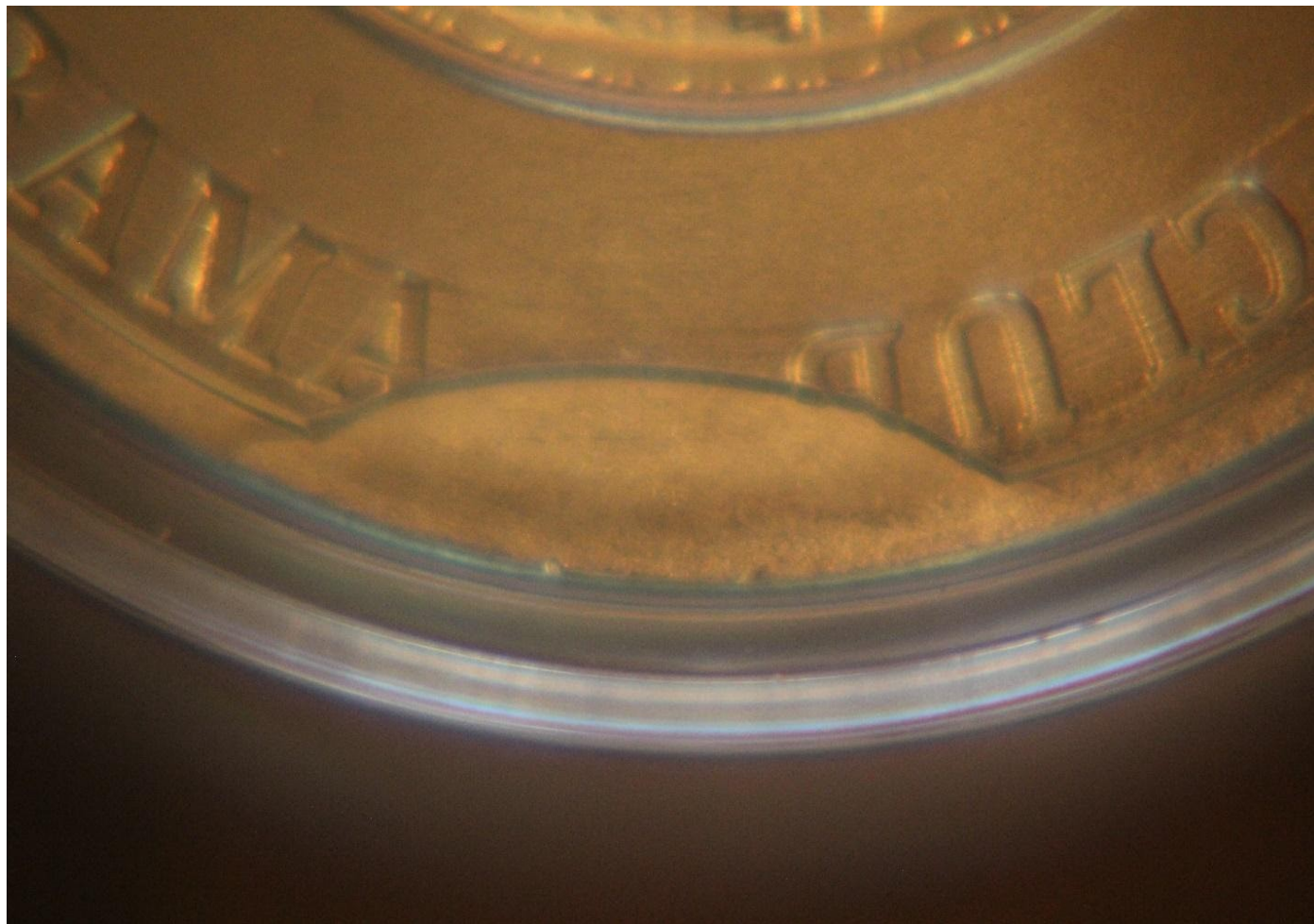
The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The newly created Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to: <http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

Post comments - Visit the page and don't forget to "Like" us.



*Figure 9 Nickel Medal with Die Crack, Enlarged*

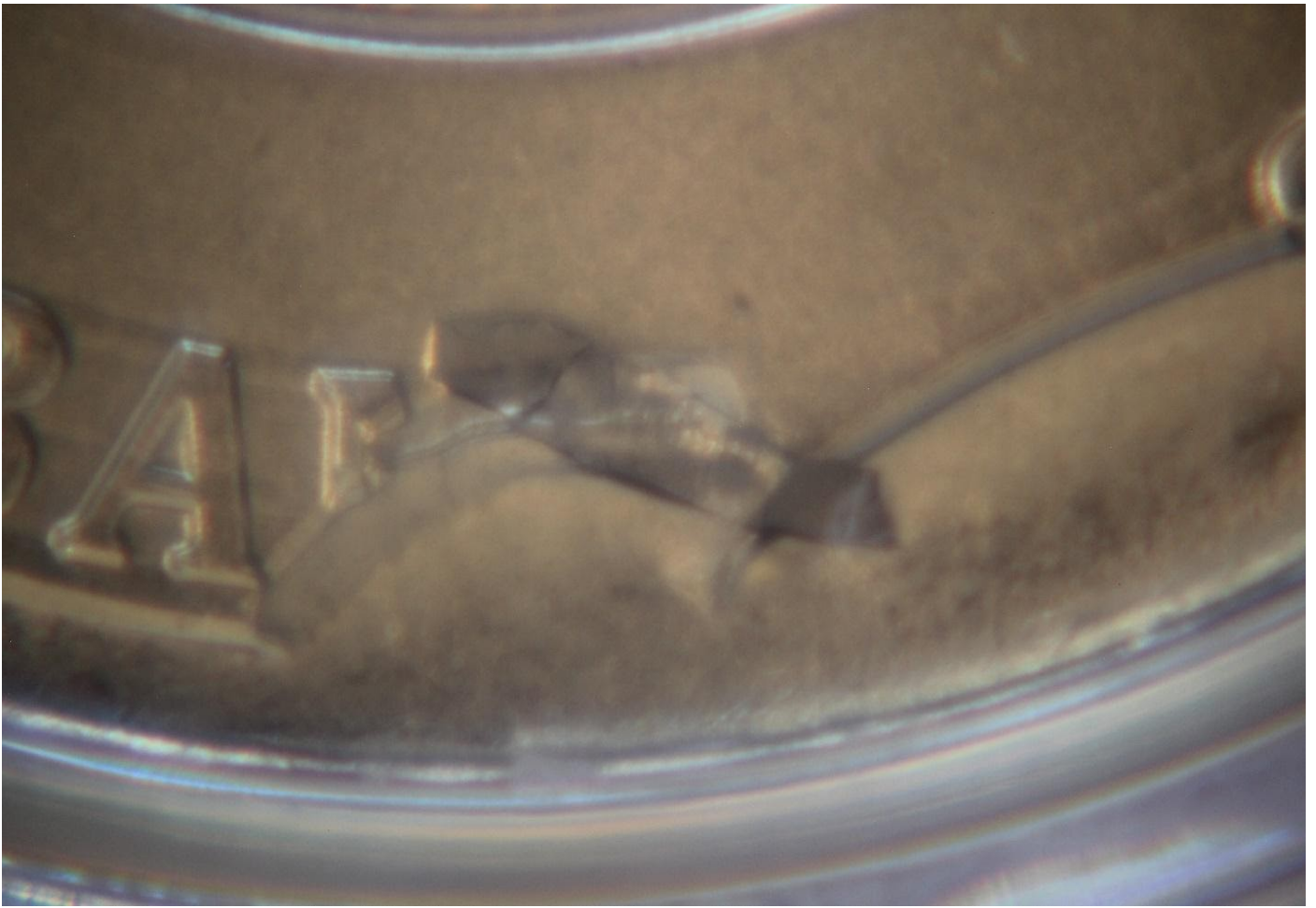
At this point a cud broke off the obverse die, which Mr. Carr also provided with the shipment of the medals. Eight nickel medals were struck with this cud die break before an additional, smaller cud broke from the die, Figure 12.



*Figure 10 Nickel Medal with First Cud Missing*

The second die break was not noted before the next nickel medal was struck, and the second die fragment is embedded in one of the medals, Figure 11.





*Figure 11 Nickel Medal with Embedded Die Fragment*

Mr. Carr then struck an additional 25 nickel medals with both cud die breaks, so that we received 25 identical nickel medals.



*Figure 12 Nickel Medal with Both Cuds Missing*

### **Distribution Plan**

Distribution of the medals has begun in a manner that should be as fair as possible. People who ordered silver medals will receive serial-numbered medals with some priorities in place. The presidents of MCCC will receive SN 1-5 in the order in which they served. The next group of serial number go to other officers, in order of the length of service to the club. Beyond that, serial numbers are allocated in the order that the medals were reserved. At this point, six silver medals remain.

One set of medals will be auctioned **as a set**, containing the brass medal with the thin die sliver embedded in the medal.

The identical nickel medals are being distributed as part of the sets of base metal medals (yes, that looks funny). The nickel medals with a die crack and the nickel medal with an embedded die fragment will be auctioned.

The remaining nickel medals without die breaks and with one die break are available for purchase at \$4.00 each on a first-come, first-served basis.

The brass medals with and without die gouge are being distributed at random.

### **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/>**

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



## Undiscovered 1893 O Quarter Repunched Mintmark

*By Jeff Mendenhall*

*Here is another article from fellow Barber coin collector Jeff Mendenhall on the repunched mintmark on the 1893-O Barber Quarter. A great technical article with very detailed images. – Doug Glandon*

For whatever reason, the Barber Quarter series seems to be filled with varieties. In 2005 Kevin Flynn wrote a book titled *The Authoritative Reference on Barber Quarters*. In the Introduction to this book Kevin states, “The primary purpose of this book was to list as many die varieties for the Barber quarter series as possible”. Although not directly said, Kevin appears to acknowledge there may be more varieties left to be discovered. This article is about such a discovery.

Previously, I wrote an article on the multiple positions of the “O” Mintmark on the 1893 quarter. I browsed the internet for about 6 months looking for various MM positions and acquired examples of each position found. While I was photographing the mintmarks (using an extreme macro setup) two of them had been repunched. It turns out one of them is addressed in Flynn’s book as RPM-001- see Figure 1.



## Figure 1 – Flynn RPM-001

I found two examples of this variety; one of them is shown in Figure 2a and 2b. With the advancements in digital photography much more detail becomes readily available. This variety is encountered on the Far-Right Middle MM position (#6 from my article in last month's Journal).



Figure 2a – Far-Right Middle MM



Figure 2b – RPM-001

Flynn has another 1893 O RPM listed in his book: RPM-002. I did not encounter this variety in my research. I did find one that he did not encounter on the “#4 Right” MM location; see images 3a and 3b. The first punch was to the east of the second main punch. To the best of my knowledge, confirmed by Steve Hustad (the BCCS Varieties Coordinator) this variety has not been previously published; it is a discovery variety.





Figure 3a – Far-Right Middle MM



Figure 3b – Unlisted RPM

There are likely many more varieties in the Barber series waiting to be discovered; take a detailed look at the coins in your collection to see what you can find!

*Another great article from Jeff Mendenhall! His super high-quality macro images make it very easy to see the position and repunched mintmark in great detail! Thanks again for sharing this article with our club!*



## **My Favorite PCGS Slab**

By

Richard Jozefiak

Instead of having a favorite coin, I have a favorite slab. It is a PCGS slab of 1857 Gold Nuggets recovered from the shipwreck of the *SS Central America*.

The *SS Central America* sank in about 7,200 feet of water off of the North Carolina coast on September 12, 1857 due to a hurricane. The ship was loaded with gold bars, coins, dust and nuggets from the California gold fields.

The ship was carrying about 600 passengers and crew, and only 153 people were saved.

The sinking of the ship contributed to the 1857 Panic due to the loss of huge amounts of gold being transported to New York City.

The first recovery of the sunken gold from the wreck of the *SS Central America* was done in the 1990's. Many gold bars and coins were recovered.

In 2014, a second recovery attempt was made at the wreck site to recover other items with the new improved underwater technology. A number of "gold pokes" were recovered, which held gold dust and nuggets.

Some of the gold nuggets in these "gold pokes" were used to put into PCGS slabs. The PCGS slabs contain 1.5 grams of gold, the same amount of gold in a gold dollar coin. 1,857 of PCGS slabs were made, and Bob Evans signed the slab "Certificate of Authenticity" insert. He served as chief scientist during the recovery of gold items in the 1990's and 2014.



Front of PCGS Slab





### Back of PCGS Slab

The PCGS slab holds interesting pieces of gold from 1857 that started in the California gold fields, and were recovered from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.



# **Celebrating 20 Years of the Madison County Coin Club**

## **(Part 3)**

### **The First Meeting & *MCCC Newsletter***

**By**

**Richard Jozefiak**

#### Why the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center selected as the meeting location?

When I started to look for a club meeting location, I had the following requirements:

1. Low cost
2. Evening hours
3. Parking
4. Security
5. Committed meeting day and time

I inquired at local restaurants and public libraries. None of them could meet the above requirements. Many places wanted a monthly fee or guaranteed sales, or would not commit to a monthly meeting day and time.

Some people recommended churches to me, but these also had drawbacks as to the above requirements. In late 2000, I was given the name of the Executive Director of the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. I called and made an appointment to meet with him. We had our meeting in late 2000, and I found he was looking for new clubs to support the Senior Center mission. He offered me a meeting room on the fourth Monday of every month (if not closed for a holiday) in the evening for no cost. I accepted. The only requirement was that the meeting be open to all and have a sign-in log (now replaced with a computer key card sign-in).

The club has made a regular yearly donation to the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center in appreciation of the support received each year.

ANA Letter Mailed to all ANA Members and Local Advertising-

I coordinated with staff at the ANA in Colorado Springs to do a mailing of about 100 letters to invite ANA members in the greater Huntsville area to the first club meeting. The letter was prepared around December 2000, with a February 1 planned mailing date. The first meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2001.



## *American Numismatic Association*

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P.O. Box 6332  
Huntsville, AL 35824  
February 1, 2001

ANA REPRESENTATIVE  
PROGRAM  
DISTRICT DELEGATE

Dear Fellow ANA Member,

I want to invite you to the first meeting of the Madison County Coin Club (MCCC) on Monday, March 26. The club will meet the fourth Monday of every month (except holidays) at 6:30 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 2200 Drake Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35805, and the phone number is (256) 880-7080.

The club will meet to discuss coins, hold club auctions, and provide a place to share knowledge and information about coins, medals, paper money, and collecting. The club welcomes people of all ages and collecting experience. There will be a YN program and monthly newsletter.

MCCC is an ANA member club. Please help support this new local club. A membership application, and a copy of the first newsletter is included. For more information, please contact Richard at (256) 325-0037.

Sincerely,

Richard Jozefiak  
President MCCC  
ANA District Delegate, No. AL

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### First Meeting- March 26, 2001-

On Monday, March 26, 2001, the first meeting of the Madison County Coin Club was held at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. Twenty-one people attended the first meeting, except that I was not one of them! I had to go on a business trip, and my wife Karen graciously represented me at the meeting. She did a great job at the meeting. There was enough interest for a local coin club, and the rest is history.

### First Photos in the *MCCC Newsletter*- November 2001-

The first photo in the *MCCC Newsletter* was not until the November 2001 issue. The club had a guest speaker, Mr. Carl Lester, who gave a presentation on “Behind the Scenes at the Dahlonega Mint: Vignettes of the Mint and Her Men, Machinery and Money”. Carl was presented an ANA Educational Award by me, the club president.



**Mr. Carl Lester (L) receiving ANA Educational Award from  
Richard Jozefiak, MCCC President**

The first MCCC group photo was in the September 2003 issue of the *MCCC Newsletter* for the club's 25th meeting. The 25th meeting was on August 25, 2003. Some of the people in the photo are still club members and some people have passed over the years.



**MCCC Members at 25th Meeting on August 25, 2003**

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## ***Madison County Coin Club Newsletter***

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**March 2001**

**Meeting Location:** Senior Center  
2200 Drake Ave. SW  
Huntsville, AL 35805  
256-880-7080

**Meeting Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
of every month,  
except holidays  
**Meeting Time:** 6:30-8:30 P.M.

### **WELCOME!**

By  
Richard Jozefiak

**Welcome to the first issue of the Madison County Coin Club (MCCC) Newsletter. The MCCC will have its first meeting on Monday, March 26, 2001 at the Senior Center in Huntsville. Meet in the classroom. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.**

Driving directions to the Senior Center: Take I-565 to Memorial Parkway (231) in Huntsville. Take Memorial Parkway South to the Drake Avenue Exit. Exit on Drake Avenue and go west about a ½ mile to the Senior Center. There is plenty of lighted parking in the lot.

#### **Why a Coin Club in Madison County?**

MCCC was founded to provide a forum for coin collectors, young and old, to have a fun time and share their knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby. The club is open to all people who like to collect any coins, medals, paper money, or any other numismatic material.

Most club meetings will have an educational speaker or video, club auction, refreshments, and time to share. Please bring an item of interest to share

with fellow club members during the mini-exhibit time.

The first meeting will explain how the club auction works, have membership sign-up, and refreshments.

MCCC is an ANA member club, but you do not need to be an ANA member to be a club member. The ANA is the national numismatic organization, and supports local clubs.

#### **MCCC President**

The current President of MCCC is Richard Jozefiak. He relocated to Madison County, AL this past summer with his family. They moved from Northern Virginia. Richard has been involved with coin collecting for over 25 years. He is an American Numismatic Association (ANA) member, and past District Delegate in Central Florida and Northern Virginia. He was appointed the ANA District Delegate for Northern Alabama in August 2000.



### **Young Numismatist Program (YN)**

A Young Numismatist is known as a "YN" in the hobby. A YN is a person under 17 years of age.

MCCC has a YN program that awards YN auction dollars that YNs will use at the November meeting during the YN auction.

YNs earn auction dollars by coming to club meetings, bring in item(s) to share and tell about, helping with the club auction, and other things.

The purpose of the YN program is to encourage young people with a hobby that has positive values that they can develop now, and into their adult life.

### **How Can You Help?**

The success of any club depends on people. The club will be what members want it to be. Clubs can be active, or exist only on paper. Please help out with your time and talent. If everyone does a small amount, it adds up quickly to a very successful and enjoyable club for all. Please help the YNs since they are the future of the hobby.

### **Questions or Comments?**

Please call Richard at: 256-325-0037

MCCC mailing address:

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Huntsville, AL 35824

### **Meeting Dates for 2001**

March 26	Introduction
April 23	Speaker- Richard Jozefiak First club auction
May 28	NO MEETING Holiday
June 25	Video Club auction
July 23	TBD Club auction
August 27	TBD Club auction
September 24	TBD Club auction
October 22	Nomination of officers for 2002 Club auction -Please bring donations for YN auction-
November 26	Pot-Luck Election of Officers for 2002 YN Auction
December 24	NO MEETING Holiday

MCCC would like to thank the Senior Center for their support in providing a meeting location at no cost.

Please help clean up after a meeting by throwing out your trash and putting back the tables and chairs.