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The President's Corner

Greetings Everyone, We started off the New Year with a great presentation from our friend and colleague Jeuron McMillan, owner of Big Boys Gold & Silver. He gave us an update on the gold and silver bullion market. It was good to hear that the market has been very strong over the past two years. As a result, gold and silver bullion prices have soared! It has had a ripple effect causing the value of "common" silver and gold coins to increase in value as well. As we start 2022, the Bullion Bull Market continues! Thanks again Jeuron! See you in February! Doug

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Numismatic Art By Aaron Wales

My mom gave me a gift from a gallery for Christmas. It was numismatic art. The artist is Stacey Lee Webber. If you don't know her work, she is an artist whose medium is coins. She lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has been a fulltime artist since 2015. She has a background as a metalsmith. Her method is using a jeweler's saw to cut reliefs. Her shop sells jewelry as well as wall art. You can find her art at <u>www.staceyleewebber.com</u>.

Ms. Webber creates using her own hands. So, each piece is unique. My piece of art from her is like no other. It is a boat scene. There are waves made from the edges of coins. The ships come from:

- Portugal, 1986-2000, 50 escudos
- North Korea, 2002, 1/2 chon
- Bahamas, 1973, 25 cents
- Portugal, 1967, 2.5 escudos
- South Africa, 1945, 1 penny
- Micronesia, 2012, 50 cents

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It is all captured inside a handmade steel frame.

Located on her website are various pieces. My favorite of the offerings for wall art is "Cityscape 17"." She uses stacked Lincoln Memorials to create skyscrapers. My mom's favorite piece is "Lady Liberty Circles 23"." The flower petal shapes are made from Mercury dimes. She brings new life into common things like coins. You should check it out sometime.



Jersey's First Two Pound Bi-Metallic Coin

In 1997 the British Royal Mint issued Jersey's first bi-metallic £2 coin. The reverse design, the work of Mr. Alan Copp, was chosen by a local design competition. The design incorporates the parish crest of each of Jersey's twelve parishes and uses modern technology, as a latent feature, for illustrating the coin's value. The mint set issue was produced in base metal (Nickel-Brass on the outer and Cupro-Nickel on the inner circle) for a mint set has a mintage of 5,500. A silver and gold proof coin was also produced with a mintage of only 500 coins.





Changes to Elongated Coin Collecting At Universal Orlando Resort

By Richard Jozefiak

Universal Orlando Resort (in Orlando, FL) has a number of major sections to it: Universal Studios Florida (theme park), Universal's Islands of Adventure (theme park), Universal's Volcano Bay (a water theme park) and Universal Citywalk (shopping, restaurant, and entertainment area open to the public without admission). Each major section has a number of rolling machines to make elongated cents, except Volcano Bay which has no rolling machines.

I went to Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal Citywalk in January 2021, and again in January 2022. With the number of rolling machines, I was not able to roll all the elongated cents that I wanted, so when I knew that I was returning in January 2022, I planned accordingly.

In 2021 the rolling machines took your own quarters and your own cent (I only use pre-1982 cents, which are mostly copper). So, for my January 2022 trip, I got a number of rolls of quarters and three rolls of pre-1982 cents to roll. But to my surprise, I found that all the machines have been changed (except one)! The machines now only accept paper money (\$1's and \$5's) or credit/debit cards, and the cent is provided automatically (mostly all zinc cents). The rolling machines probably holds a large number of cents (almost all zinc cents) due to the foot traffic in the theme parks.

With the changes from 2021 to 2022, the cost to do a rolling machine design went from 51¢ (two quarters and a cent) to \$1 per roll. Some of the machines are the larger rolling type that do eight elongated cents at a time, and the cost is \$5. Since I do not like to use a debit card or credit card for small transactions, I got change as needed to operate the rolling machines.

TIP- If the rolling machine's red light is on, the bill collector is full or jammed, but the machine may still operate using a credit/debit card.

In summary:					
Rolling Machines	January 2021 Status	January 2022 Status			
Cost per roll	51¢ (2-25¢, 1-1¢)	\$1 bills			
Cent	You provide	Machine provides			
Credit or Debit Card	No	Yes			
Use					
Operation	Both manual and elec-	Both manual and elec-			
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January 2021



Comparison of Changes to the Same Rolling Machine at Universal (Photos by Richard Jozefiak)

The above photos show the same rolling machine with the same four designs, one year apart.

The changes are:

- The January 2022 rolling machine price is now \$1
- There is a credit/debit card reader on it (top left of the crank handle) on the 2022 rolling machine
- On the left bottom of the 2022 rolling machine is a dollar bill acceptor device (red arrow)
- The elongated cents in 2021 were called "Souvenir Pennies" while in 2022 they are now called "Collectible Pennies"

For my visit in January 2022, there were a couple of new rolling machines. The location of some of the 2021 rolling machines was changed. The company that is listed on a number of the rolling machines is "CTM Group, Inc". They have a Q-code on many of the rolling machines that shows where their machines are located at Universal Orlando Resort. They can be found online: www.ctmgroupinc.com.

One of the collectible topics at Universal is "Harry Potter" themed elongated cents. There are 24 different Harry Potter elongated cents. There are three rolling machines with eight designs each (\$5 for eight designs), but none of the rolling machines are located in the Harry Potter sections of the theme parks! When I inquired about the reason for this, I was told that the author of Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling, would not approve of rolling machines (or *Coca-Cola* products for that matter) in the Harry Potter sections.

The Harry Potter rolling machines are located:

- 1. Citywalk- Universal Main Store
- 2. Islands of Adventure- Port of Entry Universal Main Store
- 3. Universal Studios of Florida- Entrance Universal Main Store

The rolling machine below was the only one of its kind that I found in any of the places I visited at Universal Orlando Resort. The rolling machine is still 51¢. It is located at Universal's Islands of Adventure, Jurassic Park section, Jurassic Park Discovery Center, lower level in back.



Only old 51¢ Rolling Machine Found at Universal (Photo by Richard Jozefiak)

During my January 2022 Orlando, FL stay, I went to other places in the area and found more rolling machines. These rolling machines were like the current Universal ones, they cost \$1 per design and take \$1 notes or use credit and debit cards. The cents used are zinc ones. I guess that more rolling machines will be converted to the new \$1 type as time goes on.

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Mar 4-6 Nov TBD	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++
April 8-10	Dalton, GA	Sun 10 am – 3 pm58th Georgia NumismaticAssociation Coin ShowDalton Convention CenterI-75 exit 3332211 Dug Gap Battle RoadDalton, GAFri- Sat 10 am – 6 pmSun 10 am – 3 pm	Chip Cutcliff 770-421-8387 chascoins06@yahoo.com www.gamoney.org	+++ (Check on web site on status of U.S. Mint booth at show)
July 15-17	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	++
Aug 4-6	Dalton, GA	63rd Blue Ridge 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	Katie Williams Katie.mull@gmail.com 423-401-8363 www.brna.org	+++

If anyone knows of a show that you want added to the list, please send Richard Jozefiak an email with the information on the coin show (analmrj@gmail.com).

Richard's Rating: Small coin show, no educational programs- +

Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs- ++

Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. Worth the drive- +++

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Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<u>http://mccc.anaclubs.org/</u>) has two 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.anaclubs.org/newsletters/

Read our previous programs at: http://mccc.anaclubs.org/programs/

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