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The President's Corner

Hey Everyone,
July's meeting was a unique meeting!
How was it unique? We had three
young men in attendance: Aaron
Wales (10), Xavier Burruss (13), and
Jacob Tucker (11).

So glad to have these young men
and parents join us! They are the fu-
ture of coin collecting! We hope to
see you next month! I also want to
give a shout-out to Kurt Kelley for
bringing some of his 3 Cent Silver
pieces from his collection as exam-
ples of the different types that were
minted. They complimented my
Three Cent Silver Legacy presenta-
tion very well - Thanks Kurt!

See you in August!
Doug

Your Story and "The Story"

By Kurt Kelley

Do you remember what caused or
started your interest in coins that you
have? Was it because it's money and
it is desirable, or do you like his-
tory? Maybe it was because you were
given a starter coin by someone you
revere, or was it a chance happening
that a certain coin caught your
fancy? Did a family member get you
started or was it your own de-
sire? There are countless reasons to
start collecting coins, and it is usually
fascinating to hear why and how it all
started.

As for me, I got an old quarter in
change in 1965. I had been saving
my allowance for some time and had a
half dollar. I got 10c a week, so to
have that much at once was a large
sum of money and unusual. I remem-
ber being at the Ben Franklin five and

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dime and bought some candy and maybe a trinket. There was literally no candy bar I remember at that time that cost over a nickel, so I was walking out of the store loaded! Anyway, I got this quarter in change. It was very worn and that got my attention. Later at home I looked at it closer and found it to be a 1936-p. In 1965 it was not yet 30 years old, but since I was only going to be 7, it seemed ancient. My Dad was a farmer and I remember sitting on the basement steps swinging my legs and talking to him while he was shaving at the mirror one night when he came in from chores. I remember telling him how old this coin was, and it intrigued me that it had been around so long. My Dad was born in 1910 and graduated high School in 1929. So, listening to me, he had to think what a snot nosed kid, he has no idea what old is. He never commented, or at least not verbally so I could hear.

From there I started going through any change I got the chance to. Lincoln cents were what I started on because I couldn't afford a larger denomination. As I got older other denominations became achievable. Years later as an adult I finished the Washington quarter set in Uncirculated condition and the last piece to complete my set was a 1936-D. It wasn't the 36-P but it was ironic, because it wasn't intentional, to be the same year as what started me collecting.



Collecting coins and being a numismatist is the difference between driving a car and owning a 1972 Chevelle. Appreciation of what it is and seeing the beauty of the object is what causes us to collect. You can call it a blessing or a curse that we, numismatists, have the eye for details and beauty, the interest in history and the curiosity and thirst for knowledge. The value of the coins we collect is to be considered, but most likely not the driving force that has us collecting.



1972 Chevelle

**Please bring a coin, medal, note, or something
for Show-and-Tell.**

Acquiring new pieces for our collections becomes more of a hunt than an ownership need. As soon as we get a piece we have been wanting, it goes in a book or maybe a safe deposit box and we are off on the next quest. The memory of how we got it or the struggles to get there are the things that get most remembered.

A coin is just a piece of metal unless there is a story to go with it. The story makes the coin interesting. The story is what non-collectors want to hear more so than seeing the rare coin. Why is it rare, who owned it, what period of history did it circulate in, or why did it get made in the first place? Those stories and many more make the coin. Every coin has a story. Since you own it, it is up to you to bring attention to its story. That's all part of the fun!

Coins are meant to be shown and have their story told. Hoarding is of no value to our hobby nor the future of it. We are the curators of history; therefore, we are taking a place in history that the future might not know us by name, but we are a necessity of history and for "The Story" to go on.

Happy Hunting!

Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor, hkfears@gmail.com, 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
- 5.

World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale. Contact: Steve Young, P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409 taegu_steve@hotmail.com.

Aaron's Results of the National Coin Week Youth Project

The Great Barrier Reef

By Aaron Wales

age 10

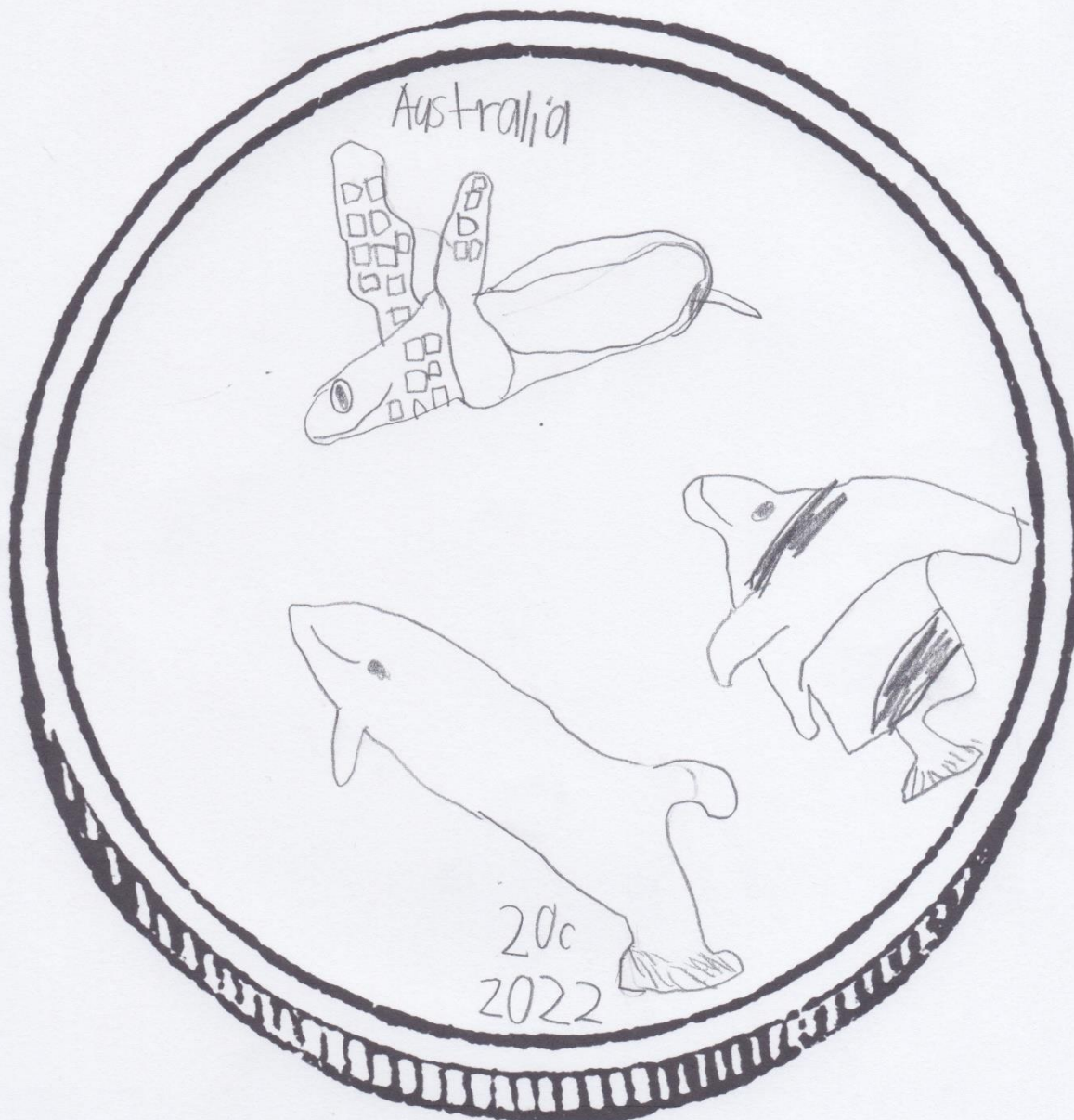
I chose the Great Barrier Reef because I find it very interesting and there are many marine animals that live there. The Great Barrier Reef has about 900 islands and 400 different types of coral. It also has around 2,500 different coral reefs. It is home to a diverse set of islands that provide shelter and nesting grounds. The numerous types of marine life in the Great Barrier Reef includes sea turtles, angel fish, various types of dolphins, sea snakes, and whales. This habitat contains several endangered animals including sea cows.

Shown in my drawing is a green sea turtle, an angel fish, and a dolphin. Green sea turtles can live up to an average of 70 years. Angel fish can come in many colors which help camouflage them within the bright coral. Finally, dolphins use pulses that sound like "clicking" noises to communicate and to know what is around them. I wanted to design a coin of the Great Barrier Reef to depict its unique beauty and to encourage people to care for nature. I hope to one day visit this wonderful location.

The ANA eLearning Academy Courses

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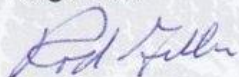
Hello Aaron,

At the outset, I wish to thank you for your participation in the American Numismatic Association's National Coin Week student activity. Your coin design and essay on the Great Barrier Reef were most interesting. I enjoyed reading about specific examples of marine life that live there. You write very well.

Even though you were not chosen as the grand prize winner, it is obvious that you spent a great deal of thought and time on the project and I wish to congratulate you by including a 1943 Mercury dime as a token of our appreciation.

Please keep an eye out on the ANA website as your artwork will appear soon.

Regards,



Rod Gillis

The Response from Rod Gillis

"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 1902 British Penny

A curious feature of the 1902 Edward VII pennies is that there are two versions, the difference can be seen using a magnifying glass. On most 1902 coins, the line depicting the sea level is at the point where Britannia's legs cross at the shins. This type is known as the *high tide* version. On the low tide version, the sea level is slight lower.



The obverse of the coin shows the bare (uncrowned) head of King Edward VII facing right.

Below the neck truncation, in small letters are the artist's initials **DES.** (for George William de Saulles).

Around, the monarch's legend: **EDWARDVS VII DEI GRA: BRITT: OMN: REX FID: DEF: IND: IMP:.** Translated from Latin: Edward the Seventh, by the Grace of God, King of all the Britains, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.



The reverse of the coin shows, within a beaded border, the figure of Britannia - the female personification of Great Britain - seated facing right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet pushed back to reveal her face and a flowing dress, resting her right hand on a shield bearing the combined crosses of the Union Flag, and holding a trident in her left hand.

In the background, sea waves.

Around left and right, the value and denomination **ONE PENNY**.

In exergue, the date **1902**.



Comparison between the high and low tide varieties.

2022 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

NOTE: Meeting Day is the 3rd TUESDAY of the month

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
March 15	Kurt Bellman	Hal Pullum
April 19	Don Adams	Aaron Wales
May 17	Wayne Koger	Mike Campbell
June 21	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 19	Harold Fears	Doug Glandon
August 16	TBD	Ben Crow
September 20	TBD	David Hollander
October 18	TBD Nomination of 2018 Officers	Kurt Springfield
November 16	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>) 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.anacclubs.org/newsletters/>

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

Club Officers

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