

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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**Our next meeting
will be at the
South Huntsville Public
Library
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE
Huntsville, AL 35802
On
Monday
March 20, 2023
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30**

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The (Vice) President's Corner

"The good, the bad and the ugly."
The name of *the* definitive spaghetti
(Italian) Western that brought Clint
Eastwood to our attention?
Nope, not a title. (Note the lack of
capitalization.)

Instead, based on the very little
experience I've had with this area of
numismatics, this phrase captures my
idea of counterfeits.
Some are really, really ugly copies,
some are just bad, but others are
quite good—sometimes really, *really*
quite good.

When I became involved in coin
collecting again, in 2016, after a 50-
year hiatus, I was surprised and
scared by what I read and heard
about the prevalence of counterfeiting
and its impact on our hobby.

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The recent Charles Cataldo, a local coin dealer who had a profound knowledge especially of U. S. coinage, gave an annual presentation to the Club and regularly touched on counterfeiting. It was shocking to hear that he had seen an entire Lincoln Wheat Cent set that was fake—and quite convincingly real. *An entire set!* Some examples of Morgan copies that he brought in and passed around for close inspection certainly would have not been caught by me.

Professional grading services have brought us a significant degree of comfort in assuring the higher-end coins we pay a pretty price for are the Real McCoy, but even the pros can be challenged by outstanding copies.

Harrison Knowlton, who collects counterfeits, will be telling us about “Counterfeit Coins and Currency” at our 20MAR23 meeting.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about a niche of collecting that is both troubling and fascinating at the same time.

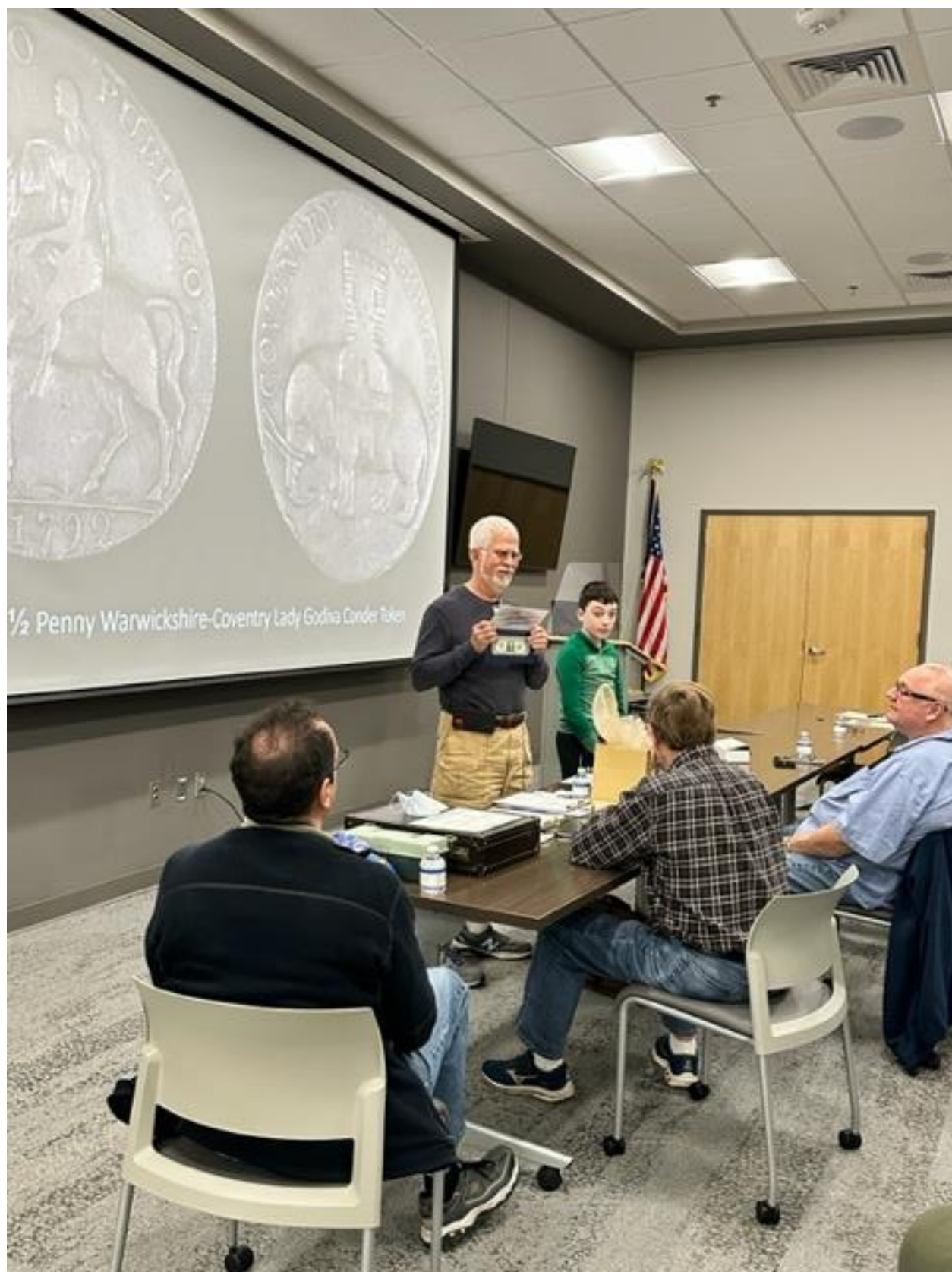
Hey, maybe you collect counterfeits too? No? Are you sure? 😊

Wayne

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

Some Scenes from our Last Meeting





Old Newfoundland Coin Found in Alabama

By Aaron Wales

I got a special coin from one of my dad's coworkers. It's a 1941 Newfoundland 10 cent coin. He found it in his loose change and knew I collected coins. It isn't in the best shape, but there are a lot of interesting details about this coin that made me want to investigate further.



This is a Royal Canadian Mint image of the type of coin given to me.

The first interesting fact is that the coin is from Newfoundland. Newfoundland is a province of Canada. I'd learned in school that Newfoundland was discovered by Europeans specifically John Cabot in 1497 on behalf of England but I never knew that Newfoundland had its own coins. So, I decided to look up the history of Newfoundland. It was controlled by the French for a long time but the British took control after the French and Indian War. In 1869 Newfoundland considered joining Canada but the people voted to remain separate. The British Empire granted Newfoundland the right to self-government in 1907. Due to hardships from the Great Depression, Newfoundland returned to colonial rule in 1933 with a promise to return to self-government once the depression was over. Prosperity returned following World War II and the people began considering their future government. A large

majority preferred becoming part of the United States but the U.S. government preferred they become part of Canada. A referendum was held in 1948 but none of the options received a majority (Self-Rule=45%, Joining Canada=41%, Remaining Colony=14%). In a second vote of the two top selections which were between self-rule and joining Canada, becoming part of Canada received 52% of the vote. Newfoundland officially joined Canada in 1949 so any Newfoundland coin would have to be before this date.

The second interesting thing about the coin is the image on the front. The image is of King George VI. He was the father of Queen

Elizabeth II and became King of England when his brother, King Edward VIII, abdicated the throne in 1936. During the span of 185 years from 1837 to 2022, Queens Victoria and Elizabeth II reigned for 134 of those years. In between were four kings: Edward VI, George V, Edward VII, and George VI. George VI reigned for 16 years from 1936 to 1952, leading England through World War II. Also, the coin shows him wearing a crown which is very different from Canadian coins which all



Map of Newfoundland

depicted George VI without a crown. Prior to George VI, Canadian coins depicted Edward VII and George V wearing crowns. It's British tradition now that queens are shown with a crown on coins while kings are not. The only Newfoundland coin denominations depicting George VI were 1, 5, and 10 cent coins.

The next interesting aspect of the coin is the phrase around the edge - "GEORGIVS VI DEI GRA. REX ET IND. IMP." This Latin phrase means "George VI, by the grace of God, the King and Emperor of India". This phrasing was used on coins of the British Commonwealth from 1911 to 1947. The phrase changed in 1948 to the Latin phrase meaning "By the Grace of God, King". The change was required due to India becoming a republic within the Commonwealth.

The mint mark on the coin is also worth noting. On the reverse is a "C" representing the Canadian mint. Instead of Newfoundland coins being produced in England in 1941 they were made in Canada to avoid German U-Boats in the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. This practice continued through World War II until the final Newfoundland 10 cent coins were minted in 1947. Between 1938 and 1947 there were 1,508,764 George VI Newfoundland 10 cent coins produced and 32% of those were made in 1941.



King George VI

A big reason I first got interested in coin collecting was because of their history. Researching this coin led me to learning history I wasn't very familiar with before. However, while the history of Newfoundland and its coins can be explored, what I'd really like to know is how this particular coin traveled all the way to Huntsville, Alabama and ended up in someone's loose change.

Jewel of the Nile

By Monica Couch

I'm sure from this title you could only surmise I would be discussing the 1985 hit movie starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. It is most assuredly a classic. But I'm going to have to disappoint you. I'm actually writing about jewelry and specifically the coin kind. I came across a very interesting website this week for an online shop called Kelly Annie Jewelry and I just had to share with coin enthusiasts.

The proprietor, Kelly, is based in Utah. She offers a wide variety of items to include your standard fare such: necklaces, bracelets, rings, men's cufflinks, and earrings. One of the things that makes Kelly so interesting is that she also offers a rare section as well as a "shop by country" section on her website. But, the most interesting thing that I've found is how she relates coins to what they can and do symbolize. Each piece has a unique meaning. I'll give you a few examples.



Branch Out Ring

Kelly has a ring called the "Branch Out Ring." She states, "This sweet ring is called branch out, because it features the image of a wren. Celtic people believed that the wrens' way of frequent migration was a message to us to branch out and expand our circles." How fascinating! It's a genuine British farthing coin. You must see this beautiful piece.

Kelly also has a bracelet called, "Always Home." The bracelet is created with a 1958 Fiji Sixpence depicting a turtle. Kelly states,

"A turtle is home wherever they go. They carry home with them. They belong everywhere because they are whole, self-contained and complete. When they have questions, they go inward. When they need love, they find it inside their own heart. They do not need permission or validation from anyone outside of themselves.

In some cultures, the turtle carries the world on its back and that its shell contains the secrets of heaven, earth and the universe. All of it is already inside. It always was and will be, WHOLE."



Always Home

I don't know about you but I'll never look at a turtle the same way again. It honestly makes you want to stop your vehicle and help those little creatures across the road even more.

Kelly also has a beautiful necklace called an Elephant Necklace. It is part of a collection she has related to loss. Kelly states,

“An elephant never forgets. This is true. They remember loved ones with loyalty and affection. Elephants are known for their size and strength. But even elephants mourn. When a member of the herd passes, they do not move on quickly. They linger in that place as long as they need to. They gather round with the herd and gently touch the tusks of their fallen friend. It’s their ritual, it’s how they heal. It is beautiful and it is sad. All of this is to say, be how you need to be. Mourn how you need to mourn and know that you are thought of with love.”



Elephant Necklace

It's made from a genuine Somaliland coin featuring a baby elephant with an adult elephant. Obviously, it isn't illegal to drill a hole in a coin such as this one. It is only illegal if you are defacing currency to try and make it appear more valuable.

Those are just a few examples of the types of pieces and the thought going in to each piece that Kelly provides. You can find many other such pieces at Kelly's website.

What you'll find there is that Kelly seems like one of those people that just "gets coins." She understands a coin can have meaning all by itself. Coins can be inherently beautiful. But she also understands that each person brings their own story to a coin (giving it yet another meaning): is it the coin from that purchase that was "calling your name," or the special one from inside your decorative Porky the Pig piggy bank, or the coin that you found near your favorite spot. Her art begs the question, "What sort of story do you want to tell with your jewelry?"

I know we've already experienced the Christmas rush and Valentine's is now behind us. But if you are interested in a "just because" item, perhaps Kelly will have something that tickles your fancy. The artist also does commissions for special pieces. I'm sure she can turn a sentimental or unique piece you have in your collection into a beautiful "wearable" work of art (not that it isn't art already).

Kelly Annie Jewelry website: <https://kellyannie.com/pages/send-your-love>

Can You Identify This Coin?



In this section each month a new coin will be pictured, and your task is to see if you can identify it. Can you step up to this numismatic challenge every month? Email your answer to hkfears@gmail.com and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.

Last month we had two winners, Stanley Benedict and Wayne Koger. They both correctly identified the coin as a six pence coin from Malawi.

It is interesting to note the value of these coins. In 1964 14,800,000 pieces were minted for circulation along with 10,000 proofs. Even though the circulation strikes are very large compared to the proof issues. The proof coin list for \$1.50 while the circulation strike has a value of \$2.50 for a MS63 coin.



*A Six Pence Coin
From Malwai*

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

Alabama Sesquicentennial Medals

By H.K. Fears

In 1969 an official commemorative medal was struck by the U.S. mint for Alabama's 150 anniversary as a state. There were 2,500 sterling silver and 10,000 bronze medals minted. The silver medals are numbered, and you can find the Philadelphia mint mark on the obverse. John Schlader was a Birmingham commercial artist that designed the celebration medal.

Other unofficial medals were struck using the reverse from the U.S. mint medal. A set of five with different obverses show historical figures, events, and the Huntsville space center. These medals were struck in both copper nickel and sterling silver. There were 20,000 copper nickel medals struck and 2,000 sterling silver ones. Most of the copper nickel ones were sold as a set in a white card in a plastic envelope for \$3.00. Half of the silver were sold in a Capital Plastics holder for \$60. Both sets are easily found on eBay.

Speaking of eBay, I recently found a medal using the commemorative's reverse for a Huntsville coin show held in August 1969. Also, there are couple of medals with the governor of Alabama, Albert Brewer, on the obverse. Finally, although the reverse is dated 1969, a 1971 Birmingham uses the sesquicentennial reverse.

In researching these medals, I used these sites:

- Alabama Department of Archives & History.
(<https://www.archives.alabama.gov/research/explore/>)
- The Newman Numismatic Portal to read the "Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1969." (<https://nnp.wustl.edu/>)
- MCA (Medal Collectors of America) ADVISORY.
(<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/35944177/the-mca-advisory-july-2000pdf-medal-collectors-of-america>)
- The Numismatist September 1977 and November 1989 issues.
(<https://www.money.org/digital-magazines>)



Bibb and Brewer facing left superimposed over a map of Alabama.



Sesquicentennial logo.

Exhibit 7

[Public Law 91-29, 91st Cong., S. 1995, June 17, 1969]

AN ACT To provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the State of Alabama 83 Stat. 37

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the State of Alabama, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to strike and furnish to the Alabama Sesquicentennial Commission five thousand silver and fifty thousand bronze medals with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by such Commission subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. The medals shall be made and delivered at such times as may be required by such Commission, but no medals shall be made after January 1, 1970. The medals shall be considered to be national medals within the meaning of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368). Alabama 150th anniversary medals.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause such medals to be struck and furnished at not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses; and security satisfactory to the Director of the Mint shall be furnished to indemnify the United States for full payment of such costs. Cost.

SEC. 3. The medals authorized to be issued pursuant to this Act shall be of such size or sizes as shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Alabama Sesquicentennial Commission. Size.

Approved June 17, 1969.

Legislative history:

House Report No. 91-267 accompanying H.R. 10931 (Committee on Banking and Currency).

Senate Report No. 91-171 (Committee on Banking and Currency).

Congressional Record, volume 115 (1969):

May 16: Considered and passed Senate.

June 2: Considered and passed House, in lieu of H.R. 10931.

The Public Law Authorizing these Medals



RAPHAEL SEMMES - Battle of Mobile Bay



Jugate busts of Tuskaloosa and Desoto



State Capital Building.



Space Orientation Center



ANDREW JACKSON - Battle of Horse Shoe Bend



Huntsville Coin Show



1971 Birmingham Centennial

The Minute Man

February 23, 2023, Madison County Coin Club Meeting Minutes

By Aaron Wales

- Membership dues are due; Please coordinate to pay annual dues
- Be sure to check out the monthly newsletter which includes a numismatic challenge; submissions are requested
- Please submit an article to the newsletter per Harold Fears
- There are two openings remaining for refreshments: please sign up via the MCCC website
- The library has books to check-out. Ann Fulmer is librarian for check-outs. Ann is going to begin doing reviews of books and providing via the newsletter.
- The MCCC is proposing t-shirts. Per a show of hands, many were in favor. There was enough interest to begin inquiries and investigate further.
- New visitors are welcome. Rashodd Van was present at the meeting. Total attending was 16.
- Upcoming shows:
 1. Southhaven, MS (near Memphis): Feb 24-26
 2. Chattanooga (off Camp Jordan near the Bass Pro Shop): March 3-5
- Show and Share:
 1. 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, minted in Philadelphia which was included in a written letter dated 2/5/1959
 2. Ptolemy the 3rd coin from 240-220 BC Egypt bearing an eagle
 3. Medal commemorating the 1969 Huntsville coin show found on Ebay for \$4
 4. Polar bear for the Cook Islands from the World Wildlife Federation, made in 2013 out of silver with ~2,500 minted
 5. 1796 copy of a US dollar coin

Last Month's Door Prize Winners



Each meeting the club gives away several door prizes. The winners of at our last meeting were:

First Prize:	Aaron Wales	2015 Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Ann Fulmer	¼ ounce silver medal
Third Prize:	Monica Couch	2006 Dollar bill with lucky number 7s

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

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens. Contact: Richard at ANALMRJ@gmail.com .

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 .

The ANA eLearning Academy Courses

Enjoy online courses and lectures from fellow collectors and experienced numismatists. The courses are free and open to the public. See <https://info.money.org/elearning> for details.

Hey ANA Members

Please send to [Mike Campbell](#) your ANA membership number. This helps our local club with our ANA Club Membership.

2023 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
Jan 23	Wayne Koger	Harold Fears Foreign Coins with U.S. Mint Marks
February 20	Harold Fears	Todd Hutto British Conder Tokens
March 20	Todd Hutto	Harrison Knowlton Counterfeit Coins & Currency
April 17	Ann Fulmer	Ben Crow Hawaii and North Africa Bills
May 15	Harrison Knowlton	Hal Pullum West Point Mint / Morgan Dollars
June 26	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 17	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales Nickels
August 21		Steve Young Stories from Coin Shows
September 18	Don & Jennie Adams	David Hollander Banknotes
October 16		Todd Hutto Charles the First and the British Civil War
November 20	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

2023 Coin Shows within Driving Distance from Huntsville

DATE	Location	Contact
March 3-5	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Coin Show Camp Jordan Arena 323 Camp Jordan Pkwy. East Ridge, TN 37412	https://tsns.org/events/
April 14-16	Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention Center 2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy Dalton, GA 30720	https://www.gamoney.org/coin-show/
July 7-9	Alabama Numismatic Society Annual Convention Bessemer Civic Center 1130 9th Ave SW Bessemer, AL 35022	http://www.coinzip.com/alabama-numismatic-society-convention-coin-show
August 3-5	BRNA Blue Ridge Coin Show Dalton Convention Center 2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy Dalton, GA 30720	https://brna.org/

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/>

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