

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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**We meet next at the South  
Huntsville Public Library,  
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE,  
Huntsville, AL 35802  
Monday January 22, 2024  
from 6:00 – 7:30  
Doors Open at 5:30**

## Membership Renewal



Membership to the club is open to all persons with an interest in numismatics. (The membership form can be found at our website <http://mccc.anaclubs.org>). The club is financed by an annual subscription which are due in January each year. Your dues can be paid at the next meeting, or if you wish, you can send your check to:

**Madison County Coin Club  
P.O. Box 12242  
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Please make check payable to  
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Please support MCCC by promptly  
renewing your membership.

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## The President's Corner

Happy New Year!

On New Year's Day, Southerners eat black eyed peas, hog jowl and greens for good luck; but us numismatists, we bring good luck throughout the year!

Scrooge McDuck had his Lucky #1 Dime, the first dime he ever earned; he removed it from circulation and kept it safe and sound in a special glass enclosure inside his money bin, his vault. Yep, Scrooge was a coin collector!

That's what us coin collectors do. We put coins away for safekeeping, saving them from the ravages of circulation and ultimately being melted down or otherwise destroyed; and eventually we pass them along to successor caretakers.

So, all the coins you've collected are lucky, lucky to be collected and lucky to be yours!

At our 22JAN24 meeting, Harold Fears will give a presentation on "Coins of German East Africa." (Harold does great presentations, with *wonderful* pictures and details.)

As I write this on 4JAN24, I'm feeling pretty lucky, living the 26,291<sup>st</sup> day of my life and nearing my 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. (I've been keeping track of my age in days for years; if you're interested in tracking the days of your life, go to <https://www.peterrussell.com/age.php>.)

While I've been around for lots of days, surviving German East Africa coins, minted 1890-1916, have made it through far more 24-hour periods.

For example, take a German East Africa KM#1, a lowly Pesa, birthed at the Berlin Mint in Germany; a disc of copper, similar in shape, size, weight and thickness to today's US quarter and worth 1/64<sup>th</sup> of a Rupee, the smallest denomination of the Rupee.

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As I write this, a lovely NGC-slabbed 1890 Pesa (1M minted) is available on eBay in MS64 RB (but looks quite red to me!) for \$149 + \$25 shipping—from Seoul, South Korea. Assuming a 2JUL1890 minting, this coin has been around for 48,763 days!

Too pricey? Well, how about an unslabbed brown, dark but still showing nice details of its artwork, 1891 (~12.5M minted) for \$15.89, shipped free from Los Alamitos, California? Assuming a 2JUL1891minting, this coin has been around for 48,398 days.

How many caretakers has either coin had? Dunno, but the lifespan of each coin covers about five human generations—and each coin is aimed at soon being in new hands.

I hope to see your lucky self at the 22JAN24 MCCC meeting, surrounded by a bunch of other folks who are all about bringing good luck to the world. And if you're really lucky, Harold will get you interested in acquiring your next lucky coin! 😊

Wayne

## **Money Talks Radio Show Archive**

In 1992, “Money Talks,” a radio program on the history and lore of money, began broadcasting across the country on several local radio stations. The “Money Talks” broadcasts were typically 2-4 minutes long and consisted of coin stories that were recorded to educate and encourage interest in the hobby of numismatics. You could hear all these stories at <https://www.money.org/money-talks-radio-archive/> .

## Some Scenes from our Last Meeting



*The crew settling in for another meeting.*

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



*Preparing for the auction.*

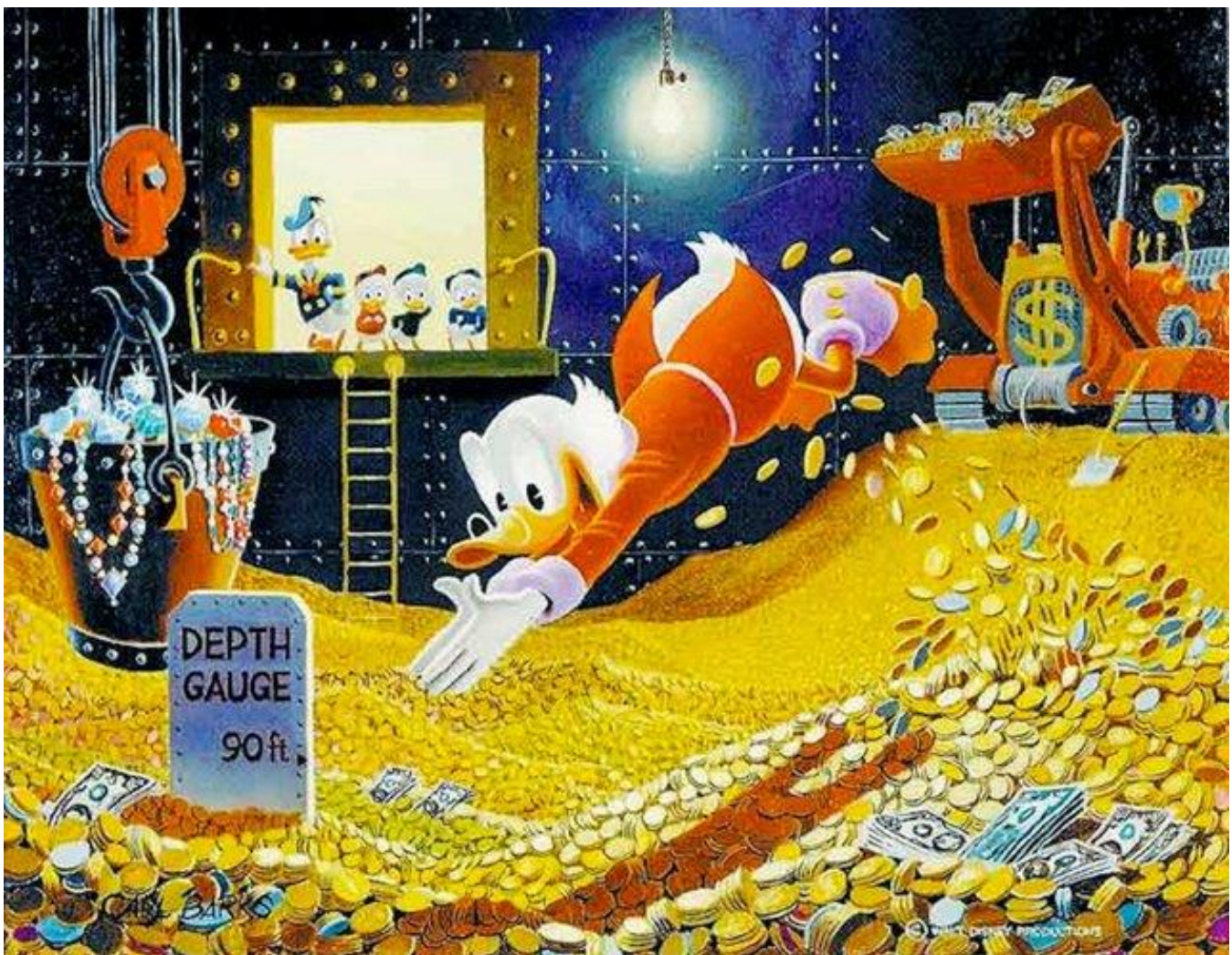
**Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?**



*Doug receiving his plaque for his years of service to the club.*

**My Lucky #1 Dime,  
An Interview with Scrooge McDuck**  
*By H.K. Fears*

After years of trying for an interview, I was fortunate enough to have a zoom meeting last week and talk to Scrooge McDuck. As many of you will know, Scrooge McDuck's net worth has always been a topic of interest, especially considering that his Money Bin is full of gold coins. Because I was allocated only 30 minutes, I did not ask him about his gold coins, for I was focused on his most famous numismatic piece, his Lucky #1 dime. The following is a transcript of our conversation.



*The Money Bin*

**Editor:** What's is so special about your dime?

**Scrooge:** *I was a young shoe shine in Glasgow when a man came in, his boots cemented in mud. I worked and worked until those boots sparkled. In return, he gave me an American dime. That dime inspired me to move to America and find my fortune. It means more to me than every bit of bullion in my Money Bin.*



**Editor:** When and where did you acquire it?

**Scrooge:** *In 1877 in my hometown of Glasgow, Scotland, on my tenth birthday.*

**Editor:** Do you know who gave you your #1 dime?

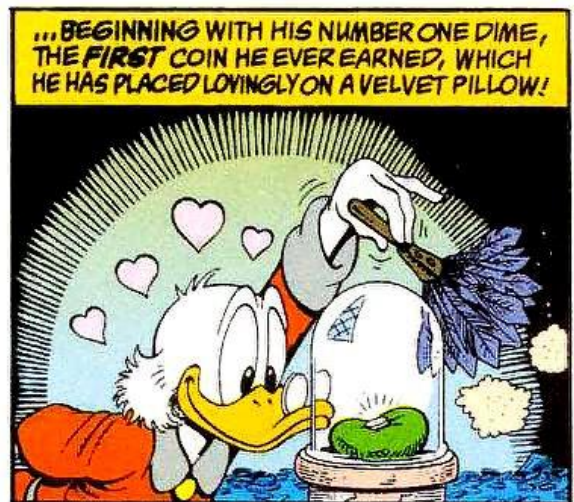
**Scrooge:** *It was just a random customer. Later I found out it was a ditch-digger named Burt, who thought he was cheating me.* (Editor's note: A U.S. dime would be worthless in Scotland. After speaking to Scrooge's sisters Matilda and Hortense, I discover that his father, Fergus McDuck, gave Burt the dime specifically for paying him for his services. They told me that it belonged to Howard Rockerduck. He is the father of John D. Rockerduck, the noted oil tycoon.)

**Editor:** Would you consider selling your dime?

**Scrooge:** *No! I will say that Magica De Spell has made multiple attempts to acquire the dime. Once she did travel back in time to 1877 to try steal the dime. I was fortunate enough to stop her evil plot.*

**Editor:** Is it in a slab?

**Scrooge:** *The only slab I am familiar with is a slab of bacon. My dime is usually kept on a golden platter with a velvet cushion securing the coin under a protective glass dome.*







*The #1 dime is thought to be an 1857, 1875, or even a Barber dime.*

**Editor:** I heard so many stories about your dime. Exactly what year is it? Some say it is an 1875 seated dime and a few 1857. A collector friend even told me it was an 1899 dime!

**Scrooge:** *That is a very good question. I can definitely say it is a ...*

**Editor:** Unfortunately, I lost the internet connection, and this terminated our interview. Perhaps one day, we will discover what dime really is Scrooge McDuck's Lucky #1 dime. Until then, it remains a mystery.

# Common Cents

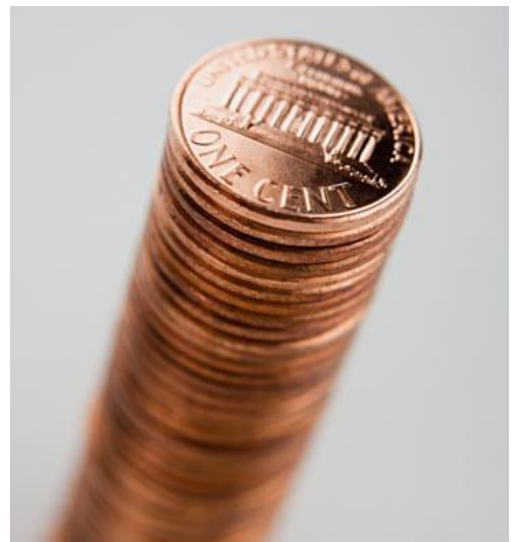
*By Aaron Wales*

Most coins articles will talk about the rarest nickels or the rarest dimes. But, for those of you who have wondered why you might see some mintages much more often, this article is for you. I will be talking about the top three years with the most cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins minted. Each number includes all mints. Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. The list only covers coin mintages from 1887 to 2022.

## Cents:

1. 1982 - 16,725,504,368 cents were minted
2. 2000 - 14,277,420,000
3. 1983 - 14,219,554,428

The total cents produced in these three years account for more than 8% of all Lincoln Cents ever minted. If you were to stack all of the Lincoln Cents ever minted on top of each other, you would make it to the moon and back with a few to spare.



## Nickels:

1. 1964 - 2,815,919,922
2. 2000 - 2,355,760,000
3. 1999 - 2,278,720,000

The total nickels produced in these three years accounts for more than 10% of all Jefferson Nickels ever minted. If you were to stack all of the Jefferson Nickels ever minted end to end, you could go to the moon, back to Earth, and to the moon again.

## Dimes:

1. 2000 - 3,661,200,000
2. 1999 - 3,561,750,000
3. 2022 - 3,134,000,000

The total dimes produced in these three years account for more than 9% of all Roosevelt Dimes ever minted. If you were to stack all of the Roosevelt Dimes ever minted on top of each other, it would be 5,967,240,760 inches tall and it would stretch 3.8 times around the Earth.

#### Quarters:

1. 2000 - 6,447,470,000
2. 2001 - 4,806,984,000
3. 1999 - 4,430,940,000

These three years were the first years of the US State Quarters. The total quarters produced in these years account for more than 15% of all Washington Quarters ever minted. Of all the US State Quarters, the Virginia quarter (2000) had the highest quantity produced with 1,594,616,000 minted. If you were to place all of the Virginia quarters end to end, they would wrap completely around the Earth and then some.

#### Half Dollars:

1. Bicentennial - 521,873,248
2. 1971 - 457,261,424
3. 1964 - 429,509,450

The total half dollars produced in these three years account for more than 34% of all Kennedy Half Dollars ever minted. It's important to note the Bicentennial Half Dollars were produced in 1975 and 1976 nothing differentiating the two years. 1964 was the first year for the Kennedy Half Dollar and it was intended as a memorial to President Kennedy following his assassination in November 1963.



### One Dollar Coins:

1. 2000 - 1,286,056,000
2. 2007 - 950,670,000
3. 1979 - 757,813,744

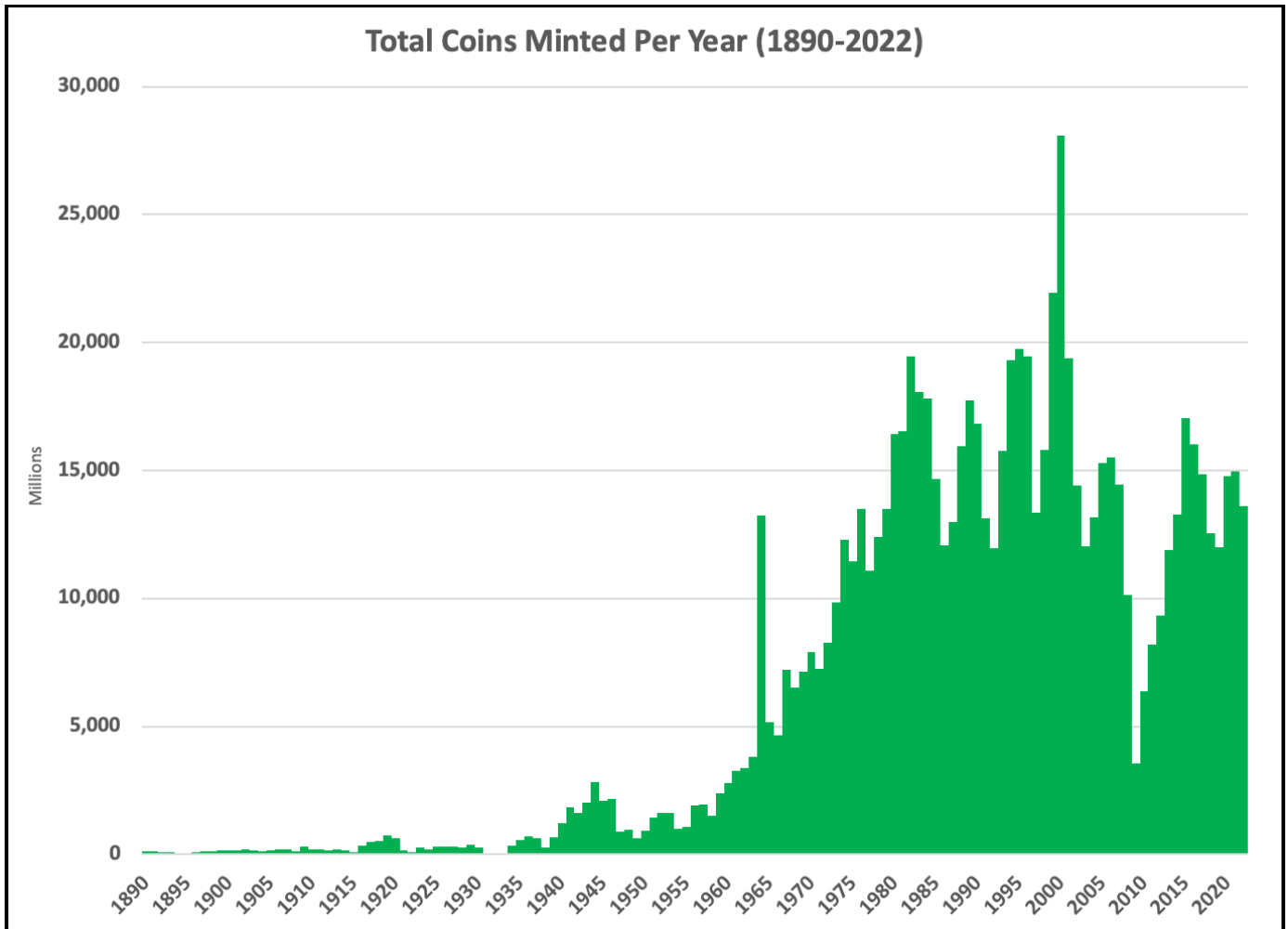
The total dollar coins produced in these three years account for almost 45% of all dollar coins minted 1887-2022. The year 1979 was the first year of the Susan B. Anthony Dollar and 2000 was the first year for the Sacagawea Dollar. Presidential Dollar production began in 2007. In fact, five of the seven highest production years for the dollar coin were the first five years of the Presidential Dollar. The George Washington Dollar Coin has the highest mintage number of all Presidential Dollars. Its production number of 340,360,000 would rank 8<sup>th</sup> on the yearly mintage list.



### Total Coins Minted:

1. 2000 - 28,093,434,000
2. 1999 - 21,936,325,000
3. 1995 - 19,762,994,000

The year 2000 appeared the most times on the list. The coins produced that year equate to a value of \$3,553,138,700.00. The year 2000 included the top 3 mintage years for the dollar coin, quarter, dime, nickel, and cent. 1999 included the top 3 mintage years for the quarter, dime, and nickel. 1995 doesn't appear on any of the top 3 mintage years but still made 3<sup>rd</sup> place for total coins.



Something that I learned while making this article is that there are no Washington quarters, Kennedy half dollars, or Eisenhower dollars with the date 1975 on them. This is because the 1976 Bicentennial coins were produced in both 1975 and 1976 and they're identical to each other.

This is the website that was used to find all the information in the article.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Mint\\_coin\\_production](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Mint_coin_production)

## Status of the 2024 Club Medal

In September the club decided to have Daniel Carr, proprietor of the Moonlight Mint of Loveland, Colorado, produce thirty-five silver and fifty copper medals for the club. In the middle of December, Mr. Carr started engraving the dies.



*The 2024 club medal*

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

## **Pressburg Mint Releases the World's First Silver Coin Designed by Artificial Intelligence**

*from the web*

Pressburg Mint, a private mint based in Slovakia specializing in the production of investment gold and silver coins and bars, has issued the world's first silver coin designed by artificial intelligence. The AI has been given the assignment to create a silver coin based on what it imagines a silver coin should look like. The production of 30,000 pieces of the unique investment coin is intended for distributors, investors, collectors, and individuals.

The coin is a 5000 CFA for the Republic of Chad, a landlocked country in Central Africa with a population of over 18 million.



*Pressburg Mint, a private mint based in Slovakia has issued the world's first silver coin designed by artificial intelligence.*

# Attending the First International Money Expo (IMEX)

*By Richard Jozefiak*

I attended the first International Money Expo (IMEX) on Friday, October 27, 2023. I was one of the paid staff registration workers and worked on Friday afternoon. The coin show was held at the Music City Center in downtown Nashville, TN. The show was open to the public on Friday and Saturday (10 am – 6 pm), and dealer days were Thursday and Sunday.

IMEX brought together a large number of high-end numismatic dealers and serious collectors.

IMEX offered the following:

- United States Mint booth (no new mint product was released at this event)
- PCGS doing coin grading and slabbing real time at the show.
- NGC taking submissions.
- Other grading services present: ANACS, CAC, ICG
- Special guest speakers: Steve Forbes, Nathan Lewis and Elizabeth Ames. They were signing their 2022 book: *"Inflation; What It Is, Why It's Bad, and How to Fix It"*. They had a table at the show and signed a lot of copies of their book. Mr. Forbes was the keynote speaker at the show opening.
- A large number of high-end dealers that had material you normally do not get to see.
- Lot of security
- There was plenty of aisle space. The show did not feel crowded.

Some of the differences between IMEX and many numismatic organizations coin shows were:

- Admission was charged. It was \$10 per day to attend.
- No free parking. I paid \$20 for the day at the Music City Center.
- No coin club meetings
- No numismatic educational programs or exhibit competition.
- No numismatic supply dealers or literature dealers

For food, there was a small food court set up inside the Music City Center near the IMEX show hall. Food prices were typical large convention center prices.

A number of numismatic dealers had interesting items for sale. One dealer,



Jhon E. Cash Rare Currency & Gold of Dallas, TX, had a showcase of five notes worth about \$1 million dollars. The company specializes in high grade \$500, \$1000, \$5000 and \$10,000 United States notes. The two \$10,000 notes shown in the photo had an asking price of \$255,000 or \$265,000 each.

### High-End United States Bank Notes for Sale



*Photo by: Richard Jozefiak*

When I was working at the registration table, my task was to verify government IDs (mostly state driver's licenses) with the attendee's completed form. I had people that came from CA, IL, IN, MD, TX and from the southeast states to attend the show. I signed in one gentleman who had a Swiss passport and said he flew in for the show. Some other registration workers told me they had other foreign passports and people said they came from overseas to attend the show. Attendance numbers were not released for the show.

## Book Signing Table

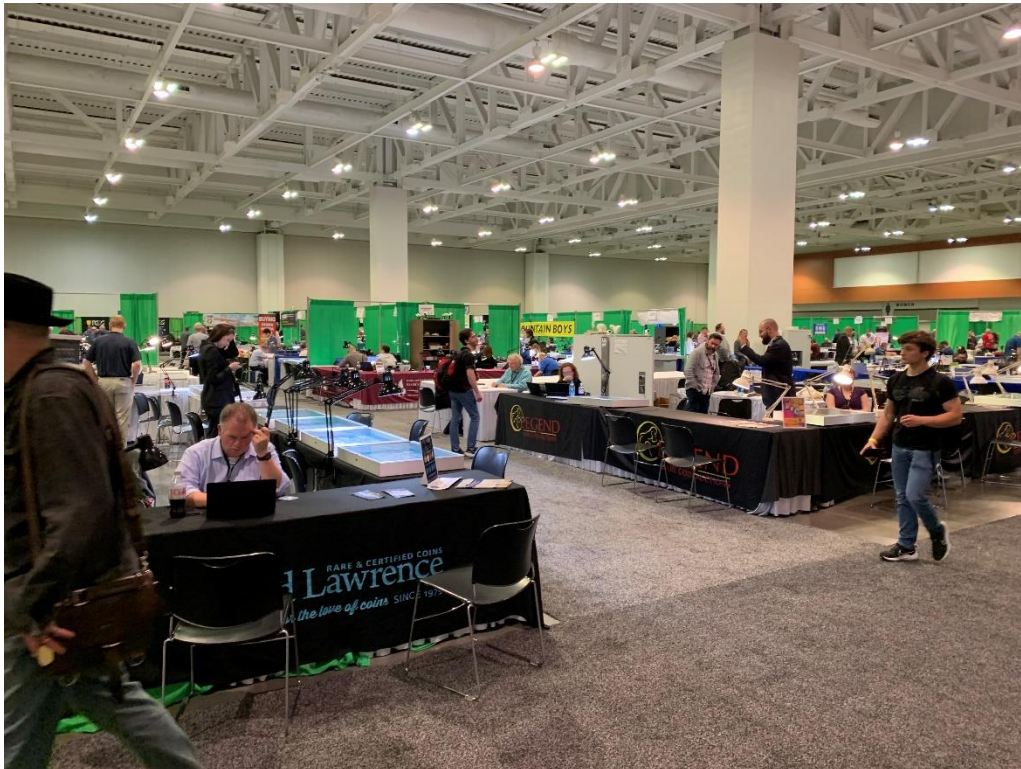


*L to R: Steve Forbes, Richard Jozefiak, Nathan Lewis and Elizabeth Ames*

*"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."*

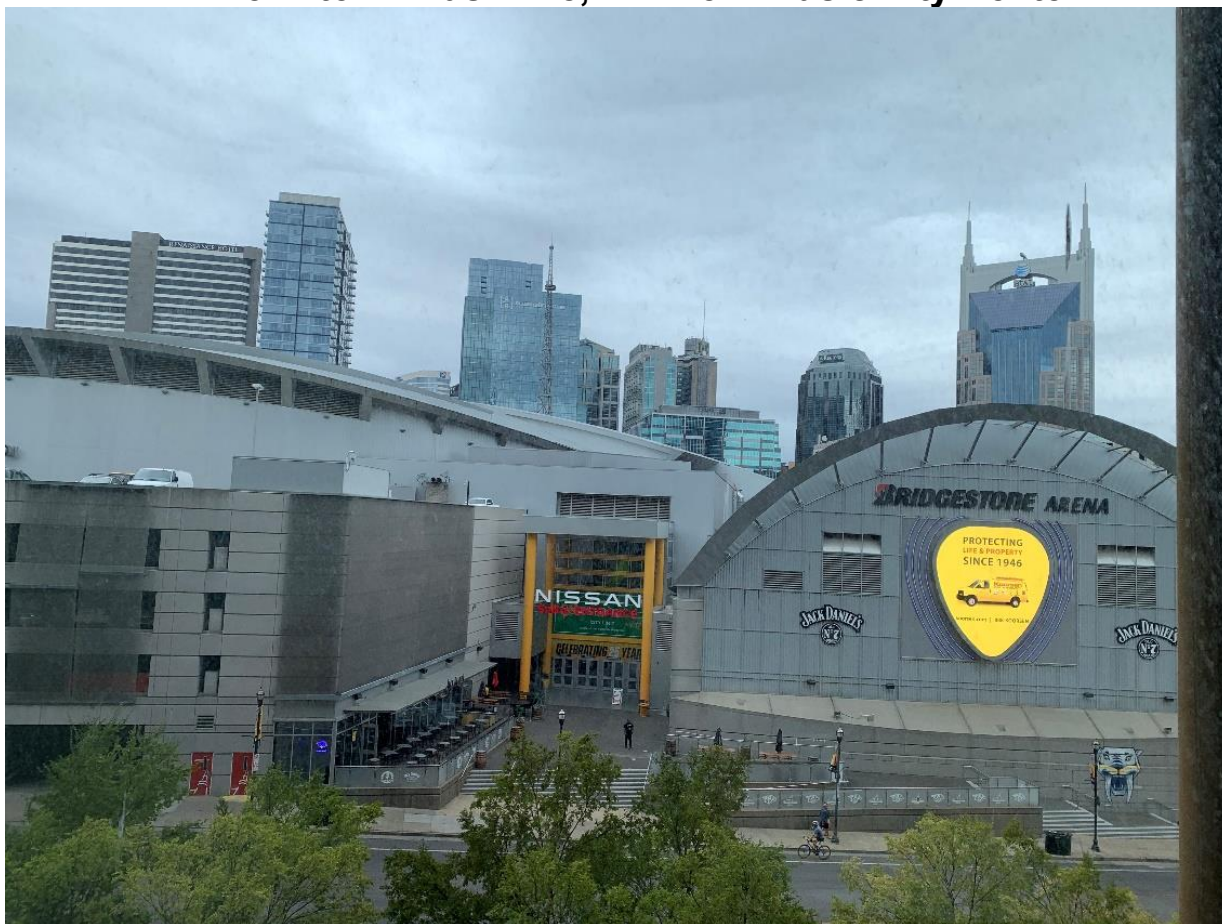
Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics, University of Cambridge

## IMEX Bourse Floor on Friday, October 27



*Photos by: Richard Jozefiak*

## Downtown Nashville, TN From Music City Center



*Photo by: Richard Jozefiak*

Attending and working at IMEX was a good experience and I am glad that I went. I attend many coin shows each year, and IMEX was a show that was very well done. It was well planned and organized. The two main people who organized IMEX are Col. Steven Ellsworth, ret. and Gary Adkins.

Many dealers also brought some of their lower priced materials. I bought a couple of items from different dealers for my collection, but seeing the high-end items for sale was interesting. I called my wife from the show and told her I could have a very nice, high-end United States \$10,000 note or a house, and she said “No” to the note.

I enjoyed meeting Steve Forbes and getting his latest book. He is a very knowledgeable speaker with a lot of good information to share.

Additional information on the show can be found at: [www.IMEX.show](http://www.IMEX.show) .

## German Rupees in Africa Part 2 The Decimalized Rupee (1904 – 1914)

By H.K. Fears

In our [last issue](#), we discussed the pre-decimal issues for German East Africa. Today, we will discuss their decimalized coins. Beginning in 1904, the German imperial government issued the new German East African (GEA) rupee. The exchange rate between the GEA rupee and the pound sterling was fixed at 15 GEA rupees for 1 pound sterling, the same rate that existed between the Indian rupee and sterling. The region's well-established economic ties with Zanzibar arguably prompted the decision to maintain the rupee currency in GEA. For the same reasons, the other European colonial powers in the region, Great Britain and Italy, also opted for the adoption of the rupee.



*Italy also decided to use the Rupee in their African colonies.*

To build a nice type set shouldn't be that difficult.

Denomination	Years	Cost for an Extra Fine Example
½ Heller	1904-1906	\$10
1 Heller	1904-1913	\$10
5 Heller Bronze	1908-1909	\$110
5 Heller Copper-Nickel	1913-1914	\$25
10 Heller	1908-1914	\$25
¼ Rupee	1904-1914	\$45
½ Rupee	1904-1914	\$100
1 Rupee	1904-1914	\$55

We will wrap up this series in a future issue with the emergency issues of World War I.



*The Common Obverse  
For the Bronze Heller Coins*



*1/2 Heller*  
*Minted in 1904 through 1906.*



*1 Heller*

*Minted in 1904 through 1913.*





*5 Heller*  
*Minted in 1908 and 1909.*



*The Common Obverse  
For the Copper Nickel Heller Coins*



*5 Heller*

*Minted in 1913 and 1914.*



*10 Heller*

*Minted in 1909, 1910, 1911, and 1914.*



*The Common Obverse  
For the Silver Coins*



*1/4 Rupie*

*Minted in 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912-1914.*



*1/2 Rupie*

*Minted in 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912-1914.*



1 Rupie  
Minted 1904 -1914.



# **Misconceptions about Coin Collecting**

*By Tony Swicer*

1. Buying all Mint products is a good idea. NO, many items are losing propositions.
2. The longer I keep a coin the more it is worth, "I'll give it to my grandchildren". NO, everything is selling at the right time in a cycle.
3. I will never sell at a loss. What if you can never make a profit on the item? It's money tied up. Sell at a loss and make it up in other areas.
4. Buying a lot of cheap coins is better than buying a few nice ones. No, everyone knows, the better quality you buy, the quicker it will appreciate. "If you buy junk today, in 15 years, you will still have junk".
5. Buying on TV or in the newspaper is a good idea. QVC and Home Shopping Network are great. NO, unless you wish to pay double! Example: A big mail order discount catalog has a Spanish 8 Real reduced to \$129.95, \$100 overpriced.
6. All coin dealers in Coin World and Numismatic News are legitimate. NO, buy at your own risk.
7. All coin dealers at a local show will sell you a properly graded coin. NO, it's 50/50.
8. Coin Dealers have your best interest at heart when you are buying from them. NO, many will separate you from your money in a heartbeat.
9. Most dealers are very knowledgeable. NO, you just think they are.
10. If a coin price is too good to be true, should you buy it? NO, it's probably not a good deal.
11. Flea markets and pawn shops are good places to buy coins. NO, many fakes and cleaned coins are there.
12. Buffing and cleaning coins will enhance their value. NO, unless you are blind. Cleaning will decrease their value.

13. Buying fancy packaged coins is a good idea. NO, many people are taken by the packaging but look at the coin, not the holder. The fancier the packaging, the more you are overpaying. Lush velvet boxes, leather boxes, and certificates of authenticity all add up to paying too much.
14. Buying certified bullion is a good investment. NO, certified bullion is an oxymoron. Why certify bullion coins that only go up and down with the price of the metal.
15. All grading companies are equal. NO, the best four are PCGS, NGC, ICG, and ANACS. There are 27 different grading companies. Companies are listed on the front page of the Grey Sheet in order of the amount that their coins sell for as a percentage of Grey Sheet. The best percentage at the top and so on.
16. Storing coins in a garage or attic is ok. NO, hot cold, hot cold causes numerous problems.
17. Using soft vinyl flips for long term storage is ok. NO, soft flips over long term release polyvinylchloride (PVC) which turns your coins green and can ruin them if left untreated.
18. I will price a coin and the customer replies, "But online it sells for....". Online is like Disneyworld or Shangri-la. The final user in the world is online. Do they really get those prices? You and I never will!!! What looks real online may not be reality.
19. Coins I purchase in the mail from a big-name dealer are better than coins purchased locally. NO, but you can pay 20% to 300% more.
20. Advertisers who come to town buying, setup at a hotel for three days and then leave, pay more than local dealers. NO, someone has to pay for all their expenses, who do you think that is? You.
21. Buying little foreign gold coins is better than buying a one-ounce Gold Eagle. No, you will have a 20% buy/sell spread on small coins versus a 6% spread on the one-ounce Gold Eagle.
22. I will sell my coins to a collector; a dealer won't pay as much. NO, a collector generally has limited funds so he will cherrypick your coins and leave you with the least desirable coins. A dealer will buy everything, but he must make a profit,

generally about 20%. A collector might buy one or two coins at a high price but on everything else he wants a bargain. Many sellers pay too much when they bought the coins, they were either overpriced or over graded or both. This is especially true when they purchase on the phone, TV, in the mail, or out of the newspaper.

23. Buying a rare coin portfolio over the telephone is a good idea. No, you will pay a 35% to 100% mark-up on your purchase.

24. I don't have to report any profit I make on coins to the IRS. No, you are required by law to have a capital gain or loss.

25. My father brought back coins and currency from World War II; shouldn't they be worth the money? No, every soldier brought back coins and currency, millions of them. Example: My father took a \$100 million Mark note from a museum in Germany. Today it is worth 25 cents.



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## 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 you answer to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.

Last month Gerald Steele, Mike Campbell, Monica Couch, and Stanley Benedict were able to identify the mystery coin, a 1931 Austrian 2 Schilling featuring Mozart.



*The 1931 Austrian 2 Schilling features Mozart.*

### **Inclement Weather Notice**



If the Huntsville Public Libraries are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no club meeting. Local TV and radio stations will give notice of any closure.

## The Minute Man

By  
Aaron Wales  
11/20/23

The club held its semi-annual pot-luck celebration. Thank you to all that brought food to share and enjoy.

There were a few announcements from me to include:

1. There are hard-copies for both the 2024 Presentations and 2024 Refreshments available. There are still a few slots open. Please consider volunteering for a slot.
2. Also, there are sign-up genius forms online if you prefer to use that method (see below):
  - a. 2024 Presentations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4A729AAFCCF8-44317466-madison#/>
  - b. 2024 Refreshments <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4A729AAFCCF8-44317704-madison>
3. The US Mint has a brand-new survey. The year 2026 will mark America's Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Nation. The Mint is recognizing this historic event with a "Best of the Mint" collection that reflects the rich numismatic history of the United States. This one-year series will include gold coins honoring historic designs that represent the best of America's coinage as determined by expert recommendation and public input.
  - a. The US Mint is asking you to participate in the selection process by ranking a list of 21 historic coin designs. The survey will display a coin, give a brief history of it, and ask you to rank it from 1-10. 1 being not at all and 10 being a lot. By taking the brief survey, you can weigh in on what you consider to be the United States Mint's best coins.
  - b. The list of 21 historic coins was developed in consultation with the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Curator of the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institute after considering artistic merit, historical significance, and other factors.

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The coins span the Mint's history, from its inception in 1792 to our award winning 2017 American Liberty 24k gold coin.

c. The survey should require approximately 10 minutes of your time. So, participate and be a part of history.

d. [https://catalog.usmint.gov/semi/?cm\\_mmc=ExactTarget\\_-Campaign\\_-20231104SemiQBestoftheMint\\_-SurveyCTA&utm\\_source=Campaign&utm\\_medium=EMAIL&utm\\_content=SurveyCTA&utm\\_campaign=20231104SemiQBestoftheMint&cm\\_mmca1=Marketing](https://catalog.usmint.gov/semi/?cm_mmc=ExactTarget_-Campaign_-20231104SemiQBestoftheMint_-SurveyCTA&utm_source=Campaign&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_content=SurveyCTA&utm_campaign=20231104SemiQBestoftheMint&cm_mmca1=Marketing)

There was a reminder regarding the Coin Club medal and coordinating with Mike Campbell to reserve your pre-order. Our medal has been mentioned in the following:

1. Announced in the ANA Numismatist magazine.
2. Announced in the FUN magazine.
3. Announced in the E-Sylum
4. Announced in CoinWeek

It has also appeared in various forums including:

1. ANA
2. NGC
3. PCGS (Collectors Universe)
4. Coin Community
5. Coin Talk
6. Numista
7. World of Coins
8. Reddit Huntsville section with over 3100 views

Wayne Koger asked for additional nominations of officers. No other nominations were taken at this time. He stated that in January voting would occur.

There was a presentation of a plaque to Doug Glandon for his years of service to the club and especially for serving as President. Doug thanked all the other

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officers for their support over the years.

Doug Glandon brought a show and tell item of a Barber dime off e-bay. He said it was a 1911 S that was NGC graded. It came from Sacramento, CA. He said when he received the coin that it looked familiar, and he looked it up in his database by serial number. Turns out, he sold that coin to a guy in North Carolina and now he has bought his own coin back. The world is a small place.

The semi-annual auction took place. There were approximately 27 lots for auction. The highest bid item was an 1889 Morgan for \$39.00. The lowest bid item was \$1.00.

There were 8 total unique winners of bids. Thanks to all who brought auction items to sell and thanks for those that bid. All in all, \$267 was exchanged.

There was a brief discussion of the recent Nashville Coin Expo by an attendee.

Total attendance was 19.

## **Can You Help?**

We need a couple of guest presenters to talk to the membership about a numismatic topic of their choice for 2024. Presentations are limited to 12-15 minutes in length. A PowerPoint slide show with pictures makes the talk more interesting for youth and adults alike. If interested in becoming one of our presenters, please talk to Wayne at the next meeting or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4A729AAFCCF8-44317466-madison#/> . We look forward to having educational programs each month!

Or if you would like to provide refreshments to one of our meetings, please talk to Wayne or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4A729AAFCCF8-44317704-madison#/> .



# QUIZ TIME

**January 15th is National Hat Day.** There are many examples of coins that feature a hat as part of their design. Your mission is to list the members of a “Hat Type Set” by finding the correct answers to the clues below. Send your answers to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the high scores next month along with this month’s answers.



1. This United States coin was designed by Charles Keck and features a laborer.

2. A cap signifying liberty is featured on this ancient coin that celebrates a murder.
3. This coin portrays the woman who was the only wife and grandmother of a President.
4. This 20 kroner coin was minted in 1990 from a country whose nation's flag contains a large white cross.
5. Vittorio Emanuele III appears on this coin that was minted to observe the 10th anniversary of the end of World War I.
6. Two hats are in the design of this half dollar minted to commemorate the 75th anniversary of a three-day battle.
7. The man who wears the hat on this dollar coin was Erik the Red's son.
8. Tupac Amaru appears on this coin first minted in 1971.
9. Minted in 1969, this coin celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the navigator who discovered a sea route from Europe to India.
10. All things being equal, the reverse of this coin shows a hat that is held but not worn.
11. I "Dare" you to name this half dollar with a hat on the obverse.
12. This coin was first minted in 1991 and features the image of a Prince from the land of Dracula.
13. The same subject on this quarter appears once with a hat and once without.
14. The same subject on this dollar appears once with a hat and one without.
15. Denied by the designer, the subject who wears the hat looks a lot like someone who threw seven no-hitters.

### Answers to last month's Quiz Time

1. Which US coins feature a drum as part of their design? 1976 Bicentennial Quarter Dollar and the 1995 Civil War Battlefield Preservation Half Dollar
2. Franklin Half Dollars were produced for how many years? 16 years; 1948 through 1963
3. How many different mintmarks have been used on U.S. coinage? Nine; P, D, S, O, M, CC, W, C\*, and D\* (\*gold issues only)
4. Name all three sides of a U.S. coin. Obverse, Reverse, and Edge
5. U.S. Trade Dollars were introduced in 1873 to compete with the trade coinage of which other Western Hemisphere country? Mexico
6. What branch of numismatics are elongated coins considered a part of? Exonumia
7. Which U.S. Territorial gold coins feature a beehive or clasped hands? Mormon Gold Pieces; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1849-1860
8. What was the first U.S. coin to depict an actual U.S. president? Lafayette Dollar; 1900
9. Which family first produced gold coins from their private mint in Rutherford County, North Carolina? The Bechtlers
10. True or False: A doubled die coin is a coin that received two strikes from coin dies. False



The Lafayette Dollar was minted all in one day, December 14th, 1899, the 100th anniversary of George Washington's death.

## Door Prizes



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

First Prize:	Ian Kubecki	2013 Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Patricia Douglas:	2022 Quarter Silver Eagle
Third Prize:	Wayne Koger:	Vicksburg Quarters

## Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the [newsletter editor](#) of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. 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
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### Buying Tokens

Contact me if you want to buy or sell tokens, medals, pinback buttons, encased coins, etc.

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**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](mailto:taegu_steve@hotmail.com) .

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**Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens.** Contact: Richard @ [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com) .

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## Antique British Coin Scale for Sale

Circa - 1890's to 1920's. Used by Banks and Retail Businesses to weight and count pre-decimal British silver coins.

Great working condition with original patina. Brass scale pan, cast iron frame, and wooden base. Very heavy, so local pickup is best.

13" tall – 9" wide

A wonderful gift for a British coin collector.

**\$65**

Please contact Todd Hutto at:

[vanhut32@gmail.com](mailto:vanhut32@gmail.com)



**Wanted: Alabama Large Size National Banknotes or better Alabama Obsolete Banknotes.** Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.

## 2024 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
Jan 22	Pat Douglas and Gerry Steele	Harold Fears <i>Coins of German East Africa</i>
February 19	Aaron Wales	Kurt Kelley <i>Civil War Medals and Coinage</i>
March 18		Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
April 15		Todd Hutto <i>TBD</i>
May 20		
June 17	<b>4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction</b>	
July 15	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>TBD</i>
August 19	Ann Fulmer	
September 16	Harold Fears	David Hollander <i>Alabama Banknotes</i>
October 21		
November 18	<b>Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers</b>	
<b>December- NO MEETING</b>		

<b>2024 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance from Huntsville</b>				
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Show &amp; Location</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>	<b>Richard's Rating</b>
<b>Mar 1-3</b> <b>Nov 8-10</b>	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	<b>++</b>
<b>April 19-21</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>60th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	Steven Nix 706-267-9602 fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com www.gamoney.org	<b>+++</b>
<b>July TBD</b>	Bessemer, AL	<b>Alabama State Coin Show</b> 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	<b>++</b>
<b>July 30-Aug 3</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>65th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org	<b>+++</b>



<b>Oct TBD</b>	Nashville, TN	<b>International Money Expo</b> Music City Center Nashville, TN Fri-Sat 10 am-6 pm	Col. Steven Ellsworth (Ret) ellsworth@imex.show 703-932-6331 www.IMEX.show	This is a new, large commercial coin show. No numismatic educational programs or exhibits. Admission is \$10. Will need to pay for parking. First show in October 2023.
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**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- +++

***Hey ANA Members***

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

## Newsletter Articles

We always encourage and welcome new articles for *our* Newsletter. They can be on any numismatic topic. Articles can be of a research nature, or a simple "show and tell". They can be fun, or they can be serious. It's up to you! Here's a few ideas:

- *Finds at recent coin shows*
- *Error and die varieties*
- *A numismatic game, riddle, brain teaser, crossword, sudoku, etc.*
- *Research notes*
- *New issues from around the world*
- *A series on a particular issue*
- *An interesting experienced on eBay*
- *Numismatic definitions*

Ideally, articles should be at least 1/2 page in length, and images are always helpful.

If you are interested in submitting an article, you can email me. You can also discuss ideas for regular feature columns with our board members.

Contact the [newsletter editor](#) with your idea.

*"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

## Madison County Coin Club

For over twenty years, the Madison County Coin Club has served the north Alabama community by bringing numismatists together for the love of coin collecting. The Club strives to impart knowledge to its members through presentations and personal experiences. Through the sharing of knowledge and experiences, it enhances and enriches coin collecting for the numismatic community. Speaking of our members, we have a vast group of collectors who collect all types of United States coins, as well as foreign coins. Many of our members collect coins from a certain era (19th century, for example), while others collect strictly modern coins. We also have members who collect only a certain type of coin (Seated Coins, Morgan Dollars, and Commemoratives, to name a few). Some members focus solely on foreign coins (for instance English, German, and Chinese) which can span many centuries. This diversification makes our club dynamic, providing something for every type of collector.



Members of the club enjoy several benefits:

- Monthly lectures, covering a range of numismatic topics.
- Access to the club's extensive numismatic library.
- Monthly notices via email of club events.
- Able to purchase club medals.

We are keen to encourage anybody with an interest in numismatics to join the club. We provide a warm and friendly welcome and are very keen to encourage those new to the study, collecting of coins, tokens, or banknotes.

The club is a member of the American Numismatic Association (Member #C-195870 Region 20, AL & GA), Alabama Numismatic Society (ANS), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), and the Florida United Numismatists (FUN).



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## **Club Library**

Madison County Coin Club members can access our lending library of more than 130 books, auction catalogs, and periodicals. The library features resources and materials on subjects including but not limited to U.S. and foreign coins, ancients, paper money, tokens, and medals. You can request materials by emailing the librarian, [Ann Fulmer](#). Library materials are checked out to members for a four-week period. You can email the librarian to renew items for another four-week period if no other member has submitted a hold on the item/items. To return your items simply bring them to one of our meetings.

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