

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
July 15, 2024
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30**

My Trip to Rickwood *By Aaron Wales*

From June 19th to the 20th, my dad and I went down to Birmingham to see the special game that was happening at Rickwood field. Rickwood field is the oldest baseball field in the United States (since the demolition of Chicago's Comiskey Park) opening in 1910. It was built when baseball was becoming the national pastime during the period of the "Golden Era." Trolleys were used to deliver the first fans to the stadium. During the time of the Jim Crow laws, black citizens were treated unequal. They were denied the ability to play on professional leagues, but soon leaders formed a Negro League. Rickwood was the home of the Birmingham Barons and was also used by the Birmingham Black Barons beginning in 1921. It was their home field for over forty years.

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Rickwood Field

This year, Major League Baseball (MLB) decided to do a special game between the San Francisco Giants and the Saint Louis Cardinals honoring the Negro Leagues and Willie Mays. Willie was born in Westfield, Alabama which is near Birmingham. Willie Mays began his career in the Negro Leagues with the Birmingham Black Barons in 1948 after a brief period with the Chattanooga Choo Choo's.

He was a fantastic baseball player who won rookie of the year, two MVP's, 11 gold gloves, played in 24 all-star games, and is considered the greatest baseball ever. At his induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame, he stated, "What can I say?"

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This country is made up of a great many things. You can grow up to be what you want. I chose baseball, and I loved every minute of it. I give you one word—love.” Sadly, he died at the age of 93 several days before the game.



The Plaque to the "The Say Hey Kid"

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At the stadium you could hold bats used by Willie Mays and Hank Aaron

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To be able to go to the game, we bought a package which included events the day preceding the game, a special brunch and close seats to the game. The day before the game, they were having a celebrity softball game at Rickwood which featured actors, comedians, singers, rappers, football players, basketball players, and baseball players. Each team had a captain, and they were Derek Jeter and Barry Bonds. Willie Mays was Barry Bonds godfather. The two teams were "Say Hey's", named after Willie Mays, and "The Hammers", named after Hank Aaron. Mays was known as "the Say Hey Kid" for his joyful and exuberant playing style, and his habit of saying "Say hey!" It became his signature catchphrase that stuck with him throughout his career. The "Say Hey's" won the game 5-0.

The next day, we went to a special brunch hosted at Regions Field, the stadium the Birmingham Barons minor league team uses currently. During the brunch, three former baseball players did a Question & Answer (Q&A) session and talked about their knowledge of the Negro Leagues and the legacy of the Negro Leagues players like Willie Mays. After the Q&A session, there was a photo session and one of the players even autographed my baseball. Shortly after, we departed for the game at Rickwood.

At the stadium, there were many different exhibits displaying signed baseballs, jerseys, and Willie Mays' Hall of Fame plaque. You could also explore different areas of the stadium, inside the clubhouse and the manager's office. There was even a Louisville Slugger traveling museum where you could hold bats used by Willie Mays and Hank Aaron, watch bats being made, and hold up a giant bat and a giant glove. There were a couple of merchandise stores which included special hats, jerseys, plaques, cups, pins, and commemorative coins. There were also many food and drink stands scattered throughout the stadium.

In honor of the Negro Leagues, each team wore uniforms from the Negro Leagues. Before the game, Negro League players who are still alive came on to the field, accompanied by a Cardinals or Giants player, for the national anthem. It was an extremely moving part of the event. We were just behind the Cardinals dug-out to see it. The Cardinals ended up winning the game 6-5. It was quite the night and one I'll always remember. To help me remember the event, we purchased a souvenir commemorative coin.

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At the game

The obverse of the commemorative coin has the MLB logo, says MLB at Rickwood Field, shows where the game was played, Birmingham, AL; and shows how long Rickwood Field has been a stadium, from 1910-2024. The outer part of the reverse says, "San Francisco Giants vs St. Louis Cardinals" and the date of the event, June 20, 2024. The inner part of the reverse shows the logo of the San Francisco Giants Negro leagues team, the San Francisco Sea Lions; and the logo of the Saint Louis Cardinals Negro leagues, the Saint Louis Stars. Oddly enough the logo for the San Francisco Sea Lions is a bear cub. The San Francisco sea lions inherited the uniforms of the San Francisco Cubs which was a semi-pro club.

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The souvenir commemorative coin

Some Scenes from our Last Meeting



Enjoying the meeting

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

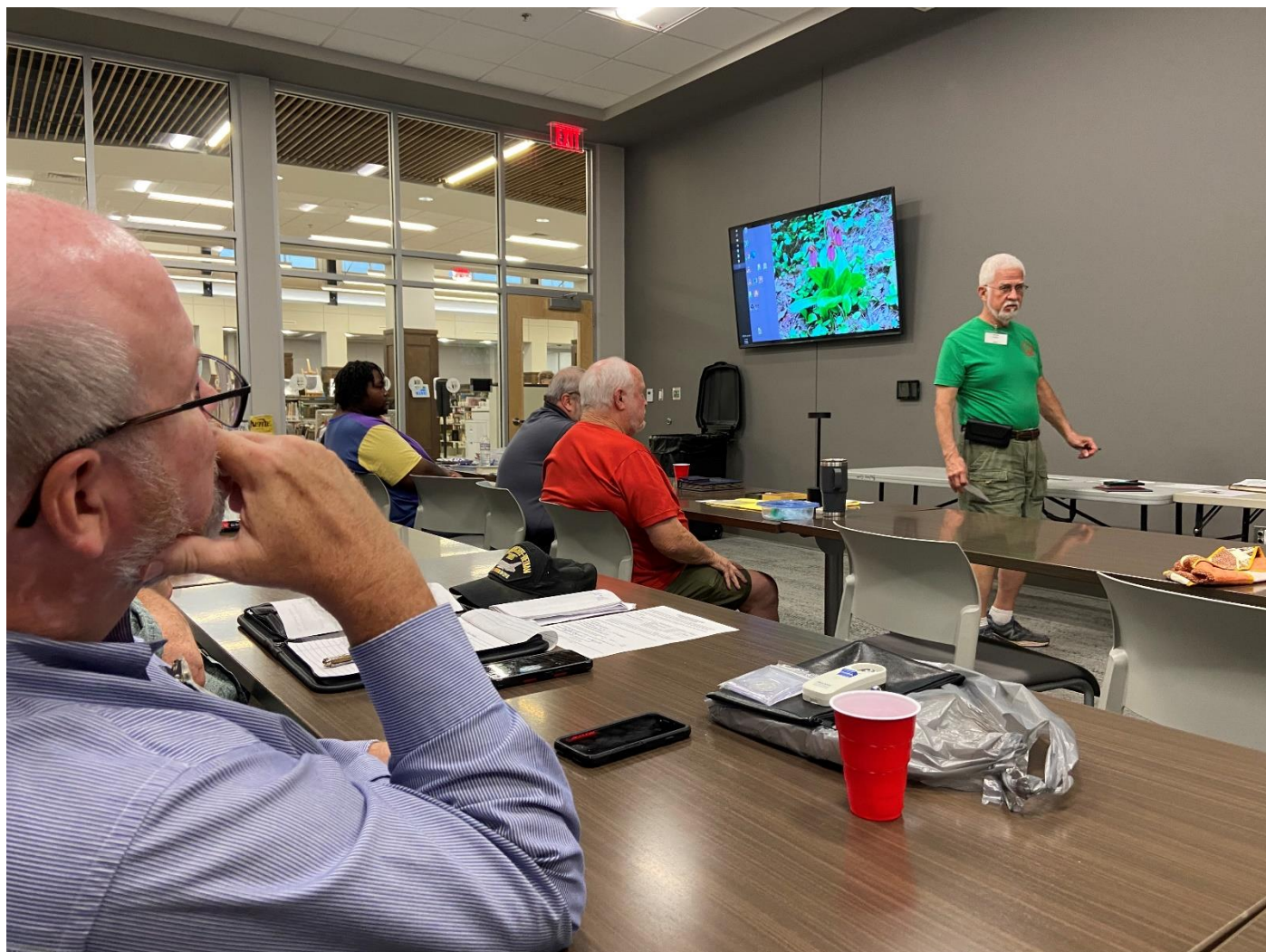
Our club's website (<http://mccc.anaclubs.org/>) has two links that will give you access to all our previous newsletters dating back to 2005. We also have a link to programs that are presented at club meetings.

Read our previous newsletters at:

<http://mccc.anaclubs.org/newsletters/>

Read our previous presentations at:

<http://mccc.anaclubs.org/programs/>



Waiting for the auction to start

Numismatic Crimes

John Cieniewicz reports he stays aware of current numismatic crimes. His main source of information comes from The Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC). NCIC disseminates current crime related issues to the numismatic industry and provides local, state and federal law enforcement agencies with the fundamental investigative techniques, knowledge and understanding to respond effectively to the complex challenges encountered during a numismatic crime. You can check it for yourself at <https://numismaticcrimes.org/> .



MCCC is on Facebook

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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.

Pirates Invade the Mark Russell Recreation Center

By Todd Hutto

Several club members presented an entertaining discussion on 18th century pirates and the coins from that time. Harold Fears and Todd Hutto from the MCCC conducted the session at the Mark Russell Recreation Center, in Huntsville, Alabama. The audience consisted of 27 kids, aged 6 to 12, from the Huntsville area, all participating in the Recreation Center's Summer Program.



Todd Hutto raiding the Mark Russell Recreation Center



Todd Hutto, the notorious pirate, displays part of his bounty

A number of 18th century coins were shown, including a series of British silver half-crowns of George II, all with the word “LIMA” under the King’s portrait. LIMA indicates that the coins were struck from captured Spanish silver, taken by the British Admiral Anson and his “privateers”.

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



Recruiting the kids to be coin collectors

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.



Doing a coin rub

One of the activities was a coin rub. Another was pirate treasurer trivia! Winners won British half-crowns!

Also displayed were several armor pieces, from the same time frame as the coins. Both breastplates were British in origin and were typical of the type used by pirates of the day.





Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



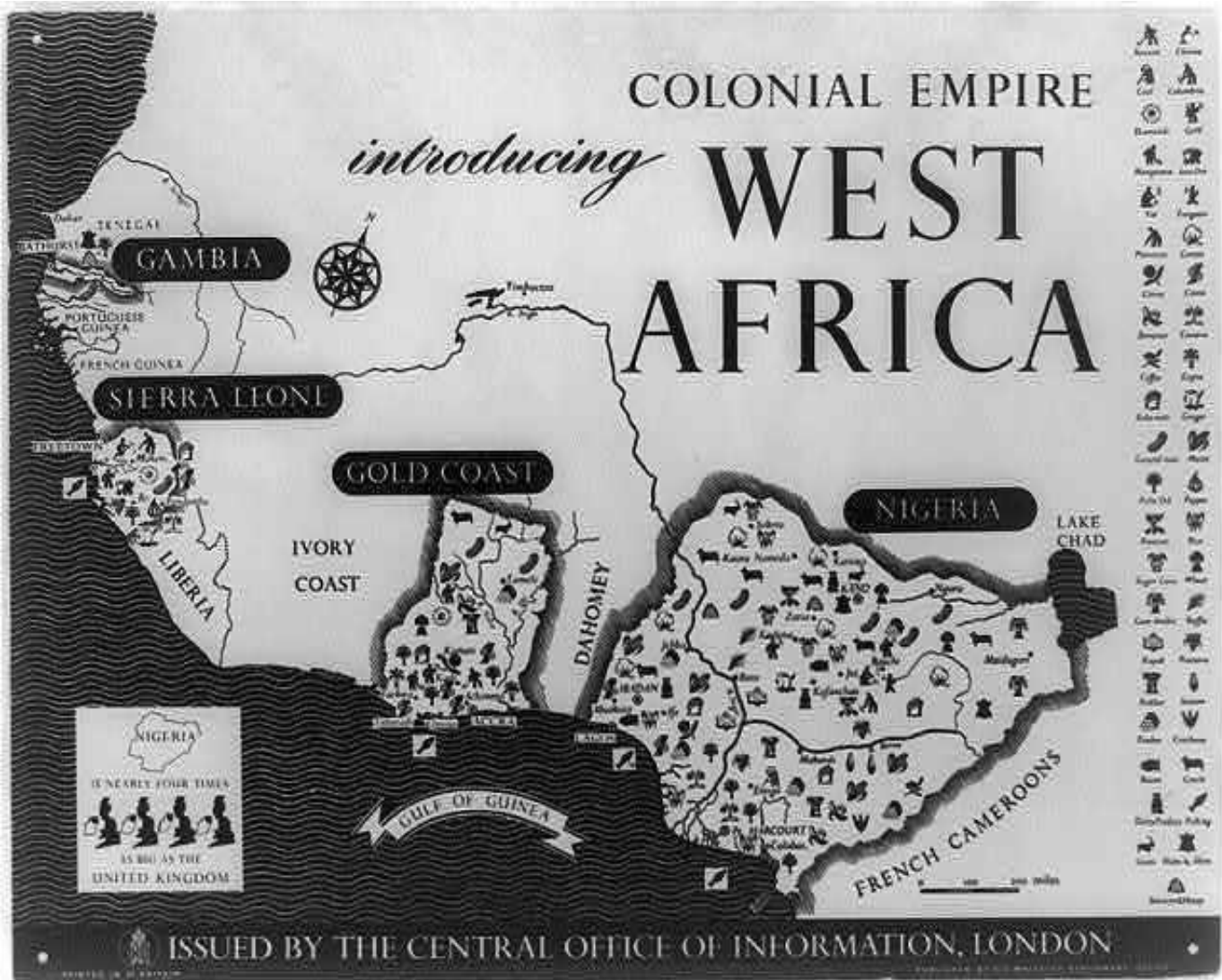
The Pirate's Treasure

There was a very positive response from the attendees, and every single kid was presented with a “real” fake gold colored pirate doubloon.

Creating a Type Set of British West African Shillings

By H.K. Fears

British West Africa was the collective name of the British colonies in West Africa during the British colonial period. Today, these former British colonies are Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia.



A British West Africa (BWA) one shilling type set consist of only 4 different coins. These coins depict a bust of George V or George VI on the obverse. The reverse features a palm tree in the center, flanked by the date, and surrounded by an ornamental design. The first issue is a silver George V coin, which was minted from 1913 through 1920. Starting in 1920 until 1936, the composition was a tin-brass mixture.

There are also two different George VI coins. The first George VI issue was from 1937 - 1947 and as part of his title has in Latin "Emperor of India." When India received their independence, this was removed and created the last coin in the series of 1949 -1952.

Most of the coins issued during these years are readily available. Mintage reports reveal that millions of them were produced for most years. The silver George V coins were minted at the Royal Mint and the Heaton Mint. The other three types were also minted at the King's Norton Mint. The British West Africa piece struck for circulation with the lowest mintage is the 1920-G shilling, the only British West Africa coin struck by the private mint of Gaunt & Sons in Birmingham. This tin-brass issue had a mintage of just 16,000 coins, and is very difficult to find in any grade, with un-circulated examples being of the utmost rarity.



*The location of the mint mark is at the base of the palm tree.
Here we have a coin from King's Norton Mint.*

1913-1920 Silver
Shilling





1920 is the last year of issue for the silver coins.

NGC states that an uncirculated example is valued around \$175.

Other years are readily available in uncirculated condition for less than half the price.

1920-1936 Tin-Brass
Shilling





This rare coin was minted by Gaunt & Sons and only has a mintage of 16,000. NGC states that an uncirculated example is valued around \$3000. Good luck in finding one at any price.

1937-1947 Nickel Brass
Shilling





This 1938 coin is very common with over 57 million minted. NGC states that an uncirculated example is valued at less than \$20.

1949-1952 Tin-Brass
Shilling





This 1952KN is another very common coin with over 41 million minted. NGC states that an uncirculated example is valued at less than \$10.

Portrait of a Man Holding a Medal
1515 *Bartolomeo Veneto*



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

Last month Mike Campbell and Wayne Koger were able to identify the mystery coin, a 1911 India rupee coin.



*1911 Rupee from India
Commonly known as the Pig Rupee*



The Pig

The Minute Man

A total of 22 people attended our meeting. We also had several people watching via YouTube.

Todd Hutto announced that he was give a presentation on pirate coins at the Mark Russell Recreation Center in Owens Cross Roads.

New members that joined in June:

- Herb Schwenter and Valerie Spruiel
- Stephen Chapman
- Shane Armstrong and Laura McDaniel
- Roman McCune
- Keith George
- Sean and Oliver McCutcheon
- Kevin Waddell
- Larry McCumber
- Mike Howard

The club's annual June auction was held, and various lots were sold.

All the 2024 club medals have been sold. Direct sales netted \$208.06, a \$40 donation was made, and the June auction for the oddity medals netted \$510. The net proceeds total was \$758.06. Note that in 2023, the club expenses were \$793.06.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

QUIZ TIME

July 26th is All or Nothing Day

It is a day to celebrate extremes. If you have always wanted to become a movie star for example, July 26th should be the day that you quit your job and move to Hollywood.

Since All or Nothing Day celebrates extremes, this activity deals with very small and very large denominations. Please review the clues and do your best to answer correctly. Good luck!



1. This United States commemorative coin comes in two varieties and holds the distinction of being the largest denomination for a United States commemorative or regularly circulating coin.

Coin: _____

2. This ancient coin mentioned in the biblical chapters of Mark and Luke had a value of 1/128th of a denarius.

Coin: _____

3. This note, issued in 1772, was used on a very small island that for a while was the home of Napoleon.

Note: _____

4. This note, which was unissued, was the highest denomination note printed in Hungary.

Note: _____

5. This coin has been identified as the smallest (in size) of United States Coins.

Coin: _____

6. This money can reach 12 feet in height and weigh up to as much as 5 tons.

Coin: _____

7. This copper "coin" weighs about 44 pounds and was used until the time America claimed its independence.

Coin: _____

8. This small gold coin minted in 2005 may be the tiniest modern gold coin in existence with a total weight of only 0.49 of a gram and a gold content of .0092 of a troy ounce.

Coin: _____

9. This highest denomination United States paper currency was never issued for general circulation and features Woodrow Wilson on the front.

Note: _____

10. This coin is the largest gold coin now in existence.

Coin: _____

Answers to last month's Quiz Time:

1. This dollar coin minted in 2012 shows a Baltimore landmark on the obverse.
Coin: United States 2012 Star-Spangled Banner silver dollar



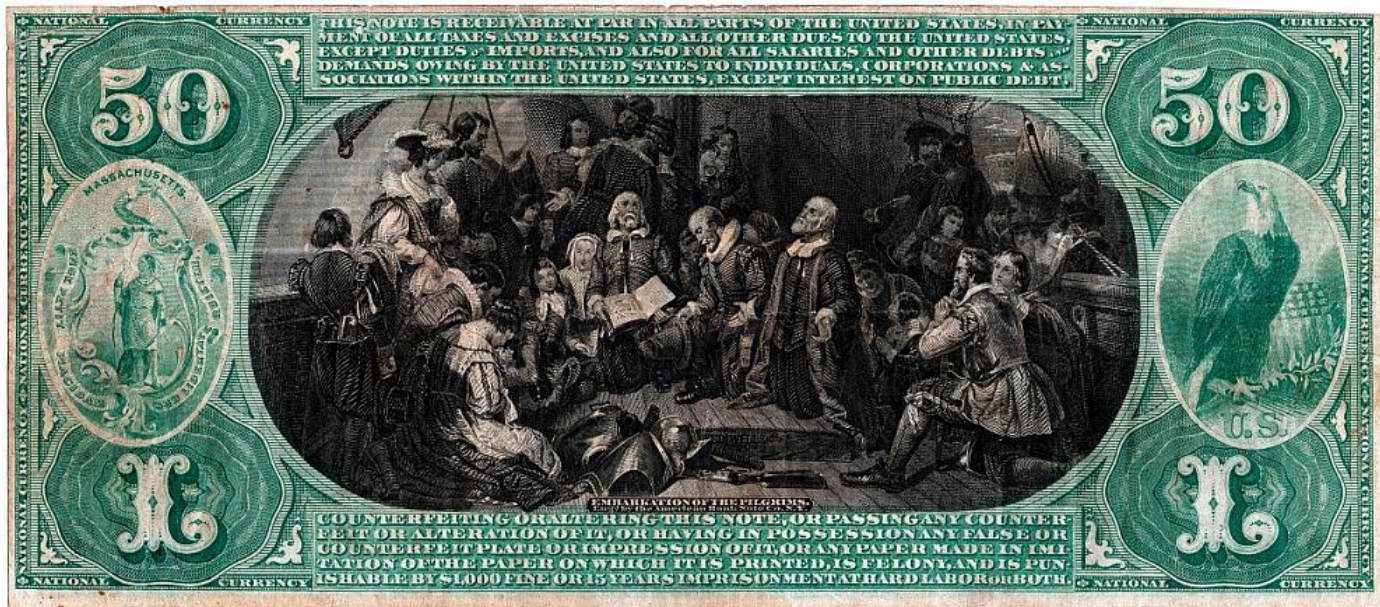
2. Several flags are flying from a ship on this 25 centimos coin minted in 1925.
Coin: Spain 1925 25 centimos KM #740



3. Only 602 examples of this Central American 50 centavos coin were minted. An allegorical figure holds a large flag on the reverse.
Coin: Honduras 1910 50 centavos KM #51



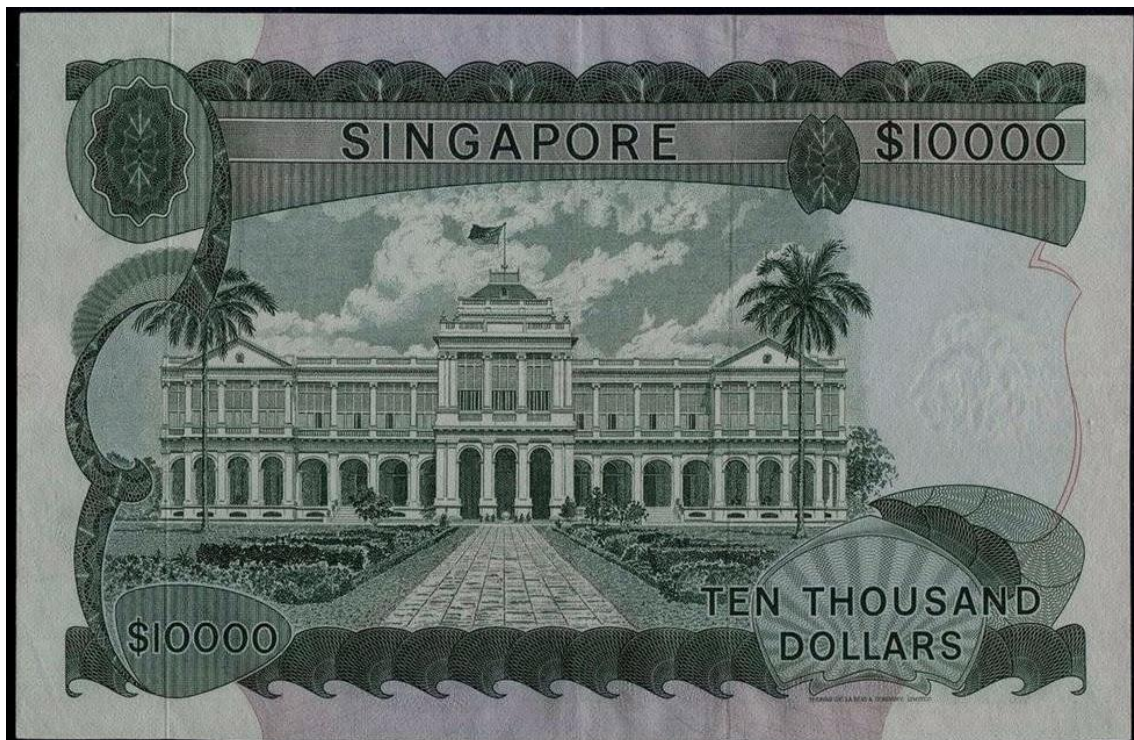
4. The American flag appears twice on the front of this 50 dollar National Bank Note.
Note: United States Washington Crossing the Delaware/Prayer for Victory 50 dollars National Bank Note



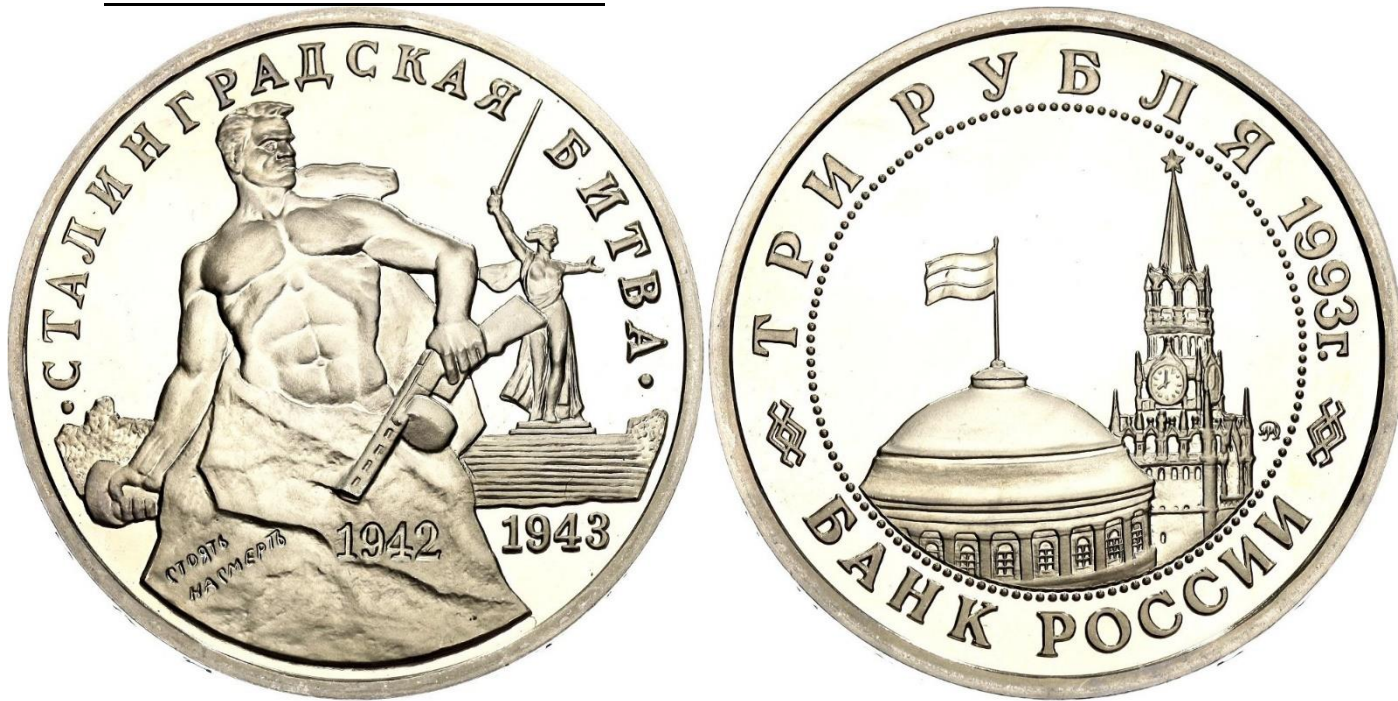
5. A flag with three letters flies on this silver dollar.
Coin: United States 1991 USO silver dollar



6. A flag flies over the Istana on these 10,000 dollars note printed in 1973.
Note: Singapore 1973 10,000 dollar note



7. Minted in 1993 this coin shows two men in space each holding a flag.
Coin: Russia 1993 3 roubles Y #465



8. This African coin minted in 1997 has a design of soldiers and a flag on the reverse and a denomination of 100 cents.
Coin: Eritrea 1997 100 cents KM #48



9. There are two varieties of this dollar coin with two large flags on the reverse. One variety features President Tsao Kun in civilian clothes and the other portrays him in a military uniform. Coin: Republic of China 1923 1 dollar
KM #677 & #678



10. This note with a denomination of 5 tala features the country's flag on the front and back.

Note: Samoa 1985 5 tala



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

Buying Tokens

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

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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.

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Please contact [Todd](#).



World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale

Contact: [Steve Young](#), P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409.

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

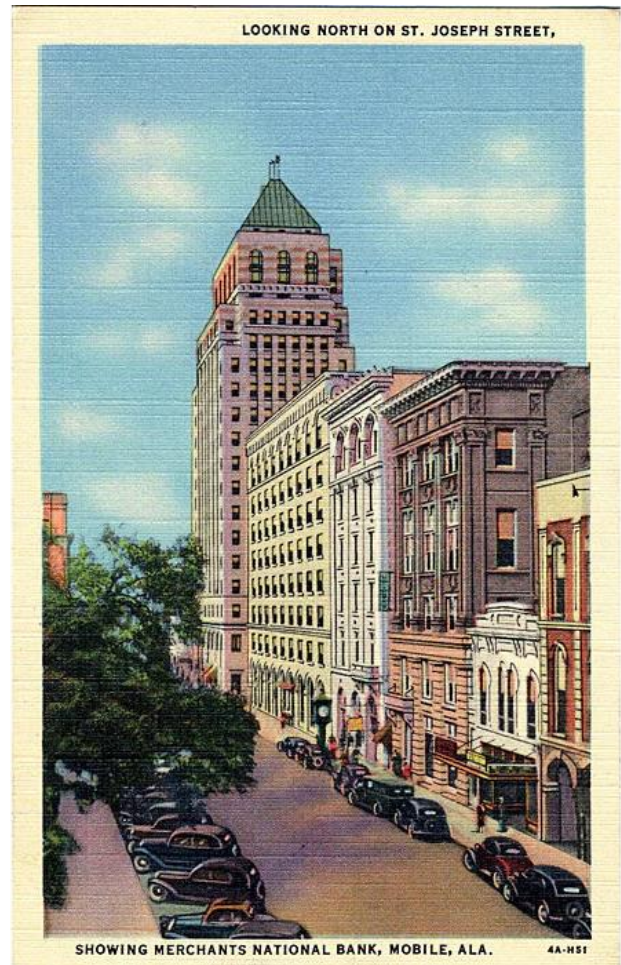


**Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better
Alabama Obsolete Banknotes**



Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.



**Looking for the 2020 P and D
George H.W. Bush Presidential Dollar**



I'm looking for one each, P & D, George H.W. Bush dollar coins. Please contact Mike at: mikathy48@gmail.com .

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	Dale Holcomb	Kurt Kelley <i>Civil War Medals and Coinage</i>
March 18	Wayne Koger	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
April 15	Harold Fears	Todd Hutto <i>The King with No Coins</i>
May 20	Garey Beal	Chad Thrasher <i>Human Habits and Numismatic Discoveries</i>
June 17	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 15	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>The History of Transnistrian Money</i>
August 19	Ann Fulmer	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
September 16	Doug Glandon	David Hollander <i>Alabama Banknotes</i>
October 21	Steve Young	Steve Young TBD
November 18	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

2024 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance from Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
July 19-21	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	++
July 30-Aug 3	Dalton, GA	65th 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	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org	+++
Nov 8-10	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society 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	++

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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Blue Ridge Numismatic Association

65th Annual Convention July 31 to August 3, 2024

Dalton Convention Center 2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy (Exit 333 off 1-75) Dalton, GA 30720
US, WORLD, & ANCIENT COINS | US & WORLD CURRENCY GOLD, SILVER, & PLATINUM BULLION
PCGS, ANACS, and ICG will be at the show.

DEALER HOURS:

July 30 Tuesday Security Room Opens at 4pm
July 31-Wed: 12pm-7pm (setup) 3pm Early Birds
Aug 1-Thurs: 8am-10am (dealers w/ tables and Early birds)
Aug 2-Fri: 8am-6pm (dealers w/ tables and Early birds)
Aug 3-Sat: 8:30am-4pm (dealers w/ tables and Early birds)

PUBLIC HOURS:

Aug 1-Thurs: 10pm-6pm
Aug 2-Fri: 10am-6pm

- 3:00pm - The Genius of H. Alvin Sharpe: Father of the Mardi Gras doubloon. (Steve Austin)

Aug 3-Sat: 10am-4pm

- 9:00am - Cherry Picking 101 / How to score amazing banknotes without breaking the bank! (Robert Calderman)
- 2:00pm - Collecting Biblical Coins - (Tom Wood)
- 2:00pm – Youth Numismatic Class

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.

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/> .

The Numismatic

DIPLOMA

PROGRAM

has been redesigned and is offered through our eLearning Academy to members of the ANA.

The first course debuted on April 29. You may sign up now by visiting the link below and completing the online form. The cost for the first course is only \$75. The charge includes a \$25 one-time registration fee and a \$50 course fee.

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



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.

Club's YouTube Channel

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