

# 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  
January 27, 2025  
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 for new members can be found at our website <http://mccc.anaclubs.org>). The club is financed by an annual subscription which is due in January each year. To renew, 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  
Huntsville, AL 35815**

Please make check payable to  
Madison County Coin Club.

Please support MCCC by promptly  
renewing your membership.

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# **The Minute Man**

*By Aaron Wales*

11/18/24

## Welcome:

In attendance were 33 individuals. All were welcomed to the November auction and potluck. Thank you to all that brought auction items for your fellow members to bid on. Also, thanks to those that brought food items to share.

## Announcements:

Harold Fears announced that the ANA is holding a convention in Atlanta, GA. It's at the end of February and the first of March. There will be approximately 200 dealers. It's held at the Cobb Galleria. If you join the ANA through the MCCC, there is a cost savings. To attend the convention, it's \$10 for a non-ANA member.

John Garlock announced the Middle Georgia Coin and Currency Show held in Perry, GA. It is held January 24-25. There will be 90-100 regional dealers from the central Georgia area.

Harold Fears announced that there is one silver medal left of the 2025 MCCC medals. If interested, please contact Harold Fears. Note, profits from the medals directly go toward club expenses such as the library room fee (when there are auctions), the post office box, etc.

A sign-up sheet for 2025 programs was passed around, but Harold Fears has placed Show & Tell in the two remaining slots for programs. Note, slots for refreshments remain open. Please kindly consider volunteering to bring refreshments to a club meeting. I know that our younger attendees greatly appreciate and look forward to snacks.

## Show & Tell:

Mr. Hollander brought in a First National Bank of Coffee Springs, AL \$5 bank note. It's a discovery note unknown to the census before. It's the only one of its kind. He acquired it from Bill Youngerman who is a dealer in Florida.

## 2025 Officers:

- Nominations were accepted for all officer positions.
- President nominee was Nathan Burrows, and all were in favor.

- Vice President nominee was Wayne Koger, and all were in favor. Note, Wayne has served this position previously.
- Secretary nominee was David Feeney, and all were in favor.
- Treasurer nominee was incumbent Mike Campbell, and all were in favor.
- The existing slate of board members will remain until a future date.

We all look forward to a fantastic 2025 with our new officers. Thank you to all that served in your capacities for 2024. All your efforts throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

The auction was held with numerous items available. I know I made some great additions to my collection. I hope you did too. Please note that the library reservation for our meetings is only until 7:30 and clean-up is required afterward. The auction rules are located on the club website here: <http://mccc.anaclubs.org>. Note, the first rule states:

- The maximum number of lots to be auctioned at any regular meeting per member will be five (5). Additional lots may be submitted as donations to the club.

This allows us to complete the evening in time for the library to close. Having a limit prevents an individual from not getting any auction items bid on due to lack of sufficient time.

Please mindfully consider your auction items and try to adhere to the limit.

This will be the last set of minutes for 2024. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as club secretary. I have learned a great deal during my two years as secretary. I wish Dr. Feeney all the best for 2025 and I'm sure he will do a fantastic job serving the MCCC.

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

## Atlanta will Host the National Money Show

Are you planning to attend the ANA's [National Money Show](#) in Atlanta next February 27 – March 1? If you can attend, you can:

- View \$MILLIONS\$ in rare coins and numismatic treasures.
- Buy, sell, and trade with hundreds of coin dealers.
- Attend lectures and presentations from noted numismatists.
- Have a fun time!

The price of admission is \$10 for adults, but free for ANA members. And if you join the ANA between now and January 31, the Gold Membership is only \$10, which is the cost of admission to the show. Also, if you do join, **you will receive a subscription to *The Numismatist*** — 12 issues of coin collecting's premier magazine delivered digitally or to your doorstep.

When you do decide to join the ANA, please use the attached form. If you call them, please mention **that our club number is C-195870**. This helps defray costs associated with the club's ANA membership.

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

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\*Last admission 30 minutes prior to closing.

### **Admission Information**

Admission is \$10 for the public; free for ANA members and children under 12.

Admission is free for everyone on Saturday, March 1.

Please note: Valid photo ID required ages 18+.

## Some Scene from Our Last Meeting



*Wayne starts 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/>

**View our previous presentations at:** <http://mccc.anaclubs.org/programs/>



*The crowd settles in.*

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

# Enhancing Your Collecting

By MICHAEL S. TURRINI

Once, fifty years ago, there were about or even over two hundred (200+) plus local coin clubs within California, and today, the statistic could verify about forty (40) confirmed local coin clubs. Why this substantial decline or drop is beyond this commentary.

But, if you are a 'one club person,' the first and easy way to enhance, and to expand plus excite, your collecting is joined, attend, and participate at more than just 'one club'. Take the effort, and the time and travel, visit and view neighboring local coin clubs. For the California's San Francisco Bay Area, this is quite possible because local coin clubs are concentrated within centralized counties. The same can be applied to the greater San Deigo County region. I am sure the same might apply to areas in Alabama and neighboring Georgia and Tennessee, plus across the entire South.

True, this means driving, and that is a burden at times on California's highways and roads; yet the reward is worth it. This Commentator can verify the great additions to our collections that have been the result of trekking to neighboring local coin clubs, if abet enduring rising gasoline and late nights, LOL!





But far more importantly, expanding beyond one club creates networking opportunities and new fellow acquaintances, even friends. For decades, Your Commentator would drive some Friday nights to the Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club and there I bonded with the late 'Syd' Kass, merging us into a lifelong friendship and mentorship until his passing. 'Syd' was a founding and leading person in error coinages.

The next convenient means to enhance your numismatics and collecting is subscribing to either or both COIN WORLD and/or NUMISMATIC NEWS, each with a cheaper on-line edition. These allow you to have current updates and information on a variety of numismatics, and as one of first mentors preached "just read the ads and see what something is selling or what is the 'hot'."

If you are subscribing to either, enhance others by disseminating your issues when done. Once a month at the monthly Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society's meetings, Your Commentator brings all his COIN WORLDS, NUMISMATIC NEWS, plus other specialty periodicals, such as ERROR SCOPE or THE CENTENIAL and these 'all go.'

These are a few thoughts suggested. Your Commentator is convinced Madison County Coin Club Members could add, supplement, and chime in with their respective suggestions. Please Do So and Enhancing Our Collecting!

To this end, you are welcomed, and encouraged, to write to '**PO Box 4003, Vallejo, California, 94590-0400**' or email to [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com).

Thanks For Reading. Share and Spread Our World of Money Hobby!

*"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

# Two Varieties of the Guernsey 1920 Four Doubles

By H.K. Fears

Over the years, I have written [several articles](#) about the coins from the island of Guernsey. For our new readers, Guernsey is an island in the English Channel off the coast of Normandy. It is the second largest of the Channel Islands after the island of Jersey. Like Jersey, it is not part of the United Kingdom, although UK does manage aspects of international relations.

This month's topic, we will take a closer look at the four double coins minted in 1920. Our bronze coin has a mintage of 156,800 and was made by the Heaton Mint of Birmingham, England. Although this might sound like a small number for most readers, it is one of the issues with a large mintage by Guernsey standards.

Two different reverse dies have been identified, which can be identified by the width of the date.

The narrow date variety can easily be identified by locating striations above and below the word DOUBLES. The wide date variety has a crooked two in the date. With a little training, one can identify these rather quickly.



## For More Information about coins from Guernsey see:

- *Currencies of the Anglo-Norman Isles* by A.L.T. McCammon (Spink, 1984)
- *Guernsey Coinage* by W. Exley (Guernsey, 1969)
- *The Coins of The British Commonwealth of Nations, Part 1: European Territories* by F Pridmore (Spink, 1960)



*The obverse of the Guernsey 1920-H Four Doubles typically have a weak border of beading.*



*The narrow date variety is found with striations above and below the word DOUBLES.*



*The wide date variety does not have striations but the digits in the date are out of alignment.*



The Narrow Date  
Variety.  
Note the alignment of  
the digits.



The Wide Date  
Variety  
The 9 is slightly raised  
and the 2 is crooked.



Overlaying the Wide  
over the Narrow

## 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, Chris Kokkila, and Wayne Koger were able to identify the mystery coin, a 10 cents coin from Barbados.





# Numismatic Jumble Time

## World Currency

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Colorful reading

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## Answers to Our Last Numismatic Puzzle

IKECNL            **NICKEL**  
CTNLCDIAEUUR   **UNCIRCULATED**  
NIIDCONTO        **CONDITION**  
NAOGHSITWN     **WASHINGTON**  
EDELNG            **LEGEND**  
CEATPLHN         **PLANCHET**  
KRIVRETOES      **OVERSTRIKE**  
OTMOT             **MOTTO**  
VERARGNE         **ENGRAVER**  
EYAR               **YEAR**

Numismatist Opinion About Something

**MY TWO CENTS**    **WORTH**

## Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the [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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### World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale

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

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### Buying Tokens

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

Randy Partin  
P.O. Box 276  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
[AUBRPARTIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AUBRPARTIN@GMAIL.COM)



## Canadian 2023/2024 Commemorative Dollar/Two Dollar Coins for Trade for 2025 U.S. Native American or Innovation Dollar Coins

I have a limited number of 2024 Canadian \$1 “Loonie” coins featuring King Charles’s effigy (4 available), 2023 100th Anniversary - Birth of Jean Paul Riopelle (4 available), 2023 CANADA \$2 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2 Dollar Colorized Toonie Coins (4 available), and Canada \$2 Dollar Coin Toonie, Colorized Inuit Nunangat (4 available), all uncirculated acquired from a direct exchange during a visit to the Ottawa Royal Canadian Mint. I would like to trade for 2025 United States Native American and/or Innovation Dollar coins as they are released.

Keith George, [keith@keithgeorge.net](mailto:keith@keithgeorge.net) or text 334-717-9091.



## Selling Alabama (Huntsville) Innovation Coins



If you are interested in acquiring the 2024 Alabama Innovation \$1 coin, please contact me. I'm selling them for \$3 each. These are the Philadelphia mint version, and I will bring them to the next Club meeting. If you want any via mail, there would be an additional shipping charge.

Please contact me at: [VanHut32@gmail.com](mailto:VanHut32@gmail.com) .

Thanks, Todd

## Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

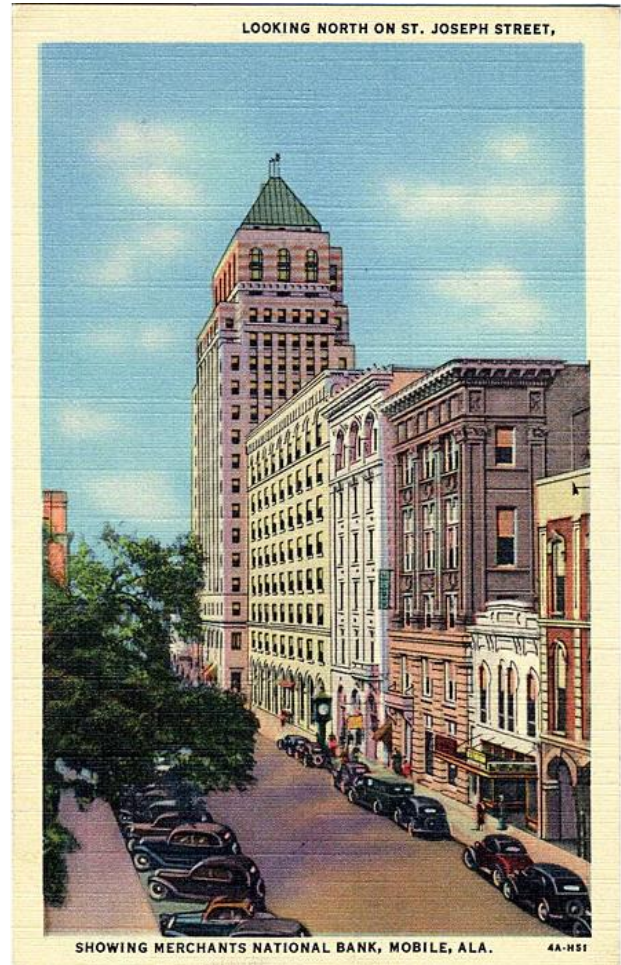


**Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better  
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Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.



## 2025 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
January 27	Harold Fears	Randy Partin <i>Civil War Dog Tags</i>
February 17	Shane and Laura Armstrong	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
March 17		Todd Hutto <i>TBD</i>
April 21	Pat Douglas/George Steele	Kurt Kelley <i>TBD</i>
May 19	Ann Fulmer	Chad Thrasher <i>TBD</i>
June 16	<b>Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction</b>	
July 21	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>TBD</i>
August 18		Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
September 15	Doug Glandon	Nathan Burrows <i>TBD</i>
October 20		David Hollander <i>The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting</i>
November 17	<b>Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers</b>	
<b>December- NO MEETING</b>		



## 2025 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance from Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Jan 9-12	Orlando, FL	<b>70<sup>th</sup> FUN Show</b> Orange County Convention Center North/South Bldg. Hall NB 9400 Universal Blvd Orlando, FL Th-F 10 am - 6:30 pm Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm Sun 10 am – 3:30 pm	Katie Williams CoinShow.katie@gmail.com 407-404-1370 www.funtopics.com	+++
Feb 27- Mar 1	Atlanta, GA	<b>ANA National Money Show</b> Cobb Galleria Centre 2 Galleria Pkwy Atlanta, GA 30339 Th-Fri 10 am- 5:30 pm (\$10 admission, free to ANA members) Sat 10 am- 4 pm (free to public)	ANA Staff www.money.org 800-367-9723	+++
Feb 28- Mar 2	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++

<b>Nov 7-9</b>		Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm		
<b>April 11-13</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>61th 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>May 31- Jun 1</b>	Huntsville, AL	<b>HUNTSPEX 2025 Stamp, Postcard &amp; Coin Show</b> Jaycee Community Building 2180 Airport Road, SW Huntsville, AL 35802 Sat 10 am – 5 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Mike O'Reilly 256-527-4601 mcoreilly@yahoo.com	+
<b>July 16-19</b>	Bessemer, AL	<b>62<sup>nd</sup> 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	++

<p><b>July 31- Aug 2</b></p>	<p>Dalton, GA</p>	<p><b>66th 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</p>	<p>Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org</p>	<p>+++</p>
<p><b>Sept 4-6</b></p>	<p>Nashville, TN</p>	<p><b>The International Money Expo</b> Music City Center 201 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203 Th-Sat 10 am – 5 pm</p>	<p>COL Steven Ellsworth, ret. 703-932-6331 ellsworth@imex.show www.imex.show</p>	<p>++</p>

**Richard's Rating:**

Small coin show, no educational programs- +

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

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



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## Madison County Coin Club

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 firsthand 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).

## **The Club's Mailing Address**

**Madison County Coin Club**

P.O. Box 12242

Huntsville, AL 35815

## **Club Officers**

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Vice President: [Wayne Koger](#)

Secretary: [David Feeney](#)

Treasurer: [Mike Campbell](#)

Board Member: [Kurt Springfield](#)

Librarian: [Ann Fulmer](#)

Board Member: [Todd Hutto](#)

Membership Info: [Mike Campbell](#)

Newsletter Contact: [Hal Fears](#)

## **Club's YouTube Channel**

You can subscribe to our YouTube Channel at [MCCC Meeting](#). There you will find links to both upcoming and past meetings.

## **Join the Club**

The membership form can be found [here](#) on our [website](#).