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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 March 17, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:30 Doors Open at 5:30 **Todd Hutto Present Counterfeit Coins**

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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.

Last Month's Meeting Notes

By Dr David Feeney

MCCC: MADISON COUNTY COIN CLUB of Huntsville, AL is excited for 2025! MCCC offers monthly events with member-led events and presentations that engage, inform, and inspire.

Our FEBRUARY 2025 meeting included 3 door prizes, Coin Show & Tell featuring "a magician's nickel", State of Alabama dollar bills, "pig coins" and more. We were proud to display our 2025 MCCC Medals in silver, copper and brass, minted by Daniel Carr of Colorado. Plus refreshments and fun for everyone! See meeting photos at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1enP3X-phs_jtvy.ci3qA23zthxQlfL2t?usp=drive_link

DID YOU KNOW? MCCC founder Richard Jozefiak won first place in the "Medals, Orders, Decorations and Tokens" class at the 70th FUN Annual Convention. His exhibit was "Token for an Ice Worm Cocktail in Alaska."

GET INVOLVED WITH MCCC! Join us at South Huntsville Public Library,7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35802. We meet 3rd Monday of every month except December (see Meeting Schedule for details).

Read MCCC Meetings Schedule and Newsletter at http://mccc.anaclubs.org

Watch MCCC Meetings live on

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@MCCCMeeting-of3qx

View MCCC meeting photos and more at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1enP3X-phs J1vYvci3qA23ztHXQlfL2t?usp=drive link

Meet MCCC on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub

Some Scenes from our last Meeting



The crew prepares for the meeting

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



Dale displays his 2025 club medals



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

First Prize: David Feeney: Silver Eagle

Second Prize: Monica Couch: Two 1/10-ounce silver eagles

Third Prize: Garey Beal: The Numismatist magazine

A Symbol of US Womanhood

By Monica Couch

My family got a new game for Christmas and it's called "You ARE a LIAR (or maybe not)." We had a game card with this statement, "Martha Washington's image appears on a \$1 paper bill printed in 1886, making the First Lady the first woman to appear on American paper currency." The card said it was "TRUE." Unfortunately, I guessed wrong. The first thing Aaron said was, "This would make a great MCCC newsletter article." So, here goes.

I have to admit I didn't know about the history of the \$1 Silver Certificate. But it was fascinating. It was first printed in 1886 and discontinued in 1957. The certificates were printed six years after the first legal tender dollar bill featuring George Washington. They were described as very popular. A Numismatic News article quoted the Atlanta Constitution on Oct. 28, 1886, which stated, "The people have had for a long time with them the 'dollars of our daddies' [a popular expression for silver dollars]," "But the government has at last furnished them with the 'dollar of our mummy." Note, the silver certificates were the second longest circulating paper money in US history.

Martha's image did not replace anyone else's image as this was a completely new small denomination silver certificate. This was the first and only time a woman was the primary subject on US paper currency. That being said, the U.S. Department of Treasury has announced plans to picture Harriet Tubman on the front of the twenty-dollar bill after 2030.

Credit for the selection of Martha Washington's portrait for the first \$1 Silver Certificate, Series of 1886, goes to John A. O'Neil of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The portrait of Martha Washington is said to be based on a portrait by Charles Francois Jalabert. Jalabert was a French painter renown among Parisian high society. But Jalabert's image is said to be a copy based upon the Gilbert Stuart portrait of Martha Washington painted in 1796. Most are familiar with Gilbert Stuart for his Athenaeum Portrait of George Washington which was utilized for the vignette appearing on the 2-silver dollar bill of 1899 and the one dollar note from 1918-2023. Note, both portraits were never finished.





Stuart's unfinished Athenaeum Portraits

There was a slight redesign of the \$1 silver certificate in 1891. The 1896 version of the certificate featured both Martha and George Washington on the back. Note, the front has a white background, and the back has a green background. This was similar in style to the United States Note which was commonly referred to as a "greenback."



Martha Washington's portrait for the first \$1 Silver Certificate

The history of silver certificates actually begins with the Coinage Act of 1873 which was a law that changed the United States' currency system from bimetallism to the gold standard. The act was controversial and was nicknamed the "Crime of '73" by critics. The act created a long-running debate between supporters of bimetallism and supporters of the gold standard. The act was controversial and as a result the Bland-Allison Act was introduced in 1878. This was a law that required the U.S. Treasury to buy silver and mint it into silver dollars. The act was passed by Congress but vetoed by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Congress later overturned the veto and passed the bill. This was in response to the "free silver" movement. It made silver dollars legal tender again. The silver certificate was backed by the US government's silver deposits and could be redeemed for silver at any time.

On eBay, I saw prices for this certificate ranging anywhere from:

- PCGS 8 Very Good with a bid starting at \$139.50 to
- PMG 63 EPQ with a bid start at \$2,299

I'm not sure what a legitimate reasonable price would be, but the ranges of prices were quite varied. If anyone has one in their collection, I would love to see one in person sometime.

"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

Peace be With You

By Aaron Wales

For Christmas, my dad got me the 2024 Morgan and Peace dollar reverse proof two coin set from the United States Mint. They are 99.9% silver, 1.500 inches, 0.859 troy oz., and were minted in San Francisco. These coins were first made in 2021 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the end of the Morgan dollar, and the beginning of the Peace dollar. Since they represented important eras in American history and were very popular for collectors, they decided to continue to make them and are already planning to release ones for 2025.

The Morgan dollar which ended production in 1921 is pictured below. It was designed by George T. Morgan the seventh Chief Engraver of the Unite States Mint. The Morgan dollar was inspired by the discovery of the Comstock Lode in Nevada in 1859, which caused a flood of silver into the market. The coin was created to help restore confidence in the economy and increase the money supply.

Morgan enlisted Anna Willess Williams, a teacher form Philadelphia, to model for the portrait of Liberty on the coin. The obverse of the Morgan shows Liberty with a cap, flora, and crown inscribed with the word Liberty. Thirteen stars, E Pluribus Unum, and the year encircle her. The reverse shows an eagle with outstretched wings holding arrows and an olive branch, accompanied by a wreath. The phrases United States of America, In God We trust, and One Dollar are also present.

The Peace dollar began mintage in 1921 and is pictured below. It was designed by Anthony de Francisci, an Italian American sculptor. The Commission of Fine Arts held a competition for the design of a new silver dollar and invited "eight prominent sculptors to participate." De Francisci was the youngest participant and a novice coin designer, but he won the competition and took home a cash prize of \$1,500. The design met with approval of President Warren G. Harding. The sculptor used his wife Mary Teresa as the model for the Liberty head of the Peach Dollar.

The Peace dollar was minted to commemorate the end of World War I and the return to peace. The coin symbolized the sacrifices made by US citizens. De Francisci stated, "that his goal was to capture the spirit of country—its intellectual speed, vigor and vitality." The obverse of the Peace also shows Liberty with a radiant crown on her head. The phrases include Liberty, In God We Trust, and the year. The reverse depicts an eagle at rest holding an olive branch with the word peace beneath it. The phrases are United States of America, E Pluribus Unum, and One Dollar.



The 2024 Reverse Proof Morgan Dollar



Member Wins 1st Place Exhibit Award at the 70th FUN Annual Convention

By Richard Jozefiak

I attended the 70th FUN Annual Convention, held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL January 9-12, 2025. At the show, I had three competitive exhibits on display. My single-case exhibit, *Token for an Ice Worm Cocktail in Alaska*, won first place in the "Medals, Orders, Decorations and Tokens" class. There was a total of seven exhibits in this class.

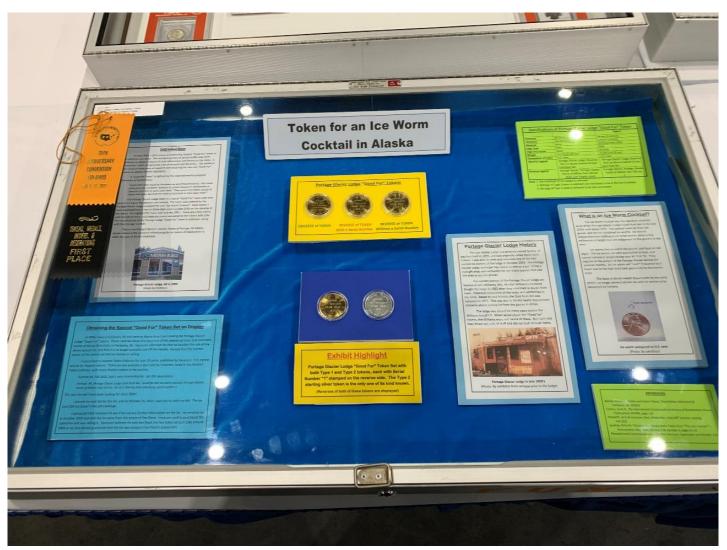


Exhibit- "Token for an Ice Worm, Cocktail in Alaska" At the 70th FUN Annual Convention with Award Ribbon



FUN Governor Donna Moon Presenting Richard Jozefiak with First Place Exhibit Award at the Exhibitors and Exhibit Judge Reception on January 11, 2025



First Place Exhibit Award in "Medals, Orders, Decorations and Tokens" Class Received by Richard Jozefiak

The Unique Double Struck 2025 Club Medal

When Mr. Carr minted our 2025 club medals, he made a unique double-struck medal for the club. This outstanding error was struck two times Off-Center.



The obverse of the double struck



The reverse of the double struck

My Visit to the Atlanta ANA Coin Show

By Kurt Kelley

The Atlanta ANA coin show was a very enjoyable time! Jeff Struve and Dave Holaday (Flip) started their journey from northern Illinois driving halfway on Tuesday 2/25, 5 hours, and stayed in Marion, IL. Wednesday, they drove the rest of the way to Huntsville, again for about 5 hours. I put some pork butts on the smoker Wednesday morning, took them off a little before noon and put them in the crock pot to finish with a special sauce. Lee made her 7 bean baked beans and fried potatoes. Good old Midwest grub!

Flip, Jeff and I started a numis event (coin talk with presentations) in the afternoon when they got here, we stopped for supper and resumed after until pretty much bedtime. We left the house for Atlanta about 6:45 am 2/27 to be at the show at 10 am, opening time. We made excellent timing and then 5 miles from the exit the traffic came to a dead stop for an hour. Not exaggerating, dead stop. Flip got out of the truck and walked over to the side of the interstate to see if he could see anything, but all he could see was flashing lights. It ended up being a truck that lost a load of pallets all across the 4 lanes of traffic. We figured out while stopped that we had not incorporated the time change so we lost an hour there, and with the hour stopped in traffic we arrived at noon. Not ideal but 2 silver linings in it. One, we got to park in a close lot with a huge parking space and did not have to walk a great distance, and two, we were worn out after walking the show, so we really didn't need extra walking tom the vehicle. Noon to 5:30 was enough exercise for the day. Author Charles Derby met up with us at the show and we sat at concessions and talked for a while. Cool guy! He fits into our group very well! We did a little show and tell there of what we all had gotten. We talked about numismatics for probably the best part of an hour. Fun!

There were 211 tables, and some booths had 2 dealers, so probably 250ish dealers. The brochure said there were more, but probably not. One of the best things about a big show to me is that there is usually a supply/book dealer set up at them. Adding to the library is always needed and supplies are easier to buy for the first time if I get to see them before I buy. Unlike internet sales. This was too big of a show to get through in 1 day, or at least it was for us. 2 days made it enjoyable and not rushed.



Having a break!

We had supper reservations at Cheesecake Factory for 6:00 pm and it was just around the corner from the show, about 2–3-minute drive. Charles Derby, Pierre Fricke and his wife, Joyce, joined us. There was pretty much constant conversation, so this was a great time too. Cheesecake Factory has a fairly wide variety of food selection on the menu. My first time there and I will definitely go again.



Cheesecake time.

Friday morning, we got to the show a little early, so we found a table and had a short numis meeting with our purchases from Thursday. I had about 2-1/2 aisles to finish looking at before getting through the whole floor. The 3 of us bumped into each other several times and probably about 1pm had seen enough, so we left early to miss the traffic from rush hour. We got out of the city traffic before stopping at Popeye's for lunch. The trip home was uneventful and pleasant.

We got back home, and it is hard to believe, but started a numis meeting again with all our new pieces! Brian Dubrava, of Bravo Coins, the local coin shop owner, who happened to text during our meeting, so we asked him to join us, and he did. Brian brought over some things to show. We stopped the meeting for a bit to have supper and then resumed talking coins until about 10pm. From the show Flip got about 20 new pieces, Jeff got 5 and I got 1.



Show Me the Money!

Jeff, Flip and I had some coffee Saturday morning before they got on the road a little after 6am. They are drove straight through going home. This was a very fun time!

My purchases were the Don Kelly book on Obsolete Paper Money, 50 protective sleeves for slabbed currency and an 1853-o no arrows SL H10c in XF40. This is the #3 piece in the set of 78. There has been a total of 137 pieces graded by both PCGS & NGC in all grades. Very tough coin and very good find. I now have 4 remaining to get in the set. I also made a bunch of new dealer contacts that could end up being advantageous going into the future.



My 1851 Dime

All in all, I would do this again anytime! Lots of fun, lots of cool coins, lots of knowledge, lots of laughs and great friends!!!

Attached are pics from the trip. At supper starting left was Flip, Charles Derby, me, Jeff, Pierre Fricke and his wife, Joyce. At the table during the show was Jeff, me, Charle Derby and Flip. The last pic was outside the show as we were going in of the 3 of us, Flip, Jeff and me.

Charles Derby and Pierre Fricke are the authors of books on numerous Civil War CSA notes, bonds and the people that signed them, as well as obsolete currencies. The wealth of information these guys have is endless. Jeff Struve runs the Facebook page for CSNs.

Happy Hunting!!! Kurt

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 <u>newsletter editor</u> 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 two pound bullion coin from the UK.





Answers to Last Months' Numismatic Puzzle

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Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the <u>newsletter editor</u> 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

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

Contact: Steve Young, P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409.

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



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 or text 334-717-9091.



Selling Alabama (Huntsville) Innovation Coins

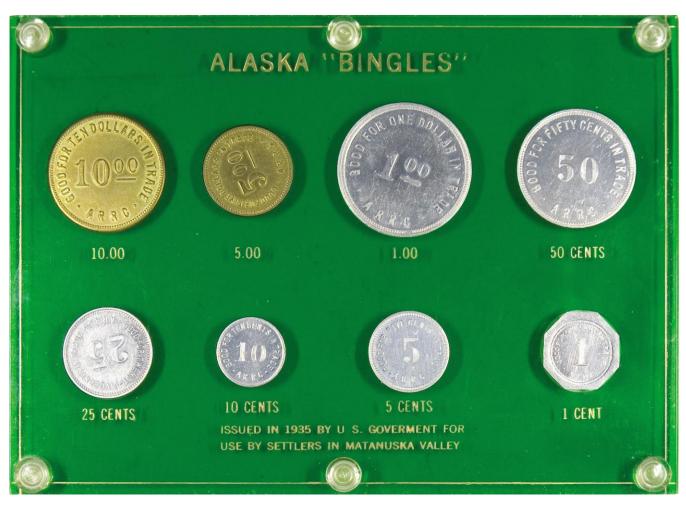


If you are interested in acquiring the 2024 Alabama Innovation \$1 coin, please contact me. I'm selling them for \$3 each. These are the Philadelphia mint version, and I will bring them to the next Club meeting. If you want any via mail, there would be an additional shipping charge.

Please contact me at: VanHut32@gmail.com .

Thanks, Todd

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: Richard.

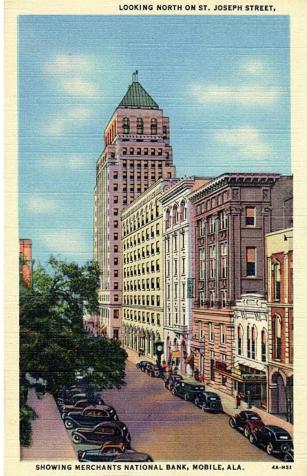


Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better Alabama Obsolete Banknotes



Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.



2025 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program				
January 27	Harold Fears	Randy Partin Civil War Dog Tags				
February 17	Shane and Laura Armstrong	Everyone Show and Tell				
March 17	Wayne Koger	Todd Hutto Counterfeit Coins				
April 21	Pat Douglas/George Steele	Kurt Kelley <i>TBD</i>				
May 19	Ann Fulmer	Chad Thrasher TBD				
June 16	Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction					
July 14	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales TBD				
August 18	Everyone Show and Tell					
September 15	Doug Glandon	Nathan Burrows <i>TBD</i>				
October 20	Keith George	David Hollander The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting				
November 17	rember 17 Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers					
December- NO MEETING						

2025 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance From Huntsville						
Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating		
Jan 9-12	Orlando, FL	70 th FUN Show 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	ANA National Money Show 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 Nov 7-9	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++		

		Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm		
April 11- 13	Dalton, GA	61th Georgia 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	Steven Nix 706-267-9602 fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com www.gamoney.org	+++
May 31- Jun 1	Huntsville, AL	HUNTSPEX 2025 Stamp, Postcard & Coin Show 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	+
July 16-19	Bessemer, AL	62 nd 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 31- Aug 2	Dalton, GA	66th 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	+++
Sept 4-6	Nashville, TN	The International Money Expo Music City Center 201 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203 Th-Sat 10 am – 5 pm	COL Steven Ellsworth, ret. 703-932-6331 ellsworth@imex.show www.imex.show	++

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 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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