

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 May 19, 2025
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30**

**Chad Thrasher
Presents
*Disappearing Denominations;
Which Ones and Why?***

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Please Join Us

If you are in Huntsville the day of one of our meetings, we look forward to your company. If you can't make it in person, please join us on line at our YouTube Channel [MCCC Meeting](#). Mike, our long-time treasurer, runs the channel and he typically starts the live stream at 6:00pm. The meeting itself will commence with club news, show and tell, sharing, and the lecture begins immediately after that. We wrap up with our drawing, which includes a silver eagle to one lucky winner.

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>). 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**

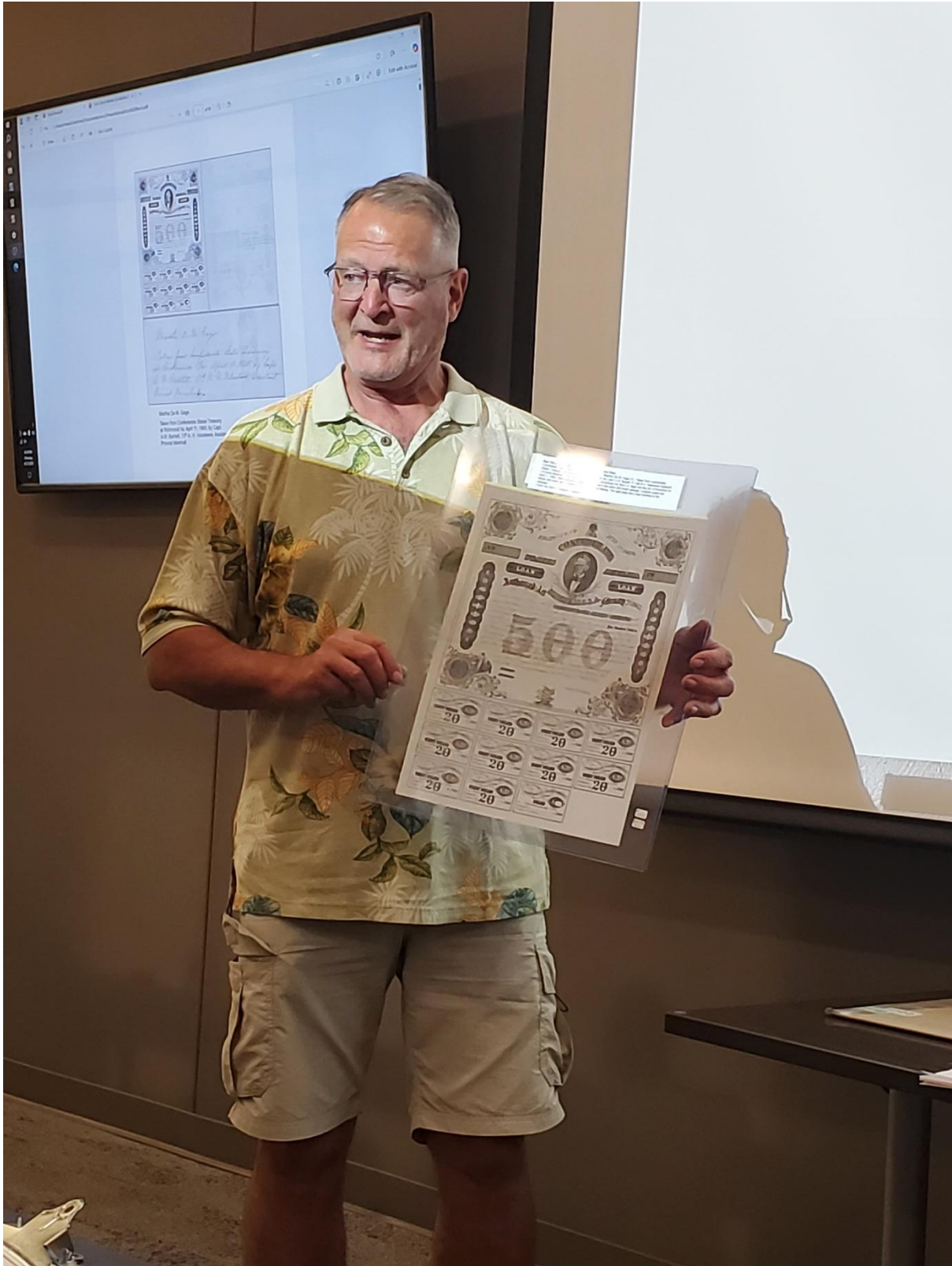
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Some Scenes from our last Meeting



The crew prepares for the meeting

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



Kurt gives his presentation

Last Meeting's Door Prizes



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

First Prize:	Kurt Springfield	Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Doug Glandon	Two 1/10-ounce silver eagles

Huntsville Stamp, Postcard & Coin Show

May 31 – June 1, 2025

Jaycee Community Building

John Hunt Park
2180 Airport Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Free Admission

Be sure to drop by our table!

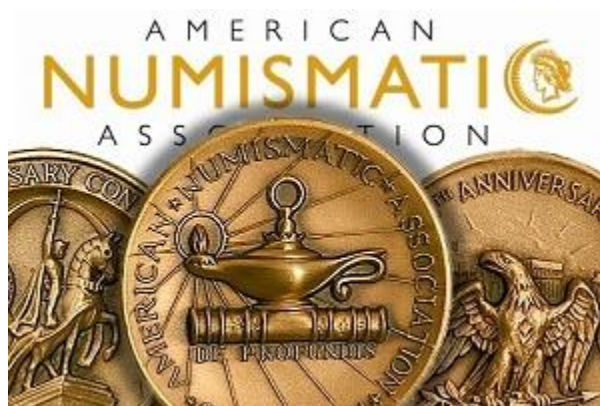
More information can be found at:
<http://www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html>



Last year over 250 people attended the two-day event.

ANA 2025 Summer Seminar

For many students, the Summer Seminar is a life-changing event; it has catapulted the careers of several of the nation's most respected collectors, authors and dealers. Classes are designed to suit every collector's interest and include courses such as: Grading U.S. Coins, Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins, ancient Greek and Roman coinage, Early American Copper Coinage, Colonial Americana, Morgan Dollars, World Numismatics, and much more.



Students gather in small groups, allowing everyone to be an active participant. You'll learn from instructors who are recognized leaders in their fields, and from the collective experiences of fellow students, who range in age from teenagers to seniors. Students may select from a variety of tuition and lodging options to meet their needs, preferences and budget. Activities include seminars and

lectures, special events, great food, receptions and banquets, and optional tours.

Learn more at:

<https://www.money.org/summer-seminar/>

"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

URQUHART CASTLE and EWE

By Monica Couch

Aaron and I just returned from a tour of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. It was a fantastic trip with many memories which I'll cherish for a lifetime. Our trip to Scotland included a stint in the Scottish Highlands. We traveled south of Inverness to Loch Ness. There, we took a river boat called Loch Ness by Jacobite with a one-way ticket to Urquhart Castle.



Urquhart Castle

Between 562 and 586 AD, St. Columba made the journey from the Isle of Iona monastery to the Inverness court of Bridei son of Maelchon, king of the northern Picts. As he was travelling up Loch Ness, Columba was summoned to visit an elderly Pictish nobleman at Airdchartdan. Aird is Old Irish for point or promontory and cardden is thicket or wood hence the name Airdchartdan, now known as Urquhart. The nobleman, Emchath, was close to death, and Columba converted him to Christianity along with his entire household.

Excavations were conducted in 1983 at the present-day site. Excavations support radiocarbon dating of an extensive fort from 5th to the 11th century. Emchath's residence may have stood on the site of Urquhart castle. The discovery of a fragment of Pictish brooch from the late 700s or early 800s hints that the promontory was possibly a high status Pictish site.



The Ruins

The ruins visible today date from the 13th century. At that time, Urquhart was one of the great castles taken by the English when Edward I (Hammer of the Scots) invaded in 1296. This is the first documented record of the castle. The stronghold was then reclaimed by the Scots. The castle came under the control of Robert the Bruce, Robert I, after he became King of Scots in 1306. In 1332, in the dark days following Robert I's death, Urquhart was the only Highland castle to hold out against the English.

James IV had given the barony of Urquhart to the Grant family in 1509. The Grants built the Grant Tower, a five-story tower house, at some point during the 1500s. The Lords of the Isles, clan MacDonald, raided and seized the castle repeatedly in an effort to expand their territory into the north-east. Their last raid, in 1545, proved the worst. The Islesmen got away with an enormous hoard, including 3 great boats and 20 guns.

Urquhart was largely abandoned in the middle of the 17th century. In 1688, the Catholic King James VII of Scotland and James II of England was attacked by his own nephew, William of Orange. James fled to France which was called an abdication. The crown passed jointly to his Protestant daughter Mary II and her husband William of Orange. A 'Glorious Revolution' ensued which prompted Jacobite uprisings which were a string of armed attempts to restore the Catholic Stuart line. The Scots that supported James were called Jacobites. This continued for more than 50 years.

Much of the Jacobites' support came from the Highlands, and so Urquhart became a garrison for government forces for more than two years. When the last soldiers marched out of the castle in 1692, they blew up the towering gatehouse so that the castle could never again be a military stronghold. Urquhart soon fell into decay, and part of the Grant Tower crashed to the ground in 1715 during a violent storm. During the 1800s Urquhart came to be seen as a noble ruin in a majestic setting.

If you are ever touring Scotland, I encourage you to venture toward the Highlands. Take an enjoyable boat ride in search of Nessie. Then, tour the remains of Urquhart Castle. Aaron and I purchased a medal while at the castle gift shop. Below are photos of the obverse and reverse of the Urquhart Castle medal. [Editor's Note: If you enjoyed this article as much as I did, please drop [me](#) a note. You will be entered in a drawing for a numismatic prize.]

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



Grant Tower



The Urquhart Castle medal

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

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

Read our previous newsletters at: <http://mccc.anacclubs.org/newsletters/>

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

The Tudor Beasts Collection Part 3: The Queen's Panther

Continuing our visit of the Tudor Beasts Collection, we will take a quick look at the Queen's Panther coin. The reverse is based on the Queen's Panther sculpture that stands at the mouth of the gate on the iconic Moat Bridge at Hampton Court Palace. The panther is seated in left-profile relief and holds a shield bearing the combined arms of King Henry VIII and his third wife, Jane Seymour. This symbol of the Seymour family was given to Jane by Henry VIII upon their marriage in 1536, representing her connection to the royal family.



The Seymour Panther is an important symbol of Jane Seymour's status and her role in Tudor history. It was included in her personal heraldic achievement, becoming a lasting emblem of the Tudor legacy.



*The Queen's Panther
(bullion version)*

These coins feature the edge inscription 'HAMPTON COURT PALACE · ROYAL
TUDOR BEASTS.'



The obverse of the 2025 coins depicts King Charles

The five pounds coin is 38.61 mm in diameter and weighs two ounces.

Key Numismatic Terms

From the Web

- **Numismatics**: The study and collection of coins, paper money, and medals.
- **Numismatist**: A person who studies and collects coins.
- **Obverse**: The front or "heads" side of a coin.
- **Reverse**: The back or "tails" side of a coin.
- **Edge**: The perimeter of a coin, which can be plain, reeded, or lettered.
- **Planchet**: The blank metal disc on which a coin design is stamped.
- **Legend**: An inscription on a coin, such as "LIBERTY".
- **Mint Mark**: A small letter or symbol on a coin indicating its mint location.
- **Proof**: A coin struck specifically for collectors, often with a mirror-like surface and frosted design.
- **Mint State**: Describes an unworn coin, also known as uncirculated.
- **Mint Error**: A coin with a flaw that occurred during the minting process.
- **Die**: A tool used to stamp a design onto a coin.
- **Die Marks**: Scratches or imperfections on a coin's surface caused by the die.
- **Overdate**: A coin with one date stamped over another.
- **Overstrike**: A coin struck with a new design over a previously struck design.
- **Pattern**: A test strike of a new coin that may or may not become a standard issue.
- **Restrike**: A coin minted at a later date using the original dies.
- **Exonumia**: The study of coin-like objects, such as tokens and medals.
- **Notaphily**: The study of paper money.
- **Grading**: Assessing a coin's condition based on wear and damage.
- **Authentication**: The process of verifying a coin's genuineness.
- **Intrinsic Value**: The value of a coin's metal, regardless of its face or collector value.

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, Wayne Koger, and Monica Couch were able to identify the mystery coin, a Sierra Leone 1980 1 leone commemorative of the O.A.U. Summit.



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

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

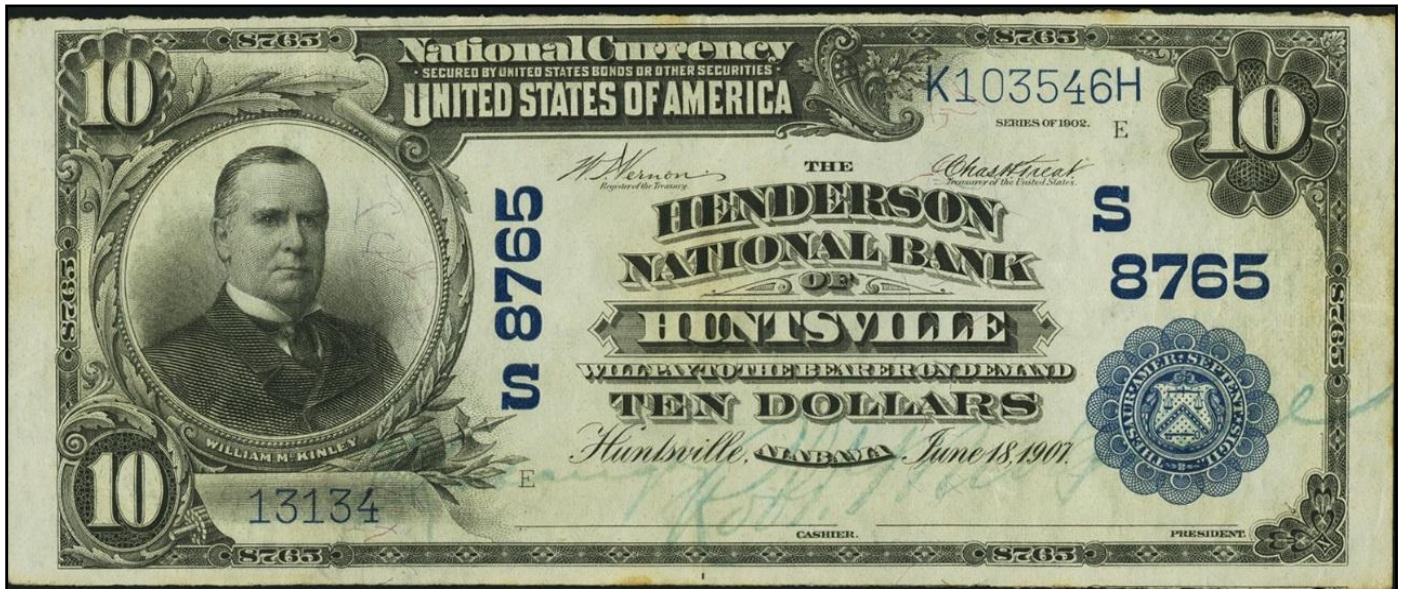
Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

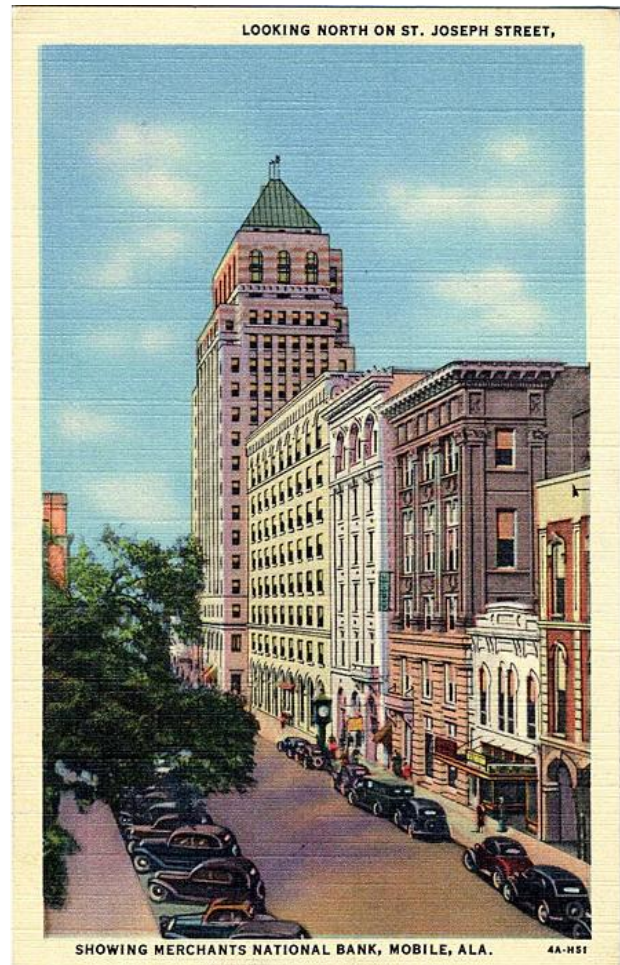


Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better Alabama Obsolete Banknotes



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 <i>Civil War Dog Tags</i>
February 17	Shane and Laura Armstrong	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
March 17	Wayne Koger	Todd Hutto <i>Counterfeit Coins</i>
April 21	Pat Douglas/George Steele	Kurt Kelley <i>Part 1- An unissued Confederate War Bond with a story to tell</i> <i>Part 2- The conception of the Lincoln cent</i>
May 19	Ann Fulmer	Chad Thrasher <i>Disappearing Denominations; Which Ones and Why?</i>
June 16	Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 14	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	Keith George	David Hollander <i>The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting</i>
November 17	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

2025 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance of Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
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	62nd 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	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org	+++

		Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm		
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	++
Nov 7-9	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- **+++**

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).

The Club's Mailing Address

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Club's YouTube Channel

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Join the Club

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