

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
Monday
June 17, 2024
from 6:00 – 7:30**

June is our Annual Auction and Potluck Celebration



The June meeting is our annual mid-year potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members.

You can sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C49A5AF23AAFE3-mccc#/>

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Some Scenes from the June Coin Show



Searching for that missing coin.

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



Over 250 people attended the two-day event.

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



Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



Chad discussing the club with a potential new member.

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The 2024 MCCC June Auction

June 17, 2024
Starting live at 6:00 CST

For our new members, the club holds two auctions each year with the first being in June and the other in November. These two meetings feature a bourse and auction. Our bourse opens at 6:00 p.m. and all members are welcome to display, trade and sell coins at the bourse-tables. The auction starts at approximately 6:30 p.m. All members may bid on any of the lots in the auction. Members are encouraged to submit coins to the auction chairman for inclusion. Visitors may participate in the bourse and the auction as buyers only.

Some Auction Rules and Regulations for our Members

- 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.
- All coins and other material must be appropriately packaged and described.
- Minimum bids should be indicated on the auction slip and must represent the lowest acceptable price. Items at 'no minimum' bid are identified as 'Absolute' and will be sold to the highest bidder.
- Condition of the coin or object should be in the description. Only numismatic related material is allowed at auction.
- Anyone may bid on auction lots; however, sellers may not bid on their own material.
- A runner will return 'no bid' items and carry lots to the winning bidder.
- Buyers and sellers will settle auction transactions at the conclusion of the auction. When available, member personal checks are acceptable as payment, however, non-members must pay in cash. An exception can be made by arrangement with the Treasurer.
- Bids must be whole dollar amounts.
- Bidding increments for this auction follow this table:

Current Bid	Bid Increment
< \$50	\$1
\$50-\$99	\$2
\$100-\$199	\$5
>\$200	\$10

June's Auction will be Featuring the Club's Oddity Medals

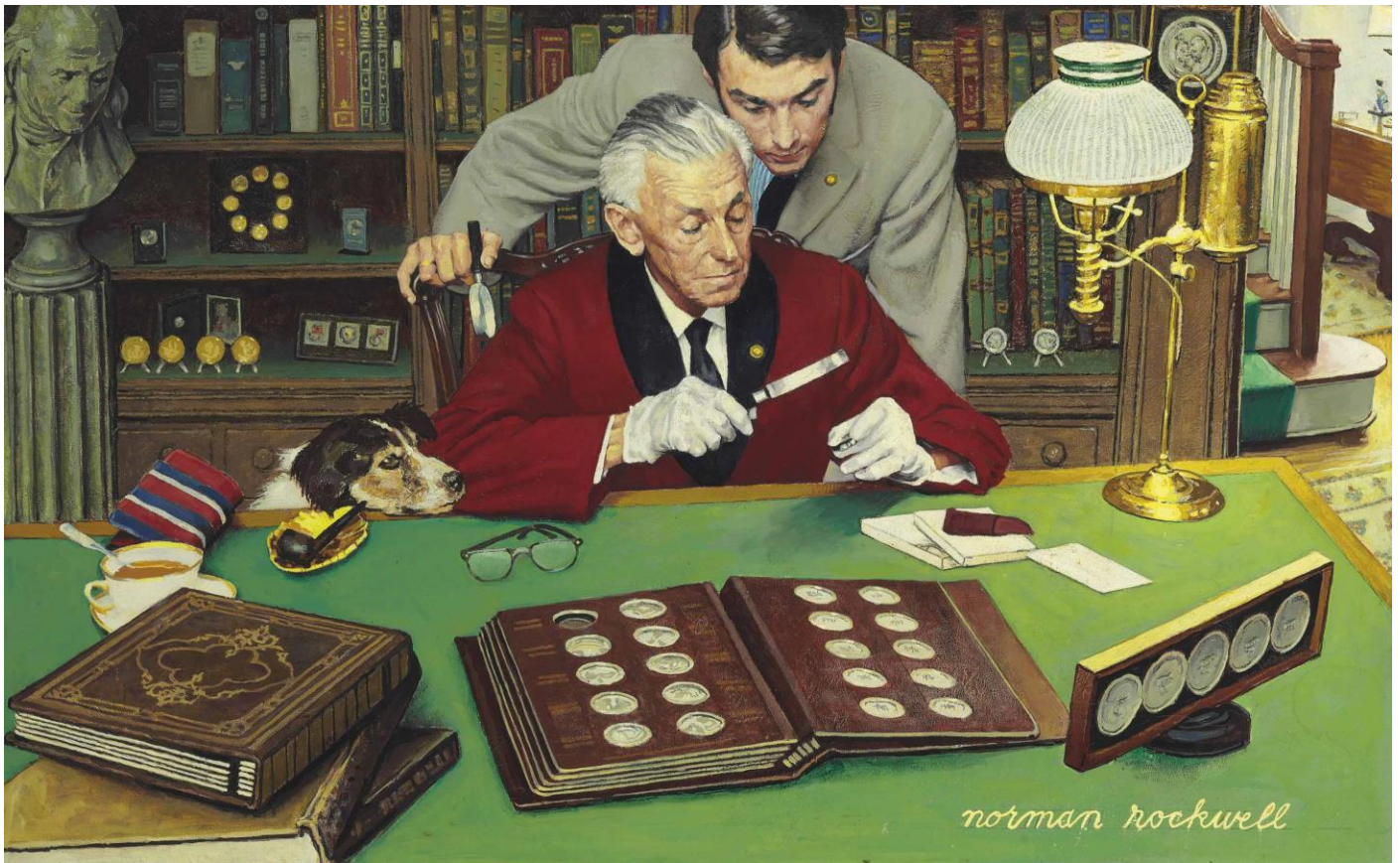
At our June auction, the club will auction off several highly desirable "oddy" medals minted by Daniel Carr of the [Moonlight Mint](#). Included in this sale are two copper flip over strikes and two silver double strikes.

In order to reduce the current club financial deficit, all proceeds from the purchase of the club medals and this auction of the 2024 error medals go directly to the club. This is to continue operations which include administrative costs such as meeting room fees, the post office box expense, correspondence, etc. Thanks to everyone who purchased a medal this year!

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.

The Collector



In 1970, the Franklin Mint commissioned Norman Rockwell to a series of works for their company. Here we have the painting *The Collector*, the most important work from this commission. The painting went up for auction at Christies in May 2014 and went for \$965,000. In their catalog is described as “a touching scene in which Rockwell celebrates the connoisseurship of the coin collector, The Mint's most loyal customer. In *The Collector*, an enthusiast intently studies a coin in hand. He wears white gloves to delicately handle his prized objects, substituting his glasses for a magnifying glass as he makes a closer inspection. He appears to take pride in his collecting, dressed sharply for the examination. A younger man, and a dog are keen apprentices. The scene appears to be in an inviting home study, where the collector enjoys a hot drink with his pipe. The light from the desk lamp casts a warm yellow light on the scene.”

The Numismatic

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Coins of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic (RSFSR) 1921-1923



The Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (Российская Советская Федеративная Социалистическая Республика) or simply Russia, was the first communist country from 1917 to 1922. Later it was the largest and most populous constituent republic of the Soviet Union (USSR) from 1922 to 1991. RSFSR first constitution was adopted in 1918. In 1922, the Russian SFSR signed a treaty officially creating the USSR. The Treaty, along with the Declaration of the Creation of the USSR was approved on 30 December 1922 by a conference of delegations from the Russian SFSR, the Transcaucasian SFSR, the Ukrainian SSR and the Byelorussian SSR.

The first coinage of the new Communist Regime was minted in 1921–1923 to the old Czarist Russian standard. The silver coins of 10 kopecks, 15 kopecks, 20 kopecks were minted in 50% silver while the 50 kopecks ("poltinnik" or 1/2 ruble) and one ruble in 90% silver. These coins bore the emblem and legends of the RSFSR and depicted the famous slogan, "Workers of the world, Unite!". These coins would continue to circulate after the RSFSR was consolidated into the USSR with other Soviet Republics.



Lettering: "ЧИСТОГО СЕРЕБРА 2 ЗОЛОТНИКА 10,5 ДОЛЕЙ (А.Г)" for 1921-1922 and "ЧИСТОГО СЕРЕБРА 2 ЗОЛОТНИКА 10,5 ДОЛЕЙ (П.Л)" for 1922

Translation: Pure Silver 2 Zolotniks 10.5 parts (A.G) or (P.L)

On the ruble coin, the edge translates as Pure silver 4 zolotniks 21 parts.

A zolotnik was a small Russian unit of weight, equal to 0.1505 avoirdupois ounces, or 4.2658 grams. As a unit, the zolotnik was the standard for silver manufacture in Russia.

Want to Learn More?

These are the best sites I found to learn more about these coins:

<https://www.russian-money.ru/>

<https://www.russian-money.ru/coins/sssr/rubl-1921-1924/>

<https://www.raritetus.ru/stoimost-monet/monety-sssr/>

<https://www.raritetus.ru/stoimost-monet/monety-sssr/hodyachka/rsfsr/1-rubl-1922-pl-12773/>



Common Obverse depicts the coat of arms.

The coat of arms was adopted on 10 July 1918 and shows wheat as the symbol of agriculture, a rising sun for the future of the Russian nation, as well as a sickle and a hammer on a globe depicted in the rays of the sun.



10 kopecks were minted in 1921, 1922, and 1923.

The reverse depicts a wreath with laurel on the left and oak on the right.



15 kopecks were minted in 1921, 1922, and 1923.



20 kopecks were also minted in 1921, 1922, and 1923.



There are two different 50 kopecks coins to collect: 1921 AG АГ and 1922 AG АГ and PL ПЛ.

For the 1921 year, there are two different varieties: A much rare smooth edge and one with the AG initials on the edge.

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A ten ruble (chervonets) coin also was minted in 90% gold.

In 1923 one year after the founding of the Soviet Union, a Russian gold coin was minted for the first time. It bore the name and arms of the Russian SFSR - not the newly formed Soviet Union. This Russian gold coin, with some gaps, was minted until 1982. Its total weight is 8.6026 grams, with a fineness of 900/1000 which equals a fine weight of 7.7416 grams (almost a 1/4 ounce).



The design depicts a farmer throwing a handful of seeds. There is a plough in front of an industrial skyline and the rising sun.

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 Mike Campbell, Wayne Koger, Chad Thrasher, and Steve Young were able to identify the mystery coin, a 1906 two kroner coin from Norway. It was issued to mark their independence from Sweden.



The 1906 2 Kroner coin from Norway marks their independence from Sweden.

"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

The Minute Man

A total of 21 people attended our meeting. We also had several people watching the meeting via YouTube.

Various announcements were made at the meeting. They were:

1. Volunteers were needed to man the club's table at the June 1-2 coin show.
2. Steve signed up for the October's snack.
3. The online auction of the club's oddity medals has started. You can place a bid at <https://auctria.events/mccc>
4. Rules and regulations of the auction can be found at our [website](#)

There were three items for Show and Tell:

1. A ceramic one sen coin from Japan. It was 'baked' near the end of the WW II.
2. A 1911 Indian rupee, which Muslims thought had a depiction of a pig on it.
3. A Canadian mint set depicting King Charles III.

The winners of the door prizes were:

1. Steve Young won a one-ounce silver eagle.
2. Bob Stever won a Washington Carver half dollar.
3. Patricia Douglas came in third and received two 1/10-ounce silver rounds.

Carol Stever and Nathan Burrows are our newest members.

Door Prizes



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

First Prize:	Steve Young:	Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Bob Stever:	Washington Carver Half Dollar
Third Prize:	Patricia Douglas:	Two 1/10 ounce silver rounds

QUIZ TIME

The United States celebrates **Flag Day** on June 14. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day although it was not until 1949 that Flag Day was established through an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, but it is observed through many towns across the country with carnivals and parades.

To successfully complete this activity, you will need to identify the money that the clues refer to. All the money will contain a flag of sorts within the design. Good luck!



1. This dollar coin minted in 2012 shows a Baltimore landmark on the obverse.
Coin: _____

2. Several flags are flying from a ship on this 25 centimos coin minted in 1925.
Coin: _____

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

4. The American flag appears twice on the front of this 50 dollar National Bank Note.
Note: _____

5. A flag with three letters flies on this silver dollar.
Coin: _____

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

7. Minted in 1993 this coin shows two men in space each holding a flag.
Coin: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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

Answers to last month's Quiz Time:

1. Large cents were an important part of the U.S. monetary system. What was the last year that the large cent was minted?

Answer: 1857



2. A former British Colony issued a piece of paper currency with a denomination of 1 cent. Name the country that issued the note and the first year it was printed.

Answer: Hong Kong 1961



3. Abraham Lincoln was the first President to appear on a regularly circulating coin. For what reason is he the subject of the cent?

Answer: The 100th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

4. The safety bicycle was developed in the 1800s as an improvement over what type of bicycle and why was the earlier bicycle given that name?

Answer: Penny Farthing The front wheel of the bicycle was large and was reminiscent of a British penny in relation to the rear wheel which was much smaller.



5. What is a pickle barrel cent?

Answer: Legend has it that Large cents were often thrown into pickle barrels. The copper caused the pickles to turn a bright green and appear more appetizing.



6. What were Indian Head cents called before 1866 and why?

Answer: Nickels or nicks. Indian Head cents contained nickel in them into 1864. 5 cent pieces first contained nickel in 1866. Before that time, 5 cent pieces were known as half dimes.



7. In what year did Canada mint a commemorative cent and what was the occasion?

Answer: 1967 100th year of the establishment of the Canadian Confederation.



8. Besides the composition, what is the other difference between copper alloy and copperplated zinc cents?

Answer: There is a difference in weight. The copper alloy weighs 3.11 grams. The copper-plated zinc weighs 2.5 grams.

9. Fugio coppers were minted in 1787. What does the word “Fugio” mean and who was given credit for designing the coin?

Answer: Time flies. Benjamin Franklin



10. We know that the 1909-S V.D.B. has the lowest mintage number for a regularly circulating Lincoln cent. Which cent has the second lowest mintage number?

Answer: 1931-S 866,000

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

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

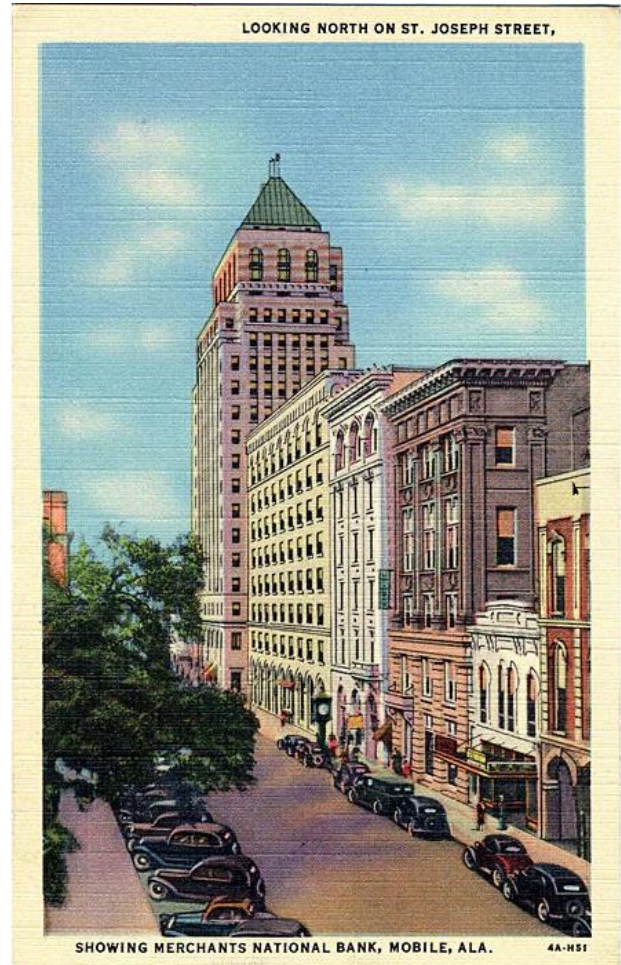


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**Looking for the 2020 P and D
George H.W. Bush Presidential Dollar**



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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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/> .

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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