

# My Stories from Coin Shows



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# Intro

- Got several Whitman Folders for Christmas 1975
- Immediately joined local coin club
- Collected US coins for a short while.....
- Exhibited throughout adolescent years
- Attended every coin show I could
- Subscribed to Coin World
- Bought books!



# Later

- First assignment in Air Force was Japan
- Bought Japanese Cash Coins from the Pawn Shops Downtown
- Bought coin books in Japanese language to learn the different types in detail



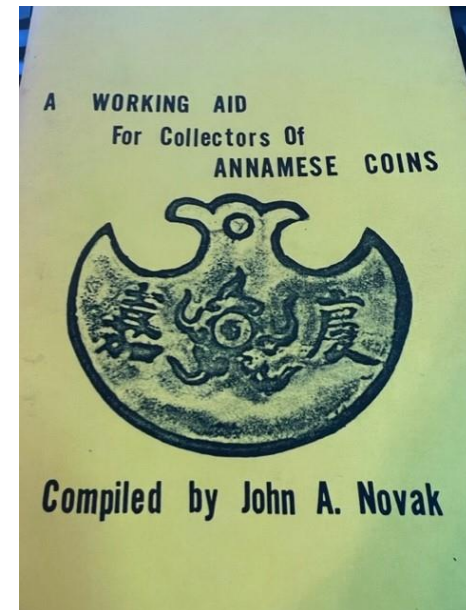


# Even Later.....

- Reassigned to San Antonio, TX
- Met John Kallman and learned about John Novak
- Joined both local Coin Clubs!
- Influenced by major collectors there
- Learned Chinese, Japanese, Korean, & Vietnamese Cash Coins
- Bought Books!



1854 Chinese 1000 Cash Coin



# Now.....

- Exhibited at FUN Shows
- Met Charles Opitz
- Retired in January 2020
- Dealer
- Meet fascinating people



# Advice for Coin Shows

- BUY THE BOOK BEFORE YOU BUY THE COIN
- ALWAYS have a loupe or magnifier on you
- Know what you're looking for -- but even more importantly -- be open to deals you weren't looking for
- Get to know your favorite dealers
- Don't beat-up a dealer over price
- Move quickly to see as much as possible
- Don't pass on great deals, they won't last
- Buy the Coin not the Slab

