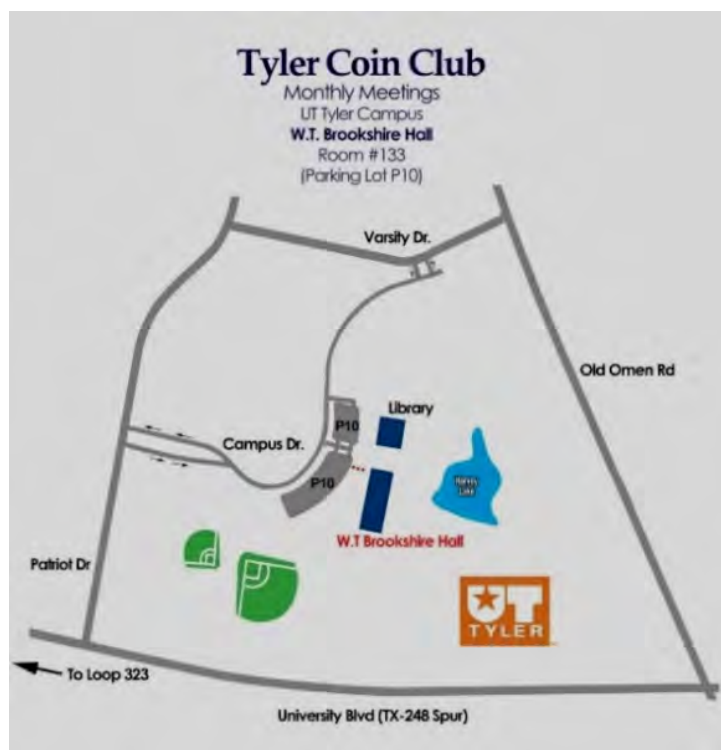


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - MAY 2025



(Visit the Tyler, Texas Coin Club in person and on the internet at: tylercoinclub.org)

The Tyler, Texas Coin Club (TCC) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please consider yourself welcome. Meetings include great fellowship, numismatic education, a brief business session, and a spirited numismatic auction. The TCC meets on the campus of the University of Texas Tyler in room 133 of the W. T. Brookshire Building. Enter the campus via the identified “west entrance” off University Boulevard. Turn toward campus onto Patriot Dr. Enter campus and proceed on Campus Dr. to Parking Lot P10 (see map below). The W. T. Brookshire Building is in full view from the parking lot just to the right of the library. Once inside, take the stairs or the elevator down to the first floor.





NUMISMATIC NOTES

Thoughts from Our President

Hello Fellow Coin Club Members:

It is a great honor to be able to greet you in this presidential note. I hope all is well with you and your latest finds.

As I was driving in Dallas, the thought hit me that I may have time to seek out a pawn shop or coin shop that I have never been to before. Am I the only one who thinks about coins all the time or not???? Maybe some of our members can share some of the places which they find coins. I would like to hear if y'all have any suggestions.

In the last couple of weeks, I have had quite a bit of conversations with the different officers of our club about various things that we will be bringing up to the club in future meetings. I would like to reassure the members of our club that we are in good hands with the officers that we currently have. Each one of them has a passion for the Tyler Coin Club and put the club's interests above their own interest. They are very dedicated to our Club!!!! Thank You, Kern, Royce, and Carl!!!!

We will have some important things to talk about in our next meeting, I hope all of you can make it.

May God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

Richard

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

In '43 steel cents we were noting;
What metal represented their coating?

(answer on page 8)

TYLER COIN CLUB

TNA District 12

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Richard Graham.

Attendance Members: 46 New Members: 2 Guests: 2 Total: 50

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Royce.
- The club was lead in prayer by Richard.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of April.
- Royce presented the Treasurer's report including activities related to the upcoming Tyler Coin Show on August 15th and 16th.
- David gave an update on the Tyler Show including the need for additional volunteers this year and donations for raffle and door prize.
- Chuck expressed his thanks to all that volunteered to help make the Longview Coin Show a great success. Attendance at the two-day event was 964; an increase of over 100% from last year. Next year's show is scheduled for April 24-25, 2026.
- Allen gave a presentation on Confederate Novelty/Replica Currency vs. Genuine Currency.
- Larry gave a presentation on Chinese Cash Coins used from the 4th century BC until the 20th century.
- The next regular club meeting is May 13, 2025 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 48 auction items sold

Door Prize Winners

- A.J., Howard, Kern, and Randy

NOTGELD – COINS OR TOKENS?

(by Kern Lunde)

The German word “Notgeld” translates to “emergency money” which is contrary to the belief by some that it means “not money”. Notgeld regularly circulated in Germany and Austria and was used as money when all official currency disappeared from circulation during the inflationary period during and after World War I (1914-1923). In order to facilitate commerce, it was up to municipalities and regional governing bodies to issue their own coinage.



Thousands of varieties exist. Notgeld in paper money form was also issued, but this article will focus on coins. Designs range from crude and simple (as above) to very well designed pieces, very commonly depicting a town's coat of arms or similarly distinguishing motif. Most notgeld was struck using zinc, but some iron, bronze, porcelain (seen below), aluminum (especially during the post-war inflationary years), and other materials were used as well. Most issues are round, although octagonal, hexagonal, rounded square, and even scalloped edge issues exist as well.



Most pieces tended to be used for small denominations, most commonly 5 or 10 pfennig. However, some issues, such as the Westphalia 10 mark and 1 billion mark pieces shown below, show the affects of inflation during the post-World War I years, in this case showing the dramatic values (and change from bronze to aluminum) used after only two years.



Several ways to collect this series are available. Do you have German ancestors from a specific city or region? You could collect all the pieces from that locale. Or perhaps putting together a set to include one piece from each issuing authority? This would display a wide variety of designs to build a beautiful set.



There are plenty of issues to challenge a collector of any level. And you just might learn something more about history as well!



TEASER FOR JUNE 2025

(by Kern Lunde)



Does anyone recognize this coin?

Which country is it from?

Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Do you have a favorite coin story or special memory related to coins? I welcome you to put your thoughts on paper and submit your story to share with the rest of the Tyler Coin Club. I welcome any inputs to our monthly newsletter. Please consider doing so and send your write-up to me at my email address: kdlunde@mac.com. Even if you don't want to write an article, I also welcome ideas. Is there a niche topic within numismatics about which you would like to know more? I can do some research and possibly write the article myself. I much prefer to include content that our membership wants to read. Thank you!

HISTORY CORNER

(One Hundred Years Ago – May 1925)

The Norse-American medal was struck in 1925 at the Philadelphia Mint to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the voyage of the ship *Restauration* which brought early Norwegian immigrants to America. Attempts to have the event commemorated by a coin were rejected by the Treasury Department, so those advocating for this issue settled for a medal.

The medals were sculpted by James Earle Fraser, most well-known for his Buffalo nickel design. The design recognizes those immigrants' Viking heritage, depicting a warrior on the obverse and a vessel on the reverse.



Julie Shultz, in her journal article on the 1925 celebration, found it significant that the medal has nothing to do with the arrival of the *Restauration* in an already-formed United States, but symbolizes ethnic pride in the early explorers. She concludes: "Though outwardly, these souvenirs were to symbolize the Norwegian immigrant heritage that began in 1825, they actually invert the dominant narrative by using an American form to proclaim that Norwegians were the first Europeans to land on American soil."

A total of 6,000 silver medals on a thin planchet were struck in May 1925. Later in May and into June, an additional 33,750 pieces were struck, but this time using a thicker planchet, although the reason for the change in planchet is unknown. Also struck were 100 gold medals, but 47 were eventually returned to the mint and melted, leaving a net of only 53 surviving pieces. Some silver medals were returned and melted, but those numbers are not known.

The Norse-American medal is not a coin. However, due to its similarity to a coin, and the fact that it was authorized by Congress, it is sometimes collected as part of the U.S. Classic Commemorative coin series.

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

May 30 – June 1: TNA Annual Coin & Currency Show, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road @ FM 3083, Conroe, TX 77303. Hours: Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Early bird tickets available for Thursday. Free parking; admission is \$3 or free with pre-registration (form available at www.tna.org). For more information, please email tnaconroe@gmail.com or call 817-688-6994.

July 11 – 13: Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Hours: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Free parking; admission \$5 (Friday and Saturday) or \$2 (Sunday). For more information, please email texascoinshows@aol.com.

August 14 – 16: 17th Annual Tyler Coin Show, W.T. Brookshire Convention Center, 2000 W Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702. Hours: Thursday (dealer setup only), Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. For more information, contact David Holcomb (davidholcomb213@gmail.com or 903-570-3136).

(and if you have any money left over after the BEST coin show in the state of Texas)

August 19 – 23: ANA World's Fair of Money, Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. Hours: Tuesday 1pm – 530pm, Wednesday-Friday: 10am – 530pm, Saturday: 10am – 330pm. Admission: \$10 daily or \$25 weekly pass, Free for ANA members and children under 12, Free for everyone on August 23. For more details, see <https://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney>.

September 19 - 21: Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Hours: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Free parking; admission \$5 (Friday and Saturday) or \$2 (Sunday). For more information, please email texascoinshows@aol.com.

October 31 – November 2: Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Hours: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Free parking; admission \$5 (Friday and Saturday) or \$2 (Sunday). For more information, please email texascoinshows@aol.com.

December 12 - 14: Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051. Hours: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Free parking; admission \$5 (Friday and Saturday) or \$2 (Sunday). For more information, please email texascoinshows@aol.com.

TEASER from APRIL 2025 Newsletter



What is this?

Does it have a value?

What does it even say?

Where is it from?

This is a beard token from Russia. The obverse has the phrase “money taken’ (in Russian) indicating that the bearer had paid his ‘beard tax’. The obverse simply has the date, in this case 1705, using Cyrillic numbers. There were minor variations between 1698 and 1725.

Emperor Peter I (Peter the Great) set about to modernize Russian society. Part of that effort was to have Russian men dress and groom themselves more like their Western European counterparts. Of course, his efforts required funding, so for those who insisted on keeping their beards, they had to pay a ‘beard tax’ and this token was proof that they had paid the tax. Those who refused to pay the tax were forcibly and publicly shaved by the police. The amount paid for the tax varied depending on one’s status in society, from one kopeck for a peasant each time he entered a city up to 100 rubles per year for wealthy merchants.

The tax raised an average of 3,588 rubles annually from 1705 to 1708. However, from a financial standpoint, the tax was unsuccessful due both to the relatively low number of people unwilling to shave their beards and an overestimation of the ability of the Russian state to administer and collect the tax.

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

You can get this one if you think—
Of course they were covered with zinc!



AN ANECDOTE OF COIN & NOTE

(by Jim Mohon)

WHY NOT ASK FOR TWO?

A beggar sat in sidewalk congestion,
Who was asking passers-by this question:
“Mister, could you please spare a dime for me—
Preferably a Nineteen Sixteen D?”

