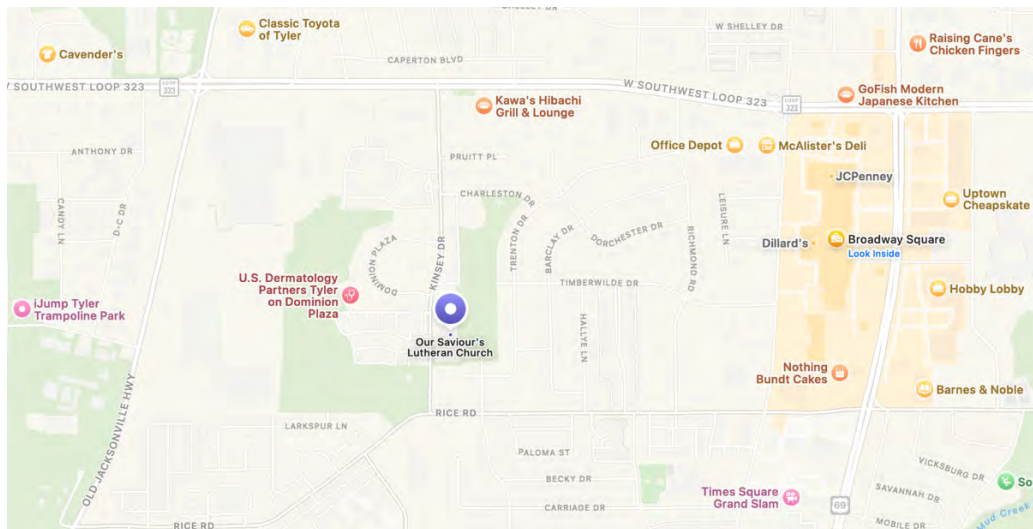


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH – MAY 2026



(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 in the fellowship hall of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, TX 75703. Enter the south parking lot from Kinsey Drive. From the parking lot, walk toward the south entrance doors and follow the sounds of fellow coin collectors to the Fellowship Hall!





NUMISMATIC NOTES Thoughts from Our President

Hello Tyler Coin Club,

I hope all is well with everyone in our amazing club!!!!

I would like to give a great congratulations to the Longview Coin Club and the people who put together an absolutely fantastic show. It is obvious that it was a team effort and it was very well put together and very successful. I am always happy to set up at this show and support this club.

East Texas is extremely blessed to have such dominant numismatic influence in the state of Texas. It was also great to see the members from the Tyler Coin Club that volunteered and participated in the Longview Coin Show. We all have a good thing going and I am also grateful for the unity that is displayed between our two clubs.

Speaking of coin shows, the summer is almost upon us and that means our annual coin show is just around the corner. The 18th annual Tyler Coin Show promises to be another wonderful show with many of the dealers from last year returning. Also, please consider creating an educational exhibit to display at the show.

Last year the exhibits were well attended and greatly appreciated by those who attended the show.

One last thing about this year's coin show: please continue to make donations to the raffle. This is a very profitable event for our club, and your donations help to defray show costs for current and future years.

Finally, I wanted to thank Kern Lunde, Daryl Pritchard, John Goodwin, and Keith Parris for the tremendous work they are doing with the Tyler Scouts. I am sure these efforts will produce new generations of numismatists! I appreciate their willingness to serve in any capacity and his focused efforts to promote our club and coin collecting in general. If anyone else is interested in working with our local scouts, please contact Kern.

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

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB (TNA District 12) MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Richard Graham

Attendance Members: 34 Guests: 1

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The prayer was given by Chuck Cox
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daryl Pritchard
- Treasury report by Royce: Current Balance is \$17,906.59. We will be sending out payment to the City of Tyler for the coin show in the next month, however we are in good financial shape.
- Amy presented birthdays and anniversaries
- The TCC presented Joe Vincent an Educational Exhibition Award from the ANA for his presentation about “Every Coin Tells A Story” teaching us about Peter the Eagle and the origins of the Humdinger.
- Kern gave a summary of the TCC members who attended the Cub Scout meeting here in Tyler teaching the young scouts about coins and coin collecting. They hope to expand this to the Boy Scouts over the next year. Kern also sent out a request to any TCC members who want to give a presentation on a personal “Favorite Coin Story.”
- Upcoming Shows:
 - April 24 – 25: Longview Coin Show
 - May 15 – 17: TNA annual Coin and Currency Show in Fort Worth, Texas
 - June 5 – 7: Texas Coin Show in Grapevine, Texas
 - June 20: Paris Coin Show in Paris, Texas
- Tyler Coin Show Update: August 14 - 15
 - Only 10 to 12 tables are still available for the show
 - Mail out cards are just about ready to send out
 - Be prepared to tell David how many signs you want.
 - We need donations for the Raffle. Please consider what you are willing to donate
 - 2027 Redbooks will be available for \$10 each
 - Be prepared to sign up to work at the coin show. We will likely need 10 to 12 people at a time between the registration table, the raffle table, and the coin club table. In addition, we will need people on Thursday, August 13 to help dealers set up and move in.
- Door prizes went to Alan Brown, Corky Henry, Jim Mohon and Jan Hargus
- Alan Brown presented information about some YouTube sites and other websites collectors may be interested in:
 - youtube.com/moneyorg
 - ngccoin.com/counterfeit
- Alan also talked about 2026 being the only year for the semiquincentennial coin designs and that President Trump’s signature will appear on 2026 bank notes

- Jim Mohon shared with us the medallions he received while working for IBM on various NASA projects. They include medallions from Apollo Space Missions, Sky Lab Space Station, and the Space Shuttle Enterprise.
- Kern presided over the Auction: 35 items sold.
- Meeting was adjourned.

TYLER COIN CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026

President – Richard Graham

Vice President – Kern Lunde

Secretary – Amy Norris

Treasurer – Royce Jackson

SOME HELPFUL NUMISMATIC VIDEO RESOURCES

(by Allen Brown)

[Allen Brown discussed these resources during last month’s club meeting.]

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has a numismatic YouTube channel [[youtube.com/MoneyOrg](https://www.youtube.com/MoneyOrg)] with almost 500 videos on almost every aspect of numismatics, such as a Money Museum virtual tour, introduction to coin collecting, world coins, high value coins, counterfeit coins history, history of the US penny, coin grading, coin varieties, how to grade your own coins, what to do with inherited coins, and much more. Note that there is no period in “MoneyOrg”.

Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) has graded over 70,000,000 coins since 1987. The NGC website has a counterfeit detection resource to help you identify altered and counterfeit coins [[ngc.com/counterfeit](https://www.ngc.com/counterfeit)]. The NGC website has a “Coin Grading” drop-down menu with a “Grading Scale” and other interesting info.

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

Just two women are on our currency;
Name them; is this a point of urgency?

(answer on page 10)

TYLER COIN CLUB MEMBERS TEACH SCOUTS ABOUT ADVENTURES IN COINS

(by Kern Lunde)

On Monday, April 6th, four of our club members (Kern Lunde, Daryl Pritchard, John Goodwin, and Keith Parris) assisted with a required activity, Adventures in Coins, as part of Cub Scout Pack 369's weekly meeting. Assistant Den Leader Erik Malmberg reached out to the Tyler Coin Club for assistance, and we were able to help them out. The information was fairly basic, but it provided our members an opportunity to share their love of numismatics with the youngest generation!

We worked with the scouts to teach them about the elements of a coin design, the meanings of the different elements, and how each coin's value relates to the others' values. The final take home activity was for each scout to take what they had learned about coin designs and submit their very own coin design. Sometime in May, those designs will be sent to the same club members that were at their activity. The winner will be awarded a 1985 Proof Set!



From Assistant Den Leader Erik Malmberg: “On behalf of the pack leadership and parents, we sincerely thank you and all the volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedules do help run this amazing night of activities. So many of our kids are still talking about it, and that means the impact was well worth it.

We are looking forward to continue to collaborate with you in the months and years to come to help current and future Cub Scouts enjoy the field of numismatics.”



Our hope as a club is that this was an introduction to a long-lasting relationship with the local scouts as they learn about numismatics and we help them along their learning journey. So we anticipate many more opportunities for other club members to volunteer their time to help out the next generation of young numismatists.



To help aid Scouts in receiving their Coin Collecting Merit Badge, the American Numismatic Association offers a free online Google Classroom course that walks them through

all [requirements](#) (updated 2026) needed to secure their badge. Scouts will still need a Merit Badge Counselor to sign off for their badge. That is where we as a club can help. Anyone interested in becoming a Merit Badge Counselor is encouraged to let a club officer know.

As a club, we look forward to more activities with Cub Scout Pack 369 and also working with the older Boy Scouts as well!

10 BUDGET-FRIENDLY COLLECTIBLES

(by Al Doyle)

*[reprinted from American Numismatic Association's The Reading Room website
readingroom.money.org]*

Has your collecting become stuck in a rut? Why not branch out and pick up some coins and notes that go beyond the “same old, same old”? This year’s countdown includes many affordable options, along with some higher-priced pieces.

10) Big paper

Modern hobbyists often are unaware of pre-1928 U.S. paper currency. Compared to what circulates today, these notes seem gigantic. The appeal goes far beyond size, as these old “horse blankets” contain eye-catching and finely detailed artistry. Prices range from less than \$100 in Fine or better for more common issues to whatever you want to spend for major rarities.

9) Go for the gold

Many numismatists would like to add at least one gold piece to their holdings, but they believe they can’t afford the metal. Modern tenth-ounce bullion coinage, such as the American Eagle, Canadian Maple Leaf, Austrian Philharmonic and British Britannia, is a relatively affordable way to obtain gold. Some collectors even attempt to build date sets of these series.

8) Outside the borders

Although this column focuses on U.S. issues, that doesn’t mean world coinage isn’t worthy of respect and collector attention. Where can a person begin in a field that offers countless options? The Swiss half- and 1-*franc* pieces have been struck with the same design since 1874 and were minted in silver until 1967. A 146-year track record says much about the stability of Switzerland.

7) A “depressing” purchase

Annual coin production in America fell dramatically in 1931-33, as the nation was in the depths of the Great Depression. No quarters or half dollars were struck in 1931, and mintages of other denominations were puny. The brand-new Washington quarter and Lincoln cents are the only 1932-dated circulation strikes, and modest quantities of half dollars and cents were produced in 1933. These coins are keepsakes from one of the more difficult eras in U.S. history. This was a worldwide economic crash, so mintages from other nations often show a similar pattern.

6) Happy birthday!

Need a side collection or diversion? Try acquiring as many coins as possible from your birth year. Even those who are advanced in age will be able to find many affordable items, so this won’t be a costly pursuit.

5) Blue and inexpensive

Uncirculated 1971-74 Eisenhower dollars struck for the collector market were coined in .400-fine silver. Widely known as “Blue Ikes” for the envelopes in which they were housed, these big pieces make for a very affordable date set. Why not purchase a blue Ike as both a gift and introduction to coin collecting?



Eisenhower dollars of 1971-74 were presented in blue folders and encased in plastic packs. The obverse of “Blue Ikes” shows the president. An Apollo 11 insignia is on the reverse. (Photo: Wikimedia Commons)

4) Old copper

Classic Head half cents of 1809-35 provide budget-minded collectors a way to obtain old U.S. coinage, minus financial stress. Those who can come up with \$75 to \$125 at a time will be able to pursue this series in grades Very Fine and Extremely Fine.

3) Learn

Take some of the money allotted for coin and paper currency purchases and divert it to numismatic books. Though this sounds like a way to end up with a smaller collection, it really is the path to better and smarter shopping. Many older and scarcer texts can be borrowed from the ANA Library for the cost of round-trip postage—one of the best deals in the coin-collecting field.

2) “Busting” the rut

Mention Bust coinage, and the very popular half-dollar series often comes to mind. Half dimes, dimes and quarters bearing the same design get little notice, and that provides an opportunity for collectors who want something that goes beyond the mundane.

1) Check those digits

Serial numbers can mean a great deal to those who specialize in small-size U.S. paper money. A person can obtain notes with low serial numbers, “solids” (with all eight digits the same), “ladders” (12345678 or 87654321) and “repeaters” (47264726). And don’t forget “radar” notes on which the serial number reads the same forward and backward, like the palindrome “radar.”

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

May 15 - 17: TNA Annual Coin & Currency Show, Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107. 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 contact Gary and Judy Dobbins, g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net, phone/text 214-498-9923.

June 5 - 7: 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, email texascoinshows@aol.com.

June 20: Paris Coin Show, Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Ave, Paris, TX 75460. Hours: Saturday 9am – 4pm. Free admission; free parking. For more information, contact Joe Vincent (P.O. Box 707, Paris, TX 75461 or 903-669-7942).

August 13 – 15: 18th 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).

August 21 – 23: 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, email texascoinshows@aol.com.

November 6 – 8: 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, email texascoinshows@aol.com.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Do you have a favorite coin story or special memory related to coins? Do you have a favorite coin that has a good story about how and why you acquired it? If so, let me know and we can feature your favorite coin in a future issue of our newsletter. I welcome you to put your thoughts on paper and submit your story to share with the rest of the Tyler Coin Club. Please consider doing so and send your write-up to me at tylercoinclub.vp@icloud.com (please note new email address). 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 write the article myself. I prefer to include content that our membership wants to read. Thank you!

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

Martha Washington and Pocahontas;
Does this make men entitled and pompous?



Martha Washington appeared on \$1 silver certificates in 1886 and 1891.



Here is Martha again, with George, as featured on the reverse of the 1896 \$20 Educational note.



Pocahontas was the first actual woman depicted on U.S. paper money, appearing from 1865 to 1869, and again in 1875, on the back of the \$20 bill.