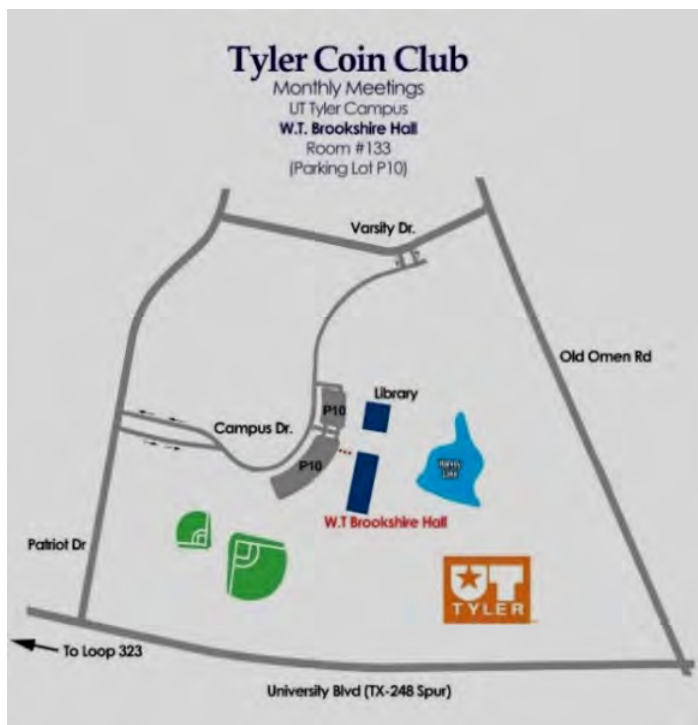


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - JULY 2025



(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:

I hope all is well and that you are enjoying the summer.

Well, first things first: Royce, Kern, David, Russell and myself have worked very hard at trying to keep our current meeting place, and we are now trying to pursue starting a subsidiary club for college students; this is the last chance that we will have at being able to continue to meet at our current location.

With that being said, our team of people have done quite a bit of research on a new location. We will hopefully have some solid information at our next meeting. I would like to thank everyone who has done research and helped in trying to come up with a new place to meet. If you still have information to get to me on a possible place to meet, please contact me now, the clock is ticking.

David Holcomb has put some information in this newsletter about our annual coin show here in Tyler. Please read his article on page 4!!!!

I would like to encourage each of you to put together your donations for our Coin Club raffle, I would like to see everyone participate and contribute something. If you are unable to donate something, please consider putting together an education exhibit. Rules for exhibiting can be found on page 11 and an Exhibit Application can be found on page 12.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting,

We will successfully navigate through our decisions. Our best days are not behind us, they are the days which lie ahead.

May God Bless and keep you until we meet again.

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB

TNA District 12

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 10, 2025

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

Attendance Members: 44 New Members: 3 Guests: 1 Total: 48

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Royce J.
- The club was led in prayer by Richard G.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays (10) and anniversaries (10) in month of June.
- Royce presented the Treasurer's report.
- David gave an update on the Tyler Coin Show scheduled August 15-16. Approximately 115 dealer tables have been sold. Additional volunteers will be needed for the show this year. Donations for the raffle needed.
- Royce gave a presentation of World War II Emergency Currency
- Corky gave a presentation on GPS tracking systems secretly installed on newer automobiles
- Allen gave a brief presentation on in circulation error currency.
- Kern discussed members doing a display for the show. Applications were available or we can contact Larry Vann. The display can be big or small.
- Richard discussed the current state of our having the current W. T. Brookshire room available for our usage.
- The next regular club meeting is July 8, 2025 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Royce had available 2026 Red Books for \$10 each.
- The club took a break for auction viewing, then the club auction took place.
- The next regular club meeting is July 8, 2025 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 21 auction items sold (\$705.00)

Door Prize Winners

- Howard, Dennie, Leo, and Ethan

UPCOMING TYLER COIN SHOW

(by David Holcomb)

I would like to thank you now for all the help and time you will be putting into the upcoming Tyler Coin Show from August 14th through the 16th.



Volunteers are needed on Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon for setting up tables and from noon to 5 p.m. for helping dealers unload and set up. Many people come and work all day and that's greatly appreciated. The next phase of help is on Friday and Saturday when we are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with volunteers working from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Not everyone can work the entire time and so it's good to have extra help so people can rotate around and, of course, give them time to look around and shop. The last part is the shut-down during which we must clean up and stack up tables for pickup which starts around 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.



We are also looking for donations for the raffle, for door prizes, and for items to give to young numismatists at our club table. If you have any items to donate, please try to bring them to the July or August club meeting. Here's what last year's raffle case looked like:



Also, just as important, is getting the word out about the show. If you haven't already picked up a sign (or several!), please come to the July meeting prepared to bring home signs. I will have them available for anyone who wants them. Signs should be put up on Sunday, August 10th (or as soon after that as possible) and should be taken down the following Sunday, August 17th. For those who have signs from last year, don't forget to locate them and put them up!



Last year we ran short during the times we were open to the public, likely due to the unexpectedly large attendance (over 1,700 attendees!). Hopefully we will have even better numbers this year, so we will definitely need the help and donations from our club members. Remember, this is also our membership drive and the show has had a big part in growing our club. Thanks again for helping!

(by Jim Mohon)

(answer on page 10)

TEASER from JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

(by Kern Lunde)



This is a silver 1 franga ari coin minted only in 1927 and 1928. It is, in my opinion, easily the most beautiful Albanian coin minted during this time. Evidently many other people think so as well; this coin (either date) rarely appears at auction or in pricelists, and when it does, it typically sells for a large premium over 'catalog' value.

The franga ari is an obsolete unit of currency, equal to 5 lek, used in the Albanian Republic and Albanian Kingdom under Zogu. Coins denominated in franga ari were in use from 1926 until 1939. Between 1926 and 1938, 1, 2, and 5 franga ari coins were issued in silver (.835 fine for the two lower values, .900 fine for the five franga ari coins), while 10, 20, 50, and 100 franga ari pieces were minted in .900 fine gold. Fractional pieces denominated in lek and qindarka were also issued during this period.

Under the direction of Benito Mussolini, Italy invaded and occupied Albania and issued a new series of coins in 1939, and the previous issues above were demonetized on January 1, 1940.

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 – July 1925)

The Fort Vancouver Centennial half dollar, sometimes called the Fort Vancouver half dollar, is a commemorative fifty-cent piece struck by the United States Bureau of the Mint in 1925. The coin was designed by Laura Gardin Fraser. Its obverse depicts John McLoughlin, who was in charge of Fort Vancouver (present-day Vancouver, Washington) from its construction in 1825 until 1846. From there, he effectively ruled the Oregon Country on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company. The reverse shows an armed frontiersman standing in front of the fort.



Only 50,000 of the authorized mintage of 300,000 were coined, plus 28 pieces intended to be sent to Philadelphia to be available for inspection and testing at the 1926 meeting of the annual Assay Commission. The coins were minted no later than August 1 at the San Francisco Mint, although through some production error, the 'S' mint mark was not put on the coins. As a publicity stunt, the entire mintage (less the 28 assay coins) was flown by air to Vancouver, Washington, by United States Army Air Corps Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly on August 1; the shipment, including packaging, weighed 1,462 pounds. On arrival, the coins were received by Herbert Campbell, head of the centennial commission.

The half dollars were intended to help pay for the centennial festivities in Vancouver. These were held from August 17 to 23. The coins were sold at \$1 each. Poor sales caused financial problems and unpaid bills totaled \$6,000, with no money to pay them. A total of 35,034 pieces were sent back to the mint for redemption and melting, leaving only 14,966 pieces outstanding.

The coins quickly commanded a premium after their 1925 issue due to their scarcity. In the current 2026 edition of the Red Book, values range from \$285 in AU-50 up to \$2,500 in MS-66. This coin is considered one of the more desirable coins of the Classic Commemorative series.

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

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).

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.

January 16 – 17: 69th Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303. Hours: Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. Free admission; free parking. For more information,

TEASER for AUGUST 2025 Newsletter



Does anyone recognize this token?

Why was it minted?

Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

One's not a dime, but the other is,
Plus a quarter; did you pass this quiz?



Tyler Coin Club

GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITING

EXHIBITS

Exhibits are Non-Competitive and open to members of the Tyler Coin Club. Non-club members may be invited to place an exhibit by the chairperson.

APPLICATION

Each exhibitor must complete a separate application for each exhibit. Applications may be submitted to the TCC Exhibit Chairperson up to the day of the TCC Coin Show.

Agent or Assistant. If needed, exhibits may be set up or taken down by an agent of the exhibit. The exhibitor **MUST** provide information as to who this agent is via the exhibitor application.

EXHIBIT CASE INFORMATION

Exhibit Case Dimensions. The exhibit case outside measurements are not to exceed 34" by 24". For security reasons, the length of the shortest side of the display must exceed 12". The depth of the case shall not exceed 4". Case thicknesses the dimension of a picture frame are acceptable, but should be inflexible.

Case Placement. All display cases/frames are to lie flat on the tables provided, viewed horizontally (preferred) or vertically. All numismatic materials which are part of the display must be within the case.

Exhibit set-up and removal. All exhibitors are encouraged to have their exhibit in place before the show opens. All exhibits should remain in place as long as possible, but must be removed by the end of the show.

Record Keeping. The exhibit chairperson keeps a copy of the exhibit applications showing the names of the exhibitor and his/her agent, if applicable.

Lock Down. Each exhibitor will be responsible for locking/securing the exhibit case when it is placed in the exhibit area. Exhibits may not be opened after they are locked/secured without the permission and presence of the Exhibit Chairperson.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Judges – The public will judge the exhibits. The most interesting exhibit will be determined by a vote of those who view the exhibits at the show. Voting will begin when the Coin Show opens and will continue until the end of the show.

Awards – Ribbons will be awarded based on number of votes received.

Tyler Coin Club

EXHIBIT APPLICATION

I request to place an exhibit titled _____

_____ at the 2025 Tyler Coin

Club (TCC) Coin Show.

initials

I have read and agree to abide by the exhibit rules of the TCC.

I understand and agree that I will be responsible for securing the exhibit cases I place in the exhibit area.

I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for the exhibit and all items and that I will not hold the TCC responsible for any loss, theft or damage.

(Optional) I appoint the following person as my agent, and he/she may set up or take down my exhibit in my absence:

Agent Name: _____

Signature

Date

Please print all information below

Name: _____ TCC Member # _____

Address: _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ (Cell or Contact number during show)

Email address: _____

Return completed form to:

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