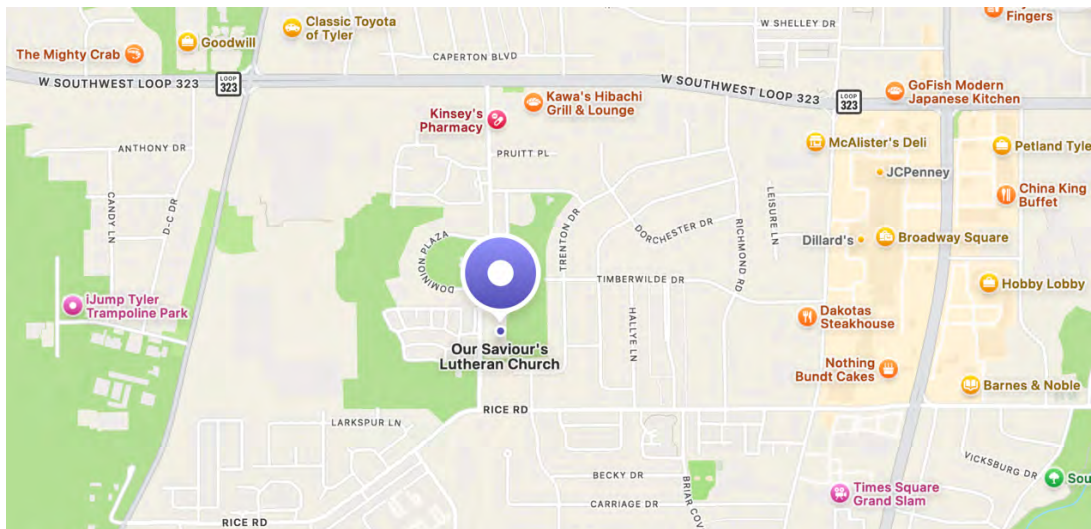


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH – AUGUST 2026



(Please visit us in person, on the web at tylercoinclub.org, or on Facebook: **Tyler Coin Club**)

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,

Well, I hope that everyone is doing well as they find this note.

I am very excited about our upcoming coin show and am so very grateful to all who participate and make our show the great success that it has been in the past and will continue to be in the future. To God be the Glory!!!!

It is great to be a part of numismatics in the East Texas area. Our show is full of vendors, with even more of them on a waiting list, wanting to be a part of the Tyler Coin Show.

We will need all hands on deck and will have one more meeting before the show. Please attend the August meeting prepared to take home some signs and let's make one final push to make sure everything comes off well.

Among the things I am looking for our membership to help out and/or donate: raffle prize (this is our biggest fundraiser for the year), volunteer for set up on Thursday, volunteer to help out at the entrance tables, volunteer for break down on Saturday, and make sure you put up coin show signs on or about Sunday, August 9th (and of course, take them down after the show).

For those of you who purchased Tyler Coin Club shirts, be sure to wear them during the coin show. And for those of you on Facebook, be sure to 'like' and 'share' the ads for the Tyler Coin Show. This is one of the best ways for us to get the word out!

Lastly, the last page of this newsletter has our coin show information. Share this with everyone you can!

I thank each and every member of our club for everything that you do!!!!

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

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB (TNA District 12) MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Richard

Attendance Members: 46 (including 1 new member)

Guests: 1

Discussion of Agenda Items (Kern)

- The prayer was given by Kern L.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean M.
- Treasury report by Royce: Current Balance is \$10,739.44.
- 2027 Redbooks available for \$10 tonight
- Be prepared to sign up to work at the coin show.
- Amy presented birthday certificates and recognized anniversaries.
- Upcoming Shows:
 - August 13 – 15 is the Tyler Coin show
 - August 21 – 23 Texas coin show at the Grapevine Convention Center
- Tyler Coin Show Update: August 14 and 15
 - We have all 130 tables rented (for comparison, 3 years ago we only sold 65 tables)
 - David asked that we pick up signs and put them out one week prior to the show
 - Billboards double in price, so we will focus on Facebook advertising and yard signs
 - We will have food trucks as well as an indoor dining area
 - Volunteers will have badges at the show that are larger than our coin club badges so that they will be easily seen
 - If you volunteer for set up at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 13 to help set up tables, you can take advantage of early bird shopping!
 - See Kern if you are interested in displaying an exhibit this year.
 - We are still short of raffle donations, so please consider donating. Donations can be given to David H.
 - The volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent around during the August meeting.
 - Howard will be taking donations for water and/or soft drinks for the volunteers
- Door prizes went to Wayne M., Dennis S., Dakota C., and Joe B.
- Alan B. gave a presentation on plastics that are safe for archiving our treasures. PVC (poly vinyl chloride) is not good for long term storage. Make sure you look for "archival" protectors for coins and currency.
- Kern presided over the auction: 33 items sold.

TYLER COIN CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026

President – Richard Graham

Vice President – Kern Lunde

Secretary – Amy Norris

Treasurer – Royce Jackson

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

One million coins made was first achieved
By which coin? What year was it conceived?

(answer on page 9)

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT WITH AN EXHIBIT!

(by Kern Lunde)

As you may remember, June's newsletter included an article about putting together a numismatic display. Although formal criteria were included for information, judging for our show's exhibits will be strictly "peoples' choice", that is, which is the favorite based on the total number of votes. However, those criteria, if followed, should still help you put together an attractive and informative display. For those that do not have their own case, Kern L. was able to borrow a small number of display cases from Larry V. Those cases do each include a key, and there will be paid security at our coin show as well. The cases are 24" x 36". If you are interested in borrowing one of the cases, please be sure to contact Kern.

The last two pages of this newsletter include the General Rules for Exhibiting, as well as an Exhibit Application for this year's coin show. I encourage each of you to take a look at your collection and consider something interesting and/or informative about a specific piece or set of pieces. Our educational exhibits are a great way to introduce our show attendees, many of whom may be experiencing a coin show for the first time, to areas of numismatics they may not normally encounter.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2026 TYLER COIN SHOW

As mentioned at the last couple meetings and in Richard's Presidential Notes above, we will need club members to pitch in to help make this year's show another success.

For show set-up on Thursday, August 13th (and take down on Saturday, August 15th), please see Corky or David for details. This help will also include helping dealers which has been something they have appreciated in the past.

For help during the show, please see Kern for details. Kern will have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting, but feel free to let him know by any means if you can help. We will have a Tyler Coin Club table for welcoming attendees and doing 'give aways' for kids, a Registration table, a Raffle/Door Prize table, and a Pre-registration table for those who bring in their postcard invitations. Even if you can only volunteer for a two-hour block, we appreciate it!

TO COIN A PHRASE

(by Mitch Sanders)

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

[Editor's note: Did you ever wonder how the Tyler Coin Club's newsletter got the name 'Your Two Cents Worth'? Read on to find out!]

If you're like me, you sometimes find yourself using a phrase whose meaning is widely known even if its specific reference has become anachronistic. For example, a "broken record" is likely to be recognized as referring to needless repetition, even among those whose musical listening experience has been entirely digital. But I think—I hope—that in our era of increasingly electronic payments, coin-based phrases remain not only relevant but also understandable.

Naturally, many coin-related phrases concern financial matters. A general reluctance to spend is described as penny pinching.

A specific item that's seen as overly expensive is said to cost a pretty penny.

No one wants to be nickel and dimed with an excess of small expenditures. At the same time, one shouldn't lose sight of the larger financial picture by being penny wise and pound foolish. (That phrase initially referred to the British *pound* when it consisted of 240 *pence*, though the sentiment still applies to the post-1971 decimal pound worth 100 pence.)

Benjamin Franklin, who conceived the design for the first U.S. coin, the 1787 Fugio cent, is known for saying a penny saved is a penny earned. However, what he actually said was the less catchy: a penny saved is two pence clear. Will penny-based phrases endure now that U.S. cents are no longer being made for circulation? Only time will tell.

Beyond the world of finance, an outcome that's almost certain might be described as dollars to doughnuts (that is, so certain that even a small gain is worth betting on). It could induce someone to bet their bottom dollar (the last one remaining from a once-large stack). And a choice between two outcomes that are about equally likely would be aptly described as a coin flip.

Especially common items are a dime a dozen.

Two things that are objectionably indistinguishable are described as not having a dime's worth of difference.

Something of questionable value may be derided as two-bit (a "bit" being the slang term for 1/8 of the old Spanish Milled dollar, making two bits equal to 25 cents).

Someone who displays a lack of intelligence might be described with the phrase not the full shilling (the British equivalent of "not playing with a full deck"). And a repeated annoyance is sometimes compared to a bad penny.

In the world of popular culture, numismatic dismissiveness was immortalized in Travis Tritt's 1991 hit single, "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"—this was back when coin-

operated phones were a thing. Billy Ray Cyrus used the same phrase at the 1993 American Music Awards in his defiant rebuttal of Tritt's criticism. (The two have since reconciled.)

A delayed awareness or realization is a situation where the penny dropped (as it would, after a delay, in a vending machine).

To alert the authorities is to drop a dime on someone (another phrase from the time of pay phones).

To change suddenly is to turn on a dime, and to stop suddenly is to stop on a dime. (Dimes, with their small size, are appropriate metaphors for small intervals.)

One might be resigned to the monotony of another day, another dollar. However, that's better than being a day late and a dollar short.

Communication can be facilitated by offering a pensive person a penny for their thoughts (originally a 16th-century penny, when that denomination represented substantial value), or when a person modestly describes an opinion as giving their **two cents** (a saying that, perhaps, originates in two-cent postage).

Someone recognizing how small actions lead to larger commitments may describe themselves as being in for a penny, in for a pound. And when two seemingly different phenomena are connected in a way that may not be immediately obvious, they're described as two sides of the same coin.

Coins are so prevalent in society, it's no wonder that they have been used so many times and in so many ways to coin a phrase.

If it's a penny for your
thoughts and you put in
your two cents worth, then
someone, somewhere is
making a penny.

Steven Wright

ATTENDING YOUR FIRST COIN SHOW

(by Eric Brothers)

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

[Editor's note: Although most of us have attended coin shows before, including our own, the etiquette here is a good reminder for all of us, especially since we expect this year's show to be busy. It also serves as a reminder that many of the attendees this year may be attending a coin show for the first time, so being aware of the advice below may enable us to properly inform someone if they seem overwhelmed!]

The best way to become a successful numismatist, as well as familiarize yourself with the culture surrounding the hobby, is to attend coin shows on a regular basis. This also is one of the best ways to purchase coins, tokens, medals, and paper money. Some people prefer the anonymity of the internet, but the prices can be higher there. Overall, you can't beat the fun and camaraderie of being part of a hobby community.

Go to a local coin show first

Don't take your first dip in numismatic waters at a major or national coin show, where you are bound to feel overwhelmed. Many coin clubs around the country sponsor monthly coin shows. Join a local club and begin attending meetings before you go to a show. The club will provide a good introduction to numismatics. Plus, when you do attend your first show, you will be reassured by an air of familiarity, since you will see club members there in the roles of dealers or customers. Walk around to become familiar with the layout and the people. Take your time before stopping at a table.

Talk to club members before and during the show

Ask fellow collectors to recommend dealers at the show, especially if you are new to the hobby and unsure about which specialties you should pursue. There are so many numismatic interests and fields—the possibilities are virtually endless.

Be friendly and polite

Make your experience at your first coin show a positive one by being friendly and respectful. When you are ready to look at specific coins, walk up to a dealer to shake hands and introduce yourself. Politely ask to view any coins in his or her display case. You want to make a good first impression, which includes eye contact and a kind word. Such courtesy is appreciated by all.

Don't be afraid to ask questions

Attending a coin show is an important part of your numismatic education, so don't hesitate to ask questions. "What do you sell?" "Do you have a specialty?" "Which of your items are most popular?" The majority of dealers are happy to answer such questions, because an inquisitive collector could very well become a paying customer. If you have an interest in a particular series or genre, ask what he or she knows about them.

Visit as many tables as possible

This is what a coin show is for: getting to know coins and the people who collect, buy, sell and trade them. It's all about the relationships you build on the bourse floor. ("Bourse" is a French word meaning "a place where numismatic items are offered for sale.")

Bring a loupe or magnifying glass with you

A numismatist's most important tool is a loupe or magnifying glass. Without one, you cannot closely examine a coin's surface and see all its details. Even if you are new to numismatics, you should spend time using a loupe and studying a wide variety of coins. This will help you advance as a numismatist.

Etiquette is important

The ANA [American Numismatic Association] offers the following tips for a positive bourse experience:

- Don't interrupt a dealer and customer who are talking or in the middle of a transaction.
- Do return to the dealer's table when he or she has concluded the transaction.
- Don't block customers' access to a dealer's table.
- Do spend some time learning before you buy.
- Don't search a dealer's entire inventory for the best pieces and then expect him to sell you coins at wholesale prices.
- Do allow the dealer to make a reasonable profit.
- Don't try to negotiate when a dealer's price is fair. Ask for a discount only if you truly believe a piece is overpriced.
- Do ask permission to show a coin to another collector or dealer for a second opinion.
- Don't buy a coin on the first day of the show and then try to return it on the last day because you found something else.

Dealers usually bring their best specimens to coin shows, where they will get the greatest exposure. Not surprisingly, they worry about the safety of their inventory. Your job, in part, as a coin show customer, is to make the dealer feel comfortable with you.

To that end, keep bags, briefcases, purses, backpacks, and other containers away from the table. When standing and looking through a dealer's boxes or trays of coins, keep any bags on your back, over your shoulder, or on your arm. In this way, your hands are free to view coins. When sitting down at a dealer's table, never put a bag or purse in your lap or on the floor between your legs. You don't want the dealer to suspect you of shoplifting. (The "peek and drop" method is among the most common ways dealers lose coins at shows.) Put yourself in the dealer's shoes and do not behave in a way that will draw suspicion.

Be tidy

As you examine a dealer's inventory, be aware of where you selected a specific coin so you can return it to the same box, book, or tray. If you plan on buying, ask the dealer for a box in which to put your pieces, so you can keep them together for final review. Buy the items you want and give the rest to the dealer to return to their rightful places.

Put in the effort

If you wander around a show without talking to anyone, you won't learn anything. Your job is to ask questions—*lots* of questions. Don't be afraid to take notes. This is the way to gain knowledge, which will help you appreciate and understand the exciting and rewarding field of numismatics!

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

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. Free parking, free admission, food trucks on site, 130 tables. 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.

December 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, email texascoinshows@aol.com.

January 15 – 16: 70th Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303. Hours: Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. Free admission; free parking, over 125 bourse tables. For more information, contact Jack Domurat, email jackurat@sbcglobal.net, phone 832-610-5313, or visit www.HoustonCoinShow.org.

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:

(from page 4)

The Draped Bust Large Cent started the spate
Of one “mills” in 1798.



“JULY 4th” PRIVY MARK DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE QUARTERS

One of the more recent exciting bits of coin news was the U.S. Mint’s announcement on June 23rd that 250,000 Declaration of Independence quarters would be randomly placed in rolls to be distributed to banks and financial institutions across the country. The special “JULY 4th” privy mark is located on the obverse field to the left of Thomas Jefferson’s bust. Also of note is the lack of a mintmark on these coins (normally located on the obverse field to the right of Thomas Jefferson’s bust). Initially, ungraded raw examples of these coins were selling for over \$500 on eBay, but as of the last week of July, the prices appear to have settled in the \$150 to \$175 range. Have you been lucky enough to find one of these on your own?



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 2026 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:

Kern Lunde
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Tyler, TX 77503
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tylercoinclub.vp@icloud.com

TYLER COIN SHOW

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