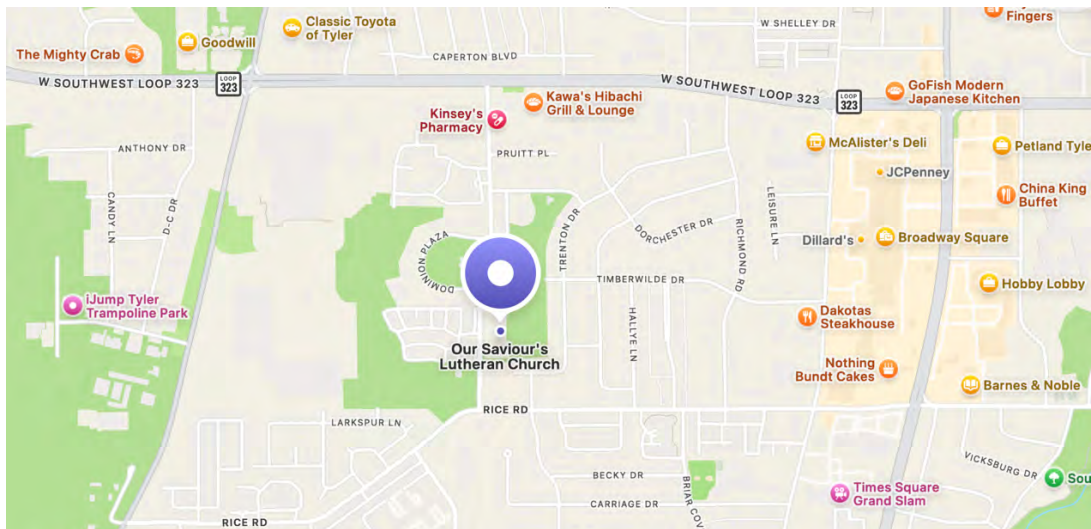


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH – SEPTEMBER 2026



(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 everyone, I hope this presidential note finds you well and enjoying coins in some form or fashion.

Once again, the Tyler Coin Club has hit a GRAND SLAM with an extremely successful coin show. I am amazed that, we as a coin club, are setting the pace and benchmark for other coin clubs and coin shows all over Texas. What an amazing honor it is to be a part of something so wonderful!!!!!!

There are so many positive things to say about our club and the success of this last show, I have decided to let the people who were in charge of different parts of the show to tell about their blessings and experiences from things that happened. We will do this at our next meeting.

I speak for all of our officers when I say that we are extremely grateful and appreciative of how well our members work together and enjoy this hobby. My understanding is that almost 60 club members helped out the show in some fashion, whether setting up the venue, volunteering at the entrance, selling coffee, soda, and donuts, helping dealers load and unload, or simply donating to the raffle prize. Our previous high was 42, so this shows a fantastic increase in engagement from our club. And that doesn't even count those who simply showed up to buy coins from one or more of the dealers.

Tyler Coin Club, I promise you are second to none!!!!!!

I would like to briefly mention that we are getting geared up to start our "coins for A's" coin drive, so please be thinking about some coins that you have that could be donated to children who participate in that program. Two years ago the Tyler Coin Club made a significant contribution and made a great impact on a program that had been struggling for support. We also followed up and boosted the program again last year.

May God Bless You and keep you until we meet again!!!!

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB (TNA District 12) MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 11, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Richard

Attendance Members: 56 (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 Keith P.
- Treasury report by Amy: Current Balance is \$7,465.67. This is a healthy balance and all bills are paid, including the deposit for the 2027 Tyler Coin Show. In addition, we expect to collect money due from the 2026 Coin Show vendors.
- Amy presented birthday certificates and recognized anniversaries.
- Upcoming coin shows:
 - August 13 – 15 is the Tyler Coin show
 - Grapevine, TX: August 21 – 23
 - Orange, TX: August 28 – 29
 - Duncan, OK: September 11 – 12
 - Fort Worth, TX: September 18 – 19
- Tyler Coin Show Update: August 14 and 15
 - David H. started by recognizing Howard W., Dwight, Carl S. and Stephen G., who have been part of the Tyler Coin Show from the start.
 - Four years ago, we sold 62 tables and had 700 visitors. This year, we sold 132 tables and expect to have approximately 2,000 visitors.
 - Carl S. has been working hard on Facebook and 183,000 people have seen our ads and 7,000 people have visited the Tyler Coin Club website
 - Table set up will begin at 8:00 am on Thursday, August 13.
 - Volunteers need to arrive by 8:30 if you are staffing the start of the show.
 - There are currently six exhibits. If you are interested in putting up an exhibit, let Kern L. know.
- Door prizes went to Jack C., Wayne M., Dakota C., and Gunnar C.
- Alan B. showed stamps celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and he is selling them for \$1 each.
- Kern presided over the auction: 35 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)

In 1933, gold standards ceased;
What two things caused gold from us to be fleeced?

(answer on page 10)

2026 TYLER COIN SHOW – IF YOU MISSED IT, YOU MISSED OUT!

(by Kern Lunde)

Hopefully each of you found some time in your schedules to come to our recent coin show on August 14th and 15th. Although slightly less attended than last year (1,688 over the two-day show), every other indicator confirmed this as our best show yet! Some of the other major indicators of the success of our show: 35 new members signed up to join the club, 132 tables sold to 80 dealers, 59 club members involved in at least one aspect of putting on the show (setting up the venue, volunteering at the entrance, selling coffee, soda, and donuts, helping dealers load and unload, or simply donating to the raffle prize), six educational exhibits displayed, and the Holiday Inn sold out its entire block of rooms set aside for our show. I'm sure there may be other key figures, but as a club, we definitely put on a great show!



We continue to get great reviews from dealers, whether it's gratefulness for your assistance in getting their materials from their vehicles to their tables, or simply the amount of foot traffic at the show resulting in great buying and selling opportunities. One dealer ended up leaving early, not because of any negative issue, but he simply ran out of cash and checks with which to purchase more items! One dealer sold almost everything he brought with him! Your help with future shows will be the hallmark of even greater success in future years!

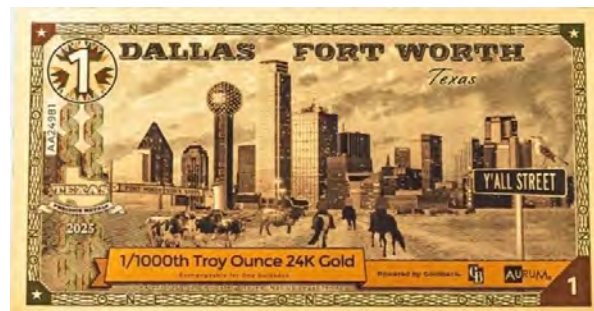
If you didn't get a chance to view or vote for your favorite exhibit, be sure to make it a point to do so next year. This year's first AND second place exhibits were both put together by our own Royce J. (Security Codes on Foreign Currency, and Texas History in Numismatics). Third place was Randall W.'s exhibit of The Many Faces of JFK. Other exhibits included Hobo Nickels (William R.), Currencies of the Republics of the Former Soviet Union (Amy N.), and The

Inaugural Coinage of Panama – 1904 (Kern L.). Consider putting together an exhibit for next year's show; I found that the process inevitably results in finding even more information about the coins in one's collection.



For those that didn't know, Molly Brunner (widow of past Tyler Coin Club president Lane Brunner) set up a table with much of Lane's numismatic library. There was a huge selection of quality books and I found several titles regarding ancient coins, and I have already begun reading them. If she is at next year's show, I really encourage you to see what's available.

The raffle generated \$3,034 and was won by Pat Bird, a member of the Shreveport Coin Club, from Shreveport, LA. Our concession stand generated \$379. Once again, thank you to everyone that donated to the raffle, as it is the largest single revenue generator for the club. This allows the remaining proceeds from the coin show to go into making next year's show even better. So go ahead and put August 20 – 21, 2027 on your calendars now!



Pay attention to this; you might start seeing this at future club meetings!

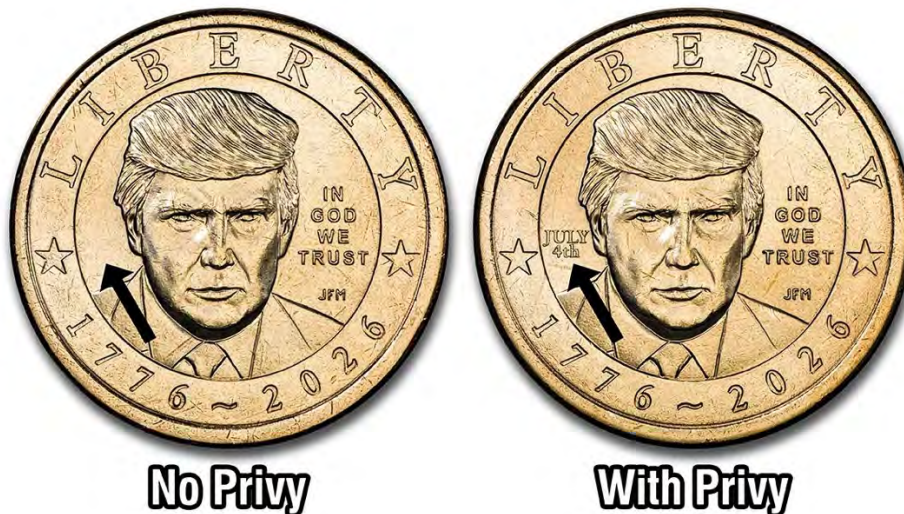
MORE PRIVY MARK COINS DISCOVERED

In case you didn't already have enough numismatic items to collect to celebrate our nation's semiquincentennial, two more privy marks have been discovered (in addition to the 'July 4th' privy mark on the Declaration of Independence quarter included in August's newsletter): a '9/11' privy mark (includes the date 9/11/01 encircled by the phrase ALWAYS REMEMBER) on 2,983 Enduring Liberty half dollars (one to honor each of the 2,983 victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, and a 'July 4th' privy mark on 250,000 Trump \$1 coins.



Heritage Auctions senior numismatist Rene Alvarenga has discovered a 2026 President Donald J. Trump \$1 coin with a "July 4" privy mark. He found the piece inside an Advanced Delivery roll of the new issues before the U.S. Mint announced the release of the specially marked coins. Heritage Auctions will donate the discovery piece to the ANA.

The U.S. Mint will release a limited number of the privy-marked coins alongside the standard, unmarked issues on September 2. The mint announced on August 27th that 250,000 2026 Trump \$1 coins were struck with the special "July 4" privy mark in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. The Trump dollars, like the 250,000 "July 4" privy-marked 2026 Declaration of Independence quarters, were struck at the Philadelphia Mint on Independence Day.



FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

October 24: Port Arthur Coin Show, USW Union Hall, 1609 Port Neches Ave., Port Neches, TX 77651. Hours: Saturday 9am – 5pm. Free parking; adult admission \$2; free children's auction at 3 pm. For more information, contact Gary Foreman, P.O. Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626, phone 409-697-0454, email gwforeman66@gmail.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.

November 20 – 21: Austin Airport Coin and Currency Show, Hilton Garden Inn – Austin Airport, 7610 John Glenn Way, Austin, TX 78741. Hours: Friday 12pm – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 4pm. Adult admission \$5, kids 17 and under free. Early bird on Friday 9am – 12pm for \$40. For more information, contact Jim Fitzgerald, jfitzshows@gmail.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!

THE RISE & FALL OF TRIMES

(by Lucas Lee)

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

The silver 3-cent piece, commonly known as the trime, was a short series minted between 1851 and 1873. The trime, which is sometimes confused with the nickel 3-cent piece, was designed by James B. Longacre and got its nickname from the director of the United States Mint, James Ross Snowden. The trime's diameter is 14mm, making it the smallest coin ever minted in the United States. (For comparison, the diameter of today's dime, the smallest circulating coin, is around 18mm.)

In 1850 an influx of gold came from California, and silver prices increased, making silver coins too expensive to produce. At the same time, people were hoarding and melting silver and gold coins. With a coin shortage on the horizon, the mint needed to create a cheap issue to fill the gap. The trime was created with .750-fine instead of .900-fine silver. Because of the coin's size, it contained less than 3 cents of silver, making it pointless to hoard or melt. The trime was very popular when it was first released. Postage stamps at the time cost 3 cents, and it was easier to pay for postage with a trime instead of lugging around large cents.

Variety 1

The trime was made in three varieties. Variety 1, struck from 1851 to 1853, was popular and circulated widely. This design can be distinguished from the later two designs by the obverse star, which has no outline. Variety 1 is also the only coin of this series with a mintmark: the 1851-O (denoting the now-defunct New Orleans Mint). The mintmark appears on the reverse to the right of the "C" ornament.



Variety 2

The mint introduced Variety 2 in 1854, and it was made through 1858. A border was added around the star, and an olive branch and a bundle of arrows were also placed on the reverse on the top and bottom of the Roman numeral III. These new additions led to poorly struck coins. Nicely struck Variety 2 coins are rare in mint-state condition. The trime eventually lost favor with the public, and Variety 2 and 3 mintages are lower than Variety 1.



Variety 3

The mint again modified the trime in 1859. Minor design changes appear on the obverse, where one of the borders around the star was removed. In an attempt to stop coin hoarding, Congress decreased the weight of all silver coins, except for the dollar coin, in February and March 1853. The trime's weight decreased, but its purity was increased to .900-fine silver. Demand—and the trime's popularity—kept dropping. By 1862, the mint made very few trimes for circulation. Under the Coinage Act of 1873, the coining facility discontinued the denomination. Only proofs were struck later that year.



A Rare Commodity

Collectors should have no trouble finding circulated and mint-state examples of Variety 1 trimes. The only rare Variety 1 coin is the 1851-O. The 1851 issue from New Orleans is rare in high mint-state grades and can be worth around \$2,000 today. Variety 2 trimes are harder to find in better conditions and are considered rarities in high Mint State because of the variety's weak strike. Variety 3 trimes are common in higher mint-state conditions. But because of low mintages, all high mint-state coins struck after 1865 are scarce and valuable. Proof mintages are

often low and sometimes unknown, making it challenging to find proof-graded trimes with cameo surfaces.

Grading

Knowing the grading standards for a series like the trime is important. If you think a rare trime has a good grade, submit it for grading. A rare trime in good condition can be worth a lot more if it is slabbed by a reputable service like Numismatic Guaranty Company or Professional Coin Grading Service. Knowing basic grading can also help you determine your coin's rarity.

Here are the grading standards for Extremely Fine to Mint State trimes: Extremely Fine examples have obvious wear on the star arms and frame and little to no luster. Wear is also noticeable on the "C" ornament, but the shapes are still visible in the "C." The arrows and olive branches are worn but have some detail. About Uncirculated pieces are lightly worn on the star arms, the border, and/or the shield in the middle of the star. The reverse has good detail on the "C" ornament and the Roman numeral III. Light wear appears on the arrows and olive branch. Lower-grade About Uncirculated trimes have little to no luster, and high-grade About Uncirculated trimes have most or all the original luster. Mint State trimes have little to no wear but may have minor contact marks in lower mint-state grades. All the luster is present, and the coin should have great eye appeal to be graded Mint State.

The short-lived trime filled a need for small change in the mid-1800s. They are often overlooked by collectors today, but can be easily acquired and remain relatively inexpensive.

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

(from page 4)

The Banking Crisis of 1933
And the Great Depression made us gold-free.

