YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH OCTOBER 2023



(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.





NUMISMATIC NOTES

Thoughts from Our President Richard G.

Hello Fellow Club Members

I hope this presidential note finds everyone well and enjoying our hobby. I am speaking to you on a bright Friday morning from Vicksburg Mississippi, where me and my wife will be setting up for a coin show later today.

I am hoping to find some civil war coins and tokens -a "new territory" for me. Always learning, always discovering new things to collect, and enjoying the intriguing history of our country. In my opinion, we have chosen a great great hobby.

As I write this note, I have a very thankful heart to be part of a group of officers and club members who also have a passion and love for coins and the hobby. I am thankful for this and all you do for our club.

One of our members, Mr. David Holcomb, is opening a coin shop in Nacogdoches. This is extremely exciting and I am wishing him all the best and asking our club to support him in his efforts.



As the weather is finally cooling down, let's keep numismatics hot. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on October 10th.

Until then, may God bless you and keep you,

Richard

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Please submit newsletter contributions to <u>larry_vann@hotmail.com</u>

Tyler Coin Club TNA District 12 Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Richard Graham with Pledge to the Flag

Attendance Members: 38 New Members: 6 Guests: 1 Total: 45

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in prayer by Allen.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of September.
- Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report including finances related to the August coin show.
- David discussed results from the August coin show including attendance (1323), success of the raffle, advertising, and dealer feedback.
- David also discussed details related to the 2024 coin show and the new venue; W.T. Brookshire Conference Center. A general discussion with members followed.
- Larry discussed results of the education exhibits at the August coin show.
- Larry gave a presentation on Mexico Dollars including emergency Dollars made out of copper; circa 1813.
- David gave a presentation on the new CAC holders comparing to current PCGS and NGC holders.
- The next regular club meeting is October 10, 2023 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

• 38 auction items sold

Door Prize Winners

• Gunnar, Jim, Kern, William

QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH

(by Brad Mills)

Selectivity and diversification will place the smaller collector in as strong a position as the wealthy collector enjoys, while his percentage of enhancement may be even better. (*Editor's note: I take this to mean that we don't have to have a lot of money to enjoy ourselves in our hobby – which is true).*

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

By Stephen Gipson

October 6-7 Houston Autumn Coin Show, West Oaks Fellowship Event Center, 14440 Richmond Avenue, Houston, Tx., Friday: 11-6, Saturday: 9-5

October 20-21 Norman Ok. Coin Show, Cleveland Co. Fair Grounds, 615 E Robinson St., Norman, Ok. Friday:10-4. Sat.: 9-4

October 28 Collin County Coin Show, Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway South, Allen, Tx \$2.00 Admission Fee, Saturday 9am – 4pm

November 11 Paris Coin Show, Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Ave, 3535 Lamar Ave, Paris, Texas, Saturday 9am – 4pm

POETIC RIDDLE

(by Jim Mohon)

When and where did the mintmark "P" first join

Other mints as a letter on a coin?

Answer at end of Newsletter

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A FAVORITE GAME

(by Larry Vann)

One of my favorite little pastime games is to research a particular year (time) and location based on a coin in my collection - just to see what was going on at the time (and place) where the coin is from. Well, it isn't anything new. Lots of people do it. As a matter of fact, here is an example that was published in relation to this activity. Enjoy!



NELLIE CASHMAN

Nellie Cashman (c. 1849– 1925) was renowned in the American West as one of the few female entrepreneurs. A devout Catholic, she earned the nickname "The Angel of Tombstone" for her good deeds and campaigns against violence.

Cashman was born about 1849 in Ireland, but her family soon emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts. According to legend, as a

young woman she met General Ulysses S. Grant while working in a hotel in Boston. Encouraged by Grant to move to the American West, she opened a boardinghouse in Panaca Flat, Nevada in 1872 to cater to silver miners in the region.

She often fed and housed miners even when they had no money.

Realizing the potential for business in Western mining regions, Cashman followed miners and prospectors as they relocated to boomtowns in search of riches. She moved to

British Columbia, Canada, where she opened a boardinghouse for gold-rush



Legends of the West Issued October 18, 1994 The design was based on a portrait of Nellie Cashman.

miners, and later to Arizona for the silver rush of the late 1870's. After opening a restaurant in Tucson, she moved to the silver-mining town of Tombstone, where she ran various businesses.

In Tombstone, Cashman raised her sister's five children, collected money to build a church and fund a hospital, and successfully campaigned against public

hangings. After leaving Tombstone in 1886, she traveled to other mining towns and camps across the American West. In addition to setting up new businesses, she also tried her hand at prospecting.



Nellie Cashman died in Victoria on January 4, 1925 at the age of about 75.

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TEXAS DISPLAY EXHIBIT/DISPLAY

(an update by Larry Vann)

I'm still working on improving my Texas Republic exhibit/display – which is turning out to be a long term project (which, as I'm starting to discover, is good).

The most recent update for my display was to obtain real Texas paper money to replace the copied paper money piece I was using. I obtained a Republic of Texas \$10 bill.



In researching the piece I looked to Richard Laster as a resource for what it's value would have been during the time period I am interested in (around 1845). Here is his response:

"Technically by the end of the era Texas paper was worth a few cents on the dollar. If memory serves me we're talking buying power of less than a dime per dollar. HOWEVER ... since there was nothing else except bad paper for bad paper or barter which only went so far ... paper money continued at a higher rate for services and goods building up debt in the process. For the most part out of faith in the young nation's future. Took the U.S. coming in and acquiring our debt that Texas, by then Texas as U.S. state, was able to dig out of the quagmire of fiscal challenge. Which was not completely settled with U.S. payment on the Texas debt when the Civil War broke out. An interesting study is on the Consolidated Debt of Texas and related Certificates."

Thank you Richard Laster! I obtained back-up information that it took about 15 Texas Republic dollars to equate to a U.S. dollar in 1845. Also, the Texas debt/fiscal challenge was somewhat addressed after 1845 by the selling of all of the republic's land, outside the current bounds of the state of Texas, to the U.S. government.



Early Map Showing the Texas Republic (and state) Boundaries

As a point of interest, these old Texas Republic dollar bills are worth many times their printed face value today – by collectors. This Republic of Texas \$10 note cost me \$279 in today's U.S. currency.



Early Texas Republic Cartoon

Jim Mohon's Riddle Answer: 1942 Silver Nickel