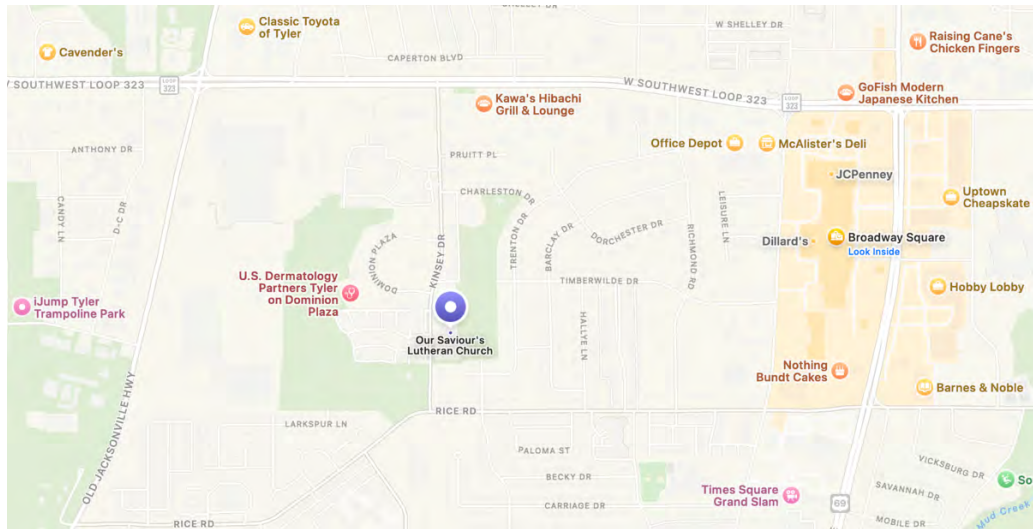


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - OCTOBER 2025



(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 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 fellow Coin Club Members.

What a great turnout we had with our last meeting. I really appreciate the faithfulness of our club members; it is very much an honor to be a part of such a great organization.

What a great time it is to be collecting coins and precious metals. It looks like things are just going to keep going up!!!!

I am starting to believe that coins and precious metals are like good real estate, It seems like it always goes up over time.

This may just be my opinion, but I would encourage everyone to increase their collection, and get more involved in our hobby.

I am overwhelmed by all of the comments that I am hearing from other dealers about our Coin Show from last month. I am hearing that dealers would rather come to Tyler than to big shows in other states.

One dealer said that if he had to decide between going to the TNA show or the Tyler show, he would choose Tyler without reservation.

Next month is our nominations for officers. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please let us know, or if you would like to put your own name in the hat, please do so.

May God Bless You and Keep You until we meet again.

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB

TNA District 12

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2025

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

Attendance Members: 70 New Members: 4 Guests: 3 Total: 77

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Richard G.
- The club was lead in prayer by Corky.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September.
- David thanked everyone who contributed to the 2025 Tyler Coin Show. Feedback from dealers was very positive including venue, attendance, club volunteers, and food service just to name a few. David expressed his sincere appreciation to all the volunteers working the show and all those working behind the scenes leading up to the show. Attendance for the two-day event was 1,927.
- Richard announced that our 2-day attendance totals made the Tyler Coin Show #1 in Texas for a 2-day show.
- Royce presented the Treasurer's report. He announced that we had 29 new members sign up during the Coin Show. Royce went over the totals for the Coin Show which had been published in the Newsletter.
- Royce thanked the entire Coin Club for working, contributing and just attending
- Richard announced the winners of the 2025 Tyler Coin Show Education Exhibits: Carl, Larry, and Randy
- The 2025 Coin Show Raffle (\$2,900 in tickets were sold) was a coin club member – Carl
- Chuck Cox brought a large supply of cookies, brownies, and soft drinks for the meeting.
- A donation basket was noted for our room at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.
- Kern introduced Eric Wohlbrook from Hope and Solutions Ministries. Eric presented his work for the poor and homeless in Tyler. His ministry is in review to be our replacement for the Salvation Army Angel Tree at Christmas.
- Larry gave a presentation on unusual uses of coinage – police badge, bullet and a larger inflation coin.
- Amy showed an 1873 gold dollar that has been donated to the coin club. It will be auctioned off next meeting with the proceeds going to the club. [details on page x].
- Kern conducted the auction after a period of viewing lots.
- The next regular club meeting will be on October 14 at 4900 Kinsey Dr., Our Saviour Lutheran Church.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 54 auction items sold (\$1,836.00)

Door Prize Winners

- Allen, Chuck, John P. & Jeff H.

SPECIAL AUCTION ITEM FOR OCTOBER 2025

Our next month's club auction will feature a coin donated to the club and the winning bid amount will go to the club treasury. It is an 1873 Open "3" variety one dollar gold coin, certified as AU-58 by NGC. This is a Type III (Indian Princess Head, Large Head) one dollar gold coin, minted from 1856 to 1889. It contains .04837 ounce of gold.



One dollar gold coins tend to command a slightly higher premium over their gold value. However, as this is not one of the rarer dates, this is a great opportunity for a type coin collector to obtain one of these for their collection. High circulated AU grades such as this one are a great way to collect since any wear is practically negligible and makes such coins more affordable as compared to Mint State grades.

This coin has a mintage of 123,300 and has an NGC value of \$425. Come prepared to bid on this nice coin and benefit our club at the same time!

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

Which commemorative, in years,
In the longest series appears?

(answer on page 10)

THE COINAGE OF HAWAII – 1847-1883

(by Kern Lunde)

Most of you have properly seen or at least heard about the coinage of Hawaii. Have you ever wondered how that coinage came about?

The adoption of a western style economy in the 1820's created a demand for coins. Coins of several countries were initially used, but the supply was unreliable. Eventually, King Kamehameha III (1825-54) included a provision for a Hawaiian monetary system in his new legal code of 1846. The system was to consist of 1 dala (dollar) consisting of 100 keneta (cents). Silver coinage required two-thirds approval of the Privy Council. To address the more urgent demand for keneta coins, he ordered 100,000 coins to be minted. These coins were actually minted in 1846, but they were dated 1847 based on the anticipated delivery date of the coins. Overall, these coins were rejected by the populace due to complaints of quality and an ugly portrait. You be the judge of the picture below:



Obverse lettering: “KAMEHAMEHA III, KA MOI” means “Kamehameha III, The King”

Reverse lettering: “AUPUNI HAWAII” means “Kingdom of Hawaii”
“HAPA HANERI” means “Money of 100” (1 cent or keneta)

Later, wanting to avoid the issues above, King Kalakaua (1874-91) interviewed officials of several mints. Claus Spreckels, a sugar magnate, convinced him to use the United States Mint. As a result, King Kalakaua ordered one million ‘dala’ distributed as such:

- Akahi dala (1 dollar) [500,000]
- Hapalua (1/2 dollar) [700,000]
- Hapaha (1/4 dollar) [500,000]
- Hapawalu (1/8 dollar) – proofs only; not made for general production in favor of:
- Umi keneta (1 dime) – enabled the use of already established silver planchets of U.S. coinage [250,000]

Master hubs and dies were prepared by the U.S. Mint's Chief Engraver, Charles Barber. These coins were struck at the San Francisco Mint. All are dated 1883.

Initially, these coins met a hostile reception by the Honolulu business community. However, after agreeing to use half of the coinage to back paper currency, they were more eagerly accepted. These coins remained in wide use until after the annexation of Hawaii by the United States in 1898.

Hawaiian coins were officially withdrawn from circulation in 1903; approximately \$814,000 were melted. As a result, the net mintages were much lower:

- Akahi dala (1 dollar) - 46,374
- Hapalua (1/2 dollar) – 87,781
- Hapaha (1/4 dollar) – 243,626 (several uncirculated rolls turned up after World War II)
- Umi keneta (1 dime) – 249,947

The picture below shows the one dala coin. The other silver coins have similar designs. What do you think of these?



The reverse motto "UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO" means "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."

As you can probably tell from the net mintages above, the 1883 hapaha (1/4 dollar) coins are the most common. Professionally graded uncirculated examples can be regularly found for under \$500. The akahi dala (1 dollar) coin is harder to find, but not impossible. Of course, uncertified examples are less costly, but since these are commonly counterfeited, you should exercise extra caution when purchasing such coins.

Whether a single example (most commonly the ¼ dollar coin) or one of each denomination, these can make a nice addition to any collection.

TEASER from SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

(by Kern Lunde)



These coins have DANMARK (Denmark) on them, but they did not circulate there.

The Faeroe Islands (a self-governing community within the Kingdom of Denmark) were occupied by British troops during World War II after the German occupation of Denmark. The Faeroe Islands coinage was struck in London during World War II. This is why they don't have the characteristic mint mark (♥) of the Royal Mint of Denmark. Other than that, these coins look just like the regular issue coinage of Denmark up through 1940.

Before and after World War II, Danish coins and currency circulated in the Faeroe Islands. Although Faeroe Islands has its own currency, its value equal to Danish currency.

Danish coins dated 1941 and beyond have a different design, making it easy to distinguish 1941 dated coins, as to whether they were minted for use in Denmark or in the Faeroe Islands. As a collector, this can be very valuable if you are searching through Danish coins: those dated 1940 and earlier (with few exceptions) have circulated values less than a dollar, whereas 1941 (Faeroe Islands coins) command values of tens of dollars, even in circulated grades. Happy hunting!

HISTORY CORNER

(One Hundred Years Ago – October 1925)

In 1925, Switzerland minted a 100-franc gold coin. This followed earlier mintages of 10- and 20-franc gold coins in previous years. This was the only year these coins were made. Only 5,000 were minted, and of these, 1,200 were subsequently melted, leaving a mere 3,800 coins. This coin contains almost a full ounce of .900 fine gold (0.9334 oz gold). Based on the gold content and the low mintage, purchasing one of these will set you back several thousand dollars!



Swiss gold coins were never officially demonetized, but in 1936, the franc was devalued against gold, so their bullion value became higher than their legal value. In 1944, they became subject to turnover tax, which was a de facto demonetization.

In 1895, the Federal Council decided that the coin should be made with a novel design. From a total of 21 suggestions, a depiction of Helvetia by Neuchâtel artist Fritz Ulysse Landry (1842–1927) won second place. His Helvetia figure was criticized as too young and romantic, and the alpine panorama as too intrusive.

Landry revisited his design and the revised design was chosen for the coin. It shows a female head with tresses in profile, with a garland of edelweiss and an alpine panorama. A trial run of only 12 pieces shows the head with an additional forelock which was removed as "too frivolous". The final design was still criticized as still too frivolous for a national representation, but at the same time it was widely popular and given the endearing nickname of *Vreneli*. A variant of Verena, Vreneli is a girl's name of Swiss origin.

If you really like this design, but don't have deep pockets, the 10- and 20-franc coins (.0933 and .1867 ounce gold weight) are much more readily available.

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

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, email texascoinshows@aol.com.

November 8: Paris Coin Show, Lamar 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, phone 903-669-7942.

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, 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, contact Jack Domurat, email jackurat@sbcglobal.net, phone 832-610-5313, or visit www.HoustonCoinShow.org.

April 24 – 25: The 3rd Annual Longview Coin Show, Holiday Inn North, 300 Tuttle Circle, Longview, TX 75605. Hours: Friday 12pm – 5 pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. For more information, please email info@longviewcoinclub.com.

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 tylercoinclub-vp@outlook.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 possibly write the article myself. I much prefer to include content that our membership wants to read. Thank you!

TEASER for NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter



What is this?

How does it fit into American numismatic history?

Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

The Oregon Trail half blazed the way
For an impressive fourteen-year stay.

(for those who are counting, this coin was first issued in 1926 and last minted in 1939!)



Oregon Trail Memorial (1926–1939)