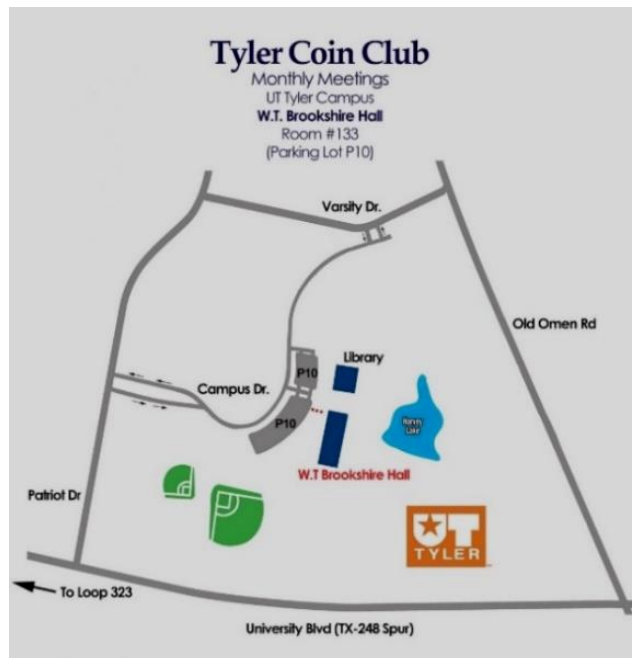


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH NOVEMBER 2023



(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.

Greetings Tyler Coin Club

Well fellow numismatist, this 2023 year is quickly winding down. As I write this, October is on its very last days. Even though there's not much left of this year, it is packed with activities for our club.

I would like to remind everyone about the Angel tree auction that we will be conducting with our regular auction at our next meeting on November the 14th. Please bring some sellable items for donations. Our club for many years has blessed the Angel tree project through our donations. Countless children have received things for Christmas that otherwise might not have received anything without this charity. If there is a different charity or organization that you would prefer our club be involved in, please just let me know and I will bring your suggestion up to the club for a vote.

This next meeting is the meeting where we will have officer nominations for next year's officers. If you would like to be an officer or nominate an officer please just let us know in the November meeting and we will have an election in the December meeting.

I can hardly write this presidential note without giving credit to our present officers. I am amazed and feel blessed to work with the quality of men that are now serving as your officers.

And last, looking forward, our Christmas party is on December 12th and will be catered by Fresh. Please mark your calendar and start making arrangements to attend by informing Royce so he can get a head count.

I would like to thank everyone for all that you do for our club, if you have done anything for the Tyler coin club this year, then you are one of the many reasons our club is so great. I hope that others will be inspired to do things for our club as well, because of the goodness they have seen in you.

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

Richard

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Please send in a short write-up for inclusion in the newsletter. I'm sure everyone would enjoy hearing what you are up to. My email address is:

larry_vann@hotmail.com

Tyler Coin Club TNA District 12 Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2023

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

New

Attendance Members: 43 Members: 1 Guests: 5 Total: 49

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in prayer by Richard.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of October.
- Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report.
- Nominations for the 2024 club officers will be opened at the November meeting. Elections are scheduled for the December 12th meeting.
- Anyone interested in taking over the newsletter editor duties please contact one of the club officers.
- Charles gave an update on the Longview Coin Club, development of club website, and coin show scheduled for April 12-23, 2024.
- David reminded members the November meeting will include the annual Angel Tree auction along with the regular auction. Members are encouraged to donate items for the auction with proceeds going to the Salvation Army Angel Tree.
- Royce advised members the Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 12th.
 - We need an accurate count for those planning to attend by the November meeting to ensure there is enough food.
 - Fresh will cater the event with a traditional style meal.
 - Regular meeting location starting at 6pm

- No club auction at the December meeting.
- Larry gave a presentation on deciphering letters on Spanish Reales.
- David gave a presentation on the 1903-O Morgan Dollar; once considered the rarest of all Morgan dollars until they started emerging from Treasury vaults in 1962.
- The next regular club meeting is November 14, 2023 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 42 auction items sold

Door Prize Winners

- Bill C., Bill S., Chad, Jeff

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

(by CJ Buchanan)

A great way to find out if a coin is worth adding to your collection is to imagine you are describing it to a friend. While opinions differ on what a nice coin looks like, most agree on what coins should be avoided.

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

By Stephen Gipson

November 11 Mustang Coin Show, Mustang Town Center, 1201 N. Mustang Rd., Mustang Ok.

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

November 24-25 Black Friday Coin Show, Glenpool Civic Center, Glenpool, Ok.

December 8-10 Grapevine Coin Show, Grapevine Civic Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Tx – Admission charged

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POETIC RIDDLE

(by Jim Mohon)

Don't plan yet the Arabic's funeral

But which U.S. coins have Roman Numerals?

Answer at end of Newsletter

EDITORIAL STORYTIME

(by Larry Vann)

I was once told, "Don't let the truth get in the way of a good story!). Taking that advice, I am about to ramble into what can easily be considered *my opinion* regarding an aspect of our hobby.

I do not discriminate as to what I collect numismatically. I have examples of U.S. and foreign coins. While I don't have a large collection, I have enough to have developed opinions.

There are, worldwide, a very large number of people who collect Crown Sized Coins (those approximating the size of a U.S. Morgan silver dollar). I see them at every show I have set up at. People just appreciate the size aspect of the coins. Well, it turns out that I have noticed another popular size of coin – and that is the U.S. Quarter Size Coins (we'll call them *QSC's*).

I'm sure most of you have noted that people in the US have seldom cared to carry many coins in their pocket larger than a quarter. The U.S. halves and large dollar sized coins were simply too

big and heavy. This is probably why the US mint tried to introduce the new dollar coins (i.e., Susan B. Anthony, etc.) sized approximately the size of a quarter – hoping they would be carried and used. As a collector of foreign coins, you’ll find yourself packaging a vast number of coins that fit almost precisely the quarter sized window holder – and, while there are many various denomination coins that fit this category, a vast number of these coins will be the standard units of countries just like our dollar is our standard. For instance, here is a list of such coins that fit the QSC scenario from my collection:

1943 Australian Shilling	1915 Austrian Corona	1952 Denmark Krone
1964 Finland Marka	1918 French Franc	1925 German Reichsmark
1820 British Shilling	1915 Hungary Korona	1992 Malaysia Dollar
1960 Morocco Dirham	1956 Netherlands Gulden	1936 New Guinea Shilling
1935 Sweden Krona	1960 Switzerland Franc	1947 Turkey Lira
1965 Venezuela Bolivar	1939 West Africa Shilling	1925 Yugoslavia Dinar



Of course there are many more of the same denominations of different dates, and many, many more coins of different denominations that are QSC. A few of my favorite other/smaller denominations include the Canadian Large Cents, Indian Half Rupee, and Greece 20 Drachma.



Of course, the QSC has been popular for many years. A few coins to prove this include the 1547 East Prussia Silver Groschen, 1673 German 6 Kreuzer, and 1721 Spanish Pistareen.



You say you've never been much interested in foreign coins. Well why not? Americans used foreign coins before the United States existed and copied many aspects of them to create our country's own first coins – including Crown Size and Quarter Size.

Do you see flaws in my story? Write me and tell me about it.

TEXAS DISPLAY EXHIBIT/DISPLAY

(an update by Larry Vann)

In working on improving my Texas Republic exhibit/display, I attended the McAlester, Ok., coin show in the hopes of finding a couple of gold coins. I found one – an 1834 \$5 gold piece.



What a difference it makes to the looks of my display. Keep following this work in progress and I'll include a picture of the display when I think it is complete (it's somewhat hard to know when to quit).

A VISIT TO “THE COIN CABINET”

by Larry V. (orig. published Jan. 2020)

It just so happened I purchased some medieval looking coins that I was unfamiliar with during our November coin show. I was expecting to recoup the money spent in the enjoyment of identifying them and learning about the history of the periods they represent. I have begun this effort and have not been disappointed with the results. Let me explain with one example:

Note the coin pictured, front and back. It is obviously crude, but some of the markings are distinguishable and so can be researched. I determined it was a Medieval Hungarian Denar from the 15th century. How did I do it?



The beginning researchable clue was the coat of arms shield. I was familiar with a shield of Hungary that was broken into 4 quadrants (see below) and knew these quadrants represented the territories ruled by the monarch who owned the coat of arms. Thus I did a Google search of the images of old Hungarian coats of arms – and found one with the shield bearing the bars only.



An alternative to recognizing the coat of arms would be to use the computer app *Coinoscope* – downloadable to a smartphone. You use the *Coinoscope* app to take a picture of your coin and it makes suggestions of what you have. It doesn't always get you there, but I have found it very helpful a significant portion of the time I have used it to know where to start.

In the case of my medieval coin, it turns out the “bars only” shield was of an earlier Hungarian time period, and is referred to as an Arpad Shield. I looked at the few examples of images of the coins with this shield looking for a reverse that had a double cross piece and found the Johan Hunyadi Denar coin which fit the bill close enough.



Not only the designs, but the size, weight, and silver make-up matched as well. Because the condition of the research reference coin was in better condition than mine, I will use it to check and verify all the design parts I could not make out on mine. I will study these if and when I try to nail the coin down in more detail.

Further research provided additional information about the time period the coin was produced and the meaning of the design. The stripes in the shield represent the heraldic symbol of the *Arpads* during the 13th century, first used in the coat of arms in 1202. The double cross first appears on coins minted under Bela III (c. 1190).

John Hunyadi was Regent-Governor of the kingdom of Hungary. He was born in 1406 and died in 1456, thus giving us a time period for our coin. More information about him may be found on Wikipedia.



Accordingly, I am willing to give the coin an approximate date of being during the lifetime of John Hunyadi (probably the later part – say 1450) and, based on ebay prices for similar pieces, a retail price range of \$35 to \$65.

Jim Mohon's Riddle Answer: The Roman Numerals are on 5 types and 7 denominations:

III: 3-cent silver coin, V: Liberty Nickel, MCMVII: \$20 St Gaudins Gold \$5, \$10, \$25, and \$50 gold coins minted from 1986 to 1991, MMIX: \$20 gold coin high relief