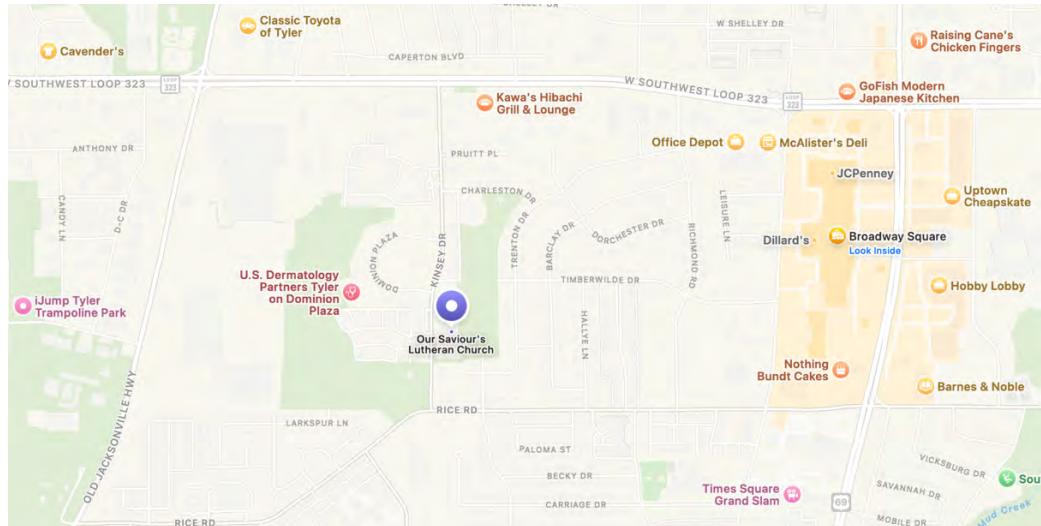


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - NOVEMBER 2025



(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

Greetings fellow club members:

I hope October treated you well; it was another great month for our club!!!!

I just got back from California. I set up for a coin show in the San Diego area, and then set up for a coin show close to Los Angeles. I love coins and coin shows. It was interesting to see some of the similarities and some of the differences, but the bottom line is we are involved in a very big hobby that can be enjoyed here locally and very far away.

This also gave me a deeper appreciation of just how great our coin club is in Tyler and the level of excellence that we possess.

Please remember to bring coins to donate for our Christmas to children program. This year we will be donating to The Blue Santa. I am excited about our new choice and feel very confident that all of our donations will directly impact Tyler and some of the needy children in Tyler.

Also, please see if you can bring a few coins for the Coins for A's program. These coins will not be put in the auction, but can be given directly to Stephen Gipson, our District 12 Governor.

Thank You all, for all you do. You guys and gals are the best.

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

Richard

TYLER COIN CLUB

TNA District 12

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2025

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

Attendance Members: 63 New Members: 0 Guests: 2 Total: 65

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Howard
- 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 the Treasurer's report including banking information.
- After polling members in attendance, the club Christmas party will be held at our regular meeting location on Tuesday, December 9th and will be catered by Fresh.
- Stephen Gipson had a special TNA member token available to all current members of the TNA.
- Richard discussed officer elections for 2025. Traditionally, current officers are automatically nominated for next term. Club members are encouraged to express interest and seek nominations for any officer positions. The position of Secretary (Carl is retiring from that position) had no membership volunteer, then Amy agreed to be nominated for that position.
- Larry V. gave a presentation on Chinese and Eastern Asia "Hell Notes". These are currency notes in various denominations that were used for relatives who had passed away to get by in the afterlife.
- Allen presented a Mexican Revolutionary note from 1913. These were legal tender to be used in the specific district printed. When the government stabilized, they became invalid.
- The Charity Donation Auction in November was discussed. The membership voted to have the donation go to the "Blue Santa Program" run by the Tyler Police Department. We asked that members bring items for the donation auction in November.
- The club auction was held. As a donation to the club, a family member of Amy donated an 1873 (open 3) 1 dollar gold coin for auction. The winning bid was \$450.
- The next regular club meeting is November 11, 2025 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 4900 Kinsey Drive.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 42 auction items sold

Door Prize Winners

- Renee, Howard, Corky, and Grayson

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

Which two coins show, in flight,
An eagle, an awesome sight?

(answer on page 10)

BEWARE OF PLASTIC PVC DAMAGE TO COINS

(by Allen Brown)

The April 15, 2025 issue of Numismatic News had an informative article by F. M. Fazzari on coin damage caused by plastic flips and any plastic sleeves made with polyvinylchloride (PVC) which, over time, does to surfaces of coins similarly to what battery acid does to human skin. PVC is the chemical added to plastic that makes the product lightweight, tough, pliable, and easily foldable, as with a shower curtain and plastic wrap.

There are ways to test plastic to determine if PVC may be present. A conservation specialist, Susan Maltby, said that a green color appears when burning a piece of PVC plastic in a flame. Another simple way is to bend and crease a corner of the plastic. PVC-free plastic will permanently retain the fold from the crease. If the plastic is pliable enough to return to its original shape without any damage remaining from the crease, it most likely contains PVC. Also, there is a distinctive smell emanating from most PVC plastic. It smells badly like a new shower curtain.

It's okay to have a purchased coin placed in a PVC flip to carry home, but it's not safe to leave the coin in that plastic cover. You should remove it soon after the purchase, as the PVC in the plastic will react with the surface of the coin, producing a greenish sludge that will eventually, over time, cover the coin and permanently damage its surface. This is a good reason to carefully inspect a coin before purchase if the flip it's stored in is pliable. You cannot know how long the coin dealer has stored that coin inside a flip made with PVC. But you can check for surface contamination.

[Note that storing any collectible in PVC plastic is not recommended, whether it be a banknote, stamp, book, sports card, photograph, knife, etc.]

Acetone is a good cleaner to remove the sticky, greenish contamination from a coin early on. The contamination will get thicker and harder over time and stronger chemicals than acetone may be necessary. As stated previously, if the PVC sludge remains on the coin for too long, it will permanently etch the surface. Look at the two coins that follow on the next page, and note the green PVC areas. The top coin still retains green PVC behind the eyebrow at the hairline. Spotty damage to the bottom coin is obvious.



Fig 1: A streak of PVC contamination. The white part over the eye shows the surface previously under the green, which has become etched.

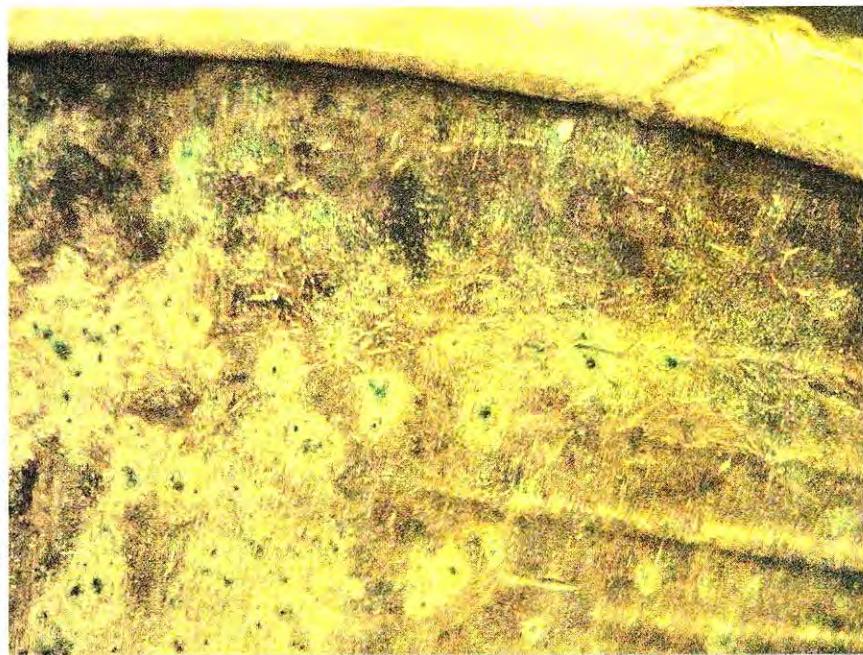


Fig. 2: PVC spots

Reference:

Fazzari, F. Michael, "PVC Contamination." *Making the Grade, Numismatic News*, 15 April 2025, Volume 74, Number 8, 10-11.

TEASER from OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

(by Kern Lunde)



This is an 1853 1 dollar California gold coin, an example from the niche collecting area of Private and Territorial Gold. What follows is a short introduction to whet your appetite. For more detailed information, complete with lots of pictures and values, simply open your 2026 Red Book and start reading on page 387!

Territorial gold was the gold token coinage that began to be produced in U.S. territories at the time of the California Gold Rush. California gold coins were issued from 1849 to 1883; Mormon gold coinage in Utah Territory from 1848 to 1860; "beaver coins" in Oregon Territory in 1849; and gold coins in Colorado Territory from 1860 to 1861.



An 1860 Twenty Dollar Colorado gold piece

California gold coinage is a broad category of privately-issued coin-like items that were used in place of official currency in the United States territory (later state) of California during the gold rush of 1849. Since the federal government reserves the right to issue legal tender coins, California gold coinage is a misnomer and actually references coin-like ingots with a stated tender value, tokens with a stated tender value (denominated), and tokens without a stated tender value (non-denominated). These items are only classified as an ingot if the value of the metal was close to the tender value marked on the piece. In spite of the misnomer, it is common practice among numismatists to label coin-like ingots and denominated tokens as 'coins' while labeling the non-denominated tokens as 'tokens'. Also, the small California Gold coins and tokens have been made in many locations other than California, often with a claim of being from California on the piece and these items are generally labeled as California Gold Coins or Tokens.

Coin-like ingots were produced from 1849 until 1856 in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, and \$50. Many of these were made by well-known assayers. Some of these circulated on the east coast of the United States. All are highly valued today.

Tokens with a stated tender value were produced from 1852 until 1883 as well as spuriously in later years. These were made in denominations of \$1, \$0.50, and \$0.25 in both round and octagonal shapes. In the early period, from roughly 1852 through 1853, the coins were made for actual use due to a scarcity of silver coins. These coins were quickly rejected as being too small to handle, but simultaneously gained popularity for use as souvenirs that could be economically mailed to families. Although the earliest issues had about 80-90% of the correct weight for the denomination, the weights constantly decreased over the years of issue. Only the extremely rare "defiant eagle" issue has the full weight of gold.



A small pocket piece from the United States Assay Office dated 1851.

HISTORY CORNER

(One Hundred Years Ago – November 1925)

The Italian Somaliland lira, also called the Somali lira, was a special version of the Italian lira minted in Italian Somaliland between 1925 and 1926, although all are dated 1925. The "Italian Somali Lira" replaced the Italian Somaliland rupia at a rate of 8 lire = 1 rupia. Only coins of £5 and £10 were issued, which circulated alongside Italian coins and banknotes. Both coins have identical designs, differing only in the denomination (£5 and £10) and size. This system valued 1 lira as equal to 100 centesimi (as in Italy), although no coins of any denomination of centesimi were minted for Italian Somaliland. From 1938, banknotes for the Italian East African lira also circulated. The coin circulation officially lasted until 1941.



These coins are the most beautiful of this short-lived coinage. Evidently that is an opinion shared by many since a search of these coins for sale showed that one would have to shell out over \$1,000 to buy one.

Initially, coinage of Italian Somaliland consisted of bronze 1, 2, and 4 bese coins (minted from 1909 to 1924) and silver $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1 rupia coins (minted from 1910 to 1921). Under this system, 100 bese were equal to 1 rupia. Due to the rarity of the later £5 and £10 coins, most collectors looking for an example from this country will settle for one of these coins.

With the onset of World War II, British troops occupied Italian Somaliland in 1941 and then administered the colony until 1950 when it became a UN trust territory administered by Italy. Finally, on July 1, 1960, Italian Somaliland united with British Somaliland to form the Independent Somali Democratic Republic.

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

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, over 125 bourse tables. 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 DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter



So, this looks like a typical well-circulated Barber dime.

What's so special about this one?

Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

An Eagle soars high on the Flying Eagle cent;
On Ike Dollars to the moon it makes a descent.

