

Tyler Coin Club

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Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler

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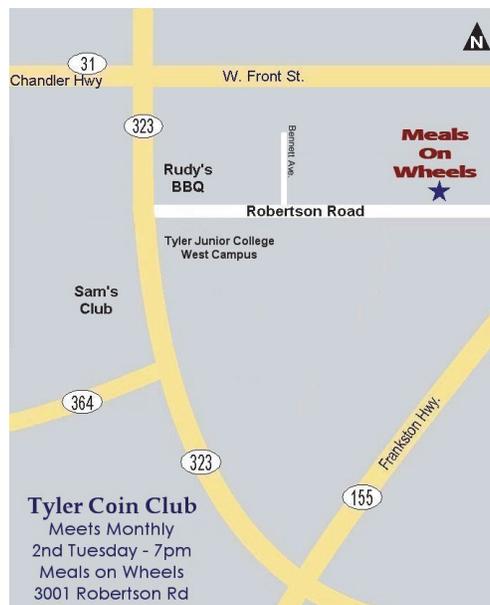
Happy New Year!

Your 2¢ Worth



(Newsletter of the Tyler Coin Club for January, 2014)

The Tyler, Texas Coin Club meets on the Second Tuesday of each month with meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Location is the community room of the Meals on Wheels building located at 3001 Robertson Road. (Two blocks behind Rudy's BBQ) Club members and friends gather starting at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship. Meeting agenda will always include business and the most spirited auction in Texas. Special presentations and programs are occasionally offered. A friendly welcome is to be had by all. TCC's next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th, 2014.



A Few Words from the Editor

Greetings friends!! This is the first Tyler Coin Club newsletter of yet another new year. 2014 has already provided us with an opportunity for our first club meeting of the year. During our time together on January 14th we greeted our club officers, including new vice president Howard W. Your editor knows we will be supportive of our leadership team and pray for them as we move through the year. Besides Howard all club officers are veterans: Dwight S., Carl S., and Barry C. Under their leadership we can't help but prosper and grow. What a team!! Also remember 2014 will provide dates for another Tyler Coin Club "Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler." The date for the show is set for June 13th and 14th. Mark your calendar now!! Our show enjoys positive feedback along with a positive experience to be had by all.

“Sowle Food”
Thoughts from President Dwight



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Where has the year 2013 gone? Where did the last 13 years go? It is now the year 2014. Wasn't it just yesterday we were worried about the turn of the century? The New Year (2000) was expected to bring serious computer repercussions. Some doomsayers warned that the Y2K bug was going to end civilization as we know it. But, nothing happened.

The Y2K bug did not affect the gold and silver metals. On December 31, 1999, gold and silver prices were around \$265 and \$5 respectively; and on January 1, 2000? No change. We simply cannot predict the future. We, you and I as numismatics, watch on a daily basis the prices of precious metals going up and down, up and down; watching to see how it will affect our hobby, the hobby we all love and enjoy.

Well, this year and future years will continue on course as will gold and silver, and we will continue on course to love and enjoy our hobby of numismatics. And the Tyler Coin Club (TCC) will continue to grow and thrive because there is one more thing we all willingly and lovingly watch on a daily basis, and that is our praise and devotion given to our God for the successes our club has witnessed. Do I get an Amen? Hallelujah!!

So, bring on the year 2014! The TCC is ready, willing, able, and prayerful...and to God be the glory!

That's it for this 'portion' of "Sowle Food." Until next time, remember: "Life is like a coin. Pleasure and pain are the two sides. Only one side is visible at a time. But remember, the other side is waiting its turn."---Unknown

God bless!
Dwight

PS: Our first meeting of year 2014 found us having five (5) new members joining the TCC. We too have picked up this year right where we left off last year. God is good!!

An Opportunity for Numismatists of Texas
From Dr. Ralph Ross and the Texas Numismatic Association

Since way back in 1960 the State of Texas has been served, and continues to be, by a first flight numismatic organization. Our own Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) for these fifty three plus years is here for the numismatic community of Texas. According to the TNA website the association is a “non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational, historical and scientific organization.” In order to fulfill the challenge to be “educational” TNA hosts the biggest numismatic convention in the state and one of the two largest shows in the region. Those who choose to attend receive, among a variety of opportunities, the chance to participate in educational seminars. In 2014 the TNA annual convention and show will take place at the Arlington, Texas, Convention Center starting on Friday, May 16th and running through Sunday, May 18th.

In preparation for the show Dr. Ralph Ross is contacting clubs in the state with a challenge. Ralph serves as the coordinator of exhibits for the 2014 show. This means he is busily soliciting educational displays. Any collector can submit an application and then prepare an exhibit of his / her choice. Display cases are provided without coast. What goes into the case can be in any discipline of the numismatic art; U.S. coins, world coins, medals, tokens, paper money, stocks, bonds, or whatever the collector chooses.

More information can be found on the TNA webpage: www.tna.org. Follow the link on the left side of the home page for “2014 State Show info.” The State Show link contains both an application for exhibitors and rules for the same. Take a look. Sign up to share your collector passion. Dr. Ross can be contacted at: CoinManRoss@Windstream.net.



Texas Numismatic Association membership applications are available on the TNA site and also through Tom B. at the Tyler Coin Club meeting. Incidentally, our own Tom B. is a Texas Numismatic Association governor. Ralph not only serves the Texas Numismatic Association as children / youth coordinator and exhibit chair, but has also recently been elected to the American Numismatic Association’s board.

Tyler Coin Club - TNA District 12
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Dwight S. with Pledge to the Flag.
The club was led in prayer by John D.

Attendance

Members 27
Guests 3
New Members 5

Total: 37

Discussion of Agenda Items (Dwight)

- Please keep in prayer the families and friends of one of our members, Maury B. who passed away, and for two coin dealers who were robbed, one in North Carolina where the owner was killed, and one in Minnesota.
- Guests were introduced
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of January.
- In 2013 the club donated \$533 to Meals on Wheels
- An order sheet was passed around for members to order club T-Shirts. Sandra D. was asked and has accepted to handle the details and ordering of club shirts
- The date for our group photo was set for our May meeting at 6:45pm. This was set because daylight savings time will be in effect. Those who are present for the photo will not be charged an auction fee for that night
- In our prior two monthly meetings, there was discussion pertaining to having a 5th club officer – Sargent at Arms. The officers met last week and brought a proposal to the club tonight for discussion and approval: they suggested we table indefinitely the election of a 5th officer and for now give the title of Sargent at Arms or Chairperson to Ray S. just as we have given the title/chairperson to various other members. i.e. Program Director, Club shirts chairperson, Coin Show concession chairperson, Auctioneer, Newsletter Editor, and Angel Tree Chairpersons. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don H. for us to accept this proposal, and it was seconded by Bruce B. Motion carried
- Barry presented his idea of how the club will handle keeping a record of club dues
- Refreshments were brought by Lee and Betty W.
- A refreshment sheet was passed around for volunteers to bring refreshments to our meetings this year
- Next meeting, February 11, 2014; update on club logo

Club Auction (Tom)

- 20 auction lots sold - \$608.75

Door prize winners

- Members
 - Howard W., Bruce B.,

Respectfully submitted by: Dwight S., Acting Secretary

Numismatic Education – From Dr. Coyne

Questions for Dr. Coyne:

- 1.) What country has issued important coins showing an eagle on a cactus?
- 2.) What U.S. coinage denomination was issued (as a commemorative) for only one year?
Hint: 20th Century
- 3.) When was the most recent U.S. TEN dollar bill showing Andrew Jackson issued?

- 4.) What is the title of the largest and heaviest single-volume numismatic book issued in our time?
- 5.) How can I tell if the ancient coin I found is real or fake?
- 6.) In a traditional coin press, what does the collar die do?
- 7.) When did Hawaii have its own coins?

Dr. Coyne Responds

1.) The eagle on cactus has been the official emblem of the Republic of Mexico since independence from Spain in 1821. The first version (without a snake in the eagle's beak) came on the escudo (gold) and reales (silver) in 1822. A more developed design with a larger eagle came a few years later and is still a part of current Mexican coinage.



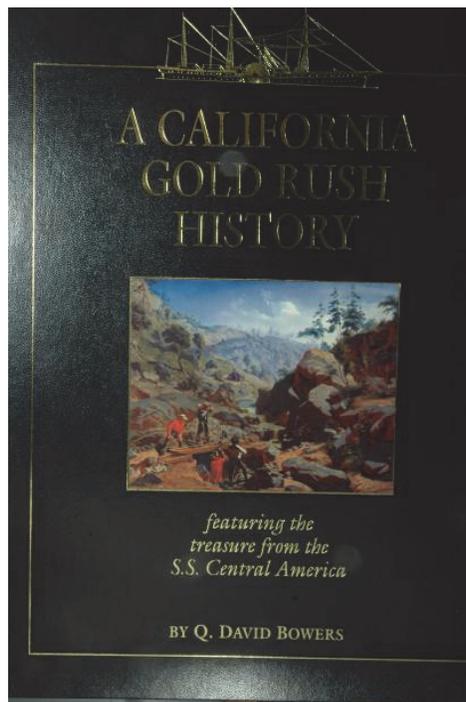
(One of your editor's only numismatic "finds" at Canton. Eagle on cactus sans [without] snake from Iturbide era.)



(Left: Gold coin [escudo] featuring eagle, cactus, snake reverse. Right: Silver coin [reales] featuring eagle, cactus, snake reverse.)

- 2.) There were two slightly different designs for the round and octagonal \$50 gold commemoratives issued for the Pan Pacific Exposition in 1915. The date is in Roman numerals. Before that, only pattern \$50 gold pieces are known in the U.S. mint series.
- 3.) Andrew Jackson is a familiar sight on the \$20 bill since Series 1928 and the first small-size notes on National Bank Notes (brown seal), Gold Certificates (gold seal), Federal Reserve Bank Notes (brown seal), and of course Federal Reserve Notes (green seal). A very similar portrait of President Jackson appeared earlier on the \$10 Large Size Federal Reserve Notes of Series 1914 (with both Blue and Red Seals) and even later on the 1923 Ten Dollar U.S. Note (Legal Tender Red Seal).

4.) The largest and heaviest numismatic tome of our time (in one volume) has to be Q. David Bowers' "A California Gold Rush History" of 2002. This grand book runs over 1000 pages and is an extra large 10 ½ x 13 inches and weighs over 10 pounds. It features wonderful research, lively writing, and great photography. Copies are seen on the used book market with regularity.



5.) Dr. Coyne is indebted to Greater Houston Coin Club member Gene McP. For this interesting response: *"I am often asked how I know an ancient coin is genuine. My answer is that there is no guarantee. It is best to know what you are buying should look like and then buy from reputable dealers. Of course there can be more than one type of "fake" ancient coin. The period fakes have values approaching the genuine coin for the same metal content (Celtic copies of Roman Republican coins are one example.) Fouree or plated coins (copper cores with a silver or gold foil wrap that were struck to look like silver/gold coins) normally sell at a large discount to the full metal coin. The plated coins are often called "contemporary fakes," but there is a significant debate on whether the official "moneymen" of ancient times used plated coins to stretch their budgets. Modern fakes can be anything from museum pieces that were produced as copies, but sold as real to unsuspecting buyers second hand beyond the museum market, to cast or struck copies. Some fakes from 200 – 300 years ago have enough of a following to demand prices in the \$100 to \$1000 range."*

6.) The collar die is a strong metal ring which holds the planchet as it is struck simultaneously by the obverse and reverse dies. The collar prevents the planchet from spreading outward. It ensures perfect uniformity of diameter of the coins and plays a role in guiding metal flow so that design elements near the coin's edge are properly struck up. A collar die can be used in a screw press (not common), a toggle press driven by a flywheel, or in a modern hydraulic press. In any of these applications, immediately after the strike the completed coin is wedged tightly in the collar and must be dislodged by hand, by movement of the dies, or by some other element of the press design.

7.) Hawaii (formerly the Sandwich Islands) had its own coins before they became a territory of the United States in 1898. There were private plantation tokens issued before and after Hawaii became part of the U.S. There was a "cent" issued in 1847, but it was privately struck in

Connecticut. There were pattern issues in several denominations in 1881 and 1882 (Paris and Philadelphia Mints.)

The most important issue was of dimes, quarters, half dollars, and silver dollars of 1883 (coined at San Francisco, but lacking any “S” mintmark). These were of the same size and composition as the corresponding U.S. coins.



Upcoming Collector Events

Cowtown Coin Show – February 1st – 2nd . . . Lockheed Martin Recreation Center . . . 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth, Texas

TEXPEX (Show of the Texas Philatelic Association) – February 28th – March 2nd . . . Hilton DFW Hotel and Convention Center . . . 1800 Hwy. 26 E., Grapevine, Texas

Fort Worth Coin Club Winter Coin Show – March 8th – 9th . . . Lockheed Martin Recreation Center . . . 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth, Texas

Texas Coin Show – March 21st – 23rd . . . Grapevine Convention Center . . . 1209 S. Main, Grapevine, Texas (Also May 9th – 11th, July 11th – 13th, September 19th – 21st, November 14th – 16th)

Cowtown Coin Show – April 26th – 27th . . . Lockheed Martin Recreation Center . . . 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth, Texas

Texas Numismatic Association Annual Convention – May 16th – 18th . . . Arlington Convention Center . . . 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas

Five State Coin & Currency Super Show @ Tyler – June 13th – 14th . . . Lone Star Event Center . . . 4036 Kilgore Hwy, Tyler, Texas (Our signature show!! Thanks Barry!!!)

Memphis International Paper Money Show – June 13th – 15th . . . Cook Convention Center . . . 255 North Main, Memphis, Tennessee

Next Time Together

The Greater Tyler Coin Club will meet again on **Tuesday, February 11th, 2014**. See you at **7:00 p.m.** Come enjoy a positive numismatic experience, good fellowship, and the most spirited coin auction in Texas. Mark your calendar now. You are also encouraged to plan on gathering at around 5:00 for dinner at Rudy’s BBQ just prior to the meeting. See you then. Bring a friend.

NUMISMATIC HISTORY: From Your Editor’s Coin Cabinet

The picture at the top of the next page features an “elongated cent” which contains some interesting and perhaps even strange detail. Upon close observation the reader will notice that this piece of “exonomia” originated in Houston back in 1912. It features what we know as a “swastika” a symbol ruined by the misuse as a sign of Nazi Germany and the worst of the “Aryan Race.” Actually when the Nazi design is studied it can be easily noted that their version is a mirror image of the one which is more traditionally identified as an ancient sign of “luck” and “good will.” To reinforce such a thought there is also seen on the above pictured item a

horse shoe included in the design. Both of these symbols might have been provided in order to emulate the basic “good luck “token”” of the time.



The strange relief on the medal features the phrase: “No-Tsu-Oh,” as well as the fact that the “No-Tsu-Oh” was a “carnival.” When reading backwards the numismatic student will find that the carnival’s title is none other than “Houston” spelled in reverse. Your editor being a fifth generation Houstonian has heard about this celebrated event for much of his life. My grandfather, who lived in Houston from 1893 to 1995, spoke of this from his childhood. It was one of the major community events of the year. As I recall and understand the history No-Tsu-Oh was originally created as a celebration of the city’s greatest industry of the time, the cotton market.

No-Tsu-Oh made its first appearance in 1899 and continued until the start of World War I when fun and frivolity were no longer the order of the times. It was formed around the image of Mardi Gras and contained a variety of events including parades, dances, and an annual football game between two schools now known as University of Texas and Texas A and M University.

From 1899 until 1913 the festivities were led by King Nottoc (cotton.) When the Houston Ship Channel opened the next year, in 1914, the official became known as King Retaw (water.) It is interesting to observe that the City of Houston also sponsored an equivalent event for black citizens. It was called De-Ro-Loc (colored.) Generally the position of the queen of “No-Tsu-Oh” was filled by a young woman of quality from the social ranks of town. The annual reigning king was a notable from the city’s business community. Jesse H. Jones, a leading citizen of the time who later played a major role nationally, served as one of the kings.

No-tsu-oh was celebrated in downtown Houston during one of the only times during the entire year when the weather would be pleasant and the mosquito population not as threatening. In 1912, when this “good luck token / medal” came to be the dates were November 11th to 16th. Your editor recalls his grandfather’s stories of living in Houston back before the turn of the last century including the high malaria rate, “sleeping” or trying to do so in humidity under heavy mosquito netting, and watching the alligators stroll freely across the back yard as they headed to White Oak Bayou. The only thing I could think to ask was: “why would anybody choose to live in such a place?” He never had an answer except to say that they didn’t think anything of it because Houston was home and Houston was all they knew. Suppose that makes sense.

Just wanted to share a few memories and to honor the tradition of the No-Tsu-Oh at a point nearly a century after its passing. Your editor has not only a Lincoln One Cent elongated but also one made from a V Nickel. I’ve seen several of the One Cent variety but only one of the Five Cent type. Available No-Tsu-Oh souvenirs include a variety of post cards and pin back buttons. Your editor has several No-Tsu-Oh items in his collection if any of you are interested in taking a look. All for now

Sruoy-dna-uoy-ot-raey-wen-yppah!!