

Tyler Coin Club

Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler
Member TNA, ANA

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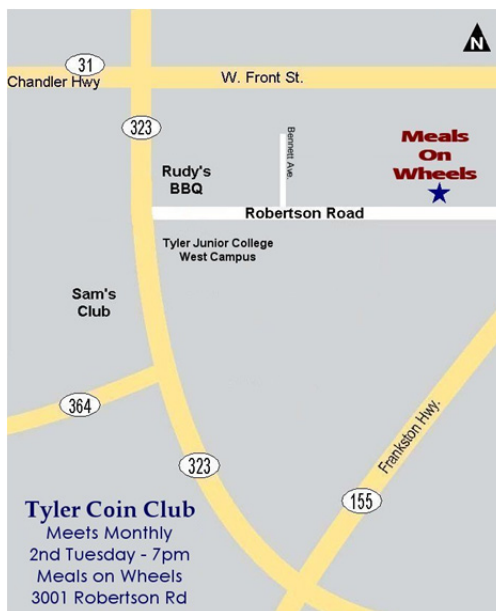


Your 2¢ Worth



(Newsletter of the Tyler, Texas Coin Club for May, 2013)

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, June 11th, 2013.



A Few Words from the Editor

Your editor is excited, and I know you all are too, when we realize our next great Tyler Coin Club "Five State Coin and Currency Super Show" is within comfortable speaking distance. Barry's presentations at the club meetings are always welcome visions of what is to be. The fact that a "goodly" percentage of our tables are already sold, and that there are several special emphasis in place, leads to the assurance that this show will be our best of the new era, or perhaps of any era. Speaking personally there are several dealers your editor is looking forward to seeing again, ones who are not at any of the other shows attended during the year. It is also your editor's privilege to share time with our children and youth again. Barry has secured space and it will be honorably used to offer numismatic education to our younger ones. For your information last year our show welcomed at least 53 young numismatists. Numbers should be higher this year considering this time, with a summer date, many who couldn't attend last year on Friday just may be present. I look forward to receiving these with help from a couple of great volunteers. Final note: Thanks Barry for your dedication to the details. What a blessing you are.

“Sowle Food”
Thoughts from President Dwight



One more club meeting – June 11th – and we will be hosting our fifth coin show in three years. Hard to believe isn't it? “Time flies when you're having' fun!!” It's great to be a TCC member!

Barry got us excited at our May meeting (14th) when he announced that we were at 76% of our goal of 80 tables. If you do the math, we have sold 61 tables. Even if we miss the 80 table mark, this will be our largest show yet. WOW! I'm excited. But we WILL make 80 tables, and with us having so many new members, Barry won't have any trouble getting volunteers to assist him. He needs volunteers for the following:

- Setting up tables and chairs Thursday night June 20th at 6:00
- Assisting the dealers as they unload and set up Friday morning June 21st 8:00
- Registration for 2 – 3 hour shifts Friday 1:00pm – 7:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Concession for 2 – 3 hours shifts Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Assisting the dealers as they pack and load to leave Saturday afternoon at 5:00pm
- Taking down tables and chairs Saturday afternoon at 5:00

The show will no doubt be bigger and better, so put on your TCC smile and charm, roll up your sleeves and let's do this!!

That's it for this 'portion' of “Sowle” Food. Until next time, remember: ***“Believe you can, and you will.”***

God bless!

Getting To Know You:
This month young collector Austin
Coins for A's recipient and friend of the Tyler Coin Club
tells his numismatic story

(Editor's Note: Austin has attended the Tyler Coin Club. As it is with many of his age, Austin's schedule and distance, especially on school nights, makes club participation a challenge.

Through the Texas Numismatic Association program your editor has come to know of Austin's interest in the hobby. The picture of Austin and his most recent Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's is printed with permission of his mother. The letter is as Austin prepared it)

Hi,

My name is Austin and I have been collecting money since I was 8 yrs old. I started with quarters.

Old and unusual coins interest me because of the story they tell. I started my collection when I got a quarter collection book from my mom for Christmas. I like coins and bills of all kind and age.

I like to get on the Internet to find out about my coins. I look on ebay every now and then just to look at their coins and be amazed how much they cost.

I hope to get a large variety of coins someday but until then I will have to try my hardest to get them.

Coins for A's is really helping. The coin club is cool and may help me if I join when I'm old enough to drive there.



(Here is Austin with most recent Coins for A's; a couple of Mercury or "Winged Liberty" dimes)

Tyler Coin Club - TNA District 12
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, May 14th, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Dwight Sowle with Pledge to the Flag

Attendance Members: 30 (*1 new member*) Guests: 1 Total: **31**

Discussion of Agenda Items (Dwight)

- The club was lead in prayer by Bruce B.
- Please keep the families and friends of John and Steve in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of May.
- David & Sherry H. were the winners of the new club logo design.
- Dwight discussed officer vacancies as it relates to the club by-laws.
- Dwight submitted club member answers to the ANA National Coin Week Trivia Challenge. Stay tuned.
- Members were encouraged to join the ANA and TNA. The club receives \$5 off its ANA membership for every active individual ANA member.
- Richard is seeking additional participation for the “Getting To Know You” section of the newsletter.
- Next meeting, June 11, 2013

Treasurer/Bourse Chairman Update (Barry)

- Barry provided an update on the 2013 coin show scheduled for June 21st & 22nd.
- Volunteer scheduling was discussed and additional show flyers were distributed.

Club Auction (Tom (Dwight))

- 22 auction lots sold (includes donated items) - \$470.00
- 1 donated auction item(s) sold - \$26.00

Door prize winners

- Mike B., Barry A., Don S., Carl S.

Refreshments

- Don S.

Respectfully submitted by Carl S.

Numismatic Education – From Dr. Coyne

Questions for Dr. Coyne:

- 1) What is a “scyphate” coin?
- 2) What is the most recent year that the mint made Lincoln Cents with the bronze alloy (95% copper and 5% zinc)?
- 3) The April, 1792 Mint Act provided for ten denominations from half cent to ten dollars. Were there any years when all ten were actually struck?
- 4) Was Gail Brichford a coin dealer in Italy?
- 5) Canada’s Maple Leaf is an important gold bullion coin today. Did Canada also issue gold coins for circulation before the modern era?
- 6) What coin engraver’s designs appeared on more than a dozen U.S. coins, yet he was never Chief Engraver at the U.S. mint? Hint: long ago.

- 7) What does this medal have to do with U.S. numismatics? Hint: design is only on one side, and the piece has a reeded edge.



Dr. Coyne responds:

- 1) The **Scyphate coin** is a term sometimes used to refer to cup-shaped coins. Most prominent among these are Byzantine coins of the 11th–14th centuries. They have a concave side and a convex side, with designs on both. Dr. Coyne has not heard any convincing reasons why they were made this way.
- 2) The most recent year in which the U.S. mint struck Lincoln Cents in bronze (95% copper and 5% zinc) was in 2009. Sets of the four phases of Lincoln's life were made in proof format and packaged in rigid holders. The same coins could be used as the answer to the question: "What product of the U.S. mint is the most recent to show the same real person on both sides?"



3) The Mint Act provided for the issue of ten denominations stretching from the half cent to the ten dollar eagle. But the only year in which coins were made in all denominations was 1796. In the first three decades of the mint's existence about 85 % of the total output was in cents and half dollars. There were long stretches in which there was no coinage of half cents, silver dollars, and eagles. A 1796 complete set was a delight to behold as an exhibit at an ANA Summer Show a few years ago.



4) The May 1970 issue of *The Numismatist* magazine carries an advertisement of Italian and Albanian coins for sale by G. A. Brichford of Milan. Today, after 43 years, Gail recalls that the effort did not make him rich. (Editor's Note: I had the privilege of getting to know and work with Gail at the same time I first came to appreciate the friendship and good work of Dr. Coyne, at the Greater Houston Coin Club. Your editor was president of that club for several years and has many positive and happy memories)

5) Canada is indeed a leader today in coining technology and a leading producer of bullion products (Maple Leafs). It was only in 1912-1914 that Canada issued gold coins for circulation. They came in denominations of 5 dollars and 10 dollars, showing King George V on the obverse.

6) Mr. John Reich (Johann Matthaus Reich) came to the U.S. around 1800 and was employed as "second engraver" at the Philadelphia Mint 1807-1817. He redesigned virtually all of the nation's coins, but put his initials on none of them. In our time, some numismatists have come to believe that his "signature" was a nick or deformation of one ray of the 13th star on each of his obverse designs. He left the employ of the Mint in 1817, having never gotten a raise during his tenure there.



7) This medal is the first product of the new U.S. Mint at Denver. Perhaps several hundred of them were made in 1905 to make a souvenir available to attendees at the opening ceremonies. They are bronze, 1.25 inches in diameter, and have a closely reeded edge. There is a rumor that a few were made in silver, but Dr. Coyne has never seen one. The piece is the wrong size to use either a half dollar planchet or a silver dollar planchet (which would be unavailable at Denver until 1921 anyway).

Upcoming Collector Events

Texas Numismatic Association Annual Show and Convention – May 31st – June 2nd . . . Will Rogers Memorial Center – 401 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth, Texas

Texas Coin Show – June 14th – 16th . . . Grapevine Convention Center – 1209 S. Main, Grapevine, Texas

Tyler Coin Club “Five State Coin and Currency Super Show” – June 21st – 22nd . . . Lone Star Event Center – 4036 FM 2767, Tyler, Texas (Our signature show of shows)

Fort Worth Coin Show – July 6th – 7th . . . Lockheed Martin Recreation Center – 3400 South Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth Texas

Texas Coin Show – July 12th – 14th . . . Grapevine Convention Center – 1209 S. Main, Grapevine, Texas

Ark-La-Tex Coin, Card and Stamp Show – July 27th – 28th . . . Bossier City Civic Center – 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana

Next Time Together

The Greater Tyler Coin Club will meet again on **Tuesday, June 11th**. See you at **7:00 p.m.** Bring a friend. 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”



(For the reader’s consideration: a piece of “obsolete” paper money from Savannah Georgia’s “Marine Bank.” During the decades just prior to and in some cases even into the years of the American Civil War many banks and other financial institutions were allowed to issue their own paper money [scrip])

Every now and then the chance to speculate comes along, involving what the world calls “going out on a hunch.” One such “opportunity” entered life a few weeks ago when your editor saw on ebay a listing for what the dealer called simply: “Two original, black and white, one sided notes, with different bank names: 1 ¾ by 4 ¾ inches.”

Under normal circumstances I would have avoided material such as these, especially with an opening bid of \$18.50. The good news is: the lot would be mailed “postage free.” As the reader can see these pieces of paper are of an earlier printing. One key to identifying the date possibility is the fact they are “obsolete” looking items with the names of different banks on their faces and some of the familiar printing elements of the 1830’s to the 1850’s. With all of this in mind I chose to put up a minimum bid. Honestly though, I forgot I’d done so until I received the “enjoy” and “pay now” reminder from ebay.

So what did I get? Both little notes are “uniface.” This means they are printed on only one side. They are in fact as small as the seller described. The paper is unquestionably old as are the images presented on both. I thought at first about these as printing proofs or as printer practice notes.

The first one shown is generic of the time and type. As you can see it features a traditional “wood cut” design of an eagle and of the American Flag. There is also present the name “Marine Bank.” As a matter of fact I have seen the “eagle” design on another piece of paper money, one from the 1830’s. This therefore would be a common wood cut printing plate of the time, one which more than likely was in the drawer of the average typesetter. Because the existence of private bank notes ended around the same time as the American Civil War, we can assume this banknote dates from that era or more than likely earlier, when there were a number of banks, including many “Marine Banks” which issued their own circulating currency. Even with some creative thought and a minor amount of research there simply isn’t enough information on this piece in order to make a decision as to what these two smaller obsolete notes were designed to be.



The second piece tells a different story, and offers some detailed insight. On this item there is no particular design, only some specific wording. As the reader can see it is a Five Dollar bill with familiar Roman style “V’s” at the top corner, a feature of many pieces of paper money of the era. There is, as with the first piece, reference to a bank but this one is more personal as it is from “Allie Brown’s Bank.” To my knowledge there is no listing of an “Allie Brown’s Bank” to be found in the annals of American banking history. But I do imagine there were plenty of children back in the day with the name “Allie” and even more than a few with the last name “Brown.” Putting it all together I came to the conclusion that these two little pieces of paper, different denominations, different bank names, same size, on century and a half plus year old paper, are self printed play money owned at one time by a little one named “Allie Brown.”

Your editor is comfortable with that insight and even likes the thought of it. Even though there is no particular numismatic value to the pieces demonstrated, perhaps not even \$18.50 with free shipping, it is still a happy thing to hold proof of the fact that “children will be children” no matter the age, the era, or the time. It is also a testimony to the ways in which people of days not so far back in history were familiar with a variety of different sorts of paper money, most, if not all of which, were not issued by the government. And it was a fun exercise in and of itself. Now the challenge will be trying to locate Allie Brown in the pages of history. I’ll start with “Sykesville, Maryland” the home of the ebay dealer who posted these two little pieces of paper and who inadvertently started your editor’s mind working.

