

Tyler Coin Club

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Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler

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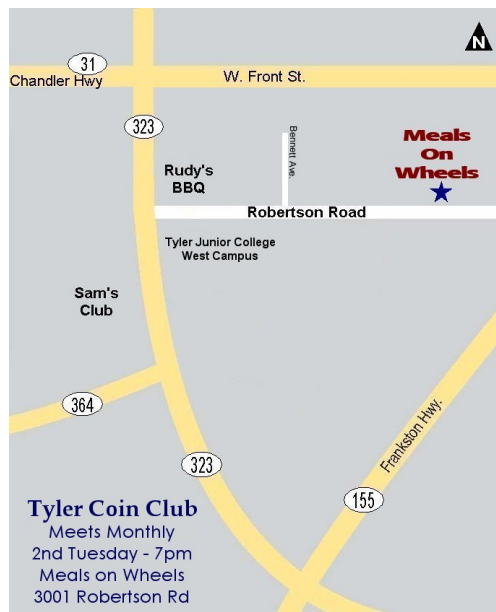


Your 2¢ Worth



(Newsletter of the Tyler, Texas Coin Club for November, 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 regularly offered. A friendly welcome is to be had by all. TCC's next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th, 2013, when club members, family, and friends will gather to enjoy Christmas dinner and to celebrate the season.



A Few Words from the Editor

Our November meeting was another great one. Dwight challenged us for the future as we considered several issues including the election of officers for 2014. This year we had the chance to nominate a new person to the Vice Presidents chair and also to create, with proper bylaw procedure change via club membership vote, a fifth member of the board. We also considered the Christmas meal, a great time to share in an information way and to celebrate the season. It was also a joy to be part of the wonderful auction for "Angel Tree." See Carl's inclusive club minutes for more details on these topics and all else at our November meeting. Your editor looks forward to seeing you all on December 10th as we celebrate the season. For now there is only one more thought from your editor's desk: Merry Christmas to you and yours!! May you find all the blessings Christ has to offer during this season and beyond.

“Sowle Food” - Thoughts from President Dwight



It continues to impress me how gracious, generous and kind our club members are. At this writing you have donated just under \$600 with more that has been pledged to support our annual Angel Tree program. David and Sherry have selected four children for us to help this Christmas, and we will probably be able to help an additional one or two thanks to your generosity. You are an awesome bunch! Your giving reflects your heart of love and compassion for others, and I have been with you long enough to know that you join me in giving God the glory and praise. Our Lord once said, ***“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*** Matthew 25:40

There are so many things on the horizon for us: A new club vice president; a new club logo; new club shirts; the club's 6th coin show; just to name a few. To God be the glory!!!

That's it for this 'portion' of "Sowle Food." Until next time remember: The season of joy is upon us, once again. It is a time to gather with loved ones and express the gratitude we feel for their presence and influence in our lives. It is also a time of reflection; to recount not only events of the past year, but to take stock in our lives and decide if we are on the correct paths to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves in the future. As we all hit the roads to travel to be with relatives, friends and loved ones during the Thanksgiving holiday, please, remember and pray for those who are serving our country and can't be at home with their families. Let's also remember and pray for family members who are here at home with us and don't have their Mom, Dad, Brother, Daughter, Son, Sister or loved one at their table.

In the year 1789, the Congressional Proclamation said there shall be ***"a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God...."*** Thanksgiving is a holiday for celebrating faith, family and freedom. May you and your family remember the past, recognize God's hand in our history, and express thankfulness to Him for His goodness today.

On behalf of the club officers I pray for you and your family a happy, safe, and HUNGRY Thanksgiving holiday.

God bless!

Dwight

Opportunities for numismatists of Texas from the

Texas Numismatic Association

For those of you who many not be aware we have in Texas one the leading and strongest statewide numismatic fellowships to be found in any or all of the fifty U.S. states. The Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) is *“an educational and historic hobby organization.”* The Association’s web site speaks of the TNA as an organization formed for *“numismatics and the study of the same being focused in many ways such as in the world of history, art, language, geography, metallurgy, culture, and economics”* these are *“common educational episodes documented in numismatics.”* The Texas Numismatic Association was founded in 1960. Reading further from the TNA website can be found the fact that the organization is designed to offer the opportunity *“to share in exploring these (the before mentioned) experiences”* and also, from the perspective and experience of your editor, supplies a means for dialogue, friendship with fellow numismatists, and hosts one of the largest numismatic and most comprehensive numismatic conventions in the region.

Every annual TNA convention promises to contain a strong bourse, educational opportunities, an annual medal, and meetings time and space for associations. Also to be found are chances, both planned and impromptu, to interface with people of like interest thereby making new friends and enhancing numismatic insight. The convention is fertile ground to become a forum for discussion as we collectors explore our world from the perspective and experience of our fellow collectors, and dealers. In simple words we can learn from each other’s numismatic passion and collector interests when we gather in one place at one time at the Texas Numismatic Convention. For your information the 2014 TNA Convention and Show will be held from May 16th to 18th at the Arlington Convention Center.

At the most recent meeting of the TNA board several programs were created which are designed to enhance the life of the collector and assist in the educational endeavor. There are parts of their vision two which are available to individual members. Even though the deadline for applying for these is eminent, November 30th, they will be repeated in years to come which will give Tyler Coin Club members motivation to apply in the future and also, if not already so, to join TNA and start to reap the benefits of membership.

Here are the details of the two programs mentioned just above. The wording is that of the TNA:

TNA GRANT PROGRAM FOR YOUR LIBRARY

TNA GRANT PROGRAM TO ATTEND ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

*The recently approved TNA programs include two such programs that **benefit every member of the Association.** There will be a drawing for five grants of \$125 that will go to the selected member to add to their numismatic library, and two grants to cover the tuition, room and board, and travel expenses to attend the ANA Summer Seminary in Colorado Springs during the summer of 2014.*

Members must submit entry forms to be in the drawings!

Please see the “Program and Procedures” published in the September / October 2013 TNA News (available on the TNA website) for entry rules and forms. Both of these programs and the enabling procedures have dates that will be used in future years, but, due to the time involved in working out the procedures, the two drawings (for this year only) will be subject to the following time frames:

- *Entries may be made immediately, but must be received by November 30th*

- *The drawings will be conducted during the TNA Board meeting on December 7th*
- *Winners will be promptly notified*

In subsequent years, the time frames continued in the programs and the enabling procedures will be followed.

Editor's note:

Forms are available on page 12 of the TNA News (September / October 2013 edition)

Information concerning the library program is on page 9

Information concerning the Summer Seminary financial grant is on page 10

TNA website address: <http://www.tna.org/>

(As your editor, and as an avid supporter of Texas Numismatic Association, I place these thoughts before you for your consideration and as a means of encouragement to take a look at TNA and explore the possibilities for yourself.)

Tyler Coin Club - TNA District 12

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 12th, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Dwight S. with Pledge to the Flag

Attendance Members: 25 Guests: 6 Total: 31

Discussion of Agenda Items (Dwight)

- The club was lead in prayer by Don H.
- Please keep the families and friends of Billy and John in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of November.
- Several area college students have submitted press-ready club logo proofs from David's design for the new club logo. Proofs will be emailed to David for further discussion. Additional modification may be made. A final proof should be ready by January meeting.
- The club discussed and decided on Traditions Restaurant to cater the annual Christmas celebration; traditional holiday entrees were chosen for this year.
- New club shirts and group photo discussion will be continued in January.
- A special "Angel Tree" auction was held at the November meeting. Club members donated 37 auction items. The auction raised \$541; all proceeds will go towards purchasing clothing and Christmas gifts for children in our area. Additional cash contributions from club members were made and are still being accepted. This is the 2nd year David and Sherry H. have organized the Angel Tree efforts on behalf of the club. A total of all donations will be available at the December meeting.
- Nominations for the 2014 club officers were held. Current officers including President, Secretary, and Treasurer will run for re-election. No additional nominations for those offices were submitted. Howard W. was nominated for the position of Vice President (currently vacant). No additional nominations were submitted. Club members will vote at the December meeting.
- At the last officers meeting, the idea of having a Sergeant at Arms position was discussed. Ray S. has been fulfilling this duty for the past year. Officers would like member input on whether this should be a 5th club officer position. This would require a

change/amendment to the club By-Laws. Additional discussion among the 2014 officers is expected.

- 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, December 10, 2013 (Annual Christmas Celebration)

Club Auction (Tom)

- 37 auction lots sold - \$541.00 *All proceeds to support the Salvation Army Angel Tree!*

Door prize winners

Barry A, Lee W, David Y, and Richard G

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carl S.

Numismatic Education: Questions for Dr. Coyne

Questions for Dr. Coyne:

- 1) What country issues “Puffin Coins”?
- 2) Which U.S. Mint Engraver served ten years yet had only one design adopted for regular issue on U.S. coinage? Hint: 19th century
- 3) When was the most recent U.S. half dollar showing George Washington made?
- 4) When was the earliest book-length treatment of U.S. coins published?
- 5) When did U.S. currency shift from large size to the current small size?
- 6) In a traditional coin press, what does the anvil die do?
- 7) What does this token have to do with U.S. numismatics? Hint: appeals to younger collectors.



Dr. Coyne responds:

1)The Puffin coins originated in 1929 from Lundy Island, near the west coast of England. The island was, and is, privately owned, and its owner, Martin C. Harman, had the coins privately struck. The Puffin is a species of bird on the island. The one Penny piece shows the

full bird, and the half penny has a head-and-shoulders view. The coins have been restruck in recent years. Mr. Harman did get in trouble with the British authorities over this private issue.



(Larger Coin is the One Puffin. Smaller Coin is the Half Puffin)

2) There were two men who served as Engraver at the U.S. Mint for just ten years in the 19th century. John Reich's service ended in 1817, but he designed many coins for circulation. It was William Barber, father of the better known Charles E. Barber, who saw only his Seated Liberty/Eagle designs adopted for the Trade Dollar and Twenty Cent piece. His term ended with his death in 1879.

3) The most recent half dollar showing George Washington is the silver commemorative piece of 1982 (the first of the modern commemoratives). George is depicted on his horse on the obverse, and Mount Vernon is on the reverse. They were struck at both Denver and Philadelphia on 90% silver planchets and issued as collector coins.



4) The earliest book-length treatment of American numismatics is generally acknowledged to be Montroville Dickeson's "American Numismatical Manual" of 1859. There are later editions with a slightly different title. The scholarship is of a pioneering nature with many errors in listing dates not minted, etc. There are no photographs, but there are 19 "plates" of line drawings with each one overprinted in a foil-like ink to mimic copper, silver, or gold as appropriate.

5) The last series of \$1 bills in the large size is Series 1923. An example of one of these is the most economical representative for collectors of the obsolete large size notes today. Series 1928 introduced the current (small) size notes, with the \$1 the first to appear. While printing technology has evolved and anti-counterfeiting measures improved markedly in the last 84 years,

the note's size remains unchanged. The U.S. is in the minority of nations which use a single size across all denominations.

The seed of small sized notes goes back to the era of President Taft. The only official motivation to be found was simply saving money in printing. It took until August of 1925 for a committee of investigation to be appointed. By May of 1927 implementation of the smaller sized notes was in progress. The first "reduced sized notes" were placed into service starting on January 10, 1929. That would be the Series 1928 Silver Certificates with the blue seal. There was also an early printing of a small run of U.S. Notes with the red seal, but most of these were stored and not issued until 1948, and then in Puerto Rico.



(Editor's Note: The United States One Dollar bill pictured above is an example of the only United States "red seal" note of that particular denomination issued in small size. Even though it bears and 1928 series date it comes with a signature combination of Woods and Woodin which means it dates from later than 1928. Records indicate these came off the printing press in 1933. As Dr. Coyne so aptly records; the whole run, nearly two million notes, was kept in storage until use in Puerto Rico in the late 1940's. Your editor has found no exact documentation, with the exception of that mentioned above, concerning the motivation for the note's existence and why it took so long for these to be distributed and why in Puerto Rico. More research will be done.)

6) In a traditional coin press set up for vertical striking, the die nearest the floor is called the anvil die. Its mate, the hammer die is mounted to a linkage which causes it to move down and strike a coin after feeding fingers have placed a planchet atop the anvil die. In modern presses, the anvil die then raises up to free the newly-struck coin from the collar. The obverse design of the coin can be on either the hammer die or the anvil die, but the arrangement with the obverse on the hammer die is thought to be more common.

7) This is a Chuck E. Cheese token. They are privately issued and intended to be used within the entertainment centers which serve pizza and games, mainly for children. There are enough die varieties and compositional differences to keep specialists busy. Is there a standard reference in the field?



Upcoming Collector Events

Texas Coin Show – November 15th – 17th . . . Grapevine Convention Center . . . 1209 S. Main, Grapevine, Texas (Also January 3rd – 5th and March 21st – 23rd)

Money Show of the Southwest – (Sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club) - December 5th - 7th . . . George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall E . . . 1001 Agenda de las Americas, Houston, Texas (Largest Show in Texas)

Cow town Coin Show – December 7th – 8th . . . Lockheed Martin Recreation Center . . . 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth, Texas (Also February 1st and 2nd and April 26th – 27th)

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, 2014 . . . Lone Star Event Center . . . 4036 Kilgore Hwy, Tyler, Texas (Our signature show!! Thanks Barry!!!)

Next Time Together

The Greater Tyler Coin Club will meet again on **Tuesday, December 10th**. See you at **7:00 p.m.** Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now. The December Tyler Coin Club meeting will provide an opportunity for fellowship as we enjoy the Christmas season together with a celebratory dinner catered by Traditions Restaurant.

Numismatic History: From Your Editor's "Coin Cabinet"

Once again your editor has bumped into a one of his wife's philosophies. Putting it simply; Susan continues to be long-suffering through my various shifts in interest. The primary issue is; it is her understanding that a "collection" is more than one of something and that I, your editor, have far too many collections. I will share that not long ago I did admit, after studying the clutter in "my" room, on the dining room table, and in various safe deposit boxes, that I was "out of control." Something she has recognized for quite some years. She is concerned that when two of a particular type of item shows up there will be more. In other words, two becomes a collection, and three an obsession. Unfortunately Susan is usually correct in her assumption.

So it was with a degree of hesitation I started another "collection" a few months ago. As you all may recall back in the April, 2013 edition of *Your Two Cents Worth* your editor shared a few thoughts on fulfilling a "want" when a 1934 / 1934a set of Twenty Dollar Federal Reserve notes, a "Changeover Pair," was purchased. At that time I explained, in very simplified form, that such "pairs" of notes were created when old printing plates and new printing plates were intermingled during the regular currency preparation process resulting in two notes with sequential serial numbers from two different "series." Differences in the pair exhibited back in April of this year, the 1934 / 1934a set, are not easily observed. Quite honestly the most noticeable change between the two series is basically cosmetic. One has plate numbers which are larger, or "macro," and the other with "micro," or smaller plate numbers. Front and back plate number sizes, albeit hardly noticeable without study, were the only changes readily visible with the "naked eye." Both notes, the one from 1934 and the other from series of 1934a, carry the same signatures; those of William Julian as Treasurer of the U.S. and of Henry Morgenthau as Secretary of the Treasury. Since the advent of small size currency in 1928 most series of notes carry the signature combination of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the U.S. Prior to that time, with the large sized notes, the signatures present are those of the Treasurer of the U.S. and Register of the Treasury. Incidentally there are two series of small size issues with the Treasurer / Register combination; these are National Bank Notes and Federal Reserve Bank Notes both of which use the same template.

Obviously the “collection” I am developing involves “Changeover pairs.” As you can see in the image on the next page the most recent two note set is of 1923 One Dollar Silver Certificates large size notes. Even though there is no change in the date configuration, such as from 1934 / 1934a series, there is a major change which is present from old printing plate to new printing plate. The reader can easily see the difference on the 1923 large size notes; the signature of the Register of the Treasury is different. The top notes bears the name of (H)alley Spellman. He was replaced, as the reader can see on the bottom note, by (W)iliac Woods.

So, the person in the official chair as Register of the U.S. Treasury changed even as the process of currency production continued. I suppose this is a sign of the orderly change in government which is part of our United States philosophy and heritage.

As you know your editor enjoys the thrill of the hunt and an expanded understanding as much as broadening his collection(s). Incidentally, there is one more “Changeover Pair” on the way; a small size 1928a / 1928b pair of One Dollar Silver Certificates. These, like the 1934 / 1934a carry a series change, however unlike the 1934 / 1934a small size Twenty Dollar Notes, but like the 1923 One Dollar Silver Certificate pair, have an alteration in signature combinations. Something new to study; and the collection grows into an obsession. Chances are good I won’t write an article on the third pair, at least no more than I just did. Two times is plenty.

Take a look at the 1923 Silver Certificate “Changeover Pair.” See you at Christmas dinner at our December meeting.



(Here is your editor’s 1923 One Dollar Silver Certificate “Changeover Pair.” You’ll want to note the signatures on the bottom left, those of the Register of the Treasury. Also check out the serial numbers, which as you can see are consecutive.)