

Tyler Coin Club

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Five State Coin and Currency Super Show @ Tyler
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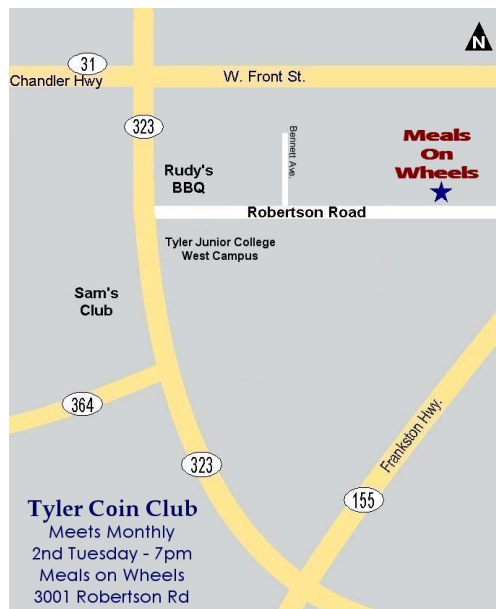


Your 2¢ Worth



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

The Tyler, Texas Coin Club meets on the Second Tuesday of each month with an official beginning time of 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 numismatic auction in Texas. This thanks to Tom B. our excellent auctioneer. Special presentations and programs are regularly offered. A friendly welcome is to be had by all. TCC's next meeting is Tuesday, January 14th, 2014. See you then. Bring a friend!!



A Few Words from the Editor

God has given us all another chance at a new year. As you know this is a traditional time when we all are challenged to prepare a list of "resolutions," those wished for, desired, and enumerated action and attitude changes which promise to enhance and focus life in a better direction. I pray that 2014 will be a blessed year for you and your family. If there are changes which need to be made your editor prays that these will work and, that no matter what, each one of you will find joy in the day to day. Of course your editor looks forward to spending quality time with you as part of the Tyler Coin Club. As the years transition our club moves forward with great leadership, willing volunteers, promises of a quality show in June, with the opportunity to glean some new insights into our hobby, to acquire a few key pieces for our coin collections, and generally to enjoy the company of each other for another twelve months. Happy New Year!!

“Sowle Food” - Thoughts from President Dwight



(Editor's Note: Yes I know it is an old photo however it is still my favorite Dwight picture)

At our annual year-end December Dinner/Meeting, one and all enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship and a good meal together. A big thank you goes to Barry, Sandra, Carl, David, Sherry, Lee, and our Program Director Betty for organizing the details of our gathering. Barry and Betty researched a place for us to have our dinner, Sandra and Lee decorated, Betty also hand-made table favors, one for each family, and provided half of the door prizes. Carl took pictures, and David and Sherry brought the Angel Tree results to us in the form of a cardboard display just as they did last year. You helped by giving them over \$600, and with that, the Tyler Coin Club (TCC) gave four children - two boys and two girls - a very **Merry Christmas**. Thank you, David and Sherry, for handling this worth-while program. This is an excellent opportunity for the TCC to give back to the community by bringing happiness to local children. God be praised and given thanks for this opportunity.

Also at our meeting, Barry, Carl, Howard and I gladly, and willingly, accepted your nominations AND your vote for club officers for 2014. Barry, Carl and I are very excited about welcoming Howard as our Vice President who replaces Darrell who graduated from Basic Training, and went on to Officers Training School in the Navy. Darrell is to be commended for his service to the TCC. He served for three and a half years and did an outstanding job. Howard has been a part of the TCC for over forty years, and I have had the pleasure of knowing him for the past 6 six years. He has a kind and gentle spirit, and he is an answer to our prayers for Darrell's replacement. Please join Barry, Carl and myself by welcoming Howard. We know you will give him the same support you have given us your continuing officers.

At our January meeting, be ready to give us your feedback on having Ray S. as Sergeant of Arms. Ray has demonstrated his love for serving the TCC behind the scenes in many areas. We will also solicit your thoughts on whether or not we want this title of Sergeant at Arms as a fifth club officer.

The TCC has been blessed with continued growth again this year. At our February meeting we set an attendance record of 39, only to follow in March breaking that record by having 44 present. Hallelujah! The TCC is a blessed organization, and wonderful hobby, and we are truly enjoying ourselves.

On behalf of Barry, Carl, and Howard, the officers I pray for you and your family to have a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** AND **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

God bless!

Dwight

Images of the Tyler Coin Club's 2013 Christmas Dinner We Came . . . We Ate . . . We Celebrated



(President Dwight and attentive listeners share the blessings of the season and the joy of fellowship found when the extended Tyler Coin Club family gathered to celebrate.
Location for the 2013 Christmas dinner was Ryan's Steakhouse)



(Once again club members David and Sherry dedicated themselves to Angel Tree and supplied the club with the means and inspiration of generosity. Because of their leadership club members contributed over \$600; enough money to care for four children whose Christmas wouldn't be so merry without Angel Tree and their friends of the Tyler Coin Club.)

Tyler Coin Club - TNA District 12
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 10th, 2013

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

Attendance Members: 20 Guests: 12 Total: 32

Discussion of Agenda Items (Dwight)

- Dinner meeting was held at Ryan's.
- The club was lead in prayer by John D.
- Please keep the families and friends of Lee, Ronnie, Dwight, Gail, and Kanda in your thoughts and prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of December.
- David and Sherry presented a beautiful Angel Tree display board with photos of the gifts purchased for the Angel Tree recipients. Over \$600 was raised through donations and a special club auction last month. David, Sherry and family shopped, purchased and wrapped clothing and gifts for 4 children. This is the 2nd year David and Sherry have organized the Angel Tree efforts on behalf of the club.
- Officer Elections: Sherry made a motioned to elect nominees (unopposed) for 2014 club officers; Tracy seconded motion. All members present were in favor; none opposed.
- 2014 Officers are:
 - o President - Dwight S.
 - o Vice President – Howard W.
 - o Treasurer - Barry C,
 - o Secretary - Carl S.
- Dwight presented the Christmas Carol Pictionary Game Challenge to club members. One table actually got all 24 answers correct!
- A special Thank You to Betty for the lovely Christmas tree ornaments!
- Next meeting, January 14, 2014; update on club logo, club shirts, group photo

Door prize winners

- Members
 - o Tracy (Grand Prize), John, Sherry, Howard, Richard
- Guests
 - o Teresa, Phyllis, Zena, Holly, Doris, Carolyn, Donna, Nelda

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Carl S.

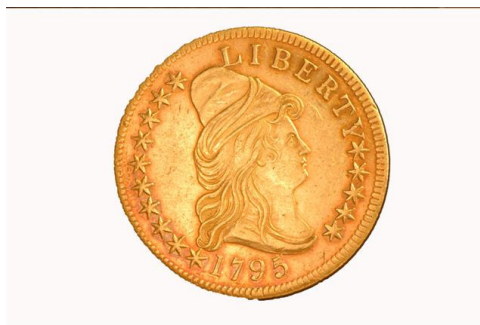
Numismatic Education from Dr. Coyne

Questions for Dr. Coyne:

- 1) What coin, showing the same person on both sides, was minted in the largest quantity?
- 2) What is the year date carried on the first gold coin minted for circulation by the United States?
- 3) I have a medal listed as composition “Ae.” What is the metal?
- 4) What was the first U.S. commemorative to have the proof issues made at Philadelphia and the non-proof issues made at Denver? Similar packaging.
- 5) Are there any proof U.S. Large Cents?
- 6) Which dollar coins are supposed to have plain (not lettered or reeded) edges?

Dr. Coyne Responds:

- 1) The overwhelming mintages of the Lincoln Cent (Memorial Reverse) of 1959 through 2008 make this coin the clear winner. Even the mintages during 2009 of the Lincoln Cent woodchopper reverse qualifies it for second place, over certain commemoratives showing the same real person on both sides. (Editor’s note: remember the bust image of Lincoln on the obverse of the 1959 to 2008 cents and the itty bitty reproduction of the statue of Lincoln on the reverse in the midst of the Lincoln Memorial image.)
- 2) The first gold coins from the new U.S. Mint at Philadelphia carried the date 1795. Although copper had been coined since 1793 and silver since 1794, there was a delay in getting appropriate bonds posted for the coiner and the assayer to produce gold coins. Half Eagles (\$5) and Eagles (\$10) were produced in 1795.



(Classic “Liberty” appeared on both the Eagle and Half Eagle gold starting in 1795 and on the Quarter Eagle beginning in 1796. This particular design continued on the Quarter Eagle and Half Eagle thru 1807 and on the Eagle on issues dated thru 1804. Liberty, complete with classic “liberty cap” was certainly an inspirational lady.)

3) Typically seen in reference to ancient coins and to medals, the composition symbol “Ae” means the items is made of copper or bronze. The symbol “Ar” is for silver.



(“Ae” medal commemorating 400th anniversary of “Columbus” by Augustus Saint-Gaudens)

4) The first commemorative to have the proofs made at Philadelphia and the business strikes made in Denver was the Washington Half Dollar of 1982. Consumer packaging was similar on these two 90% silver issues with the proof packaged in a brown box and the mint “business strike” packaged in blue. As collectors know the proof is packaged in a solid clear protective hard case whereas the business strike is contained in a soft clear protective cover.

5) The U.S. Mint did not begin regular sales of proof coins to collectors until 1858. But there are scattered small mintages of particularly sharp Large Cents and other coins known for several years, particularly in the 1830’s. In early literature these were sometimes called “specimen coins” or “master coins.”

6) The Gobrecht Dollars of 1836 – 1837 have plain edges. The Presidential Dollars of 2007 to 2012 are supposed to have lettered edges (though some error coins exist without them.) The Sacagewea Dollars and Native American Dollars of 2000 to 2012 are similarly lettered. In a much earlier era, the 1794 – 1803 dollars have incused lettering of “One Dollar or Unit.” No silver dollars from 1836 – 1999 have lettered edges. Most have reeded edges.

Upcoming Collector Events

Texas Coin Show – January 3rd – 5th . . . Grapevine Convention Center . . . 1209 S. Main, Grapevine, Texas (Also March 21st – 23rd, May 9th - 11th, July 11th – 13th, September 19th – 21st, November 14th – 16th)

Tri-Lakes Coin, Stamp, Civil War Show – January 17th – 19th . . . Hot Springs Convention Center . . . 134 Convention Blvd., Hot Springs, Arkansas

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

Fort Worth Coin Club Winter Coin Show – March 8th – 9th . . . 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, January 14th**. See you at **7:00 p.m.** Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now. Remember the chance to enjoy the company of fellow numismatists as early as 5:00 p.m. at Rudy's BBQ. Until then: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!! May you know the blessings of the Lord in these days and into the years to come.

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

Your editor admits right off here that this may be a "bit of a stretch," as my mother would say when I pulled out some lame excuse following a questionable choice back when I was much younger, and not so wise. There are two visions in your editor's mind at the moment. The first thought I share with you all represents my best hope, under the circumstances, to stay true to the fact that this is a numismatic publication and my second thought is offered in order to do justice to your awareness that the issue in your hand or on your computer was set to arrive in the week prior to Christmas. For this reason I am sharing a pair of thoughts on a related subject, well sort of.

Your editor's thought process comes from two experiences in the last few weeks. The first is in fact collector related and as is my tradition involves a couple of items which have recently come into my life. The two pieces of paper which follow are "star notes." As you all know the traditional "star note," at least in the world of small size paper money, is a "replacement" note. This means that somewhere in our currency circulating world an old note was so worn or in other ways damaged that it was in need of being retired. Because reproducing the item with a like serial number, etc. is not feasible a brand new note is issued bearing a "star." As with all currency produced by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, these star notes are issued in sheets and distributed in sequential order. There are those in the numismatic world who specialize in collecting star notes. Even though many "star notes," including those of the earlier series, are still found reasonably priced, some are quite scarce and can be "pricy." Following are a couple of examples. Note the placement of the star on each of the pieces. Incidentally, the pictures show currency examples from the early series of small sized notes. On these the star is much larger than on those which are seen in the day to day market place.



(1934 A Federal Reserve "Star Note." Notice placement of the "star" just to the right of the serial number.)



(1928 Silver Certificate “Star Note.” Notice placement of the star just to the left of the serial number.)

Replacement notes with the larger stars are a favorite of your editor. There are several good sources for research and reference material available for the collector of small size notes. Your editor has found the best and most complete book on the subject to be the *Standard Guide to Small Size Paper Money* coauthored by John Schwartz and Scott Lindquist. This book, now in its 10th edition, is a *Krause* publication.

Now here is where the “stretch” I spoke of earlier comes into play. The second personal experience which has resulted in this pair of thoughts was your editor’s trek, with family, to the Burke – Baker Planetarium in Houston. For a short time during this season of the year the Houston Museum of Natural Science and History presents a look at the “Star of Christmas.” The Burke – Baker Planetarium is part of the Museum’s massive complex. Their annual Christmas presentation uses the Planetarium’s sophisticated equipment to accurately recreate what the “heavens” looked like back in the time when Jesus was born, a bit over two thousand years ago.

This presentation obviously looks at the issue from an astronomical point of view. Questions are asked such as; what was happening in the sky at the time, what special “heavenly bodies” could be seen with particular brilliance, what was out of the ordinary which would draw the attention of those who studied the skies and knew the “signs?” Of course the Biblical “star” tradition includes two elements; the encounter with the shepherds featuring a great and glorious light, and in a more specific way the guiding star seen by the “magi” or “wise men” as they are now traditionally referred to.



(Because of the star associated with the birth of Jesus stars abound at this time of the year. There are even regional stars such as these with which we are all familiar, the star studded derricks on the “world’s richest acre” in Kilgore. Your editor made the trek over that way to enjoy the downtown area during their open house a few Saturdays ago.)

After viewing the Star of Christmas presentation at the Burke - Baker I came away with a few pointers. First there were at the time a variety of celestial occurrences. The narrator offered at least three possibilities; a bright and extended comet, a particular alignment of a couple of planets which were visible in a significant place in the sky, and an unusually bright “super nova.” Any or all were quite possible from the point of simple history.

The issue, as your editor comes to see it, is also two fold. First the presentation of the light or star was in the right place at the right time. It well could have been God’s way of presenting the “way.” On the other hand even with the brilliance of the star, or whatever the element or elements making up the light might be, there had to be those who were able to interpret the vision.

Again two means are noted in the Biblical tradition, two ways the “star” was interpreted. First the light seen by the shepherds was given “vision” by “heavenly beings,” those the scripture calls “angels.” The result was that the shepherds chose to go and see. When they returned to their duty in the fields things were different for them, not because the work was any more simple, nor because the sheep had become less sheep-like and more manageable, but because they had a new outlook on things and they knew that life never would be the same.



(Reduced image of Marshall Islands 1994 Christmas coin featuring the image of an angel. This reminds the reader of the experience of the Shepherds who, as we find in the Gospel of Luke, were given the news of the birth of Jesus by “angels” whose presence followed the “glory of the Lord” which shone brightly around them.)

Then there were the “wise men” or “magi.” Back in the day when there was little else to do except sit in darkness, in an actual as well as a metaphoric sense, there were those who made a carrier of studying the stars and their patterns. There was also the understanding that when a “king” was born there would be an alteration or better a heavenly adjustment in a specific section of the sky. Those who saw the Star of Christmas, the star of Bethlehem, and made the trek “from the East” to the manger of Christ, knew something special had happened, because they were aware of the signs and the changes.

But what your editor recalls the most was how the presentation ended. Obviously there is nothing about the event that we can know with any certainty, at least no more than what the Gospels tell us. We do know that something above the earth drew the attention of those who came to explore. But we can be sure that the hand of God was involved. It is our blessing to be recipients and heirs to their discovery. What we make of the experience, how we bring the joy of the season to life, where we channel the blessing of God’s presence among us, how we discern where the “star” leads us all, is still our choice. As for your editor, I choose to continue my quest for “stars.” Yes I’ll continue to invest in some “star notes,” as those shared above and at the same time I am thankful that the creator of the “Star of Christmas” has chosen to invest in me, and in us all. Isn’t it great that, as the Gospel of John reminds us that “the word” of God has “became flesh” and dwells among us.

From your editor’s home to yours . . . Merry Christ and Happy New Year. I know we are all looking forward to a new year in which we can enjoy each other’s company and find some numismatic insight and treasure during 2014 and beyond. May I suggest a look at “star” or “replacement” notes as a possible expansion of your collection?

See you when time allows, and particularly, Lord willing, on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014. (When and how did we work through another year already?)



(Above is a picture of a 1993 Marshall Islands Ten Dollar coin featuring the image of the “Madonna and Child.” As you may know, even though the Marshall Islands is an independent nation, the economy of the country is based on the U.S. Dollar with Dollars representing the currency of choice. Coins carrying the name “Marshall Island” are created more for the local tourist market and for export to collectors than for use in the market place. Many of these coins are quite beautiful. This piece reminds us of “the reason for the season.”)