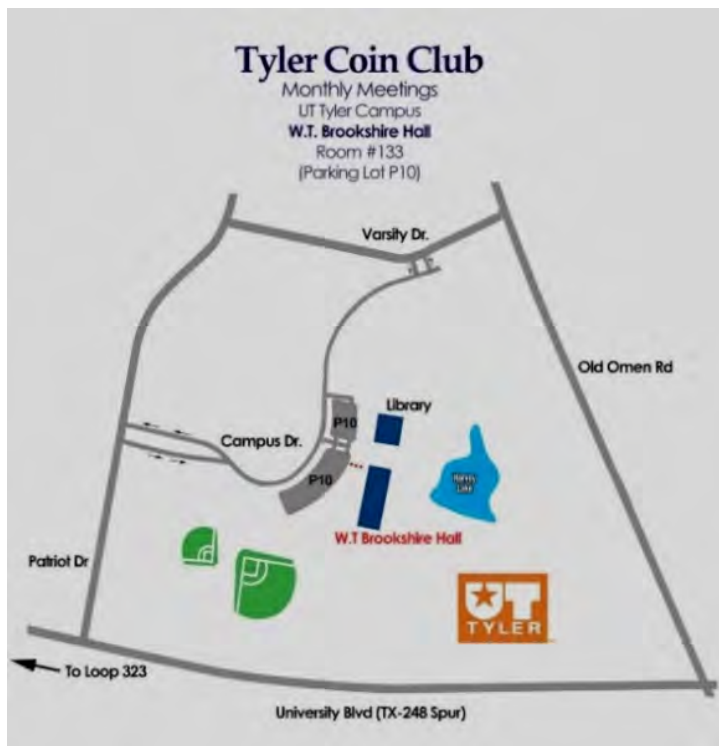


# YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - JANUARY 2025



(Visit the Tyler, Texas Coin Club in person and on the internet at: [tylercoinclub.org](http://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 on the campus of the University of Texas Tyler in room 133 of the W. T. Brookshire Building. Enter the campus via the identified “west entrance” off University Boulevard. Turn toward campus onto Patriot Dr. Enter campus and proceed on Campus Dr. to Parking Lot P10 (see map below). The W. T. Brookshire Building is in full view from the parking lot just to the right of the library. Once inside, take the stairs or the elevator down to the first floor.





## **NUMISMATIC NOTES**

### Thoughts from Our President

Hello, Coin Club:

Well, another year is in our rearview mirror and it seems like the older that I get, the faster that the years pass.

This last year was a banner year for the Tyler Coin Club. Our membership continues to grow, our monthly attendance is setting new records, and our coin show was nothing short of first class and over the top. I see no reason that 2025 should not continue on this same trajectory.

I heard that the Christmas dinner was an amazing time, where members enjoyed the company of like-minded numismatists, shared a great meal, and had some fun. I would like to shout out a big thank you to all the people who made this event happen. THANK YOU!!!!

I pray that all of you have found something awesome under the Christmas tree, and that you will be blessed and favored in 2025, enjoying God's grace for the whole year.

Tyler Coin Club, I believe in you. You are simply the best!

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

Richard

## **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: [kdlunde@mac.com](mailto:kdlunde@mac.com). Thank you!

# TYLER COIN CLUB

## TNA District 12

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Treasurer Royce Jackson.

**Attendance** Total: 44 (includes both members and guests)

#### **Discussion of Agenda Items (Royce)**

- The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance
- The prayer was given by Allen Brown
- The December birthdays were announced
- The December Anniversaries were announced
- Nominations of club officers for 2025 from November's meeting were announced and Ed made a motion to accept everyone by acclimation. It was seconded by a number of voices, so, in 2025
  - President - Richard Graham
  - Vice President - Kern Lunde
  - Secretary - Carl Shotts
  - Treasurer - Royce Jackson
- Royce displayed a receipt from The Salvation Army for a check to them for the Angel Tree for \$3,070.00. This was from the generous donation by club members for the auction and personal donations. The receipt was shown indicating that The Salvation Army was putting the money into the "Kettle" program, not the "Angel Tree".
- The bank statement was presented and reviewed
- The Christmas Dinner was delivered by Fresh and the members and guests enjoyed a meal together
- Answer sheets were passed out and Royce quizzed the club with another Christmas Trivia of 22 questions. The winning table had 17 correct answers. A silver round was given to each club member at the winning table.
- Royce announced that the dinner was donated to the club by the club officers from proceeds of this year's successful coin show.
- The next Tyler Coin Club Meeting will be January 14, 2025
- The meeting adjourned with a very Merry Christmas
- A reminder that next month, dues will be collected
- Meeting adjourned

# TYLER COIN CLUB 2024 CHRISTMAS DINNER

by Royce Jackson

It is never perfect for our Christmas Dinner. While it was not raining or freezing (yet), the westerly wind blowing at 20 mph plus made it feel colder than it was. So, to my skeptical surprise, by 6:00PM, Room 133 began filling up.

Most were unaware, but Fresh called at 4:30 and said that they were getting ready for our 5:00 pm delivery. I explained carefully that it was 6:00 pm and that when I paid for the meal, we agreed that the order was correct and the time was 6:00 pm. The young man on the Fresh end was very cordial and the dinner arrived promptly at 6:00 pm as scheduled.

After the pledge and prayer, I conducted a relative brief business meeting. The 2025 club officers were announced and Ed made a motion to accept everyone by acclamation. It was seconded by several voices, so, the Tyler Coin Club officers for 2025 are:

President	-	Richard Graham
Vice President	-	Kern Lunde
Secretary	-	Carl Shotts
Treasurer	-	Royce Jackson

The bank account was shown and the receipt from the Salvation Army was also shown with the donation made of \$3,070.00. The receipt noted that the donation would be placed in the Kettle Fund, not totally to Angel Tree. There were some plus and minus discussions about this distribution. We agreed to give this some further thought during future meetings.

Howard and Russell had been working on setting up the food line and it was time to begin. I thought that the food was prepared very well. With food ordered for 65, there was PLENTY of food (except cookies). Good thing I requested a third tray of cookies! And, even though I had cut back on the green beans, there were still way too many. No one left with an empty stomach.

With food in our stomachs, it was time for Christmas Trivia. There were only 22 questions this year: some new, some repeats and the 12 tables (well 11, since Martin could not reach his pencil) were apparently challenged. Afterward, how many tables got 18 right? (No hands up). How about 15 and 2 hands went up. 17 correct answers got the prize. The winners were Amy, Limeal, Daryl, Steve and I am sorry, but I cannot remember the other two winners.

I wish to give a special "THANK YOU" to Howard and Russell for the extra help in making the night a success. That is what this club has done and continues to do. And those who folded the tablecloths helped a lot. Daryl and Russell helped me carry everything out.

I do not believe anyone left hungry and all seemed to enjoy the program. It was fun preparing and presenting. I think I had rather be the presenter than a player.

Until next year -- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and I hope everyone finds the numismatic treasure that they are searching for!

# NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

What coin does Canada got  
that the United States has not?

(answer on page 7)

## QUIZ

The patriot-priest Morelos is found on a number of Mexican Pesos. In each instance he is presented with his head wrapped in a cloth. Why?

- a. His head hurt.
- b. It was part of his wardrobe – so that his fellow patriots could easily recognize him.
- c. He was bald, so he wore it to protect him from the sun.
- d. The cloth was given him by his wife and he wore it to show he was fighting for her.

(answer on page 7)

## TEASER FOR FEBRUARY 2025

(by Kern Lunde)



What country is this coin from? Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

## HISTORY CORNER

(One Hundred Years Ago – January 1925)

The U.S. Mint started minting the Stone Mountain Memorial Half Dollar in January 1925. By March it had struck a total of 2,314,709 coins. It was struck to raise funding for the Stone Mountain Memorial new Atlanta, Georgia. Notably, the carving of Confederate leaders and soldiers on Stone Mountain was not completed until 1970.

The models for this coin were prepared by Gutzon Borglum, most well-known for his later monumental work – Mount Rushmore. The obverse design features Generals Lee and Jackson, mounted on their respective horses. The reverse features an eagle perched on a mountaintop, with the inscription “MEMORIAL TO THE VALOR OF THE SOLDIER OF THE SOUTH”.



While preparation of the coins was in progress, there were mounting tensions between the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association and Gutzon Borglum. Eventually relations became strained to the point that the Association fired Gutzon Borglum in February 1925. Ironically, it appears that it was the coin (it had taken seven months to design), not the memorial itself, that ended Borglum’s work on Stone Mountain. Upon being dismissed, Borglum destroyed his models for the monument. (for more details regarding the drama surrounding these events, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stone\\_Mountain\\_Memorial\\_half\\_dollar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stone_Mountain_Memorial_half_dollar)).

The Association eventually hired Augustus H. Lukeman as replacement sculptor and all of Borglum’s work on the memorial was blasted away. However, the Association continued to market the half dollars with Borglum’s design.

The coins were not officially released until July 3, 1925 and were sold to the public for \$1 each. Although 1,000,000 were eventually returned to the mint for melting, a total of 1,314,709 coins were distributed. It is one of the most common of the classic commemorative silver half dollars and can be found for less than \$100.

## FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

January 17 – 18: The 68<sup>th</sup> Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road @ FM 3083, Conroe, TX 77303. Hours: Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. Free parking and free admission. You can register ahead of time at [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org). For more information, please email [jackurat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackurat@sbcglobal.net) or call 832-610-5313.

February 14 – 16: 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 \$3 (Sunday). For more information, please email [texascoinshow@aol.com](mailto:texascoinshow@aol.com).

March 14 – 16: 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 \$3 (Sunday). For more information, please email [texascoinshow@aol.com](mailto:texascoinshow@aol.com).

March 28 – 29: The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@longviewcoinclub.com).

May 30 – June 1: TNA Annual Coin & Currency Show, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road @ FM 3083, Conroe, TX 77303. Hours: Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm, Sunday 9am – 3pm. Early bird tickets available for Thursday. Free parking; admission is \$3 or free with pre-registration (form available at [www.tna.org](http://www.tna.org)). For more information, please email [tnaconroe@gmail.com](mailto:tnaconroe@gmail.com) or call 817-688-6994.

July 11 – 13: 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 \$3 (Sunday). For more information, please email [texascoinshow@aol.com](mailto:texascoinshow@aol.com).

August 14 – 16: 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tyler Coin Show, W.T. Brookshire Convention Center, 2000 W Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702. Hours: Thursday (dealer setup only), Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm. For more information, contact David Holcomb ([davidholcomb213@gmail.com](mailto:davidholcomb213@gmail.com) or 903-570-3136).

## NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

The Canada two dollar denomination  
the U.S. has not had for any duration.



## QUIZ Answer:

- a. The coins mentioned are an unusual example of realistic, rather than allistic, coin portraiture. Morelos suffered continuously from a severe headache, the pain of which he sought to relieve by tightly binding his head with a kerchief.



THE END