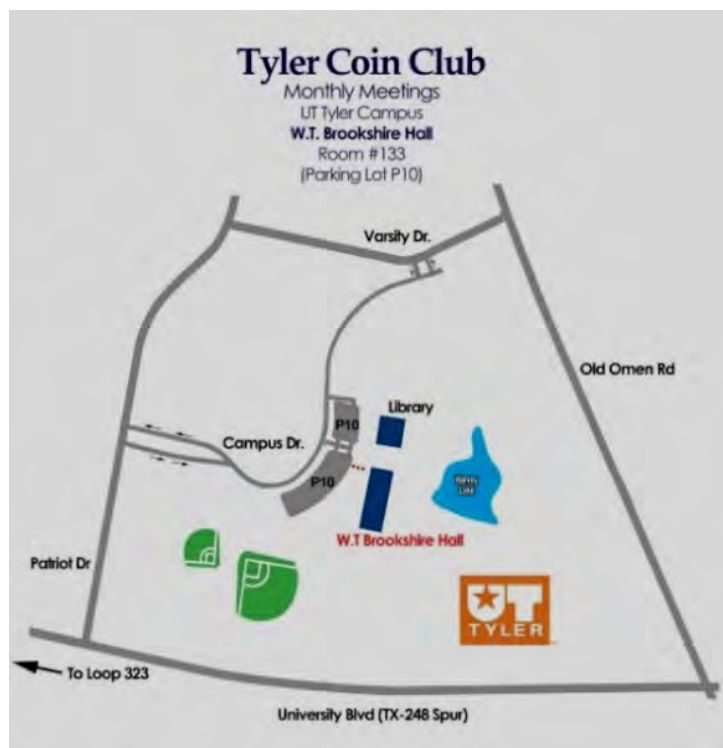


# YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH - FEBRUARY 2025



(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 fellow Coin Club members:

Welcome to 2025; that really sounds kind of strange for some reason. I can't believe that we're 25 years past the 2000 mark.

The Coin Club meeting in January was a great success. It was good to see some people that had not been there in a while and also it was very peaceful and we got some needed things accomplished.

I am extremely excited about this new year. I believe this will be a banner year for the Tyler Coin Club.

We are considering doing a workshop with Allen Brown being the teacher and teaching us about paper money. If you would like to attend or would like to see this happen, please send me a text or contact me and let me know.

The Longview Coin Club show is coming up on March 28th and 29<sup>th</sup>. I would like to ask once again that our Coin Club members would help them in any way possible to make their show a great success. I believe in the Longview Coin Club and also believe that this will be one of the bigger shows in Texas at some point in time.

Let's all fan into flames our passion for coins in 2025.

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

Richard

# **TYLER COIN CLUB**

## **TNA District 12**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Richard Graham.

**Attendance:** Members: 37 New Members: 1 Guests: 0 Total: 38

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

- The club was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Dwight.
- The club was led in prayer by Kern.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of January.
- Royce presented the Treasurer's report and announced that membership dues for 2025 are now due.
- American Numismatic Association memberships are only \$10 (special rate ends 1/31/25).
- Alan offered to lead a currency grading workshop for members this year.
- Alan gave a short presentation on a 1975 Banking & Commerce US postage stamp highlighting the crossover between stamp and coin collecting.
- The next regular club meeting is February 11, 2025 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

#### **Club Auction (Kern)**

- 22 auction items sold

#### **Door Prize Winners**

- Howard, John, Kern, and Lynn

## **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). Even if you don't want to write an article, I also welcome ideas. Is there a niche topic within numismatics about which you would like to know more? I can do some research and possibly write the article myself. I much prefer to include content that our membership wants to read. Thank you!

# NUMISMATICS?

(by Kern Lunde)

Have you ever wondered how the hobby of collecting coins, currency, tokens, and medals came to be known as numismatics? That doesn't sound like any of those things. It's doesn't roll off the tongue naturally. And I bet many of you have experienced mentioning the term 'numismatics' to non-collectors only to have them look at you like you have a third eye and then have to fall back to "I collect coins."

For those interested in linguistics and the etymology of words, what follows is a somewhat convoluted path to the current name of our beloved hobby. If that type of thing bores you, just turn the page!

The first attested use of the term 'numismatics' in English was in 1829. It comes from the adjective *numismatic* meaning 'of coins'. It was borrowed in 1792 from the French *numismatique*, which, in turn, was derived from the Late Latin *numismatis*, the genitive form of *numisma* (a variant of *nomisma*) meaning 'coin'. That's all well and good for those of us who are well-adjusted, but for those like me who like to go as far back as possible, there is still more to the story!

*Nomisma* is a Latinization of the Greek νόμισμα (*nomisma*) which means 'current coin/custom', which in turn derives from νομίζειν (*nomizein*) which means 'to hold or own as a custom or usage, to use customarily'. That term comes from νόμος (*nomos*) meaning 'usage, custom', and ultimately from νέμειν (*nemein*) meaning 'to dispense, divide, assign, keep, hold'.

So, next time a non-collector's eyes don't glaze over when you use the term 'numismatics', the above background information should certainly do the trick!



# NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS

(by Jim Mohon)

Besides in every united state,  
Where else does our currency circulate?

(answer on page 8)

## TEASER FOR MARCH 2025

(by Kern Lunde)



What country is this coin from?

Why was it minted?

Watch for next month's newsletter to find out!

## HISTORY CORNER

(One Hundred Years Ago – February 1925)

On November 26, 1924, General Jose Maria Orellana of Guatemala signed Decree No. 879 introducing a monetary reform and adopting the quetzal as the national currency for Guatemala. The new monetary standard is based on the decimal system and maintained for over 50 years its parity against the U.S. dollar.

In 1925, the first coins were minted with foreign and local emissions. The Philadelphia Mint coined the denominations of 1, ½ and ¼ Quetzal silver coins in 1925, and 20, 10 and 5 Quetzales gold coins in 1926. Also in 1925, the Guatemala Mint manufactured denominations of 10, 5 and 1 centavos.



The one Quetzal coin was not popular among Guatemalans, mostly because of its size and weight. Three years after its coinage, 7,000 of the 10,000 coins were melted and the silver obtained was used to mint coins of lower local value. In subsequent years the government continued melting the coins obtained by the Central Bank, without specifying the amount, which is why today it is extremely difficult to find one of those coins. In 1926, the Royal Mint of London coined the ¼ Quetzal coin, and this Mint was to take care of all the coinage issued from 1928 to 1939, including the other denominations of ½ and 2 cents that were added in 1932. The coins of ½, 1, 5, 10 and 20 Quetzales were only minted during the first year (1925 or 1926), with those denominations being issued later as paper currency.

If you keep your eyes open, maybe you can find one of the elusive silver 1 quetzal coins from 1925!

## FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

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).

(and if you have any money left over after the BEST coin show in the state of Texas)

August 19 – 23: ANA World's Fair of Money, Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. Hours: Tuesday 1pm – 530pm, Wednesday-Friday: 10am – 530pm, Saturday: 10am – 330pm. Admission: \$10 daily or \$25 weekly pass, Free for ANA members and children under 12, Free for everyone on August 23. For more details, see <https://www.money.org/worldsfairofmoney>.

## NUMISMATIC INFORMATICS Riddle Answer:

In five territories our dollar's hurled,  
Plus eleven entities around the world.

The five US territories that use the US dollar:

American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

The 11 entities that have adopted the US dollar as their official currency:

Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba), Ecuador, El Salvador, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Panama, Timor-Leste (also known as East Timor), Turks and Caicos, and Zimbabwe.

## TEASER from January 2025 Newsletter

What country is this coin from? This beautiful coin, featuring the bird of paradise on the obverse, is the 1 mark silver coin from German New Guinea. In 1894, the Neu-Guinea Compagnie issued bronze 1, 2 and 10 Pfennig coins and silver ½, 1, 2 and 5 Mark coins, followed by gold 10 and 20 Mark pieces in 1895. These coins were legal tender until April 15, 1911, after which only the German mark was considered legal tender. Only the 1 and 2 pfennig coins do not feature the bird of paradise, so the easiest to obtain is typically the bronze 10 pfennig coin.



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