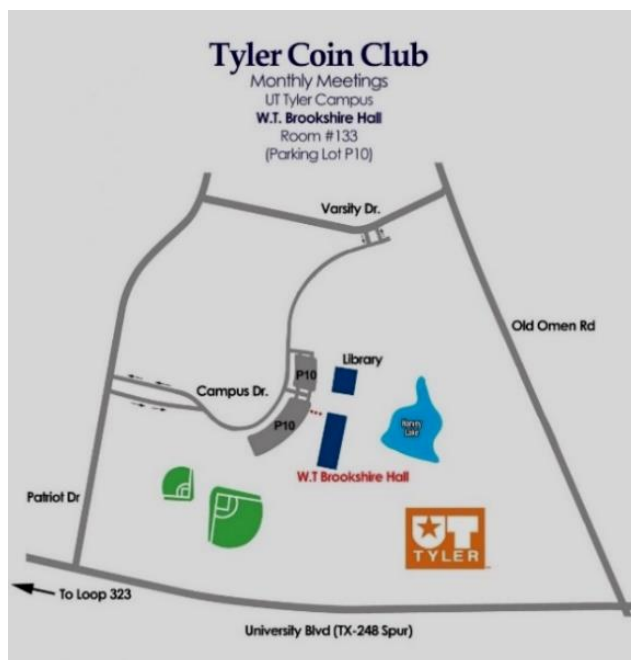


YOUR TWO CENTS WORTH AUGUST 2024



(Visit the Tyler, Texas Coin Club in person and on the internet at: 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.





NUMISMATIC NOTES

Thoughts from Our President

Richard G.

Hello fellow coin collectors and Team. Greetings to you all.

Needless to say I am super excited about our Coin Show coming up on August the 16th and 17th. We will have very close to 100 tables and some very big dealers coming. I believe that this show will bless the East Texas Numismatic Community, as well as Tyler in general, possibly as never before.

This has and will be a joint effort and is going to be great. Below are a few things that we need to do in order to give this thing one final big push:

- Please try to put out your signs on Sunday August the 11th if at all possible. We would like to have the maximum amount of exposure possibly can, so please start thinking about where you are going to put them.
- Please keep posting online, this is a big deal and has proved to produce very positive results for our show.
- We also still need some things for the raffle, if you can, please bring some items to donate to our next meeting on August 13th.

David Holcomb has let me know that he is very appreciative for the people who have volunteered to work the show. I too would like to THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS in advance. You guys are totally awesome.

I am still hearing very good things about our club from people around the state.

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

Richard

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Perhaps you, as a member of our coin club, could draft a numismatic related story for our newsletter. Please consider doing so, and send your write-up to me at my email address:

larry_vann@hotmail.com

TYLER COIN CLUB TNA District 12 MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2024

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

Attendance Members: 51 New Members: 2 Guests: 0 Total: 53

Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Jim.
- The club was lead in prayer by Kern.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in month of July.
- Stephen Gipson, District 12 Governor for the Texas Numismatic Association, said our district did exceptionally well with donations to the Coins For A's program and encouraged us to continue.
- Royce presented the Treasurer's report as well as information on tables/chairs and advertising for the upcoming show.
- David gave an update on the Tyler Coin Show scheduled for August 16th & 17th. Show raffle donations are now being accepted. We need more volunteers, show display cases for dealers coming from out of state, and carts for moving dealer inventory.
- Larry gave a brief update on educational exhibits for this show this year and emphasized that exhibits benefit our non-profit education criteria.
- The next regular club meeting is August 13, 2024 at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT Tyler campus.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Kern)

- 28 auction items sold

Door Prize Winners

- Bruce, Darrel, Keith, and Limuel

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

(A Guide Book of United States Coins: The Red Book)

The popular Spanish-American silver eight reales ... became a model for the American silver dollar. The American quarter dollar, which was similar in size and value to the Spanish two-real coin, took on the nickname “two bits” – a moniker that remains today. Similarly, the American one-cent coin has never totally lost its association with the English penny

FUTURE COIN SHOW EVENTS

August 16 – 17 Tyler Coin Show, WT Brookshires Convention Center, 2000 Front Street, Tyler, TX, Friday and Saturday 9am – 5pm

November 22 – 23 Texarkana Coin Show, Texarkana Convention Center, Cowhorn Creek Rd, Texarkana, TX, Friday noon – 5 pm, Saturday 9am – 5 pm

COINS-FOR-A's PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

(Greater Houston CC July Newsletter)

The CFA program stream of reward letters to students with 3 or more A's was seasonally weaker in late June as report cards arrived by email, by postal mail, and in teacher packets. Some 25 individual letters to students were mailed out in June. Additionally, 100 packets were made up and distributed at a middle school in Willis, representing a batch of report cards received right at the end of the school year.

Donations are always appreciated! We continue to receive a stream of “thank you” notes to GHCC for this program. Students apply for awards individually and through their teacher. Coins-For-A's is also represented at the Conroe coins shows of GHCC and TNA.

Note: Stephen G. gave each of the East Texas coins clubs in District 12 a big “shout out” of thanks from the TNA regarding the organization's appreciation of our donations last year. We are asked to follow that up with another good performance this year. This is one way each of us can contribute to the future of our hobby through interacting with the younger generation. Pass donations to Stephen so he can forward them to the TNA CFA representative.

“A COP IN MY SHOP”

(Ed Black Story of *Many* Years ago)

It was a normal day. I opened my coin shop, Texarkana Gold and Silver Exchange, around 9am, made the coffee and waited for my first customer to come in.

About mid-morning a young lady came in with several blue Whitman folders. They were the usual folders full of common date silver dimes, quarters, and halves. She asked if I was interested in buying them. I told her I was and explained that the coins were all common dates and mintmarks. I was paying around 10% over face value. She agreed to my offer.

While I counted out her money, she made the comment that this was going to a really good cause, helping her pay for her speeding ticket. I told her that it was a shame she had to sell her coins to cover speeding tickets. She came back several times to sell more coins. I didn't think much of it at the time but the comment she made about paying a speeding ticket would be key to future a discussion I would have with the Texarkana, TX, Police Department Several months after the coin folder purchases.

Texarkana, TX, Police Department detective John Slover came into the shop. I was glad to see him. He and I had sat next to each other in Speech class at Texarkana College several years earlier. We visited for a bit and then he told me why he was really there. This was not a social visit. He was investigating the theft of a coin collection. The thief had given a statement that identified me as the buyer of the stolen collection. Detective Slover asked if I remembered buying the blue Whitman folders. I explained that these folders were common in the coin trade and I bought them regularly. I asked him if they were complete sets. I had not bought complete sets in a very long time. I would have remembered a purchase like that.

I asked Detective Slover if the victim had mentioned if there were any rarities or unusual items missing, something that would stand out and trigger my memory. He didn't think so but he would ask. I told Detective Slover that I was not saying that I did or did not buy them, I just couldn't remember those specific folders. Needless to say, I was a bit concerned. At that time In Texas I was liable for the value of the coins even though I bought them without knowing they were stolen. I was the last one in possession of the coins that could be identified. This meant that I was legally obligated to pay restitution to the victim. Fortunately, there were no key dates or rarities. I had bought them for the silver value. A few days later, Detective Slover came back to the shop. He told me that the owner of the collection said there was nothing in the collection that would stand out.

However, during the interview with the thief, she told Detective Slover she was paying speeding tickets with the money she got from selling the coins. He asked if I remembered someone saying that their collection was being sold to pay speeding tickets. BINGO, that was the connection I needed. I knew exactly what I had bought from her and could describe her. It turned out that the thief was the victim's baby setter. She had found his collection in a closet, stacked on a back shelf. Each time she got a ticket she would slip 3 or 4 folders off the stack. It took a while for the victim to realize his stack was shrinking. He confronted her and she confessed to the theft.

Fortunately, the victim was understanding of my situation. He had me put together replacement folders as complete as I could remember them being. He bought them and had the thief pay him back. I am sure there was more to her punishment but I was not made aware of it. Boy, was that a close call. After this little episode, I became much more careful when buying anything, looking and listening for any indicators that there might be an issue with the items I was considering buying. I believe today dealers are required to obtain the identification of the seller. Good luck if you ever find, "A COP IN YOU SHOP".

FOR FUN: GRADES BY PERCENT OF DESIGN

7:00

Coin grading - Wikipedia
en.m.wikipedia.org

78%

European countries use various, roughly equivalent, grading systems. The main features of their systems are presented in the following table:^[9]

European Grading System

Adjective	Design remaining	United Kingdom	France	Spain
Good (G-4)	10%	G	AB (Assez Beau)	RC
Very Good (VG-8)	25%	VG	B (Beau)	BC
Fine (F-12)	50%	F	TB (Très Beau)	BC+
Very Fine (VF-30)	75%	VF	TTB (Très Très Beau)	MBC
Extremely Fine (EF-40, or XF-40)	90%	EF/XF	SUP (Superbe)	EBC
About Uncirculated (AU-50)	95% + some luster	UNC	No use	No use
Mint State (MS-60 to	100% + luster	BU	SPL (Splendide)	SC

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