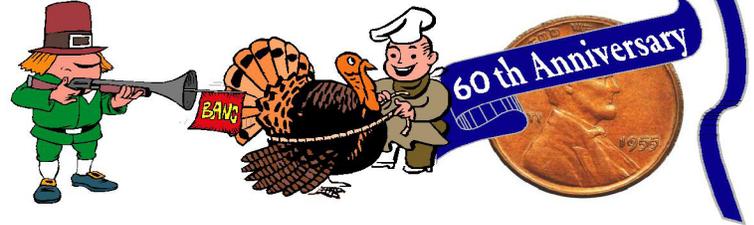


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**DOUBLE
SHIFT**



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November 2015 Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 19

Location: Houston Community College Spring Branch (BW-8 and I-10 West)

Time: Gathering begins at 5:45 p.m., Official meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Normal business meeting, show & tell, committee reports, and door prize drawings

Program: "Forgotten Voices" by Ricardo de Leon Tallavas

Auction: An auction of numismatic items will begin ten minutes after the meeting is adjourned. This time there can be **EIGHT** lots maximum. There will be an opportunity to set up a mini-bourse before the meeting. We are aiming to leave the building by 9:30.

Calendar Snapshot

December 8, 5:00 p.m

Directors meeting at IHOP

December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Money Show Coordinators meeting at IHOP

December 17, 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Party at Embassy Suites

The Double Shift is sent to GHCC members monthly, giving those unable to attend meetings information on the activities of the club. It is also sent to clubs across the nation on an exchange basis. Information and articles may be taken from this publication and used in other publications, giving credit to *The Double Shift*. Further information about the GHCC or the Houston Money Show may be obtained from the club's web site at www.HoustonCoinClub.org

Announcements

All meetings except December will be in the Eagle Room. Sodas and water will be available at the GHCC meeting. Snacks are also welcome, as long as we leave the place clean.

Please consider volunteering to do a program at an upcoming GHCC meeting. Tell Bill Watson you will be able to help with a program for January or later.

Barbara Prinsen advises that the Club has a few undelivered 60th anniversary medals awaiting pickup by their owners. Dues-paid 2015 members and life members are entitled to a free bronze medal. Those who are not able to attend GHCC monthly meetings may contact Barb Prinsen at prinsba@hotmail.com to make arrangements to receive their medal.

Planning has begun for our annual Christmas party, and a reservation has been made at Embassy Suites for **Thursday, December 17**. Mark your calendars now for this special event. Reservations will be gathered from replies to a special email which will be sent after the November 19th meeting.

The annual Townsend Award for Service to GHCC will be awarded at the December 17 Holiday party at the Embassy Suites. Nominations are now closed. The voting, by Board members plus all prior winners of the Townsend Award, will be done electronically in November.

New Applications for Membership

The following applications for membership have been approved by the EC and need approval by the membership at the next meeting:

None (Regular)



THE 59TH ANNUAL HOUSTON MONEY SHOW

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 • 1 PM – 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 10 AM – 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 10 AM – 5:00 PM

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Minutes From the October Meeting

Greater Houston Coin Club

Minutes of Meeting held at H.C.C.

Thursday, October 15, 2015



Meeting called to order 6:30PM President **Jack D.**

Opening remarks and policies of the building were explained. The newly acquired PA system was demonstrated and in use. A test run of the new name tag system for the Money Show was used in lieu of name tags to check its viability and deemed a success.

Call for Visitors and Guests to be recognized: **Michael W.** and **Jack B.** were recognized for visiting.

Show and Tell – Chairman, **Tom S.**

Bruce B. – Money show 27th and 28th programs, which includes past presidents list.

John A. – Canadian coins – discussed gold coin with medal turn rather than coin turn and passed around a coin he acquired.

Paul P. – Went to upstate New York and was shown a large stash of current dated coins and inquired about melting the coins.

Sebastian F. – Mexican Colonial Coin – He also talked about the wide circulation of Spanish silver. Counterstamped Spanish coin with an English impression.

Neal R. – 1877 50 Pfennig coin – TPG 67

Gail B. – Toned Roman coin – that he intends to display at the money show in December.

Neil R. – Show and Tell Drawing Winner

Bill W. recapped more GHCC members that made highlights of note – **Melvin N.** has an article in The Numismatist. Several other members are highlighted in the TNA News. Bill made an announcement about the promotion of the end of the year banquet and speaker **Bud F.** was announced.

Program: Monticello and the Jefferson Nickel – **Claude M.**

History of the architecture of Jefferson and his self taught style plus the Jefferson nickels. Monticello construction was a 40-year project. In depth report of the quality of strikes of the Jefferson Nickels was made.

Business portion of the meeting:

New Member Nomination – **Francisco I.** was elected to membership.

Money Show Report – **Claude M.** – Table report 205 contracts in hand.

Gail B. – Barbeque is confirmed, public flyers to be distributed, There also will be music by Bruce at the BBQ.

Carl S. – Carl gave an explanation of the Treasure Hunt – Next month nickels will be used for the treasure hunt. Two books were added to the promotions via member drawing giveaways – drawing #11 and #14 – **Jack P.** and **Claude M.**

Coins For A's – No report (**Eve B.** was absent)

Attendance Door Prize winner: #22, **Andrew C.**

Call for Townsend nominations will be closed November 8.

Adjourned. Club auction to follow, called by Sebastian, more than 100 lots.

Future Educational Presentations

November • “Forgotten Voices” by Ricardo de Leon Tallavas

December • “Hearts” by Dr. O. H. (Bud) Frazier

January • *Available*

A Perspective on Collecting ... Thoughts From the Former President

Reprinted from the current issue of the Tyler Coin Club Newsletter

A Visit to Your Editor's "Coin Cabinet"

Friends, over the last few weeks your editor has been doing a bit of house cleaning. I am not going to go into a whole lot of detail except to say that your editor has a lot of idiosyncrasies when it comes to being a collector. I've shared in the past that my "collection" is more of a hoard of this and that. Throughout my life I have dabbled in a variety of areas: coins, stamps, currency, postal history, and sadly books. I say "sadly" because housing paper money, coins and stamps, does not require huge amounts of space. Unfortunately with books it is another story.

All this to say over a period of several years I have done my best to divest myself of some of the bulk of bound material which claims so much square footage in our home. I started by setting up at book and paper collectible shows until these became less effective than the various internet sites designed for bibliophile sort of folk. In the last couple of years I have packaged and shipped just over 300 books to willing buyers across the United States, this courtesy of a personal selling site on Amazon.com. I give credit in this where credit is due to another club member and friend Mark F. He was my mentor as I entered into the electronic age. Mark himself is quite the seller, far greater in quantity than I will ever be. Thanks Mark!!

In going through book after book, (I'm sort of embarrassed to admit I have approximately three thousand, most related to Texas history) I spend time deciding which ones I HAVE to maintain for my working library as collector reference resources. This led me to prioritize my overall holdings and then judge the importance of the numismatic material which lines a reasonable quantity of shelves in my work room / home office.

Following these comments is a list of the books in my personal library which I understand as essential and ones which must be kept no matter what. Keep in mind

that what I maintain are resources related to the field of paper money collecting. I offer these titles for a couple of reasons. First, to share some of what is "out there" for those who are fellow "rag pickers" or rag picker wannabes (paper money collectors) and also because I'd like to start a written dialogue in this newsletter through which you, my fellow club members, provide a list of the books in your specific field which fall under the category of "must have" and occupy a place in your research / reference inventory.

So just to make sure I have this right . . . **My challenge to all of you is to prepare a list of the most important numismatic resources which you maintain for your collector interest. It is my plan to share these with the club through this venue.** Not only am I curious, but I am also thinking, once again here, that there may be others who are searching for just the right book who will be able to glean some insight from what you find significant.

The first handful of currency related books, which I see before me are:

1. **Bob Medlar's *Texas Obsolete Notes and Scrip.*** Unfortunately this book has been out of print since 1968. Copies are available on occasion. Another source dedicated specifically to Texas currency is Joe Olson's *Texas Currency, a Catalogue 1813 to 1868.* Published in 2006 this book is also out of print. As with the Medlar book is it occasionally available. Check with currency dealers, on Amazon.com, and the Antiquarian Book Exchange (ABE) website.

2. **Hugh Shull's *Southern States Currency.*** Unlike the Medlar book Hugh's relatively recent publication is readily available. It covers currency of the traditional "southern states." The book, also published in 2006, is available on Amazon.com and is seen in many bookstores. Your editor found a copy on the collector shelf at "Books a Million" in Longview.

3. **Standard Guide to Small Size U.S. Paper Money** by **John Schwartz and Scott Lindquist**. (Now in its tenth edition. Your editor has the seventh because I'm waiting for the Eleventh. Chances are it'll be a while!!) This is the one definitive source for information on everything and anything related to small size currency. Many currency dealers carry copies of this book. It is also easily available online.

4. **Krause Publishing Company's three volume: Standard Catalogue of World Paper Money**, edited by **George S. Cuhaj**. Individual volumes of this set are available on Amazon and other online marketplaces. Your editor has found these at well below publication prices in the Coin and Stamp section at every Half Price Bookstore in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex

5. One of the older sources here but one which remains the absolute best on the subject is **Douglas Ball's Comprehensive Catalog and History of Confederate Bonds**. Your editor never stumbles across this book in the conventional marketplace. I have seen it offered at shows by dealers and have found it listed on Amazon. The book dates from 1998 but surprisingly the catalogue item valuations are close to today's market. Pictures and historical data are first rate.

6. **Pierre Fricke's Collecting Confederate Paper Money: A Complete and Fully Illustrated Guide to All Confederate Note Types and Varieties**. Interesting enough the title tells the story. This book is HUGE. Great photos. Substantial data. Collecting pricing guide. Also out of print but available online, but itself priced as a collectible book.

7. **Eric P. Newman's Early Paper Money of America** is THE multi-edition, classic work on Colonial and Continental currency. It is also available on line. Your editor has it on good authority that Newman is preparing yet another updated edition. Not a big surprise except for the fact that he is now 103 years old.

8. **James P. Bevill's Paper Republic**. *Paper Republic* is not a traditional catalogue with specific note listings and values assigned. It is a remarkable telling of the story of the history of the Republic Texas through the fiscal "paper" and how Texas currency, bonds, warrants, and the like aided in the formation of our great State

of Texas which was for nine years a Republic. Jim has these books in quantity. There is also a listing on Amazon and Antiquarian Book Exchange. I note that club member Mark F. has one listed on his online sales page on Amazon.com

9. **Robert Friedberg and Ira Friedman's Paper Money of the United States: A Complete Illustrated Guide with Valuations . . . From Colonial times to the Present**. Not much else to say except that the first edition appeared in the late 1950's and an update is produced every few years. This book covers Colonial, Continental, U.S. Large, U.S. Small, and U.S. Fractional Currency. Great resource. Found at some bookstores, through your favorite dealer, and also on line.

10. **A Collector's Guide to Postage and Fractional Currency** by **Robert Kravitz**. First edition of this book dedicated to the subject appeared in 2004. The most recent is 2012. Kravitz's work is a must have for collectors of this series of Civil War and Post Civil War paper money issued in denominations for three to fifty cents. Available on line. For a basic, easy to read look at the field of Fractional a much older resource, dating from 1963, is still easy to find on the market. Even though the valuation give to each note is decades behind, the educational material remains accurate and first rate. This book is **Matt Rothert's A Guide Book of United States Fractional**. It is what can be called "An oldie but a goodie."

Your editor does have a variety of conventional numismatic reference material but I choose to open the door to you, my fellow Tyler Coin Club members and friends, by presenting my favorite research tools for my interest in paper money collecting. **I issue an official challenge to each of you to provide a like list featuring reference books related to your area or areas of interest.**

Thanks for your time. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be contacted in person at the club meeting or through email at pastorlaster@etex.net or tnacfa@yahoo.com

Regards and God Bless . . . Richard

Questions for Dr. Coyne

- 1) Why are American Silver Eagles .999 silver instead of coin silver (.900 fine)?
- 2) Did the U.S. Mint ever strike coins at a date earlier than that shown on the coin?
- 3) What is the difference between a “flan” and a “planchet”?
- 4) What does CAC do for Third Party Graded coins?
- 5) What is the first gold coin struck in lands that would become the United States?
- 6) Can copper coins be treated to simulate natural luster?
- 7) Is this piece a U.S. commemorative coin?



If you feel Dr. Coyne has slipped up on any of the responses, please tell Bill Watson.

Dr. Coyne Responds

1) Why are American Silver Eagles .999 silver instead of coin silver (.900 fine)?

American Silver Eagles compete in the market with other silver investment “coins”. The others have fineness of .999 or greater. The .999 purity also leads to a smaller physical coin (more compact storage) than would a .900 piece still containing one pure ounce. Since the ASE is not intended to be a circulating coin, the added hardness and durability of a .900 fine composition is not needed.

2) Did the U.S. Mint ever strike coins at a date earlier than that shown on the coin?

The U.S. Mint made the entire run of Lafayette commemorative silver dollars on Dec. 15, 1899, despite the date of 1900 on the coin. Additionally, for many years the mint has pre-struck proof sets during the fourth quarter of each year so that sets might be available to start shipping on January 1st of the new year. The opposite situation, in which coins were issued bearing prior dates, was common in the early days of the mint when dies were used as long as they remained usable.

3) What is the difference between a “flan” and a “planchet”?

The terms flan and planchet refer to the same item. The flan terminology is more popular in Europe. Both terms refer to the unstruck disk of metal which becomes a coin only after it is struck by obverse and reverse dies. The U.S. Mint has in recent years greatly decreased its own production of planchets. Now the ingot casting, rolling mills, and blanking to produce planchets takes place at private contractors’ plants, with ready-to-strike planchets being supplied our mints.

4) What does CAC do for Third Party Graded coins?

CAC (Certified Acceptance Corporation of Far Hills, New Jersey) has made a business of examining coins already certified by PCGS or NGC and providing an opinion on whether the submitted piece is “solid for the grade” or not. The CAC sticker can be a “green bean” or a “gold bean” or no sticker. The green sticker means CAC thinks the coin is average or better for the grade, and the gold sticker (seldom seen) means CAC thinks the coin is likely to upgrade upon resubmission. Refusal to sticker means that CAC thinks the coin barely makes the grade or does not deserve the grade. But the consumer looking at an individual slab cannot tell whether CAC has refused to sticker, or whether the coin has just not been submitted to CAC. CAC also maintains a market in coins it has stickered.

5) What is the first gold coin struck in lands that would become the United States?

The earliest gold coin struck in the United States is the Brasher “Doubloon” of 1786. These are styled similarly to Spanish Colonial gold coins struck mainly in Mexico, but produced and “regulated” by Ephraim Brasher (by approval of Congress) and marked by him to indicate satisfactory intrinsic worth. Two major varieties are known today, and both are rare and expensive. The first U.S. mint issues in gold are the 1795 half eagles. The half eagles are a foundation coin for a U.S. type set, with the Brasher Doubloons only available to a select few collectors.

Dr. Coyne Responds

6) Can copper coins be treated to simulate natural luster?

Despite continuing attempts by commercial chemists and home hobbyists, cleaning copper coins to simulate mint luster remains an unfulfilled dream. They seem to invariably come out a sickly pink color with surfaces that are an unconvincing simulation of real mint color. The best advice remains “don’t clean copper coins”. Removal of surface oils and dirt with acetone is usually acceptable.

7) Is this piece a U.S. commemorative coin?

The illustrated piece is a U.S. commemorative coin of the “classic” half dollar series 1892-1954. This issue commemorates the centennial of the founding of the town of Elgin, Illinois. Its issue was supposed to support funding of the pioneer statue shown on the coin (statue and coin designs by Trygve Rovelstad). But the statue was not complete and installed until 2001. Mintage about 20,000.



Coins-For-A's Program Progress Report

The CFA Program was partially on summer holiday in September as YNs were in the first marking period and the mail brought only a few CFA applications from individual students and no teachers acting on behalf of whole classes. In September, the program reached 18 students. The administrator is now in her eighth year with this program. The CFA inventory is being continuously restocked. It is now adequate in most areas, but donations are always appreciated! The administrator continues to receive a stream of “thank you” notes to GHCC for this program. Students apply for awards individually and through their teacher.

Publisher's Editorial

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Silver Stackers

Some may ascribe negative feelings to the persons described in the title. But others think of the same persons as prudent, realistic, and conservative. We are talking about folks who feel a need to set aside physical stores of precious metals (here silver) for use or profit at an unspecified, but usually somewhat distant time.

A "silver staker" is distinguished from a plain silver investor by the staker's requirement that he obtain immediate delivery of his purchased silver in a form which he can hold and store where ever he wants. The staker's favorite silver will be old 90% coins of the U.S. before 1965 or bars of silver or government-issued coin-like rounds.



The essential calculation to be made by the silver staker in order to select the best deal requires that he knows that on average, U.S. 90% dimes, quarters and half dollars contain .715 ounces of silver per dollar of face value. He then computes $\text{Spot Price} \times .715 = \text{Multiple of face value}$ to learn the melt value of his proposed purchase. He then compares the premium being asked by the seller of 90% compared to the premium being asked by the seller of Silver Eagles or generic silver bars.

For example, today the spot price is reported as \$15.52, while APMEX is asking \$19.61 per coin (in ten coin lots) for ASEs. That's a 26% premium. APMEX also has 90% for \$13.66 per dollar of face value. That is a 23% premium. So today, the 90% coins are a better value per ounce than the ASEs in terms of the amount of silver purchased. This argument ignores the possibility (perhaps bogus) that the ASE received might get a high slab grade and be salable in the collector market.

Publisher's Editorial



Your editor has left out generic, privately produced bars from this analysis. He has heard too many stories of bars which turn out to be counterfeit, underweight, or simply plated frauds. He suspects that when it comes to selling these bars, prospective purchasers will require assay, or at least some detailed analysis which delays the sale. Governmentally issued real coins do not face these hurdles and can be sold on sight.



The plain silver investor may like physical silver, but he also will accumulate “paper silver”. This is silver in accounting-entry form only, or in some sort of “depository receipts”.

Your editor’s favorite “paper silver” vehicle is the exchanged-traded shares of SLV. The firm has an associated firm GLD, whose specialty is gold. Each share originally was backed by 1.000 ounce of silver in the warehouse of the company. The price of the shares closely tracks the spot price of silver. However, the costs of running the firm have gradually caused the price of one share of SLV to diverge downward from the spot price. Today, a share of SLV is worth about 92% of the spot price. An investor can think of this as his investment buying .92 ounce of the metal. Shares are instantly salable any time the NYSE is open. But such trades do come with Form 1099 reporting. There is no expectation or opportunity for turning such investment into physical metal. Such investments are for financial settlement only. Though the prospect seems remote at this point, detractors point out that investors are counting on the company to have backing stored somewhere and that government or other controls will not interfere with liquidation when the investor wants. Your editor thinks paper silver should form only a small part of his investment in the metal, and that funds committed there should be viewed as a bet on the short or intermediate term on the price in the market. Taking prompt delivery and “stacking” at home is the only prudent long term plan.

Folks, it is an essentially non-numismatic column this month. Remember that reason argues that a prudent individual should have no more than a few percent of his “investments” in stacked silver. Good thing that the “rule” does not apply to real numismatic goods!

John Barber

Letter from Carl

As we have announced, the GHCC will administer "The Great Houston Treasure Hunt" starting on November 30th, in association with the Houston Money Show. On Sunday and Monday, November 29th and 30th our members will "drop" (spend while buying items from stores located all around the greater Houston metropolitan area) 60 year or older common Jefferson nickels that have been engraved 001 to 100. Hopefully local newspapers, TV stations, and radio stations will alert the public of the hunt and instruct anyone who finds these engraved coins to bring them to the Houston Money Show for a reward and opportunity to win among other things a bonus of \$3,000.00!

We encourage and hope all GHCC members will secretly help spend these engraved coins on that Sunday and Monday while they buy items for their own consumption or use.

At the November 19th GHCC meeting, each member who volunteers will be given between 2 and 4 engraved nickels to drop. The media will have been previously given the locations where the coins will be put into circulation. Our volunteers will be assigned an area or areas and asked to drop their coins in those specific areas, but our volunteers will be the ones who determine the specific store or merchant to use. Please consider where you would like to visit or could be persuaded to visit to spend the "treasure coins". Then at the meeting you will be given your coins and assigned the specific area in which to spend them as well as be given a sheet of suggestions for your consideration.

Thanks in advance for participating in the Great Houston Treasure Hunt!

Have FUN and thanks for your help. If you have any questions please call Carl Schwenker at (281) 788-1036.

GHCC Holiday Party Details

From Jack and Gail

Thursday, December 17

Gather from 6 to 7 p.m. (dinner/dues payments), Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel

111730 Katy Freeway, Houston

Special Program: Dr. O.H. (Bud) Frazier. Dr. Frazier is a world renowned heart surgeon.

Also: Awarding of the Barney Loebe and Townsend Awards, Recognition of all program presenters, several raffle items, and other highlights.

Dinner: \$32/person nonmembers Club members \$20 including club subsidy

Dinner choices: Entrée 1- Grilled Asian Salmon with Teriyaki Glaze

Entrée 2- Chicken Marsala

Both include: Garden salad with choice of dressing

Rice Pilaf

Chef's Choice of Fresh Vegetables

Assorted rolls and butter

Chef's choice of dessert

Freshly brewed coffee and iced tea

Build an Exhibit

The Money Show is different. This year, as in all prior years, the Money Show of the Southwest is the product of a dedicated cadre of volunteers. None of the fifty or so folks you see wearing the blue GHCC shirts and giving their time generously during the show and year-round in several cases, takes any salary or other cash payment beyond reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses. We think that the HMS is the largest show in the U.S. that operates this way. The quality of the work is reflected in the year-to-year growth of the Show. This year, in early December, we expect to put on the largest coin show that Texas has seen since the ANA came to Houston for its summer convention in 1978. The only possible exception would be the 2012 ANA Fall Show in Dallas.

The Money Show is Multi-faceted. We try to hold events which will appeal to the full variety of collectors as well as interest families, children, and investors. The main message of this article concerns just one of these: There will be numismatic exhibits. The editor of your Double Shift has volunteered to coordinate them. Accordingly, your editor will be disqualified from placing any competitive exhibits at this year's Show. [Besides, he has other Show duties which would cause a time bind.]

Begin Now In Planning to Place an Exhibit. It may seem like a long time between now and December, but worthwhile exhibits take some thought and some time to prepare. Your fellow collectors will appreciate

whatever level of innovation and workmanship you display, but your own satisfaction will be greater if you can look back and say "That's the best I could do". It has been said that although you may get a trophy or even a cash award, it is the display itself and the learning and pride in creating it that is your main award.

Nevertheless, the GHCC has in place some exhibitor-friendly "rules" to help guide your creation and encourage participation. The easy-to-fill-out entry form is on our website www.houstoncoinshow.org and it outlines the competitive classes we will have (7 of 'em using ANA judging rules). There will also be public voting for "People's Choice" (which can also include exhibits placed in the noncompetitive class). We plan nice engraved glass trophies for the winner of each class, and a cash award to People's Choice exhibit and a cash award to overall Best In Show. Certificate recognition will be available for worthy exhibits that are second or third in each class.

Get an Entry Form and Send It In. The form talks about a November 1 cutoff, and early entry helps our planning in allocating cases and space. But it is not too late if you act promptly. Please direct any questions to me at Numis32@AOL.com. Email me if you'd like to have me send you a form directly. I won't be satisfied unless the exhibits at this show are the best we've ever had at a Houston Money Show.

**John Barber, Exhibits Chairman
Houston Money Show 2015**

Meeting Reminders

Arrive early to socialize with other members.

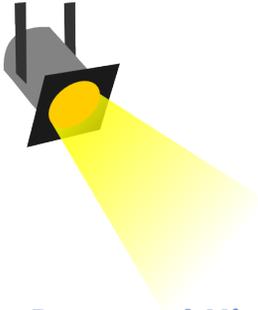
Bring an item and a MAXIMUM 3-minute story for Show and Tell.

Consider volunteering to bring a meal or snacks for a meeting.

Bring a guest to the next meeting.



Thanks to
Steve Kutz for
this caricature.



Member Spotlight

Steve Kutz

Personal History

Age: 35

Profession: Oil and Gas

Education: BBA and MBA from Sam Houston State University, concentration in finance

Collecting History

Numismatic interest first developed as a child, casually collected coins through college

Collection began with common date, well circulated coins considered 'junk' by most advanced collectors

Collected modern sports cards as a teenager during the 90's sport card craze

Began to collect coins with strategy while in graduate school prior to establishing a career

Member of the Greater Houston Coin Club since 2006

Attended the ANA Summer Seminar twice with a GHCC scholarship

Presented four seminars to the GHCC in building a US type set, US gold coins, coin grading, and Indian Head cents

Assembled a United States type set from half cent through double eagle with an expansion on large cents and Indian Head Cents

Collecting Interests

Favorite type coins:

Early US federal coinage, large cents, Indian head cents, United States gold coins

Least favorite type coins:

Majority of modern (post 1964) coins with a few exceptions

Favorites and Unfavorites

Favorite thing about the hobby:

Reminder of the yesteryear before inflation diminished the purchasing power of coins and a time when people paid with cash and coin rather than plastic; enjoy studying the history and purpose of each design and denomination; the sense of wonder in regard to where a coin has been and who has had it over the past 100+ years

Least favorite thing about the hobby:

Prohibitively high prices on desirable coins

Sense of incompleteness; the United States type set will never be truly complete



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