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President's Letter

Greetings South Carolina Numismatists,

It is with great anticipation that the 40th annual SCNA Convention at the TD Bank Center in Greenville which will be held on October 26-28 has reached its capacity for dealer space. Our Bourse Chairman, Dr. Anthony Chibbaro has worked diligently to ensure a wide selection of dealers, exhibits and children's activities to make this year's convention a "can't miss opportunity" to collectors in South Carolina and surrounding areas. The convention will move to the opposite end of the TD Bank Center this year in a much larger room which will allow us space for gold panning, coin striking and a much larger exhibit area. We hope to see all members in Greenville in October.



It has been an outstanding year for the SCNA. Our numbers have swelled to over 360 members which is the largest amount ever, including an unprecedented amount of young numismatists taking advantage of reduced membership dues. As mentioned before, the Bourse for the Convention is sold out and a waiting list has been created and kudos need to be given to both Richard McDowell and Jason Greene for their work on the new and much improved website, www.sc-na.org. If you have not checked it out, please do so and you will be impressed.

Finally, I want to express on behalf of the SCNA a large amount of gratitude to the Association's longtime treasurer, Mr. Austin Sheheen Jr. A few weeks ago, Austin informed me that he would be stepping down from the treasurer's position in 2013 and end his role in a leadership of the SCNA since its inception. He is a former SCNA president and has a large breadth of knowledge of how the Association evolved and adapted through its early and lean years to what it is today. He has also held similar roles with the American Numismatic Association and other national organizations. If you are in Greenville this year, be sure to stop by his table and say 'thanks' for the service he has provided for the SCNA over the years.

We hope to see you in Greenville in October!

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THE YN CORNER

The YN Corner is a column for our young numismatists (YN). If you have any collecting questions or suggestions, you can contact me at GSSTOWERS@MSN.COM.

Since the last issue of the *Scanner* my "pocket change" finds continue to be limited. From March to August, 2012, I received about a dozen 2012 P and D cents; one 2012-P and one 2012-D nickels; one 2012-P and one 2012-D dimes; two 2012-P El Yunque and one 2012-P Chaco Culture quarters. Again, no halves or dollar coins were received. Where is the new coinage going? The latest quarter to look for is the 13th coin in the America the Beautiful series, the Acadia National Park (Maine). Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Hawaii) and Denali National Park (Alaska) are due out before the end of the year. Readers, let me know what you are finding in your area. Happy hunting!

While you are looking, the U.S. Mint is currently selling 2012-S business-strike quarters to the public. These coins are not available in the standard mint set and can only be purchased directly from the Mint by the roll or bag (or from a coin dealer who has bought them for re-sale.) This program will cover the five quarters to be issued in 2012 and the Mint will decide later if this program will continue in future years. Will you be lucky enough to find one that has been released into circulation?

The YN workshop, the YN table, and other youth activities at the 2012 SCNA Convention should be very special to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the organization. Have you considered creating a YN exhibit for the show? There will be great awards for winning exhibits. Make sure you put this event on your calendar for October, 2012, in Greenville, South Carolina.

Applications for the 2013 YN Scholarship to attend the ANA Summer workshops are now being accepted. For an application or more details about this program contact me, Greg Stowers, or the SCNA Secretary, Pascal Brock.

Now, test your numismatic knowledge:

When was the last year a business-strike S quarter was minted?

What is the second animal to appear on U.S. coinage after the eagle?

Can you name the 12 U.S. coins with a bison/buffalo?

What is the name of the bison shown on the reverse of the 1913 5-cent coin?

On what currency does the bison appear?



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When was the last year a business-strike S quarter was minted? (Answer: 1954.)

What is the second animal to appear on U.S. coinage after the eagle? (Answer: the American Bison, commonly called the Buffalo.)

Can you name the 12 U.S. coins with a bison/buffalo? (Answer: 1. Indian Head (Buffalo) 5-cent coin, 1913; 2. Mount Rushmore commemorative half dollar, 1991; 3. Yellowstone commemorative silver dollar, 1999; 4. American Buffalo commemorative silver dollar, 2001; 5. Jefferson, Westward Journey, American Bison 5-cent coin, 2005; 6. Kansas State quarter dollar, 2005; 7. North Dakota State quarter dollar, 2006; 8. American Buffalo gold \$50, 2006; 9. Montana State quarter dollar, 2007; 10. American Buffalo gold \$25, 2008; 11. American Buffalo gold \$10, 2008; 12. American Buffalo gold \$5, 2008.)

What is the name of the bison shown on the reverse of the 1913 5-cent coin?

(Answer: From the Bronx Zoo, "Black Diamond.")

On what currency does the bison appear? (Answer: The 1901 \$10 Legal Tender note, which also has Lewis and Clark on the face. Can you find an image of this note within this Scanner?)



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How I Got Hooked

Harry Truman was President. In January he announced the development of the Hydrogen Bomb. The Dallas Texans became the Baltimore Colts. The Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee. TV Guide published its first issue. Rocky Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago. The Milton Berle Show premiered. Earl Warren was named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. But the most important thing that happened to me as a boy of nine in 1953— I found a 1909 S-VDB Lincoln cent in change!

My Uncle Arthur sent me to McCullough's store across from my home in Boiling Springs, SC to buy something. Whatever it was, it cost \$.28 & he gave me three Mercury dimes & told me I could keep the change. When I returned, he asked if I had checked the change & said, "A good coin collector will always check his change." That's when I found it— a 1909 S-VDB in fine condition. I was so excited. I quickly ran to show Mom my new coin— one worth more than my entire collection— \$20.

When I turned 30, while visiting my uncle, I reminded him of the story. That's when he told me that he had bought the coin & had given it to the store keeper to give to me in change so I could have the experience, have the memory, of finding a key coin.

That coin got me hooked on collecting. My uncle got me hooked on collecting. No, it wasn't the coin that was so valuable that Arthur Horne gave me— it was a lifetime of looking, collecting, trading & enjoying coins that he gave me that was really of value. Thanks Uncle Arthur.

By the way, I tried this same act with my son Richard when he was nine. I slipped a 50-D nickel into some change so he could find it. He found it, but the next week he got it mixed in with his change and spent it on candy. Talk about ruining a good story!

George McDowell



SOUTH CAROLINA'S "LAST" NATIONAL BANK NOTES

By Robert R. Moon, SCNA # 1427

In the early part of the 20th Century, thanks to the booming textile industry, the City of Spartanburg was able to support three National Banks – the First National Bank (opened in 1871), the Central National Bank (opened in 1895), and the American National Bank (opened in 1903).

However, as a result of the collapse of cotton prices after World War I followed by the stock market crash of 1929, the textile industry was hit hard and, as a consequence, so was the banking industry. All three of Spartanburg's banks would either close their doors or fall in receivership between 1931 and 1933.

As a consequence, the leading businessmen of Spartanburg pooled their remaining resources to form a new national bank in the city and the result of their efforts was the creation of the The Commercial National Bank of Spartanburg which opened for business in June of 1934. The bank also immediately began its own issue of National Bank Notes.

The issuance of notes was to be short-lived as, in 1932, Congress had voted to end the circulation of National Bank Notes effective in July of 1935. As a result of the law, the Commercial National Bank turned out to be the last national bank in the State of South Carolina to open for business before the end of the Note issuing era.

During that one year span, according to the records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, DC, the Commercial National Bank did manage to issue the following numbers of notes:

- 4,210 \$5s,
- 1,675 \$10s, and
- 830 \$20s

Despite the fact that only a relative handful of notes were issued by this bank, they are rather available in today's marketplace as many examples were apparently kept as souvenirs. As of today, approximately 300 survivors are currently in the hands of collectors.

Several years ago, I received an auction catalog from a Midwestern firm that specializes in paper money. While perusing the catalog, I noticed that there were a few listings of notes from the Commercial National Bank of Spartanburg. One of the notes was a \$10 with serial # 1675. Checking the Comptroller's records, I realized this was the "last" \$10 issued by the bank so I went after the note and was the successful bidder.

Since the Commercial National is a relatively "common" National Bank, I felt that there was a real possibility that the "last" \$5 and \$20 from the bank might be out there, too. So, I memorized the serial number ranges for the bank's other two denominations and started carefully checking other auction catalogs and examining dealers' inventories at paper money shows around the country.

Within two years, I had located and purchased the "last" \$20 with serial # 830 at a dealer's bourse table and, a year later, was able to do the same thing when I found the \$5 note with serial # 4210.

So, pictured with this article are the last three notes for each denomination issued by the last note issuing National Bank to open its doors in the State of South Carolina.



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— Robert Moon

ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUNG NUMISMATISTS ANNOUNCED BY HERITAGE AUCTIONS

To support young numismatists and budding authors, Heritage Auctions is sponsoring quarterly essay contests. Four essays will be selected every year, with each quarterly winner receiving a package of numismatic prizes worth more than \$750!

“For decades,” noted Heritage’s Robert Korver, who created the contest, “numismatists have been concerned about the lack of interest in rare coins shown by the young – especially disturbing since so many professionals had our interest kindled before our teen years. Heritage has previously been active in supporting Young Numismatists in many different ways, including our summer intern programs – and is now trying this new approach. I implore every experienced collector to make young collectors – or even *potential* collectors – aware of this contest.”

The quarterly prizes to be awarded by Heritage include paying ANA YN and local coin club dues for one year, plus \$750 to be spent among the following ANA educational and collecting opportunities (divided at the winner's choice):

- ANA YN Dollars to be used in any ANA YN auctions;
- toward ANA bookstore purchases;
- toward ANA YN Correspondence Courses (scheduled to start in late 2012);
- toward ANA Summer Seminar tuition costs.

“Additionally,” continued Korver, “the winning essays will be printed and distributed in tens of thousands of shipments every month, as well as published on the Heritage website and in our coin and currency e-magazines. The winners will receive a great deal of recognition in the hobby.”

According to Korver: “To appeal to the largest possible audience, we are keeping the rules to a minimum. The essay contest is open to all students, ages 8-18. Essays should be 350-500 words, and all previously submitted entries will also be considered for each subsequent contest. We are imposing no limits on the number of essays that can be submitted, so a serious budding numismatist can continually increase his or her chances of winning. We also are allowing a broad range of topics.”

Sample essays topics suggested:

- How I got interested in coin collecting;
- My favorite numismatic memory or experience;
- My favorite coin or currency design (explain why the coin or note selected is artistically, historically, or even personally important);
- I intend to start collecting coins because I am interested in _____.
- *Or, be creative and impress the judges!*

The success of our efforts to attract a new generation of collectors to the hobby," concluded Korver, "will only succeed if all of us *senior* numismatists alert all of the YNs at our local coin clubs or Scout troops about this contest! I would also encourage distributing copies of our brochure (request the .pdf from Korver@HA.com) to every junior or senior high history, civics, economics, Latin, or art teacher you encounter. We want to help make collectors, not just recognize them!"

Essays can be emailed to Korver@HA.com or mailed to:

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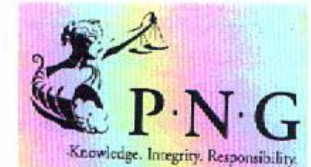
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

August 26, 2012

Grecian Gardens

Columbia, SC

President Erik Larsen called the meeting of the SCNA's Officers and Board of Governors to order at 6:15 pm. President Larsen welcomed the Officers and Board members. Excused from meeting were Board member Sam Norris, Richard McDowell and Jason Greene.

Gregory Stowers gave the invocation before the meeting and the meal.

The minutes of the June 4, 2012 Board meeting and the minutes of the email Disciplinary Action for member Ross were approved as published on a motion by Mr. Gregory Stowers which was seconded by Mr. Randy Clark.

Pascal S. Brock, SCNA Secretary, reported the current SCNA membership census:

Life Members (Active):	117
Honorary Life Members:	1
Life Clubs:	6
Regular Members:	194
Total Members:	354

The Secretary reported 86 new members for 2012. Also 36 members have not paid 2012 dues. The Secretary reported that Board member, Sam Norris, is doing fine after double knee replacements and should be at home in a few days.

The Secretary's membership report was approved on a motion by Mr. Stowers seconded by Mr. Tony Chibbaro and approved by the Board.

Treasurer Austin M. Sheheen, Jr. distributed copies of the June 1, 2012 to August 27, 2012 SCNA financial report for the General and Life Membership Funds. He reviewed receipts and disbursements for each fund during the period. On a motion by Mr. Bob Moon seconded by Mr. Bill Latour the Financial Report was accepted.

President Larsen informed the Board that Mr. Sheheen has request that a new Treasurer be appointed for 2013. Mr. Sheheen suggested that Mr. Moon be his replacement. After discussion and questions the Board agreed on Mr. Moon for the Treasurer starting January 1, 2013.

President Larsen report that Mr. Ross has not paid Mr. Williamson nor has he responded to either letter that he was been sent by the Board. Mr. Ross did sign for receipt of both letters. The Board decided to continue Mr. Ross's suspension.

Mr. Tony Chibbaro, Bourse Committee Chairman, discussed the following 2012 SCNA convention items:

- He has sold 120 tables. The show is a sellout and has a waiting list.
- The SCNA has 66 cases and 32 have been reserved by dealers. It also has 10 lamps and all have been reserved. He will purchase 5 additional lamps.
- Special events include gold panning; medal stamping and cent elongation displays are scheduled.
- Two (2) grading services will have tables.
- A convention program will be printed.



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- A silent auction will be held. He asked if Board members had anything they would like to contribute.

- 75 meals will be reserved for the Awards Breakfast.

He reported that everything is going well. The show will be held in Exhibit Hall #2 and we have plenty of space.

Special Events Chairman, Randy Clark, reported that about 300 tickets have been sold for the fundraiser. He expects to sell another 100 leaving about 100 to sell at the show. He has not had any applications for exhibits.

The SScanner Editor was excused from the meeting so no report was made.

Mr. Latour of the YN Committee reported he met with the ANA during the summer seminar and they said prices to attend the 2013 summer seminars would be the same. A full scholarship cost \$1,600 and a partial is \$1,000. He and Mr. Stowers discussed proposed changes to the YN application rules.

- A YN is defined as 18 and under years of age,
- Change the application date to year end,
- Do away with requirement for matching funds from local club,
- Do away with the requirement for 3 applicants before scholarship can be awarded.

The Board agreed with the proposed changes. Mr. Latour said he would pay half sponsorship for 1 YN for the 2013 Summer Seminar. The Board discussed finding a source of funding for the YN Scholarship and having an YN Fund. The Committee will work on getting applications for at least one YN for 2013 and report back at the October meeting.

Mr. Chibbaro, SCNA Nominations Committee Chairman, reported the following nominations for 2013.

- President – Erik S. Larsen
- First Vice-President – Randy Clark
- Second Vice-President – Kathy Leaphart

Board Term expiring 2014:

- Darin Gallie
- Robert Moon
- Sam Norris
- Bruce Getman
- Steve Twitty

On a motion by Mr. Stowers which was seconded by Mr. Clark the nominations were closed and approved by the Board.

Secretary Brock reported he had not received any awards nominations.

Secretary Brock was asked to leave the meeting by the President.

Mr. Stowers recorded the following minutes.

Per vote Award approval with follow up at next meeting.

The next Board meeting will be October 27, 2012 at 8:30 AM at the TD Center in Greenville, SC. The General Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 AM. The Board adjourned at 8:00 with a motion by Mr. Moon seconded by Mr. Latour.

Pascal S. Brock
SCNA Secretary

40th Annual S.C.N.A. Convention

TD Convention Center (formerly Carolina First Center)

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October 26, 27, & 28, 2012

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Location

5:00 pm	Dealer Set-Up, Security Begins	Exhibit Hall 2
9:00 pm	Convention Area Closes	

Friday, October 26, 2012

8:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Exhibit Hall 2
10:00 am	Ribbon Cutting	Exhibit Hall 2
	Convention Area Opens to Public	
6:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
6:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	

Saturday, October 27, 2012

8:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Exhibit Hall 2
8:30 am	SCNA Executive Board Meeting	Exhibit Hall 2 **
9:00 am	SCNA General Membership Meeting	Exhibit Hall 2 **
10:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Public	
12:00 pm	“The Tokens of Greenville, S.C.” by Tony Chibbaro	Exhibit Hall 2 **
1:00 pm	SCNA Young Numismatist Program	Exhibit Hall 2 **
6:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
6:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	

Sunday, October 28, 2012

8:30 am	Awards Breakfast & Installation of Officer	Exhibit Hall 2 **
9:15 am	New Executive Board Meeting	Exhibit Hall 2 **
9:30 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Exhibit Hall 2
10:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Public	
3:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
3:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	
4:00 pm	Security Ends	

Exhibit Hall 2 ** -- see draped area in rear of Exhibit Hall 2

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November

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November 2 – 4, 2012
 Camp Jordan Arena – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Wayne County Coin Club Show

November 3 – 4, 2012
 Elk's Lodge – Goldsboro, North Carolina

Augusta Coin Club Show

November 9 – 10, 2012
 Patriot's Park Gymnasium – Augusta, Georgia

Carolina Coin & Currency Show

November 10 – 12, 2012
 NC State Fairgrounds, Holshouser Building – Raleigh, North Carolina

Midlands Coin Club Fall Show

November 17, 2012
 American Legion Hall (Post #6) – Columbia, South Carolina

Sevierville Coin Show

November 24 – 25, 2012
 Sevierville Civic Center – Sevierville, Tennessee

Coin Show Calendar

December

Cape Fear Coin Club Show

December 1 – 2, 2012

Cumberland County Shrine Club – Fayetteville, North Carolina

Rowan County Coin Club Show

December 8, 2012

Salisbury Civic Center – Salisbury, North Carolina

Greenville Coin & Currency Show

December 8 – 9, 2012

American Legion Post 39 – Greenville, North Carolina

Newbern Coin & Currency Show

December 15 – 16, 2012

Riverfront Convention Center – Newbern, North Carolina

January

Raleigh Coin and Stamp Show

January 19-20, 2013

Holshouser Bldg., NC State Fairgrounds – Raleigh, North Carolina

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Low Country Coin Club

Dealers and collectors gathered for the Low Country Coin Club Summer coin show the weekend of August 3 – 5, 2012. The show was the 48th annual show for the club, the fifth held at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds exhibit building in Ladson, SC just a few miles out of Charleston.



34 dealers from five southeastern states took part in the show. Over 70 tables held their displays. Over 600 persons visited the show during the weekend.

The highlight of opening day was after the show closed Friday, the evening meal prepared by volunteer club members. Alex Gilchrist coordinated the meal preparation which featured a number of special dishes by Camelia Gilchrist.

As he has for “more years than he can remember” Arthur Darr manned the Young Numismatists table for the entire show. Arthur was assisted at the table by Kayla Hortman, John Placko and David Placko.



During that time about 70 young people visited the table where they were shown some of the exciting aspects of collecting coins. Arthur showed his collection of error coins, giving the young collectors extra close-up views of the “mint mistakes” through his microscope. The young visitors were given booklets, coin folders and a few coins to pique their interest in the hobby.

For the first time the Club sponsored an exhibit competition open to area collectors at the show. The exhibits were judged based on the American Numismatic Association standards. Winners of the competition were: Richard Smith, first place and Best of Show, with a display illustrating the History of the Philippines with Money. Richard won a 1/10th ounce 1999 gold piece. Alex Gilchrist and Chris Bellew teamed up to win second place with a display, President Abe Lincoln and coins. Tony Dantzler won third with his display featuring nautical themed coins. Each winner took home a ribbon and qualified to compete for 3 ANA scholarships.



Richard Smith—1st Place and Best of Show



Alex Gilchrist and Chris Bellew—2nd Place



Tony Dantzler—3rd Place

Bill Latour coordinated the competition. In addition, Bill provided a non-competitive display of counterfeit coins of many varieties as well as samples of counterfeit certification packaging. From the display it is obvious that counterfeiters are becoming more proficient and collectors need to be more aware of the possibility of buying something not worth the postage. The Club hopes to make this exhibit competition a feature at every future coin show.

At the close of the show on Sunday afternoon drawings were held for the raffle prizes and door prizes. Adriane Banks won the first prize in the raffle drawing, a Five dollar gold piece. Lloyd McCall was the second prize winner, three Morgan silver dollars. Bud Altman won third, a 2012 Silver Eagle.



The winner of the post card drawing was Roland Ouellette. Roland received a 1999 US Mint Proof Set. Aaron Fischer was the winner of a 2004 US Mint Set in the door prize drawing.

Young Numismatists prizes were won by Liam McGoldrick from Mt. Pleasant, SC and Chase Randles from Summerville, SC. Liam won a Whitman folder for error vanity pieces and Chase won a copy of Treasure Coins of the Caribbean.

Five young Numismatists assisted with the drawings, Taylor Wheeler, Abby Ingle, Cassie Wheeler, Kyle Gardner and Jesse Free. They were each given gift baskets filled with items provided by several of the dealers for their assistance.

The next Low Country Coin Show will again be at the Exchange club fairgrounds on February 1 – 3, 2013. Randy Clark is the Bourse Chairman. He can be



contacted by email at twobuckrandy@yahoo.com.

Low Country Coin Club Anniversary Token

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2010 was the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Low Country Coin Club in Charleston SC. There was a year long celebration which ended in a dinner with a talk from Mr. A.E. Tyner who was an original founding member.

The club had a competition to produce a token to celebrate the 50th anniversary. There were 100 tokens cast in Silver and 100 cast in bronze. Each member of the club was given one of the Silver tokens. Only one Silver token exists outside of Club members. At this time the club has decided to sell the remaining bronze tokens for \$15.00ea including freight to you. There are a limited number of tokens and orders will be accepted while supplies last. There is a limit of 3 tokens to any one person. To place your order email to Randy Clark at TWOBUCKRANDY@YAHOO.COM. Orders will be accepted and filled in order of receipt. Most orders will be delivered at the SC Convention in October. This offer is made to SCNA officers and BOD first and will be put in the next Scanner. Any tokens left will be offered to the NCNA members and then, placed in Numismatic News for sale.



Stephen James CSRA Coin Club, Aiken:

Robert Moon presented a program on "**National Bank Notes**" in May. He gave a brief history of Charter National Bank Notes and displayed a number of rare large notes including some issued to South Carolina banks representing each charter. He also showed some examples of smaller notes that were introduced around 1929.

At the club's June meeting Arno Safran gave a program on "**Collecting the U.S. Coins of 1875**", the year his maternal grandfather was born. Also at the June meeting Chuck Goergen volunteered to take on the duties of club treasurer as the newly elected treasurer had resigned due to illness.

An ANA video "**Old Man Dodge and His Coins**" was shown at the July meeting. At each of the club's meetings several members present "show and tells".



Robert Moon



Jim Barry with "Ben Franklin"



Club Members: Rick Owen, Vilma and Arno Safran, Glenn Sanders, Jim & Helen Barry

Six of the club's members attended the ANA's World's Fair of Money show August 7-11 in Philadelphia. They also visited the U.S. Mint and Liberty Bell and renewed some old friendships.

The club's newsletter, edited by Arno Safran, received ANA's national third place award for a local newsletter. The award was presented at the ANA Club Representative meeting on August 11.

The club's one day show was held Saturday, September 8, 2012 at the H.O. Odell Weeks Activity Center.



Arno Safran receiving the award for the club's newsletter pictured with Walt Ostromecki, ANA V.P., Arno, Tom Hallenbeck, ANA President and Jeff Shevlin, Executive Director.

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Anderson Area Coin Club

SCNA Members and Families,

The Anderson Area Coin Club hopes the Fall season finds you well. The AACC's date for the 2013 show was set at the Sept. 25th regular meeting as: Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st, 2013, with the proposed hours of 9am to 6pm on Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturday. The venue will remain the same: City of Anderson Recreation Center, 1107 North Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625. We will limit the number of tables to 40 this year(two less than last year) and expect an early sell-out. The dealer price for tables has not been set as of yet, but we are looking to discount single tables by 10% due to the success of last year's show. The Club wishes to thank those within the numismatic community supporting the AACC's efforts to expand the hobby, and especially the members of the SCNA. Interested parties should contact the bourse chairman, Bruce Getman, at: brucegetman@gmail.com or at (706)436-9577. The mailing address is as follows: AACC; P.O. Box 46, Anderson, SC 29622.

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WHEN LADY LIBERTY WAS A MAN!!! THE BARBER SERIES

BOB HARTJE

Perhaps she was overworked and needed a reduced schedule. Or, maybe she just wanted to play a joke on us. Whatever her reasons, one thing is sure--Lady Liberty did not pose for any of the Barber series coins. Find out why she didn't pose, who posed in her place as well as the startling answer to why Liberty bared a breast in 1916.

I've been a numismatist for many years. I know that Liberty is supposed to be a female. Yet, I have always felt that the depiction of Liberty on the Barber dime, quarter and half dollar is a male.

I don't feel this way about any other United States coins. On all non-Barber examples, the clothing, the figure and the facial figures clearly indicate that Liberty is of the female gender.

So, why do I feel that the Barber Liberty is a male? What is it about the Barber depiction of Liberty that suggests someone more likely to pledge a fraternity than a sorority?

THE NECK

First of all, look closely at the Barber Liberty neck. This is not the neck of a woman. Rather, it is the thick and muscular neck of a male, possibly even a football player. Take another look at the neck and head and try to envision the rest of the person suggested by this neck and head. My bet is that you will really have to stretch your imagination to conjure anything even remotely feminine. Next, concentrating on the relative sizes of the neck and head, try constructing a feminine head and face that fits this neck. When I tried this exercise, I kept on constructing a much older Liberty--a matronly, overweight, frumpy Liberty with sagging parts, several chins and grey hair. (Personally, I have no problem with an older, overweight Liberty. Aesthetically, such a Liberty would still be superior to an Eisenhower.) However, given the chauvinistic tenor of the times, such a depiction would not have been considered for portrayal on a United States coin.

THE ROMAN CONNECTION

When you added the body to the neck and head, weren't you tempted to clothe the person in a toga? When you looked at the hair hanging in bangs and sporting a (laurel?) wreath, weren't you reminded of Roman emperors?

True, the cap looks out of place. However, although the cap may not suggest Roman heritage, it is further proof of the masculine nature of the Barber Liberty. Primarily because the cap appears to cover a fairly small amount of hair--an amount more consistent with a male rather than a female.

Now, take a Barber quarter and compare it with a Napoleon I Laureate twenty francs gold coin. Isn't the similarity of the bust striking? And didn't Napoleon choose that pose because he wanted to appear more Roman? More "Emperorish?"

THE OPINION SURVEY

Seeking to gain further insight into Liberty's gender, I conducted a simple survey. For respondents, I chose non-numismatists who were unfamiliar with the history of the Barber coinage. For many, it was the first time they had viewed a Barber coin up close. About half of the respondents were male and about half were female.

The respondents were given a Barber coin and asked if the figure on the obverse was a male or a female. The majority answered "male." Most of the rest were unsure.

LUKE LIBERTY'S DIARY--THE LONG AWAITED TRUTH

I wrote a letter to Lady Liberty, detailing my interest in the Barber series and requesting an interview. Lady Liberty wrote back, explaining that she had been in seclusion for many years and was not granting interviews. She also mentioned that it was no longer necessary for her to sit for poses on coins. Instead, artists simply pull from an archive of thousands of pictures, paintings and renditions of her, and then apply any of a number of computer imaging software programs to achieve the desired look. Lady Liberty hadn't posed for a regular issue coin since 1917 and was enjoying her, well, liberty.

As to my questions regarding the Barber series, Liberty wrote that although her memory was a little fuzzy on the details, she definitely did not pose for any of the Barber series coins. In fact, she was dismayed that the general public would even think she could have posed for what she termed "an amateurish artistic engraving." I wrote back and explained that I needed corroboration. A month went by with no response. But then, late in December of 2008, I received an unmarked package. Inside the package was a copy of parts of a diary—the diary of Luke Liberty, Lady Liberty's brother, dressmaker, tailor and confidante. There was also a note from Lady Liberty: "The enclosed may help clear up the mystery."

The diary pages that were sent to my attention detailed events in the early 1890's leading up to the Barber design. The gist of the relevant pages asserts that during that time, Lady Liberty was often at odds with Mr. Barber, citing his ". . . unbearable egotistical attitude and total lack of creativity." She had welcomed the contest to design the coins that would replace those with her seated likeness, had willingly posed for several of the competing artists, and found several of their renditions to her liking.

When Charles Barber invalidated the results of the design contest, Lady Liberty was quite upset. Her initial pique was further inflamed when she viewed ". . . the pathetic, drab, and uninspiring design efforts of Mr. Barber." A shouting match ensued, words were exchanged and Lady Liberty left the room, vowing never to work for ". . . that self-centered, chauvinistic ego-maniac." (Please note that Lady Liberty kept her promise. Barber had to settle for Lady Minerva and Lady Columbia, among others, for his later designs.)

After Lady Liberty's departure and after allowing his own temper to cool, Charles Barber suddenly realized that he was without a model for his coins. Sensing that Barber was on the verge of tears, Luke ". . . attempted to console Mr. Barber, who was clearly distraught. I understood my sister's feelings, and I supported her actions; however, I also felt sorry for Mr. Barber and asked if there was anything I could do. Barber asked if I thought my sister would return. After hearing my opinion that she would not return, I noticed Barber's eyes focusing intently on me. I felt a little uneasy under his gaze. He sensed my unease, and mentioned that he was just observing the family resemblance between Lady and me."

"Well, the next thing I know, he's asking me if I wouldn't mind posing for his coin! I surprised myself by not dismissing this thought outright. But the more I thought about it, the better it sounded, and when Charles added that it would just be a head and neck pose, and that I wouldn't have to wear a dress or jewelry, I started thinking 'Why not?' I love my sister, but I'm always dancing in her shadow and playing second fiddle. Here was my chance to be top banana. I asked how much the job paid, and Charles offered me the full amount that he had budgeted for my sister. I accepted his offer, I posed, and then Charles and I went out for a celebration dinner."

"Of course, Charles mentioned that I shouldn't tell about my posing to anyone. He then asked what I thought Lady Liberty's reaction would be, and would she expose our ruse to the press. I promised to handle that aspect, and stressed that despite Lady's ill feelings towards him, she would remain silent to protect me. Besides, I mentioned, Lady would never stand in the way of a good joke."

THE AFTERMATH, THE CONTROVERSY AND THE BARE BREAST

As Luke had predicted, Lady did not reveal the secret. To an inquiring public, she maintained that it was indeed Liberty who was featured on the Barber coinage. And she was not lying. It was Liberty, albeit Luke Liberty, whose visage graced those coins.

When I called Lady Liberty to thank her for the information she supplied in both her letter and in the copy of Luke's diary, she added a few additional recollections. She vividly remembered the rumors about her sexuality that continued to surface throughout the Barber years. She then provided shocking new evidence on the 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter. In her own words, "The Barber coins caused me a lot of grief. Pundits and scribes questioned my gender at every opportunity. After awhile, it became apparent that the constant innuendo and scrutiny would not go away on their

own. I knew I had to do something to quell the rumors. So, after several long chats with my advisors, I decided to bare my breast while posing for the new quarter. This bold action confirmed my gender and silenced the doubters. It also served to bring attention to the women's suffrage movement. I'd like to think that the bra burners of the 1960's got their inspiration in part from my pose on that quarter."

As for Luke, he went back to being a dressmaker and tailor for his sister, and died in obscurity after a long illness in February, 1966 at the age of ninety-seven (unlike his sister, Luke was not immortal). In revealing his long-kept secret, Lady Liberty stated that rumors had surrounded the Barber series coins for decades, and that it was time to set the record straight and give her dear, departed brother his due.

By the way, in her letter, Lady Liberty mentioned that she would be quite receptive to having her image on a new United States circulating coinage design.

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Canada, Oh, Canada (You really do have no cents, Eh?)

On March 29, 2012 the Canadian government announced the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) will cease production of the penny (a name derived from the British pence) in April, and stop distributing penny coins to financial institutions in the fall of 2012. At the announcement Finance Minister Jim "Bronze Basher" Flaherty said, "The penny is a currency without any currency in Canada." How witty! A clever *bon mot* delivered by the Honorable Sir Basher. Of course he is a finance minister politico and not a comedian so he plagiarized a Senate anti-penny report issued in 2010 where Senator Irving Gerstein said, "This is a piece of currency, quite frankly, that lacks currency."

OK, so just maybe the Canadians are ahead of the curve, on the cutting edge so to speak, it is because they have the advantage of those long, long winters where the snow covers the doors and you can't go outside anyway because the wolves are waiting to eat you. All that the Canadians (who are not in South Carolina or Florida) have to do is sit around thinking weird thoughts, such as, "Why are there sports besides hockey?", "Will it ever stop snowing?", "Why are there pennies?", "I am so cold! Why didn't I buy more blankets at the Mart-du-Wal during our week long summer thaw?" etc.

It turns out that the Canadians might not be so *avant-garde* after all, because Australia, Brazil, Finland, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, and Great Britain all have already stopped producing or have taken low denomination coinage out of circulation. New Zealand removed the penny from circulation 32 years ago in 1980 and they still haven't reverted to cannibalism.

What system did the wily Canucks come up with for a land with no pennies? Why not just plagiarize like the Finance Minister, it works for him. A government publication has been issued titled, "Rounding", and at least it credits the system to others by stating, "The rounding guideline adopted in other countries for cash transactions...Rounding down: \$1.01 or \$1.02 = \$1.00 & \$1.06 or \$1.07 = \$1.05; Rounding up: \$1.03 or \$1.04 = \$1.05 & \$1.08 or \$1.09 = \$1.10...". The end of the penny, right? Not so fast Pierre, the denomination still exists when you use a credit or debit card, or you write a cheque (Canadian for check). I can visualize collectors arguing over whom has the better set of electronic penny pulsations and I know some grading company will slab them.

The RCM has produced an average of 812 million pennies a year for this millennium or about 100,000 coins for each Canadian, no it is actually 25 coins for each Canadian per year, but I think they must be counting those cute baby seals, moose, caribou, geese, and the wolves at the door. The production cost savings are estimated to be in excess of \$11 million dollars(C) per year when the minting of pennies stops. The Canadian Desjardins Group of Quebec did a study it costs 1.5 cents(C) to produce one penny.

- The penny is worth 5% of its turn of the 20th century value and they are of such little value people store them in jars and @2/3rd of people don't ever use pennies. (I bet my 2012 dollar is not worth 5% of a silver dollar in 1900, but I sure can't afford to stuff them in jars and forget about them.)
- The government's cost of keeping pennies in circulation; including production, storage, transportation, and other expenses is \$130 million(C) per year.
- Banks, stores, and consumers spend time and money to count, roll, and move pennies.
- in 2007 citing several reasons to abolish the penny:

Reason number one should have been good enough to do away with the penny, but why did it take 5 years to implement the findings? I am almost certain the French speaking Canadians argued with the Anglo speaking Canadians for 4 years over the report's translation as the penny is called **le cent** by the French speakers. Who is really impacted by the penny's demise? The companies that transport coin, i.e., armored cars (an armoured lorry in the Queen's English), companies that make coin rolls and boxes, and the mining industry will feel an economic pinch. A government spokesperson allowed that it is too bad about that, but the intent is to press on no matter if a business is affected negatively. **N'est pas?** The scenario in the USA would be quite different as our government would apologize profusely and endlessly throw money at the unfortunate/fortunate corporation.

Maybe the Canadian Government has an alternate motive for doing away with the iconic coin bearing the likeness of HRM Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and the beloved Maple Leaf on the reverse, and it involves the melting of the pennies as they are removed from circulation. There are currently 30 billion pennies in circulation in Canada, so consider the following: in mid-2006 the price of copper was @\$9,175.00(C) per metric ton; Canadian pennies from 1980 to 1996 contain 2.5 grams of copper; 1,000,000grams equals a metric ton; an investment of \$4,000(C) would net 400,000 pennies, thus, 400,000 x 2.5g = 1,000,000g = one metric ton; you would have \$9,175.00(C) in copper and almost a 230% rate of return. Pre-1979 pennies contain 3.2 grams of copper, you do the math. Did those Canadians come up with one very good idea during those lonely, endless winter nights? Their second best idea was to elevate Wayne Gretzky to immediate Sainthood and the third best was to replace all drinking water with Molson's Ale. It seems that numbers 2 and 3 have come up in the top 5 for a good many winters now, although Moosehead Ale is sometimes substituted for Molson's.

What's next, the nickel? They actually do have a plan to do away with the 5 cent piece in the future, but the Canadian mining industry may have something to say as Canada is a world leader in nickel production. Anyway, the New Zealanders have already beat them to the punch, doing away with the 5 cent piece in 2009.

Maybe now the "snowbirds" that escaped the Canadian deep freeze will stop sneaking their funny pennies into our good American coinage in Myrtle Beach. A nickel for your thoughts! Eh?

Conversion of Canadian pennies into a base metal value (bmv) per \$10,000 example.

Canadian Small Pennies from year 1920 to 1979 weigh 3.24 grams
 Canadian Small Pennies from year 1981 to 1996 weigh 2.5 grams
 Canadian pennies (cp) from these dates are composed of 98% copper and 2% tin

To convert from grams (g) to ounces (oz.) multiply by .035, divide the number of ounces by 16 to derive the number of pounds (lbs).

The current price of copper is @ \$3.50 per lb

A high side cost of smelting would equal 10% of bmv, multiply bmv value by 90%

Example 1: \$10,000 equals 1,000,000cp X 3.24g = 3,240,000g X .035 = 113,400oz
 113,400oz/16oz = 7,087.5lb X \$3.50 = \$24,806.25
 \$24,806.25 X .98% = \$24,310.13bmv X .9 = \$21,879.12
 For Canadian pennies from dates 1920-1979

Example 2: \$10,000 equals 1,000,000cp X 2.5g = 2,500,000g X .035 = 87,500 oz
 87,500oz/16oz = 5468.75lbs X \$3.50 = \$19,140.63
 \$19,140.63 X .98 = \$18,757.82bmv X .9 = \$16,882.04
 For Canadian pennies from dates 1981-1996

The above examples can be expanded by the addition of zeros at the appropriate step; 10,000,000cp = \$187,578.20bmv, 100,000,000cp = \$1,875,782.00bmv, etc.

The associated costs to the Government of Canada should be minimal in order to melt pennies either recalled from circulation or held in reserve. The ensuing sale of the copper on the world market could net a more than a half billion dollars.

Unfortunately, for investors, it is against Canadian laws to melt the country's coinage.

— Bruce Getman, SCNA LM#150

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Rock Hill Coin Show

The show opened on Friday afternoon amid really strong thunderstorms which precluded several dealers from making the trip on Friday afternoon. Several called to say they would wait until Saturday to arrive and to begin setup. There was some business done on Friday afternoon and actually a few collectors showed up unexpectedly, who saw the ad in the local newspaper. The "brave" collectors who came on Friday were served as we didn't want to discourage them after their attempt at reaching the show after enduring such a storm.

Saturday morning got off the a rapid start with several dealers all coming in at around 7:30 to 8:00 to get setup. The collectors began arriving a little earlier than usual at around 9:45, when the show actually opened at 10:00. But since they were there anyway, they were let in early. They crowds picked up a little after 10:30 and more showed up by 11:00. There was vigorous activity until about 2:00 when things quieted down for a while and then there was renewed activity from 4:00 till the show closed at 5:00.

Many of the dealers in attendance were rewarded with nice accumulations of various "Type Coins" that were offered to them from several collectors, one dealer even bought about 6 to 8 Early Bust Halves as well as a partial collection of Early Large Cents ranging from 1795 to about 1853 in all about 30 pieces, mostly in fairly good condition. The 1795 being probably the lowest grade of a Good - 4 obverse and maybe an A.G. - 3 reverse, but a nice piece overall! He also purchased a good assortment of Indian and Flying Eagle Cents from about VG to XF. He was elated with the buying he did at the show on Saturday.

Several of the other dealers reported buying varying amounts of Gold and Silver Coins as well as assortments of US as well as World Coins and some Currency . Overall sales seemed to be lower than expected from what was heard on the floor, but dealers were encouraged by what they had purchased, which seemed to make up for the fact that collectors purchasing seemed a little light. Lately however, in my opinion, this has been the case in most shows around the country as during the Summer months, most collectors have other



things on their mind, such as family vacations, chores, and the ever present "Honey-Do" Lists that every spouse hopes the other will get done during the warm Summer months.

Sunday emerged rather quietly with a few collectors showing up a little after 10:00 and a good amount of business was done until around 12:00 or so, when the "After Church" crowd usually arrives. The pace picked up somewhat until about 1:30 when a few more attendees, who visited on Saturday returned to make their final selections. A few dealers began to pack up at around 2:00 to 2:30 to try to beat the afternoon "Heat" and typical "Thunder Showers" which plagued the show a few times throughout the weekend.

The Rock-Hill Show wrapped up at 4:00 with a few of the dealers reporting better sales on Sunday than Saturday, which is uncommon, but none-the-less why two day shows can be successful. Some collectors retorted that they would have appreciated more dealers being in attendance, as it was clear that a few of the dealers normally in attendance had other shows they may have signed up for in advance, and thus were not able to make the Rock-Hill, SC event this year. But in any event the Rock-Hill, SC Show is again on the schedule for the weekend of July 20 & 21, 2013.

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Also at this year's convention, you may look forward to an exhibit addressing the history of the SCNA. I would thoroughly enjoy receiving personal anecdotes you may remember about figures in SCNA history or any stories at all about the first several years of the organization. Those pieces of our past will never be preserved if we don't record them and, in talking with many of you as I have, there are definitely some memories that should be shared.

As always, if you should have any photographs, writings, documents or any other types of SCNA memorabilia you'd be willing to donate to the SCNA historical archives, feel free to contact me through the SCNA website or email jason@tryongold.com.



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