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Letter from the SCNA President

Hello Fellow Numismatists!

These are exciting times! Coin show season is cranking up again and we have a great schedule ahead of us and several shows have shown larger than normal attendance. Please check your SScanner and the SCNA website for the show calendar that contains locations, times and contact information.

SCNA's 47th annual convention is just around the corner and it will prove to be a "Humdinger" with some new attractions. The show will be held at the Greenville Convention Center on October 25th, 26th and 27th. The show opens daily at 10 a.m. this year we were fortunate to be able to move to the other end of the building, so look for signs directing you to the show area!

Mr. Will Gragg, SCNA's Young Numismatist Director will again put on the Scouts Merit Badge program. This year he repeats the Carnival game motif that lets the youngsters have fun while they learn! Of course he will welcome any support you can provide to help build the next generation of collectors.

Speaking of YN's, they are reminded that there is an Exhibit competition again this year at the convention, where they can win prizes! YNs are encouraged to put together their exhibits and join the competition. First prize is \$200.00 in YN Gift Certificates that can be used to purchase items from the dealers at the convention!

For you autograph hunters, you will have the opportunity to score a Presidential "Quintfecta" – you can get your red books autographed by five Presidents expected to be at the Convention: the ANA President, the FUN Show President, the NCNA President, the GNA President, and the most valuable autograph of all, MINE!

The US Mint will return this year so you can purchase all your mint products with no shipping charges! Sweet! We will again host the SC Department of Archives and History (where you can purchase notes from their amazing collection of obsolete notes discovered in a trove in the basement of the Capital building); the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Museum, and the Bechtler Mint Museum, and the Jenkins collection of certified Bechtler coins!

New and improved for this year are the Educational Seminars. Tony Chibbaro, Wayne Damron and Bob Moon will all be presenting seminars in their areas of specialization. Seminar specific information is contained in the special Convention section of this issue. Plan to attend the programs as I am sure you will learn something new and gain greater insight into our wonderful hobby.

Finally, and most important of all, every SCNA member will be receiving a ballot for our election this year, please make your selection and send your ballot back to be counted. Ballots will be counted at the convention, so please return as quickly as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the convention. Good Luck and Happy Hunting!
Randy Clark



From The Editor

Dear SCNA Members,
Notice anything different with this edition of *The SCanner*? Perhaps a bit of color? Maybe you saw the new SCNA Logo? If you noticed these changes, con-

gratulations on your sharp eye! The updated logo is courtesy of the efforts of Mr. Will Gragg, SCNA Officer and YN Director. Will led a team that strove to both update and standardize the design elements of SNCA’s logo. Throughout this issue you see the results! The most notable change is the blue field of the background, which evokes thoughts of South Carolina’s state flag. The SCNA Board is thankful to Will for his excellent update to our logo! As for the color in this issue, it is experimental. The thought here is that having color enhances the experience of our Readers. But it also increases the cost of publication. A balance must be struck, so we are taking “baby steps” in this direction.

On a personal note, I am closing in on my first full year as Editor of *The SCanner*. The past year has been quite challenging to me as I’ve tried to adjust to this new responsibility. But I also feel immensely rewarded, as I love to write about numismatics and you - the people that drive our hobby! I will say that my efforts absolutely would not happen without the support of my dear wife Crissy (a fellow numismatist and SCNA member). Without her encouragement and understanding I would find myself lost in a mundane existence of household chores, devoid of numismatics. Well maybe not *that* dire a circumstance, but ... Seriously, I am so very grateful for the opportunity given me to be the editor of *The SCanner* and I hope that you find my efforts worthwhile, informative, and enjoyable!

Happy Reading and Kind Regards,

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The Best Morgan Dollars We Can Buy

By Dr. Mark Benvenuto

Unless we are collectors who have been hiding under a rock, we're aware that there has been some serious hype about Morgan dollars in the recent past. We're not talking about assembling full sets – a tough proposition – but rather about the best of the best that have gone across the auction block and made the numismatic press. This year is not yet over, and there have already been some tremendous sales. It's enough to make us normal humans think that the series is out of reach. Let's do a bit of digging though, and see what sort of Morgans might still be available. Basically, what's out there that qualifies as items for those of us on a champagne diet, but with a beer budget?

Proofs: Perhaps an obvious place to look for amazing Morgan silver dollars is among the proofs. Right at the outset, the definition itself might need a bit of tweaking, as there was no proof coin program back then like there is today. Still, there are quite a few Morgan dollars that qualify as proofs, with gorgeous surfaces, all produced at the Main Mint in Philadelphia. They have a mirror finish, and are wonderful examples of the minter's art.

The problem with the proofs is that precisely because they are scarce at best, they are all expensive. Several of the major price guides list these in grades as low as PF-63, which usually means there was some mis-handling of the coin over the course of the last century. But even a lower proof grade like PF-63 and PF-64 will cost thousands of dollars. The optimists among us can point out that this is lower than it might be. The realists among us will counter that this is still more than many of us can spend. So let's look elsewhere.

The 1921s: The final hurrah for the Morgan silver dollars came almost two decades after production had ceased, in 1904. The year 1921 saw Morgan dollars gushing out of the Mint in Philly, as well as the branch facility in San Francisco, and what was still a relatively new branch facility in Denver. The mintages were huge compared to any year that had come before: 44.6 million from the main Mint, 21.6 million from San Fran, and 20.3 million from the Mile High City. It certainly seems logical that any of these three Morgans ought to be relatively inexpensive in some high grade.

Curiously, looking once again at a couple of the well-established monthly price guides, we find that any of the 1921 Morgan silver dollars in a grade such as MS-66 still cost at least \$600, and that 'S' mint mark brings the price up to \$3,000. In short, what gives?

The answer to this set of unexpectedly high prices probably doesn't lie in weekly or monthly price listings. It's more likely to be found in the population reports of the third party grading services. There simply are not all that many 1921 Morgan dollars that have been encapsulated in this high grade. Scratching our heads and wondering why doesn't usually give hard and fast answers, but we can surmise that the set up for production in 1921 ended up with dies that were well aligned, but possibly aligned some fraction of a millimeter farther apart than they had been in the past. This in turn would produce fewer coins that struck up to the high standard that would get an MS-66 grade all these years later. This is conjecture – and there may be other reasons as well – but it's tough to dismiss this as an argument.

Checking the population reports: Alright, since the proofs and the commonest of dates have not netted us any real bargains, let's go to those population reports and see just what dates within the Morgan dollar series have been encapsulated (slabbed) by some third party grading service, and have been slabbed in hefty numbers.

It turns out, quite a few of the Morgan dollars of several dates have survived in high grades. Looking just at the MS-66 grade, and sticking with five of the oldest dates and mint marks in the series, we get to: 1879-S, and 1880-S, and 1881-S, and 1882-S, and the 1885. It turns out that all of them had good sized mintages, with the 1885 being the biggest at over 17 million. As well, each of this quintet has seen a good number slabbed. In what is very good news indeed, each of these cost a bit less than \$300 in that MS-66 grade.

The just-mentioned price is pretty amazing when we stop to think about it a little. Each of these coins is over 130 years old. Each is in truly amazing shape. And each costs \$300 or less. If we can find them, they would make a stunning start on a truly gorgeous collection of Morgan silver dollars.

Adding one further note to our finding about these tremendous dollars, for those of us who are very tight with our money, the MS-65 version of each of these five dates is only about \$150. That's quite a price drop for a minimal drop in grade. And it's not as if an MS-65 coin is ever described as ugly. They will still be beautiful coins.

All things considered? It definitely seems that we have found some Morgan dollars that fit our description of "champagne taste and beer budget." In getting this far, we'll point out that this is not an end; rather, it's a beginning. Take some time, do some hunting, and see how many other Morgan silver dollars can be had in these high grades for prices at or near what we've noted. The Morgan silver dollars may be a tough series to complete, and some astonishing ones do cross the auction block on what appears to be a regular basis, but the best Morgans are not always out of reach.

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| OCT | 4-6 | NCNA Annual Coin Show & Convention | Cabarrus Arena & Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, North Carolina 28025 Contact: Perry Siegel (704) 992-2707 http://ncnaonline.org/convention.php |
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| OCT | 19 | Sumter Coin Club Coin Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUB) | Bethesda Church of God Fellowship Hall, 2730 Broad St. (next to Honda dealership) |
| OCT | 25-27 | South Carolina Numismatic Asso. 47th Annual Convention Greenville SC | TD Convention Center 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 Bourse Chairman Bill Latour, Phone: 843-532-5089; Lowcountrycoins1@bellsouth.net |
| NOV | 2 | Midlands Coin Club, Columbia SC (SCNA MEMBER CLUB) | AMERICAN LEGION HALL 200 Pickens Street (At the corner of Pickens & Whaley) Columbia, South Carolina Jimmy Boland, 803-787-0363, 803-896-7721, or e-mail: jamesboland@scdps.net www.MidlandsCoinClub.com |
| NOV | 1-3 | Tennessee State Numismatic Society Show | Camp Jordan Arena 323 Camp Jordan Pkwy. East Ridge, Tennessee 37412 Contact: Bob Hurst 321-427-6474; http://tsns.org/home/ |
| NOV | 15-16 | Augusta Coin Club Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUB) | New Columbia county Exhibition Center 212 Partnership dr., Grovetown GA 30813 Bourse Chairman David Chism @ 706-541-4143 or dchism@comcast.net; augustacoinclub.org |
| DEC | 14-15 | Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show Greenville NC | American Legion Post 39 403 Saint Andrews Dr. Greenville, North Carolina 27834 Contact: Shanna Millis 919-790-8544 www.rarecoinsofraleigh.com/ |
| Jan | 9-12 | 65th Annual FUN Convention | Orange County Convention Center, West Building WA1 & WA2, 9800 International Dr. Orlando, Florida 32819 http://www.funtopics.com/fun-convention.html |
| Jan | 24-26 | Middle Georgia Coin & Currency Show | Georgia National Fairgrounds 401 Larry Walker Parkway Perry, GA 31069 Contact: Chip Davis at 478-320-7850 |
| Jan - Feb | 1/31 - 2/2 | Low Country Winter Coin Show - Ladsen SC (SCNA MEMBER CLUB) | Exchange Park Fairgrounds 9860 Hwy 78, Ladsen, SC 29456 Dealers contact Richard Smith lmangie@aol.com or (843) 797-1245 www.lowcountrycoinclub.com |
| Feb | 7-9 | EXPECTED SHOW. NOT YET SCHEDULED Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show | Park Expo and Conference Center 900 Briar Creek Rd. Charlotte, North Carolina 28205 Contact: Jerry Sajbel 704-641-2959 http://www.charlottecoinclub.org/show.htm |
| Feb | 14-16 | 50th Upstate SC Coin Show <i>Sponsored by the Greenville and Parker Coin Clubs (SCNA MEMBER CLUBS)</i> | Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium 385 N Church St Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303 Contact: DAVID BURZINSKI (864) 293-8416 http://www.upstatescoinshow.com/ |
| Feb | 15 | COOKEVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Cookeville TN | County Parks and Recreation Building 240 Carlen Drive, Cookeville, Tennessee 38501 Contact: Richard White at 931-303-1572 |
| Feb | 27-29 | American Numismatic Association's 2020 NATIONAL MONEY SHOW, Atlanta, GA | Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339 convention@money.org |
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| Mar | 21-22 | Statesville Coin and Currency Show | Statesville Civic Center 300 S Center St, Statesville, NC 28677 Contact: Bill Brewer at 704-450-1639 |
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| Apr | 18 | Marion Coin Club, Marion NC | Marion Community Building 191 North Main St., Marion, NC 28752 Contact: Jeff Hicks at (828) 460-7867 J. Smith Young YMCA |
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Over the past several years my wife Crissy and I have become enamored with obsolete uniface currency that is printed on the backs of other obsolete notes. This “recycling” occurred to a great extent during the US’ Civil War, when money in general and currency in particular were simply not available in the South. This condition has its origin in several factors, most notably that prior to the Civil War most of the engraving and printing of currency occurred in the North of the United States, mainly New York and Philadelphia. Secondly, prior to the Federal government nationalizing the banking system in 1863 there were an estimated 9,000 entities¹ (state, local, and private banks, insurance companies, railroads, real estate exchange offices, etc.) for which currency was printed. This phenomenon peaked during the “Free Banking Era” of 1836 to 1865

The subjects of this article are two \$5 notes issued by the Real Estate Exchange Office of Holly Springs, Mississippi. But before going into detail on the two particular notes and what specifically makes them exceptionally fascinating (building some suspense here!) let’s explore the background of this financial institution and the currency it issued.

The Holly Springs Real Estate Exchange Office was one of two companies



formed by McEwen, King and Company in 1837 during the Chickasaw Cession when the US government was relocating Native Americans from their tribal lands in the South to reservations and new lands in the West.

The Holly Springs company was unchartered and issued large amounts of promissory notes before its failure during the “Hard Times” of the late 1830s and early 1840s.

The \$5 notes shown at the bottom of the preceding page, as well as the companion \$10 and \$20 denominations, were printed by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch of New York, New York in 1837 and 1838 using a beautiful, vibrant blue ink. This was the height of a financial crisis in the United States and these notes were not issued. There are three varieties of this note, the one shown here; one also in blue ink but with “Holly” spelled “Holley”; and the third variety was an issued note of the same design but printed on brown paper.

The \$10 and \$20 denominations also demonstrate these varieties. These notes are categorized by Q. David Bowers in Volume 7 of the *Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money* as W-MS-390- 5-G070a; Don Kelly catalogs them as MS760-25 in his book *Obsolete Paper Money A Guide with Prices*.

Bowers gives these notes a rarity of URS-8 with an estimated population of between 65 and 124 specimens thought to exist. The left side of the note features the likeness of a Native American shooting an arrow towards the right;

in the top middle is the image of a leaping deer; and on the right is a vignette of a farmer harvesting corn. The denomination is represented in multiple ways on this note – two instances of the number 5 in a circle; the word “FIVE” in a rectangular box; and the Roman numeral “V” in two stylized rectangles.

In 1862 the State of Louisiana issued the second series (series B) of \$1, \$2, and \$3 Treasury Notes from Baton Rouge, LA.



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Holy Smoly! What are the odds?, Continued

These designs lacked an engraver's imprint and are dated February 24, 1862. These notes carry Criswell designations of CR-4 (\$3), CR-6 (\$2) and CR-8 (\$1) and were printed on the back of the unused Holly Springs Real Estate Exchange Office notes. The three Louisiana notes were printed perpendicularly to the Holly Springs notes, and three Louisiana notes consumed the same space as the two Mississippi notes.

Here are the reverses of the Holly Springs Notes, containing the partial Louisiana notes. The two Holly Springs notes shown in this article were acquired from two different currency dealers with the purchases occurring a little over a year apart. The first was acquired from nationally known Numismatist and Author Mr. Pierre Fricke in October 2017 at the South Carolina Numismatic Association's Annual Convention. The second note was obtained a year later, in November 2018, from Ms. Lisa Daniels of the Gilbert Coin and Collectible Exchange located in Gilbert, South Carolina.

The first \$5 note (purchased from Mr. Fricke in 2017) is Series A and the reverse of the note contains the right halves of the State of Louisiana \$1, \$2, \$3 notes in green ink. This side of the note contains the signature for the State Treasurer.

The three LA notes are dated February 24, 1862 and list a serial number of 14631. The second note (purchased from Ms. Daniels in 2018) is a Series B and contains the left halves of the State of Louisiana \$1, \$2, and \$3 notes. This side contains the signature for the State Auditor. It also contains the serial number 14631. So combined you see the complete original three State of Louisiana notes as they were signed in 1862.

Wait....WHAAT?!?! These two bills actually comprise FIVE ORIGINAL NOTES? Two that are over 180 years old and three that are almost 160 years old? Yes, you read that correctly! Two obsolete Holly Springs (MS) Real Estate Office \$5 notes purchased over a year apart from two different numismatic dealers resulted in finding the matching halves of three obsolete State of Louisiana Treasury Notes! Holy Smoly! It is hard to fathom the odds of this occurrence, but obviously it is very rare! It just illustrates that numismatics can be an endlessly fascinating, quirky, coincidental, and amazingly pleasing adventure! Happy Hunting!

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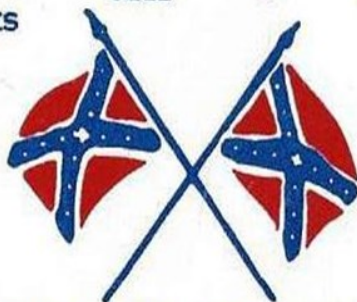
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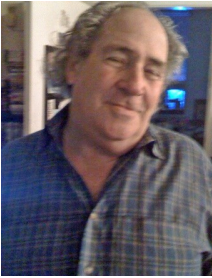
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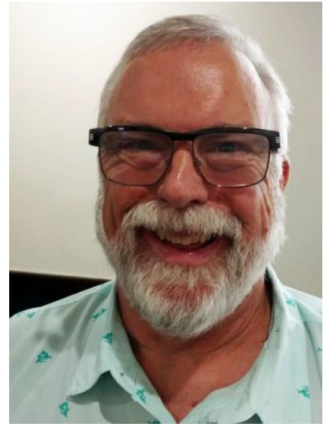
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MEMBER CLUB NEWS

Augusta Coin Club News

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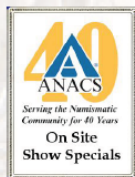
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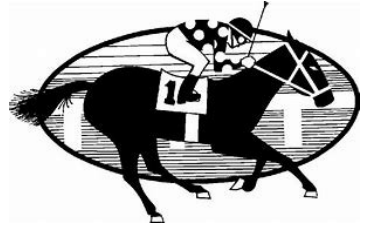
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MEMBER CLUB NEWS

Camden Coin Club News

Our meeting location has again changed. We now meet at **The Mercantile at 1110 Broad Street** in downtown Camden. Bill Blake moved his coin shop here in February and is now selling office supplies along with coins and paper money from this location. If you are in Camden stop by to visit Bill in his new location. Or better yet come to a coin club meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. For more information about the Camden Coin Club email camdencoinclub@gmail.com or call 803-438-2866.



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Life member of American Numismatic Association, South Carolina Numismatic Association, and the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association

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Saturday September 21, 2019

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MEMBER CLUB NEWS

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MEMBER CLUB NEWS

Midlands Coin Club



Greeting fellow coin enthusiasts! An update from your friendly neighborhood coin club located comfortably in the middle of the state. The Club is doing well and still seeing some younger faces in the crowd. We put on some exciting “Under the microscope” sessions where we try to stump the experts. We have seen one of a kind rare and previously unknown SC tokens, contemporary counterfeits, error coins, ancients and oddities like a Rock Island Arsenal Workman’s Pass (Medal). It is fun discussing the history behind each.

Our May 2019 show was again sold out! Strong sales were reported and a lot of happy smiling faces were seen! We also had our largest Merit Badge Program for the Scouts – 18 Scouts all earned their Coin Collecting Merit badge! Plenty of prizes and coins were given out too!

Sadly we report one of our members, Scott Hafer, has moved to Virginia. Scott is a copper guy so we will be losing some large cent knowledge. We wish him well and we hope he finds a good club up in Virginia.

The Club recognizes that being a Bourse chair is a tough job, especially if you are doing it all alone. We want to thank Jimmy Boland for his many years of performing this duty alone. To ease his burden the Club has decided to create a Bourse committee. Our next show is on November 2, 2019 at the American Legion Hall Post 6. 200 Pickens Street, Columbia SC. Check out our ad in this issue for more details. Best show in the Midlands! If you would like to be included on the mailing list for our shows and other related events, send an e-mail to midlandscoinclub@gmail.com

If you are a member of another club or just passing through the Midlands of South Carolina, come join us! Club meetings are the second Thursday of every month at the Cayce Historical Museum, 1800 12th St, Cayce, SC 29033. We have an “Under the microscope” session, sometimes featured speakers, a general business meeting and a fun auction! Visitors are welcome, come join the fun! Check us out at www.midlandscoinclub.com and also join our Facebook page!

MEMBER CLUB NEWS



Midlands Coin Club

SCNA Life Member Club

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Directions to the show:

FROM CHARLESTON: I-26 to I-77. North on I-77 toward Charlotte to Shop Road exit. * North toward downtown Columbia. Stay on Shop Road past *The State* newspaper to where it turns into Assembly Street. Bear right onto Assembly and continue North to Whaley Street (CITGO gas station on left, Subway on right). Right on Whaley until you reach the flashing red light at the top of the hill, American Legion Hall, across Pickens Street on left.

FROM CHARLOTTE: Take I-77 to Shop Road exit. * (see above)

FROM FLORENCE: Take I-20 to I-77 to Shop Road exit. * (see above)

FROM AUGUSTA: I-20 to I-26. East on I-26 to I-126 into downtown Columbia. Right on Assembly Street to Whaley (CITGO gas station on right, Subway on left). Left on Whaley until you reach the flashing red light at the top of the hill, American Legion Hall, across Pickens Street on left.

For more information call Jimmy Boland, 803-787-0363, 803-896-7721, or e-mail: JamesBoland@SCDPS.GOV

MEMBER CLUB NEWS



Stephen James CSRA Coin Club News

The SJCSRACC has enjoyed a summer full of numismatic education! The Club has a vibrant “Show and Tell” culture and this summer brought many fine numismatic items, such as:

A 50th WW II Anniversary commemorative set issued in 1993

A 2004 Wisconsin quarter with the extra leaf error

An 1893 Barber quarter graded MS-63 but with MS-65 eye-appeal

An uncommon one ounce .9995 palladium 2018-W \$25 proof coin. It has a high relief Mercury dime design obverse and a reverse with a different eagle from the Mercury dime, perhaps akin to the one Adolph Weinman used for the reverse of the Walking Liberty half-dollar.

A reproduction gold set of the twelve Caesars from Julius in 44 BC to Domitian in 96 AD.

A 1917 Variety 1 U.S. Standing Liberty quarter

An 1882 ANACS MS 61 Morgan

An 1883-O ANACS MS 62 Morgan with lots of eye appeal

An 1832 capped bust quarter in XF condition

A 1995 Lincoln penny double-die, along with information from the Cherry-Pickers guide on spotting this coin variety.

A beautiful PCGS MS-62 1889 Seated Liberty dime

A 1980-P nickel that had been minted on a penny planchet.

An 1985 one-dollar error bill - where a strip ~1/4 inch wide across the bottom of the note reverse showed a mirror image of the front of a one-dollar note

Two graded examples of 1819 Quarters one graded VF20 by ANACS and the other, a “small 9” variety, graded VF20 Counterfeit “silver” rounds, one of which was actually marked as “one troy ounce .999 fine silver”.



MEMBER CLUB NEWS

SCNA MEMBERS CAPTURE HONORS!

Congratulations to three members of the SCNA who captured honors at SPMC's International Paper Money Show and at the ANA's World's Fair of Money!



Mr. Robert (Bob) Moon received multiple awards for his extensive exhibit titled "*First Notes: A Selection of Serial Number 1 National Bank Note from New York State*". Bob won the Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC) Stephen R. Taylor Best in Show award at the International Paper Money Show held this past June in Kansas City, Missouri. Bob's exhibit also was awarded the Radford Stearns Memorial Award for Excellence in Exhibiting, Best of Show First Runner-

Up by the American Numismatic Association at the World's Fair of Money (ANA's 128th Anniversary Convention) in Chicago, Illinois in mid-August! If you attended the 2018 SCNA annual Convention last October (2018) you had an



opportunity to see this award-winning exhibit in person. It is a truly remarkable collection, as these recognitions demonstrate! Finally, Bob also received the SPMC President's Award for Service for his support of this organization. Congratulations and thank you, Bob, for being such a promoter of numismatics !



Speaking of SPMC awards, Mr. Dennis Schafluetzel (L) received the Education, Research, and Outreach award and Mr. Austin Sheheen (R) was inducted into SPMC's Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to these winners for their well-deserved recognitions!



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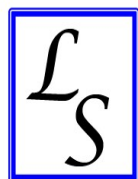
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MEMBER CLUB NEWS

Low Country Coin Club News

SUMMER COIN SHOW A SUCCESS!

4 PM August 4, 2019 the doors of the Exchange Park Exhibit building closed and the Low Country Coin Club members headed home after a successful three-day show.

Attendance was down a bit from previous shows, but all the dealers attending went home happy as did the club members.



Friday afternoon the Low Country Red Cross joined the coin club for a blood drive. Club members and guests kept the Red Cross workers busy all afternoon. A prize drawing was held just for the donors on Friday afternoon and one of the few donors who is not a coin collector, Mariah Jurow, won the \$1 "Horse Blanket". The Club is thankful to all those who came out to donate.

For the first time in several years the club held an exhibit competition. It was a tough competition. Unfortunately, there could be only one winner. That was the Lewis and Clark Coins display.

Naomi Morris was the raffle winner, taking home a \$5 gold coin. Naomi has been part of the Club's security team for years and has been a great help to the club.

Second prize, three Morgan Dollars, was won by Harold Calavaro and Shawn Knouff took home the third prize, a 2019 American Silver Eagle.

Low Country Winter Coin Show



January 31 –
February 2, 2020



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From the YN Director

Will Gragg at: SCNA_webmaster@yahoo.com

The Goal? Make it FUN!



When I volunteered to be the SCNA Young Numismatist Director I knew I faced challenges. In my mind I wanted to make this hobby FUN! As an adult, I love history and being able to hold it. However, youngsters today find other things fun, like Action Figures, movies, pop-culture and games. Besides the few silver coins issued by Tuvalu and

Canada that have cartoon characters on them, not much coinage is offered with motifs interesting to kids. Notwithstanding, I personally accepted the challenge to make the hobby fun!

I decided to build them what they enjoy the most, games! The kids can have fun and not even realize they are learning! They can earn free stuff that will start their journey on collecting. Now this concept was not solely my idea. I heard there was a similar program in North Carolina so I made a benchmarking visit to the Raleigh Coin Club show. I borrowed some of their ideas and made a few of my own. I was determined to make a unique, new, “WOW!” factor YN program for the annual convention.

2018 was my first attempt. I built several carnival style quiz games that were easy to manage. One included world coins the kids kept! Each game earned them points that they could use at the end of the carnival to earn a coin, medal, token, paper money (US or foreign) of their choice. They also got a freebie bag, free Whitman folders, piles of Lincoln cents and older Jefferson nickels! The quizzes were designed to showcase collectibles such as these that are within reach of young collectors.

The responses from both the kids and adults were VERY positive. I had comments like “I get to keep this?!?” and “I never knew that!” Many adults expressed that they learned something as well!

2019 is upon us and I am working on new games and quizzes. I have spent months gathering cool give-a-ways for this year’s carnival! This program will grow over the years and it is designed to be “Self-Service”, requiring minimal staffing to operate. This process also is repeatable and upgradable with little effort. This concept would make it easier for the coordinator. While running this program requires effort and coordination, it is truly rewarding to watch the kids run through the carnival, picking their prizes and asking questions!

I challenge everyone to volunteer for an hour or two—it is super easy and you will be able to truly appreciate and understand why it is so important to get our youth involved in collecting. I look forward to seeing you there!

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ANA SUMMER SEMINARS!!



SCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS!

ELECTIONS

Remember to return your ballots by the deadline!

Election ballots are being sent out for this year's annual SCNA Election. All SCNA members are encouraged to vote! Ballots will be counted and the results of the election will be announced at the Convention. Mailed ballots must be received by the SCNA Secretary before October 22nd. Alternatively, ballots may be hand delivered to the Secretary at the annual SCNA Convention in Greenville. In this case the ballot must be received by 3 pm on Friday October 25th.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Ever moving forward, there will be a vote on proposed SCNA by-law changes regarding the categories of SCNA membership. These changes can be viewed on the SC-NA.org website at this page: <http://www.sc-na.org/documents/changes.pdf>. Voting on this proposed change to the by-laws will be held at the annual SCNA Convention in Greenville during the General Membership meeting.



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Hidden Treasures in Modern Proof Sets (Really?)

By Bill Fivaz

We all know that most modern proof sets cost less today than they did when they were originally purchased from the mint. Obviously not a good investment . . . or were they? With a 10x loupe and one of the many variety attribution guides you might surprise yourself and find that treasure sitting in your closet. I recommend using an updated set of the "Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties of United States Coins" as this single reference set contains just about all that you will need to identify any proof set variety; for that matter, any mint set variety too. The two-volume set also contains descriptions for most varieties in every series of mid-1800's through modern U.S. coinage.

I am frequently asked why I even look for these varieties. My response is simple. When, with a little knowledge of what to look for, I can buy a common 1990 proof set from a "cash-flow" coin dealer (a dealer who doesn't care about varieties) for less than five dollars knowing I can sell it for over four thousand dollars! I've been "Cherrypickin'" for years now and have pretty much found all that I have been looking for. . . at the right price. I am only two proof sets away from having all of the 'variety' proof sets. My point is, you can too.

Somewhere along the way I put together my 'cheat sheet' of proof set errors and varieties. It has helped me find those elusive proof sets with the repunched mintmarks (RPMs), double die obverses (DDOs), double die reverses (DDRs), even triple die and quadruple die obverses and reverses (TDOs, TDRs, QDOs, QDRs) and an occasional missing or misplaced mintmark.

Once you get to know them they are easy to spot. Most collectors know about the 1964 Accented Hair Proof Kennedy Half Dollar. Its pretty tough to discern by looking at the hair. So don't. Just look for a broken bottom left serif in the I of LIBERTY. If the serif is broken then you have the accented hair piece.

Yes, I have cheat sheets for mint sets and every series of U.S. coins since the mid 1800's too. We'll save those for another day though. One of them may just show up in a future SCNA Journal.

Anyways, "Happy Hunting" or "Happy Cherrypicking" as JT would say. My cheat sheet for proof set varieties should help you along the way. By the way, it is not a complete listing; just the ones that are the most sought after by collectors. Feel free to add to it.

V/r, Bill

The Many Talents of Christopher Bechtler

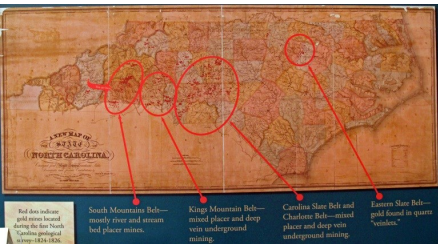
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Author's Note: This NIONSM article is the first in a planned series of articles that explores regional and local numismatic history. This series was inspired by a chance passing through of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, home of Christopher Bechtler. This encounter was reinforced a few months later when attending the South Carolina Numismatic Association's annual convention in October 2018. The Bechtler Mint Museum which is based in Rutherfordton had brought some of the displays from their facility to share with the patronage of the show. Additionally Ms. Betty Jenkins and Mr. Tim Callahan brought a collection of Bechtler coins to the Convention. Finally, the Author made a dedicated trip to Rutherfordton, where Ms. Dana Bradley, Docent of the Bechtler Museum, graciously gave him a detailed tour which was the genesis of this article and a related presentation. The Author is grateful to all those who

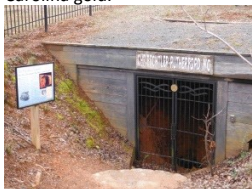
helped him learn about the Bechtlers and their coins, and he hopes you, the Reader, will also enjoy learning more about Numismatics in Our Neighborhood!SM

The year was 1830 and the small remote rural town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina was abuzz with the news of the arrival of a family of German immigrants, master craftsman recently immigrated to the US, who were going to try their luck as gold miners in the North Carolina mountains. So begins the amazing journey of the Bechtlers, Christopher and his sons Augustus and Charles, and his nephew Carl Christ (aka Christopher Jr.). But the journey really began in 1782 at Pforzheim Germany when Christopher Bechtler was born. Pforzheim was known as "Die Goldstadt" or the City of Gold, given its location in the gold bearing Black Forest region of southwest Germany.



because the results were meager. He decided to immigrate to the United States, and in 1829 he, his sons, and nephew arrived in Philadelphia where they established a jewelry shop. This endeavor was short-lived, as the Bechtlers soon moved to the remote mountains of western North Carolina to enter the gold trade.

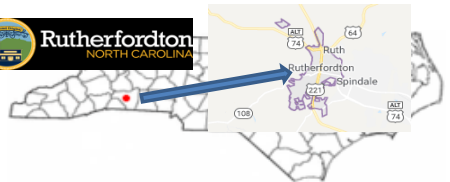
North Carolina at the time was experiencing a gold rush which began in 1799 and continued until 1849. This activity saw huge economic impact for the State, second only to Agriculture. At its peak there were over 600 gold mines in operation in western and central North Carolina. North Carolina gold also had a national impact in that from 1804 to 1828 all US gold coins were minted using North Carolina gold.



Upon arrival in Rutherfordton in 1830 Bechtler purchased several thousand acres of land and began mining and assaying gold. He established a home site, assay office, and mint approximately 3.5 miles north of Rutherfordton. Bechtler lived on this site until 1838 when he moved into his new home in town. The mint and mine site is now a Historic Park, and little trace remains in the terms of artifacts. In fact,

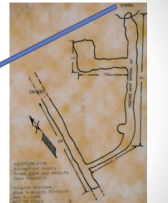
historians, researchers, and archeologists have been unable to locate the exact home site and mint building. Shown at left is what is believed to be the entrance to Bechtler's mine. Shown at right is a close-up of the actual entryway and a hand drawn map of the tunnels accessed through this entrance. Needless to say, the tunnel was very small – imagine miners working in this tight space, illuminated by oil lamp light, with the fire burning available oxygen – clearly a high risk activity!

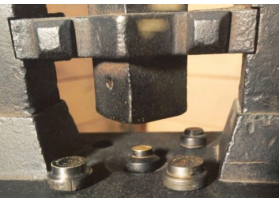
Bechtler was from a fairly well-to-do local family and consequently he received training at the local vocational school and became a watchmaker and a jeweler. It is uncertain whether this training spawned his interest in gold, but it is known that he designed, built, patented, and put to use a "gold washing machine" - a sluice used to separate gold from Stubensand. Stubensand was sand used as an abrasive in household cleaners at the time, and it contained trace amounts of gold. By the late 1820s Bechtler gave up mining Stubensand



Bechtler Mine

- Tunnel extends over 80 feet before turning north for another 30 feet. If then narrows to less than one foot in height.





While raw gold was abundant, gold coins – both Federal and State issue – were scarce and this made commerce and economic growth difficult. With Government approval, in July 1831 the Bechtlers began striking \$2.50 and \$5.00 coins using hand-crafted dies and a manual screw press (actual press shown at left). By 1832 the family had begun striking \$1.00 gold coins, 17 years before the US Government minted the first “official” gold dollar! Their fee for minting coins or refining gold? A mere 2.5%! The family was very industrious and in just 9 years they minted \$2,241,840.50 in coins. It is uncertain as to the exact number of each denomination produced, but it is known that they produced over a million coins in this period. By hand, one at a time!

Their peak production period was the 21 months from August 1836 to May 1838 when they minted \$770,240. At times they produced \$4,000 to \$5,000 per week! They also refined almost \$1.4 million in raw gold that was not minted into coinage. Between January 1831 and February 1840 the Bechtlers handled \$3,625,479 of gold (equivalent to \$105,337,250 in 2019 dollars) as compared to the US Government which handled only \$3M in gold in the same period. Shown here is a table of the Bechtler’s output, as documented in an 1844 audit.

The fineness of the coins minted by the Bechtlers varied between 20 and 22 carat. Modern day assay of coins minted by Augustus Bechtler found the coins to be within 1.5% of stated gold content, which is excellent performance for the technology and production methods of the time.

| Bechtler Mint Output From 1831 to 1840 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| *The following statement, as to Bechtler's coinage, is extracted from his books, and may therefore be relied on as correct.* ¹² | | | | | | | |
| From | To | \$ Coined (Face Value) | penny weight (dwts) refined | \$ Refined (80 cents/dwt) | Total \$ (face value) | \$ Coined / Day | \$ Refined / Day |
| Jan 1831 | Dec 1834 | \$109,732.50 | 395,804 | \$316,643.20 | \$426,375.70 | 90 | 258 |
| Dec 1834 | Dec 1835 | \$695,896.00 | 711,583 | \$569,266.40 | \$1,265,162.40 | 2223 | 1819 |
| Dec 1835 | Aug 1836 | \$471,322.50 | 397,410 | \$317,928.00 | \$789,250.50 | 2277 | 1314 |
| Aug 1836 | May 1838 | \$770,239.50 | 201,141 | \$160,912.80 | \$931,152.30 | 1408 | 294 |
| May 1838 | Feb 1840 | \$194,560.00 | 24,060 | \$19,248.00 | \$213,808.00 | 354 | 35 |
| | | \$2,241,750.50 | 1,729,998 | \$1,383,998.40 | \$3,625,748.90 | | |

[1] Source: Merchants' Magazine, Volume 11, July 1844: 62-65.

| PCGS CoinFacts Catalog of Regular Strike Bechtler Coins | |
|---|---|
| Coin | Auction Record |
| 1834 S5 K-16 C Bechtler, RE RUTHERFORD | \$8,751 • N82 • 11-02-2014 • David Lawrence RC |
| 1834 S5 K-17a C Bechtler RE RUTHERFORD | \$67,563 • AU58 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| 1834 S5 K-17 C Bechtler, PE RUTHERFORD | \$36,000 • MS62 • 03-21-2018 • Stack's Bowers |
| 1834 S5 K-17b No Star or CRUTHERFORD | \$82,250 • XF45 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| 1834 S5 K-18 C Bechtler RUTHERFORD | \$22,325 • AU53 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| 1834 S5 K-19 C Bechtler 20 Dots, RUTHERF. | \$48,175 • XF45 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-20 134 Grains, Star | \$29,900 • MS62 • 01-05-2006 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S5 K-21 GEORGIA 128 Grains Colon, RUTHERFORD | \$115,000 • AU58 • 01-15-2008 • Stack's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-22 GEORGIA 128 Grains RUTHERFORD | \$52,875 • MS63 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-23 128 Grs., 22 Carat RUTHERF. | \$40,550 • MS62 • 06-03-2013 • Bonham's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-26 134 Grains, No Star | \$73,438 • AU53 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-31 Chapman Restrike | \$40,825 • PR62 • 04-17-2008 • David Lawrence RC |
| C Bechtler S5 K-31 Unofficial Restrike Gilt Brass | \$27,025 • MS63 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| A Bechtler GS1 K-24 27 Grains, 21 Carat Plain Edge | \$14,100 • MS63 • 04-23-2014 • Heritage Auctions |
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| A Bechtler S5 K-30 Chapman Restrike | \$44,275 • PR66 • 01-01-2009 • Bowers & Merena |

| PCGS CoinFacts Catalog of Regular Strike Bechtler Coins | |
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| Coin | Auction Record |
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| C Bechtler S1 K-1a 30 Grains, PE | \$14,100 • XF45 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S1 K-2 28 Grains High RE | \$48,875 • MS64 • 08-09-2007 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S1 K-2a 28 Grains High PE | \$20,563 • AU55 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S1 K-3 28 Grain Center, RE | \$34,500 • MS61 • 08-09-2007 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S1 K-3a 28 Grain Center, PE | \$11,750 • XF45 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S1 K-4 N Reversed | \$29,900 • MS63 • 08-09-2007 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-10 67 Grains, 21 Carat | \$35,250 • MS62 • 04-23-2014 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-11 64 Grains, 22 Carat | \$43,125 • MS62 • 08-09-2007 • Heritage Auctions |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-12 Even 22 | \$76,375 • MS63 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-13 70 Grains, 20 Carat | \$41,125 • MS62 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-5 No 75G, Fine Beads | \$44,944 • AU50 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-6 No 75G, Coarse Beads | \$54,625 • CH AU • 06-12-2002 • Stack's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-7 CAROLINA at top | \$58,163 • Genuine • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-8 Beaded, with 75G | \$123,375 • MS63 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S2 50 K-9 75 Grains w/Star | \$91,063 • XF45 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-14 Beaded no 150 G | \$3,190 • XF • 05-01-1990 • Stack's |
| C Bechtler S5 K-15 Beaded w/150 G | \$118,675 • MS62 • 11-08-2013 • Stack's Bowers |
| 1834 S5 K-16a C Bechtler, PE RUTHERFORD | \$85,188 • AU55 • 03-09-2017 • Kagin's |

Some coins contain the date August 1, 1834. This is not the date of manufacture, rather this is the effective date of the Coinage Act of 1834. This Act changed the official US silver to gold ratio from 15:1 (set in 1792) to 16:1. This effectively reduced the fineness of US gold coins and the Bechtlers wanted to reflect this change by adding the date to identify the reduced weight coin.

Three denominations and three fineness resulted in 35 Regular Strike coins as catalogued by PCGS CoinFacts. PCGS also lists 3 restrikes. Shown to the left are the varieties of coins minted, as well as the auction record for each type. Coins minted by Christopher are marked with “C. Bechtler” while those minted by Augustus are marked “A. Bechtler”.

Bechtler coins are referred to as “era” coins because they were not dated. Three eras are typically referred to: 1831 – 1837; 1837 – 1842;

Era Coins

Left to Right:

1831 – 1837 C. Bechtler S5, August 1, 1834, 140g, 20C, Carolina Gold
 1837-1842 C. Bechtler S5, 128g, 22C, Star, AU Details, Georgia Gold
 1842 – 1850 C. Bechtler S5, 134g, 21C, XF Details, Repaired

Chapman Restrikes

C. Bechtler \$5 K-31
Chapman Restrike, PR65+CA
\$47,000 • PR65CA • 03-09-2017 • Kogins

C. Bechtler \$5 K-31 Chapman
Restrike, MS63 Gilt Brass
\$27,025 • MS63 • 03-09-2017 • Kogins

A. Bechtler \$5 K-30
B. Chapman Restrike PR64
\$44,275 • PR64 • 01-01-2009 • Sowers & Merena



It is believed the Bechtlers did this because they did not want to run afoul of the US Treasury. However, the US Mint apparently did not share this same concern because it did not make any indication of the reduced weight on the gold coins it minted following passage of this Act. (In subsequent issues of silver coins the Mint used arrows to signify changes in silver content.)

As mentioned earlier, there were three restrikes of Bechtler coins, two regarded as “official” and one as “unofficial”. All three restrikes were done at the behest of Henry Chapman in the early 1900s. Chapman was a professional coin dealer and around 1908 he came across three of

Bechtler’s \$5 coin dies – one obverse and two reverse. He had a limited number of proof restrikes of the K-30 (Augustus) and K-31 (Christopher) Bechtler varieties produced.

Since he had one Obverse die and two reverse dies the reverse design varied in these restrikes. The third and “unofficial” restrike was made using the K-31 die on gilt brass. It appears Chapman wanted to experiment with alternative materials for coins. As can be seen in the previous image, the two gold restrike examples have an obvious die crack between the six and seven o’clock position, whereas the gilt brass coin does not. This indicates the gilt brass coin was struck before the gold coins.



As can be expected when minting coins by hand, errors abound. Many (perhaps most) Bechtler coins have

rotated dies – this “error” was very common. Other errors are less common and command a substantial premium; such as the unique specimen (above) minted using a cancelled die (the scratches made to deface the die are readily visible on the coin). Another example is the series of coins with a backwards “N” in the word “ONE” (left).

C Bechtler \$1 K-4 N Reversed, PCGS MS63, Courtesy PCGS CoinFacts

Attendees at the 2018 edition of the South Carolina Numismatic Association’s Annual Convention were treated to what is believed to be the largest collection of Bechtler coins in existence. This 53-coin NGC certified collection was assembled by Mr. Norman Jenkins (right) of Forest City, North



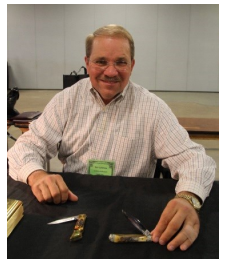
Norman Jenkins with three Bechtler Coins



Betty Jenkins with collection of 53 Bechtler Coins

Carolina, and was brought to the Convention by his wife, Mrs. Betty Jenkins (left) and their “adopted son” Mr. Tim Callahan (below). These two wonderful individuals shared a wealth of knowledge and allowed the Author unfettered access to the collection. The Author is very thankful for their courteous accommodation to help make this article a reality!

As an aside, Mr. Callahan also brought for display an entire collection of knives from the Bechtler Mint Knife Club. This club was started in 1983 and closed up shop in 2007. During this period 27 specialty knives (annual issues and some special editions) were commissioned from W. R. Case & Sons. Each knife has the Club’s logo and a replica of a Bechtler \$5 coin. Tim relayed that due to the rarity of some of the knives (as few as 43 were made in some years) it took him 10 years to assemble the complete collection, and it may be the only complete set in existence.



Tim Callahan with Bechtler Mint Knives Club Knives



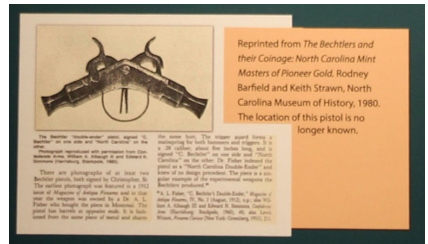
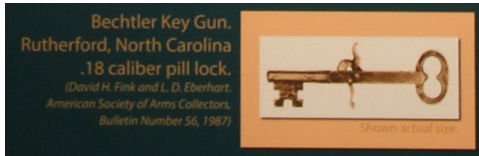
In addition to their mining and minting activities, the Bechtlers were also accomplished jewelers and gunsmiths, having learned these skills while still living in Germany.

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The innovation they exhibited in designing and building tools for mining and minting was also applied to gun smithing. These skills served them well when in 1838 the US Government opened a branch mint in Charlotte NC and the demand for Bechtler's minting services began to decline. Bechtler guns were renowned for their quality and ingenuity. Shown here is the only known surviving Bechtler rifle.. While it looks like a double barrel shotgun, it is in fact a double barrel rifle that the Author estimates to be at least .50 caliber – see inset. This weapon was made by Augustus Bechtler and his name is engraved on the side plate. "North Carolina" is inlaid in gold on the top.



Additional novelty weapons manufactured included a .18 caliber "key" gun; a double ended pistol (not quite sure how this would be safely operated), boot pistols, and a walking stick pistol!



Bechtler's list of jewelry offerings included necklaces, earrings, brooches, rings, buttons, cufflinks, watches, lapel pins and many decorative art items such as candlesticks and hand mirrors.

Christopher Bechtler died at the age of 60, in December 1842 or January 1843. His son Augustus assumed control of the business but he passed away soon after his father, at the age of 34 (the records are not clear but his passing was in late 1843 or early 1844.) Christopher's second son Charles then took over the business, but he died in 1846 while in his 20's. It is widely suspected that all three died from heavy metal poisoning resulting from their mining, refining, and minting activities.



Christopher's nephew and adopted son – Carl Christ (given name) / Christopher Jr. (chosen name) – continued minting coins but exited the business between 1849 and 1852. He lived in Rutherfordton until at least 1857, and records indicate that by 1860 he was operating a jewelry store in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Readers interested in learning more about the life and times of the Bechtlers, as well as wanting an opportunity to see first-hand some of the coins and other items they made, have the opportunity to do so by visiting the Bechtler House Museum in Rutherfordton. Ms. Dana Bradley, (right), Director of Rutherfordton Outdoor Coalition and Docent of the Museum was instrumental in providing detailed information for this article as she graciously toured the Author through the facility and the life and times of the Bechtlers.



The museum contains displays on the Bechtlers and many artifacts from their life - from the actual screw press they used in minting their coins to the 85-key family piano. The Author is extremely grateful to Ms. Bradley for sharing her time and knowledge to help the Author fully comprehend the achievements of the Bechtlers!



The museum is also the Headquarters of the North Carolina Gold Trail. It is located at 130 W. 6th Street in Rutherfordton. Its hours of operation are:

- Friday from 10:00a -1:00p
- Saturday from 10:00a - 3:00p.

It may be possible to arrange for a tour at another time - interested persons should call 828-351-9575 to check on availability of staff to conduct a tour outside of standard hours.

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Additional information on the Bechtlers is widely available on the internet. One excellent and comprehensive website is found at <http://goldfever.unctv.org/video>. This website contains the 28 minute video *Gold Fever and The Bechtler Mint* produced by the University of North Carolina. The website also has many video extras, a photo gallery, and links to additional resources.



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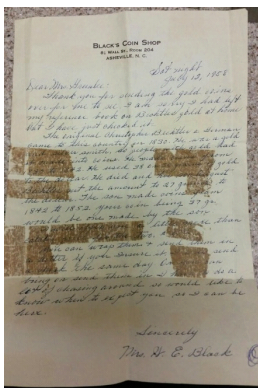
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An AU-53 Augustus Bechtler \$1 for \$12.50??

By Greg Capps



Mrs. Black's letter to Mrs. Greenlee
 Courtesy Greg Capps

Editor's note: Coincidentally, in August 2019 I received an e-mail from Mr. Greg Capps of Asheville NC. His e-mail contained three photos and a transcription of a letter regarding the 1958 sale of a coin minted by Augustus Bechtler. It ties in nicely with this article on the Bechtlers. Note that McDowell County NC is just north of Rutherfordton, where the Bechtler's lived and worked. SCNA appreciates Mr. Capps submitting this interesting information to share with the readership!



\$1, Augustus Bechtler AU-53 K-24 27 Grains, 21 Carat Plain Edge
 PCGS Cert #36833940
 Courtesy Greg Capps

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Text of Letter:

Sat night July 12, 1958

Dear Mrs. Greenlee:

Thank you for sending the gold coins over for me to see. I am sorry I had left my reference book on Bechtler gold at home but I have just checked it.

The original Christopher Bechtler, a German, came to this country in 1830. He was a gold and silver smith, so people with gold had it made into coins. He made coins from 1830 to 1842. He used 28 or 30 grains of gold to the dollar. He died and his son August Bechtler cut the amount to 27 grains to the dollar. The son made coins from 1842 to 1852. Your coin being 27 gr. would be one made by the son.

I will offer you a little more than catalog price for the two, \$25.

You can wrap them & send them in a letter if you insure it. I will send a check the same day. Or you can bring or send them in. I have to do a lot of chasing around so would like to know when to expect you so I can be here.

Sincerely

Mrs. H.E. Black

In addition to the photos and transcript, Mr. Capps made the following observations in his e-mail:

Greenlee is a fairly common surname for McDowell County, which neighbors Buncombe County. Also, I am not sure what Mrs. Black's reference book was but some of the dates are a bit off. The elder Bechtler came to this country in 1829 and began coining in 1831. The younger had halted coin production by 1849 or perhaps 1850. (Kagin)

The letter mentions two coins but only one has survived intact with the letter. It passed through the hands of several prominent Asheville coin dealers, Mrs. Black to Mary Sellers and then to Bill Wright. I am proud to now say that it holds a place in my collection although I paid a bit more than the \$12.50 noted above. It has also recently visited PCGS where it received an AU grade.



**Black's Coin Shop at 8-1/2 Wall Street in Asheville NC was upstairs between Ball Photo and Wick & Greene Jewelers
Courtesy Greg Capps**

Editor's Note: Per the Brunk Auction website, Greg Capps is the Coin Specialist at Brunk

Auctions. He has spent the last ten years working with coins at the retail level. His articles have appeared in The Numismatist, NCNA Journal, and the Journal for the Token and Medal Society. In 2015 he received the Autence Bason Literary Award. Greg's memberships include: American Numismatic Association, Early American Copper, Numismatic Literary Guild, Carolina Token Society, NC Postal History Society and formerly a Director position on the NCNA Board. He is a frequent speaker, writer and researcher on a range of topics, a favorite being early U.S. copper coinage. He earned a B.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. <https://brunkauctions.com/about-us/our-team>

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¿Qué hay en Su billetera?

(What's in your wallet?)

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If the title question was asked of an American citizen prior to 1857, one could reasonably expect their response to include a variety of world coins. Prior to this date, many foreign coins were legal tender in the US, due to a lack of available American coinage. Prior to the establishment of the US Mint in 1792, coinage in the United States, by default, was foreign specie (gold and silver). It is estimated that by 1830 Spanish coinage constituted a quarter of the available specie in America.

A \$50 coin next to a \$2,500 coin
Both circulated for \$1.00 value here.



1799 Chas IV and 1799 US \$1 obverses side by side

Image courtesy of Arno Safran

While this was supposed to be a short-term arrangement until the Federal Mint in Philadelphia was able to meet the demand for coinage, in fact these coins were accepted forms of payment until their legal status was repealed by the Coinage Act of 1857.

As the years went on, silver and gold coinage from Mexico, Peru, Chile, and Central America were also accepted as legal tender. Surprisingly, not much coinage from Great Britain circulated, although the early Americans often referred to foreign coinage in terms of the British denominations. For example, One Reale (equivalent to 12½ cents) was considered, and often called, a Shilling.



Safran divinn

In June and July of 2018, Mr. Arno Safran presented a two-part series titled *Collecting Foreign American Coinage that were legal tender in the USA* to the members of the Stephen James Central Savannah River Area Coin Club (The SJCSRACC). As usual, Arno's presentation was fascinating, very educational, and of high quality, with

much historical background and many images of the coins being discussed.

To provide context, Arno provided some historical facts that led to the use of the foreign coins. As Spain was an early explorer of the Americas, and having found abundant supplies of gold and silver ore, Spain established minting facilities in Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia and Chile as early as the mid-1500s. As noted by Arno, the very first coin shown in the Guide Book of United States Coins (aka the Red Book) is the Spanish Milled Dollar. This coin, also called the Pillar Dollar, was the predominant coin in Colonial times. As noted in the Red Book, President Thomas Jefferson recommended this coin be adopted as the US' monetary unit.



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1739 Philip V Pillar Dollar

- "Two Worlds" Type
- First Milled Dollar Coin
- "Piece of Eight" – 8 Reales / 8 bits
- Ultra Que Unum - "Both are One"
- Plus Ultra – "More Beyond"
- Crowned Pillars represent Pillars of Hercules
- Two globes attached to Spanish Crown floating on ocean represent the "two worlds" – the old and the new
- "o" over "M" symbolizes the Mexico City Mint
- Philip V by the grace of Gog, King of Spain and the Indies
- Crowned Bourbon Coat of Arms

According to Arno, Pillar coinage was struck in five denominations, all composed of .917 fine silver:

- 8 Reales, equivalent to \$1
- 4 Reales, scarcest of the five denominations, valued at 50 US cents at the time
- 2 Reales – 25 cents or “two-bits”
- 1 Reale – slightly larger than American dime, and monetized at 12 ½ cents
- ½ Reale, equal to 6 ¼ cents

He also noted that even though these coins are not particularly rare and are relatively inexpensive, they might be hard to obtain because there is such low demand for them. The NGC World Coin Price Guide website values a 1739 Pillar Dollar grade VG8 at \$100, and a XF40 specimen at \$400 – well within the price range of many collectors. Safran noted that of the series the four Reale is the scarcest, and the ½ Reale is hard to find in higher grades.



Mexico - Charles IV 1/4 Real 1796-Mo MS65 NGC, Mexico City mint, KM62.
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Shown here is one of Arno's slides showing a complete six-coin set issued by King Charles IV, 8 Reale through ¼ Reale



Two World Coin Set Top: Coat of Arms Side; Bottom: Date Side. Images courtesy of Arno Safran



Charles IV 8, 4, 2, 1, ½ & ¼ Reales

Image courtesy of Arno Safran

The “two world” coin type extended from 1739 through 1788, and was issued by three Spanish monarchs: Philip V, Ferdinand VI, and Charles III

Due to economic conditions in Spain, silver fineness was reduced by Charles III from .917 to .903;

Replaced by the Portrait / Bust type in 1789

The observant reader will notice that all these coins are made of silver. Per Arno, this is because copper coinage was never popular among Latin American peoples. But this lack of popularity did not diminish the need for small coinage, so in 1796 a new silver denomination, the ¼ Reale was struck. This coin translated to 3 1/8 US cents.

The year 1808 was one of transition, as the coinage changed from King Charles IV to that of young King Ferdinand VII, who reigned twice, first from March 19 1808 to May 6 1808; and then again from December 11, 1813 until his death on September 29, 1833.



The first coins of Ferdinand VII struck in Mexico show the young King in an Armored Bust

Years of Transition: The obverses of 1808 Chas IV & Fed. VII 8 Reales

Image courtesy of Arno Safran

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Ferdinand VII issued the Armored Bust type coinage. The set consisted of 8, 4, 2, 1, and ½ Reale. Safran indicated that although the 8 Reale is readily available, the minor coins are hard to find. In 1811 Ferdinand's portrait was revised, showing the King in a Laureate Bust style, and adding the tiny ¼ Reale (the Cuartilla) denomination.

Arno relayed that upon his return to power, Ferdinand VII was very bitter and ruled ruthlessly, targeting retribution against those in Spain he believed had supported his ouster and replacement by Joseph Bonaparte (See Sidebar). By 1810 some of the Latin American colonies, most notably Mexico, began demanding independence from Spain because of the suffering that they were enduring.

Ferdinand VII abdicated the Spanish throne on May 1808 shortly after the invasion of Spain by France. He was replaced by Joseph Bonaparte (Joseph I), older brother of French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte,

Joseph I was deposed on December 11, 1813. He abdicated and returned to France after the main French forces were defeated by a British-led coalition at the Battle of Vitoria. Ferdinand VII then resumed rule.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferdinand_VII_of_Spain

The ensuing Mexican War of Independence was finally settled in 1822, when Augustin Iturbide (a leading Spanish General who, seeing a chance to obtain power, switched sides) led the ad hoc Mexican forces to victory. He declared himself Emperor, and was a brutal dictator who was deposed in 1824, shortly after assuming power. In 1822 and 1823 Iturbide issued the first non-Spanish coins in Mexico. Five denominations were issued: 8, 4, 2, 1 and ½ Reales



8 Reales – Augustin I; 1822; Mexico (Empire of Iturbide) Image courtesy en.numista
<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces15085.html>

8 Reales – Augustin I
Country Mexico (Empire of Iturbide)

Years 1822-1823

Value 8 Reales

Metal .903 Silver

Weight 27.07 g

Diameter 38.95 mm

References KM# 310

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Following Iturbide being deposed, the First Mexican Republic, also known as the First Federal Republic of Mexico, was formed. This government faced constant struggles but lasted almost twelve years, to late 1835, when Santa Anna formed the Centrist Republic of Mexico. The First Republic changed the design on the Iturbide-issued coins by moving the eagle to the obverse of the coin, thereby replacing the portrait of the much-despised dictator. The reverse design now included a Phrygian cap – a common symbol of liberty use by many nations - including America – with rays extending from the cap. The date and symbols indicating the coin's fineness are below the cap. During the time of this Republic the design elements were slightly changed a number of times. Shown here are two variants of the 2 Reale coin:



1824 KM-373.1 Hooked Neck Eagle 2 Reale

1826 KM-374.8 Upright Eagle 2 Reales

Images Courtesy Arno Safran

Completing his discussion on the Mexican coins, Arno moved on to the coins of the Central American Republic, formed in 1823 and which consisted of a federation of five countries – Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. These five countries had a population of approximately 1.5 million people in 1824 when they began issuing coinage.

Shown below is the common date 1824 8 Reale coin from the Central American Republic.



1824 8 Reales of the Central American Republic, KM-4; struck at the Guatemala City Mint. Graded AU-50
Image courtesy of Arno Safran

Provinces of the Federal Central American Republic
<https://alchetron.com/Federal-Republic-of-Central-America>

Safran said that, as with the Pillar coinage, the minor coinage of the CAR is much scarcer, especially the 2 Reales, which was struck only at the Tegucigalpa Mint in Honduras in 1825 (rare), 1831 (available) and 1832 (scarce). Safran shared a photo of an 1831 CAR 2 Reales which he had acquired (and subsequently sold). While this coin has a significant planchet flaw and only graded VF-20, it was the highest graded CAR 2 Reale he had encountered in over 20 years of searching. Perhaps because of the rarity of the 2 Reale, contemporary counterfeits of the coin were often struck. An example of the 2 Reale type set, to include a contemporary counterfeit, is shown here.

Los Altos, composed of the highlands of Guatemala and part of Chiapas State in Southern Mexico.

- Declared independence from Guatemala in February 1838
- Recognized by Central American Republic as sixth member June 1838
- Forcibly reincorporated into Guatemala in January 1840
- Renewed Declaration of Independence August 1848
- Reincorporated to Guatemala (again) May 1849.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Altos_Central_America



2 Reales coins of the Central American Republic (L to R)
• 1831; • 1832; • 1833 Contemporary Counterfeit
Image courtesy of Arno Safran

These coins were quite beautiful, and the obverse depicted five mountains (representing each nation) with a smiling sun rising behind the mountains. The reverse displayed a Ceiba tree and the coin's denomination. Per Arno, most of the coins of the CAR were struck at the Guatemala City Mint, although some were struck at San Jose in Costa Rica and others, such as the 2 Reale, in Honduras at Tegucigalpa. He also noted the Federation disbanded in 1839, but continued to strike coins with the same design through 1849, at the Costa Rican mint.

Arno highlighted the tiny ¼ Reale silver coin struck by the CAR – a 1840/30 over date ¼ Reale valued at US 3 1/8 cents. Like the ½ Reale, this coin was so small that they could only fit three mountains in the design, rather than the five. There is no mention as to which two of the five countries

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were omitted – but one can speculate that it probably was a source of much debate at the time!



1840 / 30 ¼ Reale of the Central American Republic. Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions

After the discussion of silver coinage that circulated as legal tender in early America, Arno brought up gold coinage. The first slide he presented discussed the five denominations of Escudo (meaning "Shield") that were issued by the CAR. Escudos were issued in the following denominations: ½ E, 1E, 2E, 4E and 8E. One Escudo gold coin had the value of 16 Reales or two silver dollars. These coins had a gold content of 87.5%, versus the 90% typical of American coins.

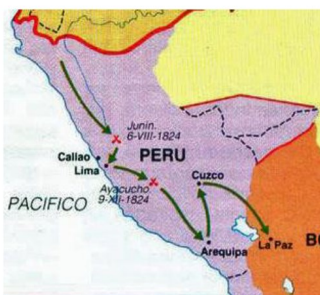


Central American Republic Escudo set: ½, 1, and 2 Escudos. Image courtesy of Arno Safran

While it was stated earlier that collecting Latin American silver coinage is relatively inexpensive, the same cannot be said for the gold Escudo coins. Per Greg Reynolds, in his October 2016 Coinweek article *Gold Coins of the Central American Republic: Costa Rica & Guatemala*: "... there are many CAR Half-Escudo, One Escudo and Two Escudos gold coins that cost less than \$1,000 each. Indeed, CAR Half-Escudo and One Escudo coins can often be found for less than \$500; below \$200 on occasion. An ample number of CAR Four Escudos coins may be acquired for under \$5,000 each. A few may be priced under \$2,000. Coins of the largest denomination, Eight Escudos, tend to be much costlier."

While a complete type set of CAR Escudos consists of only six coins, you better have deep pockets if you want to obtain this set!

Having taken us through the gold and silver coins of the Central American Republic, Mr. Safran moved on to the silver coins of Peru.



Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/MartyFre/d/géographie-historique>

The first coins issued by the provincial government of Peru occurred in 1822 and 1823, when one silver peso and three copper denominations – the ¼, ½, and 1 Real and were issued. The copper coins were not legal tender in America, but the silver peso was. According to Arno there were three mints in Peru at the time – the largest production coming from Lima, Peru's capital, followed by Cuzco to the east and Arequipa to the south. Shown here are two of the copper coins and the silver peso, all dated 1823.



1823 Peruvian ½ and 1 Reale; Silver Peso. Image courtesy of Arno Safran

In 1825 the Peruvian government began issuing six denominations of silver coins – the 8R, 4R, 2R, 1R, 1/2R and the tiny ¼ R. Since there were three mints, slight variations of design can be found in the coinage of this period, but in most cases the differences are quite small and do not merit a premium. However, Arno indicated that the smaller

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denominations in high grade are difficult to come by, mainly because more people used them for commerce, whereas the larger denominations, such as the 8 Reale, were saved by banks as species. Arno also noted that coins struck in the 1850s (prior to 1857) are easier to obtain than those minted in the 1830s and 1840s.



Collection of all six Peruvian silver denominations.
Image courtesy of Arno Safran



An 1826 8 Reales featuring the Peruvian coat of arms on the obverse and a standing *Libertad* holding a Phrygian cap on a staff with her right hand while supporting a slightly slanted shield with her left hand on the reverse.

Image courtesy of Arno Safran

Interestingly, the 1 Reale Peruvian coin (worth 12 1/2 US cents) circulated more in Peru than in the US because it had more purchasing power in its home country. Safran stated that the 1/2 Reale was heavily used also, and in many cases women would punch holes in the coins and then attach them to a metal wristband to prevent loss. Consequently unholed specimens of this coin are difficult to obtain. Finally he showed the audience an example of the tiny 1/4 Reale which was minted for 31 years - from 1826 through 1856. This coin is so small that the number of design elements is limited - the obverse contained the mint, the coin value, the date; the reverse depicts a Llama. The coin shown below, per Safran, probably grades VF-30. He noted the date is common, but these coins do not surface very often because of low demand. NGC values VF20 examples of this coin at \$14 and XF40 examples at \$27.50. Should a MS60 example be found, NGC values those at \$375 - still relatively affordable!

For the last leg of our journey through Latin America Arno showed us the coins of Chile. He started this section of his presentation by sharing a brief history of Bernardo O'Higgins, the founder of independent Chile in 1817. Higgins was the son of an Irish born Spanish father and a Chilean mother, hence the very international name!

Chile struck both silver and gold coins. The gold coinage had the typical range of denominations - from 1/2 escudo to 8 Escudo; whereas there were four silver coins: 8R, 2R, 1R and 1/2 R. Arno mentioned how very much he loves the design on these silver coins - they feature a volcano, and are aptly referred to as the Chilean Volcano series. Both the 1 and 2 Real coins were single year types. Shown here is a 1834 Volcano 2 Reale, grading XF-45. Only 3,470 were reported to have been struck at the Santiago mint.



Peruvian 1830 / 28 1/4 Reale.
Image courtesy of Arno Safran



1834 Volcano 2 Reale, grading XF-45. Only 3470 were reported to have been struck at the Santiago mint.
Image courtesy of Arno Safran

The 1/2 Reale also had very low mintage - it was struck for two years (1833 and 1834) with a total mintage of approximately 16,000. The 1834 is thought to be a bit more common than the 1833 coin. Finally, the 1/4 Reale was struck

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from 1832 – 1834, with a reported mintage of 54,000. There is one over date variety known – the 1832 over 1. The mintage includes both varieties of this coin.



Chilean 1832 / 1 over date 1/4 Reale.
Image courtesy of Arno Safran

Mr. Safran indicated that beginning in 1837 the design of these coins was changed from the volcano to a Shield and Eagle design.

A Shield & eagle series followed the Volcano type silver denominations beginning in 1837 with slight modifications in 1848. Below is an 8 Reales version



An 1849 .900 fine silver Peso
The mintage was not reported.

Slide courtesy of Arno Safran

This coin wrapped up Arno's wonderful, two-part series on Latin American coins which circulated in America prior to 1857. It was a fascinating presentation, filled with historical facts and context. More



Safran receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Club Secretary Jim Mullaney

importantly, Mr. Safran provided in depth explanation for each coin and series, accompanied by photographs which he used to highlight the design elements as they were discussed. As is expected, Arno's presentation was

**MUY EXCELLENTE! MUCHO
GRACIAS, SEÑOR SAFRAN!!**

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Author's Note:

Arno Safran is a numismatist with decades of experience and very diverse collecting interests, including American coins, tokens, and currency, as well as International Coins. He has been a member and a leader of several numismatic organizations during this time, including serving as President of the Garden State Numismatic Association, where he also received the honor of being named their Numismatist of the Year in 2000. He is an active member of the Augusta (GA) Coin Club and the Stephen James Central Savannah River Area Coin Club (SJCSRACC), where he routinely gives extensive, well-prepared presentations. He is also the Editor of the newsletters for each of these clubs, and his achievements in this area have been repeatedly recognized by the American Numismatic Association – Arno's writing has won several awards from the ANA. Arno's articles have also been published in numismatic publications, such as *Coin World* and *E-Gobrecht*, the Electronic Publication of the Liberty Seated Collector Club.



Safran receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Club Vice President Pat James

Getting our Youth involved in coin collecting

There are a lot of things about coin collecting for kids to find interesting. Create opportunities to give them a coin collecting book, guide, or album – think birthdays, Christmas, for a good report cards, or “just because”.

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Some other coins that work well for the beginner are Wheat Cents, Indian Head Cents, Buffalo Nickels, Jefferson Nickels, Mercury Dimes, and Roosevelt Dimes.

Once you and your child decide on what types of coins they want to collect just obtain the corresponding coin folders or albums to organize and display the coins in as they are sorted.

Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

YOUNG NUMISMATISTS CORNER

BY WILL GRAGG

SCNA YN COORDINATOR

With “coin season” upon us and our big State show around the corner, I thought it would be a good time to not talk about the “what” to collect, but rather the “where” to collect.

Let’s go back to the days of old, when I was young and color TV was all the rage! My grandmother gave me a handful of seated Liberty quarters, a 1923 Peace dollar, 1822 Half dollar and an 1892 Columbian Half. Now normally young collectors don’t start off with coins like this, but it is important to understand that sometimes this is how we get started. A friend or family member gives us something that starts our journey. When these coins were given to me, she had them in an old cardboard box almost as old as the coins. There was no protection from scratches or other harm, but she was not a collector. When I looked at the coins with dates like 1852, 1822 and 1923, my mind began to wonder what stories these coins could tell, what historical events they survived through, etc. It was fascinating and I knew from “day one” these needed to be protected and secured. First thing I did with my allowance and grass cutting money was buy a Red Book. My biggest recommendation to all new collectors, buy the book! The book started my journey into other coins like Lincoln cents, Buffalo nickels and Roosevelt dimes. I chose some series because I could collect from circulation and pocket change. Where to find coins? There are many “wheres” to collect from, such as:

From Circulation: This is where most collectors start. Access to coins is easy and at face value. It doesn’t get any easier or cheaper than this. My goal was to try and find the ones in the best condition. Even today you can still find wheat cents mixed into pocket change.



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often mixed in as well.

Mail Order/Magazine: When I needed Buffalo nickels, I couldn't find them in pocket change so I had to order from ads in magazines like Numismatic News or Coin World. Still a good way to purchase if you don't mind waiting on the mail.



Organizations: I recommend EVERYONE join a local coin club. There is a wealth of knowledge in these clubs and most often there are raffle/door prizes, auctions or give-a-ways (especially for young numismatists) and trade. The ANA (American Numismatic Association) also rewards students with free coins for getting good grades!



Coin Shows: In my opinion, this is the BEST way to fill those slots in your books. Shows are open to all levels of collectors at all price levels. You have the advantage of seeing firsthand what you are getting, there are a lot of dealers available, a lot of variety

and you don't usually have to pay tax or shipping. Dealers will generally give Young Collectors a break in price as well!

Antique Auctions/Flea Markets/Yard Sales: To pick up deals here, you need to be very skilled at grading and detecting doctored or fake coins. I suggest you bring your Red book with you. Antique auctions are often "buyer beware" with no guarantee since they offer an inspection period prior to bidding.



Yard sales could produce some deals, but you would need to get there early! There are some reputable dealers that still set up at Flea Markets due to low overhead/cost. These dealers are sometimes ones that also set up at shows. It's best to shop with one that just sells coins. Both are usually week-end sales only.



Internet: This is more for the advanced and seasoned collector. Purchasing from large coin dealers on their company websites is a pretty safe option. They usually accept credit card payments and other services like PayPal which offer buyer protection. There are sites

like eBay and buying groups on Facebook. There are many pitfalls to buying from these sites for new collectors. While eBay does have some strict policies and in some cases money back guarantees, there still are a lot of fake, damaged, or counterfeit coins out there. Facebook buying groups are even less safe as there is very little protection for buyers. In both cases there may be reputable dealers selling, but there are sellers that are NOT full time coin dealers. And there are disreputable or unscrupulous dealers too! And remember, you can't always trust that the photo you see online is of the actual coin being sold! Because of the potentially high risk level I don't recommend this option for young or new collectors. I have been collecting for 46 years and I still only buy on eBay and Facebook from reputable dealers, typically only those whom I have personally met or know from shows.

This covers "where" collectors can find coins. Next time I plan to cover how to store and display coins - the best and worse as well as the cheapest to most expensive. There are pros and cons to all the options out there. Until next time, Happy Hunting!

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You will see several new (to the SCNA) dealers and exhibitors this year. Please join us in extending a special thanks and welcome to these dealers, exhibitors, and organizations. In addition, returning to the convention this year are: the U.S. Mint, the Bechtler Mint Museum, the Jenkin's Bechtler gold collection exhibit, the Atlanta Federal Reserve Museum, the South Carolina Archives and History exhibit, and the Society of Paper Money Collectors. And if you want to try your luck, you can even pan for gold and gemstones! Something for every collector interest!

We endeavor each year to have an educational aspect to our convention, and hope that you will take some time to check out our exhibits program and the educational seminars on Saturday. Our Young Numismatist program is very popular and is open to all young collectors free of charge. Please bring your Young Numismatists to the YN zone - remember you are building memories for and with them. Additionally, a Scouting Numismatic Merit Badge program will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday.

The United States Mint has returned to the SCNA. This speaks volumes about our organization and especially about the collectors in this region. The U.S. Mint offers a vast array of numismatic products and is well worth the visit.

Please remember that this show is as much your show as it ours. If there is anything our staff can do for you while you visit, or if you have any recommendations for improvement, please let someone at the front desk know, or talk to any of the SCNA Officers or Executive Board Members. And of course I am personally available for you at the Lowcountry Coins Table (#204). We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to seeing you again for many years to come!

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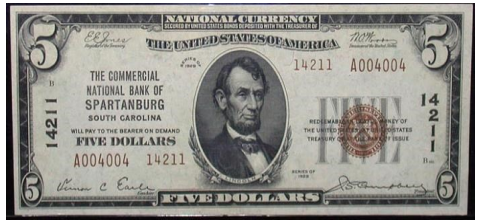
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EXHIBIT APPLICATION

**SOUTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
2019 CONVENTION- October 25-27th**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Title of Exhibit _____

Category (Check One) US Coins US Paper Money
 Foreign Exonumia (Tokens, Medals, etc.)

Circle One: **Competitive Jr** or **Competitive Sr.** or **Non- Competitive**

Junior Exhibitor's must be 18 years or younger on **October 28, 2019**

Birth Date (for Juniors Only) _____

Parents / guardians must sign below to authorize Juniors Exhibitors to Exhibit.

NOTE: There is a four (4) case maximum per exhibitor unless previously authorized by the Exhibits Chairman.

Number of cases _____ Are you bringing you own cases? Yes/No

I agree that SCNA, its Officers and Members will NOT be liable for any theft or damages to any material placed on display. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of the SCNA.

Exhibitors Signature _____

Exhibitors SCNA Membership # _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature & Date _____

Return application no later than October 14, 2019 by USPS or Email to:.

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steve@pqdollars.com

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YN Program at the convention

This year's YN program at the SCNA Annual Convention will be similar to last year's program with one new game, all new quizzes, new prizes, and a new layout and location on the bourse floor. We are also planning some appearance enhancers (lights) and a photo prop where you can put your face on a \$10,000 note!

What I really need are volunteers. To be a volunteer requires very little coin knowledge or physical activity. Any age welcome. The YN kids Carnival is an easy walk-through self-assisted program that provides games for YNs and quizzes that allow YNs to earn points for prizes. The carnival is open the entire time the bourse floor is open to the public.

Duties of the volunteers:

- When YNs walk up to the carnival, the volunteers give the YN an answer/score sheet.
- The volunteer then instructs the YN to start at number 1 and work your way through the carnival of games and quizzes. At each station you instruct the YN to record the number of points for that game or quiz.
- Once the YN has completed the quizzes and games, they bring the answer/score sheet to the volunteer. You add up the points and allow the YN to pick from the prize bin based on their score.
- That is pretty much it. The largest need for volunteers is Saturday, especially while I am teaching the Boy Scout clinic at 10:00 AM. Shoot me an e-mail at SCNA_Webmaster@yahoo.com to sign up for some volunteer time!

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SCNA Celebrates 47 Years

Annual Coin Show & Convention

OVER 150 TABLES! Informational Exhibits

This year featuring

Scouting Merit Badge Program

for

Coin Collecting

BSA Program is on October 26 from 10-12 (Saturday only)

Everything needed to qualify in one day!

Certified merit badge counselors on site; blue cards available

All councils and districts are welcome!

Must register by Oct 20, 2019, E-mail to register:

SCNA_Webmaster@yahoo.com

Coins, supplies and other material are provided!

Small fee of \$7 to cover cost of supplies and coins

Questions? scna_webmaster@yahoo.com



Greenville Convention Center

(Formerly TD Convention Center)

1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC

October 26, 2019

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SCNA CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SCNA extends its sincere appreciation to the volunteers who worked at the 2018 Convention!

Help is needed with these activities:

- Set up the show on Thursday 10/24
- Take down the show on Sunday 10/27 (a critical need!)
- Work at the registration table
- Assist with the YN Program
- Run errands during the show

VOLUNTEER REWARDS!

- Give at least 2 hours during the weekend and get a free 1-year SCNA membership
- Give 6 hours or more during the weekend and you will receive:

- ◆ Free 1-year SCNA membership
- ◆ An American Silver Eagle
- ◆ Free entry in a drawing for a 1/10th oz. gold coin!



Be sure to sign attendance roster to log your volunteer hours.
See SCNA Secretary Pascal Brock at the Convention and he will assist you!

Anyone interested in helping should contact Bourse Chairman:

Bill Latour at: lowcountrycoins1@bellsouth.net / 843-532-5089

ADVERTISING

What better way to promote your business than to advertise while supporting a worthwhile, non-profit organization? For the last 47 years the SCNA has been promoting and furthering the cause of numismatics in the Southeast. The goal of any business is to maintain serious, repeat customers. We are proud to be a destination for serious collectors. Collectors and dealers who are serious about being informed about happenings in the state and the country in relation to coin collecting come here. They visit this site and subscribe to the SScanner journal. Now you can support this organization that benefits the numismatic community while reaching an audience filled with serious, like-minded individuals.

ADVERTISING POLICY

The policy is that an advertisement will run for three (3) issues. The only changes for these issues will be to change the telephone number, address or e-mail address. Advertisements are important to us in order to defray the costs of producing and mailing the *SScanner*. The SCNA and the advertising dealers would appreciate your mentioning to them that you have seen their ad in this journal. The SCNA reserves the right to refuse any requested advertisement should the proposed ad be determined, at the discretion of the Editor, non-compliant with SCNA rules and standards.

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Marx Tin Toys from early 1900's

Baseball Memorabilia



SCNA MEMBER CLUBS (*Denotes Life Member Club)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">ANDERSON AREA COIN CLUB</p> <p>Mark O'Tuel , President; 706-376-8741 Meets 2nd Monday 7:00 PM</p> <p>Jo Brown Center (behind Old McCants Middle School) 101 S. Fant St., Anderson, SC 29624</p> <p>Contact : Linda Rogers Secretary rogers5122@sbcglobal.net</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MIDLANDS COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Tony Chibbaro, President; chibbaro@mindspring.com Meets 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Clubhouse 324 Gleneagle Cir. Irmo, SC 29063 Bill Malinowski, Secretary PO Box 8212, Columbia, SC 29202 www.midlandscoinclub.com</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUSTA COIN CLUB</p> <p>Steve Nix, President Meets 3rd Thursday monthly at 7 PM Sunrise Grill 3830 Washington Rd. Augusta, GA 30907</p> <p>Contact Glenn Sanders, 803-663-6557 www.augustacoinclub.org fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MYRTLE BEACH COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Rick Ciano, President, 843-742-5280 Meets monthly on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays@ 6:30 PM Moose Lodge #1959, 479 Burcale Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 1st Saturday of month 9 am at Veterans Café on Hwy 17 By-Pass Rick Ciano-macv42@gmail.com</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CAMDEN COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Bill Blake, President Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month 7:00 PM The Mercantile, 1110 Broad Street, Camden, SC 29020 camdencoinclub@gmail.com</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PARKER COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Mike D' Hoore, President Meets each Thurs. 7:15 PM Senior Action Center 50 Directors Drive, Greenville, SC 29615 Secretary/Treasurer Von Pheanis8/5/2019 vpheanis@yahoo.com www.parkercoinclub.org</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CAROLINA COIN CLUB OF SUMTER</p> <p>Meets 3rd Tue of month at 7pm Sumter Recreation Center, 155 Haynesworth St. Sumter, SC 29150 Contact: Ken Lyles 803-775-8840 David Durham 803-468-3724</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PEE DEE AREA COIN CLUB</p> <p>Ronnie Westbrook 2018 President Meets 2nd & 5th Monday monthly, 7 PM Shoney's Restaurant, Hwy 52 Florence, SC 29501 www.peedeearacoinclub.com</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">GREENVILLE COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Sam Norris, President Meets each Tuesday at 7:15 PM; Doors open at 6:00 PM Recreation bldg behind Salem United Methodist Church 2700 White Horse Road Greenville, SC www.greenvillecoinclub.club 864-293-8416 (Dave Burzinski)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">STEPHEN JAMES CSRA COIN CLUB</p> <p>JJ Engel, President Meets 1st Thursday monthly at 6:45 PM Aiken County Library Chesterfield St., Aiken, SC 29801 Jim Mullaney, Secretary, PO Box 11, New Ellenton, SC 29809 www.aikencoinclub.org sjcsracoinclub@gmail.com</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">LOW COUNTRY COIN CLUB*</p> <p>Lowell Knouff, President; 843-302-6210 Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 7:30 PM Felix C. Davis Community Center (Park Circle) North Charleston, SC 29405 John Plako IV, Secretary P. O. Box 62248 N. Charleston, SC 29419</p> |  |

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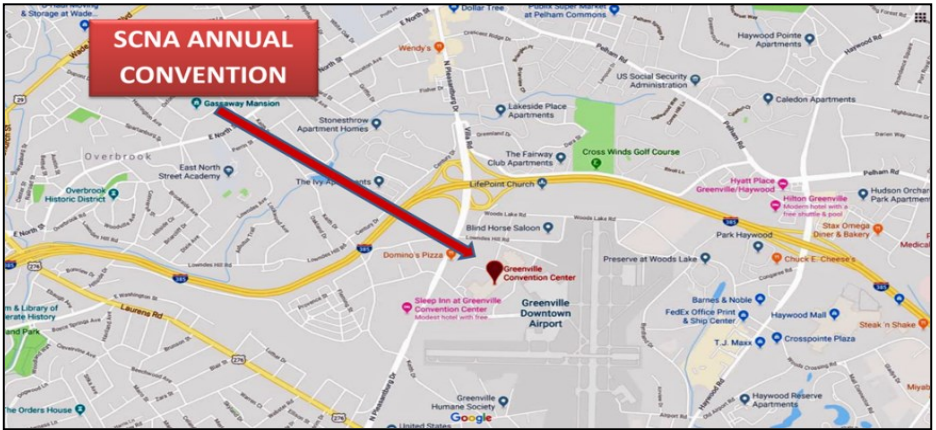
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Exposition Drive Greenville, SC 29607

Friday, October 25, 2019 10am– 6pm

Saturday, October 26, 2019 10am– 6pm

Sunday, October 27, 2019 10am– 3pm



The SCNA Young Numismatist Program will be held on
Saturday, October 26th.

This free event gives youth an opportunity to meet fellow collectors, learn about numismatics, build their collection, and enjoy the hobby we all love.



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