



Florida United Numismatists



FUN Club Newsletter January 1st, 2021

January 7-10, 2021 FUN Show Cancelled- due to the coronavirus. Almost half the dealer tables were not sold or cancelled. The host hotel closed. The restaurants were closed. Heritage auctions said they were not coming. Several club buses cancelled. FUN stood to lose over \$300,000. And, this would have been the peak of the virus, a week to two weeks after the holidays.

Ancient City Coin Club- had their Christmas party December 21st at the Village Inn. They had Treasure chest and a 50/50 drawing,

Casselberry Coin Club- continues to meet “virtually” the first Tuesday of every month at 7PM. They had a show-n-tell.

Florida Token Society- met November 7th in S Daytona. Approximately 13 were in attendance. They had several Show-n-tells and a benefit auction. Following the meeting they had lunch. The next meeting will be in April at the Freedom Library in Ocala.

Ft Myers Coin Club- had their first meeting since March in November. They had a catered Christmas Party.

Fort Walton Beach Coin Club- had a meeting December 10th with \$600 purchase of coins for the Christmas giveaway. They had a 1/10 oz gold eagle, 10 Morgan dollars, and 3 silver eagles. 45 members were present.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- had their Christmas Party and Awards Night December 14th at the Ramada Inn.

Ocala Coin Club- had a Christmas Party December 8th at Red Lobster. They had an auction for the good of the club.

Palm Beach Coin Club- had 37 at their last meeting. They had 10 slabbed door prizes, 3 slabbed silver eagles, jackpot drawing, and 100-lot auction. The monthly coin show, December 27th, was down 15 dealers (Usually 49) due to the virus but went off without a hitch.

Pensacola Numismatic Society- had their Christmas Party December 3rd at Sonny’s BBQ. They had door prizes and a 20 bag Christmas raffle. Each bag was worth \$20-30.

South Brevard Coin Club- had a Christmas Party December 2nd.

Treasure Coast Coin Club- show scheduled for January 16-17 has been cancelled due to the virus. They had their first meeting since March with 21 attending. Four club awards were handed out and they had two programs. There was a program on “Early American Coinage” and Bob Mellor spoke on “All the Things you can do on the ANA Website”. The club rolled over 2020 dues thru 2021.

IN THE NEWS

PCGS parent company Collectors Universe is being sold to a group of investors headed by Steve Cohen and Nat Turner for \$700 million. PSA, the sports card grading service is surging. With the recent FBI investigations of sports cards being trimmed and doctored, card certification far exceeds coin certification in 2020. More information to come.

A man in Russia put a one kopeck coin (worth a cent) up his nose when he was 6 years old. Now at 59, he was complaining he could not breathe in his right nostril. He was operated on to remove the coin.

I recently watch a new program on the D.B. Cooper high jacking of a NW Orient Boeing 727 from Portland to Seattle on November 24th 1971. At Seattle he released all 36 passengers from the plane in exchange for \$200,000 cash and 2 parachutes. He did not specify what denominations he wanted so they gave him all \$20 and recorded all the serial numbers of the bills. The plane took off at 7:40 PM from Seattle bound for Mexico City. At about 8:13 PM D.B. Cooper parachuted out the back of the plane. They never found him. In February of 1980, a boy walking along the Columbia river found a plastic bag with \$5800 of the high jacked money. In 2011 they found titanium on the clip-on tie Cooper left on the airplane and this year they got DNA off the tie. The FBI gave up the search for Cooper in 2016. At the 2019 January FUN show some of the \$5800 was displayed. All notes were PMG with D.B. Cooper on the labels. I recently found 3 notes sold at Heritage auctions for \$3300, and the other 2 for a little over \$4000 each.

In 2010 Forrest Fenn believing he had terminal cancer buried a million-dollar treasure in the west. He left a 24-line poem with clues to find the treasure box. June 6, 2020 a 32-year-old medical student from Michigan found the treasure in Wyoming. The box had many \$20 gold pieces in it. The Fenn Treasure story has been on TV many times.

A couple in England were digging in their garden this summer, when they found 63 gold coins and one silver coin from about 1540, the time of Henry VIII.

December 17- The ANA officially cancelled the Spring Money Show in Phoenix Arizona scheduled for March 11-13, 2021. They also announced the ANA Summer Seminar cannot be held at Colorado College in June/July 2021. They are considering University of Denver.

The Long Beach Show slated for February, 2021 has been cancelled. They look forward to the June show.

The finest Brasher doubloon to be sold by Heritage Auctions January 21, 2021. It is graded NGC MS-65 Star. It should go for over \$1 million.

National Bank Note collector Andrew Shiva has just had his collection certified by PMG. Considered the World's Greatest National Bank Note Collection, included in the collection are a \$500 1875 Bank of New York National VF-20 (The only one in private hands), an 1882 Brown Back \$5 Marlow, Indian Territory AU-53 uncut sheet of 4, with #1 serial number. Starting in 1995, Shiva decided to collect at least 10 great notes from each state.

It's official, Congress has approved the 2021 Morgan/Peace Dollar 100th Anniversary Coins for 2021. Bill H.R. 6192 was approved December 17th, 2020. It awaits the President's signature.

12/22 StacksBowers Auction realized \$17.8 million. Included in the auction was an 1804 Silver Dollar Type 1, PCGS PR-65 that realized \$3,360,000. An 1894-S Barber Dime NGC CAC PR-65 realized \$1,440,000. A 1794 Silver Dollar NGC MS-62 sold for \$1,040,000. These were from Part 2 of the Larry Miller Collection. Part 3 is January 21, 2021.

12/26 There will be a new reverse for the Washington quarter after the America the Beautiful quarter program ends in 2021. Washington "Crossing the Delaware" will have Washington standing in the boat and pointing to other shore during Christmas night 1776.

A Celtic hoard of 1300 gold coins dating to 40-50A.D. was discovered in a recently plowed field in eastern England. This was the time of Boudicca fighting the Romans. The coins are worth about \$1 million U.S. A birdwatcher saw a shiny reflection in the field and dug down 18 inches to find the treasure.

A hoard of 6500 silver coins from the 12th century were recently found in Poland. Legend had it there was a treasure buried near the city of Kalisz, but they were looking in the wrong place. Rumor had it the treasure was located near the intersection of 3 plots of land, but it was found in a field near a road with metal detectors.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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