



Florida United Numismatists



FUN Club Newsletter July 1st, 2021

Summer FUN- July 8-10, 2021, Orange County Convention Center, Hall WE1 (Right side of the building close to the Rosen Plaza). Approximately 275 dealer booths.

Club Coin Shows- in order to get your show in FUN Topics, we need your show information 2 ½ to 3 months out. The sooner the better. I am doing the show schedule for September to the end of the year. If you have not sent me your show schedule, please send it now for free listing in FUN Topics and on the FUN website. swicer@comcast.net

Ancient City Coin Club- had 30 members and 6 new members at their meeting. They had door prizes, a raffle, show-n-tell, 50/50 drawing, and the auction. Richard Hugg gave a program on “A YN’s Reason for Collecting”

Casselberry Coin Club- continues to meet via Zoom. Their meeting was June 7th, 7PM via Zoom. They had show-n-tells and a program. Plans are to meet physically in July.

Central Florida Coin Club- met for the first time in over a year on June 23rd. They had “Let’s make a deal”, educational certificate, 50/50 drawing, and the membership drawing.

Citrus County Coin Club- had 19 members, 1 guest, and 1 new member at their June 15th meeting. They had a program on “Newspaper Advertising” and a contest on “Grading Currency”. They had door prizes, an auction, and raffle with 3 slab silver coins.

Clearwater Coin Club- will have their first meetings in 16 months on Thursday July 8th and Thursday July 22nd.

Florida Token Society- met June 5th at the Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ocala. Tokens and medals from the Gene Hynds collection were for sale. Membership in FTS is only \$7.50.

Ft Lauderdale Coin Club- had their first meeting in 16 months on Thursday May 27th. They meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. The monthly coin show will be July 18th on.

Fort Walton Beach Coin Club- had 35 members at their last meeting. They had a raffle and auction. The program was “An Overview of the 2001 American Buffalo Coin & Currency Set and the 2004 Lewis & Clark Coin & Currency Set.” by Dave Parenteau. The 2022 Red Books are in, and they had a silver eagle attendance prize. Alan Liemer and his wife visited from the Palm Beach Coin Club with free PBCC club medals and other items.

Gold Coast Coin Club- had their 1st coin show in over a year on Sunday June 6th at the Hollywood Rotary Club, 24th Street and Taylor Ave. The July 4th show is cancelled.

Greater Daytona Coin Club- will have their first meeting in a year. They will have a raffle with a gold bar and the auction.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- had David Rafanowicz give a program on “The Coin Redesign Act of 2020”. 20 slab coins were given out to new members or renewals. The club had a booth at the Riverside Arts Market to promote the club.

Ocala Coin Club- had 44 members, 2 guests, and 1 new member at their last meeting. They had a treasure chest winner, educational winner, 50/50 drawing, and a 205-lot auction followed by a program on “Hurricane Currency” by Mark Trout. Club T-shirts are in, and Red Books are available. Members who have been in the club 20 years will be given life memberships. 4 qualified.

Palm Beach Coin Club- had a program by Gregg Wagner on “Civil War Tokens” with slides and an outline, followed by 10 door prizes, 3 slabbed raffle prizes, the jackpot drawing and a 100-lot auction. 61 were in attendance. 2 new members joined in June. The monthly coin show had 36 dealers and about 400 attendees.

Pensacola Numismatic Society- welcomed new club President Steve Boothby. They had door prizes, raffle, and the auction. 19 were present. They have a “buy-it-now” table. Alex Kupisz had a program on “The Earliest Dated Coins”.

Sarasota Coin Club- met for the first time in over a year on Monday June 21st at Sarasota Rare Coins.

South Brevard Coin Club- had 31 members and 3 guests at their last meeting. They had an auction, raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. They had a book review on “United States Copper Coins” by Howard Newcome. The program was “Type Set Collecting” by Bert A.. Richard A. and Tim J. gave a presentation at a retirement home. The monthly show had 31 dealers and 250 attendees.

Tampa Bay Coin Club- met for the first time June 29th. They talked about club plans, their new show, club formalities, club business, and the new Spanish-American War Club medal. There is NO meeting in July and the next meeting is Tuesday August 10th.

Treasure Coast Coin Club- meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Brown Center on the Indian River State College main campus. Doors open at 6 and meeting starts about 6:45. The meeting goes till 9:00 The June program is all about “Florida State Notes” by Chet Hogan and he will have samples of every note on display. The auction follows with about 100 items.

Venice Coin Club- met at their new location, Venice Police Dept, 1575 E Venice Ave., They had “guess the mystery country”, refreshments, quiz, raffle, and the auction. There were 16 members and 2 guests. They had a short program on “Coin Collecting”.

Phone call of the week!! A man calls, he says he is 93 and can't walk or drive. He has a coin for sale. He asks, should he sell it at auction? I said, it depends on what it is worth. I said if its several thousand dollars, sell it at auction. He says, what if it's a million dollars? I said, definitely, sell it at auction. What is it? Well, you remember back in the 1800's when they would throw a coin in the air and shoot a hole through it? I've got an 1854 coin with a hole in it. I said, unless you have documentation that Annie Oakley shot a hole through it, it is a damaged coin and is virtually worthless.

IN THE NEWS- Taken from Coin World-Online, Eyslum, and CDN Weekly News

Keith Moon, son of FUN Board member Donna Moon has been hired by NGC as Senior Grading Finalizer. Keith worked for NFC in Orlando from 2005-09, PCGS 2009-13, NGC 2013-16, NFC 2016-21.

June 1st, 2021, FUN VP and PBCC President Tony Swicer was commissioned a “Kentucky Colonel” by Kentucky governor Andy Beshear for Tony's work on the Whitman Obsolete Paper Money Book, Volume 7. Tony researched, priced, and determined the rarity of all the Kentucky obsoletes in the book (125 pages) in 2016. In addition, Tony collects Kentucky National Bank Notes and has 560 different. He did a power point presentation of his hometown notes, Newport, KY at Newport City Hall for the mayor, city councilmen, and city historian in 2017. His power point is on www.nkyviews.com website.

June 1st, the Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force helped the Secret Service authenticate 40,000 Morgan & Peace dollars, silver eagles and 2 ½ dollar Indians as fake. 1700 bags of coins from China were confiscated in Temecula (L.A. suburb), CA. All coins were in clear round cointains with white plastic foam inserts.

June 2nd, German Empire coins from the 19th and 20th centuries bring record prices at the Heideberger-Munzhandlung Auction in Germany.

CCG, Certified Collectors Group, including NGC & PMG are hiring 100 new employees and hope to have 500 employees by the end of summer. They are paying a \$2500 signing bonus.

The Proof 2021-W Silver Eagle with the new reverse goes on sale July 1st. The price is \$73 and 300,000 will be minted, household limit of 25 coins. The new gold proofs go on sale July 8th.

A 5th modified high relief 1922 Peace Dollar has been certified by NGC. The coin is an AU-50 and one of 3200 pieces struck in 1922 that were supposed to be melted down. A 1922 matte proof high relief also exists.

June 8th, New York, Sotheby's sells the 1933 King Farouk \$20 St Gaudens for a World Record \$18,872,250. The 24 cent Inverted Jenny plate block sold for \$4,860,000. The British Guiana one-cent black on magenta sold for \$8,307,000.

The Lulu collection of Walking Liberty Half Dollars 1941-47, sold at Stacks auction for \$971,000. Of the 20 coins, 13 hit record prices with a 1943-P PCGS MS-68+ realizing \$120,000. 9 of the 20 coins graded MS-68 or 68+. This was the #1 PCGS Registry Short Set.

June 15th the Goldberg Auction in Los Angeles sold 76 Foreign Gold Coins from the SS Central America for record prices. Coins sold for up to 8 times their pre-auction estimate. Leading the way was a 1855 Australian Gold Sovereign PCGS MS-62+ selling for \$55,200.

Carolingian Silver coin hoard was found in northeastern Poland. 117 coins dating from 814-840 A.D. were discovered in a farmer's field 60 miles west of Truso a Viking stronghold at the time. Only 3 coins were known until this find. It is thought that these coins along with other bounty was paid to the Vikings so that they would not invade Paris.

A bar in Pensacola Florida, Maguire's Irish Pub, has two million currency notes stapled to the ceiling. It started in 1977 when the first tips went on the ceiling. Over the years they have had some trouble with theft.

Heritage Signature Auction, Long Beach, June 17-20 realized \$11,700,000. The highlights were a 1795 Half Dollar PCGS MS-65 at \$600,000. The 1776 Pewter Continental Dollar NGC MS-67 at \$456,000. A 1793 Half Disme NGC MS-63 at \$252,000, and a 1944 Steel Cent PCGS MS-64 at \$180,000.

The new design Eagles updated US Mint Schedule for ordering is as follows,
Silver Eagle Proof- W mint mark 7/20
Gold Eagle 4pc Proof set 7/29
Gold Eagle 1/10 oz 2-coin set numbered 8/5
Silver Eagle Proof S mint mark 8/12

Pre-order of new dollars
Morgan dollar SF & Denver 8/3-8/17
Morgan dollar Philly & Peace dollar 8/10-8/24

The Nelson Chang Chinese Coin Collection realized \$18 million in May. Highlights were the China YR3 (1911) NGC MS-64 Long Whiskered Dragon estimated at \$300,000 sold for \$1.34 million. The China YR33 (1907) Tael Chihli NGC MS-63 estimated at \$400,000 sold for \$1.1 million all in the Champion Macau Spring Sale.

July 1st, CCG which NGC is a part of, has just sold a majority interest in its company to Blackstone Investment Corp. for an estimated \$500 million. Officers at CCG remain the same.