

The SJ CSRA CC of Aiken, SC meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Aiken Public Library

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Our next meeting is Thursday, **Nov. 8, 2018** at 6:45 PM in the Aiken Public Library

Augusta CC Fall show Set for Nov. 16 & 17 at Columbia County Expo Ctr.

2018 Club Meeting Schedule

Jan. 4	Apr. 5	July 5	Oct. 4
Feb. 1	May 3	Aug. 2	Nov. 8
Mar. 1	June 7	Sept. 6	Dec. 13

74 Tables sold for Augusta CC Show



A Packed House at one of the past Augusta Coin Club Coin shows Held at the Columbia County Exposition Center

Since our club was unable to hold its show back in September of this year, the editor recommends that you try to attend the upcoming August Coin Club show scheduled for Fri. & Sat, Nov. 16 & 17 at the Columbia Country Exposition Center. Hours are 9 to 5 both days and admission is free. A record 74 tables have been sold for the event. Directions from Aiken or North Augusta is to take I-20 west to exit 190 on the Georgia side of the Savannah River. Make a left at the traffic intersection at the end of the off ramp and another left on to Gateway Blvd into the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. Drive past the various eateries down the slight slope and near the end of the road, make a right into the Expo Center and park on the center to right side of the building. Dealers will be set up with a wide variety of numismatic items that include obsolete coins and paper money, tokens and medals and modern proof sets etc There will also be some exhibits and a chance to win a gold coin by purchasing a raffle ticket for either \$1.00 or six for \$5.00 at the welcoming desk.

Collecting the US Coins of 1828 (excluding gold)
(190 Years Ago) By Arno Safran



The obverses of an 1828 Year set of US coins (Excluding gold)
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

Of the original ten denominations authorized in the Coinage Act of 1792, the Philadelphia Mint struck all of them just once during the first fifty-eight years of its existence and that was in 1796. These included the copper half-cent and large cent, the silver half-disme, disme, quarter, half-dollar and silver dollar and finally the gold, \$2.50 quarter-eagle, \$5.00 half-eagle and \$10.00 eagle. Due to the shortage of both silver and gold, the government began suspending some of the denominations beginning with the silver dollar and \$10.00 gold eagle as early as 1805. By the 1820s the most coin denominations that were struck on an annual basis were sometimes just two, the Coronet large cent and the lettered edge Capped Bust half-dollar, the dime and quarters often omitted. due to the ample supply of the Latin American silver *real* and two *reales*. Finally, in 1825, with the resumption of the half-cent, five of the seven silver denominations were struck and again in 1828, the year Andrew Jackson was elected 7th President of the United States.



Andrew Jackson

Collecting the US Coins of 1828: 190 Years Ago

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The reverses of an 1828 Year set of coins (excluding gold)
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The nice thing about this particular date group of early US coins is their affordability despite huge increases in the price if the quarter since the set was assembled back in the 1990s. All five are circulated but still remain attractive.



An 1828 Classic Head half-cent, C-1, R3 graded MS-61 by NGC
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

After a hiatus of 24 years, the half-cent denomination was resumed in 1825 supposedly at the urging of Baltimore businessmen. The coin had been designed by Asst. Chief Mint Director John Reich in 1809 and was struck three consecutive years before being suspended. When it was resurrected in 1825, the Chief Mint Engraver was William Kneass who retained Reich's basic design type revising it only slightly. Still, the half cent wasn't struck in every year. None were coined in 1827 or 1830, A small amount of proofs and possible business strikes were produced in 1831 and they are very rare. From 1832 thru 1835 the dates are common, Finally, in 1836 a handful of proofs were struck before he denomination was suspended again.



An 1828 Classic Head half-cent, C-1, R3 graded MS-61 by NGC
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The 1828 has three varieties. One of them is the C-2, the popular **12 stars** variety (shown directly above). It has only five stars on the right side of the obverse and is actually more common than the R1 but in greater demand due to the anomaly.



Above are the three Varieties of the 1828 half-cent with, the 12 star atop, with Var-1 at lower left and Var.3, the most common at right
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

The Philadelphia Mint reported a mintage of 606,000 Classic Head half-cents that included all three die varieties for that year. In 1828, a half-cent had the purchasing power in the United States of 13¢.



An 1828 Coronet large cent, N-6, R2 large date, AU-55
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

In the early years of our nation, the cent denomination was the workhorse of the economy as it had the purchasing power of 27¢ in 1828. The reported mintage of the 1828 cent was 2,260,624. While nowhere near the record, it was sufficient to meet public demand and is considered a common date. There are currently twelve known die varieties, some with a large date, like the example shown above and others with a small date shown below. The coins are moderately priced thru XF-45.



An 1828 Coronet large cent, N-10, R2 large date, AU-50
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

See also the enlarged detail showing the types of punches used for both date varieties, courtesy of PCGS' *COINFACTS*.

Detail showing Large & small dates



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Collecting the US Coins of 1828: 190 Years Ago

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The next US higher denomination coined in 1828 was the dime as the half-dime had been suspended from 1805 until 1829 but even the ten-cent denomination had a number of holes. John Reich's Capped Bust/ Spread Eagle design type first appeared on the dime in 1809. After its initial entrance, production was spotty. The next dime struck was dated 1811, then 1814. After that, none until 1820. It was then coined in every year of that 1820s except 1826. From 1827 it continued to be struck annually until 1837, the end of its run.



An 1828 Capped Bust dime, small date JR-21 R2 graded VF-25
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

In 1828, the diameter of the dime was reduced ever so slightly from 18.8 mm to 18.5 mm. This was the byproduct of a new device installed at the Philadelphia Mint called the *closed collar* which established that coins of a particular denomination would henceforth retain the same diameter. Only two varieties of the dime were produced that year, the small date with flat base 2 and small stars shown above and the large date with a curled base 2 in the date with large stars shown directly below.



An 1828 Capped Bust dime, large date JR-1, R3 graded Fine-15
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

Enlargements of the two known die varieties



1828 dimes, JR-2, lg. dt. and stars, left, JR-1, sm. dt. & stars, right
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

The reported mintage for the 1828 Capped Bust dime was a scant 125,000 but out of these, 90,000 were dated 1827 while only 35,000 dated 1828 that includes only the JR-1 variety. (*JR is named for the initials of the engraver, John Reich.*) this, according to the five authors of *Early United States Dimes* (1796-1837) published in 1985. Some 90,000 dimes were dated 1827 with the remaining 35,000 dated 1828 with the small date. The large date 1828 dimes were a small part of the 1829 reported mintage of 770,000. Despite these statistics, both sub-types in circulated condition are available at modest prices today.

In 1828, a dime had the purchasing power of \$2.67.



An 1828 Capped Bust quarter, B-1, R1 graded VF-35 CAC by PCGS
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

The large size Capped Bust quarter was also designed by John Reich, Asst Chief Engraver at the Philadelphia Mint from 1807 thru 1817 and was first coined in 1815. None were dated 1816 or 1817. The 1818 had a reported mintage of 361,174, and is considered the most common date. From 1818 on, the coin was produced in every year thru 1828 except 1826.

This is one of the more challenging series for the moderate income collector, as only the 1818, 1820, 1825 and 1828 dates surface with the most frequency and even they become pricey above VF-25. Two of the dates, the 1823 and '27 are extremely rare. The 1824/2 was a "sleeper" for a long time but it woke up in the 21st century and while not as expensive as the 1823 or 27, is still quite costly in all grades.

The 1828 example shown above was acquired in 2012 from a respectable dealer over the internet. Despite being certified VF-35 with an added CAC approved sticker on the "slab" for Certified Acceptance Corporation, the piece is not all that attractive. Upon magnification, the strike is somewhat mushy accompanied by mottled toning. The reported mintage for the 1828 Capped Bust quarter was only 102,000 and it circulated amongst the many Latin American two *reales* that probably outnumbered it 25 to 1 since .900 fine foreign silver coins were accepted by US merchants as legal tender during that period. In 1828, a quarter had the purchasing power of \$6.67.



An 1828 lettered edge Capped Bust half-dollar with curled base 2 in date graded AU-53 by NGC
[Enlarge images to 200% to view details]

The mintage for the 1828 half dollar was a whopping 3,075,200. As the highest silver denomination in the US at the time, many of these were kept in banks to be used as specie to back business investments. Most dates in this series (1807-1836) are common and easy to obtain in grades as high as XF-45, even AU-53. This example displays the curled base 2 in the date as compared with the square base 2, both of which are fairly common. The coin was acquired at the FUN show in 2015.

In 1828, a half-dollar had the purchasing power of \$13.30.

The 1828 \$5.00 half eagle was the only gold denomination produced and is beyond most collector's means.

From the Sea, . From the Beautiful Sea

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AKRAGAS in SICILY 420BC Eagle Crab Fish

In October 2018 Ocean Life came to Aiken SC! Is this another sign of climate change? Well, actually.... no. Figuratively, yes. The members of the Stephen James Central Savannah River Area Coin Club (The SJCSRACC for short) was treated to a mesmerizing educational program from member (and first-time presenter) Mr. Jerry Lipsky.

Jerry has lived most of his life near or on the ocean – from growing up on the coast of southern Florida to serving our Country for many years as an Officer in the United States Navy, to residing in Aiken, SC (only two hours from the coast). This background has driven Jerry’s interest in coins containing marine symbols. An interest which he shared with the Club when he gave a presentation on *Ocean Life on Coinage*.

Mr. Lipsky’s presentation was well organized and covered the gamut of his subject – from the significance and history of marine life on coinage, to many examples from the Ancient world, followed by more contemporary coins. His subject was very well researched, and he provided several resources for the Club members to use for their own research.

Ancient Cultures with Aquatic Symbols on their Coins:

- Byzantine
- China
- Greece
- India
- Malaysia
- Roman
- Sri-Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam

With respect to significance, Jerry made a few key points – that both ancient and modern cultures tend to live in proximity to bodies of water (and that rivers were the “roads” of ancient times); that many religions, most notably Christianity, uses marine symbols; and that the popularity of collecting coinage with marine life has grown – both from a Collector standpoint and from the number of available products being minted.

Mr. Lipsky’s research found examples of sea creatures on Greek coins as far back as 600 BCE and Chinese coins from almost 3000 years ago. He also

listed a vast array of cultures that used these representations.

He followed this by showing many examples of ancient coins with marine life on them. He even showed examples of coins made in the shape of fish! According to Jerry, “The fish symbolizes “abundance” and “perseverance”. It is a very ancient and powerful Chinese symbol which expresses the wish for prosperity year after year.”



Antique fish coin, Zhou dynasty circa 770 BCE
Courtesy of omnicoins.com

Moving from the ancient world to contemporary times, Mr. Lipsky listed almost 60 countries which have produced coins with images of sea life on them. He indicated that some of these modern mintages are issued for circulation, while others are issued specifically focused on the collector market and do not circulate monetarily.



Malay Tin Money c. 18th century

Circulation examples he showed included two Irish coins, a 1942 Silver Florin and a 1971 10 Pence which used the same salmon design approximately 30 years apart



1942 Irish Silver Florin

Courtesy of
omnicoins.com



1971 Irish 10 Pence

Many of the modern coins take advantage of technical advances in minting to create unique and interesting specimens. For example in 2012 Niue issued a two dollar coin featuring the great white shark. What makes this coin unique? It has been "bitten" by a shark!



2012 Niue Two Dollar coin "bitten" by a shark

In reviewing his presentation one notices that many countries, in addition to Niue, focused on shark motifs, many of which are in color, such as: Chile / Easter Island (Hammerhead sharks); Palau (Gray Reef Shark); Australia (Tiger, Hammerhead, Great White sharks); Canada (Canadian Great White shark); Niue (Mako Shark coin, minted by the New Zealand mint for Niue).

As in Ancient times, turtles and octopus are also common themes on contemporary coins. Shown here are several examples from both the Ancient and Modern worlds:



A Silver Stater from Aegina (Millions were struck)
Courtesy of Classical Numismatic Group (CNG)



A Silver Tetradrachm from Syracuse circa 460BCE
Courtesy of Classical Numismatic Group (CNG)



Turning to America, Jerry asked the audience if they knew of any United States coins which featured fish or marine

1915 Panama Pacific \$1



Courtesy of PEGS Coinfacts

life. Not surprisingly (since the SJCSRACC is filled with very knowledgeable collectors) several answers rang out, such as the salmon on the 2007 Washington State Quarter and the 2008 Alaska State Quarter. Less known were the dolphins shown on the 1915-S Panama-Pacific one-dollar coin; Poseidon riding a whale on the 1935 Hudson (NY) 150th anniversary commemorative half-dollar; and the basket of fish on the reverse of the 2014 Native American dollar.

1935 50C Hudson



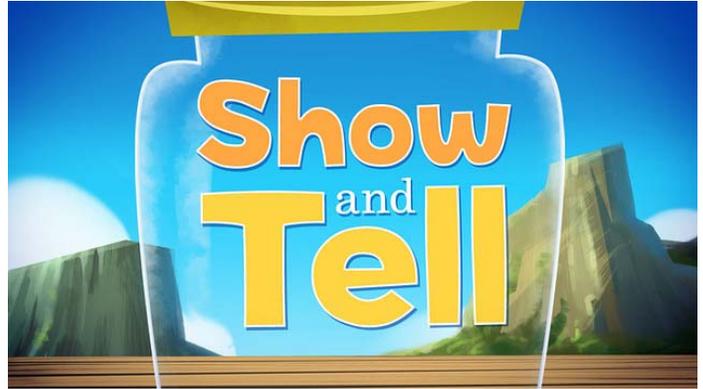
Courtesy of PEGS Coinfacts

All in all this was a very interesting program, and it highlighted how common marine life is on coins. Not something that is typically

considered. The audience thanked Mr. Lipsky for all the hard work he obviously put into his presentation, as well as for his willingness to give the educational program at the Club's meeting!

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VP Pat James presents Jerry Lipsky with Certificate of Appreciation (and a hug!!)

“Small World” Factoid

Jerry Lipsky and Jim Mullaney (the SJCSRACC Secretary) attended the US Navy Nuclear Power School together in 1981.

They became reacquainted a few years ago through an ad hoc conversation Jerry had with Pat James when she had her coin shop. Jerry mentioned being in the Navy, and Pat knew Jim had been too, so she described Jim to Jerry, and lo and behold, the connection was made.

Now it turns out Jerry remembered Jim but not vice versa, so either Jim is more memorable than Jerry, or Jerry has a better memory than Jim. Wonder which it is!?!?



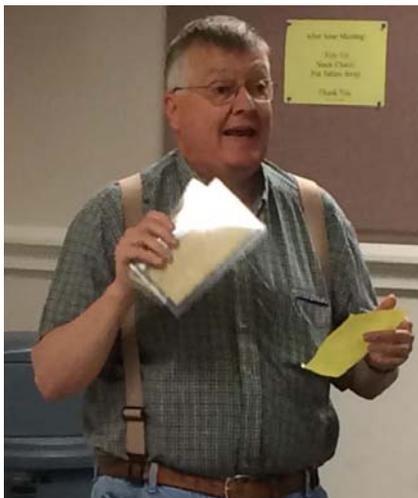
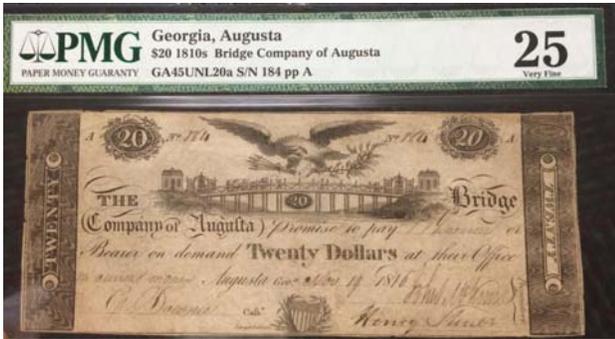
Several members presented items for our Show and Tell.

John Kolmar shared an Indian spear point that had been found on his neighbor's land near Harmony, NJ almost 60 years ago.

Arno Safran--who is working on a date set from the series--displayed two Morgan Dollars from the comparatively scarce date period of 1893, 1894, and 1895. These were the 1893-P certified AU-50 by PCGS and the 1894-O, certified AU-55, also by PCGS. He won them at a Heritage on line auction and explained that one has to be cautious when bidding due to the fact that winning bidder must pay 20% over the hammered price.

Howard Hillman shared an 1875-S 20-cent piece and discussed a recent article from the Numismatist on Bitcoins.

Brent Usry shared Bridge Notes from the 2nd Bank of Hamburg, as well as a brief history of the first bridge across the Savannah River in the region that was destroyed by the flood of 1888.



Additionally, Jerry Lipsky shared a 2010-D dime with an odd rim – enquiring whether it could have been a mint error or possibly being damaged in circulation.

South Carolina Numismatic Association's 46th Annual Convention

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Did you see THAT? Whoa! Are you kidding me? I didn't know that!
Hmmmm... Those were just a few of the thoughts that echoed through my mind as I walked the bourse floor at the SCNA's 46th annual convention, which was held in Greenville, SC from October 26 – 28, 2018.

This is the largest show held in South Carolina, and according to Convention Chairman Mr. Bill Latour (from Low Country Coins) there were almost 70 Dealers and 150 tables at this show. As can be expected, there was a HUGE variety of items available to buy, barter, or simply talk about.

Were you there? I do hope so, because these types of opportunities present the Collector with virtually limitless ways in which to expand their numismatic knowledge and to establish or enhance relationships with other Collectors.



Schedule of Events
 46th Annual SCNA Convention



Steve Nix (President of the Augusta Coin Club) and Bruce Getman (SCNA Exhibit Chair) discuss an Exhibit,

In addition to all the dealers that were buying and selling bullion, coins, currency and exonumia, there were several special participants that were not to be missed. What follows is a short summary of the additional exhibits and participants that were at the Convention. Given time, longer and more detailed articles on these topics will be written.

First off, each year at the Convention there is an Exhibit competition for both Adult SCNA members and Young Numismatists. According to Mr. Bruce Getman, SCNA Historian and Chairman of the Exhibits program, this year there were five Adult and two YN exhibits. The YNs win prizes of \$200, \$150, and \$100 for first through third place, respectively. The Adults earn trophies and coins – first place gets a ¼ ounce American Gold Eagle, whereas second and third get 1/10 oz AGES.



\$5 Black River National Bank of Lowville NY Note, Serial Number 1.



**An 1893-P Morgan \$1.00 graded AU-50 by PCGS
Brought for Show & Tell in by Arno Safran at Oct. 4 meeting**



**An 1894-O Morgan \$1.00 graded AU-55 by PCGS
Also displayed by Arno Safran at Oct. 4 meeting**

Hopefully, this empty column will be filled in the near future by more interesting show & tells brought in by members.

The exhibits presented at the South Carolina Numismatic Association convention this year were without a doubt spectacular. Mr. Robert Moon won first prize for his display titled *First Notes, A Selection of Serial Number 1 National Bank Notes from New York State*. This display was extensive and the notes were pristine. Second and third place exhibits were also very worthy. Here is a sample of what was displayed by Bob:



A portion of Bob Moon's award-winning display of Serial #1 National Bank Notes from New York State, with supporting exonomia.

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Mr. Bill Latour, owner of Low Country Coins and Chairman of the SCNA Convention had a spooky educational display of counterfeit coins and bullion. His exhibit was intended to educate, but it was scary! The variety of items counterfeited was amazing.



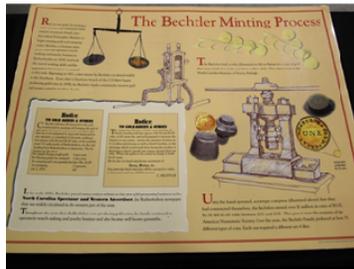
Counterfeit Silver Bar.
Courtesy Bill Latour



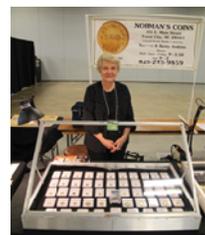
Examples of Counterfeit Coins. Courtesy of Bill Latour

According to Bill, all of the items in his extensive exhibit were obtained in business transactions, either his own or from other Dealers who submitted the items to him to be added to this "museum". It is stressed that all these counterfeits were discovered during the course of doing business. Shown below are some of the items displayed. One item added insult to injury – it was a counterfeit one-ounce silver bar (plated silver, copper core) which was stamped "In Cast We Trust".

Christian Bechtler was a German-born American goldsmith and watchmaker. He produced gold dollars, known as Bechtler Dollars, in western North Carolina during the 1830s prior to the US Government establishing the Branch Mints at Dahlonega GA (first coins minted I 1838) and Charlotte NC (also 1838). At the SCNA's 2018 Convention, the staff from the Bechtler Mint Museum in Rutherfordton NC brought memorabilia and coin minting information from their facility.



Informational poster on the Bechtler Minting Process. From the Bechtler Mint Museum, Rutherfordton NC



Mrs. Betty Jenkins with the Norman Jenkins Collection of Certified Bechtler Mint Coins.

Additionally, Mrs. Betty Jenkins, and her "adopted son" Tim Callahan brought 53 NGC-certified Bechtler coins of various denominations (\$1, \$2.5 and \$5) to show. This is believed to be largest privately held collection of Bechtler coins in existence, and was compiled by Mrs. Jenkin's husband Norman. In addition to the coins, Tim brought a collection of 27 pocket knives made by Case specifically for the Bechtler Mint Knife Club, which was in operation from 1983 to 2007. This



NGC-Graded Bechtler \$5 "Era" Coin, circa 1837 – 1842. From the Norman Jenkins Collection

collection may be the only complete assemblage, and took Tim many years to gather.



Tim Callahan with the first two knives of the Bechtler Mint Knife Club

New to the convention was a display and large amount of literature from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Now we have all heard of the Federal Reserve Banks, and most of us in the collector community probably feel they know a lot about how they function. Certainly the Author felt that way, until he talked to Mr. Princeton Williams, Senior Outreach Manager for the Atlanta Fed. Mr. Williams shared an amazing knowledge of the history, purpose, products, and plans of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.



Mr. Princeton Williams, Senior Outreach Manager for the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank shows some of the educational information he had available at the Convention.

One of the main functions of this bank is to remove damaged currency from circulation if mechanical inspection shows that any of several parameters have been exceeded (such as the note

being too worn). He indicated they have five machines that perform the inspections, and they each process 100,000 notes an hour, four days a week. They operate three of these machines at full capacity four nights a week. This means that altogether, each day these machines process 8 Million notes (of all denominations).



SJCSRA Coin Club member Dr. Tony Chibbaro gave a seminar on the Tokens of the Cotton Mills from Greenville County, South Carolina.

He shared that in addition to the operating facility, they have a museum that is open to the public, and which has a window through which you can observe their processing operations. There is more to share, but that will be in another article.

The Federal Government was also in attendance, via the US Mint's travelling store. This team, led by Mr. James Pressley, brought all types of mint products for Convention patrons to purchase, including the American Eagle 2018 One Ounce Palladium Proof coin



U. S. Mint's Travelling Store at the SCNA Convention, October 2018

which was unavailable from the Mint website at the time of the Convention. In addition to reviewing the mint products for sale, Mr. Pressley discussed a new marketing program that is aimed at gaining more young numismatists into the hobby, and he shared some information about upcoming product releases, including the 5 ounce silver Apollo 11 50th anniversary commemorative coin. Manufacture of this coin will introduce

two “firsts” for the Mint: the coin is the first reeded 5-oz silver coin, and it is curved, ala the baseball coins. And did you know that the US mint is self-funded, i.e., it is not funded by Taxpayer dollars? While the Department of Treasury and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are taxpayer funded, the Mint is not.

The author would be completely remiss if he didn't mention the excellent work that YN Coordinator Mr. Will Gragg did in making the YN Program for this convention. Will



Patrons at the Young Nummist "carnival" of the SCNA Convention

took the time to travel to other shows to benchmark and collect ideas, and this resulted in him building a carnival of games as the medium by which to teach the YNs. 20 + boy scouts and many other YNs came to this program and both learned and shared their knowledge with each other. This program was very well done, and is anticipated to get even better as the exhibits mature over time.

So, in the author's opinion, the best is saved for last. All day Friday this “cub reporter” wanted to talk to the person staffing this display. But the table was *forever* occupied, it was busy busy busy, and the author felt that interrupting was inappropriate. FINALLY, late in the day there was a lull, and the author pounced. This exhibit was filled with “one of a kind” rarities - obsolete South Carolina currency that was discovered in the basement of the State Capital in Columbia.



Pat McCawley from SC Dept of Archives and History with some of the items he brought to display and sell

for purchase. This was a “not-to-be-missed” opportunity. And if this seems to be a tease, well maybe it is. Here is a smattering of the items brought by the SC Department of Archives and History:



Rare \$500 Stonewall Jackson Confederate States of America Note. Courtesy of SC Dept of Archives

The provenance of these notes is so special that this story deserves a full-length article. The South

Carolina Department of Archives and History graced this convention with their attendance by the participation of Mr. Pat McCawley, Supervisor of Archival Processing. Mr. McCawley brought some obsolete SC notes that his office curated, and which were available for purchase. More specially, he brought a registry containing one example of each South Carolina note discovered in this trove, including several rare examples, and a note that had not been previously identified in Austin Sheheen's book *South Carolina Obsolete Notes and Scrip*.



Sealed package of redeemed notes awaiting curation by the SC Dept of Archives and History

Mr. McCawley pointed out that they have more packages of notes to be curated, so who know what is to come? We look forward to having this organization at future SCNA conventions.

This was a great convention! Full of coins, currency, wonderful exhibits, unique opportunities, and most of all, SUPER people! Hopefully you were able to attend this year. If you did not, are you enticed to do so next year?

Obviously there was a lot going on for the collector – many unique opportunities to increase numismatic knowledge and perhaps to acquire a few special items. You owe it to yourself to find the time and make plans to attend next year! The SCNA even offers reimbursement if four members of our Club choose to rent a vehicle and come to the convention. What a bargain – we can have a day trip to the convention for free! How can we pass that up?



Sample of obsolete South Carolina notes, from the SC Dept of Archives Registry.



Obsolete SC notes, from the SC Dept of Archives

Notes with an amazing history, from issuance to redemption to packaging for destruction (which luckily did not happen) to curation to now being made available

Condolences

October 2018 brought with it a heavy heart, with the passage of four dear members of the South Carolina numismatic community. Please be in prayer for the affected families, that they receive strength from the All Mighty Lord as they undergo this transition.

On October 28th, Vilma Safran, long-time Club member and wife of our esteemed Arno, passed away with Arno at her side. She was a dear and gracious lady, and we will miss her, but God has a new Angel!



Vilma and Arno Safran at one of the many SJCSRACC Holiday Dinners they attended.

In addition to our local loss, three other well-known numismatists also passed and we offer our condolences to their families:

- Mr. Barry Ciociola, former NCNA president and long-term NCNA Board member
- Mr. LoRan Ross, longtime SC numismatist
- Mr. JT Stanton, Co-Author (with Bill Fivaz) of the *Cherrypickers' Guide* series of books

**Answer to Last Month's
"Mystery Member":**

**Mr. Jerry Lipsky, Our
Presenter in October**

STEPHEN JAMES CSRA COIN CLUB Minutes from the Regular Meeting October 4, 2018, Aiken County Library

Vice-President Pat James called the regular meeting of the club to order at 6:55 p.m.

Glenn Sanders reported that there were 15 members present and no guests. Glenn announced information concerning several upcoming coin shows in the vicinity. Ken Bailey won the members' door prize, a 2018 Silver Eagle.

A motion was made by J. J. Engel, seconded by Ken Bailey, and passed to dispense with the reading of the September 2018 meeting minutes. A copy will be on file with the other club records, and a copy will appear in the club newsletter.

The treasurer's report for September showed a balance of \$1,815.

Arno Safran reminded the members of the meeting of the Augusta Coin Club at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month (October 18) at the Sunrise Grill, West Town Market Square on Washington Road in Martinez, Georgia. The program will be on "The US Coins of 1850 during a Year of Crisis"

The program for our club's November meeting will be on "the Discovery of the Saddle Ridge gold Hoard", by Jim Mullaney.

Show & Tell Session:

Several members presented items for our Show and Tell.

The Program:

Jerry Lipsky was also our scheduled speaker and presented a program titled "Ocean Life on Coinage". Jerry pointed out how fish and other aquatic creatures were surprisingly common features on some of the earliest known coins and currency going back to Ancient Greece Rome and China. He also presented examples of how ocean life continues to be represented on modern coinage in many countries across the world. We all enjoyed Jerry's interesting presentation on a topic that doesn't get frequent consideration.

Jim Mullaney won the 50-50 drawing.

Following the monthly auction, VP Pat James adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Mullaney, Secretary**

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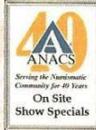
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Order forms and payment are due to Steve Kuhl no later than Friday, November 30th.

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