



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes August 7, 2025 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

Prior to the meeting, Dalia and Ryan S. served the club homemade enchiladas with a green salad accompanied by tomatoes, croutons, bacon bits and choices of salad dressings. What a nice way to start the meeting. Thanks to you both as preparing that for the club takes a lot of time.

President Kevin G. called the meeting to order at 7:00. He introduced a guest, Tim F. who has only been collecting for about a year. He inherited his father's collection and wants to learn more about it. Tim has an interest in Morgan silver dollars. It was great to have you visit us, Tim. We hope to see you again in September.

The minutes of the July meeting were previously emailed to the membership and were accepted. Kevin gave the financial report of balances in the checking, petty cash, and Fidelity accounts.

Door prizes were 1969-D 40% silver Kennedy half dollars. They were won by Cindy G., who drew her own number out of the hat (do we need an investigations committee?) and Kent Lyles. Congratulations winners.

William S. discussed his Want/Sell list which is just getting started. If members are looking for a specific type of coin or have something they want to sell, list it on William's form and return it to him. He will consolidate the info and it will be distributed to club members monthly prior to the next meeting. William had paper forms at the meeting and an electronic version has previously been distributed.

Kevin announced that after this meeting there would be no more Zoom streaming of the meeting. He also said that he was contacted this month by a number of people. A stranger called to say he had acquired a box of foreign coins (I think from an inheritance). The person didn't want the coins and gave them to Kevin. Kevin will go through them to determine value and the coins will be auctioned at future meetings as club lots.

Kevin also said that he was contacted by the daughter of Ted Woodard, club life member #16. Only you old timers will remember Ted, but he was a good guy. He passed away a number of years ago and she inherited his rather extensive collection which she is now trying to sell. I'll see if I can get the list electronically and get her name and contact number to distribute to the membership.

Russell Prinzinger, former FWCC club member and co-founder of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club, is selling his collection. My guess is he also has an extensive collection. Please reply to this email address (secretary@ftwcoin.club) if you want Russell's phone number.

Elections are coming in November. We have the offices of President and Treasurer open as well as two director positions up for a vote. Kevin is not running for reelection as President, so we need some good people to step forward and lead the club.



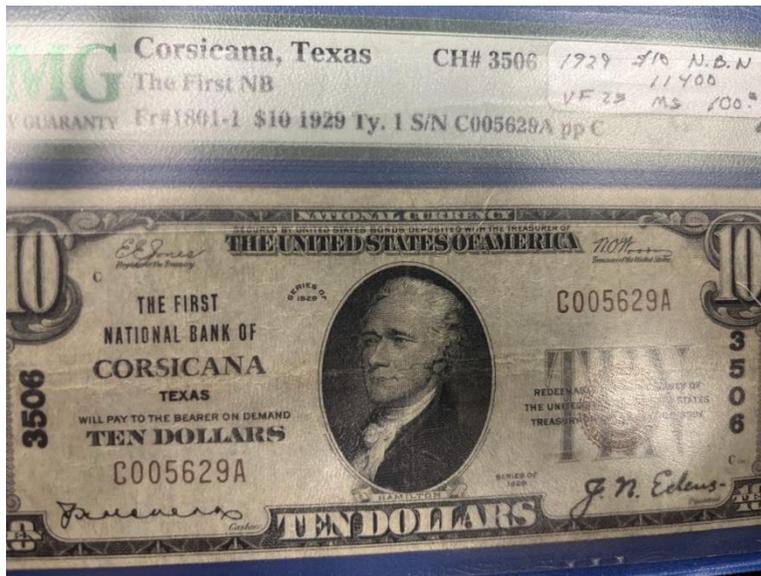
Someone suggested an independent review of the club's finances might be in order since we haven't had one in well, no one could remember the last time one was done. Kevin asked for volunteers for a newly formed Finance Committee. Two of our

newer members, William S. and Logan R. volunteered. It's great to see that kind of involvement. Thanks, guys.

Our next meeting on September 4th is our picnic meeting. The club will be providing pizza and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Bingo will be played for numismatic prizes. There will be a \$15 charge for guests and everyone is welcome. I actually won at bingo last time, so anything is possible. Hope to see you all there.

SHOW AND TELL

Danny M. had several coins including an ancient hemidrachm circa 300-200 B.C. from Sikyon, an ancient Greek city-state. I had never heard of a hemidrachm, but it is approximately ½ of a drachm. He also had a U.S. \$10 bill issued by The First National Bank of Corsicana, Texas. It said "National Currency" at the top.



Paul S. had a McKinney transit token. McKinney was a relatively small town until 20 years ago. I wonder what kind of transit system it had that needed tokens.

Larry H. had a large date and a small date 1828 capped bust dimes. When comparing the two together, the differences in size and shape were significant.

Jack G. was in Houston (actually Webster) at NASA headquarters on July 29, where the Texas Innovation Dollar was released. Jack said there were about 100 people in attendance. Here is a picture of it.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Robert S. gave us a concise history of the Denver Mint and some of the rarities that have come from it.

In 1858 gold was found around Pikes Peak and in 1860 Clark and Gruber started a private mint in Denver which produced over half a million dollars of gold coins.

In 1863 Congress passed legislation to establish a mint in Denver and the government purchased the Clark & Gruber mint turning it into an assay office. But several events transpired before a branch mint could be established there. The first was that pesky civil war that lasted until 1865. And then the Comstock silver strike near Carson City, Nevada gave preference to a mint being constructed there. The Carson City Mint began production in 1870 while Denver remained an assay office.

In 1904 minting machinery was acquired for Denver, but it was shipped to St. Louis for the World's Fair. It wasn't until 1906 that Denver actually started minting operations. Ironically, the minting facility was built on the site of the original Clark & Gruber mint.

Today, Denver has the largest coin production of any mint site in the world.

Robert noted some of the more valuable rarities to come from Denver:

- 1922 no D 1 cent,
- 1914-D 1 cent,
- 1918/7-D buffalo nickel,

- 1937-D 3-legged buffalo nickel,
- 1916-D Mercury dime (Robert said years ago he found a VF one of these in circulation)

Robert showed three gold coins from his collection. All were from the Denver Mint's first year of production:

- A 1906-D half eagle, MS-62,
- A 1906-D eagle, MS-62 originally from the Eric Newman collection,
- A 1906_D double eagle, MS-63



As a token of appreciation for the program, Robert was given a 2005 mint set speaker's award.

RAFFLE

Jerry O. won a 2008 Bald Eagle commemorative coin graded PF-69 by ANACS;

Brett M. won a 2007 silver Eagle graded MS-70 by PCGS

AUCTION

Frank P. conducted a lively auction of 43 lots with Frank H. taking care of the money and Earl C. acting as the auction runner.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko
Club Secretary