



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

Dalia S. and Ryan S. provided the club with a delicious dinner of barbacoa. I had never heard of barbacoa, but everybody else was very familiar with the dish – shredded beef or chicken served on a soft tortilla with sauteed onions and peppers. Sides of rice and beans were provided along with three kinds of cookies. It was one of the best meals they have generously prepared for us. The happy chefs are pictured below



. I love Ryan's T-shirt: "Emotional Support Husband. DO NOT PET".

President Kevin G. called the meeting to order at 7:15 with Cindy G. manning the camera for those on Zoom. The minutes of the previous meeting as emailed to the members by the club secretary were approved. Kevin gave the financial report which was also accepted.

Gary G., our guest from last month, joined the club. Welcome, Gary. Let's all make an effort to introduce ourselves to Gary (and all new members) and make them feel welcome.

We were also pleased to have Jessica D., her daughter, Emma, and young numismatist son Josh, as guests. Josh even participated in show and tell. Welcome to you all.

There was a drawing for the door prizes. Savannah won a 1993 proof set and Dalia won a 1994 proof set.

Old Business:

The need to adopt updated bylaws has been discussed several months as the version adopted incorrectly in 2024 was a previous version and not reflective of how the club operates today. Prior to the adoption of the new bylaws, there was a lengthy discussion of certain aspects that perhaps should be changed. It was eventually decided that the updated version previously sent to members would be approved, but that a Bylaws Committee would be formed to review and propose any needed changes. Roy M., Larry H. and Ed L. were named to the committee.

New Business:

The club's current and long-time treasurer, Walter F., is having more than his share of serious health issues and is unable to perform his duties. President Kevin G., who also has signature authority of the club's accounts, has been doing many Treasurer duties. (One more task for our overworked President). A question was raised as to whether the club should have an audit of our finances since it has been years since one was done. A discussion ensued on that topic and it was suggested an Audit Committee be formed. I was very pleased to see several new members volunteer to be on that committee. I'm sure that will be discussed at the July meeting.

Show and Tell

Kevin G. had 2 English gothic type florins (2 shillings) dated 1866 and 1873.

Jack G. had the 2026 Redbooks he was selling for \$10 (a good deal).

Danny M. had an English coin from Henry VIII, a tetradrachm from the Seleucid Kingdom, and a Scottish coin from the period 1165 – 1214.

Guest and young numismatist Josh had a 1979 Susan B Anthony dollar of which only 3 million were made and a silver (steel) wheat penny from 1943.

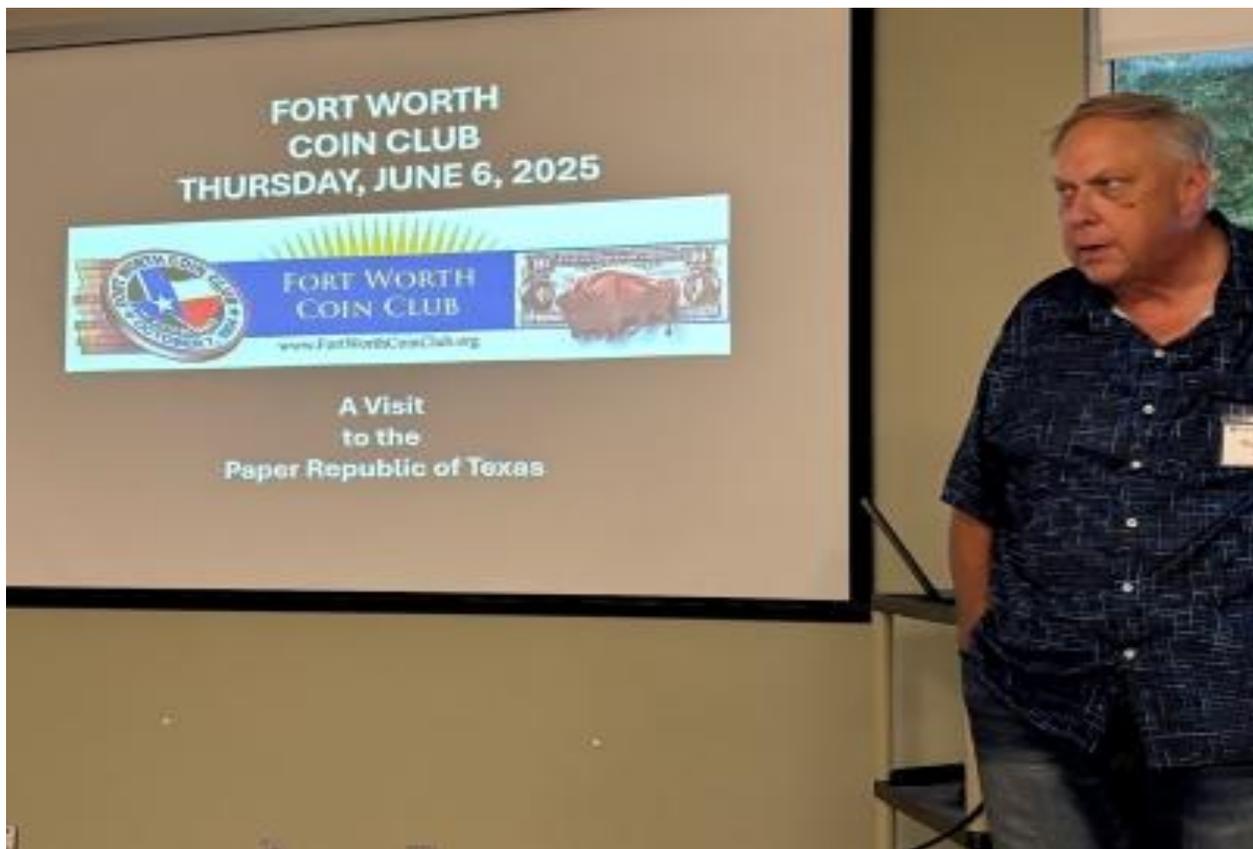
Larry H. brought some coins that "haven't seen the light of day in a while". He showed an 1866 half-dime, PCGS PF-63 and a seated liberty 1891 proof 64 quarter.

Burton S. reported that his long-awaited book on Sample Slabs is available from Barnes & Noble Press print on demand. I went to the website but couldn't find it. Not having any 12 year old computer geniuses to ask for help, perhaps Burton can give me/us more definitive navigation instructions at the July meeting.

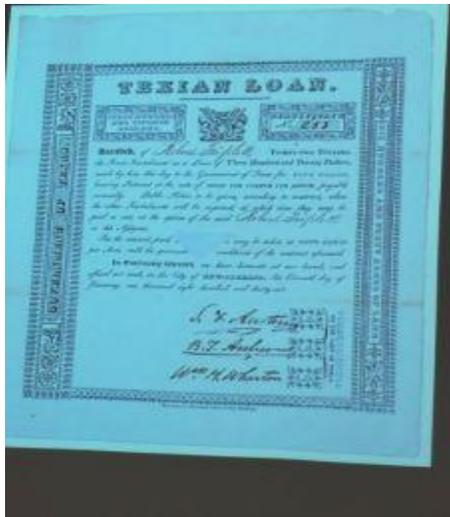
Educational Program

Richard L. delivered a beautifully illustrated program on The Paper Republic of Texas. The Republic issued a wide variety of paper including treasury warrants, loans, notes, bonds, and currency. All of it was essentially worthless as the new country had no gold or silver reserves to back them up. When an older version of an obligation became due, it was usually paid off with the issuance of new paper.

Some of the currency and notes are fairly common, but many denominations are rare and quite valuable today.



Below are some examples of the paper issued by the Republic.



Republic of Texas Treasury Warrants

Velasco

Treasury Warrants

Houston
Austin

THE TREASURER of the REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, will pay to the order of *James Lansing* one hundred Dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the *Attorney*.

Houston, July 1st 1837

E. A. Ross CONTROLLER

[Signature] AUDITOR.

APPROPRIATION NO. *11*

TREASURY WARRANT.

The Treasurer of the Republic of Texas will pay to the Order of *Andrew Lewis* two thousand Dollars, out of any money appropriated by Act of the Legislature at the 18th of August 1845 for *the purchase of the Archives of the Republic*.

this amount being to draw on a Requisition the *Archives will clear accordingly.*

Treasurer Department, August 11th 1845

Charles Martin AUDITOR

[Signature] COMPTROLLER

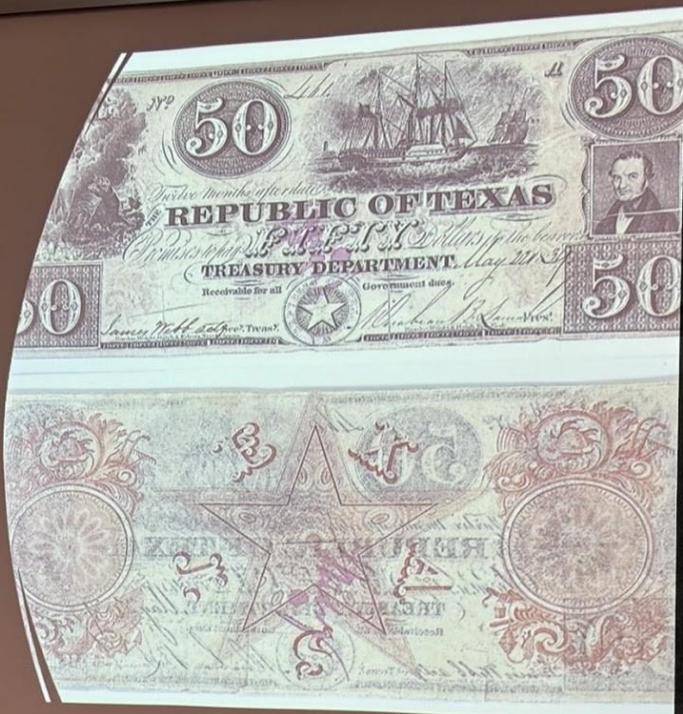
Republic Notes

In denominations of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500

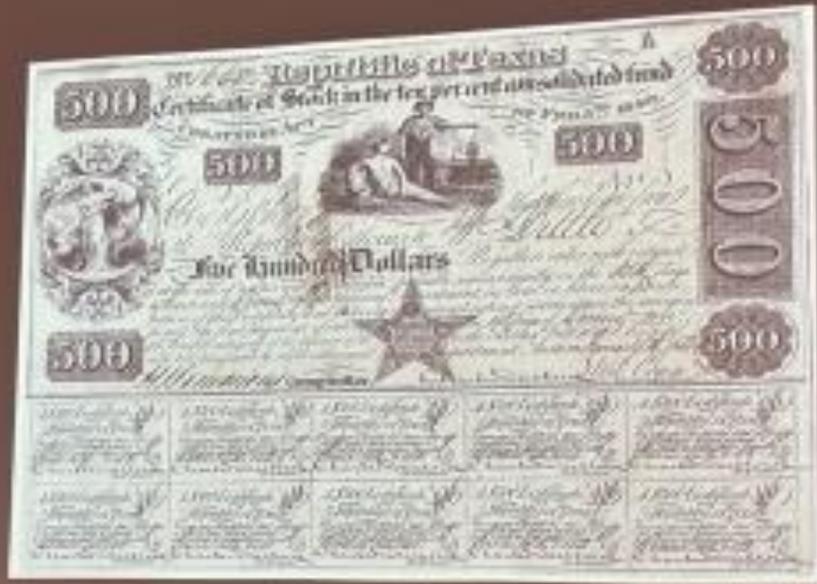


Republic Front and Back

- Back designs on 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500
- Color look familiar?
- Coincidence?

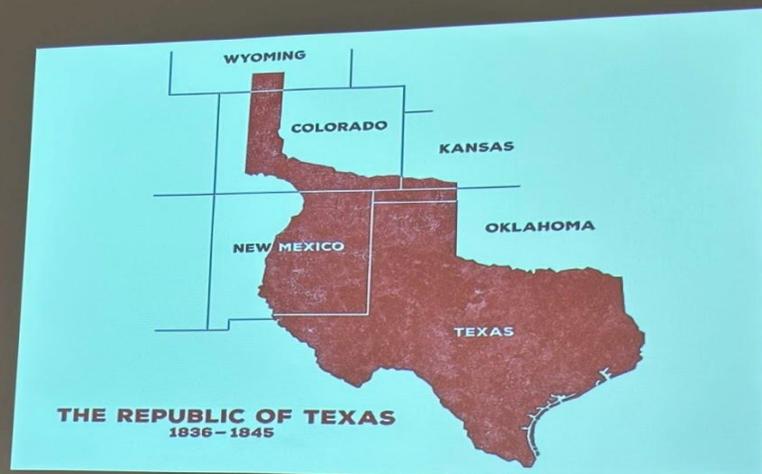


Interest Bearing Bonds



Take a look at the map of the Republic of Texas just prior to its joining the United States December 29, 1845:

Late Republic Warrant



Prior to its joining the U.S., it was agreed that in exchange for the United States assuming the debt of the Republic of Texas, Texas would cede to the U.S. its land that today includes parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and 2/3rds of New Mexico. I'm sure the holders of Texas paper were pleased with this assumption.

From 1846 to 1862 (when Texas joined the Confederacy), the U.S. government was still trying to determine how much Texas debt it had assumed.

Well done, Richard. Kevin presented Richard a 2005 mint set as a speaker's award.

Frank H. drew winners for his raffle:

- Robert T. – 2023 Austrian Vienna Philharmonic silver coin, NGC MS-70,
- Kevin G. – 2022 silver Eagle coin, PCGS MS-70

The club auction included 25 lots with Jack G. serving as auctioneer, Frank H. handling the money, and Earl C. serving as runner.

Upcoming coin shows per <https://www.coinshows-usa.com>:

- Austin – July 4-5
- Grapevine – July 11-13
- Tyler – August 15-16
- ANA World's Fair of Money – August 19-23 – Oklahoma City
- Cowtown – September 5-6 - White Settlement

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko
Club Secretary

