



# FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

## Club Meeting Minutes October 2, 2025 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

President Kevin G. called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. He recognized and welcomed guests David and Lorie.

The September meeting minutes prepared by Secretary Ed L., and previously emailed to the membership, were accepted.

Acting Treasurer Kevin G. gave the balances of the Fidelity, bank, and petty cash accounts. He said he had moved \$3,000 from Fidelity to the checking account. The report was accepted by the membership.

Winners for door prizes were announced. Ed L. won a 1968-D Kennedy half dollar that was lightly rainbow toned. Paul S. won a 1967 Kennedy half. Both were 40% silver.

### **REMINDER: ELECTIONS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING:**

The positions of President and Treasurer are on the ballot as well as two of the four directors. The club needs good people to hold these positions. If you are new with the club, enthusiasm can make up for lack of tenure, so don't be shy. Just let Kevin know you have an interest at the next meeting before voting begins.

As part of the Bylaws Committee work, Roy M. announced that consensus had been reached by the committee members on changes to be made to the bylaws. A marked-up version will need to be drafted showing proposed changes and then sent to members to be voted on. Also, Roy made a motion that the club membership must vote approval for any expenditure exceeding \$500 not for ordinary club business or for coin shows. This reconfirms a similar policy that was approved years ago. The motion was approved by the membership.

The Audit Committee will report next month.

Kevin confirmed the Botanic Gardens Lightscape event will not conflict with our December meeting and that there will be a regular December club meeting. He reminded members that they can bring unwrapped toys for Christmas gifts to the meeting to be donated to a children's charity. Last year we made a substantial donation to the Ronald McDonald House which the charity was excited to receive.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Kevin G. collects English coins and had a 1746 "Lima" half crown showing George II. The coin is called "Lima" because it was minted from seized Spanish treasure. He also had a 1902 British crown showing Edward VII.

Burton S. showed an 1877 Indian head cent graded "Poor 2". Burton acquired it because he had never seen a coin in that grade. It was in an Acugrade holder. Burton collects strange things.

Danny M., who collects everything, had a Spanish reale, a French franc, and an ancient coin from 400 BC. I could not hear details as he was on the other side of the room.

Elliot M. had a \$50 Confederate greenback. That's something you don't see every day.

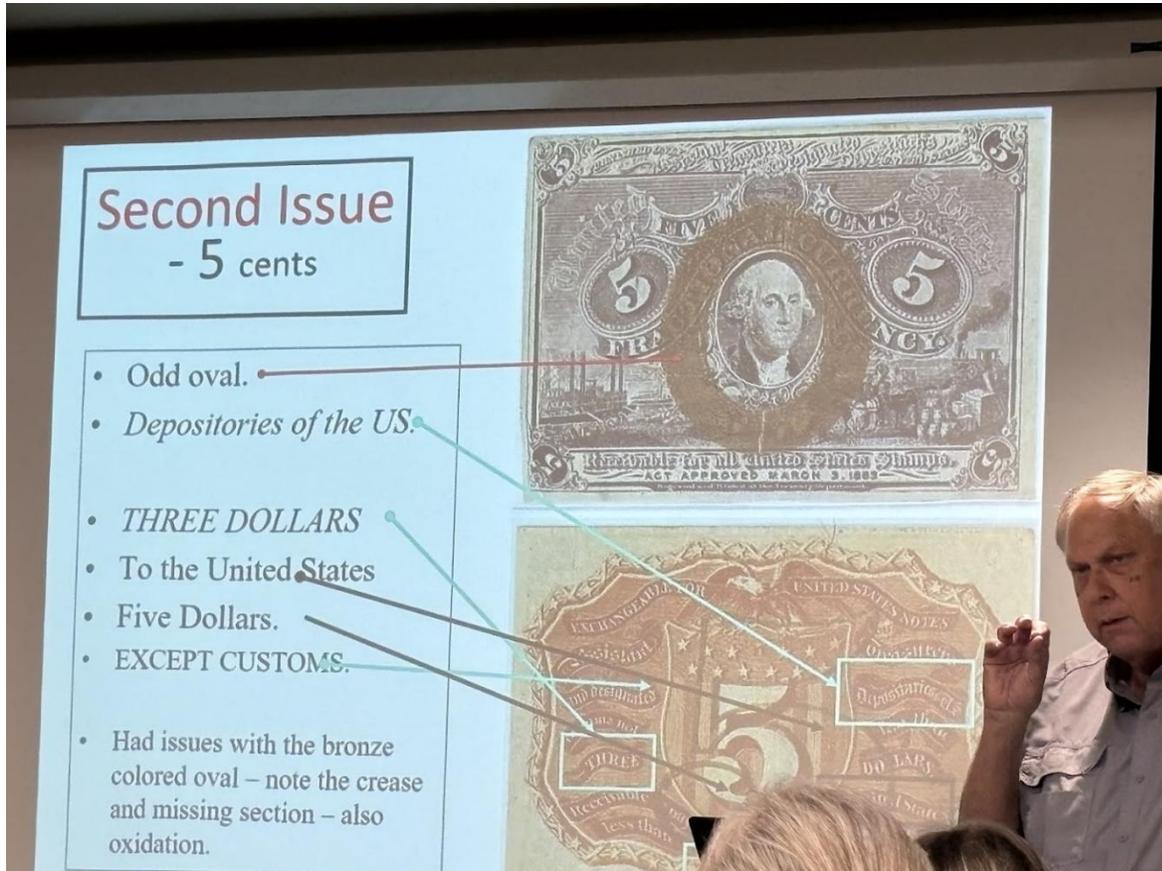
### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Richard L. gave an excellent program on United States fractional currency which was issued between 1862 and 1876. It came about due to a lack of small change in the Civil War era (or, as Richard likes to say, the War of Northern Aggression).

The denominations printed were from 3 cents to 50 cents. A total face value of \$369 million was issued. When coins became plentiful again, most fractional currency was redeemed. Richard said at least \$1.8 million is still outstanding. When you are talking about face values of three cents, five cents, ten cents, twenty-five cents, or fifty cents, that's still a lot of notes outstanding. Many issues can be obtained and are reasonably priced. The Dept. of the Treasury will still redeem fractional currency, but only at face value (not a good deal).

There were five unique issued series of fractional currency during the Civil War and Post Civil War era. Because people had initially used postage stamps when coins were in short supply, the first issue was called Postal Currency. The following four series were known as Fractional Currency.

Richard went through the notes in each series with pictures of most, pointing out interesting things about each – who was pictured, unique wording, odd printing features, etc.



He even showed a fifty cent Confederate fractional currency note issued in 1863-1864 and a Texas Civil War county script for twenty-five cents issued by Navarro County (Waxahachie).

A very well done program, Richard.

## **RAFFLE**

Frank H. conducted his always interesting raffle –

- Chester S. was the lucky winner of a 2021 silver Eagle, NGC graded MS-70.
- Carl S., fresh from his return from Europe, won a Year of the Tiger Australian silver coin

## AUCTION

Frank P. was the auctioneer for the biggest club auction in some time – over 70 lots! See the picture below to appreciate the number of action items.

Frank H. and Earl C. assisted with the money and runner duties.



Thank you to Dalia and Ryan S. who served dinner of Tortellini, green salad with all the trimmings, and various pies for dessert. Scott S. added to that with his delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Upcoming coin shows per [coinshows-usa.com](http://coinshows-usa.com):

- 10/23-10/24 – Gainesville Coin Show – Gainesville, TX
- 10/31-11/2 – Grapevine Coin Show – Grapevine
- 11/14-11/15 – Austin Coin and Currency Show - Austin
- 11/21 – 11/22 - Cowtown Coin Show – White Settlement

- 12/12 – 12/14 - Grapevine Coin Show – Grapevine

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko  
Club Secretary