



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes March 5, 2026 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

This was the club's awards meeting where members who contributed to club activities in the prior year are recognized and three scholarships are awarded. Dinner is served and bingo is played for numismatic prizes.

Remember the club is putting on its first coin show since 2019. It is April 17-18 at the White Settlement Convention Center, the same place as the Cowtown Coin Shows. We will need all members to help in some capacity and a volunteer sheet will be at the April club meeting.

Thanks to Kevin and Cindy G. for ordering and picking up Railhead barbeque, including sliced beef and ribs, as well as coleslaw, potato salad, and green bean sides. And thanks to all the members who also brought some great sides (homemade potato salad, fruit salad, green salad, etc.) and desserts (cobbler, cookies, and others). Nobody should have left the meeting hungry. And thanks to Ryan S., Dalia S. and Alex S. for serving food to the hungry club members.





As last year's president, Kevin handed out beautiful certificates from the American Numismatic Association recognizing club members for their contributions to the club in 2025. This was for activities including educational presentations, food preparation, auctioneer, officer/director activities, and many others.

President Jimmy D. then held a drawing to pick the winners of three \$100 educational scholarships. The money can be spent on books or magazine subscriptions (numismatically related, of course) or club dues. I remember one person buying a microscope to get a closer look at his coins.

The three lucky winners were:

1. Jimmy D. (he didn't draw his own number)
2. Jack G.
3. Dalia S.

Congratulations!

While this is a bit personal, I would like to give a special shout-out to Burton S. He made a special presentation by saying that Ed L. (yours truly) had given several educational presentations to the club over the years on the sinking of the S.S. Central America in 1857 and the subsequent recovery of its treasure including thousands of gold and silver coins as well as gold dust. But Ed didn't have a single coin or artifact from the wreck. Burton therein presented Ed with a special S.S. Central America holder with a picture of the ship being tossed about in the storm and containing a "pinch" of gold dust recovered from the wreck! What a special thing for one club member to do for another. Thank you, Burton.

Carl N. with the Texas Numismatic Assn. was at the meeting to solicit volunteers for its upcoming show May 15 – 17th at the Amon Carter Exhibit Hall at the Will Rogers complex in Fort Worth. That's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The shifts are 5 hours and each volunteer will receive five raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the seven gold coins donated by Heritage Auctions. Carl can be reached at carlnance12@gmail.com.

The meeting shifted from dinner and awards to bingo. Thank you to William S., our new Treasurer, who purchased a brand-new bingo set including ball drum and balls, call board, and 100 bingo cards and donated it to the club. That's a very nice thing to do.

Kevin had purchased a great selection of bingo prizes, mostly old dimes, quarters, and nickels, the oldest being an 1853 seated dime. The grand prize for bingo blackout, all numbers on the card are called, was a choice of a nice Barber half dollar or two walking liberty half dollars. I think circulated U.S. coinage are the best prizes and was really hoping to win one.

Kevin was the bingo caller and was assisted by Jimmy. A nice touch was that after a winner won a prize, Kevin would give a short history of the coin.

Alas, even paying \$5 for an extra card didn't help, and I didn't win anything, unlike Mr. Lucky, Rhonde W. who won three times and his wife, Mary added another. Some folks have all the luck. But it was a fun evening with good food spent with nice people.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko
Club Secretary