



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes June 4, 2026 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

A dinner of chicken fingers and gravy accompanied by a salad with all the toppings was served to members and guests by Dalia and Ryan S. Cupcakes were available for dessert. Thanks to you both.

President Jimmy D. called the meeting to order at 7:05. He introduced guests James and Carl N.. You will remember Carl as the TNA representative soliciting volunteers for the Texas Numismatic Association's May coin show. Carl joined the club and James will attend the July meeting. Another guest, Frank D. also joined the club. He has been collecting about 20 years but the May TNA show was the first coin show he ever attended. He found out about the Fort Worth Coin Club at the show. Welcome to you all.

BUSINESS

The minutes of the May meeting, as previously emailed to the membership, were approved.

Treasurer William S. was out of town so there was no financial report.

DOOR PRIZES

A 1964 Washington silver quarter was won by Ryan S. Good things happen to people who serve us food.

Fourth of July \$2 colored bank note was won by brand new member Ray M.

Congratulations, guys.

SHOW AND TELL



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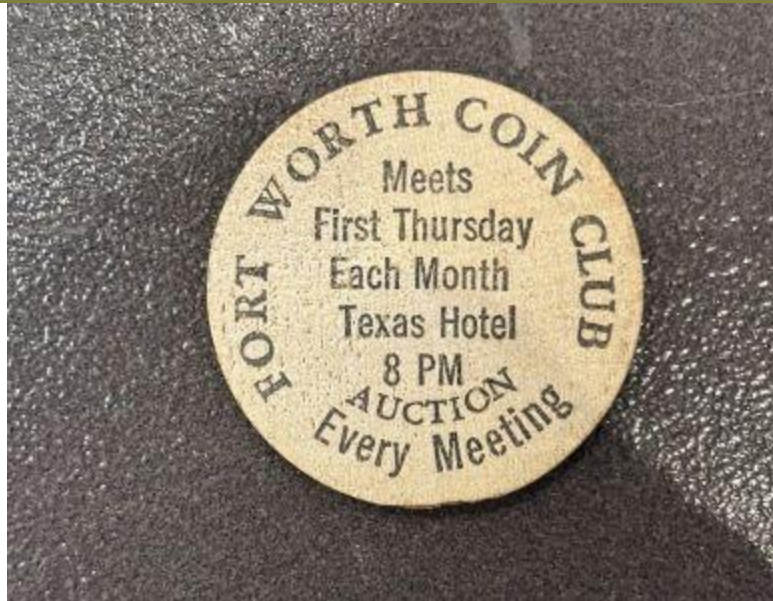
- James N. showed us a palindrome note, which is a U.S. currency note whose 8-digit serial number reads the same front to back or back to front. It's also known as a "radar" note. This occurs once in every 12,000 notes.



- Earl C. showed us a bit of Fort Worth Coin Club history. He recently acquired a wooden nickel that was probably given out at our 1968 club coin show. It said the club meetings were at the Texas Hotel in downtown Fort Worth (815 Main St.). Coincidentally, that is the hotel where President John F. Kennedy spent his last night. The hotel is still in operation and today is known as the Fort Worth Hilton.



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- Jack G. always has something interesting to show in the currency area. He showed a District set of \$1 U.S. currency. He had a Federal Reserve Note from each of the 12 Federal Reserve banks identified by the prefix letter at the beginning of the serial number. For each bank, he had a note from each Bureau of Engraving and Printing location (Fort Worth and Washington). For each he also had a regular currency note and a star note. Pretty impressive!

For those of us who don't collect currency, here are the Federal Reserve Banks' letters:

- A** – Boston
- B** – New York
- C** – Philadelphia
- D** – Cleveland
- E** – Richmond
- F** – Atlanta
- G** – Chicago
- H** – St. Louis
- I** – Minneapolis
- J** – Kansas City
- K** – Dallas
- L** – San Francisco

- Larry H. had an MS-62 1893 Isabella quarter in an ANACS soap box holder. The Isabella is a silver commemorative coin struck for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and depicts Isabella I, the Spanish monarch who sponsored Columbus' 1492 expedition to the new world. It is one of the most historically significant early U.S. commemoratives.



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- New member Barry S. likes toned coins and had a selection of coins showing different types of toning. Beautiful. My picture didn't do the coins justice, so I didn't include it.
- Alton A. had an uncirculated civil war token showing crossed cannons on the obverse. He also had a Russian Kopek coin dated 1766. Catherine the Great was the ruler of Russia in 1766 having come to power four years earlier after overthrowing her husband, Peter III. I'd say that marriage is in serious need of counseling.

Thanks to everyone that shared something from their collection with us all.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Danny M. delivered a well organized and well-presented program on The Byzantine Empire and its coinage, which I think is one of the most fascinating periods in ancient history.

He gave a brief history of the empire which began in 330 AD when the capital of Rome was moved to the new city of Constantinople. He talked about its expansion to maximum size around 555 AD and its gradual contraction due to encroachments by other civilizations. The empire ended when Constantinople fell to the Ottomans in 1453.

Danny then discussed the coinage of the empire beginning with the gold solidus which was the most important coin for trade. Over the centuries it was gradually debased and in the 12th century the solidus was replaced by a gold coin called a hyperpyron.

Interestingly, the empire had more access to gold than it did to silver, but it did have silver coinage called a hexagram and later a miliaresion. It also had bronze coins called nummis in various denominations.



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Byzantine Denominations

- Regular silver coin Hexagram introduced by Heraclius
- Miliarion (silver) coin introduced by Leo III in 720
- Gold solidus or nomisma remained standard of intil commerce until 1030 under Romanos III Until that time fineness remained constant
- Nummus was small bronze coin 9-10 mm wt 0.56 g impractical due to large number of coins for small transaction.
- New bronze coins Follis equal to 50 nummus and half follis equal to 20 nummus
- 10 nummi coins called decanummian
- 5 nummi coin called pentnummum
- By 9th century 3/4 weight Solidus were issued in parallel to a full solidus.

The coins, especially the gold solidus, were notable in that the depictions of people were usually a full-face frontal view as compared to the typical Roman coin profile. And rather than having the often-seen Roman gods, Byzantine coins usually showed Christ or the cross.



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Byzantine Coin – Nicephorus II



Danny also had a list and a map showing all the locations where Byzantine coins were minted. There were many.

Thanks, Danny. Very interesting and informative.

RAFFLE



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Lo and behold, the first raffle prize, a 1973 uncirculated Eisenhower silver dollar, was won by our educational speaker of the evening, Danny.

A 5-coin 1967 Special Mint Set was won by Gary G.

AUCTION

Frank P. auctioned 24 lots while Jack G. handled the money and Earl C. did the running.

COIN SHOWS

Gainesville Coin Show – Gainesville, TX – Aug 6-8;
Alamo Coin Show – Schertz, TX – Aug 15;
Grapevine Coin Show – Grapevine – Aug 21 – 23;
Cowtown Coin Show – White Settlement – Sept. 18-19

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko
Club Secretary