



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes May 7, 2026 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

Prior to the meeting, Dalia S. served members and guests a dinner of beef and/or chicken tacos with cheese and chips. So good. She had pie for dessert which was supplemented by Larry H.'s big chocolate chip cookies. Yummm.

President Jimmy D. called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and welcomed guests Barry S., who likes toned coins, and David and Scott S. Welcome to you all.

BUSINESS

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

Treasurer William S. gave the financial report of the activity and the balances in our checking, brokerage and petty cash accounts. He also gave a detailed breakdown of the income and expenses of the club's April coin show. The major expenses included venue rental, security, food and drink for dealers and volunteers, and event insurance. The bottom line was that the dealers had a good show and the club did well financially. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

Carl N., the TNA coordinator, announced that he is still looking for volunteers for the May TNA coin show at the Will Rogers exhibition hall in Fort Worth.

DOOR PRIZES

Fourth of July \$2 colored bank notes were won by Robert T. and David P.

SHOW AND TELL

Kevin G. showed us a counterfeit Silver Eagle and a 1907 postcard from the Denver mint dated on his birthday (day and month, not the year).

Danny M., the man who seems to collect everything, had a 1737 Austrian thaler. If that wasn't old enough, he also had a Parthian tetradrachm of Phraates V (also known as Phraataces) from the period 2 BC - 4 AD.



Jack Gilbert showed a series 1938 \$1 red seal star note that he acquired from Heritage. The note was released in the 1947-1948 timeframe in Puerto Rico.

Alton A., a member of the Early American Coppers Club, had a Conder token. These were privately issued tokens produced by merchants and other businesses in the late 18th century in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, to provide small change when the Royal Mint failed to supply enough coinage.

Warren P. had a 10 franc note from France, which obviously predates the currently used Euro.

Ed L. showed his recently acquired book "Sample Slabs" authored by club member Burton S. Burton had signed the book for Ed, which drove its value down considerably.

Larry H. had a Black Eagle \$1 silver certificate series 1899. It is the large "horse blanket" size and features a bald eagle with outstretched wings above portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Unless my AI assistant has given me bad information, as it sometimes does, this is the only U.S. banknote to feature two presidents.



Larry also had an 1899 Indian Head cent, MS-63, in an ANACS soap box holder. Soap box holders were produced in the early days of third-party grading and predate the sonically sealed holders used today.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Burton S. gave us an outstanding program on **THE GOLD RUSHES YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT.**

He began by talking briefly about the gold rush we all know something about – California in 1849. That discovery led to 300,000 people moving west and lasted until about 1855 when gold production declined sharply and large-scale mining replaced individual prospectors. San Francisco grew from 200 residents in 1846 to 56,000 in 1852.

California gold production dwarfed all the gold found in the rest of the country. Of the total gold produced in the U.S. from 1804 to 1859, 21,820,000 ounces came from California (96%) while 920,732 ounces came from other states. Of that other amount, 620,000 ounces were mined before 1848 and these other states were the focus of Burton's presentation.

There was a gold belt in the eastern U.S. that extended from Alabama through Georgia and the Carolinas all the way to Maryland.

Burton told the story of a farmer in North Carolina who in 1799 found a 17-pound gold nugget on his land. Not knowing it was gold, he used it as a door stop for three years. He sold it to a jeweler in 1802 for \$3.50 when the actual worth of the nugget was \$3,600. In 1803, a 28-pound nugget was found on the same land!

North Carolina claims to be the only location in the U.S. where gold was mined from 1799 to 1828.

A second major gold discovery occurred in Georgia in 1828. Enough gold was mined to allow for the establishment of branch mints in Dahlonega, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Gold was also found in Virginia and a respectable 72,500 ounces were extracted.

Burton then discussed the “minor leagues” of gold discoveries in the states of Alabama, Tennessee and New Mexico. His program also included post California gold finds in Oregon, Kansas Territory (near Pike’s Peak in present day Colorado), and lesser amounts in many other states.

Burton’s research in preparing this program was impressive as he searched the Neuman Numismatic Portal to find the annual Mint Director’s report for many of his production and value numbers. Here is one of those reports:

B.—Statement of the annual amounts of deposits of gold, for coinage, at the mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.

Periods.	Deposited at the United States Mint.								Deposited at the branch mints.				Mint and branches.
	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	Various sources.	Total at the United States mint.	Branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.	Branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia.	Branch mint at New Orleans.	Total at the branch mints.	Total deposits of United States gold.
1824		\$5,000						\$5,000					\$5,000
1825		17,000						17,000					17,000
1826		20,000						20,000					20,000
1827		21,000						21,000					21,000
1828		46,000						46,000					46,000
1829	\$2,500	134,000	\$3,500					140,000					140,000
1830	21,000	204,000	26,000	\$212,000				466,000					466,000
1831	26,000	294,000	22,000	176,000				520,000					520,000
1832	31,000	458,000	45,000	140,000	\$1,000		\$1,000	678,000					678,000
1833	101,000	475,000	66,000	216,000	1,000			868,000					868,000
1834	62,000	380,000	38,000	415,000	3,000			898,000					898,000
1835	60,400	263,500	42,400	319,900	100		12,000	698,500					698,500
1836	62,000	148,100	55,200	201,400	300			467,000					467,000
1837	52,100	116,900	29,400	83,600				282,000					282,000
1838	55,000	66,000	13,000	36,000	1,500		200	171,700	\$127,000	\$135,700	\$700	\$263,400	435,100
1839	57,600	53,500	6,300	20,300	300	\$500		138,500	126,836	113,035	6,869	246,740	385,210
1840	38,995	36,804	5,319	91,113	101	4,431		176,766	124,726	121,858	2,835	249,419	526,185
1841	25,736	76,431	3,440	139,796	1,212	1,863		248,478	129,847	161,974	1,818	293,639	542,117
1842	42,163	61,629	223	150,276		5,579	13,717	273,587	174,508	323,372	5,630	503,510	777,097
1843	48,148	62,873	5,099	56,619	2,788	4,786	415	180,728	272,064	570,080	22,573	864,717	1,045,445
1844	40,595	194,917	11,856	30,739	2,240	12,298	2,377	295,022	167,348	479,794	25,036	672,178	967,200
1845	86,783	365,886	5,386	17,325	3,202	6,472	4,323	489,382		498,632	20,313	518,945	1,008,327
1846	55,538	286,105	100,641	13,601	2,642	7,512		466,069	196,351	455,149	21,788	673,288	1,139,357
1847	67,736	99,491	1,102	10,547	2,511	2,022		183,409	344,054	352,366	9,256	705,676	889,085
	945,294	3,886,136	479,866	2,330,216	28,899	45,493	34,237	7,750,141	1,662,764	3,211,960	116,788	4,991,512	12,741,633

Burton has posted his entire presentation on his Sample Slabs website at <https://www.sampleslabs.info/presentations.html>. He also has links to all of his source material.

RAFFLE

William S. won a proof 1969-S Kennedy half dollar

Alton A. won a proof 1971 Eisenhower silver dollar

AUCTION

Frank P. auctioned 47 lots while Kevin G. handled the money and Earl C. did the running.

COIN SHOWS

Grapevine – June 6-7;

Houston Summer Coin Show – June 19-20;

Schertz Civic Center Coin Show – Schertz, TX – June 27;

Gainesville Coin Show – Gainesville, TX – Aug 6-3;

Alamo Coin Show – Schertz, TX – Aug 15;

Cowtown Coin Show – White Settlement – Sept. 18-19

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko
Club Secretary