

2015 The Year in Review

Club membership wound up at 347 paid members. We once again had two free bus trips to the FUN shows in Orlando, FL, we gave a \$1500 scholarship to the ANA summer seminar in Colorado Springs, we gave 24 Red Books to the Palm Beach County Library System, and we assisted the L C Swain middle school coin club with coins, books, and numismatic supplies.

We had 51 club members on the FUN sponsored bus to the January Orlando show. We discussed the show at the January 14th club meeting.

In February, we had Estate auction #28. Frank Meade gave a program on “Making Coin Rings”. Club Treasurer Robert Leneve won the club essay contest and will go to the ANA summer seminar in July.

In March, Robert Feiler gave a power point presentation on “Obsolete Currency and Scrip”. Club President, Tony Swicer was given a plaque by the club for over 30 years of service to the club and the numismatic community.

In April we had a free food night from Columbino’s and Vince’s subs. Tony Swicer gave a report on the Baltimore show, March 25-29th. The 2016 Red Books came in and were sold at cost to club members. We donated 24 copies to the Palm Beach County Library System.

In May, Juan Riera gave a program on “Treasurers of the Spanish Empire”. Tony Swicer gave a report on the Centrl States show in Schaumburg, IL. The club picnic was May Saturday 16th with 69 attending at \$5 per member. Buddy Hirsh & Tony Swicer told interesting coin stories of the 1970’s-1990’s.

In June, Sandy Pearl gave a program on “Consumer Awareness”.

In July, Robert Leneve, Dan Pecoraro, and Richard Spencer gave a report on the ANA summer seminar. Dan Pecoraro gave a program on “Coin Photography”. 41 club members were on the bus to the Summer FUN show in Orlando.

In August, Bruce Ollis gave a power point presentation on “Army/Air Force Exchange Service Tokens” used on base exchanges. Sandy Pearl & Tony Swicer gave a report on the ANA show in Chicago.

In September, Tony Swicer gave a power point presentation on “My Hometown Notes, Newport, KY”, 1818 to 1935. We had a free food night. The second meeting, Tony Swicer gave a program on “Organizing Your Coin Collection”. The club is assembling a “In house” business directory for the benefit of club members only. The 2016 club calendars came in and are available for \$1.

In October, Ray Herz from Jacksonville coin club had a power point presentation on “Jefferson Nickels”. The ANA sent us 12 vouchers for free ANA 1- year memberships, which I passed out at the club meeting.

In November, Juan Riera gave a program on “Coins of Cuba”. Jim Wagner gave a program on “Toned Coins” showing slabbed examples of rainbow toning. We had a table at the Gem & Mineral Show and handed out club brochures, newsletters, and other numismatic literature. The club election was held for 2016 officers and board members. The results are as follows; President- Tony Swicer, VP- Richard Spencer, Secretary- Bruce Eleshewich, Treasurer- Robert Leneve. Board members are Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Kelley McDougal, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, Ed Polyanchek. Alan Liemer, and Jim Wagner. Newsletter Editor- Rick Carver, Young Numismatists Director- Dan Pecoraro.

In December, we had our Christmas Party, Awards Night, and White Elephant Sale. 154 members attended. We had Columbino’s pizza, Stromboli, calzone, and dessert. Plus Vince’s subs. Allen Schwartz was named club member of the year. VP Richard Spencer brought in the most new members, and the white elephant sale brought in \$482. Our monthly coin show continued to do well. Due to the rising cost of the show hall, we voted to raise the table fees to \$75 per table and club dues to \$15 a year and life membership to \$150 for 2016. We allowed club members to take advantage of the lower life membership (\$100) until December 2015. 28 members took advantage of the life membership. We now have 70 life members.

Gold and silver prices dropped all year long with oil going from \$100 a barrel to \$35 a barrel. Gold started the year at \$1172, peaked January 22nd at \$1298 and ended the year at \$1060. Silver started at \$15.80, peaked in late January at \$18.10, and ended the year at just under \$14. Projections are neither will go up until oil goes up and a new president is in office.