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March 2026 Events

March 1

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show
24th & Taylor St., Hollywood, FL

March 8

Melbourne Coin - Stamp & Collectible Show
Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne

March 11

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
*** "Grading Contest" ***
*** "Classic Commemoratives, Part 3"**
By Gregg Wagner *

March 15

Ft. Lauderdale Coin and Stamp Show
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

March 22

PBCC Coin Show
American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

March 25

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
*** "An Analysis of Barber Dimes and Quarter**
Key and Semi-Key Dates"
By Gregg Wagner *

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Presidents Message

Dues are due for 2026. 85 members have not paid their club dues of \$15. Look at your membership card. If it says, "Good thru 12/25", your dues are due. See Tony or mail to, PBCC, P.O. Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466.

Wednesday, February 11th, we set a record for the largest one session sale. Estate Auction #54 brought in \$80,484. The club realized \$4024. WOW! Pre-auction minimum bid was \$53,000.

Wednesday, March 11th will be a "Grading Contest" with the winner getting a silver dollar worth \$64. Gregg Wagner will have a program on "Classic Commemoratives, Part 3" and the meeting after, "An Analysis of Barber Dimes and Quarter Key and Semi-Key Dates". Club members can put up coins for auction at both meetings.

The first meeting in April is "Free Food Night". We will have subs from Vince's Deli and pizza, calzone, stromboli, and desserts from Columbino's. We eat at 6PM. Gregg will speak on "Liberty Nickels, 1883-1912". On Wednesday, April 22nd, Steve Feiertag will deliver a presentation on "Capped Bust Half Dimes" and exhibit his PCGS Registry Set No. 8.

Tony

Club Member Brothers Presents Morgan Dollar Research on YouTube

Palm Beach Coin Club member Eric Brothers recently made a video presentation on the Morgan Dollar. It was produced in the American

Numismatic Society's Long Table series of lectures. His talk can be found on YouTube under the title, "Long Table 247. The Morgan Dollar: An Artistic Failure." This presentation is adapted from his article in *Numismatic News*, "'Pelican Bat of the Wilderness': Creation and Reception of the Morgan Dollar" (September 9, 2025).



Title art for Eric Brothers' presentation on the Morgan dollar. Photo courtesy of the American Numismatic Society.

The Morgan dollar is arguably the most popular collectible United States coin. However, the artistry of this silver dollar was severely criticized when it made its debut in 1878. This criticism continued well into the 20th century. Employing primary sources, Brothers discusses the critical reception that the Morgan dollar received. Among the criticism Morgan's dollar received was published in the *Carson City Morning Appeal* (April 17, 1878): "Great disgust was expressed at the general appearance of the [design]. All that has been said as to the wretched workmanship of the Philadelphia dollar, will be equally true of the Carson dollar The [reverse design] represents the same wide, flat, pelican-bat of the wilderness"

Brothers has been a numismatic author for over twenty years. For three years, he wrote articles for *Palm Beach Coin News* (the club newsletter). He has also had his work published

in *Coins*, *Numismatic News*, *CDN Greysheet Monthly*, and *The Numismatist*. He currently writes for *ANS* [American Numismatic Society] *Magazine*, *Financial History*, *CDN Greysheet Monthly*, and *Numismatic News*. He has written 24 articles for *Numismatic News* since June of 2024. Club members who wish to read Brothers' future articles in *Numismatic News* may consider subscribing to the publication. He is also a freelance numismatic copywriter.

Most Memorable Numismatic Moments or Finds

1. 1795 AU \$10 gold piece or a new car, 1973
2. 1796 MS-67 Quarter sold for \$1.2 million.
3. 1893-S MS-67 Morgan Dollar sold for \$2 million.
4. Canada's \$1 million gold coin (5 struck) sold for \$4 million. SF 2005
5. In 1988 I purchased a 117 lot US Gold coin deal because Larry Charbaneau insulted the guy. We made \$50,000 profit.
6. The Buddy Ebsen Sale at the Century Plaza Hotel, LA 1987.
7. Meeting Wayne Miller, Dean Tavenner, and Walter Breen John Love, Harlan White in California. 27 Straight Long Beach shows. 1983-4 of us stayed at Calif 6 Motel, \$6 night, Bob's Big Boy next door. New Hyatt regency opened \$55/night, great food. I ballooned up to 280 lbs. Jessie Lipka Chinese 5oz silver LB Pandas. One trip I purchased 600 So-Called Dollars. Silver NV \$ in box \$10, sold for \$150.
8. Buying a German States Pattern Proof for \$750 and selling it for \$17,500.
9. Selling a MS-64 FSB Mercury Dime for \$27,500 to Rare Coin Wholesalers.
10. Finding a 1916 Double die Buffalo nickel, Certifying it VF-30, selling for \$8,500

11. Finding 2 1942/1 Mercury Dimes in the same lot.
12. Finding a 1937-D 3-Leg Buffalo, sold for \$925.
13. Making the PCGS Finals of the World Series of Grading in 2005.
14. Former PBCC Club President Charlie Johnstone dropping a Mexican 50 peso gold coin on the floor and putting a big rim dent on it. 1975
15. Vacation in KY/Cincy. Went to Greenhills coin show - Whisker Jaw 1923 \$1, \$15/\$300 1922-S 1\$ \$55/\$700, spent \$175 got back \$1700 after certification.
16. CSNS - KC KS - Hyatt lunch time IBM Employees cafeteria
17. Stack's NYC auction, Omni Park central - \$20 Gold below melt
18. Daytona Beach show - waiting to get in and set up, pick up a white oval rock, put it in the case, Not For Sale.
19. Local coin show - A customer prices a 1981 Proof Set, \$12. Goes down the isle and buys one for \$15. We ask, "How Come?" He said theirs was \$25 marked down to \$15, yours was \$15 marked down to \$12, "They gave a better discount".
20. NCI grading service started, I got 116 out of 116 graded the way I wanted.
21. ANA Mid-Winter Colo Springs 1984 - I called my mother in KY, she says, "This coin thing is nice, but when are you going to get a job?". Blizzard, drove back to Denver to catch a flight.
22. PBRC WPB - Brinks pulls up with 2 foot lockers. They go in the back, about an hour goes by, John comes out and says, "Ike dollars all Ike dollars". To be divided between 3 Aires.
23. The one that got away - Jim Evans calls me in and offers me a 1794 large cent. \$500 VF with bag marks. I didn't notice it was Stars

reverse. He shows it to Walter Breen at LB. Writes a letter 6th finest known. Sells for \$18,000.

24. Eastern Airlines - 235,000 frequent flyer miles built up. My boss takes 200,000, books two tickets to Europe and lets them expire. WPB to Phoenix to Minneapolis to WPB - Friday to Sunday.

25. Seattle ANA 1989 - Tacoma pre-show, Marriott. All you can eat sea food - not enough shrimp.

26. My PowerPoint of "My Hometown Notes, Newport, KY" at city hall to the mayor, councilmen, and city historian. Sept 2017

27. Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel June 1st, 2021.

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