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September 2023 Events

September 3

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

September 10

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

September 13

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

September 17

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

September 24

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

September 27

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

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Presidents Message

We hope to have Gregg Wagner do programs in September. I have six hard cover 2024 Red Books left at \$10.50 each. While supplies last. The 2025 Red Book will be out late April 2024.

The Friday, January 5th, 2024 Bus Trip to the FUN Show will be \$40 per person. As expected, the bus will cost us \$2800. I have checked with other bus companies and they are not cheaper. The deadline to reserve your spot on the bus is December 1st. After that time, your cost is \$50 per person. July's bus trip sold out. The January show is the big one with 625+ dealer tables. Get your money in to Tony early. Don't miss out on the biggest coin show in the country.

Our 4th Sunday of the month Coin Show's have been very active. All dealer tables are usually sold and ANACS is there to take your coins for grading. Stop by and see for yourself, 9AM-3PM.

Club elections are in November. All positions are open. December 13th is our annual Potluck dinner and White Elephant sale.

Tony

ANA World's Fair of Money
August 8-12, 2023
Pittsburgh, PA

We arrived in Pittsburgh on Monday, August 7th. My flight on Southwest was 2-1/2 hours late. The weather was in the low 80's and upper 60's at night. Our Hotel, the Omni William Penn, was about six blocks from the David L Lawrence

convention center on the Allegany River in downtown Pittsburgh.

Tuesday, we set up our table in the club's section, we had a nice corner. There were 492 dealer booths, which included PCGS with seven, NGC with eight, Heritage with eight, Stacks-Bowers with eight, and Great Collections with eight. The U.S. Mint was there selling the proof 2023 silver dollars. There were 16 booths of World Mints. They had a "Kid's Zone", Treasure Hunt, 24 club booths, and Whitman Publishing. The Tyrants Collection of early British coins was on display. PCGS had a complete 1880 U.S. Proof Set on display with the two Four-dollar Stella's. There were 58 exhibitors and 41 exhibit judges for 20 different exhibit categories. Cindy Wibker and I judged exhibits and YN Best of Show exhibits. Tony Bonaro certified as an ANA exhibit judge for U.S. coins.

Many awards were handed out, including six for Florida. *FUN Topics* received 3rd place in the Regional Magazine competition, Tony Bonaro received ANA's Glenn Smedley Award and Joe Zelinski received the Lawrence Gentile Memorial Award for Outstanding Adult Advisor. Robert Mellor received the Century Club Award. Greater Jacksonville Coin Club was recognized for 50 years in the ANA. John and Nancy Wilson received ANA's Philanthropy Award.

I took the NGC grading contest and came in 15th out of 150 participants. FUN had a successful show with over 40 dealer table contracts received for our January show and about 10 new FUN members signed up. It helps that we are there to talk up our January show to the public and the dealers.

I attended the ANA District Representative meeting on Friday, where we had over 30 attendees. We all attended the ANA Banquet on Friday night at the Westin Hotel. The major ANA awards were handed out there and the new ANA officers and Board of Governors were sworn in.

Cindy and Katie flew out on Saturday on Southwest with a direct flight to Orlando. I was not so lucky. I had Southwest to Baltimore with a

connecting flight to West Palm Beach. Getting to Baltimore was ok, but the flight to WPB was delayed 4-1/2 hours until midnight, so I flew to Ft. Lauderdale and got home just after midnight. Tony Bonaro drove.

Loose Change

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A few of you have remarked on my extended absence from this spot. To tell you the truth, there has not been any good news to report. We seem to have lost many valued members since December who will be greatly missed. Larry Deese, our gentle giant, Erica Yen, soft spoken though she was, her loss will be felt. Our always smiling Gary Braisted, and I recently learned Sol Kramer passed. My own daughter lost her battle with cancer in April.

Finally, some good news!! Our younger member, Max Brand has won a scholarship to ANA in Colorado Springs as well as another to California. Looking forward to hearing about his adventures in learning.

The ANA has free webinars starting in July. On the second and 4th Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3 P.M. Eastern Time. Check out their free classes at info.money.org/numismatalks. On July 13 Doug Mudd will present *Politics, Ego and Tragedy - A Bold Tale of Political Intrigue*. In this presentation you can "learn how coins can illustrate the history of one of the greatest periods of history as the Roman Republic collapsed into chaos and Civil war during the mid 1st Century BC" (the quotes are directly from the ANA). You can register to see it live or view it later.

The other webinar on July 27 is presented by Michael Shutterly. *Golden Portraits of Byzantium - Every Picture Tells a Story*. "The portraits on coins of the Byzantine Empire often tell us little or nothing about the physical appearance of the Emperors and Empresses who are portrayed on the coins, but they can tell us a great deal about the Empire itself and the circumstances of the time when the coins were minted. Let's look at the stories these pictures can tell".

Some really great news, Linda Biancarosa is on the mend. Health issues have plagued her for a long time. Hopefully we will see Linda and Jim at a meeting soon.

Denny's Minutia's Coins 1953-D/S Washington Quarter Controversy

by Denny Thostenson

As I have stated before in this column, there are new things to be discovered.

While the easy varieties have been discovered many decades ago, there are still new varieties being discovered everyday.

While not everyone agrees on claims, including the experts, it is still fun to find these new varieties. For you to decide, all you need to do is find a specimen yourself and examine it.

This article is one such topic. The 1953-D/S Washington quarter is a classic example.

One well known author/researcher that I highly respect, for his decades of numismatic research, is Walter Breen. In his 1988 book, *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*, Walter listed this alleged overmintmark (Breen number 4367).

Another researcher I have personally known for over 50 years, is Bill Fivaz. Bill is one of today's most widely known and respected researcher/author. Bill, and close friend the late J.T. Stanton, put out the official Whitman Guidebook *The Cherrypickers' Guide*. In the 2012 fifth edition, volume two, they listed the overmintmark as 1953-D-601(022.3). In their excellent listing, they included three photographs of the mintmark. An early die state (very clear mintmark), a middle die state, and a late die state.

They described it as a D/D/D/S/S. They listed the value in MS63 at \$125 with the caveat that only the early die states should bring the value listed, as the longer the die was in production, the less clear the variety became.



At the top of this article I mentioned the "controversy" surrounding this variety. The Official *Red Book (A Guidebook of United States Coins)* does NOT recognize this variety and does not include it in the 2023 76th edition.

I have personally known the previous editors of the *Red Book*, R.S. Yeoman, Kenneth Bressett and Neil Shafer. I have the utmost respect and admiration for all of those authors and researchers.

In my many years in this hobby, everyone of the above-mentioned people have patiently sat down with me and explained their feelings on a variety of topics. As I think back, they are probably the highlights of my numismatic career.

There is no better gift than a gift of knowledge.

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