

# Palm Beach Coin News

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# October 2017 Events

# October 1

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show Mardi Gras Casino, Hallandale

## October 8

Coin, Stamp and Collectible Show
Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne

## October 11

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM

Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

\* Special Auction #3 \*

# October 15

Coin and Stamp Show
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

#### October 22

PBCC Coin Show

American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

#### October 25

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM

Meeting begins at 7:00PM

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# Presidents Message

The August 27<sup>th</sup> monthly show was sold out. All tables were paid for. There was a huge crowd and most dealers did very well. The biggest complaint was "To many people in the isles". Our consistent advertising pays off.

The September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to hurricane Irma. Many members did not have electricity and many traffic lights were out. They did not honor the 4-way stop. Free food night was Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

The 2018 Club calendars are in. All meeting dates and club show dates are marked in red. Pick up your calendar at the meeting or at our monthly coin show. They are still only \$1. The theme is "Scenes of America".

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is Special Auction #3. There are 177 lots of mostly certified US coins. In this newsletter is the complete list of lots. Please do your homework and look up any lots that you are interested in. Look up the values of each coin ahead of time. Bring your auction list to the auction with you. There will be a short regular meeting that night due to the large auction.

November is nomination of Officers & Board at the first meeting and the election at the second meeting. There will be regular meetings in November

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Party. We will have a Pot Luck Dinner, where everyone brings a covered dish such as potato salad, pasta, green beans, a casserole, etc. We will have a White Elephant Sale where everyone

brings a donated item for the auction, such as a radio, painting, household items, TV, scale, numismatic items, etc. We will also have Awards Night where we name the Club Member of the Year.

We eat at 6PM. This is the only meeting in December.

Tony

# Nearly 2000 Roman Coins Found!

# Treasure hunting pair unearthed nearly 2000 Roman coins in a field in Cornwall

The pair had been sweeping a recently ploughed field with metal detectors when they discovered the buried hoard.



Some of the 1,965 Roman coins unearthed from a field near Cornwall.

A pair of metal detecting enthusiasts have spoken of their disbelief and joy after they unearthed nearly 2,000 Roman coins in a farmer's field in Cornwall.

Mixed up with the money was the remains of a pure tin container, with a handle and lead stopper, which it is believed had once contained the coins. In total there were 1,965 coins found inside a stone-lined pit and they date from 253AD to 274AD.

The hoard was discovered by Kyle Neil, 18, from Scorrier, and Darren Troon, 45, from Redruth. They are members of the metal detecting club Kernow Search and Recovery and had been working together to sweep a recently ploughed farmer's field near Hayle.

Mr Troon said: "We arrived at this field, which had just been ploughed, and off we went in one direction. I then found a Roman coin and within 10 minutes we had over 10 more.

"I knew then they we were on to something. They were all in a little area so I cordoned it off and we carried on. Five minutes later - it was like, 'bingo'.

"We just kept getting a signal. We rolled back the earth and four or five inches down we were looking at bunch of coins. They were dirty but you could clearly see a lot of them looked like the day they were cast. We were buzzing with excitement."

Mr Troon said they knew then that they had hit the jackpot and the group called in an archaeologist. The pair stayed there all day helping to unearth the remarkable find.

He added: "It was a day I don't think we'll ever forget. It took us a couple of days just to calm down. It's amazing to think they've been down there just waiting to be found and there's lot more to find out there."

Mr Neil added that he was looking forward to seeing the coins again, as they were taken away for inspection by Royal Cornwall Museum and the British Museum after their discovery.

While some are badly corroded, dozens of coins are in remarkable condition (if a little dirty) given how long they have been under the ground

Details of the find were revealed at a Cornwall Coroner's Court where coroner Emma Carlyon officially recorded that the hoard was classed as treasure.

The coins are known as radiates and all made of bronze with one per cent silver. They were a common currency in the late Roman period. In about 260AD, Briton was part of a breakaway Gallic empire.

The court heard from a report by an expert at the British Museum who was able to identify the following Roman emperors on the coins.

- Valerian, AD 253-60, 3 coins
- Salonina, 14 coins

- Saloninus, 1 coin
- Gallienus, AD 260-8, 130 coins
- Claudius II, AD 268-70, 164 coins
- Divus Claudius II, AD 270, 32 coins
- Quintillus, AD 270, 8 coins
- Aurelian, AD 270-5, 1 coin
- Postumus, AD 260-8, 1 coin
- Postumus (debased), AD 268-9, 6 coins
- Marius, AD 269, 1 coin
- Victorinus, AD 269-71, 188 coins
- Divus Victorinus, 1 coin
- Tetricus I, AD 271-4, 438 coins
- Tetricus II, 200 coins.

Of the rest, 78 coins were of uncertain Gallic origin, there were 54 where the emperor could be seen but not identified and 645 coins which were too badly corroded to be made out.





Perhaps of most interest are the remains of the tin vessel, although little of it has survived. Anna

Tyacke, the liaison officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Cornwall, which records finds, said: "This is a rare type of container for coin hoards, which are more often found in pottery."

She said the Royal Institution of Cornwall, which runs Royal Cornwall Museum, was interested in purchasing the hoard which is now being valued by the British Museum.

However, the coins are unlikely to hit the market any time soon as the Royal Institution of Cornwall is interested in purchasing the hoard, which is currently being valued by the British Museum, but there is always hope they'll eventually get tired of having dozens of identical coins for the more common emperors represented in the hoard, and eventually sell some. There are only so many Tetricus repeats one can stomach.

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