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October 2018 Events

October 7

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show
Hollywood Rotary Club, 2349 Taylor St, Hollywood

October 10

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
★ Special Auction #5 ★

October 14

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

October 21

Coin and Stamp Show
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

October 24

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

October 28

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Presidents Message

We had *Free Food Night* on Wednesday, September 12th with 75 members attending. There was too much food. We had to auction the rest of the food off at giveaway prices.

Wednesday, October 10th is our Slab Auction #5. We have 124 lots. There will be a 5% commission from both the buyer and seller. You can view the list online at <http://pbcc.anacclubs.org/>. The meeting on the 24th, you can put up your lots for auction.

November 14th is nomination of officers and board for 2019. November 28th is the election. We will have another estate auction in November.

December 12th is our *Awards Night*, *White Elephant Sale*, and *Pot Luck Dinner*.

Carole Marshall is starting a "*Social*" column in our newsletter. You may be looking for a particular coin or have a coin to sell, or you want information on something, see Carole.

2019 Red Books are still available. Club shirts are available. See Tony.

Tony

My Trip to the ANA in Philadelphia and Other Historic Sites

August 15-20, 2018

By Tony Swicer

My wife and I drove to the ANA in Philadelphia, but before we got there we stopped at Monticello, Gettysburg, and Amish Country. On the way home we stopped at Mt. Vernon and Savannah. The trip was 2600 miles on I-95 most of the way.

Wednesday, August 15th we got started four hours late. We got to Florence, SC. The next day we made it to Monticello in western Virginia. Monticello is Italian for "Little Mountain". Thomas Jefferson worked on his home for 40 years. Jefferson was a foreign diplomat to France for five years, author of the Declaration of Independence, Vice-President, and our 3rd President. He inherited 3000 acres of land from his father, clearing and building Monticello. Because of his time in France, he brought back knowledge of architecture from Europe and he had many new innovations in his home.

Half way up the tree-covered mountain was a visitor's center with food, gift shop, movie, and tickets to go up to Monticello. In the gift shop were replica coins for sale mounted on cards. Four Colonial coins were \$15. A single replica coin was \$5. A replica Continental Currency was \$3. The weather was perfect that day. Yes, the home had six steps. Jefferson died on July 4th, 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence. The 2nd president, John Adams died the same day. Jefferson was 83. He had slaves, but only freed five of them, a contradiction to the Declaration of Independence?

That afternoon we were off to Gettysburg, arriving about 6PM at the Gettysburg Hotel

founded in 1797. Friday morning we went to the visitor's center at Gettysburg. They had a private tour of the battlefield where the guide drives your car for two hours for \$75. What a deal. He took us everywhere, telling us facts and figures. The battle was July 1-3, 1863 between 93,000 Union troops under General Meade and 75,000 troops of the Confederacy under Robert E Lee. 23,000 Union troops died and 28,000 Confederate troops died in three days. The Confederates won the first two days but Pickett's charge on the third day gave the victory to the Union and Lee retreated to Virginia. 8,000 Confederate troops were killed in the charge across an open field with Union troops behind a wall and on the high ground. Our guide showed us the map of the battle and then took us up the Confederate lines and then the Union lines. There are 1300 monuments on the battlefield.

We left for Amish country at 11:30AM and arrived at Lancaster, PA about 2PM. We went on Amish Country Tours that went by many Amish farms. The yards were immaculate. Ladies were mowing the grass with old "reel" type mowers. There are about 38,000 Amish in this area. We ate dinner at an Amish restaurant and left about 6PM for Philly. We got into downtown Philly about 9PM. We stayed at the Marriott. With my vehicle, the hotel was \$290 for the night.

Saturday morning I attended an ANA District Representative meeting with 27 reps in attendance. At 10AM I got right into the bourse floor and passed out nomination forms for the *Numismatic Ambassador Award*. I also gave out some nomination forms at the rep meeting. I walked the entire floor and by 11AM we were off to Mt. Vernon down I-95.

Going down I-95 from Philly to Baltimore to Washington was a nightmare. Traffic was terrible on a Saturday afternoon. It was

bumper to bumper in multiple spots on the quote "expressway". We got to Mt. Vernon at 3:30PM. We took a tour of Washington's home.

The three-story house was very plain compared to Jefferson's. The back of the house had a beautiful view overlooking the Potomac River. Washington owned 70,000 acres and had 123 slaves, which Martha freed one year after Washington's death in 1799. It was in Washington's will to free his slaves after Martha died but she freed them early. Both Monticello and Mt. Vernon fell into disrepair over the years, but both were saved by women's groups with no government help.

Saturday night we got into southern Virginia where we stopped for the night. Sunday we drove to Savannah, which is about 10 miles off I-95. We went to the visitor's center. We took an open-air trolley ride through downtown Savannah. After the trolley ride it was 5PM. We drove south of Jacksonville and stopped for the night. Monday we got home just after noon.

Gas on the trip ranged from \$2.49 a gallon to \$3.09 a gallon in Philly. Hotels were \$99 for a Holiday Inn to the Marriott in Philly at \$290. The Gettysburg Hotel was \$199.

The eagle found on some U.S. currency (silver dollars issued from 1836 to 1839) is modeled after an actual eagle that nested at the Philadelphia Mint in the early 19th century. Mint employees named him Peter, and upon his death, he was stuffed—he's still on display at the Mint.

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