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October 2025 Events

October 5

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

October 8

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
* "Barber Half Dollars, 1892-1915"
by Gregg Wagner *

October 12

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

October 19

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

October 22

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
* "Liberty Seated Halves, 1861-1891, Part 2"
by Gregg Wagner *

October 26

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

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Presidents Message

At The August 27th meeting the book sale went very well. We raised over \$500. There were 71 members in attendance.

Wednesday, October 8th, Gregg Wagner will have a program on "Barber Half Dollars, 1892-1915". Wednesday, October 22nd, Gregg will have a program on "Liberty Seated Halves, 1861-1891, Part 2". Board meeting on October 15th.

Wednesday, November 12th is nomination of club officers & board. November 26th is our club election. Wednesday, December 10th is our Pot Luck Dinner & White Elephant Sale. We eat at 6 PM.

I am collecting \$30 for the bus trip to the January FUN Show. We have a 40-person bus. Please sign up early. The FUN Show is expected to have between 660-700 dealer booths. See Tony to sign up. Don't wait until the last minute, it makes it difficult for all involved.

This year's Essay Contest ends on December 31st. Please mail your essay to swicer@comcast.net So far, we have two essays.

Tony

ANA Report

Oklahoma City, OK
August 19-23, 2026

The overriding theme of the show was, "Better than Expected". It was a very nice show with 470 tables. The Oklahoma City Convention

Center was very nice and more than adequate. The adjacent Omni Hotel was also top notch. The hotel rooms worked out to \$250 per night, the breakfast buffet was \$35, I bought a coke in the sundry shop, and it was \$4.35. I told the cashier, "But I only want one".

The show went very well. I picked up the 400-pound gold bar and I saw the MS-65 1804 Type 3 Silver Dollar. Katie Williams and I manned the FUN Club table and Katie passed out bourse applications for our January FUN Show. I judged exhibits and attended the ANA District Rep meeting. There were 30 in attendance.

Show attendance was steady throughout the entire show and I am sure the dealers did well. The ANA said there were 9000 in attendance. I think it was more like 5000.

Tony

Loose Change

Carole Marshall marshalldg@aol.com

Aaron Handler asked me to post this. He would like to buy a 1949 Lincoln penny red MS66 or higher. If interested in a trade, he has a red PCGS MS65 plus cash value to trade. If anyone has one to sell or trade, see Aaron at the meeting.

Long time club member Terry Glenn has moved to Colorado Springs, CO. I guess he wanted to be next to ANA headquarters.

Got this in my Facebook feed. I bet all of you can solve this, but many FB responses were totally off track. Here is the puzzle: Jean gave me \$63. There were six bills, but no \$1 bills. What did Jean give me?

Probably it only took you all less than a minute, Right!! No prizes, but isn't it great to be a numismatist!!

The Private Coin Collector

One of the biggest mistakes a coin collector can make is not associating themselves with other coin collectors. By not going to the coin

club or coin show you can miss out on important ideas to help you collect. You can form your own opinion on coin grading or worse yet, buy coins out of Coin World or Numismatic News from the wrong dealers. I.E. badly over-graded coins meaning you paid too much.

I recently purchased a coin accumulation for \$20,000. The guy hoarded coins for over 50 years with no direction. Then in his later years, out of the blue he bought a quote, "Premium Quality BU" Set of Buffalo Nickels and Walking Liberty Half Dollars". I had the invoice for the Walker set, which was \$18,000. Every coin was cleaned, probably dipped in MS-70 (a coin cleaner) and all of the coins were XF or AU condition. I paid \$2400 for the Walkers. He lost \$15,600 by buying inferior quality coins.

Even US Mint Proof sets and Mint sets in general are a bad deal, but how would you know this if you don't talk to other collectors. Proof sets from 1968 to 1998 currently bid at \$156 for the group. They were issued from the US Mint at \$295 for the group. You lost 47% if you bought these direct from the Mint. Almost every State Quarter Proof set is down in value. We constantly tell club members to stay away from buying direct from the Mint. There are exceptions to this, but the losses are greater than the gains.

By talking with fellow coin collectors, you can hone your numismatic skills; grading, identifying cleaned coins, and authentication. All this does not happen overnight, but you learn nothing sitting at home. You can pick up bits and pieces at the club meetings and get second opinions on coin grading. Always get a second opinion on expensive coins. Always get a receipt on coins over \$100. You then have some recourse, especially if the coin is a fake.

The coin club is there to help you by giving free information on grading, cleaned coins, counterfeit coins, and who not to buy from. Why not take advantage of your \$15 membership and come to the meetings. No

question is insignificant. We hope to see you there.

Tony

Organizing Your Coins

By Tony Swicer

I recently purchased a coin collection of a deceased coin club member. His daughter said he collected for 30 years. Unfortunately he was not a collector, he was a hoarder. He did have about 17 Whitman folders with coins but they were Lincoln cents (6), Buffalo nickels (3), Jefferson nickels (6), and 2 Liberty nickel folders, all incomplete.

He then had various small boxes filled with change, wheat cents, modern foreign, and an occasional silver coin. There was no organization. After I sorted through everything, half the coins were spendable because they were after 1964. Many coins marked errors, were damaged coins not errors. For instance, a penny with a dim ding, he called a cud. Many coins had outrageous prices written on them, leaving the heirs with false expectations.

After two hours of sorting, the coin collection was worth \$600. It just so happened that he had two US notes worth \$400. So I paid them a little over \$1000 and left.

The bottom line is that you need to organize your coins. Don't save worthless coins and paper money, pennies after 1958, nickels after 1945, dimes, quarters, and halves after 1964, and US notes 1950 and up. Modern foreign coins are worthless because they are not exchangeable. Don't save them. There is nothing magical about them.

Put better coins in coin albums. Whitman folders are fine for circulated coins, but uncirculated coins need to be in better albums such as Dansco or Whitman Bookshelf. Do not use Hardco Coinmaster albums because they are full of PVC. Your coins will turn bluish green over time. Store your coins at a constant

temperature. Hot, cold, hot, cold is bad for your coins, even in a closet.

All loose coins worth less than \$1 should be in coin tubes, not 2 X 2's. The 2 X 2 coins should be in coin boxes with the coins in order by date and denomination. Don't put unrealistic pricing on your coins. If you must price them, use a Greysheet, not the Red Book. I usually price everything 20% over Greysheet bid. If you over grade them, you have over priced them.

By organizing your coins in this simple manner, you make it easier on your heirs.

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