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CHINA'S YUAN MAKING HEADLINES!

Although our club probably doesn't have anyone collecting Yuan paper money, their financial market may do something to the American market. Some effects to our consumers and investors are: Cheaper Imports and more expensive exports; lower interest rates; fewer jobs; cheaper gas and a worry that stock markets may fall. All this is involved when China devalues its yuan currency. This is a topic that we may want to discuss at a future meeting with some of our financial market members. When the yuan becomes cheaper, Chinese goods would become more competitive with other exporting countries in the region. Those countries may decide to devalue their own currency, thereby creating a currency war. We ask members to give us comments on this news as well as other subjects of interest to our members. E-mail to: major9@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS RETURN TO TWO MONTHLY!

With our annual "Hot Dog" night behind, we now return to "twice a month" meetings in September to the enjoyment of those who continue to thrive on our hobby and the camaraderie of our membership. September meetings are on the 3rd and the 17th. In October, we not only have two meetings (1st and the 15th), but also our 45th Anniversary Coin Show on Saturday, October 17th (9:30 am to 3 pm).

DEALERS and MEMBERS SIGNING UP FOR OUR SHOW! EXHIBITORS ALSO SHOULD SIGN UP NOW

Don't get left out! If you have coins, paper money, tokens, etc that are duplicates or not of any interest to you in your collection, this may be an easy way to move some of them along to another collector. Check with President Dennis or Bill Morris about a table at our show on Saturday, October 17th. You can also sign up to exhibit at the show. All entries receive prizes. Sign up with Kari Brower or Bill Smith.

PRISON EXONUMIA - All 50 States

The book is in our Library. The 162 page hard cover book put together by our own former President, Secretary and Treasurer, Jerry Zara, who died in September, 2001 is an outstanding catalog of currency widely used by prisons - - (cont'd on page 3)

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SEPTEMBER meetings: 3rd and 17th - - - OCTOBER meetings: 1st and 15th
Doors open 6 pm - Junior program 6:45 Regular meeting & auction 7:30
CLUB's ANNUAL SHOW & EXHIBITS on Saturday, October 17th from 9:30 am to 3 pm
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Adults \$15 - Juniors (under 18) \$10 - Family \$20

100 GREATEST WOMEN ON COINS!

128 Page book now available

Kari Brower, who has been with us since she was a YN in the seventies, advised us that Ron Guth's new book, "100 Greatest Women on Coins" is now available by calling 1-800-546-2995. The book has been publized the past year gathering information as well as its being ready for printing and finally Kari received word it is now available for purchase at a cost of \$29.95 from Whitman. The club is ordering a copy for our library and notification will be made when it is received.

TELL US YOUR MOST INTERESTING NUMISMATIC PURCHASE or WHATEVER!

We would love to hear of any member's coin or paper money purchase that your believe would be interesting to our readers, your club members. It can be anywhere from paying to much or too little especially when changes take place with precious metals. Any stories out there? We promise not to print your name unless you indicate it is ok.

DID YOU READ ABOUT THE RARE LOU GEHRIG BAT BRINGING IN \$436,000 in a recent NJ auction?

The bat was used in the year 1930 (my birthyear) with an estimate of fewer than 20 still out there. The bats were verified by photographs. It was auctioned by "Love of the Game" auctions, a New Jersey based business in Warren County. It took place in May with a starting bid of \$20,000. Gee, I wonder if any Lakewood Blue Claws bats will ever sell that high some day?

IT'S NOW 50 YEARS OLD!

The Kennedy Half-dollar, first struck at the U.S. Mint in 1964 has now reached its 50th birthday. It's still the newest circulating coin we use compared to the Lincoln cent (1909), Washington Quarter (1932), Jefferson Nickel (1938) and the Roosevelt Dime (1946), although there have been modifications made to the other coins in some ways with newer designs, etc.

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Inc.

(New Jersey's most active coin club)

Meets twice a month during March, April, May, June, September, October & November & once a month during January, February, July, August and December at Ocean Fire House, Point Pleasant Beach, 400 Arnold Ave, (corner of Saint Louis Avenue). Dates of upcoming meetings listed on bottom of page 1. Junior program (ages 6 - 17) begins at 6:30 pm and regular meeting at 7:30. Mail to: 65 -16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753
ANNUAL DUES: Individual \$15 - Juniors \$10 - Family \$20 - Life Membership \$150

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Howard Hauck - Jim Majoros

PRISON EXONUMIA (Cont'd from page 1)

in all our fifty states. Jerry dedicated his collection pursuits to prison exonumia as well as always being dedicated to our club, of which he was a co-founder of the club back in May 1970. His book, "Prison Tokens and Medals of the United States" was published in 1992. It includes many photos of prisons, tokens, currency, coupons, patches, punch cards, etc and if it was something used in prisons, you just may find it in his catalog.

Using New Jersey as an example, there are copies of blank checks from the First National Bank of Bordentown used at the Elordentown Youth Correction Center, tokens used at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt where the NJ State Police did their "boot" training. Jerry included a photo of the death chamber and chair where Bruno Hauptmann, the German alien convicted of the kidnaping and murder of the Lindbergh baby in 1935 (see photo below)

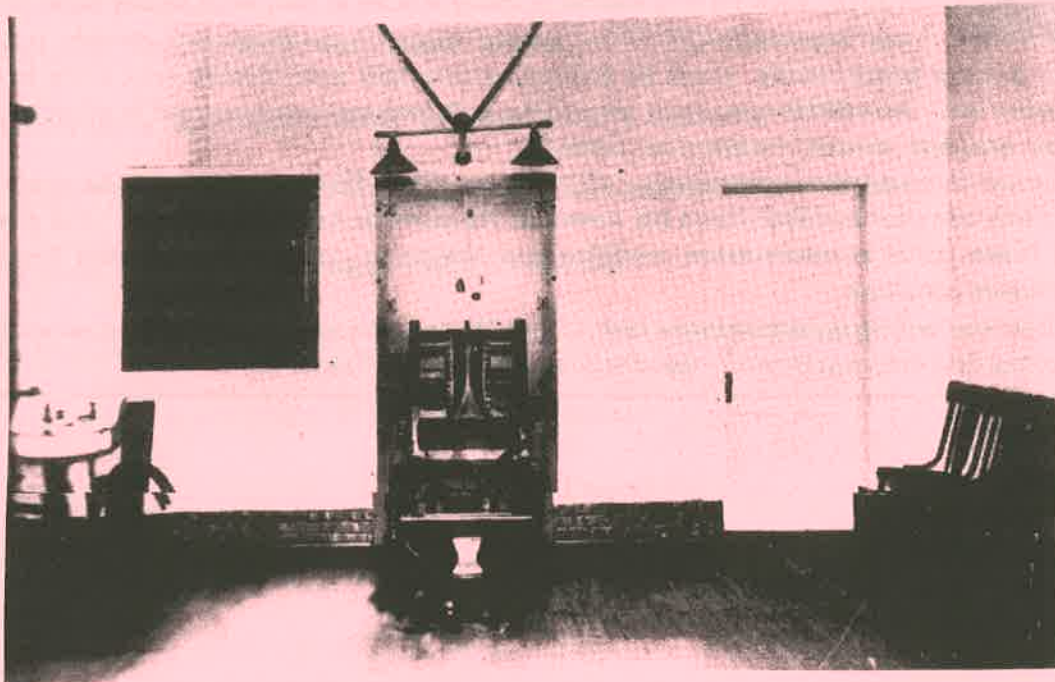
JERRY'S TIME AND WORK!

As I remember, Jerry was always writing letters (there were no computers so he used his typewriter to write letters to anyone he had received a contact with that had some inclination there was a prison collectible for his collection. He wrote to every prison in the country more than once. I recall being at his house in Point Pleasant Boro when the mail was delivered and he couldn't wait to open anything that was from one of the prisons he wrote to. I must say he did tremendously well with his requests as you can see when you flip the 162 pages of his book.

Jerry was not only very proud of what he accumulated, but took great pleasure in exhibiting his material at many coin shows and conventions. Page 10 of the book has a photo of Jerry with most of his collectibles that includes a prison uniform, a tray used for the food (similar to military tray) along with a souvenir spoon. Not in the photo, but I recall he also used an authentic "ball and chain" that dangerous prisoners were required to wear when outside in the yard. He won numerous awards for his research and exhibiting.

OLD JERSEY SHIP - A British Prison

Jerry's collection included a number of photographed British Prison tokens that were made during the Revolution in the early 1800's. They were of "The Old Jersey" a ship with skull and bones with anchor figures. In addition, Jerry collected an enormous amount of very unusual tokens such as a State of Georgia Prisoner token Nr 50 Chain Nr 802 plus a huge amount of others from all states and countries such as France, Germany, Turkey, Canada and Danish.





EDITOR'S 2 CENTS WORTH!

by Jim Majoros

ARE WE PROFESSIONALS, SEMI-PROFESSIONALS OR ????

Beginners have to "begin" somewhere learning about numismatics so why not learn with others at the level of local coin clubs. What I'm getting at is our coin club here in Ocean County. A numismatist is one who has studied and/or collects coins, tokens, medals, paper money and similar items. A key word is "studied" and that is where the line is drawn with individuals who have collected coins and/or have studied about the coins he or she collects.

There are a number of ways to study and become more knowledgeable about coins, etc that one collects. That's where the ANA comes in. They have correspondence courses one can apply for as well as attend the summer one week residence courses at Colorado College in Colorado Springs usually the last week in June and 1st week in July. We just sent three of our YN's on full scholarships this past summer. Find out more by asking them what courses they took and what they got out of it. The three that went this year were Michael Johnson (his 4th time), Cedric Derecho and T.J. Sullivan for their first time.

It takes a lot of time and study to be a professional in this business. One will hear many, many opinions on coin grading, handling, storing, varieties, errors, ancients, foreign, commemoratives, etc. What do you think ?

We or most of us may not qualify as professionals or semi-professionals, but we certainly have members that would qualify as "numismatically educated."

2016 YN LITERARY CONTEST



Kari Brower, a former YN with our club as well as a former president and Secretary had put together a Literary Contest program for the current YN's in our club. The contest begins in January 2016 and is open to all YN's in the club in 2016. Each YN may submit as many articles as they wish on any topic regarding the hobby. For example, it can be on tokens and medals, U.S. or

World coins or paper money. It can be about your first coin, your favorite coin, a trip to the U.S. Mint, etc. The articles must be at least 250 words long and one can enter as often as you like but only one prize will be given per person.

The top three prizes are: 1st place - 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar in MS 63/MS 64 condition plus a free one year membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA). 2nd place - 1923 Peace Dollar in uncirculated condition and 3rd place: 2015 American Silver Eagle in Uncirculaed condition.

All articles will be published in the club's Sand Dollar issues so submitting one now will be one of the first ones published. Good luck and have fun! Thanks Kari!

OCCC LIBRARY COLLECTION (See July & Aug S/D for 1 to 40)

- 41 – Standing Liberty Quarters (2007) – Cline**
- 42 – Guide Book of US Coins – Professional Edition Red Book (2009) – Yeoman**
- 43 – Analysis of Morgan & Peace Dollars (1976) – Miller**
- 44 – U.S. Large Size Paper Money 1861 to 1923 – Donlon**
- 45 - Detecting Altered Coins (1973) – Harsche**
- 46 – ANA Counterfeit Detection (1983) – Various Authors**
- 47 – Coin Cleaning (1964) – Thomas**
- 48 – Indian Cent Date Varieties – Steinberger**
- 49 – U.S. Half-Cents (1916) – Gilbert**
- 50 – Canadian Coins (2003) – Cross**
- 51 – U.S. Patten, Experimental & Trial Pieces (1974) – Judd**
- 52 – Canadian Government Paper Money (2003) – Cross**
- 53 – Guide Book to U.S. Fractional Currency – Rothert**
- 54 – Coins of Canada (2003) – Haxby & Willey**
- 55 – Counterfeit, Mis-struck & Unofficial U.S. Coins (1963) – Taxay**
- 56 – Confederate & Southern States Currency (1976) – Criswell**
- 57 – Standard Grading Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins (1965) – Charlton**
- 58 – Early Half-Dollar Die Varieties (1967) – Overton**
- 59 – Coin World Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Coins (1997) – Alexander**
- 60 – ANA Grading Standards (1977) = Various Authors**

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MINUTES OF AUG 20, 2015 MEETING



by Bill Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm. Rich Brewer and Norm Gertner won the drawing prizes. President Dennis gave his and the club's appreciation to Fred Pennacchio for his runing the "Hot Dog" program. Fred took care of the purchases, setting up, cooking, etc.

Our October show is coming up fast. Ads are in the Numismatic News and The Numismatist. one ounce coppers will be given to show arrivals that possess a copy of the ad. Eight tables have been sold to date, Bill Morris said. Two exhibitors have signed to date, but we could use a couple more. Our Holiday Awards Social, scheduled for Thursday evening, December 3, 2015 will be at the Flaming Grill in Brick. To help offset some of the costs, we are charging \$5 for adults with no charge for our YN's.

Kari covered a new book to be published titled, "100 Greatest Women on coins" of which the club will order for the club library. Dennis showed the members a hugh photo of U.S. coins that was distributed to visitors attending the Baltimore show.

There were 61 lots in the auction with 35 members in attendance.



In above photo are Secretary Bill Smith standing behind the humongous photo of U.S. coins that President Dennis brought back from the Baltimore Coin Show and at right is Bob Holloway briefing our YN's with education they should be aware of. Bob also donated proof sets to the YN's as he usually does each meeting.

YN's do enjoy show and tells about their recently acquired prizes in the photos below. Thank you Jason, Eric, Gavin, Michael J, Tyler and Brian - "Jobs well done"



YOUNG NUMISMATIST (YN) - Page 7



We had 10 YN's at our August 20th meeting. Was it the hot dogs or maybe the meeting before school starts up again? Anyhow, the ten were: Jason, Kyle, Michael Johnson, Michael Chadwick, Cedric, Georgia, Gavin, Eric and two newcomers, Tyler Wolf and Brian Walsh (one from the Highlands and one from Marlboro. Welcome to our club, guys and if you decide to join, we will provide you with red books to do your homework assignments.

Homework for September 3rd

Time for our YN's to ask the questions so write out 5 questions for us to ask you and others at the September 3rd meeting.

Homework for September 17th

We've had a few coin exhibits at our club shows. Although you may never have exhibited any of your collection, give us 5 items you feel are very important for an exhibit judge to use when they are reviewing an exhibit. There are ten that judges use to come up with their evaluation and we're asking you for only five of the subjects.

Turn in your homework to Mr C or Jim at the meeting or via e-mail.

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