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PASADENA COIN CLUB

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The Pasadena Coin Club meets every **Second and Fourth Monday** at Golden Corral Restaurant, (713-946-1092) **4021 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, Texas.**

Members usually start arriving at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The auction begins at the conclusion of the meeting.

Viewing of auction lots is before the meeting and at the ten minute intermission.

Members and guests are encouraged, but not required, to eat at the Golden Corral. The management allows the club to use the meeting room for a very nominal fee. Whenever possible, please dine at the Golden Corral.

MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of the Pasadena Coin Club, fill out a membership application and submit with the proper dues and your application will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND MEETING IN JANUARY

According to the Pasadena Coin Club Constitution and Bylaws, "Dues shall be payable at or before the second meeting each January, after which time dues become delinquent". **Dues paid after January 31st will incur a \$5 late fee.** Also stated in the Bylaws, "No member shall be allowed to vote on any issue after the regular January meeting if dues for the current year have not been paid. Any regular or Junior member in arrears more than three months shall be automatically dropped from the roster and the mailing list. Any member dropped because of delinquent dues may be reinstated upon payment of current year dues and a \$5 reapplication fee and an affirmative 2/3 vote of members at a regular meeting".

You may pay your dues by mail. The correct mailing address to send your dues is:

PASADENA COIN CLUB P.O. BOX 58155 HOUSTON, TX 77258	ANNUAL DUES	JUNIOR MEMBER	\$ 6.00
		INDIVIDUAL MEMBER	\$10.00
		COUPLES MEMBERSHIP	\$15.00
		FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$20.00

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL 13, 2009
OFFICER INSTALLATION
DINNER & BINGO

APRIL 27, 2009

MAY 11, 2009

MAY 25, 2009

NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL INFORMATION

The monthly newsletter can be found on line at www.pasadenacoinclub.org. The newsletter will be mailed the months of January, March, May, July, September and November only if you do not have e-mail access. We hope to begin e-mailing as many of the newsletters as we can. Please e sure that we have your current e-mail address and if you do not have e-mail access, that we have your correct mailing address.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Pasadena Coin Club encourages members and guests to give numismatic, educational presentations. If you would like to give a presentation or know someone who might like to give a presentation, please contact one of the coin club officers. Notice we will have plenty of empty slots.

RAFFLE TICKETS, AUCTIONS AND WISH LIST

Just a friendly reminder that when you sign in at meeting time, you can purchase raffle tickets for door prizes. The tickets are really inexpensive and there are some really good items from which to choose. Red tickets are 2 for \$1 and Yellow tickets are 3 for \$1. Remember the proceeds from ticket sales goes toward buying more door prizes. We need more ticket sales to insure that this part of the program does not disappear.

After each meeting, club members place coins up for auction. We encourage our guests to stay for the auction. You do not need to be a member to bid on auction lots.

Rules:

- There is a 10-lot maximum (per member).
- You must be a member of the Pasadena coin club in order to put lots up for sale.
- There is no charge to members for entering lots.
- A \$1.00 minimum bid shall prevail.
- Lots shall be affixed to a 3"X 5" card with the following information:
Description and grade of the lot: Lot number; Minimum bid & Owners Name.
- Lots shall be listed on the proper form for such listing. (The treasurer or secretary will provide a copy for you.)

Is there an item you would like to find for your collection but have not found it yet or seen it in a club auction? Here is your chance to find out if another club member could help. The club is starting a wish list. This list will be published in the club newsletter and will be on line for everyone to check out. We hope this list will help make our auctions better. If you have need for the wish list, contact Joanne Carter.

**PASADENA COIN CLUB COINS
FOR A'S PROGRAM**

The club sponsors a program called "Pasadena Coin Club for A's." The intent is to reward the junior members with coins for each "A" they get on their report cards. This encourages and fosters further numismatic interest among the junior members. Donations to this program are always appreciated

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To all members of the Pasadena Coin Club: If you would like to voice an editorial opinion about coin collection, please submit your written text to Joanne Carter, P.O. Box 41898, Houston, TX 77040. Your letter must be dated and signed and of course it must be in good taste. Any letters received that are not signed and that do not have a return address will be discarded. The letter will be put into the next newsletter following receipt of your submission. Please keep your subject matter pertaining to coin collecting.

TEXAS COIN SHOWS

**PASADENA COIN
CLUB ANNUAL SHOW**

**November 27-28-29, 2009
Marriott Houston Hobby
Hotel
9100 Gulf Freeway (I-45
South-Airport Blvd.
/College St. Exit)
Houston TX 77017**

Other Coin Shows in Texas

www.coinshows.com/texas.html



By Paul Gilkes
Coin World Staff

Help: IF and WHEN you need it.



The Numismatic Crime Information Center's website provides information that can help you get your coins back after a theft.



Doug Davis works hard to protect collectors through the Numismatic Crime Information Center.

So you think you could never be a victim of crime? Think again.

As the nation's economic woes worsen, crime – particularly burglaries and robberies of coin shops and collectors' homes – is on the rise. There are definitely some practical steps you can take to make sure that thieves don't have you or your coin collection in their sights. (See: [10 Ways to Protect Your Collection](#))

But what if you are a victim of a numismatic crime? Is there anyone you can turn to for help?

Anyone can be a victim of a crime, says longtime Texas lawman and numismatist Doug Davis. But he also says knowing how to deal with the aftermath – including the subsequent investigation – could play a major role in the possible recovery of stolen numismatic items. Davis recently opened a new Web site, www.numismaticcrimes.org that incorporates the Numismatic Crime Information Center that he established in 1987 within the Pantego Police Department in Texas.

The new Web site offers collectors, dealers and law enforcement officials the necessary resources to help reach a positive outcome from an investigation. Davis and another investigator offer free assistance. Their services are funded through donations from numismatic sources. An investigation initiated as the result of a burglary or robbery begins the education process for both the victim of the crime and the law enforcement agency investigating the crime, Davis says.

Davis believes it is important for collectors, dealers and law enforcement officials to educate one another on what the other needs. Law enforcement officials need to understand as much as possible about the numismatic material that was taken, and collectors and dealers need to provide documentation that is as detailed as possible to provide law enforcement with the necessary direction, Davis said.

Davis said he expects to soon post a link between the NumismaticCrimes.org site and CoinFacts.com that will allow investigators to use illustrations to learn more about the various types of U.S. coins, from Colonial issues to the present. Collectors and dealers, Davis said, should take the time well before becoming a victim to document each item in a collection or inventory, and to keep copies of the documentation in more than one location for easy retrieval in case there ever is a crime. Such information, once NCIC is notified, Davis said, can be posted on the site within an hour. NCIC, according to the Web site, "provides a mechanism for the reporting of a crime that alerts the numismatic industry and law enforcement agencies on the local, state, federal and international level."

NCIC offers separate resources useful for both law enforcement and victim.

Collector, dealer resources

NCIC offers these collector and dealer resources:

- Maintains experienced numismatic investigators who are knowledgeable in all areas of the numismatic market and available to assist victims and law enforcement during the investigative process.
- Provides technical assistance to law enforcement and victims in all phases of a numismatic investigation.
- Provides rapid and effective dissemination of information within the numismatic community and law enforcement.
- Acts as a liaison between victims and law enforcement during the investigative process.
- Assists in the recovery of stolen numismatic property.
- Maintains a dedicated Web site for the education and prevention of numismatic crimes.
- Provides crime prevention training for collectors and dealers.

The Web site's "Dealer/Collector" Toolkit includes a "Crime Form" for logging information about the crime; a "Property Loss Form" for listing specific stolen items in detail that can be easily identified; and individual inventory for coins/metallic items/miscellaneous and paper money.

An application form for individuals to be designated as numismatic experts to assist in the recovery of stolen property is also available. Law enforcement resources

Unless they are collectors or otherwise already schooled in numismatic jargon, most law enforcement officials are not cognizant about the hobby/market, Davis said.

NCIC includes these resources for law enforcement:

- Law enforcement officers on staff with more than 25 years of investigative experience in the area of numismatic crimes.
- A centralized database of numismatic crimes and stolen property.
- A database useful to correlate lead and suspect information.
- Provision for technical case assistance and evaluation.
- Assistance in the identification and proper inventorying of recovered numismatic property.
- Analysis of investigative data, identifying similarities and patterns in cases from across the country and at the international level.
- Coordination of rapid dissemination of information related to numismatic offenses to law enforcement and the numismatic community.
- Network of numismatic experts, maintained to assist law enforcement agencies who are involved in the investigation of a numismatic crime.
- Provision of specialized training in numismatic crime investigations.

The resources also include a glossary of numismatic terms and property room forms for inventory of recovered coins, medals and tokens, and paper money. Also included are color images showing different storage materials for coins and paper money as well as images showing items graded by third-party grading services.

10 Things that you can do to protect your collection

By Steve Roach
Coin World Staff

Coin collectors can make sure they are not easy targets of the thieves and ne'er-do-wells that abound in today's world. Common sense plays the largest role in protecting your coin collection. Remember that coins are easy to take, convenient to hide, and not particularly traceable once sold.

Here are 10 things that you can do to protect your collection:

- **Use care when disposing of hobby publications and coin supplies.** Remember that once it is placed on the curb, a recycle bin is in public. At the very least, remove your address from the discarded publications and do not place a coin publication on the top. Even better is to take them to the recycling center yourself. Remember to remove your address if you donate them to a coin club or local library. Finally, the jagged edges of broken slabs or the sharp corners of paper 2x2 holders can puncture garbage bags, so place discarded holders in a box which you can then throw away in a bag or garbage can.
- **Take care at home.** A safe deposit box at a bank is the safest place for most collectors to store coins. If you keep your coins at home, invest in a good safe and a home security system. Remember that a safe does little if it can be carried away by thieves. Bolt yours down or place weights in it to make it secure and immovable, while keeping in mind the weight that your floor can sustain.
- **Understand insurance.** Even if your collection is kept in a safe deposit box, don't assume that the bank insures the contents against theft. Most household insurance policies have restrictions or exclusions for coin collections. Is your collection covered while in transit or while at a coin show? Is the coverage contingent upon having an alarm system or approved safe? Check with a trusted insurance agent about your coverage and the documentation that you need.
- **Keep records of your collection away from the objects.** Careful records are useful for assisting in estate planning, loss/gain calculations, and for insurance purposes. These records can also help law enforcement and the numismatic community in identifying your coins should they be recovered or absorbed in the numismatic marketplace. Keep in mind that thieves may take coins out of holders and third-party encapsulations (slabs), so don't rely on just the certification serial number to identify your coins.
- **Stay with your coins when traveling by car.** It is a familiar scenario. A collector or dealer drives home from a coin show and takes a break to use the restroom, buy a snack, or check into a hotel room. In the course of a few minutes, thieves empty out the car. When traveling with valuable coins, bring a companion and stay with the coins until you are home and the coins are in a secure location. In planning your route, take one that is not so isolated that you become a target. Stay in contact with a trusted associate and inform him or her of your anticipated time of arrival.

• **Don't lose sight of your carry-on at airports.** It is easy to get frazzled at an airport, so be extra careful when putting your coins through the x-ray machine. Do not let them get too far ahead of you. Wait until you are about to go through the x-ray to put your bag with coins on the conveyor belt. As always, be discreet and remember that a row of coins can look like a weapon to airport screeners. Never check a suitcase with coins in it and always keep numismatic items in a case with a lock. Don't let your guard down once you're at the gate and keep your coins in clear sight at all times.

• **Don't be a target when attending a coin convention.** Do not wear a name tag outside of a coin convention or show that identifies you as someone who may have rare coins. Use discretion when talking on a cell phone and avoid talking loudly about coin-related topics. In the comfort of a coin show's familiar surroundings, it is easy to let one's guard down, but always be aware that coin shows are targets for crooks. Many large conventions have security rooms for safe overnight storage of coins. Consider using them.

• **Use a Post Office box for hobby related mail.** For your coin-related mailings, consider using a post office box, even if you do not keep coins at your home. Those who look at your mail may assume that you receive these because you own valuable coins. Remember that reading coin publications in public places also identifies you as a coin collector, so consider your surroundings.

• **Be aware of what is available on the Internet about your collecting.** The web adds a fun dimension to collecting, but it also is accessible to everyone. Is your home address available online? More likely than not, it is. So, Google yourself occasionally to learn what anyone can find out about you and your coin collecting.

COIN SHOW

SPONSORED BY

PASADENA COIN CLUB

NOVEMBER 27th, 28th & 29th, 2009

Friday 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PUBLIC INVITED

Houston Hobby Marriott Hotel
9100 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX

IH 45 South – Airport Blvd. / College St. Exit

Early Bird \$25.00

\$1.00 Admission Free Parking

Bourse Information P. O. Box 41898 Houston, TX 77241-1898

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2009

Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion was made to accept, 2nd, and approved.

Ken B read the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept, 2nd and approved.

There were 43 members and 2 guests present.

Old business:

The Nominating Committee submitted their report on officer candidates:

President – John C.

Vice President – Mary H.

Secretary/Minutes – Elizabeth H. Secretary/Newsletter – Joanne C.

Treasurer – Ginger B.

New Business:

Nominations were open to the floor. There were no new nominations. Ken B. made a motion that the officers be accepted by acclamation. Motion was 2nd and approved. Bourse Chair Annette B. announced that the PCC Show would be November 27th -29th, 2009. Motion was made to have the officer installation at Golden Coral on April 13, 2009 and that the club members pay \$7.00 for their meals and that \$250.00 total be spent on door prizes. A motion was made, 2nd and approved.

DOOR PRIZE (BLUE) FAYE F.

DINNER TICKET JEAN P

CASH PRIZE (YELLOW) FAYE FARLEY

RAFFLE TICKET (RED) MISSY C., PATRICK L.(3), MARGIE K., KEN B., FAYE F., JEAN P, BARBARA B.

Member only cash prize was not won. Gene McP. Was not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm with auction to follow.

Special note: Ed S. Coin Show will be at the Bellaire Civic Center - \$3 Admission.

Submitted by
Elizabeth H.

Auction Lots – 126
Dinners - 34

March 23, 2009

Ginger B. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion was made to accept, 2nd, and approved.

Ken B. read the treasures report. A motion was made to accept, 2nd, and approved
There were 35 members, and 4 guest present.

Old business:

Officer instillation will be April 13, 2009.

Annette reported that we still have 20 tables to sell for our show.

New business:

We are placing another Shirt order this week if anyone would like one please let us know.

A motion was made and 2nd. to nominate Mike Ellis, Paul Hollis, and Scott Rodinghouse to the ANA Board of Governor's. It passed.

DOOR PRIZE(BLUE) Danny R

DINNER TICKET Faye F

CASH PRIZE (YELLOW) Thurman F

RAFFLE TICKET(RED) Jim P, Bill W, Patrick L.(2), John C, John T, Billy H, Faye F, and Tom C

Member only cash prize was not won. Bill F not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with auction to follow.

Submitted by
Elizabeth Howard

Auction lots – 110
Dinners - 26