

# THE GATEPOST

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The Gateway Coin Club meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of the month at Denny's Restaurant at 9550 IH 10 West near the Wurzbach exit. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m., but many members arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 for dinner and conversation. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends. Junior members are always welcomed.

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## MARCH – APRIL 2012

**Mar. 1 - AUCTION NIGHT** Lots are limited to 10 per member. Don't forget to bring your numismatic items for the roundtable session.

**Mar. 15 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION** Alex R. will present an educational program titled "Paper Money of the U.S." The mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

**Apr. 5 - AUCTION NIGHT** There is a limit of 10 lots per member. Please bring your newest numismatic acquisition for the roundtable.

**Apr. 19 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION** David A.'s educational program is titled "Scripophily: The Emerging Hobby." The mini-auction is limited to 5 lots per member.

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## JANUARY 2012 RECAP

**Jan. 5** - The meeting opened with **27** members and **3** visitors present. One of our visitors, Houston J., joined our club that evening. The other 2 visitors were Vincent A.'s daughter and son. The **attendance prize**, a 1979 Egyptian one-pound coin, was given to Ray T. Stan M. suggested posting the minutes on the web site and the majority of the membership agreed. The purpose is to have them previewed by the members before the beginning of the following meeting. Karla G. announced that at the next meeting a sign-up sheet will be available for members to sign-up to work at our February 25<sup>th</sup> Coin Show. Tom B. said that the club's annual Christmas Party was an outstanding event. The **roundtable** discussion was led by Fernando R. who brought a 1558 Hungarian dinar from the reign of King Ferdinand I. Leroy M. had a miniature copy of a modern U.S. coin set. Stan M. showed a Russian proof 1988 five rubles piece. Matt A. brought a British Trade Dollar The reverse had four interesting chop marks. D.D.H. had an early 1863 Civil War token.

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## *San Antonio Coin Show*

**Live Oak Civic Center**

**May 26, 2012**

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Brian C. brought a five-dollar Desert Strom commemorative coin issued by the Marshal Islands.

The **raffle winners** were Walter B., Art G. Sr., Mary Helen C., Karla G., Alex R. and Tom B.

The meeting closed with an exciting auction that featured a wide variety of numismatic items.

**Jan. 19** - The meeting opened with **20** members in attendance. We recently learned of the passing of club member Art S. who will be sincerely missed. President Frank G. developed a unique way to honor the passing of club members. Six coins symbolizing our current coin denominations were dropped slowly into a cup one at a time. The clinking of each coin resonated like a bell ringing a farewell. The first coin was the dollar followed by the half-dollar, quarter, dime, nickel, and cent. This was then followed by a moment of silent prayer.

The **attendance prize**, a 1985 British Virgin island twenty-dollar coin, was given to Art G., Sr. Karla G. encouraged members to sign a roster that was passed around for members to volunteer to work at our upcoming coin show. Sue G. will prepare the labels and mail the cards when she receives them. David A. asked for members to volunteer to present future numismatic programs. James W. volunteered to give the next scheduled educational program in February. Thanks, James. Tom B. requested that the secretary review our past membership list and annotate those who have passed on, the purpose is to honor these members at a future club banquet.

The **roundtable** was led by Fernando R. who showed a Cuban 1896 ten pesos note with a large red "Plata" overprint on the reverse. David A. had an Austrian one-hundred Kroner WWI era bond certificate. The bond features the double-headed Austrian Eagle with two angels. Brian C. brought a Coronet Large Cent dated 1838.

The **raffle winners** were: Mary Helen C., Fernando R., Ray T., Art G., Sr., Alex R., and Eric H.

Fernando R. presented the educational program, "**Man tries to pay Wal-Mart with a one-million dollar bill.**" His source for the program came from a recent article about a man who tried to purchase five-hundred dollar's worth of merchandise and attempted to pay with a million dollar novelty note. The store cashier was not fooled by the phony note and notified the police. The man was arrested charged with "attempting to obtain property by false pretense."

A list of reasons why some individuals still try to pass off novelty notes was discussed. The discussion then led to a period of questions and answers about obsolete and demonetized currency. The meeting ended with a mini-auction that featured a variety of numismatic items.

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May the Luck of the Irish Smile on You on St.  
Patrick's Day!

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**FEBRUARY 2012 RECAP**

**Feb. 2** - The first meeting of the month opened with **23** members and **3** visitors. Our visitors were Jonathan F., Larry and Valinda. Members were informed of the passing in January of long-time member Don Hunter. Don served as club vice-president and was an honorary life member of the Gateway Coin Club. He and his wife, Marianne, served the Gateway Coin Club faithfully until health issues kept them from attending our meetings the last couple of years. Don was an avid collector, with a special interest in Canadian coins. He was honored by the six coin ritual in which the six U.S. coins were slowly deposited into a cup. This was followed by a moment of silent prayer in his memory. Don, a dedicated and loyal member, will be sincerely missed.

The **attendance prize**, a five pesos 1957 Constitution Centennial Mexican coin that depicts Juarez, was given to Larry F. who flashed a big grin.

The **roundtable** was conducted by LeRoy M., who did an outstanding job. He led the session and showed an interesting wartime Jefferson nickel set. Rene M. brought an early 1844 Jersey 1/26 shilling with two square nail holes. Larry F. had a 1998 collector series set from the Grand Casino, depicting Indian pottery, a running horse, and an Indian warrior. Robert J. brought a book titled *Hawaiian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money*. This is a great book to have in your library as it has an illustrated history of many numismatic items that were once issued for use in our 50<sup>th</sup> State.

The **raffle winners** were: Leon W., Matt A., Bob K., Stan M., Ray T., LeRoy M., and D.D.H. The meeting concluded with an auction that was comprised of a fine selection of numismatic material.

**Feb. 16** - The meeting opened with **23** members. Members welcomed our newest member Ray B. The **attendance prize**, a Certified 1981 one dollar FRN Star Note, was given to a very happy Ray T. A moment of silent prayer and our memorial ceremony was held for Bobby Rogers, who recently passed away. It was announced that the Mexican Coin Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Karla G. said that a number of postcards announcing the February 25<sup>th</sup> Coin Show were returned as undeliverable and that those names are being purged from the mailing list that is maintained by Sue G.

The **roundtable** session was conducted by LeRoy M. who brought a 1912 silver German 1/2 mark. Tom B. had a 1981 36 uncut sheet of \$1 FRN notes. Robert J. showed a New Orleans mint token. Ray T. brought a St. Eligius patron saint of coin collector's medal struck by the Austrian Mint. Stan M. had a Panamanian five Balboa coin promoting the Caribbean Games. James W. brought some Cambodian money.

The **raffle winners** were: Andy C., Tom B., Walter B., D.D. H. (2 times), Fernando R., and Art G., Sr.

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The educational program was presented by James W. that evening. His topic was “**Nepalese Coin Dating.**” He distributed handouts and work sheets with pictures of Nepalese coins before his presentation. One sheet had a conversion chart with Nepalese numerals that members used to date the Nepalese coin images in the handout. It was a very interesting program that had all the members busy trying to date the coin pictures in the work sheet. The handout stated “To determine the western date of the coin, one must add 880 years to the date on the coins.” Although the work assignment was not an easy task, the members seemed very pleased with the program. Thank you, James, for a most entertaining educational presentation.

The meeting closed with a stimulating mini-auction that provided the members with many opportunities to bid on some great items. Thank you to our auctioneers, Fernando and LeRoy.

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**FUTURE COIN SHOWS in March, 2012**

**Mar. 3-4 Fort Worth Coin Club Coin Show** at Lockheed Martin Recreation Center, 3400 S. Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth, 2.6 miles south of I-30 or 1.3 miles north I-20. Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9 am-3 pm., Free Parking, Admission \$3, Contact: John Post-817-992-1868 or old-post@sbcglobal.net.

**Mar. 17-18 South Plains Coin Club 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coin & Sports Card Show**, Lubbock, TX Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Ln., Lubbock, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9 am-4pm, Admission \$2, Contact: Tammy Pitzer, [tammybpitzer@aol.com](mailto:tammybpitzer@aol.com), or (806) 470-0633.

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What was the idea behind having a lettered edge on coins?

In the day of bullion coinage, many people could not resist the temptation to shave or file a few grains of gold or silver from the edge of each coin that passed through their hands. Lettering, reeding or ornamenting the edge made the practice more difficult by readily betraying the coins that had been depreciated in this common, but unlawful manner.

I have an 1818 half dollar with lettering on the edge. Does this edge make it scarce?

Half dollars had FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR lettered on the edge until 1836, after which the edge of the coin was reeded. None of the half dollars of this period are plentiful, but the scarcity is unrelated to the type of edge.

(Source: Coins Questions & Answers)

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**A special thanks goes to the members who helped set up on Friday afternoon and worked Saturday at the Coin Show.**

**GOD BLESS THE USA!**

See you next meeting,

Frank

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