

# 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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## MAY – JUNE 2012

**May 3 - AUCTION NIGHT** Remember, each member is allowed ten lots for this auction. Don't forget the numismatic roundtable items for discussion.

**May 17 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION** Larry F. will present an educational program titled "Military Coins." The mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

**Jun. 7 - AUCTION NIGHT** There is a limit of ten lots per member. Join the fun and participate in the numismatic roundtable session.

**Jun. 21 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION** Brian C. will be present an educational program titled "Coal Mine Scrip." The five lot mini-auction will be held this evening.

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## MARCH 2011 RECAP

**Mar. 1** - The meeting opened with twenty-three members in attendance. Our newest members, Duke P. and Stuart B., both joined at the Gateway Coin Show. We welcomed back longtime member Clifton V. after a long absence. He is no longer working the night shift and will be able to attend our meetings. Also in attendance were visitors Reed G., Gary B., and Debbie B.

The **attendance prize**, a silver Mexican 1952 Hidalgo 5 Pesos, was given to Art G. Jr. The Treasurer's report was given by Ray T., which included a report on the expenses and income from the coin show. David A. asked for volunteers for future numismatic programs. President Frank Galindo thanked the members who helped set up for the show on Friday and those who signed up for work at the Coin Show on Saturday. Karla G. thanked the members who worked at the Registration Desk for the great job they did in getting all the information printed and complete on the registration forms, which is very helpful to Sue G. when updating the mailing

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## San Antonio Coin Show

Live Oak Civic Center

May 26, 2012

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list. Fernando R. announced that the Mexican Coin Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Alex R. gave us an update on Cliff A. A get well card was signed by the members and was mailed to Cliff later that evening.

The **roundtable** was led by Leroy M. who brought a 2006 Mexican bimetallic 100 Pesos coin. D.D.H. had an item that mentioned the failed assault on Quebec by Continental troops in 1775. Eric H. showed a 2010 Mexican bimetallic twenty-pesos commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nobel Literature Prize winner Octavio Paz. Robert K. had an NGC encapsulated 1861 Confederate cent restrike (a restrike under the authority of the Smithsonian Institute). Clifton V. showed six different "good luck" pieces copied onto "General" dollars and Dragon Dollars. Karla G. had two medals depicting Presidents Washington and McKinley, each with the Lord's Prayer on the reverse. Frank G. brought two items. One was a magician's hollow trick coin and the other was a one-ounce copper round featuring a Lakota Indian.

The **raffle winners** were David A., Debbie B. (2 times), Walter B., Larry F., James W., and Alex R. The meeting concluded with an energetic auction that offered many great numismatic items. Thank you to all the winning bidders and to all the members who participated in the auction.

**Mar. 15** - The meeting opened with **twenty-six** members and three visitors in attendance. Our visitors were Gary and Debbie B. and Sylvia F., wife of Larry F. Gary and Debbie joined our club and are now our newest members. We welcomed member Bill D. after a long absence. He was able to attend this meeting because of spring break and said he would be able to attend the meetings again in the summer. The **attendance prize** was given to Robert K., who received a silver Mexican 1953 Hidalgo five pesos.

The passing of two of our club members was announced at our meeting that evening. It was announced that member Cliff A. and former member Gloria S. had died recently. Both will be deeply missed. A moment of silence and the coin ritual was held in memory of Cliff A. and Sherry H.'s mother Gloria S. Karla G. said she would mail sympathy cards to families that same evening.

The **roundtable** session included Robert J. who brought a 1965 Texas token, which featured King Antonio XLIII Walter N. Corrigan. Larry F. showed a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Air Force Credit Union medal. Bill D. brought a token from Smithville, NJ, with the text "The Original Smithville Inn." Don G. had a 1935 British Crown commemorating the Queen's coronation. Leroy M. showed a 1989 Mexican 1000 Pesos with an attached question of "What is it worth?" Answer: The series issued prior to 1992 was demonetized, therefore worth zero in Mexico.

The **raffle winners** were: Alex R. (2 times), James W., Rene M. (2 times), Fernando R., and Larry F.

That evening the educational program, "**Paper Money of the U.S.**" was presented by Alex R. He said that although this is a very broad subject, he emphasized several key areas of collecting U.S. currency.

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He stated that most collectors start by collecting one-dollar star notes and one-dollar silver certificates. To enhance his presentation, he distributed a set of informational sheets that gave details on currency types and reasons to collect, as well as investment value and comparisons. The program was followed by a question and answer period. Thanks, Alex, for a fine program.

The meeting ended with a mini-auction that offered many fine numismatic bargains.

**Apr. 5** - The meeting opened with twenty-six members and three visitors in attendance. The visitors were Andy G., Reed G., and Tim E. The **attendance prize**, a silver Mexican 1953 Hidalgo 5 pesos, was given to Alex R.

Stan M. reported that he was notified about the banking fee increases that will take place in May due to the impending Health Care Bill recently passed by Congress. Karla G. announced that on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the memorial service for Cliff A. will be held at the Witte Museum at 6:00 p.m., with a reception to follow. San Antonio Fiesta 2012 schedules were brought by Karla G. and were available for the members.

The **roundtable** included Tracy T. who brought a 1727 Ruble of Peter II, Czar of Russia, which was struck at the St. Petersburg Mint. She said that the planchet flaw on the coin was common on this series. Bill D. had a British half-crown featuring Queen Anne. David A. showed an impressive Longine Symphonette medal.

The **raffle winners** were: Stan M., Karla G. (2 times), Reed G., and James W.

The meeting ended with a fun-filled auction that featured a variety of attractive numismatic items. Thank you to all the members who participated and to our auctioneer that evening, David A.

**Apr. 19** - The last meeting of the month opened with twenty-one members and two visitors present. Our members warmly welcomed visitors Peggy and Tom R. The **attendance prize**, a silver Mexican 1953 Hidalgo 5 Pesos, was given to Robert "Bob" K. David A. reminded members that he needs volunteers for future numismatic presentations. He said that June 21<sup>st</sup> is open, as well as a few other dates. Karla G. announced that that the sign-up sheet for the May 26<sup>th</sup> Coin Show will be available at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. On Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, a memorial service for Cliff A. was held at the Witte Museum, with several club members in attendance. A commemorative medal was given to those who attended the service. Tom B. read information about Cliff A. from the memorial program.

The numismatic **roundtable** discussion was led by Brian C. who brought a challenge coin given out by the Progress Energy / H.B. Robinson Nuclear Power Plant which is located in South Carolina. Alex R. showed several interesting one dollar notes with unique serial numbers.

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*Memorial Day - Observed May 28th*  
*In Remembrance of Those Who Served Our Nation*

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The educational program on Scripophily was presented by David A. Scripophily is the study and collection of stock and bond certificates. He brought several ornate stock certificates with decorative graphics and colorful vignettes. He asked that we listen closely because he would conduct a quiz after the presentation. His program was most interesting as he spoke about the hobby of collecting stock and bond certificates and described the vignettes that adorn the certificates. Some of the most popular categories with collectors are the mining and railroad stocks. He said that grading is important when buying or selling these pieces. He concluded the program with a quiz. The first six members who answered the questions correctly had their names entered in a drawing. The winner of the drawing was Karla G.

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GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

See you next meeting,  
Frank



