

# 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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## SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2012

**Sept. 6 - AUCTION NIGHT** Lots are limited to 10 per member. Don't forget the Numismatic Roundtable items.

**Sept. 20 - INSTALLATION OF CLUB OFFICERS AND MINI-AUCTION**

We will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our annual Banquet and Installation of Officers ceremony. The mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

**Oct. 4 - AUCTION NIGHT** There is a limit of ten lots per member. Remember to bring your latest acquisitions for the Numismatic Roundtable session.

**Oct. 18 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION** Karla G. will be present an educational program titled "Hot Wells Flame Room Tokens." Auction lots are limited to five per member.

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## JULY 2011 REGAP

**Jul. 5 -** The meeting opened with twenty-four members and two visitors in attendance. Our visitors were Ken P. and new junior member Connor P., who both joined the club that evening. They received a very warm welcome from the membership. We welcomed back John H. after an extended absence due to surgery.

The **attendance prize**, a 2006 Mexican \$100 Pesos coin commemorating the state of Morelos, was given to Leon W. Ray T. gave the treasurer's report. There was no old business for discussion. Ray T. made a motion to have the club issue a medal to honor the club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The motion passed unanimously. Frank G. suggested members bring designs to the next meeting for consideration. Karla G. asked for a motion to look for a location for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet. Roger A. made the motion, which was seconded by Walter B. David A. announced an upcoming Gun Show that he will be attending. LeRoy M. expressed an interest in buying Proof clad Kennedy Half dollars from any of the members.

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The **roundtable** was conducted by LeRoy M. Robert J. brought an interesting Longines Symphonette medal commemorating the Declaration of Independence of 1776. Karla G. showed 2 elongated coins and a token. The elongated coins were from the Great Lakes Exposition of 1936. One featured a subway and the other was a piece publicizing the Great Lakes Centennial. The token was issued by the New Haven Railroad and depicts a train. The reverse read "Compliments of the dining service." LeRoy M. had an Austin, Texas dollar medal struck in 1974 which featured the Alamo and the inscription "Remember the Alamo" on the obverse and "The Lone Star State" on the reverse. Larry F. showed an oversized novelty Lincoln cent dated 1909s VDB. Frank G. brought 3 items: a magic token that depicted a magician waving a wand over a globe; a Ramona Outdoor Play 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dated 1952 and unlisted in the California Token book; and an off centered Lincoln cent. David A. had a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stock certificate with a vignette of the "Tom Thumb," the first American built steam locomotive. Fernando R. brought an ancient Chinese cash coin from the Northern Sung Dynasty, circa 1023 AD. Roger A. had a 1968 challenge coin in the form of a ball point pen that was made from a fifty-caliber shell. Vincent A. showed three Maundy pennies featuring different stages of Queen Victoria's reign from 1838-1901: the young head, the jubilee years, and the widow, or old head.

The **raffle winners** were Ray T. (3 times), Andy C. (2 times), David A. (2 times), Walter B., Connor P., and Bill S.

The meeting ended with a lively auction that offered a wide variety of numismatic items. Thank you to our auctioneers and to all the members who participated in the auction.

**Jul. 19** - The meeting opened with twenty-four members and two visitors present. Member David D., a coin dealer from Spring, Texas, and his wife Karen, were in town for a convention and were able to attend the meeting. Also visiting us was Andrea D., Bill D's daughter.

The **attendance prize**, a 2007 Mexican \$100 Pesos commemorating the state of Puebla, was given to Tom B. The treasurer's report was given by Ray T. President Frank G. circulated a rough sketch of a proposed 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal design and said he would have some prices at the next meeting. Karla G. said that at the next meeting she would announce the location and details of the banquet. Alex R. inquired into the idea of creating a database of members with the same collecting interests and having it available on the web site. Roger A. stated that he met an individual at Alamo Heights Coin Shop who was starting to collect again. Fernando R. asked for volunteers, presenters, exhibitors, and numismatic periodicals that were needed for the Alamo Coin Show in August.

The **roundtable** session was led by LeRoy M. who brought a 1977 Kennedy Half Dollar, which he said went through an annealing process, which means it was exposed to heat. Frank G. showed two items. The first was a 1936 magician's token issued by Ushers from Venice, CA. The second was a Calico Ghost Town medal featuring a prospector and mule on the obverse, and with "Southern California's Greatest Silver Camp" on the reverse.

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Karla G. had a scarce St. Eloie twenty-five cent token and a St. Eligius medal. Brian C. brought a 2010 Vatican fifty Euro cent and a 1999 French one Euro. Alex R. showed a 1957 series One Dollar Silver Certificate with the serial number 55443322. David D. had a booklet with his Texas Trade Tokens, which included several rare and bi-metallic tokens. He also showed an old Spanish Colonial coin. David A. brought a very interesting Belgian Congo stock certificate.

The **raffle winners** were: Larry F., "Lucky" David A. (2 times), Robert J., Fernando R., Alex R., and Eric H.

The numismatic presentation by William D. was originally scheduled to be on British coinage, but his recent trip back to his hometown in Indiana made him change his mind. His presentation dealt with collecting what you really like and what you want to collect. He mentioned that his collecting was not for the purpose of making a profit but for personal enjoyment. He said that he had recently started collecting birth-year type sets. His collections include circulated coins because he said they have character. He has collected items of historical significance, as well as items from his childhood. He brought several of the coins that he collects, and they were circulated during his presentation. Thank you for a fine program, William.

The meeting ended with another exciting auction. The mini-auction was conducted by Fernando and David, with assistance from Frank.

**Aug. 2** - The meeting opened with twenty-six members and two visitors in attendance. The visitors were Pat R., wife of Alex R., and Nancy A., widow of former member Cliff A. Nancy was there to thank everyone for being a friend to Cliff and to distribute the extra commemorative medals to members who were unable to attend Cliff's memorial service.

The **attendance prize**, a 2007 Mexican \$100 Pesos commemorating the state of Puebla, was given to Andy G. Stan Mc. Was appointed to serve as chairman of the nominating committee, with Larry F. also serving on the committee. Members interested in serving as a club officer were asked to let either of them know. Karla had additional information about the Gateway Coin Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet. A motion was made by Walter B. to accept the location and the motion was passed. It was reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal will be given to the current members. The secretary reminded everyone that the club dues are now being collected and must be paid prior to the banquet. He also announced that there will be a Mexican Coin Club meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> which will be held at Denny's.

The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by LeRoy M. Ray T. brought a 2012 two ASE coin set which contains the "S" mint proof and the reverse proof. Larry F. had a Braniff Buck from Braniff Airlines. Fernando R. showed a Mexican 1913 one peso Caballito. Walter S. brought an Air Force challenge medal. Tom B. had a Fiesta Texas token and a Six Flags of Texas at Arlington token. Chuck N. showed two Hitler WW II stamp postcards. He said that the blue six-pfenning stamps were purposely blackened out at the end of WW II. LeRoy M. had a 1903 M one centavo issued during the period of the Mexican Republic.

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Most enjoyable Labor Day September 3<sup>rd</sup>!

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The **raffle winners** were: Chuck N., Michael F., Stan M., Andy C., Bill S., and Alex R.  
The meeting closed with an energetic auction. Thank you to all who participated in the auction.

**Aug. 16** - The meeting opened with twenty-six members and one visitor, Cal B. who joined the club that evening and is now our newest member. The **attendance prize**, a 2006 Mexican one hundred Pesos commemorating the state of Morelos, was given to Walter B. Karla G. announced that the sign-up sheet for the banquet was being circulated this evening and that the final opportunity to sign-up and make a reservations will be at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Frank G. announced that the Gateway Coin Club 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary medals have been ordered and should be available by the time of our annual banquet. The nominating committee chairman, Stan M., was unable to attend the meeting, but sent word that no one notified the committee members that they were interested in serving in any of the officer's positions. The committee recommended that the current officers continue in the offices in which they now serve: Ray T. – treasurer, Fernando R. – secretary, David A. – vice president, and Frank G. president. The elections will take place at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The **roundtable** discussion was led by Fernando R. who brought an aluminum spinner token manufactured by RABCO out of Kansas City, Missouri. Frank G. showed six tokens featuring the following movie cowboys: William Boyd, James Arness, Rex Allen, Gene Autry, Gene Barry, and Smith Ballew. Tom B. showed a 1975 Mother's Day Franklin Mint commemorative sterling silver medal. Karla G. had two items. The first was a Lindy Good Luck token dated May 21-22, 1927 that depicted the "Spirit of St. Louis" plane flying over the Atlantic Ocean, the Statue of Liberty, and the Eiffel Tower on each side. The reverse of the token shows a cat inside a horseshoe, with "health, wealth, and happiness" around the horseshoe. The second item was an early Charlie Chaplin jitney token with the iconic shoes on the reverse and a portrait of Chaplin on the obverse and the date 1915. Bill S. brought a 1976 US Proof set which had a Lincoln cent with silver toning. David A. had an interesting "Good For..." token. The 1930's token was for a one dollar discount on a suit from R.M. Crimm, of Roundrock, Texas. The text read "Master of Tape Line, Cleaning, Pressing, Alteration – Phone 44." David said that R.M. Crimm died in 1936 and that some Crimm family members are still living in the area.

The **raffle winners** were: Fernando R., Leon W., Karla G., Robert K., Walter B., Jim R., and Andy G.  
The meeting concluded with an auction that offered many outstanding numismatic items.

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GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

See you next meeting,  
Frank



