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2009 Baltimore Coin Club Notes and Calendar of Events

Note: *William R. Ayres Jr.* of Fork, Maryland, died on January 5, 2010. He was born on March 17, 1932. Bill was part of the group that founded the Maryland State Numismatic. He also served as MSNA treasurer, secretary, vice president and president; he was the only person to serve the MSNA twice as president (1976-1977 and 1993-1995). He was a founding member of the Harford Coin Huskers and was active in the Baltimore Coin Club, Middle River Coin Club, Perry Hall Coin Club, and Harford Stamp Club. He was selected MSNA Numismatist of the Year in 1981 and received an ANA Presidential Award from President Kenneth Bressett in 1996. When asked what he collected, he often said, "I collect collectors." He is survived by his wife, Marjorie.

7	Jan 2010	Commemorative Coins (U.S. or Foreign Commemoratives)
21	Jan	Program?
4	Feb	Bi-metallic Coins
18	Feb	Program ?
4	Mar	Encased Coins and Novelty Paper Money Items
18	Mar	Spring Banquet (?)
1	Apr	Dog Night- The Worst Coin In Your Collection
15	Apr	Program?
6	May	Funny Money Night (Novelty paper money items)\
20	May	Program?
3	June	My Favorite U.S. Coinage Series
17	June	Program?
1	July	Stocks/Bonds/Ephemera
15	July	Program?

President's Message

Hello fellow numismatist. As we move into a new year, we have passed another year of success for our club. Both the BANC shows as well as the Whittman show were successful for us. The BANC show in September had a lower turnout than usual. The November Whittman show had almost 2500 people for the 4 days. Many thanks to Bill Stratameyer who is now the bourse chairman for BANC and also organize the Whittman volunteers. Thanks to all those who gave their time to make these shows a success, These events are a mainstay of money for our club.

In 2010 we will continue on with 3 BANC shows and 3 Whittman shows once again. Also in April The Early American Coppers Club will be holding their annual convention in Annapolis. This is an opportunity for all who have an interest in early copper. The October old timers dinner was a success thanks to Frank Murphy for chairing it, and his slide show was great. Our annual club banquet is scheduled for 17 March 2010 and 7 PM at Pappa's restaurant again. Bill Lentz is chairing this event. More will follow at a later date on this event.

As of this time the club is still looking for someone to be the "program" chairman and also someone to act as Young Numismatist coordinator. Anyone having a desire to fill either of these position please contact me.

Ken Finkenbinder

Frank Murphy's Slide Show at the Old Timers Dinner
SOUTHWEST "FOUR CORNERS AREA" PRESENTATION

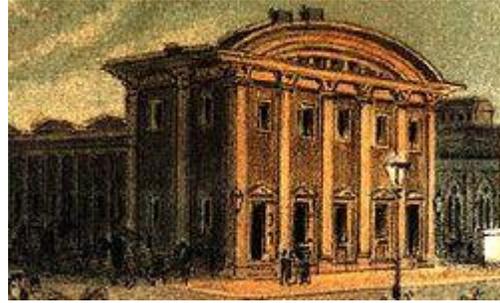


The trip began in **Albuquerque, New Mexico** in the “**Oldtown**” district with native American artifacts and Adobe Architecture including the 300-year old **San Felipe Church**. Next was the **cable car** ride to the top of 10,000-foot **Sandia Peak** with great views of the surrounding countryside. Just outside of Albuquerque was the **Petroglyph National Monument** featuring numerous rock carvings made by Native Americans. The **Pueblo Cultural Center** provided much information about the Pueblos throughout northern New Mexico that remain inhabited to this day. **Santa Fe** has a great amount of adobe style architecture. Even chains such as McDonalds and IHOP have adopted the style. The beautiful twin-towered **St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral** dominates the Downtown. The 400-year old **San Miguel Church**, oldest in the USA, and the **oldest house** in the USA are both in Santa Fe. Outside of Santa Fe is **Bandolier National Monument** where evidence of early cave dwelling are side-by-side with more recent stone structures. Nearby is **Valle Grande**, a one million year old volcanic caldera. The highway to Santa Fe has bridges decorated with Native American designs. **Taos** has its own church of **St. Francis of Assisi**, a structure featured in a famous painting by New Mexico artist Georgia O’Keeffe. Outside of Taos proper is the 600-foot deep **Rio Grande Gorge** and the **Taos Pueblo** which has been continuously occupied for 600 years! Entering **Arizona** we passed **Window Rock**, a natural Arch at a town of the same name. **Canyon de Chelly**, a canyon that has been occupied by Native Americans for centuries, provides arable soil and water supplies in an area surrounded by desert. Numerous ruins are scattered throughout the Canyon. The most photographed feature is 800-foot tall Spider Rock. The town of **Mexican Hat, Utah**, named for a rock formation of the same name, is surrounded by unparalleled beauty. Adjacent to the town is the **Valley of the Gods**, an area of thousand-foot stone monoliths. Also nearby is the **Goosenecks of the San Juan State Park**, where the looping San Juan River carved a thousand-foot deep canyon shaped as a series of horseshoe-curves called entrenched meanders. This location was used for the final scene of the movie “Thelma and Louise” where the two protagonists drove a car off the cliff. There is an 1100-foot escarpment just north of the San Juan Gorge which is climbed by the “**Moki Dugway**”, a hair-raising mining road with no paving, markings or guardrails. The ride is not for the faint of heart but the views are spectacular! Twenty miles south, straddling the Utah-Arizona border are the iconic monoliths of **Monument Valley**,

instantly recognizable as the setting for many movies and numerous TV commercials. In Eastern Utah lies the **Needles District of Canyonlands National Park**, an area of spires, pinnacles and cliffs with very few paved roads. On the way is **Newspaper Rock**, a rock with a large number petroglyphs. Traveling west, one passes **Natural Bridges National Monument** and **Lake Powell**, an extremely scenic lake formed by the 600-foot tall Glen Canyon Dam in northern Arizona. Further west is **Capitol Reef National Park**, named because the rock ridge known today as Waterpocket Fold represented a barrier or “reef” to early travelers, many of whom were sailors (and hence the “reef” reference.) A large white dome-shaped rock formation resembles the Capitol Dome also contributed to the name. Capitol Reef features some of the most colorful rocks seen anywhere! Eastern Utah, near the Colorado border and the town of Moab is home to **Arches National Park**, the largest collection of Natural Arches in world. The most photographed one is called Delicate Arch and graces the Utah license plates. Another is called Landscape Arch, an incredibly fragile-looking slender arch that spans 165 feet. Across the highway from Arches is the northern portion of Canyonlands National Park called the “**Island in the Sky.**” It is so named because it is a plateau with a small natural connection providing access. Views encompass hundreds of square miles of “canyon country” lying between 1,000 and 2,000 feet below. The Southwest Colorado town of Durango is the point of embarkation for the **Durango and Silverton Scenic Railroad**, which follows the Animas River upstream to the town of Silverton which appears to be right out of a Western Movie. The steam locomotive-pulled train fits right in to Silverton with its saloons, jail and old red-light district. The final stop was **Telluride**, a resort town in southwest Colorado surrounded by the 14,000-foot peaks of the San Juan mountains reminiscent of Switzerland.

Members of the Baltimore Coin Club, Just a note to say "Hello" and say that I hope things continue to go well there for the club and for each of you. Things are well here in Myrtle Beach, as Peg and I enjoy the area and the climate (still don't play golf, though all of my friends do). Our local club continues to do well. Our membership is now approaching 50 (men, women, and YNs) with people joining at each meeting (we added 4 new members Sept 15). If you would attend a meeting, you'd think that you're at BCC, as our by-laws, offices, meeting format, auction, etc are very much like BCC. I'm not sure how that happened!! This is the first club for several members (even though they're long-time collectors) and we're blessed to have a group that is willing to do whatever is needed to help the club. In Oct we will have our second coin show, working with a local coin shop owner who is our club Treasurer. We have a raffle, with half the proceeds going to the local Meals on Wheels. In Dec we will have our first dinner, much like the BCC annual meeting. I could go on and on, but I won't, as I've said enough! I try to stay in touch with folks there in Baltimore so I know what's going on. Please continue to keep us posted on club and personal news. Ernie Turnes, former BCC President

Holiday Dinner Presentation on President Street Station



We had two different types of presentation at our Holiday party that was a very historical and educational session for those who missed this engagement. Mr. Ralph Vincent presented the history of the President Street Station, restoration efforts, and current strategy to petition the US Government to designate the site as a National Park Service. The station was built in 1850 and is the oldest surviving big city railroad terminal in the United States. The station was an important rail transportation link during the Civil War. The station was the location where the Baltimore riot of 1861 occurred when Massachusetts troops bound for Washington, D.C. were marching to the B&O Camden Station. The troops were attacked by an angry mob of Southern sympathizers killing several people during this melee of events. Then, Mr. Robert Reyes presented evidence that the first enlisted Confederate soldier killed in the Civil War (War Between the States) was William R. Clark of Baltimore. Historical information has indicated that the first five Federal volunteers were killed in Baltimore in the riot of 19 April 1861. Well, there were other deaths during this tragic and mismanaged event at the Pratt and South Street junction. Apparently, Clark had recently enlisted in the Southern Confederate Army and was awaiting transportation in a few days to Charleston, SC. William Clark was killed at an age of 20 years in the head by a Minnie ball when soldiers and civilians exchanged pistol and rifle shots.

Words from the Past - #18

By: Don Curtis

The Year was 1944

Excerpts from minutes of past Baltimore Coin Club meetings as written by the club Secretary Mr. Alfred Hutter:

July 6th, 1944 – *The regular auction meeting of the club was held on this date. Meeting #213*

Mr. Straus stressed a few highlights of the last meeting and advised us to watch for the following items:

1921 dimes

1942 over 412 dimes

1941 S broken nose dime

1944 steel cents

1933 \$20 gold piece, that was stolen from the mint.

July 20th, 1944 – *The regular auction meeting of the club was held on this date with 18 members and 1 guest present. Among the present were two charter members who are in the Armed Services, Cmdr O.H. Dodson, and Capt. H.L. Dubbelde.*

Cmdr. Dodson told a few of his experiences in the South Pacific, chiefly the loss of his Collection of US coins in the sinking of the Hornet.

Capt. Dubbelde, talked about his experiences in the handling of the Axis prisoners of war.

Mr. Cockey read two very interesting papers on Early American Coinage. The articles were "Early Half Dollars" and "Early U.S. Gold Coins – Eagles". Both papers brought out many interesting facts concerning die varieties, amount coined, and probable reasons for their rarity. Mr. Cockey also displayed several very early ten dollar gold pieces and some early silver. However the most interesting display consisted of a set of 10 Baron de Gortz, 1 Daler pieces from the 1715 Crown to the very rare 1719 Bust – Georg. Heinr Baro. De Gortz

August 17th, 1944 – *The regular auction meeting of the club was held on this date with 19 members present.*

Mr. Duffield made a motion that the club officially endorse the nomination of Mr. Wilson for the board of governors for the ANA, the motion was carried.

An exhibit of bound numismatic literature was prepared by Mr. John Sheckels. The speaker opened his talk by explaining that every collector receives numismatic literature in the form of pamphlets, magazines and auction lists, which are worth saving. But because of the prohibitive cost of binding them into book form, nothing is ever done about it and the papers are soon lost or thrown away. Courses in book-binding are offered by libraries, and at the present time the Boy Scouts have a merit badge pamphlet covering the subject. The speaker having studied the latter, explained how the binding could be done with very few tools and a small amount of material.

At the close of the talk the speaker volunteered to help any collector who wanted to bind his own materials. The auction was held netting the club 67 cents in commissions.