

ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB NEWS

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New to our club? Welcome!

We meet on the **3rd Wednesday each month**, at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. in Alexandria, VA. It's just off US 1 inside the Beltway, and there's plenty of free parking. Meetings are held in the Gold Room. Check the lobby bulletin board just to be sure! The bourse opens at 7:00 p.m. and members may display, trade, and sell coins during this time. Our auction starts about 8:10 p.m. Members and visitors can bid during the bourse and auction. Members are encouraged to submit coins to be included in future auctions – contact **Auction Chair Robin Borum** at Robin.Borum@longandfoster.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 21st!

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Tentative Meeting Agenda:

- 7:00pm Bourse opens – please help yourself to refreshments!
8:00pm Meeting begins: welcome, announcements, discussions, speakers.
8:10pm Auction begins. Door prize drawing and raffle held at intermission.
9:30pm Settlement of auction accounts, submission of coins for next auction, adjournment.

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Member Feature

We are pleased this month to feature an article contributed by ACC member **Aaron Packard**. The author has over 30 years of experience in North American numismatics, beginning back when he was introduced as a child to collecting by his grandparents. He is the author of several papers in the field of exonomia, including several about engravers, token issuers, and the public who used them. He is a member of the ANA, ACC, C4, CWTS, TAMS, MD-TAMS, AVA, NSCA, and the NumisSociety.

Thank you for this informative piece, Aaron! Should like to submit some of your expertise to our newsletter, please send an e-mail to: noelle.locke@verizon.net Member input is always appreciated!

Imperial Russian Colonies in North America

Aaron Packard, Numismatist



Russia's colonization of North America began in 1732 when Russian explorers sighted the coast of Alaska. Nine years later, in 1741, the Imperial Russian Empire sent an expedition, and made landfall in southern Alaska. Like their western European counterparts, the Russians sponsored expeditions in search of natural resources, as well as lay claim to land for Russia and her trading activities. Upon their arrival in Alaska, the Russians spread up and down the Pacific coast, establishing settlements and defensive outposts in support of their colonial ventures.

Near Bodega Bay in Northern California is one such outpost: Fort Ross. The Russians established it in 1812 as their southern-most outpost on the continent, and maintained it until 1841, when they abandoned the region.

For the Russians, their colonial aspirations and activities were largely unprofitable. This was due mainly because of the prohibitive costs and logistics required for transporting supplies to the colonies.



Image Courtesy of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society



In addition to such prohibitive costs, there was widespread concern that a future conflict over the territories would arise with other foreign powers. Due to such concerns, Russia preemptively offered the sale of its Alaskan territory to the United States in 1857. After delays due to the Civil War, the United States finally purchased the territory on March 30th 1867 for \$7.2 million. Known as the Alaska Purchase, it was this financial transaction which finally ended Russia's presence in North America altogether.

Pictured above are 5 Kopek specimens minted at Russia's Kolyvan mint (KM). The coin on the left is an actual 5 Kopek variety that was unearthed during archaeological digs at Fort Ross, in Northern California. It was discovered in the grave of a Russian colonist.

The second piece, pictured on the right, is the same 5 Kopeck variety, acquired recently from a dealer in Siberia. The specimen has fortunately had very little wear over its long life, and has retained smoothness and nice planchet coloring. Due to the primitive nature of the refining processes employed at the Kolyvan mint at the time, copper coinage struck at the mint had traces of gold and silver, and thus was of more diminutive size than the 5 Kopeck equivalents minted at Ekaterinburg. (Coins with a mint mark of EM were minted at the Ekaterinburg Mint in the Ural Mountains, one of the primary sources of Russia's copper.) From time to time, similar specimens with little wear are obtainable in venues like ebay, Heritage, and Конрос.

Sources:

1. *The Context of the Cemetery at Fort Ross: Multiple Lines of Evidence, Multiple Research Questions*, Lynne Goldstein and Robert A. Brinkmann, Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly, Volume 39, Number 4
2. Library of Congress Digital Archives – Fort Ross
3. Glenn J. Farris, Ph.D., Senior State Archaeologist, California State Archaeological Collection Research Facility

Need help? Have a question? Contact an ACC member dealer!



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YN CORNER

Fall is in the air...

Time for back to school, football, raking the leaves, and... **Recruiting Young Numismatists!** During the course of the next few months (leading up to our annual show), please help us spread the word about this great hobby and club to kids of all ages. Here are some ideas:

Get on a great team!



Join the **Alexandria Coin Club**

Does your neighborhood have a civic association or equivalent? If so, do they have a newsletter or e-mail distribution of announcements? Ask if you could include a notice about our club and activities in the next issue.

Are there places in your community or stores that you frequent that might be good places to offer copies of our brochure? Ask around! We'll supply the flyers and counter stands.

Does your church, synagogue, or community center have a youth group that might be interested in a short presentation on the history of coins and the basics of collecting?



We have a good supply of coins, as well as numismatic books, puzzles, and supplies to use as "welcome gifts" for any and all young numismatists who join the ACC team!

Please pass along your ideas, and we'll make it happen!
e-mail Noelle.locke@verizon.net

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Shows and Events!

BANCTowson Coin Show	9/25 9 – 4:00	Best Western Towson Baltimore North Hotel & Suites 1100 Cromwell Bridge Rd Towson, MD	William Stratemyer 410-256-1832 bill.stratemyer@verizon.net
Ocean City 2011 Show	10/1 10 – 6:00 10/2 10 – 4:00	Ocean City Convention Ctr 4001 Coastal Hwy Ocean City, MD	Carl Ostiguy, Jr. 410-379-5646 ceocoins@comcast.net
Frederick Coin & Currency Show	10/7 9:30 – 4:30 10/8 9:30 – 4:30	Grange Hall 1 South 8 th Alley New Market, MD	Michael Dixon 301-788-6232 mike@dixonshows.com
Baltimore Monthly Coin Show	10/16 10 – 4:00	Hilton Pikesville 1726 Reistertown Rd. Pikesville, MD	J Reeves and Company 800-701-7091 jreevesandcompany@hotmail.com
Westminster Fire Hall Coin & Currency Show	10/16 9 – 4:30	Westminster Fire Hall 28 John St Westminster, MD	Carl Ostiguy, Jr. 410-379-5646 ceocoins@comcast.net
Virginia Beach Coin Show	10/22 10 – 6:00 10/23 10 – 4:00	VA Beach Convention Ctr Virginia Beach, VA 23451	jkolos@chubb.com 757-222-4343
Belmar Coin Club	10/22 9 – 3:00	Grove Presbyterian Ch 50 East Bel Air Ave Aberdeen, MD	Scott Schubert 410-272-2389 scottschu@gmail.com

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Alexandria Coin Show

Saturday, February 11, 2012

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hampton Inn & Suites, Alexandria, VA

Free Admission & Parking

DOOR PRIZES !!!

Free Seminar @ 1:00

Contact Boots Barnes 703-975-7029 (cell)

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Looking for a Unique Type Set?

This One Highlights World Agriculture



Have you ever noticed the acronym F.A.O. on modern world coins and wondered what this acronym was all about? F.A.O. stands for the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**. The F.A.O. was founded in Quebec City, Canada in October, 1945, with the goal to "modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and ensure good nutrition for all." The F.A.O. logo re-enforces this message by featuring the Latin phrase "**Fiat Panis**" or "Let there be bread."

In 1968, the F.A.O. started a "Money and Medals" program to help underscore the need to increase agricultural production. Since then, hundreds of different coins throughout the world have been issued to spread the message, creating a unique world coin type set opportunity for collectors. To date there have been more than 600 coins produced. They vary in shape, size, denomination, and metal composition.

Reminder: Keep your Alexandria Coin Club membership current! Remember to pay your annual dues! Not sure if you did or not? Contact Doug DeBarr at ddebarr@caci.com

ACC September Auction Lots					
#	Item	Description	Min Bid	Estim Value	Win Bid
1	1c	6pc, 1859-1864 CN, avg G4 some w/problems		70	
2	1c	1902 AU50	12	20	
3	1c	1907 UNC	16	30	
4	5c	1918-D VF20 corroded	54	70	
5	5c	1921 VF30	18	40	
6	25c	1839 VF20	70	100	
7	50c	1822 VF20 obv graffitti	54	100	
8	50c	1835 VF20	78	100	
9	50c	1876 F12	32	60	
10	1/2c	1809 G4	32	40	
11	5c	30pc, 1883-1912 D in Whitman folder, avg G4 or better	35	80	
12	10c	53pc, 1892-1916 S in Whitman folder, avg G4 or better	120	200	
13	1c	50pc, 1887-1909 avg G4	45	80	
14	mixed	7pc, 2-halves 2-quarters,3-dimes; \$1.80 face 90% silver	33	50	
15	mixed	26pc,Indian, Buffalo, Barber, Early type, some silver	30	50	
16	\$1	1921-D AU50 cleaned		32	
17	\$1	1881-O VF20 polished		32	
18	\$1	1886 VF20		37	
19	25c	3pc, 1950-S,1957-D,1961; all BU		26	
20	25c	3pc, 1953-D,1956,1956-D; avg VF		23	
21	25c	4pc, 1954,1954-D,1954-S,1955; avg circ		30	
22	50c	2pc, 1941-D, 1942-S; avg circ		30	
23	1c	3pc, 1926 AU50,1935 MS63RB, 1960 Lg date PF63RD		32	
24	Sets	Mint Unc Sets; 1972,1974,1984,1985,& (1989 not original envelope)		35	
25	\$1	1877 Trade Dollar G4		100	
26	25c	1858 EF cleaned		50	
27	50c	1837 VF20		150	
28	\$1	2pc, 1923 AU50, 1923-S VG8		72	
29	\$1	1891-CC VF20		145	
30	\$1	2002 Silver Eagle		41	
31	Comm	2009 Abraham Lincoln Silver Dollar, UNC in Mint box		60	
32	Comm	2011 U.S.Army Silver Dollar, Proof in Mint box		60	
33	Comm	2010 Boy Scout Silver Dollar, UNC in Mint box		39	
34	Set	2010 Silver Proof Quarter Set		40	
35	Set	2011 Silver Proof Set		68	
36	Set	1976-S 3pc Bicentennial Proof Set		24	
37	Comm	1987-S U.S.Constitution Silver Dollar, Proof in Mint box		39	
38	Comm	1986 Liberty Half & Silver Dollar, Proof in Mint box		45	
39	Comm	1994 3pc U.S.Veterans Silver Dollar Set, Proof in Mint box		152	
40	Comm	2001 American Buffalo Silver Dollar, Proof in Mint box		180	

41	\$1	1881-O EF40		37
42	50c	2pc, 1934, 1938, VF20		36
43	\$1	1884-O MS62		55
44	\$1	1885-O MS62		55
45	\$1	1888-O MS61		55
46	\$1	1922 MS62		40
47	\$1	1923 MS60		39
48	\$1	1991 Silver Eagle MS65		44
49	1c	81pc, 1909 - 1940-S, G to EF cleaned, some better dates (no keys)		120
50	1c	80pc, 1941 - 1970-S, VF to BU		35
51	mixed	10pc, 2ea. Cent through Half 1964 & later, 90% & 40% silver		35
52	Albums			45

The Last Word: Coin Trivia You May or May Not Know...



The word "dime" is derived from the Latin word "decimal," which means the "tenth part."

The motto IN GOD WE TRUST first appeared on a U.S. coin in 1864, during the Civil War. The two-cent piece, first minted in that year, was the first coin with the slogan.

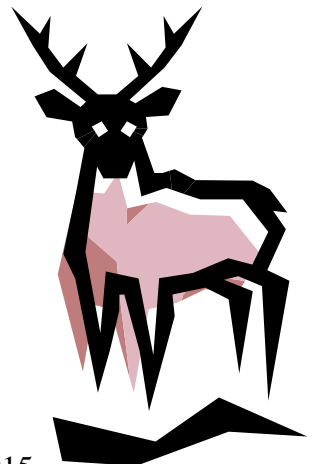


The Liberty Head Nickel, when first minted in 1883, did not have the word "cents" inscribed on it. Enterprising individuals illegally gold plated the coins and attempted to pass them off as \$5 gold pieces, often successfully. The U.S. Mint soon caught on to the scam and added the word "cents" to the nickels shortly thereafter.

The inscription "E Pluribus Unum," meaning "One from Many" (e.g. one nation comprised of a union of many states) was first used on the 1795 Liberty Cap-Heraldic Eagle gold \$5 piece.



The Mint produced its first circulating coins (a "whopping" \$111.78 worth) in 1793. This consisted of 11,178 copper cents. Today there is more than \$8 billion worth of coins circulating in the US and, in the past 30 years, the US Mint has minted over 300 billion coins, worth in excess of \$15 billion.



The slang term for a dollar ("buck") is thought to have originated in the early US frontier days when the hide of a male deer (a buck) was a common currency, due to the scarcity of coinage.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH