

FUN Club Newsletter

August 1st, 2025

As Officers & Board change at your club, information is lost. Think about having all your officers write a "Job Description" for what they do, including names, phone numbers & emails for all their contacts. I don't receive some club newsletters when people change positions. Send me your club newsletter or a report on your club meeting every month. Please update your club information for the FUN website, meeting location, contacts, etc., with Steve Martin at ismartin75@msn.com. Some clubs have not updated their information in years. I sent out a update form last month and only 4 clubs replied.

Free FUN Topics Magazine- Your FUN member club can receive free FUN Topics magazines. Contact Jay Chamberlain <u>jcflcoins@comcast.net</u> You just pay postage. A box of 50 costs your club \$20 P. & H.

Alachua County Numismatic Association- Alachua County Coin Club met for the first time in September 2024. It meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Fairfield Inn & Suites (3877 SW 37th Blvd, Gainesville) at 6:30 pm. President-John Darr; Vice President-Nate Glazer; Secretary-Nancy Darr: Treasurer-Gary Ross. Meetings include an educational presentation and a selling/buying opportunity for members and guests. Email: alachuanumis@gmail.com Facebook: Alachua County Coin Club Annual dues: \$15. The Alachua County Coin Club met on 3/18. We now have 31 members. Discussion was held about possibly hosting a 1- or 2-day show in December, but a site has not been identified. Members are now taking advantage of the monthly "Share & Sell" where they can bring numismatic items to share and possibly sell during the meeting. Member Gary Melby did a presentation about Counterfeit Coins.

Ancient City Coin Club- had 40 members at their last meeting. They had a silver round door prize, 3 raffle prizes, and 50/50 drawing. www.ancientcitycoinclub.com

Brandon Coin Club- meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Andrews United Methodist Church They had 35 members at their last meeting. There were door prizes, raffle prizes, and an auction. https://brandoncoinclub.org

Casselberry Coin Club- moved to the Casselberry Recreation center, 200 N Triplet Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707. They had a program on "Secrets of Coin Magic", by John Catiller. The meeting was on April 1st with an auction, a raffle and show and tell. casselberrycoin@gmail.com

Central Florida Coin Club- CFCC had a club booth at Summer FUN. Our team did very well interacting with the public at the show, especially the youngsters. The booth was a part of the FUN Trivia Challenge and assisted them in answering our question and giving out gifts for their participation. We have already had great results from our endeavors and have welcomed 4 new members at our last meeting in July. We played our customary games of "Let's Make a Deal", Educational Certificate Drawing, the Membership Drawing and had 50/50 drawings at each meeting this month, along with our auctions and our raffle drawings. At each meeting, we had several members share their finds and likes with us during our Show N Tell. David Strzalkowski presented "Tales from the Mint" at the first meeting and then Devon Webber, gave a presentation at the second meeting about challenge coins and how they fit into coin collecting and numismatics in general, titled "Courage in Coinage". Other news, our CFCC monthly coin show has changed venues and will now be located in Apopka at the Apopka Community Center located at 519 South Central Ave, Apopka, Florida. www.centralfloridacoinclub.org

Citrus County Coin Club- Our meeting on July 17th had 25 members present. The meeting was moved from July 10th to July 17th, as many of our members attended the F.U.N. show in Orlando. Our bus had 24 members riding to the show, which was subsidized by the F.U.N. organization. We had a "grade the Peace Dollars" participation. Three prizes were awarded for the top 3 scores. First prize went to Dino Milliucci, 2nd prize went to Darrell Marsh & 3rd prize to Donna Apel. They all won a graded Peace Dollar. Troy Younglove won the attendance Silver American Eagle. We had a silver raffle, and a 77-lot auction run by our president. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, the doors open at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. We meet at the Crystal River Armory, located at 8551 West Venible Street. 8551 W. Venible St., Crystal River, Florida 34429 bbandino@tampabay.rr.com

Clearwater Coin Club- They moved to their new meeting hall, Clearwater Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Dr.., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Meetings start at 6:30PM. They had auctions, 39-lots & 67-lots, refreshments, silver coin raffle, 50-50 drawing, and membership door prize. The club had its election of officers for 2025. President – Daniel Greenough, VP- Patrick Apel. clearwatercoinclub@yahoo.com

Florida Token Society- will meet on November 15th in S Daytona, FL. They will have lunch, a trading session, and an auction. Membership with FTS is only \$8. John & Nancy Wilson represented the Florida Token Society at FUN. Tjohnancyw@aol.com

Ft Lauderdale Coin Club- Their club meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month. The monthly coin show is the 3rd Sunday of every month. www.http://ftlauderdalecoinclub.com

Ft. Myers Coin Club- The June meeting of the Fort Myers Coin Club had 48 people in attendance. Tom Scopp did a PowerPoint presentation on the Patriotic American Eagle on Coins. And there was a 62 lot Auction and 60-item silent bid board refreshments were served, and six over eagles were raffled off. icflcoins@comcast.net

Fort Walton Beach Coin Club- 37 members and one guest attended the meeting. They had a silver dollar attendance prize and an auction. They had a presentation on "Theodore Roosevelt and the St. Gaudens Coin Design". They are now meeting at American Legion Post 235, 105 Hollywood Blvd NW, Ft Walton Beach, 2nd Tuesday, 6 PM Sharp. www.fortwaltonbeachcoinclub.com

Gold Coast Coin Club- They meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at a new location, 1301 S Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019. Their 1st Sunday of the month coin show is at the Hollywood Rotary Club at 24th Ave and Taylor Street. www.goldcoastcoinclub.com

Greater Daytona Coin Club- had a program on "Using Co-Pilot to make information tabs for coins, and how it works" by Bob Hawes. bobcoin@earthlink.net

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club – had 61 attend their meeting, that includes 51 members, 5 visitors, and 5 new members. The program was "Why I Started Collecting Coins" by Josh Pressel. They had door prizes, raffle, and an auction. greaterjacksonvillecoinclu@gmail.com

Ocala Coin Club- Their new meeting location is VFW, 4805 NE 36th Ave. Ocala, FL. They had 46 members, and 4 guests attended the meeting. They had a program on "An Overview of the Florida Legal Tender Act" by Richard Selvar, followed by door prizes, 50/50 drawing and the auction. www.ocalacoinclub@gmail.com

Palm Beach Coin Club- They had 42 and 64 members at the meetings. Three new members joined in July. They had 10 slab door prizes, 3 slab silver dollar raffle prizes, and a cash jackpot. They discussed Summer FUN. At the second meeting, Gregg Wagner had a program on "Three Cent Nickels, 1865-1889". The monthly coin show had 40 dealers manning 48 tables and about 375 attendees. www.pbcc.anaclubs.org

The Coin Club of Pasco County- holds its monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. An auction and a raffle are usually held. The club strives to educate its members with a monthly talk by a member, on different topics of coin history or recent numismatic events. Visitors are welcome. The location is The Elks Lodge, 9135 Denton Ave., Hudson, FL 34667 (use side entrance). For information call Chuck 727 534-7597 or www.PascoCoinClub.com Please call first to make sure the day hasn't changed.

Sarasota Coin Club meets monthly at 7PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Sahib Shriners Hall on 600 N Beneva Rd. in Sarasota. Each meeting is hosted to about 30 members & guests, a raffle with 4x \$10 Gift vouchers & 4x 1oz Silver bullion coins will be held as well as our approx. 50-coin auction. We discuss the state of the numismatic market, recent coin shows, we have a buy/sell board and sometimes enjoy a guest speaker. We hope to see you there & please know that visitors are always welcome! For more information, call 941-366-2191, visit sarasotanumismatics.com or email Ryan@sarasotanumismatics.com

South Brevard Coin Club- had 47 members and 1 new member at the meeting. They had a raffle, door prizes, and a program on "Stock Certificates" by Juan M. The monthly show had 27 dealers and 209 people in attendance. New officers for 2025 are, President- Bob Senton, VP- Bill Peters, Chair of the Board- Jim Nuara, Secretary- Paula Davis, Treasurer-Tim Janecke. http://southbrevardcoinclub.com

Tallahassee Coin Club- meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6-8 PM at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303. They had a show-ntell, and 2 raffle prizes. They discussed their July 26-27 coin show, had a silent auction and a regular auction.

Tampa Bay Coin Club- They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 706 113th Ave., Tampa, FL 33612. They had 32 members and 3 visitors at their meeting. They had door prizes and 50/50 drawing. The program was "Liberty Nickels, 1883-1912" by Michael Katich. The auction and silver raffle followed. www.tampabaycoinclub.org

Treasure Coast Coin Club- had a program on "History of the 1715 Fleet" by Jim Wilson. They had a 57-lot auction. newsletter@treasurercoastcoinclub.org

Venice Coin Club- The July meeting of the Venice Coin & Currency Club was attended by 38 members and 1 guest. We had 3 new members. Talked about our members' experiences at both Collectorama and Summer FUN. Josilee Koch made us guess 'what is the mystery country?'. Gary Lewis did a 'Tour of the ANA Headquarters and What it Can Offer'. We also had an auction & raffle. www.Venicecoinclub.com

IN THE NEWS

In China, coins and bank notes have largely disappeared from commerce and have been replaced by digital payments. Most shops and taxis now only accept QR codes, and many businesses no longer have a cash register. (courtesy of the Numismatist).