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# NORTHSIDE COIN CLUB



## COIN CHATTER

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P.O. Box 1837 Broomfield, CO 80038-1837

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Founded in 2001, Member: ANA, CWNA

### Upcoming Meeting Announcement

The monthly Northside Coin Club meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30) at the **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church** in Broomfield, see our web site [www.northsidecoinclub.org](http://www.northsidecoinclub.org) for directions. The church is located on the corner of Lowell Blvd and 121<sup>st</sup> Place, just a couple of blocks east of our old meeting site. When you turn off of 120<sup>th</sup> onto Perry, as if you were going to the old location, just take the first right onto 121<sup>st</sup> Place and go a couple of blocks until just before you get to Lowell Blvd. The Church will be on your right. Turn into the parking lot before you get to the church buildings.

### Other Announcements

**ANNUAL DUES are OVERDUE!** Dues are \$12 for Adult members and \$1 for Junior members. You can bring your check (made out to “Northside Coin Club”) or cash to the May meeting or mail your check to NSCC PO Box 1837 Broomfield, CO 80038-1837.

**RAFFLE PRIZE** – This month’s Raffle Prizes (A) TBD. (B) 1948 Washington Quarter graded MS-64 by NGC. (Prize offered depends on level of attendance, 12 or more in attendance will mean the A prize)

**PROGRAM** – The program this month will be “Colorado Numismatics” by Dave Jaeger.

**SNACKS** – No one has volunteered to bring snacks in May.

If you would like to bring snacks, just sign up on the attendance sheet for the month you would like to bring them.

No one has signed up yet to bring snacks for any other future meetings.

**COIN of the MONTH** – Foreign Coin (except not Canadian). Bring a nice, no problems coin, which you, as a collector, would like to have.

[The “Coin of the Month” works as follows. Bring one coin, of the type described as the featured coin of the month, preferably in a 2x2 or flip. If you bring a coin, you will get a ticket in the drawing and your coin goes into the pot. We then draw one ticket and the winner gets the entire pot of coins that were featured.

**SHOW and TELL** – Bring some interesting item from your collection that you would like to show the members and give a quick (1 minute) talk on.

**ANA NEWS** – The World’s Fair of Money is quickly approaching. It will be held in Denver on August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Convention Center in downtown Denver.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS** – Rod Gillis from the ANA will tentatively present a program in July.

**PRESENTER RAFFLE PRIZE** – 1940 Winged Liberty (Mercury) Dime graded MS-66 FB by NGC. The prize winner will be drawn in January 2018. Bob C. presented in January, John D’A presented in February, Dave F presented in March. Dave Wi presented in April.

**Minutes, Notes, and Happenings of last months’ meeting**

Last month’s meeting was held on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>. We had 14 members in attendance and 3 guests. We also had two new members join. Lauren E. and her father Scott. Lauren becomes our first new youth member in a couple of years. Lauren is also the one who was the winner of the auction basket in the Cross of Christ Lutheran church fund raising auction.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Terry K at 7:10.

We had 3 guests. Sandy E, new member Lauren’s Mom, John Fahey, the secretary of the Denver Coin club and a Type Coins collector, and Mike Kinchen, who collects a little of everything but leans towards Foreign coins. Mike is also a member of our host church.

Terry reviewed the previous shows. The Jeffco show had been attended by 3 to 4 club members and was one of the slowest shows in some time. There were also fewer dealers than normal in attendance. However Dealer Dave F. thought the show was OK while Dave We thought it was slow. The Ft. Collins show was attended by Michael S. who said it wasn’t that bad.

Terry then reported on upcoming Coin Shows.

There were a few coin magazines, Coin World’s, and Greysheets to borrow this month.

Terry reviewed the Coin of Month, Raffle, and Door Prizes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes that were in the Newsletter.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers reports. We currently have \$2920.73 in the club account. (Remember that any adult member may see the complete Treasurer’s report by simply requesting to view it at the meeting.)

Terry reviewed some interesting items in the news.

Coin World reported that the usual legislation to eliminate the 1 cent coin and \$1 bill and also change the composition of the nickel have been presented to Congress.

A 100 Kilo Coin (220 lbs), 20 inches in diameter, and worth 4 million dollars was stolen from the Bode Museum in Berlin Germany.

A Hoard of coins was found in a piano in Great Britain that contained more than 900 gold sovereigns. There were 633 full sovereigns and 280 half sovereigns dated between 1847 and 1915.

In Germany, Government agents where policing a coin show to watch what was being bought and sold.

They were looking for “Cultural Goods” being bought or sold that fall under a new laws.

New 2017 ASE minted in San Francisco sold out in 2 minutes.

Finally an 1804 Silver Dollar sold for \$3.29 Million during the auction of the Pogue Collection. This dollar was the Dexter specimen and was graded PR65. It is one of the Class I 1804 dollars.

Dave F. had a few bits of news.

A colonial coin that had circulated in California was found to be a Russian Kopek.

The British have redesigned the 1 “Pound” coin and will quit using the current version by October. This is due to massive counterfeiting of the current coin. You will have to exchange the current versions at banks.

### Old Business

No old business.

### New Business

No new business.

### Last Months' Show and Tell Recap

**Mike Z.** – Had a Mercury dime from his dad's collection that was a 1942 over 41 P. This is the more pronounced variety.

**Michael S.** – Said he had also found a 1942 over 41 D in his Grandfather's collection. Michael had also purchased a Barber dime set with 45 coins in it that had a few of the rarer dates and also had a hole plug in the 1894-S stating "Rare".

### Prize Winners

Coin of the Month: Pre-1999 non-silver Washington Quarter. The pot of 7 coins, was won by Joann L.

Door Prize: A 1943 Mercury dime graded AU58 by PCGS in an old Rattler slab, was won by Michael S.

Raffle Prize: A 1923-S Monroe Doctrine Centennial Half Dollar in VF30, was won by ?.

Youth Door Prize: 5 Wheat back Lincoln cents and a 1964 Proof Lincoln cent was won by new youth member Lauren E.

*Thanks again to Ron Z. for donating prizes that are specifically to be given to Junior members.*

### Program

The program was on "The Money of Greenland" by Dave Wi. Dave started the program with a litter history of Greenland and what people and countries had laid claim to it. Most early money was tokens made by various mining companies and used as company script. Greenland finally began producing their own money but due to small populations not much was needed. All money was produced by other minting facilities outside of Greenland. Greenland has also produced paper money.

### Requests

If you have pictures of coins that you would like to see in the Coin Chatter under the Coin Picture of the Month, please email them to your Secretary. I would prefer jpeg files that are 40k or less in size with a white background.

If you would like to write an article on a coin subject that interests you, and you think other members would be interested in that subject also, send it to your Secretary and it can be published in the Coin Chatter.

**The NSCC needs programs!** If you have a program idea or know of someone who can do a program at an upcoming NSCC meeting, contact the NSCC President or Secretary.

The President or Secretary can be contacted at [info@northsidecoinclub.org](mailto:info@northsidecoinclub.org)

# President's Notes

## Northside Coin Club Meeting May 9th, 2017

### News Items

All news items for this month were taken from the Coin Show Podcast, Episode 123. More information about this podcast is available at <http://www.coinshowradio.com/>. They talked about Intentional and Unintentional Varieties of The United States Mint. One item they discussed was the 1952 Superbird Washington Quarter. I had recommended they talk about this variety on the Coin Show Podcast Facebook page last year. See an article I wrote about the Superbird Quarter for the Front Range Coin Club Newsletter in 2014 at the end of this Newsletter in the editorial section.

1. **Cent Out, Nickel Changed**, April 22, 2017 by Numismatic News. **Story Summary:** Legislation calling for the end of production of the U.S. cent, the \$1 Federal Reserve Note and a change to the composition of the nickel has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senators John McCain, R-Ariz., and Mike Enzi, R. Wyo. Rather than outright abolition, the bill calls for a 10-year suspension of the production of the cent. Not later than three years after this suspension the Government Accountability Office would be ordered to study the effect of the suspension and recommend whether production should stay suspended or started up again. The legislation would set an end date for placing \$1 notes into circulation two years after passage into law. It orders the Federal Reserve Board of Governors to ensure adequate supplies of \$1 coins to meet demand for the denomination. A composition change would be ordered for the nickel, raising the copper content from the present 75 percent to 80 percent and reduce the nickel content from 25 percent to 20 percent.

**Story:** <http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/cent-nickel-changed>

2. **Government can keep 1933 \$20s**, April 21, 2017 by Numismatic News. **Story Summary:** A legal effort by the Langbord family to reclaim 10 1933 gold \$20s from the federal government failed after a dozen years when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal. Announcement of this decision April 17 left in place an Aug. 1, 2016, 9-3 ruling in favor of the government's position by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Complete Story:** <http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/government-can-keep-1933-20s>

3. **Mint starts art contest**, April 21, 2017 by Numismatic News. **Story Summary:** A coin design competition was to begin May 1 to find a design for the four 2019 Apollo 11 50th anniversary commemorative coins. It is literally a search for a single design to be used on the obverses of all the commemorative coins. The Mint is going to execute a common reverse design internally with its own sculptor-engravers because the design itself is already mandated by the authorizing legislation. As the Mint's website expresses it, the reverse design is to "be a representation of a close-up of the famous 'Buzz Aldrin on the Moon' photograph taken July 20, 1969, that shows just the visor and part of the helmet of astronaut Buzz Aldrin, including the reflection of astronaut Neil Armstrong, the United States flag, and the lunar lander."

**Complete Story:** <http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/mint-starts-art-contest>

4. **British Museum: Exclusive Video of Piano Gold Coin Hoard**, April 21, 2017 by Coin Week. **Story Summary:** Earlier this year, there a news story broke about a 913-piece gold coin hoard hidden inside a

vintage piano donated to a local community college in Great Britain in 2015. 633 sovereigns and 280 half sovereigns dating from 1847 to 1915, were carefully stacked under the keyboard in hand-stitched cloth pouches. The previous owners of the piano were unaware of the bounty inside for the entire 33 years it was in their possession. A piano tuner hired by the college to fix the newly acquired instrument made the surprising discovery. The six kilograms worth of gold coins were moved to the school's safe and held there while the court determined whether the hoard qualified as treasure under the 1996 Treasure Act. On Thursday, April 20, the coroner announced that it did. So far, no one has come forward with a claim on the gold, meaning that the discoverer and the community college would receive a percentage of the proceeds of any future sale of the coins. Some have suggested that the hoard of sovereigns represents the ill-gotten gains of a bank robbery.

**Complete Story:** <http://www.coinweek.com/editors-choice/british-museum-exclusive-video-of-piano-gold-coin-hoard/>

**5. How much money could you lift?**, April 23, 2017 by Numismatic News. **Story Summary:** Would you get rich if you could lift your weight in gold? In silver? In paper? There is a 1910 newspaper article that speculated on that. A treasury official was consulted on how much money the average man could lift in then-current denominations of gold, silver and paper. The story ends with a denomination list, using 200 pounds as a good lift:

- Gold coins, \$34,060
- Silver dollars, \$2,617
- Half dollars, \$3,636
- Quarters, \$3,657
- Dimes, \$3615.80
- Nickels, \$917
- Cents, \$295.61
- \$1 notes, \$71,111
- \$2 notes, \$142,222
- \$5 notes, \$355,555
- \$10 notes, \$711,110
- \$20 notes, \$1,422,220
- \$50 notes, \$3,555,550
- \$100 notes, \$7,111,110
- \$500 notes, \$35,555,550
- \$1,000 notes, \$71,111,100

Of course, if you could get 200 pounds of the \$10,000 Gold Certificates, you would have \$711,111,000.

**Complete Story:** <http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/much-money-lift>

Bob Carr  
President, Northside Coin

## UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

### MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>

DENVER COIN EXPO  
NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX – EXPO HALL  
I-70 & BRIGHTON BLVD. EXIT  
DENVER, CO

10AM TO 6PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY

10AM TO 4PM SATURDAY

ADMISSION \$5.00/DAY \$8.00/3-DAY PASS

CONTACT: CHUCK HAYS (720) 445-4093

[ROCKYMTNEXPOS.COM](http://ROCKYMTNEXPOS.COM)

### JUNE 22<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN SHOW  
FREEDOM FINANCIAL SERVICES EXPO CENTER  
3650 N. NEVADA AVE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907

THUR. 9AM TO 5PM

FRI. 9AM TO 6PM

SAT. 9AM TO 4PM

CONTACT: KEN BYRD (719) 641-2700

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END OF 2017

## Interesting Coin Facts

Three cent pieces were made in two different metals from 1865 through 1873. Silver three cent pieces or Trimes were minted from 1851 through 1873. Nickel three cent pieces were minted from 1865 through 1889. The Nickel three cent pieces were minted because people were hoarding the silver Trimes. Also nearly the entire production of the non-proof silver Trimes from 1863 through 1872 were melted in 1873 making these years much more valuable and harder to find.

## Secretary's Editorial Page

(Views here are mine and may not reflect the views of the NSCC or its other officers)

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter or an editorial to be used in the "Secretary's Editorial Page", just email it to me at [info@northsidecoinclub.org](mailto:info@northsidecoinclub.org).

The following article was provided by President Bob C.

### **1952 Superbird Washington Quarter**

A couple of months ago, a customer called the store where I work to ask about the availability of a 1952 proof set. I gave him a price and told him we had some available for him to pick from. After hanging up the phone, something in the back of my mind said there was something more to the quarter in that proof set. After a little bit of web research, I found an article on PCGS's web site that jogged my memory: Jaime Hernandez on October 8, 2013 wrote the following: *In 1952, a proof Washington Quarter was produced containing a letter "S" on the eagle's chest on the reverse side of the coin. After its discovery, collectors quickly referred to it as the Superbird Quarter, comparing it to the Superman hero character. In the 1950s, the Superman TV show was so extremely popular that some experts believe that a Mint employee intentionally added the "S" mint mark on the eagle's chest as a way of supporting the Superman show. It's now been over 50 years since its discovery and no further information has developed on how this variety occurred, and more than likely we will just never know. But one thing is for certain - this is a very interesting variety.*

After finding out what to look for, I looked at the dozen or so 1952 proof sets we had at the store, both in the original mint packaging and in plastic Capital holders. Sure enough, we had one Superbird quarter. It is one of those errors that is difficult to see with the naked eye – you need a loupe to see this error.

The Superbird variety is currently only found on the 1952 Proof Washington Quarters. Like the low- and high-leaf 2004-D Wisconsin State Quarter, the Superbird symbol may have been a deliberate engraving on a die. Many collectors are unaware of this variety, but this variety is widely recognized by many variety specialists and many numismatic references. The Superbird variety is worth a small premium in all grades, but it is worth a significant premium in cameo or deep cameo.

In a December 16, 2009 Coin Update article by Michael Bugeja that the Superbird Washington Quarter lost its NGC attribution. Mr. Bugeja sent in a quarter expecting it to receive the Superbird attribution, but NGC isn't doing that anymore.

The owner of the store sent the quarter into PCGS for grading with a batch of other coins, and it came back graded PR65 "Superbird" FS-901. He offered to sell it to me, and I bought it. As with most of the Superbird variety quarters, the top portion of the "S" is more prominent and the lower part of the "S" is more faint but still detectable with a loupe.

**Bob Carr, FRCC Newsletter.** I retired from the federal government 3 years ago. I worked as an ammunition inspector and in many different jobs involving computers, the last being a project manager. Since I retired, I worked 14 months at Christopher's Rare Coins and Fine Jewelry in Des Moines, IA and I have worked for the past 11 months at Tebo Coin in Boulder. I very much enjoy having a part-time job where I am paid to learn more about my hobby.

