

Coin Chronicles

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EAC Convention 2017 50th Anniversary

-Joe Pargola

As Numismatists, we seek, collect and appreciate historical artefacts of wealth, value and commerce. Primarily this is money, coins and currency. There are many other worlds and forms of numismatic objects, however, most accumulate and appreciate the coin and currency variety. This year marks the 50th year of an organization that dedicates itself to the Early American Coppers. Whether you are enamoured of Gold or Silver varieties which denote higher values, there is an undeniable allure to the appearance of Early Copper Coins. Pre 1776 Copper coinage has a distinct following within the group and cross over to the C4 or Colonial Coin Collectors Club, which was once a part of this group. But, it is the first coins minted by our newly

minted country that have the most effect on the members.

The Coinage Act or the Mint Act, passed by the United States Congress on April 2, 1792, created the United States dollar as the country's standard unit of money, established the United States Mint, and regulated the coinage of the United States. The first coin minted under the act, and therefore the first official coin of the Unit-

ed States, was the half disme (dime). According to legend these first half disme coins were minted from Martha Washington's silverware.

The half cent and cent were made of pure copper and were the first real production coins of the new Philadelphia Mint. The 1793 Cents had three varieties, Flowing hair, Wreath Vine and Bars and the Liberty Cap. Each of these has sub-



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COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

By Bill Liatys

April 2017

LOCAL SHOW SCHEDULE

PARSIPPANY *April 2nd at Sunday 9 AM – 3 PM*
Pal Bldg 33 Baldwin Road Parsnippany NJ

BURLINGTON *April 9th Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*
Burlington Mason Lodge Route 541 Burlington, NJ

TREVOSE *No Show Easter Sunday*

TRI-STATE COIN & STAMP SHOW *April 23rd Sunday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM*
Sheraton Bucks County 400 Oxford Valley Road Langhorne, PA

WHITMAN COIN & COLLECTIBLES *March 30th to April 2nd Thursday – Sunday*
Thursday – Noon – 6 PM Friday – Saturday - 10 AM – 6 PM Sunday – 10 AM – 3 PM
Baltimore Convention Center One W. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD

RED ROSE COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW *April 1 Saturday 9 AM – 3:30 PM*
Farm & Home Center 1383 Arcadia Road Lancaster, PA

2017 EARLY AMERICAN COPPERS (EAC) *April 20 – April 23*
Thursday – Sunday Thursday – Dealers Only Friday – Saturday – 9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday – 10 AM – 3 PM
Doubletree by Hilton Phila. Center City 237 Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA

GSNA 42nd Annual Convention 2017 *Thursday May 18 - 12PM to 6PM*
Friday May 19 - 10AM to 6PM Saturday May 20 - 9AM to 4PM *Ukrainian Cultural*
Center - Somerset, NJ



variations and distinctions having to do with die states. Books have been written about these Cents and are followed by the members of EAC in search of the newest discovery of additional die state variations. The half cent was produced concurrently

Well maybe. But that is the love and dedication to early copper that is apparent in this group. The form was minted until 1857, after which Petey, the resident eagle in the old mint, who met his death by the swinging arm of a press, was honoured. Well, at least that was the story. If you have interest in early copper coins, or would like to know more, I highly recommend that you visit the



Congratulations

Allen Brock

36 Years of Operation

Tri-State

Coin and Stamp Show

Allen Brock has been a collector for 56 years and has recently moved Tri-State from Williamson's Restaurant to the Bucks County Sheraton in Langhorne. Fourth Sunday of each month.



in one variety. It is impressive to me how, in the turmoil of an emerging country, we could legislate, build a mint facility and produce coins. Notwithstanding the production challenge, these are the most thoughtful and artful pieces of time. The flowing hair beauty of the first coins are breath taking in mint state. In fact a beauty in every state, Last year I read an article about grunge coins and how each had its own character in longevity. Obsessive?

web site <http://www.eacs.org>, join the group and attend the 50th anniversary convention.



50th Anniversary
 Convention and Show
 Early American Coppers
 April 19-23, 2017
 Doubletree by Hilton
 Philadelphia Center City
 237 South Broad Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19107
 (215) 893-1684

Articles Wanted

If you have a topic you'd like to be covered in the Newsletter... write an article or submit your idea. Don't be shy....do it. All entries are welcome. Articles will appear in the Newsletter as soon as possible and might be edited for space consideration, not editorial content.





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NATIONAL COIN WEEK 2017, APRIL 16-22

CONFLICT AND COURAGE: MONEY AND THE MILITARY

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of United States involvement in "The War to End All Wars," World War I. To honor the connection between numismatics and the military throughout history, "Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military" is the theme for the 94th annual National Coin Week. The ANA is offering a variety of activities and educational resources:

- An online trivia challenge. Every day from April 18-22, a new clue will be released on this page. Participants submit their answers online for a chance to win great prizes.
- The annual Club Trivia Challenge, where ANA member clubs test their numismatic knowledge.
- Online articles, links, a youth activity and promotional materials (see below).
- An open house at the Money Museum in Colorado Springs on April 22.

Prizes for the online video quiz and club trivia challenge are as follows:

- 1st Prize: 2017 American Eagle one tenth ounce proof coin and 2017 America the Beautiful Quarters proof set

- 2nd Prize: 2011 P Medal of Honor proof silver dollar and 2017 America the Beautiful Quarters proof set

- 3rd Prize: 1994-P Women in Military Service proof silver dollar and 2017 America the Beautiful Quarters proof set

ANS Saturday Lecture Series

The ANS curators and fellows are pleased to announce a new lecture series, "Money Talks: Numismatic Conversations." In this monthly interactive lecture series, appropriate for all levels of coin collectors and enthusiasts, attendees will view relevant coins, banknotes, or medals while learning about the broader world of numismatics. Light meals will be served, and Q&A sessions will follow. To ensure these events are as accessible as possible to all, most will take place on Saturdays at the ANS headquarters in New York City. On a few occasions, these Numismatic Conversations will take place at other venues. For information www.numismatics.org



Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it.

Benjamin Franklin

Meeting Schedule

The Trenton Numismatic Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the

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