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Newsletter of the Glendale Coin Club

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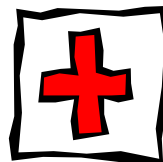
At the end of this month and crossing over into June comes the Long Beach Coin & Stamp Expo. This is a humungous coin show, and if you've never been to one of the Expos you really should make an effort to go to this one. They're held three times a year (February, June, and October) and contain about a billion dealers of everything from tokens to gold coins, ancients to modern, in short: everything from everywhere.

I wrote up a short something in the March issue regarding the February show, and hopefully that piqued your interest enough to get you to go to the one held this June. It will be start on May 31st and go through June 3rd. The show is held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center located at 100 S. Pine Street in Long Beach. Public admission is normally \$5 for all four days, but with your GCC membership card you'll get in for only \$2.

You can visit their website at www.prelongbeachexpo.com for more information.

Get Well Soon, Joyce!

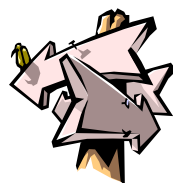
I just last night got an email from Earl Fritcher. I'll repeat it here verbatim:



"For your info—Joyce had a heart surgery by-pass Wednesday (May 2nd). We called the hospital (Kaiser) to find out how she is doing; she was up and doing a little walking this morning (Thursday). We talked to her nurse and the nurse said she was coming along good. By the time of our next meeting hopefully she will be back home."

I know I speak for all of the members when I say we hope she has a speedy, comfortable, and complete recovery.

Lost Members



Help! Have you seen these lost GCC members recently? If so, perhaps you could pass along a good word to see if you could help them find their way back into our midst...we miss them:

David Armen
Ed Casaus
Yanna Fuquay

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Kathy Messerly
Gary Okum
Pearson Family
Dennis Rocklein
Bill Smith

These were all paid-up members in the year 2000, but we haven't seen any dues or other word from them this year. Give them a shout if you can and help them return to the fold. And while you're at it, pass along the news of our meetings to any other folks you know who might be interested.

We Get Letters

The ole GCC mailbag received a few donations from the mailman (I guess I should say, mailperson) recently.



- Mrs. Mark Peterson wrote to say that she has some silver dollars and other items for sale, and wanted to know the ad rate for the club newsletter. I mailed her back with the info, but in advance, if someone wants to write her in interest, she can be

reached at:

N9237 Peterson Lane
Westboro, WI 54490

• If anyone out there likes to write and thinks they may have a numismatic best-seller within them (or maybe just a good-seller), we received word from Rhonda Herman (rherman@mcfarlandpub.com), one of the editors at McFarland Publishing, that they're seeking manuscripts, proposals, and book ideas on coin collecting. Her snail mail address is:

McFarland
Box 611
Jefferson, NC 28640

• Addressed to "Mr. Glendale Coin Club" (whoever he is) we received a LONG-DISTANCE airmail from Mrs. J. Mary of India (wow!). She writes:

"Kindly allow me to introduce myself as a Christian interested in collecting U.S. coins, world coins, bi-metal coins, ship coins, etc. It is my long day desire to have friendly correspondence and trade coins with the members of your club. Hence I



request that you kindly arrange to circulate my letter among the members of your club, so that I can get many friends. As my want list is very big, I need many friends. Are you laughing? I need...*(here she lists a lot of different items; let me know if you'd like to review the letter—Editor Greg)*... I have a lot of doubles from this part of the world and also U.S. and other countries. So, members can write me with confidence.

Mrs. Mary can be reached by email or snail mail at the following: george_55@yahoo.co.uk *(I think she put an extra period between the "u" and the "k", but try it either way.)*

Mrs. J. Mary
C/o G.G.S. Electricals
West Main Road
Mettur Dam-636 401
Salem District, India

• Chris Faulkner writes: "Hi...I've taken your name from the [GCC] web site, so I hope you don't mind me asking for some information in relation to some numismatic research that I'm doing. I gather that Vreeland Fraser was the first President of your club (sometime in the 50s?). Do you happen to know, by any chance, whetyher Fraser was a judge? I'm trying to identify a "Judge Fraser", who may have owned a coin I'm trying to pedigree. I look forward to hearing from you when you get a chance."

If anyone (Bea, Murray, other early members?) knows if Vreeland Fraser was a judge, please pass that info along to me and I'll forward it to Chris (as well as put it on the club website's history page).



New member, Michal Paz (Oded Paz's daughter) does the runner's duties at the last meeting, while Treasurer Mary Yahalom doles out the dough.

New Wonderful Workers List

President	Bob Vick
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2nd VP	<open>
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Asst. Treasurer	<open>
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Board	Tom Redmond
Board	Jerry Yahalom
Board	Greg Burns

Proposed Bylaws

So far, the only comments on the proposed bylaws I've heard are those from member Mark Watson. Mark wrote a detailed email covering several suggestions. My recommendation is that any others who have input do so quickly, because I suspect this will be a key topic at the next Board of Directors meeting. I think this is pretty important stuff, as it determines how we run the club. So if you've ever wanted to feel like your voice counted, let it be heard now!



Tom Redmond (l.) passes along a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Jerry Yahalom (c.) for providing our program over the last two meetings, while President Bob Vick (r.) looks on.

Membership Numbers Struggling

You can see from the chart at the bottom of the page that our membership is down from it's high of last year, and, in fact, is at it's lowest point of the last six years.

One of the problems contributing to this decline is the absence of any coordinated effort at new member recruitment. The club used to attend local area coin shows and maintain a table with hand-outs, sign-up sheets, club meeting information, etc. This was a good way to get the word out about the GCC and the benefits of membership. I remember how vigorously Bill Randolph (a club President from years ago) used to extol the members to volunteer their time to sit at the club show table and talk to passers-by. This was an effective approach, and resulted in a steady stream of new mem-

bers over the years I observed it in action.

I'm sure there's other ways of making contact with potential members. For example, we maintain a website (which has drawn in most of the recent members) as well as being listed in the ANA's literature and on their website. These broad-based approaches are good, but they're all widespread and geographically broad, which diffuses their local effectiveness. And it's that local aspect that makes our club so special.

Please think: is there some way you could contribute to the solution to the club's membership decline? Perhaps we could get someone to volunteer as a "Membership Chairperson" to focus our efforts in this area. Think about this and let's discuss it at the next Board of Directors meeting (everyone is welcome to these, by the way.)

Punjab Campaign Medal

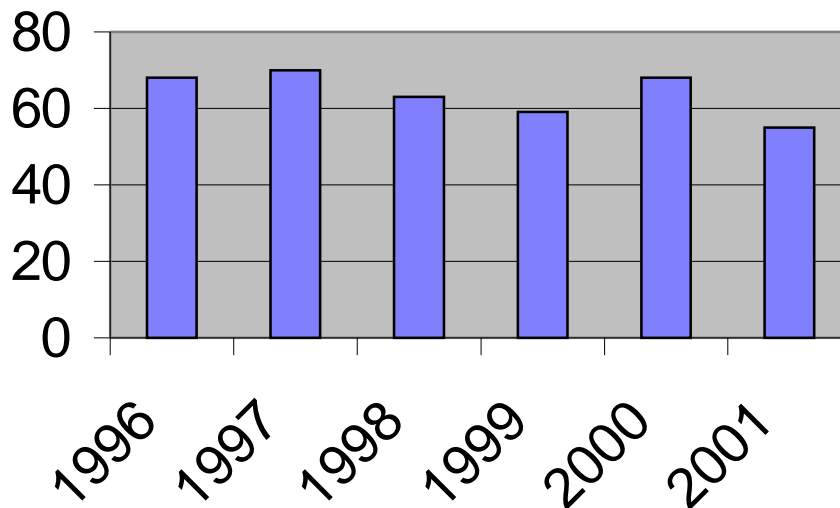
(An ANA Money Talks radio script from the ANA's website.)

By Matthew Rockman

In the middle of the 19th century, the British and the Sikhs fought for control of Western India. The British fighters in this territorial war received a special medal . . . which now serves as a potent reminder of the horrors of imperialist passions.



Number of Members



In December, 1848, the Sikh army took control of the city of Mooltan, in an area controlled by Britain. The British promptly lay siege to the city. On December 30th, a British cannon-ball hit Mooltan's gun-powder magazine, blowing 400,000 pounds of gunpowder, and 500 of the city's defenders, to eternity. The city surrendered on January 22nd.

At the same time, the British were attacking the nearby Sikh army. The battle was fierce . . . and it raged on, savagely, until night closed in on both armies. There were no winners.

The conclusive battle came more than a month later. The Sikhs fired on the attacking Brit-

ish, until both sides ran out of ammunition. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting followed, and the weight of sheer numbers gave the victory to the British.

The Queen sanctioned a medal for her troops. The medal's front side shows the portrait of Queen Victoria. The reverse side shows the Sikh army surrendering their arms and colors to a mounted officer. The legend reads "TO THE ARMY OF THE PUNJAB - 1849." The medal hangs from a blue and yellow ribbon, and it was awarded to the British fighters in this costly war for empire.

The British also issued a proclamation, stating that the Kingdom of the Sikhs no longer existed. The medals were issued, and the campaign in the Punjab was over . . . but not the problem of independence for the Sikhs. In fact, that problem is still with the world today . . . except now, it is India, rather than Britain, that's most directly affected by it.

Nicknames for Paper Money

(An ANA Money Talks radio script from the ANA's website.)

By Gene Hessler

Most of us have grown-up with a nickname or two. Some of us still carry them today. And our paper money is no different!

The \$10 bill issued in 1901 had a battleship as its central design, until an American buffalo replaced it. As you might guess, this extremely popular note is often referred to by collectors as the "buffalo bill."

Five years earlier, another \$10 bill was issued with the portrait of Thomas Hendricks. Hendricks had been Grover Cleveland's Vice President for nine months until he died in office. As a gesture to honor Hendricks, his portrait appeared on a \$10 silver certificate. The portrait is set in a frame that resembles a tombstone. And this note is called the "tombstone note."

The \$10 bill first issued in

1869 features a small eagle at the lower center. When the note is turned up-side down, the eagle resembles a donkey's head. Collectors call this the "jackass note."

The \$100 and \$1000 bills were issued back in 1890. On the back of each, the denomination appears in large numerals. The broad zeroes are decorated with lines that resemble a melon, with a red interior, and these are called "watermelon notes."

And then there's the first paper money ever issued by the federal government. It was in 1862 and it was issued to help pay for the Civil War. The backs of the bills were printed with green ink. The green ink was a counterfeit deterrent, since no one outside the government has ever been able to perfectly duplicate the ink's formula. Its from this green ink that we get the term "greenback," a nickname still used today for our paper money.



"Jackass Note" of 1869: turned upside down the eagle supposedly resembles a donkey's head. Hee-haw, hee-haw! Give it a try, even though the copy you're looking at may be a little marginal, your imagination will likely fill in the image for you.

This Month—Our 503rd Meeting



Program

I'm not sure what Tom has in mind for the May meeting, but I know that one topic of discussion will be the nominations for the upcoming elections (to be held in June). Hope everyone has thought about how their volunteering could help the club!

Birthdays

- Mark Watson5/1
- Christopher Watson5/18
- Wilfred Gamble5/18
- David Maseredjian, Jr.5/19
- Jennie Maseredjian5/30
- Jennifer Watson5/30



Did we forget your birthday? If so, let our newsletter editor know for next year!

Door Prizes

This is one of the donated-items months (February, May, August, and November). Please think about donating for the next one in August.

- 1956 Proof Quarter Dollar
- 1995 Ecuador 100 Sucres Bi-metallic
- 1964 Silver Quarter Dollar
- 1916 D Barber Quarter Dollar
- 1985 Israel Piefort (extra thick) Mint Set
- 1958 D Unc. (R&B) Lincoln Cent
- 1971 S Proof Jefferson Nickel
- 1964 D Silver Roosevelt Dime
- 2 Peso Mexican Gold



Refreshments

Dorsille and Earl Fritcher will be bringing the refreshments for the May meeting. I'll bet Earl will try and tell us he brought all the crowd's favorites (the same we he always takes credit for Dorsille's error coins...)



Last Month, April 2001—Meeting Results

Attendance—22

Early Bird Prize

Earl Fritcher pecked away with the 1909 D Barber dime.



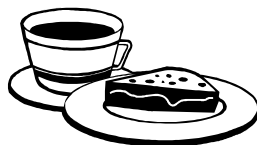
Show and Tell

- Denise Ballard Coins, etc.
- Mary Purnell "Can't take me anywhere" Auction
- Dorsille Fritcher *** Error Coins
- Joe Purnell Puzzled
- Earl Fritcher * Doubled Die Half
- Bob Vick ** Silver Eagle

** Indicates the number of dollars worth of door prize tickets won during the Show and Tell drawing.*

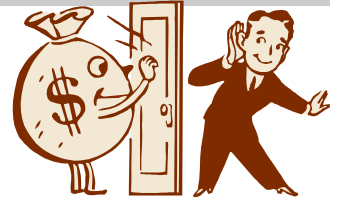
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I (Greg) brought enough calories to fully fuel the GCC membership into the next century. Thanks to me!



Door Prize Winners

- 1909 D Barber Dime (Early Bird) Earl Fritcher
- 1903 Barber Quarter Dorsille Fritcher
- 1920 S Walking Liberty Half Mark Watson
- 1950 Franklin Half Michal Paz
- 1951 Franklin Half Bob Vick
- 1964 Kennedy Half Tom Redmond
- 2000 Silver Eagle Mary Purnell
- 1881 Morgan Dollar (Special Prize). Jerry Yahalom
- 2 1/2 Peso Gold Ina Mauck



Special Prize

Jerry Yahalom whistled a happy tune as he picked up the 1881 Morgan dollar.



Membership Drawing

We didn't have the numbered chips...maybe next month.





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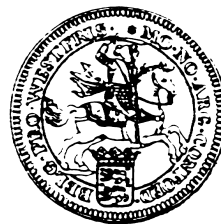
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