

The SJCSRA Coin Club Newsletter

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Club meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm) at the Oh Mie Stelle! Bakery, 969 Pine Log Rd, Aiken, SC

Message from the editor:

Welcome to the latest edition of the SJCSRA Coin Club Newsletter. Happy Summer!

Reminder: the July 2nd club meeting will start at 6:30pm. I hope to see you all there.

Help make this newsletter flourish. I encourage all members to write an article about your favorite numismatic topic and share it. Submissions are asked to be received by the 20th of each month to allow for editing and/or formatting.

Beginning with this issue the club's Buy-Sell-Trade listings are active.

The club has been actively updating our email contact list. Please notify Secretary Jim Mullaney at the club's email of all corrections, updates, missing names, new additions, etc.

A reminder that club dues are \$15 and were due on April 1st. The by-laws require payment within 60 days (May 31st) to maintain good standing in the club.

Thank you,
Gene Belair

Collecting Modern U. S. Commemorative Proof Half Dollars

Commemorative coins have always had an attraction for me. Typically they represent an historic event, moment in time, person of interest, national pride, etc. These coins are an interesting side track from collecting date sets of hundreds of coins with the only differences from coin to coin is the date and mint mark.

The US early commemorative halves of 1892 to 1954 were made of 90% silver and were issued as business (MS) strikes. Some are very common and can be had for little over their silver value while others are quite difficult to acquire and when found will cost a pretty penny. Proofs of some of these issues exist but are very expensive.

In 1982, the U. S. began to issue clad half dollars in business strike and proof finishes. (Actually, the 1982 issue is 90% silver.) Because these coins have no precious metal content, their intrinsic value is low making them affordable to budget minded collectors. Most were sold individually encapsulated and in small cases. They also have relatively small mintages as low as only 8,448 (2022-D Negro Leagues). Some were included in multi-coin sets which may have included the silver dollar and/or the gold five dollars. Today the clad halves are readily available and can be purchased for less than \$50 each in their original packaging. Per the 2026 Red Book, a complete set of 68 BU + Proof issues would cost approx. \$1500.

My preference is for the deep cameo proof issues which to my eye provide more detail of the design with the cameo contrast improving the eye appeal. As of this writing there are 34 coins in the set. The 35th coin, 250th SemiQ Liberty, will be issued later this summer. Below are photos of the proof issues. (Note: all photos are from PCGS TruViews or Coinfacts except the 2025 USMC which I found by Google search.)

Enjoy!





1989-S Congress Bicentennial



1991-S Mount Rushmore Golden Anniv.



1992-S Christopher Columbus 500th



1992-S XXV Olympiad



1993-P (1991-1995) World War II 50th



1993-S Bill of Rights, James Madison



1994-P World Cup



1995-S Civil War Battlefield Preservation





1995-S Atlanta Olympics, Basketball



1995-S Atlanta Olympics, Baseball



1995-S Atlanta Olympics, Swimming



1995-S Atlanta Olympics, Soccer



2001-P U.S. Capitol Visitor Center



2003-P First Flight Centennial



2008-S Bald Eagle Recovery



2011-S U.S. Army

 2013-S 5 Star Generals	 2014-S National Baseball Hall of Fame
 2015-S U.S. Marshals Service 225th	 2016-S National Parks Service 100th
 2017-S Boys Town Centennial	 2018-S Breast Cancer Awareness
 2019-S Apollo 11 50th	 2019-S American Legion 100th



2020-S Basketball Hall of Fame 60th



2020-S Basketball Hall of Fame 60th Color



2021-S National Law Enforcement Museum



2022-S Negro Leagues Baseball



2022-S National Purple Heart Hall of Honor



2024-S Greatest Generation



2024-S Harriet Tubman Bicentennial



2025-S U.S. Marine Corps 250th

Which is your favorite? Mine is the 2019-S Apollo 11 50th Anniversary.

What do you like to collect? Tell us about it, write the story.

Gene Belair

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- PCGS *TruView* and *CoinFacts*, Collectors Universe, 2026

SJCSRA Club Meeting Notes from June 4, 2026

Vice President Typhany Nordeen called the regular meeting of the coin club to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Oh Mie Stelle Bakery on Pine Log Road. There were 23 members and one visitor attending. Glen Sanders won the door prize, a 2024 ¼ ounce silver Britannia.

Jim Sproull announced upcoming coin shows in the region.

JJ Engel made a motion which Sharon Smoot seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the May Meeting Minutes will be on file with the other club records and the Minutes are also reported in the Club newsletter.

Chuck Goergen reported that the Coin Show books has been reconciled, and the net income from the show was \$3014. Our current balance is \$6095.24.

Old Business:

Steve Kuhl reminded us that there will be educational seminars at the SCNA October Convention in Greenville. Information is available on the SCNA website – www.sc-na.org.

The start time for our club meetings will be 6:30 starting with the July meeting next month. This year there will be two one-day seminars: Introduction to Coin Grading and Introduction to Currency Grading. There will also be a two-day seminar on Intermediate Coin Grading. See the SCNA website for details on these seminars.

New Business:

Jim Mullaney discussed how to submit items for a new section of our newsletter to Buy-Sell-Trade items between club members. A form and more information was included with the club newsletter.

Show & Tells:

- Glen Sanders – Shared items the U.S. mint has issued so far for the Semiquincentennial coins: the nickel, dime, 2 quarters, and half dollar. He related how the mint prices were marked up and the dealer premiums are even higher.
- Gene Belair – he came across medals he'd held for decades from the 350th anniversary of Santa Fe, NM (1960). He remarked that coincidentally he'd recently bought a Hyundai Santa Fe vehicle, so the coincidence was interesting.
- Typhany Nordeen – discussed a medical issue she is having with her spinal cord

Program:

May's program was presented by Tony Chibarro from the Columbia area. Tony is an honorary life member of our club who is active with the SCNA and has published several books on SC tokens and bank notes. The program was on *The Charleston Exposition and its Numismatic Legacy*.

The Charleston (SC) Exposition was held from the fall of 1901 to late spring 1902, on the heels of the 1901 World's Fair in Buffalo NY. It was held on land that is occupied by the Citadel today near the Ashley River. The attendance was fairly low (~675,000) in part due to the cold, wet winter that year. The Charleston Exposition occurred due to the efforts of Col. John H. Averill, John C. Hemphill, and Capt. F.W. Wagener. Bradford L. Gilbert of NY was picked to be Chief Architect. Because of difficulties with financing and the low attendance, the expo company went bankrupt and placed into receivership.

Several large buildings were erected for the fair within a 12-month period, but they were primarily facades with little internal structure. Because of their design for temporary use, most were removed within a few years after the expo. The Cotton Palace was the largest constructed, 350 ft long and 150 ft tall, containing 50,000 square feet.

Tony presented various numismatic items associated with the expo. These included Expo Medals awarded to exhibitors, advertising tokens based on the Expo Medals, various souvenir tokens from the expo, elongated coins with several designs, encased coins, trade tokens, celluloid pin-back buttons & pocket mirrors, souvenir badges, and poster stamps. Tony also had admission tickets and postcards from the expo.

The entire club enjoyed the informative presentation on a little-known event from our state's history.

Jim Sproull, assisted by Jim Mullaney, conducted the monthly club auction.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Mullaney,
Secretary**

Calendar of Events

MONTH	DATES	SHOW	LOCATION
Jul 31	Aug 2	Low Country Coin Show (SCNA LIFE MEMBER CLUB)	Exchange Park Fairgrounds, 9860 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC Contact: Randy Clark, TwoBuckRandy@yahoo.com (843) 367-0141; www.lowcountrycoinclub.com
Aug	28 & 29	Sumter Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	FRI: 11 AM - 6 PM; SAT: 9 AM - 4 PM Saint Mark Banquet and Conference Center 2320 Four Bridges Road, Sumter SC CONTACT: sumtercoinclub@gmail.com
Sep	18 & 19	Camden Coin Club, Camden SC (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Camden City Arena, 420 Broad Street Camden, SC camdencoinclub.com ; camdencoinclub@gmail.com 803-713-5311
Oct	2 - 4	68th Annual NCNA Convention & Coin Show	Cabarrus Arena & Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, North Carolina 28025 Contact: Perry Siegel, (704) 488-4787; herakles@herakles-inc.com
Oct	10	PEE DEE Area Coin Club Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	SIMT Building Florence-Darlington Technical College 1951 Pisgah Road, Florence, South Carolina 29501 Contact: Pat Patton, 803-403-5607 or 843-413-9373 http://peedeearcoinclub.com/
Oct	29 - 31	SC Numismatic Association's 54th Annual Convention & Coin Show and AUCTION! SHOW DAYS: THURS, FRI, & SAT.	TD Convention Center 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 Bourse Chairman Marc Kosanovich Phone: 864-275-3204 mkosan5173@aol.com
Nov	6 & 7	Midlands Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	The Medallion Center 7309 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC e-mail: MidlandsCoinClub@gmail.com
Nov	20 & 21	Augusta Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Columbia County Exhibition Center, 212 Partnership Dr., Grovetown, GA; Contact: Steven Nix; 706-267-9602; fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com

(courtesy of the SCNA)

2 shows not included in the SCNA list:

July 8-11, Summer FUN in Orlando, FL funtopics.com/content/summer-fun/info.html

August 25-29, ANA World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh, PA [World's Fair of Money® : American Numismatic Association](http://World'sFairofMoney.com)

SJCSRA Members Only BUY-SELL-TRADE

Listing items in this section is a **MEMBERS-ONLY** benefit of the SJCSRA Coin Club.

- Email your listing to sjcsracoinclub@gmail.com by the 23rd of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.
- Listings will post for four months or until superseded by listing individual. Listings can be re-posted without change by email request.
- Listings can be up to a half page in length.
- Listings will be posted in sequence received with newest on top (may be rearranged for page breaks).
- Please keep all listings Numismatic in nature: coins, paper money, tokens, medals, coin supplies/books/catalogs/magazines/etc. No stamps, comic books, sports cards, etc.
- Disclaimer: not responsible for typos or errors. Always confirm availability/prices with the listing individual.
- Ads should be formatted as follows:

Member name (contact method: phone/email) **WANTED or FOR SALE or TRADE**
Detail description of item(s) for sale – wanted – trade. [date added]

Gene Belair (860-609-1041) **WANTED**
Buying (and Selling) the Coins, Tokens, Medals, and Currency of Canada. [7/26]

The Stephen James CSRA Coin Club

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