

Rochester Numismatic Association

America's Oldest Continuously Operating Coin Club – ANA Branch #2 – Life Club #8
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From the President

Hello again! If you're away from Rochester for the winter, if you've moved out of town or if you simply haven't made it to a meeting in a few months, this is the first time you've heard from the RNA in...well, too long.

To those of you wondering what happened to your RNA newsletter, the answer is that we've gone for two months without one.

I'm sorry to report the resignation of our secretary, Melanie Bael, who had no idea when she accepted the position last year that she'd have to deal with the untimely death of her father, as well as with the (happy) stress of planning a wedding to our vice president, Jason Childers, in May.

We're grateful to Melanie for her work as our secretary – and now we need your help.

Every bit of work that takes place in our club is done by volunteers. From the coin show, which would never happen without the hard work of chairman Bill Coe and his many assistants, to the planning of our banquet, picnic and other events, if it's not done by a volunteer, it doesn't happen.

That's where you come in. If you've never been part of our team of officers, there's no better time than the present.

We'll be naming a new secretary in the next month or so, and the spring will bring elections that will require nominations for treasurer (as David Gottfried completes two years in that post) and several board positions.

Please do your part for *your* RNA. If you're interested, please contact Nominating Committee chair Dan White (248-9449) or committee members Darlene Corio (624-5323) or Ursula Loose (244-0240) right away. Your club needs you!

Scott Fybush

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 12 February – 8 PM

Jim Sanders speaks on "The Other American Colonial Coins." Learn about the coins that circulated in American territories like the Virgin Islands and Hawaii

Tuesday 26 February – 8 PM

Dan White speaks on "The Crime of 1873"
There will be a board meeting at 7 PM preceding this meeting, in our usual room at the Eisenhart Auditorium. All members are welcome!

Tuesday 12 March – 8 PM

Scott Fybush speaks on "Recent Canadian Non-Circulating Legal Tender."

Tuesday 26 March – 8 PM

Darlene Corio speaks on the origin of the motto "In God We Trust"

Tuesday 9 April – 8 PM

Jason Childers speaks on "St. Helena: Coins in the Middle of Nowhere"

Tuesday 23 April – 8 PM

Wayne Scheible speaks on "The Bad Boy of Rome"

Tuesday 14 May – 8 PM

Speaker TBA

Friday 24 May

Presidential Banquet honoring Dan White
Green Lantern Inn, Fairport

Tuesday 28 May – 8 PM

The Meinhart Speaking Contest

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the lower level of the Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue. Please enter through the Gannett School and take the elevator to the lower level and through the tunnel to our meeting room.

ANA in Rochester: 2012 is only a decade away!

The year 2012 will be an important one in the history of the RNA, as we mark our hundredth year of continuous operation serving the collecting community of greater Rochester.

We're hoping to mark that anniversary in a very big way.

Your board has begun the initial steps needed to bring the American Numismatic Association's convention to Rochester in 2012.

The ANA and the RNA have a long history of cooperation; in fact, the ANA held conventions here in Rochester in 1912, 1917 and 1928.

While 2012 may seem like a long way off, the planning for an ANA convention takes years. The ANA has already selected sites through 2007-2008, so it won't be long before they reach a decision on our proposal.

If we're picked for either the spring or summer show that year, we'll need the assistance of the entire club to put on a show of which our club and Rochester as a whole can be proud, carrying the heritage of our club into its second century.

See you in 2012 – in Rochester!

(For more information on the RNA's 2012 Rochester bid, please visit our Web site at <http://www.the-rna.com>)

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INSIDE: Get mugged with new RNA coffee mugs...get a sneak preview of the club's 90th anniversary medal...and the RNA gets some national press!

Get Mugged!

At long last, the RNA coffee mugs are here

You've been hearing about them for months now; in fact, "the mugs will be here soon" is probably on a par with "the check's in the mail" when it comes to presidential catchphrases.

But after all that waiting, they're finally here. Really. No, seriously. As in, ten big boxes of the things sitting in the presidential basement.

I'm biased, of course, but I think they look pretty darned good. They're dark blue, with gold-colored RNA seals on both sides.

Want one? Two? A dozen?

They'll be available for sale beginning at the February 12 meeting, for \$7 each, two for \$12.

If you'd like them shipped to you, please add \$3 per mug for shipping (they're heavy and need to be packed carefully to avoid breakage), and send your check, payable to the Rochester Numismatic Association, to:

RNA Mugs
PO Box 10056
Rochester NY 14610-0056

Need more information? Just contact president Scott Fybush by e-mail (scott@fybush.com) or at 585-442-5411.

Wanted

**Books about
American-Philippine
coins and albums for
Philippine coins.**

**Contact Jason
Childers at
(585) 224-9715 or
paploo@mindex.com**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Update:

Recently, I received a request from a few members about the current status of the club's finances. While I do give a financial report at the business meeting each month, I realize that many members cannot attend frequently and therefore do not get to here that information. This is a general overview of the club's finances, and plans on both investment and future expenditures.

History:

The RNA is currently supported by about 120 paying accounts, including both individual and family accounts. Receipts from the membership average about \$1800 per year that covers expenses associated with holding meetings and mailing newsletters. A separate coin show account holds receipts from our annual show. Those funds are transferred to the Treasurer and used each year to pay for the Presidential medals.

The club has a regular savings account with about \$2100 in it, and checking of about \$3000. The Board has since directed me to determine if there are other options for the club's money to earn a higher rate of return. In addition, after member John Jay Pittman died, his family made a very generous \$10,000 contribution to the club. In gratitude, the club designated our library as the John Jay Pittman Memorial Library. Over time, the money has been invested in 6 month CD's earning anywhere from 3% to 5% and has since increased to about \$12,000.

On top of those receipts listed above, members pay to attend the annual banquet, and picnic - about \$30 total for both events. The club does subsidize both of those events to a certain degree. We also rely on the generosity of members who donate food and other services.

Where We're Going:

In order to provide members the biggest bang for the buck, the board is considering other events for upcoming

program years. First, there has been discussion about bringing in a nationally recognized speaker. The total cost of flying someone up, a hotel room, dinner, breakfast, etc., was about \$400 - which most club members I spoke to thought was a reasonable way to spend club money. We also recently made a major acquisition for the club's collection - a 1793 Chain Cent - for about \$1500. There has also been some discussion about doing a trip to a Coin Show for the Junior Club, chartering a bus, lunch, etc. There are also several other events being considered that members will learn about soon.

We also recently spent some dollars on developing a club web site. The design was free - Scott Fybush and myself have done all the programming. However, there are still marginal costs associated with hosting the site. If you haven't done so already, check out www.the-rna.com.

Looking out even further, Scott Fybush and myself, along with the Greater Rochester Visitors Association have been working to bring an ANA Convention to Rochester in either the spring or summer of 2012. The year will mark the 100th Anniversary of the RNA's founding, the 100th Anniversary of the ANA Convention in Rochester, and the 65th Anniversary for the RJNA. A letter has been sent to Edward Rochette, ANA Executive Director, expressing our interest in hosting the convention in 2012.

While 2012 is many years away, we feel it is important to get onto the calendar now, and secure that important date. Currently the ANA has made commitments to 2007, so now is the time to lay the foundation for hosting the convention. More details are to come, including a reprint of the letter sent to Mr. Rochette.

So, all in all, I feel pretty good about the direction of the club. I hope I haven't bored you with all these details! Let me know if you have any other questions by writing me at the club address or by e-mail at davidg@rmychamber.com.

David Gottfried

90th Anniversary Medal Available Soon

Our club has a long tradition of special medallic issues, and our ninetieth anniversary this year is no exception.

Club member Gerry Muhl coordinated production of the RNA 90th anniversary medal, which features a design with a long history.



The medal shown above was designed by Alphonse A. Kolb for the RNA's 700th meeting, on March 2, 1943.

Because of wartime shortages of materials, it was never issued, and exists only as a unique bronze in the club collection.

At Gerry's suggestion, the RNA chose to use a modification of this design for our 90th anniversary medal, thus completing the design process that began nearly sixty years ago.



This is a rough sketch of the medal, which is expected to be made available at the February 12 meeting.

60 examples will be struck in silver (\$12), 35 in silver-plated bronze (\$6), 35 in gold-plate bronze (\$6.50) and 35 in platinum-plated bronze (\$7.50).

A complete set of four medals is priced at \$30.

If ordering by mail, please make checks payable to the RNA and include \$3 for insured shipping per order. Checks should be sent to PO Box 10056, Rochester NY 14610-0056.

New in the Collection



Yes, that's a 1793 Chain Cent. No, your board didn't spend \$67,500 to acquire this particular AU-55 example. But at least we can now say the club collection includes one.

Ours is an AG-3, more or less, but with recognizable detailing and uncorroded surfaces. Thanks to member Ira Stein for bringing it to our attention!

The club also recently acquired the transportation token collection of longtime member Doug Borden.

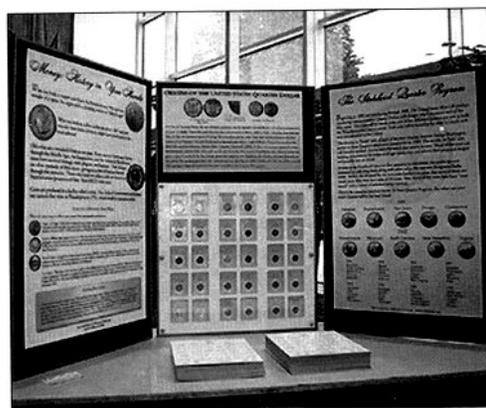
We are grateful to him for that collection, which includes one of the most comprehensive sets known of Rochester material.

Membership News

CLUB NEWS

The Rochester Numismatic Association (RNA), one of America's oldest, continuously operating coin clubs, hosted its 29th annual coin show on November 3-4, 2001, at the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center in New York. The well-attended event attracted more than 30 dealers specializing in all areas of the hobby.

Dating back to the presidency of William Howard Taft, the RNA was founded on a cold winter's evening in January 1912. Its first meeting attracted 15 dedicated coin collectors. Today, its membership has grown to



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more than 100 loyal hobbyists. Months after its inception, the RNA joined the American Numismatic As-

sociation, becoming the ANA's second member club.

The highlight of the RNA's No-

vember coin show was "Origins of the United States Quarter," a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG). The display gives a general overview of the history of U.S. coinage, as well as background information on the Mint's 50 State Quarters™ Program. The exhibit made its debut at the ANA World's Fair of Money® in August 2001 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The display is available to clubs throughout the nation. For details on acquiring the exhibit, contact Richard Nachbar at 716/635-9700 or toll free 877/622-4227. To learn more about the club, visit www.the-rna.com or write to RNA, P.O. Box 10056, Rochester, NY 14610-0056.

RNA gets national attention

Treasurer David Gottfried submitted information and photographs from last November's coin show to the American Numismatic Association, which included the article shown above in the February issue of *The Numismatist*.

Board Update

Decisions of the Board at the meeting held on 11 December 2001:

- Club Historian Bob Doty will organize historical materials pertaining to the club. The club will pay for his supplies and advanced him \$182.95.
 - A collection of Rochester-related Transportation tokens was offered to the club from Past President Doug Borden. The Board approved the purchase of the collection for \$600.00.
 - The Board approved a letter supporting the creation of a stamp commemorating Rochesterian Martha Matilda Harper.
- The club will support Gerry Muhl's nomination to the Citizens' Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee, which works with the Congressional Banking Committees in proposing bills to create new commemorative coins.
 - The board approved a \$1500 expenditure to acquire a 1793 Chain cent for the RNA collection.

Next Board Meeting: 7 PM,
February 26, 2002, prior to
regular club meeting. All
members are invited!

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