

December 2024 BGCC Newsletter

Christmas greetings from the Bluegrass Coin Club! Our December meeting is upon us and the BGCC wishes you and yours are blessed with hope and joy this holiday season.

The Christmas Banquet is at our usual meeting place at Southern Hills United Methodist Church on Monday December 16th but please be advised of the early meeting time. Please arrive by 6:00PM for this meeting. If you haven't called Mid American or Cliff already to reserve your spot, please call as soon as possible (859) 276-1551.

Our guest speaker for this year's edition of the Christmas Banquet will be ANA Governor **David Heinrich**. Mr. Heinrich is very active in the numismatic community and is or has been associated with the ANA, the Central States Numismatic Society, and the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. He will make his presentation on a topic entitled "Down the Numismatic Rabbit Hole: the Stories that Coins Can Tell." We look forward to having Mr. Heinrich as our guest this year. ANA President **Tom Uram** will also be joining us again this year. Finally, **City Barbeque** is catering our event.

General announcement on club membership

The Bluegrass Coin Club will be reviewing our active roster and club email account in the coming months. Please make sure you are paying your dues and coming to our meetings. Our meetings have been busy lately with presentations from club members, our "bourse floor", updates from Jeff Garrett, presentations, and our monthly auction. And Christmas is coming. Cliff has been working hard all year assembling the December auction. Stay tuned for updates about the Christmas auction and banquet. There is a lot coming up and we want you to be there!

Boxcars full of bullion!



Christmastime is a time for toys, trains, and other goodies under the tree. A few years ago, Santa brought our family a Lionel Train set. Trains have been a family tradition for decades but the Lionel Train under the Christmas tree was a new tradition for us. To the chagrin of the Queen, but to delight of the children and the author, more train cars continue to appear in the collection. At a recent train show near Cincinnati, I came across a gold bullion boxcar labeled for the Fort Knox Depository. Of course it wasn't really gold but it was fun to think of a boxcar full of "gold" and have that on a toy train running around the tree and what a neat connection to my home state. However, the price compared to eBay values was not competitive so I moved on. Mere minutes later, I came across a San Francisco Mint car, also with gold bullion, at a much nicer price so I purchased this one to give a nod to my numismatic hobby.



Lionel San Francisco
Mint Gold Bullion
Box Car

I thought nothing more of this bullion box car until this past fall when I was at another model and toy train show and came across, and purchased, a Charlotte Mint gold bullion box car. Whoa – this made me think and come to the conclusion that Lionel Trains has actually produced such bullion cars for all of the classic US Mints, Fort Knox, and it appears Federal Reserve Banks as well.



Charlotte Mint Gold Bullion Box Car

It is believed that these box cars are a modification of the plastic mold for the classic post war Lionel Aquarium Box Car but with at least three major tweaks: the box cars are full of bullion bars instead of a rotating display of aquatic life, a safe like knob and wheel molded between the windows, and there is a slit on the top of the box car to allow it to be used as a piggy bank. Some of the box cars, including a Dahlonega Mint box car, claim to hold gold bullion. The Denver, New Orleans, and Carson City box cars found on eBay may contain silver bullion instead though. Now that I have two of the classic US Mint bullion box cars I must find and collect the other five classic mints, right? The prices for lightly used examples run about \$20 to \$35 on eBay or at toy train markets.



Both of these boxcars have coin slot openings so they can be used as piggy banks

2025 ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship Information



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Updated Deadline for ANA Summer Seminar Scholarships – Available Online Now

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is accepting [scholarship applications](#) for its 2025 Summer Seminar, the hobby's premier educational event. The scholarship deadline from previous years has been updated to January 31, 2025. This change allows earlier access to financial aid for applicants.

Recipients will have the opportunity to attend one of two weeklong sessions, to be held June 21-26 and June 28-July 3 on the Colorado College campus adjacent to ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. All members – both adults and young numismatists (YNs) – are eligible.

YNs can apply for financial aid through the ANA Young Numismatist Scholarship, the Martin D. Weiss Memorial YN Scholarship, the David Lisot Memorial YN Scholarship or the Greg Lyon Memorial YN Scholarship. Applicants must be full-time students, age 13-17.

Adults 18 and older can receive full or partial assistance through the Robert Lecce Adult Scholarship. The Charles O. Browne Scholarship is available for applicants, age 15-25, attending the "Advanced United States Coin Grading and Problem Coins" class. The Everett Hull Scholarship is also available to those ages 15 and older.

Full scholarships for both YNs and adults include room and board for one week, tuition, and airfare, while partial scholarships for all applicants cover tuition only. Recipients will be selected based on need and merit.

[Scholarship applications](#) are available at money.org (select "Summer Seminar" from the "Events" menu) and must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2025. For additional information, contact the ANA Seminars Department at (719) 482-9848 or email seminars@money.org.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit

educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit money.org.

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Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Gage Chaffee. Thanks to Gage for talking with us.

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.



Gage Chaffee

Q: What do you collect?

A: While I collect just about all US non-gold coinage, my main interest is in Lincoln Wheat cents and large cents.

Q: How did you get started collecting?

A: A few years ago, my grandfather gave me a jar of wheat cents. Soon after, I started filling a wheat cent album, then an LMC (Lincoln Memorial Cent) album. A year or so later, I was absolutely obsessed with coins.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a member of BGCC?

A: I really like the various talks people give. There are so many cool coin stories out there, and it's great to get an opportunity to hear them.

Anyone in the club is welcome to contribute articles or other information to the monthly newsletter. Write a story about a numismatic related topic that interests you, share some pictures of your collection, or brag about a recent coin find at the local grocery store's CoinStar machine. We would love to hear from you! Email us at bgcoinclub@gmail.com.

Upcoming Coin Shows

*All dates are **2025** unless noted otherwise and it is recommended to check with the coin show website or organizers for accuracy or cancellations. Please email bgcoinclub@gmail.com to report any errors or info about other KY area coin shows.

Greenhills Classic Coin, Stamp, and Jewelry Show

Last Sunday of each month
American Legion Post 530
11100 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH
Contact: Jim Huffman, Col. USA (Ret.) (937) 901-2110
numismaniaofohio@gmail.com

70th Annual Florida United Numismatist Convention

January 9-12
Orange County Convention Center
9899 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
funtopics.com/fun-convention.html
[FUN Convention 2025 | Florida United Numismatists](#)

ANA National Money Show

February 27th - March 1st
Cobb Galleria Centre
2 Galleria Pkwy SE
Atlanta, GA 30339
[National Money Show®: American Numismatic Association](#)

Derby City Coin Show

March 8th
Holy Family Gymnasium
3926 Poplar Level Road
Louisville, KY 40213
Contact: joneskray59@att.net or DerbyCityCoinClub.org

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