

February 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

The weather has been wild thus far this year. First we had some snow and ice, some more snow, then extreme cold, and finally a thaw with record high temperatures. And now more snow, which checks since Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow foreboding six more weeks of winter retroactive to February 2nd. But it's always a good time to go to coin shows, read a book about coins, or surf eBay for the One.

***** BREAKING NEWS *****

On Super Bowl Sunday, President Donald Trump commented on social media that he had informed the Treasury to stop minting the venerable one cent coin. Many nations have dropped small denomination coinage due to production costs, most notably Canada's elimination of their cent coin from circulation in 2012. Stay tuned for more news, but this is the strongest endorsement for dropping the one cent coin from circulation to date.

Guest Speakers

Thank you to **Dr. Raleigh Jones** for his informative presentation on registry sets in at our January meeting. Maybe we all should consider registering your collection to see how our collections compare to other complete sets. The Low Ball route can be fun if your budget doesn't allow for highest graded collection. The author knows his collection will be closer to the lower end than the high end...

Marc Vazsonyi is our guest speaker for the February meeting. His topic will be an introduction to ancient coins. Should be a good topic – you won't want to miss it!

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. There is a lot happening this year and we want you to be there!

Additional Christmas Meeting Pictures

The author thinks these pictures came from Mary Lynn but if they came from someone else, please let us know so they can be properly attributed. Enjoy!



Youth Sports



The mint needs your help to determine what youth sports to feature on the reverse on quarter dollars starting in 2027 through 2030. You, yes you, can go to the mint's website and take the survey to share your opinions on what sports you think have helped shaped our United States of America. For more information go to the following link:

www.usmint.gov/coins/coin-programs/youth-sports/?cm_mmc=ExactTarget--Campaign--20250205_YouthSportsCastYourVote_PP--TakeTheSurveyCTA&utm_source=Campaign&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_content=TakeTheSurveyCTA&utm_campaign=20250205_YouthSportsCastYourVote_PP&cm_mmca1=Marketing&cm_mmca2=&cm_mmca3=&cc=

Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Rick Schrantz. Thanks for sharing!

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: I collect PL/DMPL Morgan dollars and beautiful rainbow bag toned Morgan dollars. I also collect St. Gaudens double eagles (I have 31 different dates/mintmarks in my safe deposit box) but I obtained them 24 years ago when gold was \$260/oz. I also have a complete Lincoln cent collection from childhood. In fact, Jeff just got my VF-35 1909-S VDB certified that I originally purchased 50 years ago as a teenager!



Rick Schrantz

Q: How did you get started collecting?

A: When I was seven years old and very sick in the hospital (a priest read me my last rites), I had to get painful shots that burned. My grandfather said “count the seconds it burned and I will give you a penny for every second.” So, I did! After eight weeks in the hospital, I got a lot of pennies from grandpa and started looking through them and collecting them by date. When I got out of the hospital, I got one of those blue penny board folding books. I’ve collected coins ever since!

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

A: My favorite part of being a BGCC member is twofold. I get exposure to more varieties of coins and paper money than I would have otherwise including some show-stopping coins I remember from a Rollo Fox visit. Where else would I get to hold a PR68 DCAM Morgan dollar or both round and octagonal Pan-Pacs, or even rare gold from the Kentucky Gold Hoard in my own hands? The BGCC...that’s where! The second thing is being exposed to many other people also interested in different varieties of coins.

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.