



# Front Page News



## Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

*Celebrating 62 years in the numismatic hobby*

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~May 2024 Edition~

The **724<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2024** at The **WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 39 State Street, Westerly, Rhode Island. Doors open @ 6:00 PM, Bourse @ 6:30 PM and Meeting @ 7:00 PM.**

*We are continuing to change and update the format of our newsletter. Please contact Tom Omlor (tomlor214@gmail.com) for any additions, announcements, and interesting story contributions, and these will be included as soon we can get to them. To ensure timely insertion to a newsletter, have your article/submission to Tom by the last week of the preceding month for the newsletter in which you'd like to see it published. For example, for the June 2024 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of May 2024. I should be able to get it into the June newsletter by then. Thank you.*



The State of Rhode Island guidance for indoor customer/public facing venues with capacity of fewer than 250 people allows the facility to make their own rules for health guidance. There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The May Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 77 fantastic items, 10 of which are for the Junior Auction and 67 are for the Senior Auction!

This month the main theme will be dedicated to the wrap up of our Annual Coin Show held on the 5th of May. We did quite well this year for our show, and a big thanks to all who were present before, during and after the show for setup, show assistance, and breakdown. Please pay attention to the 'Local News' area for more items being discussed at this month's meeting!

And, as always, any personal exhibits are also always welcome. There will be a Junior and a Senior Door Prize, and Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes.

### PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 16 May 2024

#### Jr. Door Prize

1892-P Columbian Exposition  
Half Dollar VF20



#### Sr. Door Prize

1884-O Morgan Dollar NGC  
MS62



**Please remember, if you are NOT comfortable attending our regular meeting due to health concerns, we understand. Please refrain from coming. We will not be offended.**

# Raffle Prizes

## Junior Raffle:

1936 Chinese Fen, Sun & Spade EF  
1963 Italy 50 Lira AU  
1965 English Penny BU  
1949 Spain 5 Centavos  
2005 Lincoln Cent MS63

## Senior Raffle:

1945-P Washington Quarter BU  
1917 Winged Liberty Dime MS63  
1963 Franklin Half Dollar MS63  
1848 Braided Hair Large Cent N-3 VG10  
1907-D Barber Quarter VG8



## **...in local news**

Items of interest for the members to consider and be aware:

1. As mentioned on our Front Page, the theme for this month's meeting will be information a wrap up of our Annual Coin Show. We did very well at this show. And again, a big thanks to all who helped. Your presence at the show helped make it as successful as it turned out!
2. There will also be other items of interest for this month's meeting. Since next month (June) is election of officers, we'll have some extra items to discuss, including:
  - Approve money for the June bonus raffle prizes, and purchase the prizes
  - Approve money for the June pizza party
  - Volunteers to purchase pizza and provide paper goods and beverages
  - Nomination of officers
3. Another topic that will be discussed at this meeting and probably several upcoming meetings concerns the creation of the **GEORGE CHAMPLIN JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**. Our president, Richard (Woody) Carland, has written a letter/proposal concerning this and I'm going to insert it here for everyone's perusal:

Greetings PVCC Members,

I am including the following appeal, to reiterate the proposal for a GEORGE CHAMPLIN JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP...

Many coin club members will remember George Champlin Jr., son of former PVCC President, George Champlin Sr. George Jr. was a numismatic expert and co-owner of Westerly Enterprises, always sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for the hobby. He participated in coin club meetings, shows and was well known and respected in the numismatic community.

Tragically, a few brief years ago, we lost young George, suddenly and unexpectedly. It seems fitting, to honor and memorialize George Champlin Jr., by establishing a scholarship/fund in his name. I would like to invite you to consider this as a way to encourage our young hobbyists, to perhaps, become future numismatists! (con'd on pg 3)

(Woody's letter, con'd)

Over the years, we have had young club members. There were times when we had no juniors. I brought this idea up previously, but during Covid and having no young members at the time, it was postponed.

We again have junior members, and the club membership is ever burgeoning. Perhaps we should consider including a PVCC Youth Scholarship program within the framework of the club, for juniors to enjoy educational and material benefits. Even during periods when there are no junior members, the scholarship fund can remain and grow, until needed.

I invite you to think about the PVCC instituting such a program and the enjoyment of being on the committee for its formulation. Consider the following items and come up with some of your own

How much money to put aside?

How junior(s) qualify to be considered, or win?

What benefits can we offer?

How can scholarship be easily facilitated, within the framework of the club?

I'm sure there are other questions which come to mind. Depending upon the budget, we could offer anything from an A.N.A. magazine subscription, to A.N.A. classes – Numismatic books and supplies...you name it. Who knows, there may be a day when PVCC is large and active enough to send a junior member to summer numismatic classes, at the American Numismatic Association in Colorado! Well, for now, back down to earth...let's just see if there is an interest. After the final accounting of the annual show, I'll make a motion and invite comments at May's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Woody Carland – Pres., PVCC

Please take some time to consider this proposal, and when presented at our meeting, if you any questions about what's being proposed, we'll try to answer all your questions.

# From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

## NumismaTalks

### May Webinars:

Topic: **Selected Romance Tales Within Numismatic Lore**

Date: **May 23**

Presented by **Walt Ostromecki**

This presentation will discuss the often unusual and unbelievable juicy tales, lore, anecdotes, etc. printed in newspaper articles based solely on an individual's personal reflection/recollection and/or an uncheckered eye witness story of an event. Furthermore, some are darn right just plain made-up! The presentation was generated from Mr. Edward C. Rochette's book: *The Romance of Coin Collecting, published in 1991*.

An ANA past president and professional educator of 38 years, **Walt Ostromecki** is a prolific hobby collector, writer, speaker, and youth-family involvement activities educator. He has received numerous top numismatic honors/awards including ANA's highest the Farran Zerbe in 2020 and Numismatic News Ambassador Award in 1988.

***There are no NumismataTalks being given during the month of June from the ANA.***

According to the ANA website, the next NumismataTalk will be on 11 July with the topic being "Paper Money Oddities"

# Coin World

## US Coins

### Monday Morning Brief for May 6, 2024: Crime prevention

By [Larry Jewett](#), Coin World  
Published: May 6, 2024, 5 AM



***Numismatic professionals are continually targeted by the criminal element, and car burglaries rank up there.***

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Doug Davis has been a busy man lately, and that's really not a good thing. On some days, I have seen multiple social media posts or numerous emails about a subject that impacts us all — numismatic crime.

The subject is not new, but there's a certain optimism that maybe things will start getting better. As we start to see more coin shows in the summer season, though, the trend is going the other way.

There's no question that the criminal element is creative. They use multiple means to achieve their goals, which we need to make sure we do everything to block.

The lengths that thieves will go to in achieving their objectives is baffling. One of the most recent cases I saw was when a dealer drove away from a show and stopped two and a half hours later. Someone had followed that dealer all that time. The criminal mind is not only devious, it's also apparently patient. After that long drive, in vehicles believed to be bearing stolen plates, the thieves were able to abscond with substantial loot. For them, mission accomplished. For the good guys, the heartache of loss and paperwork.

The Numismatic Crime Information Center maintained by Davis and other sources provide great information in the most important step of prevention. Sadly, although you do almost everything right, criminals, motivated by greed and a lack of conventional ethics, always seem to be one step ahead.

You hear all of the time about being aware of your surroundings. Maybe I am as naïve as the next guy, but I would have thought that, after an hour or so into the pursuit, the criminal in our example would have turned around and given up. We will never know how many times someone is targeted, only to have a criminal develop a change of heart or fail to follow through. We only hear about the successful ones, which masks the size of the problem — it's bigger than we imagine.

Take some time to look over preventative suggestions being offered. I've seen cases where victims of crime were hit when they stopped for gas soon after leaving; instead, fill up before the last day of a show, when the inventory is not in the car. The American Numismatic Association listed 67 points in its "Coin Show Tactics for Dealers." Unveiled in 2015, it is still relevant nearly 10 years later.

Be smart, be safe, and that holds for collectors too. The criminals are watching us.

# May 16 Auction List

PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB AUCTION - TUESDAY - MAY 16th 2024

#	Description	Start	Result
1	US PROOF QUARTER SETS 2003-2004 C/N BID = 6.75 JR.	3.00	
2	US PROOF QUARTER SETS 2007-2008 C/N BID = 18.00 JR.	8.00	
3	US PROOF QUARTER SETS 2009-2010 C/N BID = 15.50 JR.	7.00	
4	US PROOF SETS 1974-1975-S C/N BID = 18.00 JR.	10.00	
5	US PROOF SETS 1976-1977-S C/N BID = 17.50 JR.	10.00	
6	US PROOF SET 1988-S C/N BID = 5.00 JR.	3.00	
7	25 PIECES FOREIGN CURRENCY JR.	10.00	
8	GREAT BRITIAN 8-PC 1970 PROOF SET JR.	5.00	
9	US ARBC BRONZE MEDAL - BOX & PAPERS JR.	2.00	
10	BAG OF 200 NICE FOREIGN COINS JR.	10.00	
11	INDIAN CENT 1908-S - FINE	80.00	
12	LINCOLN CENT 1953-P - GEM PROOF	18.00	
13	LINCOLN CENT 1995-P - GEM DOUBLE DIE	40.00	
14	THREE CENT NICKEL 1881-P BU	90.00	
15	LIBERTY SEAT. HALF DIME - PROOF LIKE - AU	85.00	
16	LIBERTY NICKEL 1884-P. FINE	24.00	
17	LIBERTY NICKEL 1897-P - E.F.	25.00	
18	BUFFALO NICKEL 1921-P - VF. +	12.00	
19	BUFFALO NICKEL 1928-S - VF	7.00	
20	BUFFALO NICKEL 1935-P. BU.	16.00	
21	JEFFERSON NICKEL 1945-D SILVER BU.	4.00	
22	BUST DIME 1823/2 LARGE "E" GOOD	50.00	
23	LIBERTY SEATED DIME 1838-P NO DRAPE - VF. LG. STARS	55.00	
24	MERCURY DIME 1916-P BU.	55.00	
25	MERCURY DIME 1919-D VF.	25.00	
26	MERCURY DIME 1919-S VF.	22.00	
27	MERCURY DIME 1921-P VG.	50.00	
28	MERCURY DIME 1923-S VF.	13.00	
29	MERCURY DIME 1925-D VF.	35.00	
30	MERCURY DIME 1925-S VF.	22.00	
31	MERCURY DIME 1942-D GEM BU. PLANCHET FLAW	10.00	
32	MERCURY DIME 1945-D CHOICE BU.	6.00	
33	ROOSEVELT DIME 1948-D GEM BU.	2.50	
34	BARBER QUARTER 1895-S VG	24.00	
35	BARBER QUARTER 1898-O EF DETAILS	120.00	
36	BARBER QUARTER 1915-S	80.00	
37	LIBERTY STAND. QUARTER 1917-P T-1 VG.	32.00	
38	LIBERTY STAND. QUARTER 1920-P EF.	50.00	
39	WASHINGTON QUARTER 1947-D BU.	10.00	

# May 16 Auction List (Con'd)

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PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB - AUCTION - TUESDAY - 16th 2024

40	WASHINGTON QUARTER 1932-P AU	8.00
41	WASHINGTON QUARTER 1934-P AU-58	20.00
42	LIBERTY WALK. HALF 1943-P BU	28.00
43	LIBERTY WALK. HALF 1944-P UNC	22.00
44	SESQUI HALF 1926-P EF.	40.00
45	FRANKLIN HALF 1955-P CHOICE BU "BUGS BUNNY"	22.00
46	FRANKLIN HALF 1963-D AU. "D'OVER" D	10.00
47	MORGAN \$1 1878-P 8tail EF.	70.00
48	MORGAN \$1 1884-S CHOICE AU DETAILS - REV. WIPES OOV.	225.00
49	MORGAN \$1 1889-S VF+	50.00
50	MORGAN \$1 1891-P BU.	70.00
51	MORGAN \$1 1891-O SOFT STRIKE AU.	100.00
52	MORGAN \$1 1892-CC VF DETAILS ABRASIVE CLEAN	200.00
53	MORGAN \$1 1893-P VG.	165.00
54	MORGAN \$1 1894-S FINE	50.00
55	MORGAN \$1 1898-S VG-FINE	35.00
56	MORGAN \$1 1900-P AU.	40.00
57	MORGAN \$1 1901-P VF-20	60.00
58	LINCOLN CENT ROLL 1955-S - BU 50PCS BID= 16.00	12.50
59	LINCOLN CENT ROLL 1960-D - BU SM. DATE 50PCS BID= 2.50	2.00
60	NEWFOUNDLAND 50¢ 1919-C - VF. KM#11 (.925) (.9503)	20.00
61	CUBA - UN PESO 1933 EF. KM#35.2 (.900) (.7734)	40.00
62	SOUTH AFRICA - 5 SHILLINGS 1950 - CHOICE BU. PL KM#40.1 (.800) (.7273)	50.00
63	SPAIN 2-PESETAS 1892 VF+ KM#692 (.835) (.2684)	40.00
64	SPAIN 5-PESETAS 1885 VF+ KM#688 (.900) (.7234)	60.00
65	SPAIN 5-PESETAS 1890 VF+ KM#689 (.900) (.7234)	60.00
66	CANADA - 3 SILVER DOLLARS 1958-1964-1967 (.800) (1.80)	40.00
67	US BALD EAGLE 50¢ - PROOF CLAD BOX-PAPERS 2008 BID=15.00	10.00
68	1976-1976 US BICENT. 3PC SILVER PROOF SET BID= 19.00	15.00
69	2012-P US STAR-SPANGLED BANNER PROOF \$1 BID= 30.00	25.00
70	2012-P & D US UNC MINT SET 26PCS w/DLRS. BID= 50.00	40.00
71	US PROOF SET 1960-P - SMALL DATE 1¢ BID= 27.00	22.00
72	\$1 US SILVER CERTIFICATE 1928-A - WOODS/MELLON VG. BID= 21.00	14.00
73	\$1 US SILVER CERTIFICATE 1935-A - HAWAII G. BID= 26.00	18.00
74	\$1 US SILVER CERTIFICATE 1935-F *STAR F. BID= 5.00	3.50
75	\$1 US FEDERAL RESERVE - CLEVELAND - 1985 - ERROR <sup>NO</sup> PRINT	20.00
76	1-BAG NAZI GERMANY COINS 1-PF TO 5 MARK - 3PC SILVER	20.00
77	1-BAG 50PCS - WELL MIXED TOKENS	15.00
78	T.B.A.	

# Upcoming Coin Shows

## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>PVCC Coin Show</b> 8:30am—2:30pm	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <b>Blackstone Valley, MA</b> 3pm—8pm	16	17	18 <b>Naugatuck, CT</b> 9am—2pm
19 <b>Nashua, NH</b> 9am—2pm  <b>North Attleboro, MA</b> 9am—2pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Admission is free unless otherwise noted**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY:** VFW Post 1385, 16 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, Contact Mike 774-280-4333

**NASHUA NH:** Eagles Wing Function Center 10 Spruce St. Nashua NH 03060 49 tables, 978-658-0160

**NAUGATUCK CT:** American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, Contact John Stassins, Jr. 718 323-1930

**NORTH ATTELBORO MA:** Elks Lodge # 1011 52 Bullfinch Street No Attleboro, MA 02760, Contact Bart Leonard 774-203-3158

**PAWCATUCK VALLEY (PVCC) SHOW:** Maureen Farrell, PO Box 1051 New London, CT. 06320, [tfarrell10@cox.net](mailto:tfarrell10@cox.net)



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