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PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB

August 2025 Edition Newsletter

The **739th** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, August 21, 2025** 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.

There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The August Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 54 items for the senior auction.



This month a discussion on "Cleaning Coins—Pro's and Cons" will be given by Tom Omlor.

And, as always, there will be a "Show And Tell" period for any personal exhibits. There will be a Junior and a Senior Door Prize, Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes, and Bonus Raffle tickets will be sold as well.

PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 21 August 2025

Jr. Door Prize

1951 Bulgarian 100 Leva Banknote CU



Sr. Door Prize

1885-O \$1 Morgan Silver Dollar PCGS MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1969 New Zealand 10 New Pence BU
1906 Liberty Nickel G6
1978-S Ike Clad Proof Dollar
1968 Canada One Dollar BU
1940 One Penny England George AU
2000 U.S. Mint Commemorative Coin Cover

Senior Raffle:

1989 Canada 5 Dollar 1.0 Oz Fine Silver BU
1964 Washington Quarter MS65
2006-S Kennedy Half Dollar Proof
1943 Mercury Dime MS64
1969-S Jefferson Nickel Proof
2025 Hon. Patsy Mink Women State Quarter Roll



Spot Price for 1 ounce of Gold and 1 ounce of Silver:

As of 08/16/25

Gold: \$3,359.50

Silver: \$38.01

...in local news

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

1. September 7 will be the Dedham, MA Coin Show. Show time is 9am—4pm. See the Calendar page for further information. This is being presented here as the September newsletter will probably not be out in time for that coin show notification.
2. There's another show on 7 September, this one's in New Jersey. A little ways away, but I thought I'd mention it here:

Police Athletic League (PAL) Buildingm, 33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ, 8:30am—3pm, Admission: Free
So if you're interested and don't mind driving a bit, here's another show you might like.

3. Finally, it's been warm and humid out there lately! If you're outside, drink plenty of water—KEEP HYDRATED! Otherwise, stay inside in the A/C!

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

August Webinars:

Topic: **The Heads & Tails of Birth-Year Collecting**

Date: **August 14**

Presented by: **Peter Lawrence**

This presentation will highlight the challenges and rewards of birth-year collecting. It is based on Peter's experience researching and building a collection of 1963 world coins and commemorative medals. It highlights events of the time, including the JFK assassination, the space race, the Civil War centennial, the death of Pope John XXIII, and the Civil Rights Movement. It also features an interesting commemorative series of the time from Mexico, Venezuela, Germany, and the USA. It will discuss how to determine what coins and medals were issued by or minted in a specific country in a given year. It will also identify various sources of the coins and medals, how you might display them, photograph and catalog them, and put parameters on your collection.

Peter Lawrence spent 35 years managing technology products for companies including Planar, Canon, and Autodesk. Today, he is a small business consultant living in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was born in Portland, Oregon, where his family was in the saddle and holster manufacturing business from 1857 to 1985. He studied business at Oregon State University and then received a master's degree from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Phoenix, Arizona. Peter is a musician, world traveler, and coin collector. His current focus is a 1963 birth-year collection of world coins and commemorative medals. Peter is a veteran public speaker and has delivered hundreds of continuing education presentations to architects, engineers, and technology consultants throughout his career. His sessions are always filled with entertaining stories, colorful anecdotes, and humor.



Topic: **Collecting Confederate Paper Money**

Date: **August 28**

Presented by: **Pierre Fricke**

This presentation will discuss what Confederate money was, how it came about, and the various types across the 7 issues. It will include many pictures of notes, people, and books, explanations of various types, and what varieties are. Military issuers and contemporary counterfeits will be discussed. Modern fakes will also be covered, and how easy they are to tell from the genuine article.

Pierre Fricke is a well-known collector, dealer, and author of Civil War paper money and early American coppers. He has been a dealer for over 20 years and a collector for over 50 years. Pierre is the author of the standard catalog for Confederate paper money - *Collecting Confederate Paper Money*, and several other books. He was a past president of the Society of Paper Money Collectors. Member of the ANA, Early American Coppers (EAC), Professional Numismatist Guild (PNG), Professional Currency Dealers Assoc (PCDA), and many more.



From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info (con'd)

September Webinars:

Topic: **The Fabulous \$10 Million Saddleback Ridge Gold Coin Hoard**

Date: **September 11**

Presented by: **Robert "Bob" Bair**

This presentation describes the February, 2013 discovery of 1,427 buried gold coins in California, by a couple walking their dog through their wooded property. Containing (mostly \$20 Liberty) gold coins dated from 1847-1894, this "buried treasure" realized over \$9 million for its finders, and is the most valuable land-buried gold coin hoard ever found in the United States.

Robert "Bob" Bair has been involved in numismatics since 1956, first as a collector, then as a coin dealer starting in 1987. As a boy growing up in northwestern Wisconsin in the 1950's he began collection coins that he received from his newspaper route, and a lifelong passion was born. Bair holds masters degrees in U.S. History (1970) and Educational Administration (1994)



Topic: **Medieval European Coinage; The Fall of the Western Roman Empire to the Rise of the Carolingian Empire**

Date: **September 25**

Presented by: **Douglas Mudd**

This talk is about the first half of the Middle Ages from the traditional date of the fall of Rome in 476 AD to the beginning of the Carolingian Empire during the 9th century AD.

Douglas Mudd is the Curator / Director of the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is responsible for developing, planning, and content of the museum's exhibition program and the organization and care of the ANA collections. He has created dozens of numismatic exhibits for the museum and for the ANA's semi-annual conventions. His recent work has expanded the museum's exhibits into the virtual world of the internet including *Trenches to Treaties: World War I in Remembrance* and *Money of Empire: Elizabeth to Elizabeth*.



Coin World—US Coins

Packaging error found in 2025 Uncirculated Mint Set

By [Paul Gilkes](#), Coin World
Published: Aug 13, 2025, 9 AM



Viewed from this side, the 2025-P Roosevelt dime appears to be missing from the set, as it is not in its designated slot in the Philadelphia Mint folder.

Image courtesy of Howard Dewald

When collector Howard Dewald placed his order online July 17 with the United States Mint for the 20-coin 2025 Uncirculated Mint set, he was looking forward to receiving a set exhibiting 10 pristine coins each from production at the Denver and Philadelphia Mints.

As soon as he received his delivery from the U.S. Mint that contained the set, Dewald was surprised to notice that the slot for the 2025-P Roosevelt dime in the folder containing coins from the Philadelphia was empty. He proceeded to examine all of the other coins in the set and then turned the Philadelphia coin folder over.

Staring back at him was the reverse of the 2025-P Roosevelt dime, but in the same plastic slot containing the 2025-P Jefferson 5-cent coin. A rogue robotic finger had placed the dime in the wrong slot and covered it with the 5-cent coin.

Trays containing coins by denomination are manually placed within dedicated positions in the robotic packaging complex.

The blister pack plastic folders are also placed in their assigned location within the packaging system.

The multi-finger robotic arms rotate to pick up specific coins as programmed in a sequential order, using what the Mint calls “reverse suction” to pick up each coin, and placing it within the designated position in the folder. The same robotic operation is used at both the Denver and Philadelphia Mints. The Denver Mint folders are shipped east to the Philadelphia Mint to join that Mint’s folders for final assembly into complete sets. The completed sets are then shipped to the U.S. Mint’s contracted order fulfillment center, PSFWeb, in Memphis, Tennessee. From there, the products are shipped to the Mint customers who ordered them.

The 20-coin sets — which retail for \$33.25 each — are supposed to contain a Lincoln cent, Jefferson 5-cent coin, Roosevelt dime, the five 2025 American Women quarter dollars, Kennedy half dollar and Native American dollar in each folder from the respective circulation coin production facilities.

Considered a packaging error, Dewald’s set does not carry a premium above its issue price.

Dewald says he plans to keep the packaging error and order another set, hoping to receive all 20 coins secured in their proper positions.

The numismatic product has an issue limit of 190,000 sets. As of the July 27 Mint sales report, 140,450 of the sets are recorded sold.

August 21 Auction List

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. – Buffalo 5¢ 1931-S VF \$14.00	\$10.00	
2	Jr. – Mercury 10¢ 1939-P BU \$7	\$5.00	
3	Jr. – Franklin 50¢ 1948-P BU \$18	\$15.00	
4	Jr. – U.S.A. Mint Set 1965 \$10	\$7.00	
5	Jr. – U.S. 5 Piece Coin Set 1968-S BU \$6	\$4.50	
6	Jr. – G. Britain 8 Piece Coin Set 1970 \$14	\$10.00	
7	Jr. – Lincoln 1¢ 50 Piece Coin Set BU \$25	\$17.50	
8	Jr. – Set of 5 Nickels, 20 th c., Circ-BU \$30	\$22.50	
9	Jr. – Canada 25¢ 13pc Year 2000 (c.n.) \$34.95	\$20.00	
10	Jr. – Canada 7pc Set Year 1999 BU \$29.95	\$20.00	
11	U.S. ½ ¢ 1804 (CR-4 stems) Good \$48	\$38.00	
12	Lg. 1¢ 1797 (97 stems plain edge) VG \$180	\$144.00	
13	Lg. 1¢ 1855 (upright “5”s) VF \$40	\$32.00	
14	Lg. 1¢ 1856 (slant “5”s) XF \$46	\$37.00	
15	Indian 1¢ 1863 AU \$70	\$56.00	
16	Lincoln 1¢ 1912-S XF-45 \$62	\$50.00	
17	Lincoln 1¢ 1914-S XF-40 \$68	\$54.00	
18	3¢ Silver 1853 XF/AU \$95	\$75.00	
19	3¢ Nickel 1865-P XF \$34	\$27.00	
20	½ Dime 1842-P Choice AU \$128	\$105.00	
21	Shield 5¢ 1866-P Type 1, Fine \$50	\$40.00	
22	Liberty 5¢ 1884 VG \$26	\$20.00	
23	Liberty 5¢ 1908 UNC \$78	\$60.00	
24	Buffalo 5¢ 1920-P AU \$28	\$22.00	
25	Buffalo 5¢ 1924-P AU \$34	\$25.00	
26	Buffalo 5¢ 1936-S Gem BU \$76	\$60.00	
27	Buffalo 5¢ 1938-D BU \$19	\$15.00	
28	Liberty Seated 10¢ 1890-S XF \$55	\$45.00	
29	Barber 10¢ 1916-P BU \$135	\$110.00	
30	Mercury 10¢ 1918-D AU \$55	\$44.00	
31	Mercury 10¢ 1939-S UNC \$18	\$14.00	
32	Liberty Standing 25¢ 1918-P VF \$35	\$28.00	
33	Liberty Seated 50¢ ←1855-> O VF \$75	\$60.00	
34	Barber 50¢ 1913-P G/VG \$65	\$55.00	
35	Liberty Walking 50¢ 1918-P VF \$65	\$50.00	
36	Liberty Walking 50¢ 1919-P F \$75	\$60.00	

August 21 Auction List (con'd)

37	Liberty Walking 50¢ 1938-D XF-40 \$120	\$95.00	
38	Liberty Walking 50¢ 1942-D Choice-BU \$42	\$34.00	
39	Liberty Walking 50¢ 1946-P Gem-BU \$66	\$55.00	
40	Morgan \$1 1878-P (2 nd Rev.) BU \$120	\$95.00	
41	Morgan \$1 1878-CC (Polished) Fine \$135	\$100.00	
42	Morgan \$1 1878-CC (Obv. scth hair) XF \$200	\$165.00	
43	Morgan \$1 1884-O (Lilac/Russet) AU \$55	\$45.00	
44	Morgan \$1 1887-P Choice-BU \$63	\$52.00	
45	Morgan \$1 1889-S Fine \$50	\$40.00	
46	Civil War Token "Our Army" (no date) XF \$25	\$17.50	
47	G. Britain Farthing 1736 VF+ copper \$25	\$20.00	
48	Philippines 1 Peso 1908-S XF+ \$90	\$75.00	
49	Colombian 50¢ (2 pieces) 1892 & 93 XF/AU \$50	\$40.00	
50	Susan B. Anthony \$1 1899-P Proof \$18	\$12.50	
51	U.S. Proof Set 1955-P Gem Proof \$135	\$100.00	
52	Morgan \$1 1878-S NGC Slab MS-63 \$120	\$100.00	
53	Morgan \$1 1879-S NGC Slab MS-62 \$100	\$80.00	
54	Morgan \$1 1885-P IGC Slab MS-63 \$68	\$50.00	
55	Morgan \$1 1921-P NGC Slab MS-63 \$45	\$38.00	
56	Apollo 50¢ 2 Piece Set 2019-S \$62	\$50.00	
57	G. Britain 1951 cn Proof 5 Shilling \$35	\$25.00	
58	Newfoundland 6 Piece Circ Set \$30	\$20.00	
59	Numismatic News 2 Medals & 1¢'s (30 Years) \$30	\$20.00	
60	U.S. Type 5¢ XF-BU Five Pieces: ½ Dime / Shield Nickel / Liberty Nickel / Buffalo Nickel / Jefferson Nickel *Nice!!! Retail Value: \$185	\$135.00	
61	Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Medals 50 th Anniversary (1962-2012) 4 pieces 2 Silver & 2 Copper BU and Proofs Black Velvet Case Retail Value: \$115	\$90.00	
62	Black Eagle Large \$1 1899 F#236 VG \$75	\$60.00	
63	Canada Large \$1 1898 #24 (31.3) AG/G \$35	\$20.00	
64	U.S.A. 50 State Quarter Coin Die #0575935 in service 8/18/2000 and retired 8/18/2000 New Hampshire "D" Quarters Die produced 128,165 strikes. Retail Value: \$50	\$35.00	

August 2025

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

Admission is free unless otherwise noted

BLACKSTONE VALLEY: VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, 15 Tables, Contact Mike 774-280-4333

DEDHAM MA: Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, 35 Tables, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423

NASHUA NH: Alpine Grove Events Centre 19 S Depot St. Hollis NH 03049, 50+ dealers, 978-658-0160

NAUGATUCK CT: American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, 20 Tables, 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

ORANGE CT: American Legion Post 127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, 30+ Dealer Tables, Fred Riso 203-265-1813, 2\$ Admission

WESTPORT MA: Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, 25+ Tables, Contact David Clethero 508-823-1910

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