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July 2026 Edition Newsletter

The **750th** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, July 16, 2026** 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 July Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 56 items for the senior auction.



The presentation for this month will be given by our own Vice President, Larry Erhart. The title of the presentation is "250 years of United States Numismatics". This is guaranteed to be a dynamite presentation, so I encourage all of you to attend!

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, 16 June 2026

Jr. Door Prize

1976 Bicentennial Two Dollar Federal Reserve Note CU



Sr. Door Prize

1884 Morgan Dollar NGC MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1985 NEPAL5 RUPEES Note CU
2008 Central Bank of Nigeria 20 Naira AU
1989 Canada Dollar AU
1979 South Korea Bank of Korea 10 Won
1986 Mexico 1 Peso coin BU
1988 Elizabeth II ONE PENNY UK BU

Senior Raffle:

1920 5 Shillings, Great Britain King George V VG10
CT Weir Farm National Historic 2020 State Quarter Roll
1964 Washington Quarter BU
2022 PVCC 60th Anniversary Copper Proof Medal
1851 Type 1 Three Cent Silver VG10
1945-S Winged Liberty Dime Micro S VF20



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

As of 07/10/26

Gold: \$4,163.00

Silver: \$60.64

...in local news

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

1. Congratulations to our new officers for the next year. And they are:
 - President—David Morrison
 - Vice President—Larry Erhart
 - Treasurer—Maureen Farrell
 - Recording Secretary—Rob Pennell
 - Correspondence Secretary—Andrew Grenci
2. I don't know if you've been paying attention, but the spot price of gold and silver have been coming down. They were lower than what's shown here, but lately the prices have been creeping back up a bit.
3. There will be an Auburn, MA coin show, Greater Worcester Coin Show, on 9 August from 9:30am to 2:30pm. See the calendar page for location and more information on this show. I'm listing here as August's newsletter may come out after the coin show.

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

July Webinars:

Topic: **Coins of the 300**

Date: **July 23**

Presented by: **Douglas Mudd**

Join Doug in a numismatic romp across Asia Minor and into Greece following in the footsteps of the Persian army and navy as they attempted to punish the Greeks - especially the Athenians - for their perfidious support of the Greek cities of Asia Minor in their revolt against the mighty King of Kings, Darius the Great and his son Xerxes. The coins of the ancient cities along the way will be used to illustrate the story of one of the founding wars of Western history.

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.



August Webinars:

Topic: **Peace and Treaties in Numismatics**

Date: **August 13**

Presented by: **Michael T. Shutterly**

When given the opportunity to choose, most people would choose to live in peace rather than otherwise. All too often, however, the people in charge—those who actually have the power to make and enforce such choices—will, instead, choose “otherwise.” But when peace does come at last, it is nearly always cause for celebration.

This Numismata talk will survey a variety of coins and medals that tell different stories of peace and of the treaties that (sometimes) bring about peace. This will include taking a look at how different cultures think of “peace,” and how treaties and the “peace” they bring sometimes trigger later conflicts.

Michael T. Shutterly is a recovering lawyer who formerly worked in the financial services world, specializing in consumer protection and the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing. He is now a coin collector, exhibitor, writer and presenter, specializing in Byzantine, early Medieval and Roman Republican coinage, with a side interest in Hungarian hyperinflation currency. An ANA life member, he is also a member of more than a dozen national, regional and local coin clubs, several of which (for some reason) allow him to serve as an officer or director. He received a BA in physiological psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Boston University.



From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info (con'd)

September Webinars:

Topic: **The Lost Mint of Manhattan: Rediscovering New York's Forgotten Branch Mint**

Date: **September 24**

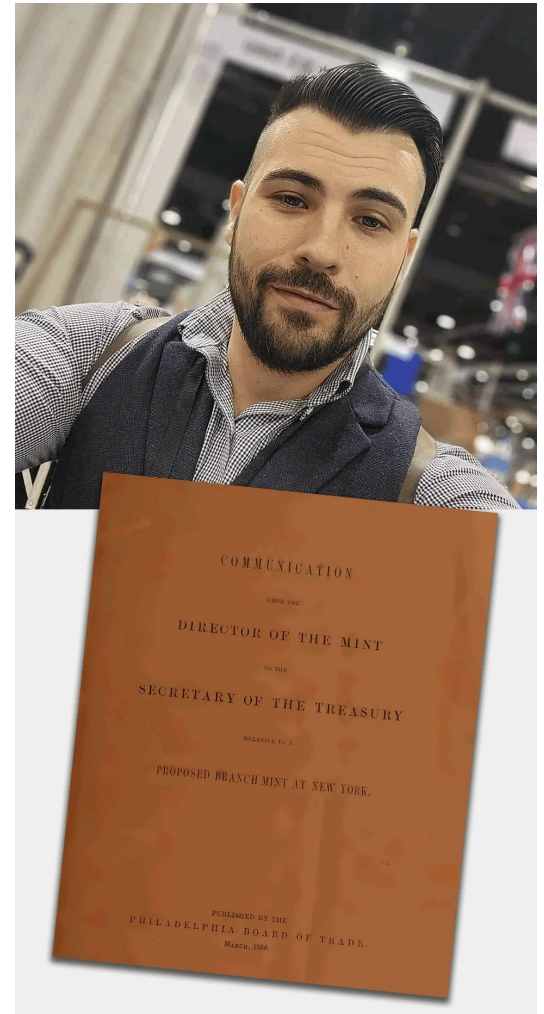
Presented by: **Russ Bega**

Every collector knows the story of America's eight United States Mints, but few realize that a ninth mint nearly joined their ranks. During the mid-nineteenth century, as New York emerged as the nation's financial capital, federal officials, Treasury administrators, and members of Congress spent more than a decade studying and debating the establishment of a United States Branch Mint in New York City.

Long overlooked by both historians and numismatists, this remarkable chapter of American coinage history was rediscovered through archival research conducted using primary-source government documents, Treasury correspondence, and congressional records. What began as a chance encounter with a forgotten report soon revealed a complex story of politics, commerce, bullion deposits, and competing regional interests at a pivotal moment in American history.

Join researcher and author Russ Bega as he traces the rise, development, and ultimate disappearance of New York's proposed branch mint. Through contemporary documents and newly uncovered evidence, attendees will explore one of the most fascinating "what if" stories in American numismatics and discover how close New York came to receiving its own mint mark.

Russ Bega began collecting U.S. coins when he was 8 years old after a trip to his local coin shop in Northern Colorado. He was previously employed by Heritage Auction Galleries, before departing on a decade-long career as a US Army Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer. In 2021, he joined the Harlan J. Berk team in Chicago, IL, where he is now the store manager. His specialty is Liberty Seated coins and 19th-century numismatics.



Coin World—US Coins

Minting Moments, Honoring Legends

By **Jake Utz**

Published: July 1, 2026, 11 AM



Chang Bullock, President of Minted Assets, ANA Retired Chairman Tom Uram, and Jake Utz of Coin World hold up a freshly struck 2026 ANA coin at the Sack & Kiesselbach press at Osborne Mint

Jake Utz

A room full of coin enthusiasts raised their glasses in a heartfelt toast on June 24, 2026, as Minted Assets hosted the First Strike Ceremony for the 2026 ANA convention coin in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — a moment that honored not only the host city but two beloved figures in the numismatic community: the coin’s designer Joel Iskowitz and Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists President Patrick McBride.

Chang Bullock, President of Minted Assets, opened the ceremony by reflecting on the series’ origins, which stretch back to a fateful evening at the FUN Show three years ago. “A few of us” gathered at the Rosen, where over gin and tonics, a dream took shape. Bullock had long envisioned a show coin more distinctly American in character — something that told a story and resonated with the largest American coin show in the world. That night, with ANA Executive Director Thomas Uram’s enthusiasm and support, the series was born.

Now in its third year, the series has found a fitting home in Pittsburgh. The reverse features “A Song to Nature,” a sculpture at the entrance of Mary Schenley Park, created by Victor David Brenner — the artist behind the 1909 Lincoln cent. Bullock credited his wife, Amber, with discovering the statue during a long drive back from Oklahoma. “When a coin comes together, it’s not just one person,” Bullock said. “It’s a community of people that usually come together to make that happen.”

A bald eagle flies overhead, on the reverse, carrying a ribbon bearing the dates 1776–2026 in honor of America’s 250th anniversary. A privy mark depicting Ben Franklin’s military hat alongside the initials PEM honors Patrick Emmett McBride — a tribute to his beloved role portraying Ben Franklin at major coin shows and events. Bullock recalled a moment that inspired the tribute: a young girl, wide-eyed with excitement after meeting Patrick McBride in character, ran back to her family exclaiming, “I just met Ben Franklin.” “To see that impact that Patrick McBride made on that little girl,” Bullock said, “was a powerful thing for me.”

Thomas Uram took to the podium to add his own tribute, praising Bullock’s vision while emphasizing the series’ significance. “It’s the first time that the ANA has actually been on a real coin,” Uram noted, calling the achievement a landmark for the organization and the hobby. He also reflected warmly on his long friendship with Patrick McBride, recalling years of collaboration building the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists from its earliest days, when the newsletter was still printed on a mimeograph.

The ceremony also served as a poignant remembrance of Joel Iskowitz, who passed away earlier this year. Bullock described Joel Iskowitz as not only an extraordinary talent — responsible for over 50 coins for the U.S. Mint and more than 2,000 stamp illustrations worldwide — but as a profoundly generous human being.

He recounted a story shared at a recent New York Numismatic Club meeting, in which Joel Iskowitz quietly added a quilt to the background of a portrait he painted of a colleague’s mother, having learned she loved quilting. The woman was so moved she made Joel Iskowitz a quilt in return. “That’s Joel,” Bullock said simply.

July 16 Auction List

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

Auction 7.16.2026

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. – Jefferson Nickel 1944 S Gem-BU \$10	\$5.00	
2	Jr. – Jefferson Nickel 1954 P Proof \$15	\$10.00	
3	Jr. – Barber Dime 1903 O Fine \$13	\$8.00	
4	Jr. – Mercury Dime 1917 P AU \$15	\$10.00	
5	Jr. – Mercury Dime 1931 P AU \$25	\$18.00	
6	Jr. – Mercury Dime 1942 S Ch. BU \$12	\$7.00	
7	Jr. – Mercury Dime 1943 D BU \$10	\$7.00	
8	Jr. – Washington Quarter 1942 P BU \$22	\$15.00	
9	Jr. – Washington Quarter 1943 P BU \$22	\$15.00	
10	Jr. – Washington Quarter 1953 P Ch. BU \$23	\$15.00	
11	Turban Half Cent 1828 P (13-S) EF-40 \$112	\$85.00	
12	Large Cent 1820 P (Large date) XF \$180	\$140.00	
13	Large Cent 1850 P EF-40 \$46	\$35.00	
14	Large Cent 1853 P EF-40 \$46	\$35.00	
15	Indian Cent 1868 P Fine \$77	\$60.00	
16	Indian Cent 1876 P EF \$155	\$120.00	
17	Indian Cent 1894 P R&B BU-63 \$140	\$110.00	
18	Indian Cent 1899 P R&B BU-63 \$85	\$65.00	
19	Lincoln Cent 1914 S BR. UNC. \$265	\$210.00	
20	Two Cent 1865 P AU-55 \$85	\$65.00	
21	Three Cent Silver 1854 P (T-2) VF \$75	\$60.00	
22	Shield Nickel 1866 P (T-1) VF \$85	\$65.00	
23	Buffalo Nickel 1919 S VF \$80	\$60.00	
24	Buffalo Nickel 1924 S Fine \$65	\$45.00	
25	Buffalo Nickel 1925 S VF \$57	\$45.00	
26	Buffalo Nickel 1926 D VF-35 \$75	\$48.00	
27	Lib. Seat. Dime 1853 P (no arrows) VG \$225	\$180.00	
28	Lib. Seat. Dime 1887 P AU-50 \$65	\$50.00	
29	Barber Dime 1899 P AU-50 \$55	\$40.00	
30	Mercury Dime 1939 D Ch. BU (FSB) \$22	\$17.00	
31	Barber Quarter 1907 D EF-40 \$82	\$65.00	
32	Lib. Std. Qtr. 1920 P EF-40 \$59	\$45.00	

July 16 Auction List (con'd)

33	Washington Quarter 1941 P Gem-BU \$37	\$25.00	
34	Washington Quarter 1946 S Gem-BU \$26	\$20.00	
35	Barber Half 1906 O VF-35 \$200	\$160.00	
36	Oregon Trail Half 1926 P Ch. BU-63 \$190	\$150.00	
37	Bridgeport Half 1936 P AU \$120	\$95.00	
38	Lib. Walk. Half 1939 P BU \$73	\$55.00	
39	Lib. Walk. Half 1940 P BU \$49	\$38.00	
40	Lib. Walk. Half 1941 P BU \$47	\$38.00	
41	Lib. Walk. Half 1945 P BU \$48	\$38.00	
42	Franklin Half 1951 D Ch. BU \$40	\$30.00	
43	Franklin Half 1952 D Ch. BU \$40	\$30.00	
44	Franklin Half 1956 P Ch. BU \$35	\$27.00	
45	Franklin Half 1960 P Proof \$40	\$30.00	
46	Franklin Half 1962 P Proof \$40	\$30.00	
47	Morgan \$1 -1878 P (8 tail) pol. UNC. \$200	\$60.00	
48	Morgan \$1 -1880 O (Micro o) BU MS-62 \$160	\$100.00	
49	Morgan \$1 -1884 O UNC. (gold tone) \$75	\$55.00	
50	Morgan \$1 -1885 P double-die PL. BU \$145	\$115.00	
51	Morgan \$1 -1896 O EF-45 \$113	\$80.00	
52	Morgan \$1 -1896 S Fine \$115	\$80.00	
53	Morgan \$1 -1899 S VF-30 \$105	\$75.00	
54	Morgan \$1 -1900 S VF \$90	\$70.00	
55	Morgan \$1 -1903 S VF-20 \$180	\$150.00	
56	Peace \$1 -1928 S Ch. BU \$240	\$200.00	
57	Civil War Store Card F.L.GAY Prov. RI VF \$30	\$20.00	
58	C-War Store Card BROAS BROS. NY EF \$50	\$30.00	
59	Hard Times Token – Not 1¢ 1837 Fine \$30	\$20.00	
60	H-T Token - Illust. Predecessor 1837 VF \$45	\$30.00	
61	PCGS Lib. Std. Qtr. 1927 S Fine-15 \$170	\$120.00	
62	PCI Morgan \$1 -1878 P (8 tail) EF-45 \$125	\$85.00	
63	IGC Morgan \$1 -1886 P BU-MS-63 \$103	\$75.00	
64	PCI Peace \$1 -1923 S AU-50 \$85	\$55.00	
65	US Set: 1940 (1¢-50¢) Ch. - Gem BU \$150	\$90.00	
66	Rome Gordianus Silver Antoninianus 243 BC AU \$150	\$100.00	

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Orange, CT—Am Leg 9am—2pm Melville, NY 8am—1pm	13	14	15 Blackstone Valley, MA 3pm—7pm	16	17	18 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm
19 Hartford, CT 9am—3pm Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleboro, MA 9am—2pm	20	21	22	23	24 Marlborough, MA 10am—7pm	25 Marlborough, MA 10am—4pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Admission is free unless otherwise noted

AUBURN MA: Elks Lodge, 754 South Bridge Street (Route 12) 46 Tables. Contact EBW Promotions, LLC 978- 658-0160

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

HARTFORD CT: Hartford Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT 06416, 40 Tables, 718-323-1930 or stassinsJ98@aol.com

MARLBOROUGH, MA: Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752, Contact Edward J. Aleo (781) 570-1107, \$10.00 Admission

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

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