

South Brevard Coin Club

Newsletter



August 2026

MEETINGS:

**First Wednesday of
every month**

David R. Schechter Center

**(Satellite Beach
Community Center)**

1089 So. Patrick Drive

Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Doors Open 6:00

Social Time 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Time 6:30 pm

Board of Directors:

Chairman:

Jim Nuara

President:

Juan Montoya

Vice President:

Bill Peters

Treasurer:

Tim

Secretary/Newsletter

Paula Davis

Webmaster:

Juan Montoya

Next Meeting August 5, 2026

6:30 pm

The Beautiful Game in Metal: How the World's Mints Celebrated the FIFA World Cup



Presented by

Juan Montoya

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and Florida United Numismatists (FUN)***

www.southbrevardcoinclub.org

Message from the President

Fellow Members,

As summer begins to wind down, I hope you've had the opportunity to add a few new treasures to your collection and spend time enjoying our wonderful hobby. This month, we also pause to remember our friend, Bill Peters, who passed away on July 16th. Bill faithfully served our club as Vice President, and his dedication, friendship, and passion for numismatics made a lasting impact on all of us. He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

As we gather this month, I encourage everyone to enjoy the fellowship that makes our club so special, share your latest finds, and help welcome new collectors. It's the friendships we build along the way that truly make this hobby meaningful.

Juan Montoya
SBCC President

In Memorandum BILL PETERS



On July 16, we lost a dear friend to our club and to the beloved hobby of numismatics. Even at the age of 98, Bill faithfully served as our Vice President, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of dedication and service to our organization.

We were truly blessed to have had Bill in our lives. His kindness, humility, and unwavering commitment made our club a better place and enriched the lives of everyone who knew him. As is so often the case with the truly great men, his life reflected the qualities of a true American hero.

Our dear friend, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you. Your memory will live on through the countless ways you touched our lives and through the lasting impact you made on our club.

You will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

BEGINNER COIN GRADING CLASS

September 19, 2026



Presented by Bob Mellor

We will be offering a Beginner Coin Grading Class on September 19, 2026. It will be a full day Saturday class held at the Satellite Beach Schechter Center. Cost is \$100. Space is limited to 20 students.

Contact Paula Davis at pmgdavis@aol.com to register.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Month/Year	Topic	Speaker/Event
January 2026	World Coins	Jack Lane
February 2026	Florida Currency	Chet Hogan
March 2026	Making Gold and Silver Legal Tender and Eliminating Taxes	Daniel Diaz
April 2026	Money and War	Elliot Lipson
May 2026	Spring Picnic	Crystal Buffet
June 2026	Carson City Morgan Dollars	Chet Hogan
July 2026	Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night	Bob Mellor
August 2026	The Beautiful Game in Metal: How the World's Mints Celebrated the FIFA World Cup	Juan Montoya
September 2026	TBD	
October 2026	Numismatic Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
November 2026	Club Bourse Night – Member Buying and Selling	
December 2026	Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle	Crystal Buffet

Monthly Auction

At most every monthly meeting (except picnics) we conduct an auction. Members are invited to bring in any numismatic item they would like to include in the auction. Member receives entire proceeds of items sold. Limit of 5 items per auction per month.



Some of the items that will be up for auction this month are:

1. Baggy full of foreign coins + foreign silver coins worth more than starting bid
2. 1955 PCGS MS 65 Silver Roosevelt Dime
3. 1960 Silver U S Proof Set
4. 1962 Silver U S Proof Set
5. 2004-S Silver Proof Florida state Quarter Pr 69 DCAM slabbed.



Coin Club Library

The Club has a great library of numismatic books that members are welcome to check out! The complete list of books available on the website. Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack@att.net) to check out.

SBCC has an extensive library that is available to all the members.

Check out the list of books below.

We would like to revive the BOOK REVIEW at our monthly meetings in which a member gives an oral review of a book they have read to the membership. And for your efforts, Bob will have something for you from the goodie bag!

Mark Your Calendar

SECOND SUNDAY COIN SHOW

2nd Sunday Each Month

Azan Shrine Center

9:30am-2:30pm

1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935

This is a monthly show held on the second Sunday of every month. Come to the show to pick up Coins-Currency-Stamps or become a dealer and sell.

Free admission, free parking. A.N.A.C. Coin Grading Company is on site for your coin submissions. Food is available for purchase.

COINS IN FLORIDA

www.coinsinflorida.com

Fabulous website for a comprehensive list of coin clubs, auctions, shows, events, and news in Florida! Join their newsletter!

Check out this website for a wealth of information, resources and events for all levels of numismatists. <https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week>

COIN TALK

4th Tuesday of the month

Suntree Viera Public Library

6:00pm-7:45pm

902 Jordan Blass Dr.
Melbourne, FL 32940

Informal group, open to the public to come share and learn. Bring coins to discuss or learn about. Every month is an interesting discussion and unites you with other coin enthusiasts.

Date Paid: _____ **Ck#/Cash:** _____ **Amount:** _____

America's Currency Dominance After 250 Years

by Michael Young

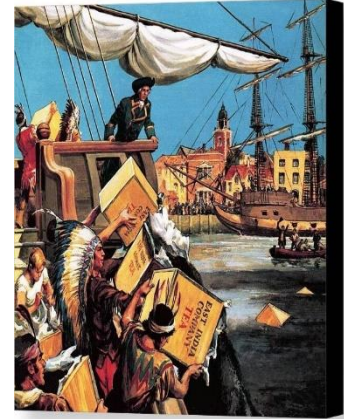
In 1976 America struck Bicentennial coinage to commemorate the milestone. Mint Director Mary Brooks accurately stated that these circulated issues will touch the hands of every man, woman and child as a reminder in daily commerce of our miraculous inception. This year, the U. S. Mint is once again issuing double dated circulating coins commemorating our birth. Given the advancements in technology and innovations of digital currency over the past 50 years, will that same sentiment instill the same understanding, whereas coins are not used in commerce as they had been in the past, let alone since the creation of America, and the dividend paying opportunities it unleashed to the world.



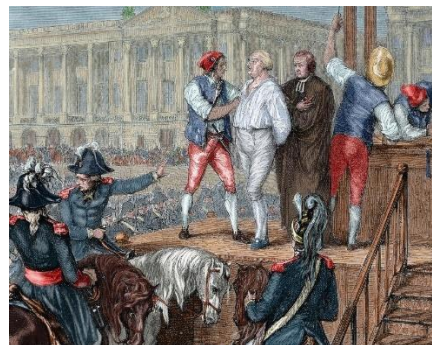
For an approximate 250-year period, the dominate economic system throughout

Europe was *Mercantilism*. A Kingdom's or Empire's, a Nation's wealth was dictated by the physical amount of Gold and Silver it had in its treasury reserves. This same governing authority was in complete control of trade, and restricted any colony from direct trade with a foreign nation. Also, colonies of any Sovereign were forced to provide cheap raw materials to the mother land, and strictly limited to any sort of manufacturing. Steeping tensions over the increasing tea tax had already been brewing, and the Dec. 1773 Boston Harbor Off-Loading Party was the catalyst over this trade monopoly.

The 1776 publication of *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, by the Scottish economist, Adam Smith was seen as a confirmation of



what our Founders had been inspired to achieve. Influenced by, and built upon these and other writings, the unique concept of America's Individual freedoms revolutionized governance, commerce and the world. The initial phase of the Industrial Revolution lit a fire under the first generation of Americans, and like an over pressurized steam engine, it exploded across the globe. The flying shrapnel of imposed limitations and restricted economies severed the heads of Monarchs and their trade monopolies.



Our French allies understood this economic principle and the phrase "Leave it to us" or

"Allow us to do it", regarding business and international trade, became known as *Laissez-Faire*. Bugged down by Napoleon, France as well as other nations did not have the same detailed focus, the governing philosophy of

individual empowerment, or our bountiful resources. America was growing stronger and stronger from its population striving and realizing the success of their own personal pursuits through individual wealth creation. At an early point America's currency became targeted, The Gold Eagle, our circulating \$10 gold piece was more valuable in bullion than its face value. European financiers and money brokers were melting them for the profit. The opposite was happening with our early Silver Dollars. They were lighter in silver, but traded on par with the Spanish Milled Dollar, the 8 Reales was the most popular & trusted currency of the time. Merchants in the West Indies sent Spanish Dollars to the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia for melting and returned as American Silver Dollars. There was no seigniorage charge by the mint, and profits were seen in volume by weight through arbitrage. Suspension of these coins, followed by a refinement resulted in America's ability to adapt and overcome. A characteristic that can be seen in the *"AMERICAN SPIRIT"*.



Throughout the 19th Century the whole world was doing business

with America. Barbary Corsair's made the mistake of trying to give our infant nation "the business". Finding out why they shouldn't harass our trade vessels, *"Peace was achieved through the mouth of our cannons"*. Their 300-year industry of ransom was finally ended, allowing for every other nation the equal freedom of peaceful trade in the region. Some nation's economies were initiated, and many others were driven by the economic powerhouse Americans built. The use of foreign currency as legal tender across America was abolished in 1857, transmuting an emerging exclusivity of U. S. currency, throughout industries, finance, and commerce around the world. These "pilgrim

farmers" became the leaders of invention, innovation and investment. America's currency unit was being sought out. It wasn't just the attractive designs of our Gold and Silver coins, but rather the inherent value of confidence found in American Currency. It acted more like a magnet to foreign nations. America's fundamental principle of Individual achievement, coupled with government limitations upon its citizenry was the key element, as opposed to a subjugated people. A collectivism system shall only equate misery among its subjects. It was this understanding around the world that now gave American Currency the title of the most respected and trusted currency.

Once again, a century later, America rescues world trade, and steps up to solve another problem. Although it wasn't from marauding evil lurking in the Mediterranean, easily dealt with through sheer courage and the will of righteous integrity. This time it required engineering expertise, massive state of the art heavy equipment, and of course, limitless funding. There was only one place all this could be found. The decisive actions of French Warships at Yorktown secured America's future. Now, the French requested America to secure the completion of their stymied endeavor to increase international trade. The Panama Canal finally began operating early in the 20th Century, and this new era brought with it market disaster and the entire world into war... twice. America paid a heavy toll in both blood and treasure. However, due to America's powerful economy, generated by a people of a born determination, our proven military capabilities and the relentless strength of our dollar, became the combined regulator of a Nation's Wealth. The whole of Europe, and other nations left in rubble were all rebuilt on the broad back of America's currency. There is no other nation that could ever offer the same opportunities and securities to not just its citizenry, but also the world.

Long gone are the days of specie backed currencies. Our Bicentennial year marked the end of all statutory currency connections to bullion. It seems infeasible the gold and silver commodities could return as a standard for currency and coinage. Digital type currency in the form of debit/credits cards dominate “coin vending” and almost every other form of transaction. Consider *The 5000-Year Leap* that was initiated through America’s founding, because it is NOT the Yuan, the Ruble, or the Dinar that dictates global currency reserves. It IS The Dollar, and while many other nations do



use a “dollar” as it’s unit of currency, it is ONLY The American Dollar, The USD that maintains top rung status among all currencies. Achieved through the limitations of governance allowing for the individual to excel, all within a mere 250 years. These are the reasons why only one nation’s name can be said in the popular statement, “*Only in America*”.

As you look through and collect the latest coins issued to commemorate America’s 250th year of Independence, you probably won’t be using them in daily commerce as many of us had done as children in 1976. Although, the mint is bringing back “coin roll hunting” by releasing a scant 250,000 *July 4th*, privy marked quarters. The important understanding is the real commodity in currency has now become *TRUST*. Trust in America’s *Wealth of a Nation*, its unyielding economic power, our governing law, security, technologies innovations, and the “Can Do” mindset. Which is conceived in the individual American’s will of not to be ruled over, but rather taking on the risks of failure, and maintaining *full faith and credit* for success. It is this immortal *TRUST* the world recognizes and respects as the number one reserve currency. A

Trust that has been legitimately built by example, and proven action throughout 250 years of commerce using those very coins in our collections.

Over the past weeks leading up to our annual celebration of Independence this year, an international sporting contest has been ongoing.



Europeans and foreigners from all over the world have been flocking here specifically to witness these live games. Their astonishment of how truly exceptional America is has had a positive infectious response. Seeing and experiencing first-hand the impressiveness of America, they now know what we have always understood. America is a gorgeous haven of unlimited freedoms, shining brightly, and craved, just as American coins have been for 250 years all around the world.



- Pacific Legal Foundation
- “The Boston Tea Party was a Fight Against Monopoly, Not High Taxes” by Nicole W.C. Yeatman Dec. 15, 2023
- Encyclopedia Britannica
- Britannica Money/Economics Mercantilism
- Encyclopedia Britannica
- Britannica Money/Economics Laissez-Faire
- THE 5000-YEAR LEAP Willard Cleon Skousen
- THE WEALTH OF NATIONS
Adam Smith