# South Brevard Coin Club

## Newsletter

**November2025**

**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 6:30–7:00 pm

Meeting Time 7:00 pm

**Board of Directors:**

Chairman:

**Jim Nuara**

President:

**Bob Senton**

Vice President:

**Bill Peters**

Treasurer:

**Tim**

Secretary/Newsletter/Website/ Membership Chair:

**Paula Davis**

## Next Meeting

# November 5, 2025

## 7:00 pm

## CLUB BOURSE NIGHT

## Members Buy and Sell!

**Set up a table to sell**
**or come look for that special coin**
**you've been looking for!**

**Plus our monthly**
**Raffles and Auctions**

*South Brevard Coin Club*

*P.O. Box 372418, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3972*

*Member of the American Numismatic* Association (ANA) and Florida United Numismatists *(FUN)*

*www.southbrevardcoinclub.org*

# Intermediate
# Coin Grading Class
# February 7, 2026

**With Bob Mellor**

**Full Day Saturday Class will be held at**

**the Schechter Center**

**in Satellite Beach**

**$100**

**There is limited seating**

**so if you are interested**

**please see Tim (Treasurer) to sign up**

**Effective January 1, 2026**

**yearly dues will increase to $25.**

**Still a great bargain considering the benefits of membership!**

# Upcoming Programs

| *Month/Year* | *Topic* | *Speaker* |
|---|---|---|
| January 2025 | Andria Doria | Bill Peters |
| February 2025 | Alaska Mint Coinage | Dave Castro |
| March 2025 | World Coins | Jack Lane |
| April 2025 | Salvaging The Wreck Of The Admiral Gardner and Its Cargo of British East India Company Copper Coins | Bob Senton |
| May 2025 | Spring Picnic | Golden Corral |
| June 2025 | The Golden Era of Stock Certificates | Juan Montoya |
| July 2025 | Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night | Bob Mellor |
| August 2025 | Peace Dollars | Chet Hogan |
| September 2025 | The Liberty Seated 20-Cent Piece | Chet Hogan |
| October 2025 | Numismatic Trivia Night | Bob Mellor |
| November 2025 | Club Bourse Night – Members buying and Selling | |
| December 2025 | Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle | Golden Corral |

## MONTHLY AUCTION

A 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 amount that item sold for. **Limit of 5 items per auction.**

If you have any items you would like featured prior to the auction or you are interested in selling please let me know at least 2 weeks prior to next meeting. You can send information to Paula Davis at pmgdavis@aol.com.

One of our featured auction items this month is:

10oz. 'Scottsdale Stacker' silver bar

## Invite a Friend!

Invite your friends who share your numismatic passion to come to a meeting and see what we're all about.

*Benefits and Membership Application in newsletter.*

# Mark Your Calendar!

**2nd Sunday COIN SHOW**

**2nd Sunday Each Month**
9:30am – 2:30pm
Azan Shrine Center
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

**COIN TALK**
Suntree Viera Public Library

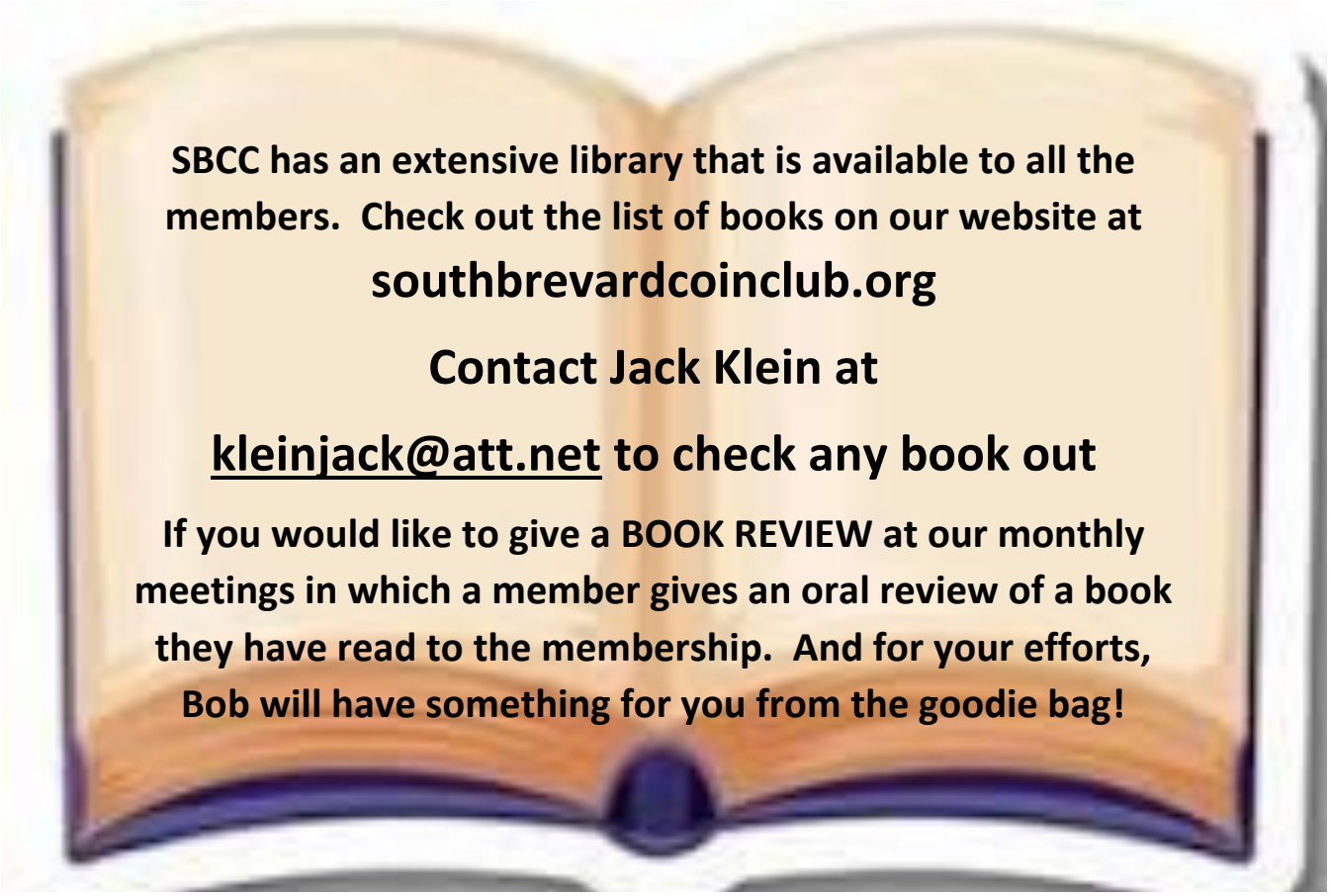
**4th Tuesday of the month**
**6:00pm-7:45pm**

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.

**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**



## *BENEFITS OF SBCC MEMBERSHIP*

- Meet once a month with fellow numismatists
- Education
  - Guest Speakers
  - Numismatic Classes
  - Library of books that can be checked out
- Tabletop your coins before each meeting for sale or to show and tell
- Participate in coin auction (Buying and Selling)
- Receive a pre-1965 silver dime each meeting
- Win coins and coin related items in raffle
- Annual Summer Picnic
- Pizza and Movie Night
- Annual Christmas party with big coin raffle

# SOUTH BREVARD COIN CLUB

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Membership Type: New_____ Renewal_____ Dealer Only____ Other_____**

Name:_____

Name:_____

Mailing Address:_____

Phone: (____) Email:_____

*I hereby promise to abide by the Bylaws of the Club*

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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**Annual Club Dues: $25.00 per person** **Children under 18: - $10.00 each**

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

# THE ONGOING LEGAL AUTHORITY OF PESOS IN AMERICA

by Mike Young

The Coinage Act of 1857 was enacted for three specific reasons. Much like our current One Cent Piece, increasing production costs and low value instigated the elimination of the Half-Cent Piece. It also introduced the 169-year production of the Small-Cent Piece at a fixed weight & composition, which did vary a few times. The 3rd, but most important point, was to establish the exclusive use of United States Treasury Minted American Coins as the only acceptable/legal medium for payment of debts and transactions. Limited up to 5 Dollars, foreign coins shall be deemed legal tender for the following two years, and then dismissed as viable currency. All foreign coins, most prominently the Spanish Milled Dollar, 8 Reales and lower denominations were to be redeemed for set U. S. coin denominations at Treasury, Land, and Post Offices throughout the Nation. However, to this day, there are still 2 denominations of Mexican produced peso coinage, enforced by law, that shall always maintain legally binding authority here in America.

Approximately ten months after Florida became the 27th State, Texas was accepted as the 28th State in 1845. Prior to that Texas was its own Republic since 1836, and even earlier, a Spanish Province that became a Mexican Republic in 1821. One of America's oldest Law Enforcement Agencies is The Texas Rangers originating in 1823. The "Father of Texas" Stephan F. Austin formed the Texas Rangers as a volunteer militia force for the protection of settlers in accordance with his father's "Empresario Contract". The "LONE STAR" origins can be traced back to George Childress, an 1836 original signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, when he introduced a resolution stating in part, "*A single star of five points be recognized as the peculiar emblem of the new republic, ...and that every officer and soldier of the army wear it".*

Badges made from coins have existed throughout history. The U. S. Marshals, and Arizona Rangers have also been known to wear Badges made from Mexican coins, but it is the Texas Rangers that enshrined the Cinco Pesos in history.

For decades, since 1823, Rangers were not issued badges. The only identification a Ranger required was his inte**grit**y to protect settlers and serve justice to bandits. Ten Men were initially hired and paid by Austin to aid the Mexican militia patrols. Safely populating Mexico's newly acquired independent region was the goal. The first Texas Rangers Badges were made by the Ranger himself, or a silversmith, by cutting a five-pointed star into a silver Mexican coin, an 8 Reales coin. In 1863 The Republic of Mexico began issuing decimalized currency based on the peso, while continuing to mint silver coins denominated in Reales through 1897. It was obvious for the Ranger to use a Mexican coin due to their regional abundance, as well as avoiding the "defacing" legalities of U. S. minted coins. It was a legitimate concern prior to, and post-Civil War. These men were Law Officers after all.

A "**C**ertificate **O**f **A**uthenticity", or more accurate, a Warrant of Authority was issued to

Rangers, the oldest known is dated 1836, proving them to be Law Officers. The Badges were not issued or standardized until 1935, and during these prior decades fashioning an 8 Reales coin into a badge was not uncommon. The oldest known surviving pre-35-coin badge is on display at the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame & Museum. Known as the "Ocho Reales", circa 1880's, it was worn by Ranger Ira Aten.

Leading up to the mid-20th Century a few varieties of badges were issued. Specifically, the Blue Bottle Cap style is when Rangers held an unfavorable opinion of the badge. It has been cited, Sr. Capt. Clint Peoples is credited with the appearance of the current badges, and

according to Ranger Glenn Elliot, it was Ranger G.W. Burkes of Co. B, that took the initiative in 1960 or 61, and wore the first authorized Cinco Pesos. From studying the Rangers history of the 8 Reales Badges, Burkes discussed and received permission from his Capt., Bob Crowder, and submitted a Cinco Pesos coin to Haltom's Jewelry in Fort Worth Texas. In 1962 Col. Homer Garrison, Texas Ranger Chief and Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, approved and standardized the Cinco Pesos badges for all Rangers maintaining the historical origins of the 8 Reales badges. Shortly after in the same year, the son of Capt. Hardy Burl Purvis, Ranger Louis Hardy Purvis donated over 5 dozen 1947 & 1948 Cinco Pesos coins to become the iconic Texas Rangers Badge.

A lesser-known fact, one of the earlier known

uses of a coin for identification is from the 17th century. French Huguenots, persecuted protestants used a Merceau Communion Coin as proof of membership allowing entry to worship services.

Formal written authorization is required for a Cinco Pesos coin to become a badge, more so than the permission Ranger Burkes received from Capt. Crowder. Authorized documentation accompanies each request for each badge produced for every Ranger. One is filed with the Texas DPS and one with the Authorized maker. Currently there are only 3 Authorized jewelers/silversmiths that have the privilege to transform the Pesos. JBrandt, Lopez Engraving, and Kevin Johnson's Bits and Spurs, of which, it is only Kevin Johnson who hand crafts each step personally. Just as counterfeit coins exist, so do counterfeit Ranger Badges. An understanding of what you're looking at, and looking for, is required concerning both counterfeit coins and authentic Ranger badges. One of the leading authorities discerning counterfeit Ranger Badges is Kevin Johnson due to his decades long experience of hand crafting and expertise with the Cinco Pesos. Numismatist Kenneth Bressett famously stated in regards to grading a coin, but is also relevant to counterfeits, "You only need four things, a good light, a good loupe, a good memory, and a good twenty years of experience.

The 1947-8 Silver Cinco Pesos is issued to a new Ranger, a Lt. Ranger, and the Staff Lt. Ranger. A gold-plated Silver Cinco Pesos, or the 1921–1947 Centennial Gold 50 Pesos coin is reserved for a Capt., Staff Capt., Major, Asst. Chief, and Chief Ranger. It is not uncommon for a Ranger to have more than one Cinco Pesos during his career due to promotions; however, it is only the Ranger's initial badge that is provided, additional badges are paid for by the Ranger. This can be a considerable cost when promoted to the Gold 50 Pesos ranks. Many times, fellow Rangers will pitch in to assist with payment and is why a gold-plated silver Cinco peso is an option. There are approximately 100 applicants for each open new Ranger position when available. A minimum of 8 yrs law enforcement experience and strict physical fitness abilities are only a few prerequisites to wear the Cinco Pesos.

While the Peso is not legal tender in America, the Silver Cinco, and Gold 50 Pesos shall always hold legally binding authority in America. Engraved in the die of our founding principles and courage, struck in the press of taming America's Wild West, and having an extremely limited mintage, these pesos represent the Lawful Authority of high caliber merit, and inte**grit**y to serve and protect "backed" by hard specie. Today's Rangers, possibly the world's most famous law enforcement agency, are of the same grit, and no nonsense attitude for justice and protection since its inception. Is there even a short list of anything that could be more American than "Wearing the Cinco Pesos"?


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Monday, November 12, 2012

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100 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco TX 76706
Eric Richard Collections Manager
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