South Brevard Coin Club

Newsletter

September 2025

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

September 3, 2025

7:00 pm

Come learn about

The Liberty Seated 20-Cent Piece

Presented by Chet Hogan

Plus our monthly Raffles and Auctions

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

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

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SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS
To Our Own
BOB MELLOR

Sworn in as "Special Officer" to the new
ANA Board 2025-2027
in the capacity as the
“Counselor to the ANA President".

Mark Lighterman, newly elected ANA Board President, Paul Hollis, new Mint Director,
Bob Mellor, Counselor to the ANA President and Special Officer of the ANA Board
and Dr. Walter Ostremicki, former ANA President.

Awarded the American Numismatic Association
Medal of Merit
at the ANA Awards Banquet in
Oklahoma City, OK.

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And Congratulations to Mark Lighterman as newly elected ANA Board President and

Paul Hollis, New Mint Director!

Effective January 1, 2026 yearly dues will increase to $25.

Still a great bargain considering the benefits of membership!
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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.

Featured Items This Month:

- 1961 U.S. Silver Proof Set
- 2014 Isle of Man 1 oz. Silver Angel Coin
- Troy oz. Silver Round
- 1853 Bust Dime VF – Original Condition
- 1853 – O Seated Half Dollar F/VF+ Original Condition

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

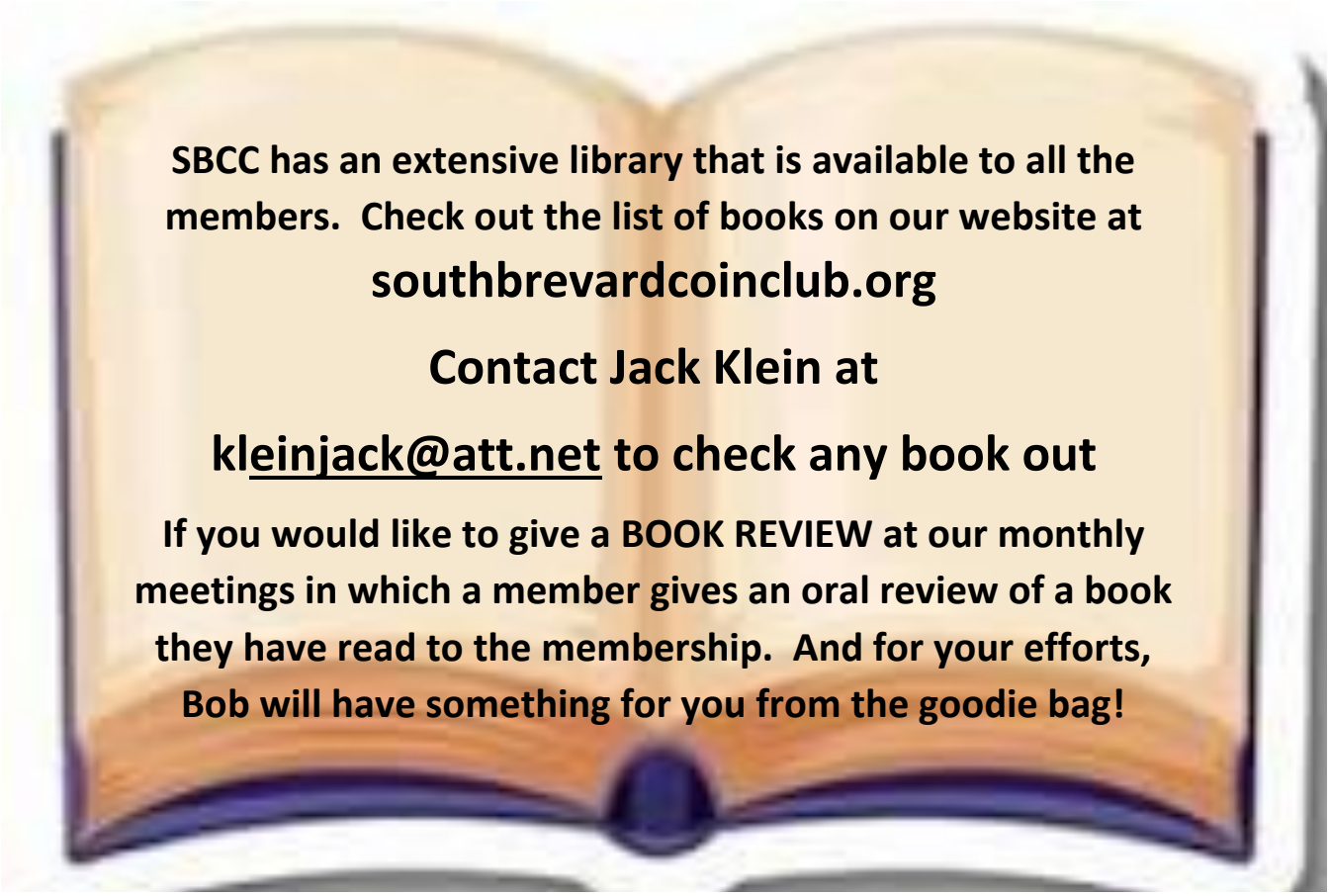
4th Tuesday of the month
6:00pm-7:45pm

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

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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: $15.00 per person **Children under 18: - $5.00 each**

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

The Copperhead Cent

by

Jack Klein

What in the world is a *Copperhead Penny* or more correctly, a *Copperhead Cen*t? Well, first of all, one needs to know who the *Copperheads* were, and why they embraced the large copper cent as a badge for their political stance.

During the American Civil War, the *Copperheads* were a faction of the Democratic Party from the northern (Union) states. They referred to themselves as a *Peace Party.* They opposed the Civil War. They opposed freeing the slaves. They opposed the mandatory military draft instituted by President Abraham Lincoln. They encouraged desertions from the Union army. They favored negotiating with the Confederacy to bring an end to the Civil War. They blamed radical abolitionists (those vocally in favor of abolishing slavery) for causing the war.

Once the war started, Republicans gave these *Peace Democrats* a nickname: *Copperheads*. Named for a vicious species of a venomous snake. Many Republicans wanted to charge and prosecute the *Copperheads* with treason. *Copperheads* readily and willingly accepted the moniker and used the coin symbol with pride.

The large cent was minted in the United States from 1793 to 1857, with a break in 1815 for no discernible reason. The large cent, in most of its iterations, was roughly 27 to 29 millimeters in diameter. Larger by far than the modern cent at 19.05 millimeters. Falling between the modern U.S. quarter (24.24 millimeters) and the U.S. half dollar (30.61 millimeters).

COIN	Modern Cent	Quarter	Large Cent	Half Dollar
DIAMETER	19.05 mm	24.26 mm	27 mm	30.61 mm

The most common coin used by the *Copperheads* was known as the *Braided Hair Large Cent* minted between 1837 to 1857.

Initially, the *Copperheads* cut the *Braided Hair Liberty Head* from the coin. When the practice became too tedious, *Copperheads* resorted to punching holes in the coin, and attaching them as buttons, or threading ribbons or small-link chains through the hole and wearing them around their necks. Examples below.

As far as their collectability, I have found no literature valuing them over and above undamaged specimens from the same vintage.

SOURCE: https://www.pcgs.com/

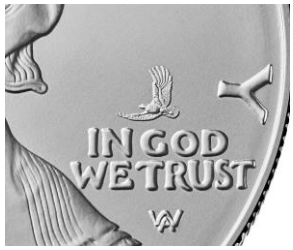
Privy Mark Coins of America

by Mike Young

Twelve and a half score years ago, the 2nd Continental Congress of our burgeoning nation met on June 14th in Philadelphia and birthed The Continental Army. Since then, America's Military branches have grown into the most powerful and respected forces in the world. At noon, on June 13th, 2025 the U. S. Mint made the latest privy mark coin available for pre-order. In recent years U. S. Minted Privy Mark Coins have been produced annually, and 3 more American Silver Eagle Privy Mark Coins are scheduled for release this year. One of which is a Laser Etched Sunburst Privy Mark Silver Eagle. These new 2025 Privy Mark Proof American Silver Eagles have a limited mintage of 100,000 each, however, ALL of the U. S. privy mark coins ever minted total well over 100 million!

2025 marks the 250th Anniversary of not only America's Army, but also America's Navy, and our beloved Marines, OORAH! It is a lesser-known fact, as a separate military branch within the Department of Navy, the Marines have the finest dress uniform of all the branches, just ask any lady, foreign or domestic. Initially established as Continental entities the U. S. Mint has marked their birth dates as June 14th Army, October 13th Navy, and November 10th Marines, of 1775. The U. S. Mint is producing Silver Eagles with each branch insignia privy mark to commemorate the 250th year of their inception. Limited to one coin per household, you may have to call on friends to order more for gift giving. The Continental Army mustered up approximately 27,000 fighting patriots in 1775. The Navy purchased 4 vessels to refit in 1775, and by December the Marines consisted of only 1 Battalion, approximately 300 men with officers to act as landing forces with the fleet. Commemorating these historical events on coins with a privy mark is one of the reasons why privy marks are used, but there are a few other specific reasons.

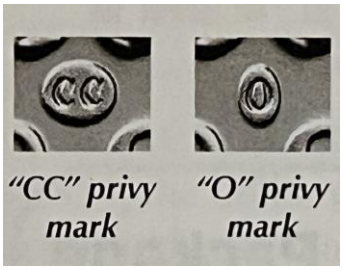
A consensus of numismatists, coin dealers, and collectors have often used the word "gimmick" when the privy mark subject is raised. The Laser Etched Sunburst Privy Mark Eagle could be construed so. Also possible, is how the 2024 Star Privy Eagle, and the 2025 Eagle-In-Flight privy coins were introduced. Described as a "*groundbreaking collaboration*" by the Mint and Eighth Era Gaming/Nice Gang, this is the second company pairing up with the U. S. Mint creating exclusive coins. Last year DC Comics was the first. Both the Star Privy Mark, and the Eagle-In-Flight Privy Eagles have a 500,000 mintage. The first 50,000 of each were slabbed with custom labels by NGC and only attainable through Eighth Era. The remaining 450,000 can be found for around $50 raw.



The 2024 230th Anniversary Flowing Hair Silver Medal had a mintage of 75,000 commemorating America's first Silver Dollar. A **coin**ciding year minting of 1,794 with a 230 Privy Mark were doled out randomly during the delivery process. A fun crap shoot opportunity, but it was the 2024 Flowing Hair Gold Coin with 230 Privy Mark that provoked legitimate controversy. Only being available to the highest bidder with an extremely limited mintage of a mere 230. This example is most likely the reasoning for the feeling of gimmicky.

When is a Mint Mark a Privy Mark? Well, it isn't, except concerning the 2021 Morgan and Peace Dollar 100th Anniversary Collector Coins. This anomaly is only seen on the Morgan coins. The New Orleans and Carson City Mints had been discontinued and never produced Peace Dollars, but they did produce Morgans. The fact these 2 mints are still not in production, the coins could not bear the Mint's mark, because these coins are specifically designated as legal tender. They are categorized as "Numismatic Items" rather than a "Commemorative". By law, only 2 commemorative coins are allowed each year, which had already been approved for 2021, and is why you will find them listed under Silver and Related Dollars in your Red Book. All the 2021-present, CC & O mint mark privy mark Morgans where struck at Philadelphia. This design reasoning was approved by the Treasury Secretary after consultation by the Commission of Fine Arts and reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. It was during this process the decision to call a mint mark a privy mark was made. And so it shall be.

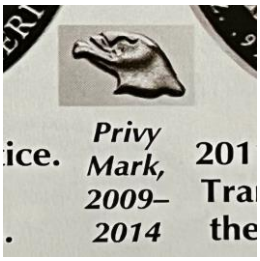
In 2020, fortunate coin collector's, numismatists, and dealers paid a mere $83 + shipping for possibly the highest premium American Silver Eagle to date, The 75th Anniversary Victory End of WWII Privy Mark Eagle. Only 75,000 were struck and resell for well over $300 today. The highest auction price for the $50 Gold V75 Coin was from Stack's Bowers Auction in 2023 for just over $20K. Initial cost from the mint was a paltry $2,600 + shipping. Only 1,945 of these Gold $50 Saint Gaudens Proof DCAM were struck. The mint also struck 2 million each of 5 America The Beautiful quarter series for 2020 with the V75 Privy in clad only. The V75 Privy Mark has a design feature you may recognize. The border that encompasses the V75 is identical to the shape of the reflecting pool in the center of the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. One side of the Memorial represents the Pacific Campaign, while the opposite side represents the European Campaign.



The American Innovation $1 Coin Program began in 2018 with an inaugural issued coin representing the program. From 2019-2032 four State coins shall be produced depicting an engineering innovation associated with the State. Each year's coins shall bear a different stylized gear privy mark. The 2018 inaugural coin shares the same privy with the 2019 issues. This program is reminiscent of the 1999 State Quarter program, which will also include America's 5 Territories, although these coins are not meant for circulation. They are produced in the same weight, dimensions &

composition as the Sacagawea Coin and the Presidential Dollar Coin Program, They are sold in Proof as well as Reverse Proof. This should be a fun and exciting collection for young numismatists to complete. When reading about these coins in your 2026 Red Book, the 2025 coins and privy mark had not been able to be listed due to release and publication conflicts. The 2025 Red Book does list the 2024 privy gear and States issued. The 2025 privy is shown below. This year's States are Michigan, Arkansas, Texas, & Florida!

The $100 Platinum "Preamble to the Constitution" Coin Series from 2009-2014 also featured a privy mark. It has no significance, it's just there. Placed on the Reverse you will find an Eagle's Head in the lower right field for 2009, then switching to the lower left in 2010. The privy mark was then placed near the rim from 2011-2014, alternating from the 3 o'clock position to the 9 o'clock position each year. These coins commemorate specific and popular statements that were written down in the preamble of Our Constitution and require adherence, words to Lead by. Take a closer look at these platinum coins and consider adding them to your collection.



Regarded by some as America's first "privy mark" coins are the 1921 Missouri and Alabama Centennial Half Dollar Commemoratives. 9,400 of the 1921 Missouri strikings incused a 2*4 (star not asterisk) into the obverse field. This left side mark" indicates "privy Missouri's 24th Star to Our Flag. 6,006 of the 1921 Alabama strikings also incused a 2X2 within the right side field representing Alabama being the 22nd State to the Union. The X was specifically selected to represent The St. Andrew's Cross (Saltire) which is prominently featured on the State Flag. Besides, the obverse is already littered with 22 stars in the lower field. The majority of both coins minted do not include these privy marks, and are labeled as "varieties". The "Privy Mark Variety"? Another lesser known fact, the forefront profile of Thomas Erby Kilby on the Alabama Half is the first time a living person's likeness, at the time of striking, was featured on a U.S. Minted coin.

The 1922 Grant Memorial Commemorative Half Dollar has a "Star Variety". 4,256 of the silver halves and exactly 50% of the $1 Gold Grant Commemorative incused a star above his name in the right side field. Officially it has no significance, so could it be a legitimate privy mark? Is it merely a variety? Another "Privy Mark Variety"?

The multitude of source material defining a Privy Mark are essentially similar. It's origin is French "Prive" derived from the Latin "Privatus" meaning Set Apart / Private. The Dumbarton Oaks Glossary of Numismatic Terms has an interesting definition. "*Letter or Symbol placed on coins as an element in mint control for distinguishing between moneyers or issues, without it's meaning being immediately obvious to the public. Also called Siglon (pl. Sigla)"*. By definition, this confirms a "variety" the U. S. Mint has never attributed as a "privy mark", to being a privy mark. The Mint admits the official reasoning for being on the coins is in fact to serve the function of communicating specific information about the coin's production, but it's not called a privy mark.

Starting in 1853 through 1872, Liberty Half Dimes, Half Dollars & decreased the silver content/weight. A 3 year mintage from 1853-1855 added a mint controlled element, Arrows, to each side of the date signifying the specific information of weight reduction in the coins even while many in the public were not immediately aware. Only for the 1853 halves and quarters a new Reverse design was created by adding Rays around the Eagle to convey the same information. In 1873 the silver content/weight was increased slightly, and once again, Arrows were placed on either side of the date to specifically convey the change in issued Dimes, Quarters and Halves through 1874. Half Dimes were discontinued and the Reverse Rays design was not implemented. It is only by including these twice changed weight denominations, with added mint controlled elements during the 5 years of production, can the "over 100 million" be reached. While fitting the criteria to define a privy mark coin, many experts do not regard them as so.

A unique gold piece, some refer as America's first commemorative, has letters placed on the coin as an element in mint control to distinguish the issue is the 1848 CAL Quarter Eagle Gold Coin. Less than 1,400 were struck at the Philadelphia mint just prior to the Gold Rush of 1849 to convey the specific information of where the gold came from to produce these coins. Three letters, CAL and a dot were placed above the Eagle's head on Reverse.

A popular jeweler and goldsmith,

Ephraim Brasher was not only a friend to George Washington, but also his neighbor. The coin's he produced were Post Colonial coins for local use in New York. His Doubloons were valued at 8 Escudos, New York Currency valued them at $15. He created a Lima Style, a Full Doubloon & Half Doubloon, all bearing an element the **mint**er was in control of, 2 letters E B, to distinguish these issues as evidence of the moneyer's metal testing and value. While these gold pieces also maintain the criteria required to be defined as privy marked coins, Brasher's initials are referred as Hallmarks, and the 2 ½ Dollar CAL. is labeled a distinguishing mark.

Next year, 2026 marks America's 250th Anniversary. Our Semiquincentennial. The only Privy Mark coin image released from the Mint so far is on the 250th Anniversary Gold Mercury Coin. A recreation of the 2016 100th Anniversary Gold Mercury Coin, but with a 250 Liberty Bell Privy. Rumor has it this liberty bell privy mark may also appear on a special production, five double dated 1776-2026 quarters, as well as a design changed One and Five Cent Piece. 2025 may in fact be the final year of the Lincoln Cent with shield reverse. Consider what other privy mark designs the Mint may develop. A U. S. Flag Privy, a 13 Star Flag? The Product Schedule released in the Fall will give us something to look forward to, and what would the 250th America Anniversary Coins release date be? July 4th, or maybe July 2nd ?

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