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Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Next Monthly Meeting

NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
5134 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043

JULY 14, 2023 7:00 PM

AUGUST 11, 2023 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 13, 2023 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 7:00 PM

NOTE CHANGE IN START TIMES!

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

EACH MEMBER IS
ENCOURAGED TO BRING
REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.

HELP WANTED!

Come early to our meetings and
help set up the tables and chairs.
The pay is low but the rewards are
many!

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

MARY P

VICE PRESIDENT:

CODEY K

Treasurer:

HAROLD R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

MARY'S MESSAGE

by Mary P

Greetings,

I know you all are staying hydrated and cool and safe.

We are celebrating our nations Birthday with a potluck dinner at our July 14th meeting. Please bring a dish, chips or a drink to share. Due to our dinner we will not have Find of the Month so please bring two finds for the table next month. There will be a very short business meeting.

Continue to think about who would be our next officers.

East Fork is cancelling the Fun Hunt for July, it is just too HOT.

Hope your Fourth was safe and Happy. See you on the 14th. Meeting/Dinner starts at seven, Bill and I will be at the church about six to start setting up. Any and all help would be sincerely appreciated.

Mary.

From The Vice President

by Codey K

Hoping everyone is having a pleasant summer and staying healthy and hydrated. Keep in mind elections are coming up and we are hoping to see new faces for our officers. Looking forward to our upcoming meeting as we will have a chance for conversation with friends and a great meal! Hope to see everyone there. VP Codey

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

FRANK M

HAROLD R (ASST.)

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

TBD

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMISTRESS:

TRACY J

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

LLEWELLYN D (ASST.)

**SEE YOUR MEMBER
DIRECTORY FOR
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

NOTICE!

**SELL YOUR SILVER COINS
TO OUR CLUB RATHER
THAN TO A STRANGER!
CHECK OUR PRICE
BEFORE YOU SELL! CALL
TREASURER HAROLD R
AT 214-274-5984**

NOTICE!

**SUGGEST A PLACE FOR
OUR MONTHLY FUN
HUNTS OTHER THAN A
CITY PARK AND RECEIVE
A SILVER DOLLAR!**

MEMBER

ADVERTISEMENTS

DISPLAY CASES

**Do you need three display cases
for your finds? They are in
rough shape but can be easily
"prettied up" with a little work.
If interested, make me an offer
(to be donated to the club).**

Mike S

*This space is reserved for free
member ads. Do you have
something you wish to sell or buy?
Member ads, including pictures,*

From Our Treasurer

by Harold R

It's been hot out there, but I have managed to get out and do a little hunting this month. Be careful and drink lots of water if you go out.

We completed the Treasurer's audit this month. Only a few items were off and have been corrected in the coin inventory. Checking account balanced correctly. Dave T. will present the report at our next meeting.

I hope everyone is coming to the next meeting for some food and fun.

See you there.

Harold R.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for June 9, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Mary P called the meeting to order.

Harold R was hospitalized recently for possible heart problems. Mary P will have heart valve replacement on June 28.

Dues for 2023 are being collected; \$20 individual, \$25 family.

If you have damaged coins found while detecting you can add them to the jar at each meeting.

New Business

Terry R will be Finance Committee Chairperson along with members Dave T and Mickey C. They will meet the week of June 19th to conduct the audit.

July 14th meeting will be a pot luck dinner with hot dogs. Mary P and Bill A will provide hot dogs and buns. Members are to bring salads, desserts, chips, dips, etc. There will be no FOM in July, but two items may be submitted in August. The Fund Raiser will be held, but only a brief business meeting is scheduled.

Be thinking about officers for 2023-2024.

Codey K introduced our speaker, David Lee, the Director of Education for the Dallas Historical Society. He presented an interesting program on the story of

will be printed as space allows.

We also have space for paid ads. If you have a business or service available and wish to advertise to club members (and those who visit our newsletter on the Webpage), reasonable rates apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JULY MEETING: JULY 4
HOT DOG DINNER AND
APPOINT OFFICER
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
- AUGUST MEETING:
WRITTEN AUDIT REPORT**
- SEPTEMBER MEETING:
ELECT OFFICERS**

MEMBER NOTICE:

Jack L. reminds us all to save our foreign coins. These are used in hunts involving kids who often spend silver coins, especially in vending machines. Bring your foreign coins to any club meeting so we can have a reserve.

**We don't need
Metal Detectors
in Congress, we
need Lie
Detectors.**

the Alamo, exhibits and dioramas at the Hall of State at Fair Park, and significance of Sam Houston conducting a convention after the fall of the Alamo.

Break

During the break, please buy fund raiser tickets and vote for FOM.

Fun Hunt, hosted by Frank M, will be on June 10th at 9:00 at Holford Park, 2420 N. Shiloh Rd, Garland 75042. Maps are available.

Mike S publishes the newsletter the week before the meeting. If you have anything to contribute, email it to him.

Old Business

Minutes are published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud. No additions or corrections were made; motion to accept made by Dave T, seconded by Leticia R; minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Mickey C won the marble drawing, and got the blue marble! Door prize winners were Mickey C, Andretta L, Codey K, Mary P.

Fund Raiser winners were: 1925 Peace dollar – Codey K; 1934 Peace dollar – Leticia R; 1923 Peace dollar – Mary P; 1885 Morgan dollar – Leticia R; 1886 Morgan dollar – Codey K.; Silver Round – Bill A; Silver Round – Frank M; 1942 Walking Liberty half – Dave T; 1942 Walking Liberty half – Mary P; 1947 Walking Liberty half – Mary P.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Birthday/anniversary winners were Dave T and Leticia R; name tag drawing won by Al K.

Meeting adjourned.

Huntmaster's Report

by Frank M

Mary P wrote:

The Fun Hunt, hosted by GTES on Saturday, June 1 turned out to be held on an awesome day. Our Hunt Master was Frank M. Four hunters started out at 9:00 in Holford Park, Garland. After Bill A (first time) found the silver quarter the categories hunt started.

Have you done all you can to recruit new members? Invite inactive former members to become active again? Our club can only grow if we all work at it.

Winners are:

Most Quarters: 1st Place - Bill A, 2nd Place - Steve D, 3rd Place - Ken K.

Best Safety Item: 1st Place - Ted W. 2nd Place - Steve D, 3rd Place Ken K

Most Nickels: 1st Place - Ken K was the only one who found Nickels

Most Coins: 1st - Place Ted W, 2nd Place - Bill A, 3rd Place - Steve D.

Bill A also found the 40% silver half that was buried. Please come to the next one, it is a FUN time.

Mary

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Dave T	1897 Indian Head
2 nd	Codey K	1964 Quarter
3 rd	Mickey C	1951 D Dime
JEWELRY		
1 st	Dave T	14 kt Wedding Band
2 nd	Codey K	2023 Class Ring
3 rd	Sherry D	925 Pendant
RELICS		
1 st	Dave T	1907 Sawmill Token
2 nd	Codey K	J-1 Pourer
3 rd	Logan P	Military School Badge
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Dave T	Brass Key
2 nd	Codey K	Brass Ring
3 rd	Mickey C	Gulf Carwash Token
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Dave T	10 kt Class Ring
2 nd	Codey K	Stainless Cross
3 rd		

PHOTOS



Finds



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Bill A Finds a Silver Half



Bill A Finds a Silver Quarter



The Hunters



The Junk



Ken K Digging



Steve's Finds



Ted W In The Tot Lot



Silver Quarters with W Mint Mark

GTES/BETHA
FUN HUNT WORKSHEET
 Location: Holford Park Garland Date of Hunt: 06/02/23
 Hostmaster(s): Frank M and Harold R
 Number attending: 7
 Number paid for jackpot hunt: 5
 Dollars received: \$ 10.00 (half going to jackpot winner)
 Jackpot winner: Bill A \$5.00
 Paid for token hunt:
 Mary P \$2.00
 Bill A \$2.00
 Ted W \$3.00
 Steve D \$2.00
 Ken Kohler \$2.00

"OPEN RANGE HUNT" WINNERS:

Drawn category:	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Quarters	Bill BK	Steve BK	Ken SK
Nichols	Ken BK		
Coins	Ted BK	Bill BK	Steve BK

PRIZES: 1st place: Silver Dime
 2nd place: Nathan Card
 3rd place: 1 Nickel or Buffalo nickel

Winners List

What Are Clad Coins? A Beginner's Guide



Sacagawea with her child depicted on the US Sacagawea dollar. Vladimir Wrangel/Shutterstock

By [Oxford Gold Group](#)

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Some collectors call clad coins “the ugly ducklings of U.S. numismatics.” Do you know what these “ugly ducklings” are? In this guide, we’ll answer the question “What are clad coins?” and explain whether they make a good investment.

What Are Clad Coins?

Clad coins, also known as sandwich metal coins, are made of multiple metal layers. The vast majority of clad coins in circulation today have three metal layers.

Most U.S.-clad coins have a core of pure copper surrounded by two identical layers of a nickel-copper alloy resembling silver. The U.S. half-dollar, Washington quarters, and Roosevelt dimes are common examples.

The Sacagawea Dollar, the Presidential dollars, and other “golden” coins are also clad. They have a pure copper core with outer copper, manganese, nickel, and zinc alloy layers.

Note that clad coins are not the same as bimetallic coins. Clad coins have an inner metal core sandwiched between two or more layers of different metals. Bimetallic coins also use two or more metals, but their placement in the coin is different. Usually, there are visible inner and outer metal rings, like in the Canadian \$2 coin.

Brief History of Clad Coins

Throughout the history of U.S. minting, the intrinsic value of the metal has sometimes surpassed a coin’s face value.

A famous early example was the small cent in 1856. Due to rising copper prices, the U.S. Mint reduced the weight of copper pennies from 10.886 grams of pure copper to just 4.670 grams of copper alloy. Otherwise, people would melt the large cents for their copper value, removing them from circulation and causing a slight change shortage.

In the mid-1960s, the same economic forces led to a complete overhaul of silver coinage in the United States. The Coinage Act of July 23, 1965, replaced 90 percent silver coins with much cheaper, clad-composition coins of a pure copper core and a thin copper-nickel outer layer for dimes, quarters, and later half-dollars.

Composition of Clad Coins

Most U.S. clad coins consist of pure copper and a copper-nickel alloy.

Clad coins are typically made from three metal layers: an inner core bonded to two identical outer layers.

Most clad coins circulating in the U.S. today consist of an inner copper core and two outer layers made of a copper-nickel alloy that looks like silver. The copper-nickel layer covers the entire front and back of the coin. Some coins feature an outer manganese brass layer made of copper, zinc, manganese, and nickel.

What Are the Types of Clad Coins?

Common types of clad coins include:

- **Copper-nickel clad.** Until 1965, the U.S. quarter, dime, and half-dollar contained 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper. Today, they are clad coins made of 91.7 percent copper and 8.3 percent nickel.
- **Brass-clad.** The 1962 to 1982 “bronze” Lincoln cents were actually made from brass. In 1962, the U.S. Mint eliminated zinc from the original 95 percent copper alloy due to rising zinc prices.
- **Silver-clad.** From 1920 to 1965, U.S. coins had a [90 percent silver content](#). After 1965, the U.S. Mint stopped producing silver coins as they were no longer economically viable and replaced them with clad coins, including some silver-clad ones like the Kennedy half-dollars from 1965 to 1970 and the Eisenhower dollars from 1971 to 1976. Interestingly, pure silver coins make a higher-pitched noise when you drop them, whereas clad coins sound duller.
- **Gold-clad.** Since 2000, the U.S. Mint has struck “golden” dollars. Contrary to the name suggests, these coins don’t contain gold. They feature a pure copper core and an outer layer of manganese brass responsible for the golden color.
- **Platinum-clad.** Platinum-layered coins only function as collectible items, especially as replicas of pure [platinum coins](#) such as the 1997 American Platinum Eagle or the One Trillion-Dollar Trial Coin.

Advantages of Clad Coins Over Other Coins

Clad coins have numerous benefits over “traditional” coins, including:

- **Durability.** Clad is significantly more durable than silver, which is softer and wears down considerably faster in circulation.
- **Cost-effectiveness.** Modern copper-nickel-clad coinage is much cheaper to produce than the older 90 percent silver coins.

· **Anti-counterfeiting measures.** When the U.S. Mint sought to replace the old silver coins in the mid-1960s, it had to ensure they passed counterfeit rejection devices in vending machines. Clad metal composition allowed the mint to create a coin with the same properties as a 90 percent silver coin, but much cheaper.

Should You Collect Clad Coins?

Clad coins aren't just for everyday circulation. Many countries make special collector editions, including proof sets and clad coins with special finishes.

The U.S. Mint makes a proof set of the circulating coins every year. Between 2005 and 2010, the mint made satin-finished coins for the Uncirculated Mint Sets. In 2014, the mint made a special anniversary Kennedy half-dollar coin set, followed by the 225th Anniversary Enhanced Uncirculated Coin Set in 2017.

Clad coins also appear in the commemorative coin series. The half-dollar commemorative coin is usually a clad coin and comes at a reasonable price.

Error coins, or coins that are missing a clad layer, are scarce and valuable coins that may sell for hundreds to even thousands of dollars apiece.

Are Clad Coins Considered Good Investments?

Investing in collectible or rare clad coins can be a great way to [diversify your portfolio](#). Of course, like with any investment, you need to know what you are doing and what you are buying. It's always best to seek advice from a financial adviser specializing in coins.