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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
MEETING ARE ON 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH

AUGUST 23, 2024	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 25, 2024	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 22, 2024	7:30 PM

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:

BILL A

VICE PRESIDENT:

MARY P

Treasurer:

TERRY R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

From The President

by Bill A

Greetings!!

Please consider being on the nominations committee. If someone from the executive board asks you to volunteer please say yes. We would like to have a slate of officers available for the September newsletter. There should be three members on the committee and it can all be handled by phone.

We thoroughly enjoyed Dave T's presentation at our last meeting. We look forward to Mary's presentation on Friday the 22nd.

Remember to put the following meeting dates on you calendar: Friday October 25 will be our Silent Auction; Friday November 22 will be our chili cook-off.

Be safe out there, remember our metal detecting ethics and please stay cool.

See you Friday the 22nd at 7:30 in the New World Church Parlor.

Bill

From The Vice President

by Mary P

Hello to all our Golden Triangle members!!

Dave T gave a very informative talk on his methods for cleaning coins

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

OPEN

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

OPEN

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

OPEN

FACEBOOK CONTACT:

JANET C

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

JANET C (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!**

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

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

Garrett ACE 250 we wish to sell, Purchased New, Never Used, still in the box,
Make an Offer.

Larry Voyles, 972-816-5808 or,

wwaviation@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

and scrap metals. Thank you again, Dave, enjoyed it. Mary P will bring a presentation on one of the trips she and Bill made to World War Two General Patton's proving grounds near Quartzsite AZ.

Again, Golden Triangle is your club and if you have an interest you would like to present let us know. Or if you have a friend with an interesting or unusual hobby, we would like to hear about that also.

Lots of things coming up in the near future, stay tuned.

Take care, stay safe, see you on Friday.

Mary

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for July 26, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland in the Parlor. Meeting was called to order. July birthdays and anniversaries were recognized with three Fund Raiser tickets each.

Mary P introduced our speaker, Dave T, who presented a program on cleaning coins, copper and brass finds. He also brought a display of items found during July.

New Business

Several items had been brought before the Executive committee. Since the cost of silver and gold is not stable right now, prizes for guests, birthdays and anniversaries will be recognized by receiving three fund raiser tickets. The winner of the name tag winner will receive a silver dime.

Old Business

Since the June minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved.

Treasurer's report will be presented next month.

We are continuing to look for a Fun Hunt Master as well as a Webmaster.

Door prize winners were Velma S, Chuck G, Dave T, Sherry D, Mary P, Frank M, Janet C, and Bill A.

Mary P won the marble drawing and drew the blue marble.

In the Fund Raiser winners were: 1899-O Morgan dollar – Gary R;

OCT 25 – SILENT AUCTION
NOV 22 – CHILI COOKOFF
DEC 13 – CHRISTMAS
DINNER, W/ EAST FORK

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.

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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Space reserved for recipes submitted by members.

1921 Morgan dollar – Mary P; 1921-D Morgan dollar – Sherry D;
 1922 Peace dollar – Mary P; 1922-S Peace dollar – Mike S;
 1923-D Peace dollar – Mary P;
 1938 Mexican 1 peso (.3843 oz silver) – Andretta L;
 1982-S Washington 250th birthday 90% silver proof half – Gary R;
 2008 90% silver proof Oklahoma and Alaska quarters – Chuck G;
 1998 1 oz Silver Eagle – Mike S.

Mary P won the Name tag drawing.

Thanks to Eden L for selling tickets.

Thanks to all who brought snacks to share.

Meeting adjourned.

HUNTMASTER’S REPORT

EDITORS NOTE:

WE do not currently have a huntmaster for the club. The lack of a huntmaster and Hunt Committee in a club primarily interested in metal detecting is a strange situation. One of the most important activities for a club to foster learning from others and the social interactions between members is fun hunts held by the club.

We really need someone to step up and fill these positions. If you are interested, please speak to one of the officers!

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Dave T	1944 Rupee
2 nd	Dave T	1914 Shilling
3 rd	Janet C	Nickel
JEWELRY		
1 st	Dave T	Gold Ring
2 nd	Chuck G	14 kt Gold Ring
3 rd	Frank M	1925 Silver Jane Avery Fishing Bracelet
RELICS		
1 st	Dave T	Truck
2 nd	Dave T	Lipstick
3 rd	Janet C	Copper Thing
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Bill A	Cowboy Hat Charm
2 nd	Janet C	Sterling Silver Earring

	3 rd	Dave T	Mercedes Benz Pendant
	SECOND CHANCE		
	1 st	Dave T	Hand Buzzer
	2 nd	Janet C	Star Lock Figure
	3 rd	Dave T	Spoon

PHOTOS

No photos were received this month.

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

1st Official US Coin in Circulation Said 'Mind Your Business,' Not 'In God We Trust'?

Benjamin Franklin is credited with contributing to the copper penny's design.

[Madison Dapevich](#)

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The birth of the United States in the 18th century brought with it the dawn of many things, including the design and minting of currency. According to some [online posts](#), this included the first official one-cent coin in American circulation, which supposedly bore the slogan "Mind Your Business" rather than "[In God We Trust](#)."

One Reddit [post](#) ([archived](#)) shared in 2023, for example, had received more than 9,000 upvotes at the time of this publication.

Snopes dug through historical documents hosted by the U.S. Library of Congress and the National Museum of American History to confirm that this claim is true.

The so-called Fugio cent — also known as the "Franklin," "Sun Dial," "Ring" and "Mind your business" cent — was first minted by Congress in 1787.

The "sun and sundial on this coin symbolize time, and together with the Latin word fugio ('I fly'), they express the idea 'time flies.'" Below the sundial is the phrase "Mind Your Business." The [Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta](#) wrote that both phrases are attributed to Benjamin Franklin.

On the other side of the coin are 13 links forged into an unbroken chain, with "We Are One" representing the uniting of 13 colonies into one nation.



(PGCS)

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia [wrote](#) that the government selected James Jarvis, a Connecticut coiner, to strike 300 tons of Fugio cents. However, the [National Museum of American History](#) reported, Jarvis "misdirected much of the metal to unauthorized projects," making the coins lightweight and unfavored by the general public. The copper coins were sold to a merchant at a loss and replaced by new coinage the next year. (For more on the commissioning and history of the Fugio coins, check out [this explainer](#) by the University of Notre Dame.)

The United States Mint, which produces legal tender, [wrote](#) that in 1787, most states ratified the Constitution, establishing a new government and creating a new debate over national coinage. The [Coinage Act of 1792](#) established national coins, replacing the Fugio cent.

The Professional Coin Grading Service, a group that authenticates coins, [classified](#) the [Fugio cent](#) as one of the earliest U.S. regular-issue coins.

An 1875 issue of the [American Journal of Numismatics](#) further confirms that the "Fugios" were the earliest coins issued by the authority of the United States:

The records relating to them are very meagre, and the papers therein referred to cannot now be found. The entries in the journal of Congress contain all the information...

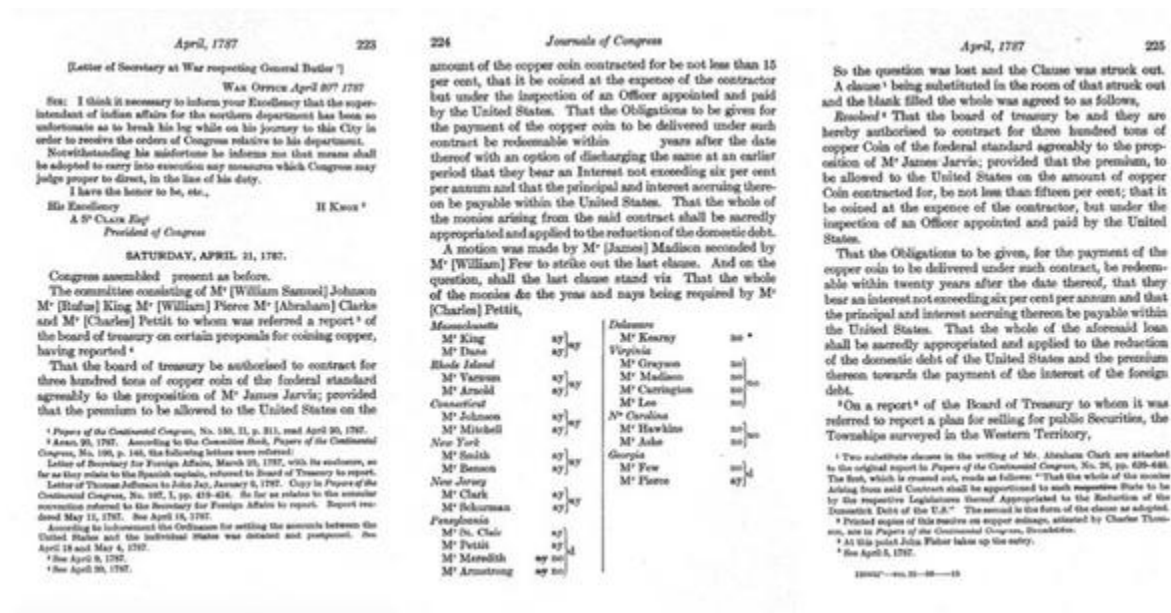
Coin was made of copper, stamped on one side "thirteen circles linked together, a small circle in the middle, with the words 'United States,' round it ; and in the centre, the words 'We are one;' on the other side of the same piece the following device, viz. : a dial with the hours expressed on the face of it ; a meridian sun above, on one side of which is to be the word 'Fugio,' and on the other the year in figures '1787' below the dial, the words 'Mind your Business'



THE "FUGIOS."

(American Journal of Numismatics)

Snopes found historical documentation of the minting of the coins in the Journals of the Continental Congress from April 1787. The [records](#) describe the daily proceedings of the Congress and include the text of the ordinance by the Board of Treasury that noted that Fugio cents were "of the federal standards" per weight standards stipulated the year before, pages [223](#), [224](#) and [225](#), as shown below:



(Journals of the Continental Congress)

The U.S. Congress [wrote](#) that "In God We Trust" first appeared on the 1864 two-cent coin during the Civil War. The following year, an act of Congress allowed the Mint director, with the Treasury secretary's approval, to place the motto on all gold and silver coins that "shall admit the inscription thereon."

According to [historical Congressional documents](#), the motto "In God We Trust" was placed on United States coins mainly because of an increased religious sentiment during the Civil War. It was adopted as the national motto during the 84th Congress between 1955 and 1956. In 1957, Time magazine [reported](#) that the phrase had first appeared on paper currency.

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