

# ARIZONA TERRITORIAL COIN CLUB

July 2025

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## Dollars and Sense

Editor: April A.



### President Message



**JULY MEETING DATE CHANGE: MEETING JULY 21st**

I hope everyone has a safe and fun Fourth of July.

Remember the date change for July's Meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict with the church, we will be meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. The Youth Club will meet at 5pm.

We will be finalizing plans for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Can you believe it's been a year already? It's time to re-new or join the "cool-kids" and sponsor our newsletter. For \$25.00 a year - yes you read that correctly A Year! you will get your business listed in the newsletter and our website. Payment is due to Carl by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

The AZTCC's coin show committee is continuing to move forward. We have advertising postcards that will be made available at other local shows and placed at local coin shops. Keep an eye out for our flyers in the wild and visit our sponsors, without them this show would not be possible.

Tables are sold out and we are now putting names on a waiting list. Contact Carl S by email at: [carl.spencer@cox.net](mailto:carl.spencer@cox.net) or by phone at 480-226-0151. If you would like to be put on the waiting list.

I can't wait to see everyone at the meeting.

Calling all Young Numismatists

The AZTCC Youth Club meets at 5pm before the regular meeting across the hall from the adult meeting.

All youth ages 5-17 are invited to attend and participate in the activities.

Come join us for a fun evening.



Desert Christian Fellowship Church

1445 W. Northern Ave. Phoenix AZ 85021

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

## **AZTCC Board Member: Dave K. – IT Specialist**

Dave moved to Arizona approximately 10 years ago from Missouri. Dave started collecting coins approximately 50 years ago in 1975. He likes to collect liberty halves and type coins. In addition to belonging to AZTCC Dave also belongs to the ANA. Dave is responsible for designing and maintaining our website.

When Dave is not collecting coins, he enjoys going camping, collecting guns and going shooting. He enjoys the outdoors in his free time.



# REMINDER



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**5pm-6pm**

## Getting to Know Our Youth

Youth Club Member:  
Benjamin S.

Benjamin S. is a member of our youth club. He moved to Arizona with his family from Colorado in 2016. Benjamin started collecting coins when he was 9 years old and belongs to the ANA organization as a young numismatist. He likes to collect a variety of coins, especially if they are old or cool. In addition to being a member of the youth club he is also a member of the Arizona Territorial Coin Club. When he is not collecting coins, he likes being outside playing soccer.

# U.S. MERCURY OR “WINGED LIBERTY HEAD” DIMES 1916-1945

By: Carl S.

1916 WAS A GREAT YEAR IF YOU WERE INTERESTED IN COLLECTING COINS IN THE EARLY TWENTYTH CENTURY.

OK....MAYBE BIZARRE IS A BETTER WORD.

WHY?

WELL.....MINT DIRECTOR ROBERT WOOLLEY MISINTERPRETED THE COINAGE ACT OF 1890 WHICH STATED THAT COINAGE COULD NOT BE CHANGED BEFORE A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS HAD GONE BY. WOOLLEY READ IT TO MEAN THAT AFTER 25 YEARS THE DESIGN HAD TO BE CHANGED.....SO HE OPENED A COMPETITION FOR NEW DESIGNS FOR THE BARBER DIME , QUARTER AND HALF DOLLAR.

FRANK G. DUFFIELD, EDITOR OF THE NUMISMANTIST, CONTACTED SCULPTOR ADOLF A. WEINMAN, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS DESIGN FOR THE NEW DIME. HIS REPLY:

“DEAR SIR, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER FROM NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, REQUESTING A WORD OF EXPLANATION AS TO MY REASON FOR SELECTING A WINGED FEMALE HEAD FOR THE DESIGN OF THE OBVERSE, AND FASCES FOR THE REVERSE OF THE NEW DIME, PERMIT ME TO SAY THAT THE LAW ON THE COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES STIPULATES THAT ON ALL SUBSIDIARY COINS THERE SHALL APPEAR UPON THE OBVERSE A FIGURE OR REPRESENTATION OF LIBERTY. HENSE THE HEAD OF LIBERTY.....THE WINGS CROWNING HER CAP ARE INTENDED TO SYMBOLIZE LIBERTY OF THOUGHT. I HAVE SELECTED THE MOTIVE OF THE FASCES AND OLIVE BRANCH ON THE REVERSE TO REPRESENT THE STRENGTH AND PEACE THAT LIES IN UNITY WHILE THE BATTLE-AXE STANDS FOR PREPAREDNESS”.....SIGNED YOURS TRULY, A.A. WEINMAN.

A LITTLE KNOW FACT IS THAT THE DESIGN TOOK WEINMAN LONGER TO COMPLETE DUE TO THE MULTIPLE INTERRUPTIONS FROM HIS TEENAGE SON ....CONSTANTLY ASKING IF HE COULD BORROW THE KEYS TO WEINMAN’S NEWLY PURCHASED FORD MODEL T.”

THE DESIGNER'S MONOGRAM "AW" APPEARS TO THE RIGHT OF LADY LIBERTY'S NECK ON THE OBVERSE. IT'S COMPOSITION IS 90% SILVER AND 10% COPPER. THE DIMES WERE MINTED AT THE DENVER, PHILADELPHIA AND SAN FRANCISCO MINTS UNTIL IT WAS REPLACED IN 1946 WITH THE ROOSEVELT DIME. THE MINT MARK CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REVERSE JUST TO THE LEFT OF THE OLIVE BRANCH.

MISS LIBERTY WAS FITTED WITH A "WINGED CAP". COLLECTORS QUICKLY NICKNAMED IT THE MERCURY DIME. NEVER MIND THAT THE MESSENGER-GOD MERCURY WAS A MALE! THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT WAS IN FULL SWING SO PERHAPS THIS "LADY LIBERTY" OBVERSE COIN AIDED WITH THE OVERALL PUBLICITY ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR CAUSE. ....THE

BARE BREASTED QUARTER OF 1916 AND 1917...NOT SO MUCH HELP!! 1916-D DIMES WERE NOT EVEN PRODUCED UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF THAT YEAR SO THIS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR IT'S LOW MINTAGE QUANTITY.

CHARLES BARBER, WHO HAD DESIGNED MANY OF THE US CIRCULATED COINS LEADING UP TO THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, WAS GENERALLY "PISSED OFF" AND DISAPPROVED OF THE NEW DESIGN OF THE DIME AND HE MADE SURE THAT THE DENVER MINT STAYED SUPER BUSY FILLING ORDERS FOR THE 1916-D BARBER QUARTER. OVER 6 MILLION QUARTERS WERE MINTED AND FOR THIS REASON THE DIME WAS SHELVED UNTIL LATE DECEMBER. THE OTHER 2 MINTS DID A BETTER JOB AT GETTING THE NEW COINS OUT. COLLECTORS JUMPED AT THOSE COINS AND SPENT LITTLE TIME HOARDING THE 16-D DIME. IT'S NOVELTY HAD WORN OFF!!

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 100 YEARS LATER IN 2016, THE US MINT RELEASED A SPECIAL GOLD STRIKING OF THE MERCURY DIME TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF IT'S INTRODUCTION. SIMILAR STRIKES WERE MADE FOR THE 1916 QUARTER AND HALF DOLLAR.

KEY DATES IN THIS COLLECTION ARE THE 1921 AND 1921-D. DEMAND WAS LOW DUE TO A LONG RECESSION AND THE 1918 SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC.

NO DIMES WERE MINTED IN 1922 (THERE WERE ALSO NO NICKELS, QUARTERS, HALF DOLLARS AND DOLLARS MINTED). BY THE EARLY 1950'S RARE DATE DIMES WERE NO LONGER FOUND IN CIRCULATION.

COUNTERFIT MINT MARKS ON DIMES WERE VERY COMMON.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LARGE DATE/SMALL DATE VARIETIES AND THE 1942 OVER 1 AND 1942 -D OVER 1 ARE RARE AND EXPENSIVE TO OWN. THE DENVER OVERPUNCH WAS NOT EVEN DISCOVERED UNTIL 1949.

DUE TO POOR ECONOMIC TIMES CAUSED BY SEVERE DROUGHT NO DIMES WERE MINTED IN 1932 AND 1933. BY 1934 THE IDEA OF COLLECTING COINS HAD GROWN IMMENSELY. IN 1934 NOBODY HAD HEARD OF FULL BAND OR MINT STATE LEVELS OF

GRADING. COINS IN THE 30'S AND 40'S WERE VERY WELL STRUCK AND MANY HIGHER GRADED COINS CAME FROM THE LAST 15 YEARS OF PRODUCTION.

MANY MERCURY DIMES WERE MELTED IN THE LATE 70'S AND EARLY 80'S AS IT'S MELT VALUE PEAKED AT \$3.64.



## INTERESTING FACTS SPANNING 1916-1945 (YEARS OF THE MERCURY DIME)

1916 THE BERLIN OLYMPICS GAMES WERE CANCELED DUE TO WWI  
THE 1942 TOKYO GAMES WERE CANCELED DUE TO WWII.

BORN IN 1916...THE SAME YEAR THE MERCURY DIME WAS INTRODUCED,  
JAPANESE ENGINEER TSU TOMU YAMAGUCHI SURVIVED BOTH ATOMIC  
BOMB BLASTS IN JAPAN DURING 1945,,THE LAST YEAR OF ISSUE FOR THE  
WINGED LIBERTY DIME.

AMERICAN FILM STAR JACKIE GLEASON WAS BORN IN 1916 AND WAS A  
BIG MOVIE STAR IN THE 1940'S.

RADIO WAS BEGINNING IT'S EXISTANCE IN AMERICAN CULTURE IN 1916  
AND TELEVISION WAS IN IT'S INFANT STAGES IN THE MID FORTIES.

AFTER MANY DEADLY RAIDS AND ATTACKS ON SETTLERS LIVING IN TEXAS  
AND NEW MEXICO, MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY PANCHO VILLA WAS  
DEFEATED AND EXPELLED FROM THE SOUTHERN TERRITORIES AND HE  
WAS RETIRED FROM POLITICS SOON THEREAFTER. HE WAS  
ASSASINATED IN MEXICO IN 1923.

AND FINALLY, THIS QUOTE FROM EDGAR H. ADAMS. THE MOST HONORED  
NUMISMATIC WRITER AND RESEARCHER OF THAT TIME, WRITTEN FROM  
N.Y. CITY:

“THE NEW DIME, In my honest opinion, IS ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST  
COINS OF DENOMINATION THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR REGULAR  
CIRCULATION IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE ARE A FEW MINOR FEATURES  
WHICH MAY BE CRITICIZED, BUT THE GENERAL EFFECT IS VERY  
COMMENDABLE. I HOPE THE DESIGNS FOR THE NEW QUARTER AND HALF  
DOLLAR WILL BE AS SATISFACTORY.”



TIME TO  
*Celebrate*



**ARIZONA TERRITORIAL COIN  
CLUB**

***CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!!!!***

**COME JOIN US AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

FOOD

FUN

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SWAP AND TRADE

AND MUCH MUCH MORE.....

# HODGEPOGE

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## Metals Report

Metals Report  
6/29/2025

Gold: \$3,270.16

Silver: \$36.11

Platinum: \$1,352.47

Palladium: \$1,155.40

## FUN FACT



The Euro symbol has Greek Heritage. The Euro symbol's design is inspired by the Greek letter "E". The euro coin series comprises eight different denominations: 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cent, Euro 1 and Euro 2. Euro coins have a common side and a national side. The national side indicates the issuing country. The common side is the same for all countries.

## Snacks, Drinks, and Talk

### July

Snacks: Aaron W.

Drinks: Mel C.

## Educational Presentation

July - Mike B.

Aug - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## JULY

George B

Angela O

Mike B

Jaden O

# 2025

# CLUB MEETINGS

JANUARY 13 - **Temporary Location Change**

FEBRUARY 10 - **Temporary Location Change**

MARCH 10 - **Permanent Location Change**  
**Desert Christian Fellowship Church**  
**1445 W. Northern Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85021**

APRIL 14 - **SPRING SOCIAL and FUNDRAISER**

MAY 12

JUNE 9



***JULY 21 - DATE CHANGE DUE TO ROOM CONFLICT***

AUGUST 11 - **20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

SEPTEMBER 8

OCTOBER 13 - **FUNDRAISER**

NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER 8 - **HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

### **Camelback Collectibles**

**July 17, 2025**

**8am - 2pm**

El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium

552 N. 40th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85008

### **Northwest Valley Coin & Card Show**

**Saturday July 19 , 2025**

**9am - 2:30pm**

Park Terrace at Greenway

2577 W. Greenway Rd.

Phoenix, AZ 85023

## SAVE THE DATE

Four Peaks Coin Club 2025

Fall Show

October 25, 2025

***New Location***

***Fountain Hills Community Center***

13001 N. La Montana Dr

Fountain Hills, AZ

8am to 2pm

Arizona Territorial Coin Club

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Show

December 6, 2025

9 am - 2:30 pm

Park Terrace at Greenway

2577 W Greenway Rd

Phoenix, AZ 85023

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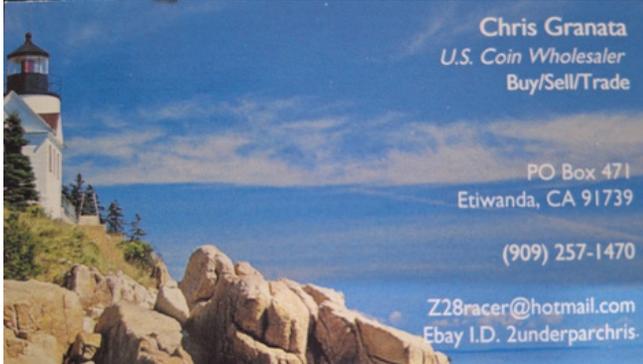
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