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**Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Oh Mie Stelle! Bakery in Aiken, SC
Consider bringing in a Numismatic Show & Tell item!**

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2025 Club Meeting Schedule

Jan. 2	Apr. 3	July 10	Oct. 2
Feb. 6	May 1	Aug. 7	Nov. 6
Mar. 6	June 5	Sept. 4	Dec. 4

Two Lovely \$2.50 quarter eagles types a year apart



The 1907 Liberty Head & 1908 Indian Head \$2.50 quarter eagles
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In 1907, three of the four U.S. gold denominations were struck as “transitional dates”, (i.e. two different coin-types produced in the same year) but not the two smallest gold coin types which represented the \$2.50 gold quarter eagle denomination. 1907 would be the final year that the Liberty Head quarter eagle--originally created by Christian Gobrecht back in 1840--would be struck. It would be the most common date of the series. In 1908 a new Indian Head gold quarter eagle type appeared, created by Bella Lyon Pratt, a disciple of Saint-Gaudens. The 1908 is also one of the more common dates of that series. The quarter eagle was 19mm in diameter.

The author acquired both these coins at the F.U.N. Show held in Orlando Florida in 2009. The grades of the two varied slightly with the 1907 Liberty head an MS-62 and the 1908 Indian Head quarter eagle graded AU-58; a grade that meant almost uncirculated. During that period many AU-58 graded coins looked uncirculated with only a slight “rub” appearing on a small portion of the coin’s surface which made some coins appear MS-62 to 63 at the time. Both coins have eye appeal for the grades.

Collecting U.S. Coins you never thought you could Afford #5

by Arno Safran



An 1875-S Liberty Seated dime with the mintmark below the wreath
Graded MS-62 by PCGS

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If the reader is able to increase the size of the page to 200% you will observe that the mintmark S for San Francisco Mint is located in its normal position below the wreath but in that year, some of the mintmarks appeared above the wreath as well. The coin while fairly common, has not appeared in many recent auctions in the MS-62 grade shown although its retail value has more than doubled what it cost the author back in April, 2010 when he acquired the coin for just \$200 at the Georgia Numismatic Association show held in Dalton, GA. Currently it is listed by PCGS at a Retail figure of \$450. By 1873, U.S. coinage was back to its usual service with large mintages. When enlarged, the coin appears nicely struck with no blemishes. From 1837 to date, the dime had a diameter of 17.9 mm.



An 1888 toned Liberty Seated dime graded MS-64 by PCGS
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The 1888-P dime shown directly above had a mintage of 19,183,000 and is a common date but it has been interestingly toned. Toned coins can appear in many shades and phases. Some are interesting, perhaps haunting like the dime shown above. Others are beautiful while still others can appear mottled and in the writer’s opinion, hideous. This dime was struck at the Philadelphia Mint and saw no circulation yet apparently became toned over time. Usually, once a coin is placed in a holder it will not become further toned. The author acquired the 1888 dime at the Augusta Coin Club spring show held back in May, 2010 when it cost him only \$290.00. Today it retails for \$525.00 with a most recent auction priced realized at \$468.

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An 1890 Liberty Seated quarter graded MS-66+,CAC in a PCGS holder

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The effects of the Bland Allison Act which was passed in 1878 providing unlimited striking of Morgan dollars since the lower silver denominations were quite available now required the striking of silver dimes, quarters and half-dollars to be struck in small numbers only at the Philadelphia Mint for collectors as low as 4,000 to 14,000 over a period of twelve years but in 1890, the Philadelphia Mint actually struck 80,000 Liberty Seated quarters in its penultimate year for its type.

During the author's many years as a collector of United States obsolete Coins, he seldom acquired a coin that was certified MS-65, let alone MS-62 to MS-64 until the coin he acquired directly above in December, 2018. He was scanning the internet when he came across this exquisite coin and decided to acquire it if it was still available, so he texted the dealership and found out that it was, and acquired this magnificent coin since he had saved up enough money in order to afford it.



The same 1890 Liberty Seated quarter shown above closer to its actual size.

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The coin was originally held by Sotheby's of England and sold it to the dealer at a dealer's normal wholesale price, who then sold it to the author at a retail price that has become considerably higher today during the six and a half years since he acquired it, so all in all, it was a good buy! If the readers can transpose the email copy to their computer and increase the page to at least 150%, the coin appears magnificent to the eye.



An 1888 Liberty Seated half-dollar graded MS-62

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From 1879 thru 1891 Liberty Seated half dollars were struck in very low numbers as part of the Bland-Allison Act of 1878. From 1879 thru 1887, the half-dollar denomination was struck in just four figures (4,400 to 8,000) with the exception of 10,000 in 1881. Starting in 1888, the number of half-dollars released by the Philadelphia Mint grew to a high of 12,001. Nevertheless, this was not a large mintage, but because many did not enter circulation, they are not considered rare although, they are still fairly expensive when it comes to middle class coin collectors.

The writer acquired the coin in early December, 2018 at the Augusta Coin Exchange in Martinez, GA at a cost of \$1,150. Today it retails for \$1,750 according to PCGS' COINFACTS with recent auction prices being as high \$1,380 to \$1,560. When enlarged to 200%, one will observe three tiny triangular spots to the right of Miss Liberty's knee on the obverse. Other than that, "Nada"! In the author's opinion, the coin has an attractive "Eye Appeal!" The Liberty Seated half-dollar was struck from 1839 thru 1891 with the replacing of the *no drapery* under Miss Liberty's elbow to the *with drapery* later in that same year. The coin type would remain unaltered until 1866 when the motto **IN GOD WE TRUST** was added above the Eagle on the reverse.



An 1878-S AU-58 Trade dollar above an MS-63 Morgan dollar

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Ironically, when the writer acquired the attractive Trade and Morgan dollars many years ago, both cost a pittance compared with what their prices are today. These are both common dates and worth acquiring. After 1878, the Trade dollar was struck only as a proof.

Collecting U.S. Coins you never thought you could Afford

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The Silver coinage of Charles Barber



A 1900 Barber Liberty Head dime graded MS-65 by NGC
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After decades of Liberty Seated silver coinage various Mint directors by the late 1880s thought it was now time to move on to a different coinage design. A special coinage design competition was proposed which first included ten outstanding sculptors but soon followed with 290 more which eventually came to naught. In September 26th 1890 a new Mint Act passed which mandated that coin designs could be changed only after 25 years of service.

Charles Barber was installed as our sixth Chief Engraver at the U.S. Mint by President Rutherford Hayes on January, 1880 after the death of his father, William Barber who created the Trade dollar and the Twenty-cent piece in the 1870s. After a contest to design the new coin failed to bring about satisfaction to any of the judges, in 1890 Barber was asked to create new design type for the dime, quarter and half-dollar. Despite rumors that he copied aspects of Morgan's dollar design, Barber's Liberty Head obverses on the dime, quarter and the half dollar were clearly his own and in the opinion of the writer, very attractive. When the writer was still a boy he was told that these well worn coins he spotted from time to time were called Liberty Head dimes, quarters or halves but they were officially named Barber dimes, quarters and half-dollars.

At a glance, the obverses on all three coins appear alike with the Bust of Miss Liberty facing right, but the rest of the coin is different showing the legend, **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** surrounding the bust of Miss Liberty wearing a Phrygian cap, a small ribbon, and a laurel wreath as described by Eric Seganek in a major article he wrote in August, 2024.

The coin shown above was acquired at the Fun Show back in January, 2012 at Orlando, FL. It represents the highest grade of the author's year set of Barber dimes yet it wasn't all that costly, \$500, because it was struck at the Philadelphia Mint which released 17,600,000 dimes that year and is an extremely common date.



A 1905-S Barber quarter graded MS-64+ by NGC
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This toned beauty was acquired on line and it cost plenty, \$1,150, but look at the toning. It displays Charles E. Barber's artistic genius as an engraver. Notice the differences between the quarter and the dime. On the obverse, the 13 stars surround the Bust of Miss Liberty while, the legend, **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** surrounds the 13 stars shining above the eagle with the value, **QUARTER DOLLAR** below.

In 1905, the San Francisco Mint struck 1,884,000 quarters compared with 4,967,523 struck at the Philadelphia Mint with just 1,213,000 struck at the new Orleans Mint. Today, an MS-64-S specimen retails for \$1,750 and that's without the spectacular toning.



A 1914 Barber half-dollar graded MS-64 by PCGS
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In June, 2014, while surfing the internet, the author discovered the coin shown directly above on the internet from a dealership known as "Eye Appealing Coins" that he had done business with several times before at various major coin shows and acquiring the gorgeous 1914 Barber half-dollar was a "no brainer" despite its large cost. In 1914, it was the San Francisco Mint that struck the most half-dollars with 992,000 produced while the Philadelphia Mint struck only 124,240 Barber halves that year with none coined at the Denver Mint. As a result, the coin shown above is considered somewhat scarce as a collectible, especially in mint state condition. The coin is well struck with virtually no blemishes visible when even magnified to 200%. It sold for \$3,500 but retails for \$4,250 today according to PCGS' COINFACTS. The three Barber silver coin denominations represent the most expensive the author he acquired during his goal to complete all Barber coinage date set graded from AU-50 thru MS-64.



An 1895-O Morgan dollar certified AU-50 in a NGC Holder

The writer ends the article with one of the scarcer Morgan dollar dates of the series that were struck from 1878 thru 1904 and again in 1921. Anyone can complete a full year set of the series by acquiring the many common dates **with the exception of the coins struck in 1893, '94 and '95** when a world depression was in progress and the numbers of Morgan dollars struck were low. The coin shown directly above was acquired back in June, 2018 from Clein's Rare Coins at a price of \$825. Today they range in price from \$1,200 to \$1,625 according to recent auctions displayed on PCGS' COINFACTS. Acquiring better date obsolete coins can be successful investments.

STEPHEN JAMES CSRA COIN CLUB
Regular Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2024

President Kelly Nordeen, called the regular meeting of the coin club to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Oh Mie Stelle Bakery on Pine Log Road. There were 22 members in attendance in person and two visitors.

George Zachmann won the door prize – a 2024 quarter-ounce silver Britannia.

Jim Sproull informed members of upcoming coin shows in the region.

A motion was made by Steve Kuhl and seconded by JJ Engel to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February meeting; a copy of the February Meeting Minutes to be filed with the other club records. And The Minutes are also reported in the Club newsletter. Prior to the start of the meeting, Steve and Crissy Kuhl provided a Hot Dog Extravaganza including Hot Dogs, condiments, chips, and drinks. Everyone enjoyed the treat.

Old Business:

Steve Kuhl provided an update on our coin show on March 15th . All available members are requested to lend a hand at 7:00 a.m. the day of the show to help dealers unload their vehicles.

New Business:

Club Officer elections were held. Kelsey Forde of the nominating committee nominated our current slate of officers to stand for an additional year of service. No other nominations were made from the floor and a motion was passed to close nominations.

The officers for next year will be:

President – Kelly Nordeen
Vice-President – Garry Naples
Treasurer – Chuck Goergen
Secretary – Jim Mullaney
Sgt-at-Arms – Jim Sproull

The Program:

Will Gragg from the Midlands Coins Club presented a program on a well-known historical event with a lesser-known tie to currency collecting – CIA Counterfeit Bills for the Bay of Pigs Invasion Force. Will gave a nicely researched talk on this topic along with sharing examples of some of the historic counterfeit notes. Will reminded us of the basic historical facts of the CIA-backed invasion of Cuba by ~1400 Cuban exiles at the Bay of Pigs in April of 1961. Almost the entire force was captured shortly after landing. The individuals in the landing force are alleged to have been provided with counterfeit 20-peso notes by the CIA. Will described how many of the “facts” known about these counterfeit notes are actually debatable. No one has ever clearly documented who actually produced the counterfeit notes.

The counterfeit notes are somewhat crudely made, but managed to circulate in Cuba for over three years before they were first detected and reported. PNG has graded a population of 140 of these Notes, and PCGS has graded a population of a single specimen – which Will shared with us.

The members all enjoyed Will’s perspective on this unique aspect of a historical event.

The monthly Club Auction:

Jim Sproull, assisted by Jim Mullaney, conducted the monthly club auction.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Mullaney, Secretary*



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A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The Aiken Club Successfully Brings Back The Coin & Currency Show!

By Steve Kuhl

The Stephen James Central Savannah River Area Coin Club, headquartered in Aiken SC, recently held a coin and currency show for the first time in several years! "Returning to hosting an annual show is quite exciting, and has really moved me out of my box a bit!" said SJCSRACC President Kelly Nordeen.

Hosted in the gym at the South Aiken Presbyterian Church (THANK YOU SAPC and Pastor Jason!) the show featured 18 dealers and 32 tables, which was a great fit in the gym – full of Dealers but not overly packed, the Dealers and patrons had plenty of room to enjoy the experience! The layout for the bourse floor was developed by SJCSRACC Secretary Jim Mullaney, who said "I tried to balance the use of the space so that both patrons and Dealers would be comfortable at our show." With our wide aisles, plenty of seating, and a loop-circuit around the gym, access to dealers and walking the bourse floor was easy for the guests. This was a good thing because the bourse floor bustled with activity from 9 am to 3 pm, with a last minute flurry of folks arriving close to 4 pm. Approximately 425 people attended the event and the Dealers



**BOURSE FLOOR
BEFORE AND
AFTER DEALER
ARRIVAL**



were busy all day doing a brisk business. Bourse chair Steve Kuhl mentioned there was an excellent mix of items to peruse, everything from Ancients to modern US coins to lots of silver bullion and gold coins. "I'm very thankful for the participation of our many Dealer friends from across South Carolina, and the two that joined us from Georgia. I'm also glad we were able to bring in so many members of the public. It really was a 'win-win' for both parties!"

Many thanks to our participating Dealers: John Attaway (US Coins and Currency); Gene Belair (Canadian Coins); Charles' Coins (Slabbed Gold Coins); Michael's Coins & Jewelry); David Cashin (Ancient Indian); Rusty Cumberledge (ANACS Grading Service), Wayne Damron (Coins of the Bible); Steven & Connie Nix (Fleetwood Coins & Jewelry, Waynesboro GA); Walter Ford (JP Ford Coin and Currency, Myrtle Beach, SC); Dale's Collectibles (US Coins & Currency); Glenn Heimberger Coins (Sumter SC); Julie & Reilly of J&R Coins; Joe Thompson (Joe's Coin Cache, Columbia SC); Glenn & Kathy Leaphart (Coins and Collecting Supplies, Columbia, SC); Bill Latour & John Placko IV (Low Country Coins, North Charleston, SC); Bill Mastriani (Charleston); Bill Orne of World Coin and Currency; and George's Discount Silver.



BILL MASTRIANI

Of course the show would not have been successful without the efforts of the many members of the SJCSRACC that volunteered their time and numismatic donations to make the show successful. They donated prizes for the raffle, they helped set up and take down the bourse tables and chairs, cleaned the gym, packed the dealers in and out, manned the registration table, and sold raffle tickets: Thanks a bunch to all of our volunteers: Chuck Goergen, Garry Naples, Gene Belair, George Zachmann, Jim Mullaney, Jim Sproull, JJ Engel, Kelly Nordeen, Kelsey Forde, Linda Kolmar, Marion Engel, Michael Mikolanis, Mike Smith, Randy Clark, Sharon Smoot, Steve Kuhl, Tim Stirrup, Typhany Nordeen, Walt Kubilius, Will Gragg, and Willie Simon!



WAYNE DAMRON

Aiken, SC

Coin & Currency Show



March 15, 2025
Sat. 9:00 – 4:00

South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Road
Aiken, SC 29803

www.aikencoinclub.com





To show the Club's appreciation for the Dealers and the volunteers, the Board of Directors provided breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks for these two groups. Breakfast was a variety of fresh, made-from-scratch bagels and cream cheese, cinnamon rolls, and coffee from **Oh Mie Stelle! Bakery** in Aiken (where the club meets monthly). Lunch was a choice of 5 different sub sandwiches purchased from **Just Julies** sandwich shop (a locally owned-shop with AWESOME food and staff), chips, cookies, and soda.



The SJCSRACC is a Life Member of the South Carolina Numismatic Association, and the SCNA came out and supported this show BIG TIME! Between Dealers and Volunteers, six officers of SCNA worked at this show – Randy Clark (SCNA President), Bill Latour (1st VP), Governors Will Gragg, Walter Ford, and Mike Smith, and Steve Kuhl - SCNA's Editor of the award-winning magazine *The Scanner*.



Mike Smith taught us how to use SCNA's iPads for electronic registration of our patrons, as well as to send out weekly e-mail blasts leading up to the show. Mike also designed the advertisement that went out with the e-mail message. Will Gragg taught another Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit badge

Clinic. Despite aggressive advertising to Scout troops in Aiken and statewide, participation was small, but two scouts not only walked away with merit badges, one won a 2010 Mint State Boy Scout Silver Commemorative Coin and the other received numismatic goodies from Will.



Will Gragg teaching the Merit Badge Clinic

One key to the success of this show was the **extensive** advertising that was done. Following advice given from Will and the Midlands Club, Tim Stirrup set up a Facebook page for our club, and then posted flyers and other advertisements that Steve and Jim developed. These announcements were posted on the FB page for several weeks in advance of the show. Members also linked to their FB pages and asked friends and family to also 'Like' and promote the show. Additionally, several dealers and shops across the state graciously did the same, and we are very appreciative of their support! While folks outside of the coin

collecting world might assume that coin dealers and clubs are competitive in nature, in fact, the numismatic community in South Carolina is a strong TEAM that is always willing to help each other in their endeavors, and that really means a lot, especially to small clubs such as Aiken's.

Social media advertising was key, including posting on local community pages, but it didn't stop there. The Club purchased four weeks of advertising on 3 digital bulletin boards across the area - North Augusta, Aiken, and Barnwell SC – through Azalea Outdoors. Chris Withers and the Azalea team were easy to work with, and we look forward to teaming with them again next year! To support the digital advertising, Jim Mulaney built six different ads that were placed in the rotation at these locations. Steve Kuhl promoted the show across many internet platforms and websites, including CoinZip; SCETV; South Carolina



Living Magazine (sponsored by the Electric Co-Ops across the state) SClways; and of course the club's webpage. Most of the SCNA Member Clubs also posted the show's flyers on their web / FB pages (Thanks Y'all!!!)

COIN SHOW
Saturday, March 15th
9am - 4pm
 Gym @ South Aiken Presbyterian Church
 1711 Whiskey Rd, Aiken SC
 Hosted by Aiken Coin Club
 S.J. CSRA Coin Club



The blitz continued, with Chuck Goergen printing hundreds of 8"x11" full color flyers that Jim Sproull then handed out across the city. But wait, there's more! Jim Mullany designed and printed 2000 business cards that advertised the show, and club members handed them out and dropped them wherever they went (like at grocery store self-checkout counters.) A neat innovation was to use the back of the business card as a free raffle ticket that entered the holder into a drawing for an American Silver Eagle if they came to the show.

LAWN SIGN DESIGNED BY KELSEY FORDE

Kelsey Forde designed a new lawn sign, has 20 of them printed, and she placed them at strategic locations throughout the Aiken area. Steve Kuhl wrote articles for the local newspapers

and also submitted community calendar entries to papers and periodicals from Edgefield to Columbia. We also took show flyers to area shows (Spartanburg, Low Country, etc...) as well as FUN. When we say we did an advertising blitz, we really mean it, and it definitely paid off! The bourse floor was very busy all day long! Thanks to everyone for donating their time, their talents, and in many instances their money, in support of the show advertising.

A special SHOUT OUT is in order for the American Numismatic Association and Powell Asset Protection Agency of Graniteville, SC! The ANA provided the club with their free Show Package that contained lots of goodies such as copies of the Numismatist, YN activities, a couple of Red Books, and plenty of swag to name just some of the stuff provided. It sure paid for the Club to be a member of the ANA! Thanks are given to Ms. Sheila Fortenberry (ANA Seminars & Club Coordinator) and Mr. Al Downs (ANA Membership Administrative Assistant) for pulling the package together and sending it to us. By the end of the show all the goodies were gone!



Regarding the Powell Asset Protection Agency, they were super to work with. Security is easily the second highest line item of cost for coin shows. 'PAPA' worked with us to provide an armed officer for our show that we could afford. Their support was critical to us holding the show because the local police agencies were prohibitively expensive. And you know what? Powell is licensed to work across the state, so if you are in need of asset protection services, we highly recommend Powell Asset Protection Agency! Thank you very much Chief Powell, Captain Vance, First Sergeant Efird, and Officer Todd!

The fundraiser for the club was a raffle of three numismatic items: a 1/10th ounce Gold Eagle, a beautiful PCGS MS64 1904-O Morgan Dollar, and a 2025 Proof Set (which arrived the day before!)

SJCSRACC President Kelly Nordeen sold several hundred tickets before the show, and members Kelsey Forde and Typhany Nordeen, along with SCNA President Randy Clark, sold A BUNCH of raffle tickets at the show! The raffle plays a very important role for the Club because not only do the proceeds offset show expenses, the remainder is the only source of operating funds for the club, outside of the nominal annual membership dues. The lucky winners of the raffle prizes, shown below receiving their prizes from Kelly Nordeen, were: First Prize, 1/10th ounce American Gold Eagle: Mr. Jim Poage; Second Prize: PCGS MS64 1904-O Morgan Dollar: Keyla Kitchings; Third Prize: a new 2025 U. S. Mint Proof Set: Tony Reyes; Attendance Prize, American Silver Eagle: Paul Chamberlain.



SJCSRACC PRESIDENT KELLY NORDEEN PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS, (l to r): JIM POAGE, KEYLA KITCHINGS, TONY REYES, AND PAUL CHAMBERLAIN

The SJCSRACC is evaluating our ability to follow the lead of both the SCNA and the Midlands Coin Club by having a secondary raffle of a high-value gold coin. We also want to follow the lead of the Camden Club by having hourly door prizes given away at our next show. Stay tuned for future announcements!

Also for the first time at the Aiken show, several members created exhibits to display some really interesting numismatic items. Kelly and Typhany Nordeen competed with each other - Typhany displaying an extensive collection of American Silver Eagles; Kelly showed some of his favorite pieces of currency, to include a \$500 US note.



FORMER SJC SRACC PRESIDENT JJ ENGEL (L) AND CURRENT VP GARRY NAPLES (R) DISCUSS GARRY'S DISPLAY OF NOTES

SJC SRACC Vice President Garry Naples presented a very interesting collection of rare notes. His two-case display included fractional South Carolina Civil War currency, contemporary Civil War counterfeits, three consecutively numbered entry tickets from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, several 1816 notes from the Augusta Bridge Company signed by Bank President Henry Schultz (who founded Hamburg, South Carolina and is the subject of several books), a note from the spurious Florida State Stock Bank (this note was featured in the February 2023 edition of SCNA's Scanner), and some colonial notes from the mid-1700s, including a May 1, 1758 20-Shilling note from Delaware printed by Benjamin Franklin!

Building on the success of the 2025 show, the Aiken club is now looking forward to planning

their next event, making use of the many lessons learned this year, and leveraging the great ideas shared with us from our sister clubs throughout the SCNA. **A great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making this show such a resounding success!**



DAVID CASHIN SHOWING CUSTOMERS SOME OF HIS MANY INTERESTING ANCIENT COINS FROM INDIA



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: SJC SRACC TREASURER CHUCK GOERGEN PERUSING ANCIENT COINS; SCOUTS AND PARENTS AT THE MERIT BADGE CLINIC; YOUNG LADY PULLING WINNING RAFFLE TICKETS; KELLY NORDEEN'S DISPLAY OF US CURRENCY