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Club meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm) at the Oh Mie Stelle! Bakery, 969 Pine Log Rd, Aiken, SC

Message from the editor:

Welcome to the latest edition of the SJCSRA Coin Club Newsletter. I hope you had a great Summer and are ready for the upcoming coin show season.

In this issue is an article on minting technology. In The News is an article from Numismatic News regarding the Semi-Q quarters.

Topic of October's presentation: ***South Carolina Provincial Government Currency, with a Focus on the June 1, 1775 Issue.***

Help make this newsletter flourish. I encourage all members to write an article about your favorite numismatic topic and share it. Submissions are asked to be received by the 20th of each month to allow for editing and/or formatting.

The club has been actively updating our email contact list. Please notify Secretary Jim Mullaney at the club's email of all corrections, updates, missing names, new additions, etc.

Thank you,

Gene Belair

A Brief History of Minting Technology

By Gene Belair

(This article is a summation of several online AI searches on the subject.)

Ancient Beginnings (hammered / cast coins)

The earliest coins appeared around 700 BCE in Lydia (modern-day Turkey). Coins were first made of scraps of metal and were produced through a process of hitting a hammer positioned over an anvil. The metal blanks, called planchets or flans, were heated to make them malleable, placed between two engraved dies, and struck with a hammer to imprint designs. Because it was a manual process, the coins often had irregular shapes and thicknesses.



Image source: Google



Ionia, Uncertain city (possibly Kyme, Aeolis) 600-550 BCE, Hemiobol. Horse head, rough incuse.



Greek drachma of Aegina. About 500 BCE. Obverse: Land turtle / Reverse: ΑΙΓ(INA) and dolphin.

Photos source: Wikipedia

In China, Japan and South-East Asia, the primary method was casting in sand molds. The design was pressed into the molds then the molten metal was poured into the molds. After cooling the molds were separated or broken to reveal the coin.



Examples of Chinese molds

Photos source: Google and Shutterstock



Examples of Chinese cast coinage

Medieval and Renaissance Innovations (aka rolling and screw press)

Hammered coinage persisted in Europe until the 1300s, then innovations emerged to improve consistency and prevent counterfeiting.

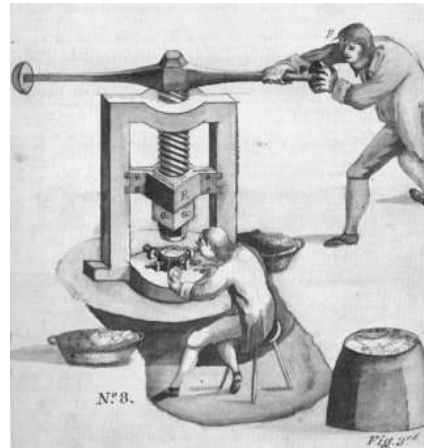
The roller press was developed in Austria about 1190. It allowed the production of uniformly thick coins, however the coins produced were slightly bent making them difficult to stack even after a flattening process was added. This process is still used today to make elongated cents.

The screw press, introduced in France, allowed coins to be struck with uniform pressure, producing rounder coins with detailed designs and milled edges (collars) to deter clipping. The coins were also relatively flat thus easier to stack; the only limitation being the height of the design relief. This mechanized approach reduced manual labor and increased production efficiency.



Example of a roller press

Photos source: Google



Example of an early screw press



An example of a roller die. The larger the design the more cupping or bend that was imparted on the coin, which then required flattening.

This particular die produced klippe coins.

Photo source: Coin Talk



An example of a coin made on a roller press.

Tyrol, Austrian States. 1 Thaler of Ferdinand 1st, 1564-1576. Notice the effect of the bend at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions.

Photo source: Numista



Example of a coin (token) minted on a screw press, depicting the screw press.

Cataloged as a stock Civil War Store Card reverse die # 1330 by Ruleau.

Photo source: Google search

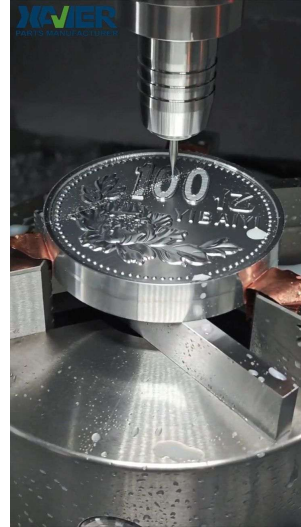
Industrial and Modern Minting (aka milled coinage)

The Industrial Revolution brought mechanized minting machines in the 19th century, enabling mass production with greater precision. These machines were developed in France, Germany, England and the United States, respectively. First came steam driven then hydraulic and now elctro-hydraulic presses and numerical control machining. Today, mints like the U.S. Mint can produce billions of coins annually, with automated systems minimizing manual labor and maximizing output.



Example of a modern minting facility.

Photo source: Shutterstock (note: the sign is either missing a 0 or the comma is in the wrong place)



Example of a die being CNC machined.

Photo source: Pinterest.com

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SJCSRA Club Meeting Notes from September 3, 2026

The meeting started at 6:30 pm. There were 24 Visitors and no guests present.

Door Prize: Dave Anderson won, but he gave back so someone else could have a chance; Steve Kuhl then won, and he too turned the coin back for a third draw. Glenn Sanders won the coin.

Treasury Balance: \$6206; but approximately \$1,000 in uncashed checks are outstanding, plus some paid dues need to be deposited.

Show & Tells

Gene gave a S&T – PCGS sample slab of 3 Canada 2021 ten cents celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Bluenose schooner. There were 100 slabs created for the 2021 RCNA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia but the convention was canceled due to COVID and rescheduled to 2023. They were given to registered attendees. Set contains: Dime with Dual Date; Standard Issue Dime; and Blue enamel (colorized) dime. Each coin had a 15M mintage for circulation.

Gene also had a Step The Mast Medallion. 2000 year old tradition – place a coin under the mast when the mast is installed on a ship. Legend: Should the ship sink, the coin is used to pay the toll to cross the river Styx and enter the afterlife. The token / medallion Gene has is a replica of the coin currently under the mast of the current Blue Nose Sailing ship.

The original Bluenose was built in 1921 and wrecked in 1946. She was a fishing schooner and champion racing yacht. An exact replica was built in 1963. It is now owned by the Province of Nova Scotia. Gene has sailed on this ship.

Chuck Goergen gave two S&Ts:

1) He had a free-standing coin viewer/ magnifier with a display screen and a HDMI port that allows connection directly to a projector. Cost about \$100 on Temu.

2) He had an awesomely beautiful 1863 Indian Head cent.

Dave Anderson had a 1 ounce Titanium token and he had a 4-coin 2026 Morgan and Peace dollar Set.

Garry Naples gave the educational program on Political Intrigue at the Carson City Branch Mint.

50-50: Didn't record.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Mullaney,
Secretary**

IN THE NEWS

From Numismatic News

Fake 2026 Quarters Are Surfacing as Collector Demand Soars

Counterfeit and altered Semiquincentennial coins are appearing online as enthusiasm for America's 250th anniversary coinage heats up, bringing both opportunity and risk for collectors.

RICHARD GIEDROYC Updated Sep 11, 2026 8:05 AM PDT

They say that copying someone else's work or accomplishments is the finest compliment a successful person can receive. The countermarked 2026 quarters may be falling into that same category; however, it may not be in a complimentary way. A significant number of fakes are being sold online. Some of my social media feeds are now loaded with people either telling stories of being ripped off by these copies or asking how to tell a genuine from a fake. Some of these comments are blaming bad actors in other countries for what appears to be a proliferation of these counterfeits and altered coins.

Altered and fake coins are nothing new, but this demonstrates just how much demand there is for Semiquincentennial coinage, be they circulation strikes or made for collector commemorative issues. Countermarked Semiquincentennial coins appear to be of particular interest. Perhaps not in sales volume, but in the number of coins being sought, the many Semiquincentennial coins may be making their own niche market on the bourse floor during the recent American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh.

The U.S. Mint and its very coin-collector-oriented director Paul Hollis should be complimented on what is turning out to be winners for the future of the coin collecting hobby. A word of caution should be considered as well. While demand for Semiquincentennial coins is frothy at the moment, consider how irrational exuberance for Bicentennial coins took place in 1976. Excitement for these coins is wonderful, but speculation in them can become risky.



A genuine 2026 Declaration of Independence quarter bearing the special July 4 privy mark. Courtesy United States Mint.

Calendar of Events

Month	Dates	Shows	Locations & Contacts
Oct	2-4	68 th Annual NCNA Convention & Coin Show	Cabarrus Arena & Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, NC 28025 Contact: Perry Siegel (704) 488-4787; herackles@herackles-inc.com
Oct	10	PEE DEE Area Coin Club Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	SiMT Building Florence-Darlington Technical College 1951 Pisgah Road, Florence, South Carolina 29501 Contact: Pat Patton, 803-403-5607 or 843-413-9373 http://peedeeareacoinclub.com/
Oct	29-31	SC Numismatic Association's 54th Annual Convention & Coin Show	Greenville Convention Center 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 Bourse Chairman Marc Kosanovich Phone: 864-275-3204; mkosan5173@aol.com
Nov	6 & 7	Midlands Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	The Medallion Center 7309 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC e-mail: MidlandsCoinClub@gmail.com
Nov	20 & 21	Augusta Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Columbia County Exhibition Center, 212 Partnership Dr., Grovetown, GA; Contact: Steven Nix; 706-267-9602; fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com
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Jan	29-31	Low Country Coin Show (SCNA LIFE MEMBER CLUB)	Exchange Park Fairgrounds, 9860 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC Contact: Randy Clark, TwoBuckRandy@yahoo.com (843) 367-0141; www.lowcountrycoinclub.com
Feb	19-21	57th Annual Upstate South Carolina Coin Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUBS)	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium 385 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29304 WWW.UPSTATESCCOINSHOW.COM / WWW.CROWDPLEASER.COM
Mar	4-6	ANA National Money Show	Cobb Galleria Atlanta, GA www.money.org/NationalMoneyShow/
Mar	6	The Stephen James CSRA Coin Club, AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA (SCNA LIFE MEMBER CLUB)	South Aiken Presbyterian Church Gymnasium 1711 Whiskey Road, Aiken SC Steve Kuhl, scnanewsletter@gmail.com ; 803-645-1769

SJCSRA Members Only BUY-SELL-TRADE

Listing items in this section is a MEMBERS-ONLY benefit of the SJCSRA Coin Club.

- Email your listing to sjcsracoinclub@gmail.com by the 23rd of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.
- Listings will post for four months or until superseded by listing individual. Listings can be re-posted without change by email request.
- Listings can be up to a half page in length.
- Listings will be posted in sequence received with newest on top (may be rearranged for page breaks).
- Please keep all listings Numismatic in nature: coins, paper money, tokens, medals, coin supplies/books/catalogs/magazines/etc. No stamps, comic books, sports cards, etc.
- Disclaimer: not responsible for typos or errors. Always confirm availability/prices with the listing individual.
- Ads should be formatted as follows:

Member name (**contact method: phone/email**) **WANTED** or **FOR SALE** or **TRADE**
Detail description of item(s) for sale – wanted – trade. [date added]

Steve Kuhl (803-645-1769) call or text

FOR SALE

60 years of Red Books!

DATES: 1957 - 2017 (minus the 1961 issue); Includes 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th Anniversary editions.

- 45 Hardback in New / Gently Used Condition: 1957-1960; 1962-1996; 1998; 2000-2003; 2007
 - The 2007 60th Anniversary Issue is autographed by Ken Bressett
 - Red Book Collectible Pricing for just the Hardback books in condition: New: \$352; VF: \$193
- 15 Softback in various condition, from used to new: 1997; 1999; 2004-2006; 2008-2017

Price: \$150 or Best Offer.



[8/26]

Rick Raffone (313-378-9909)

FOR SALE

Group of 26 US Mint Clad "S" Proof Sets from 1999 through 2024. The sets include the commemorative 25c and \$1 coins. All are in their original mint boxes. \$650 or Best Offer.

Group of 26 US Mint Clad "P&D" Mint Sets from 1999 through 2024. The sets include the commemorative 25c and \$1 coins. All are in their original mint boxes/envelopes. \$950 or Best Offer. [8/26]

Gene Belair (860-609-1041)

WANTED

Buying (and Selling) the Coins, Tokens, Medals, and Currency of Canada. [10/26]

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