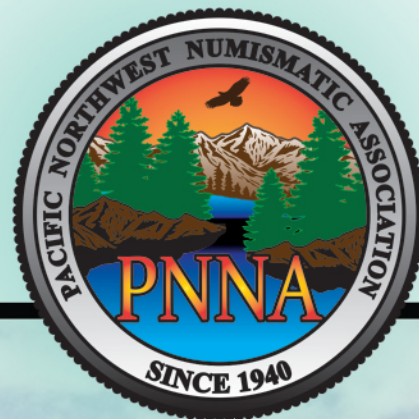


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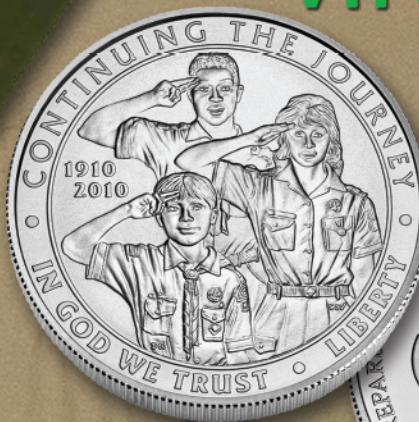


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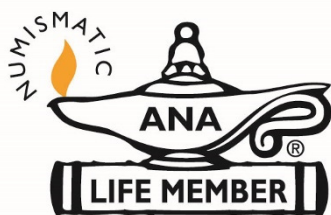
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PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President Ed Fischer

We regret the cancellation of our fall events, including the Washington State Fair, the PNNA fall convention in Tukwila, and the WCC fall show in Portland. We hope to see you again in 2021. Please check the PNNA website calendar for updates.

Please watch your social distancing and face covering. This said, you can still engage one-on-one with your coin buddies and local dealers that are open. I did just that on a recent road trip to Boise, Idaho; visiting with Bob Mansker and stopping at a shop around the corner from where I was staying. But mostly be safe.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 3, 2020 (10 a.m.) — online via Zoom
- Jan. 16, 2021 at the Boeing Employee's Coin Club Show, Kent Commons, Kent, Wash., right after the show closes, if the show is held; otherwise online via Zoom
- Apr. 10, 2021 at the PNNA show in Tukwila, at 8 a.m. (the annual membership meeting is after the show that same day)

Guests are always welcome to drop in on any board meeting - they are always open! (For online meetings, access should be requested in advance.) The Board and Officers serve at your pleasure — please contact any one of us with your suggestions.

PNNA Annual Awards

Congratulations to the 2020 PNNA annual award winners:



Bob Everett Memorial Award — **Kevin Charboneau** (left), who has done an outstanding job as the spring convention general chairman.

Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award — **Mark Gruner**, who is a PNNA board member, and has been active with numismatics in Idaho.

Presidential Awards (presented by **James Reinders**) — **James**

Bard, Danny Bisgaard, Ray Fiorini, Scott Loos, Monte Mensing, Rick Schulz and Joanne Stone.

Literary Award for Best Article in *The Nor'wester*

1st Place — “Apollo 11 Medals” by **Eric Holcomb**. See 3rd Q 2019 edition.

2nd Place — “Manganese, an Almost Unknown Metal in Coins” by **Mark Benvenuto**. See 2nd Q 2019 edition.

3rd Place — “Intaglio Engraving in Four Days: My Experience at the ANA Summer Seminar 2019,” by **Alexander Mous**. See 4th Q 2019 edition.

Literary Award for Best Club Newsletter

1st place — **Seattle Numismatic Society**

2nd place — **Olympia Coin Club**

3rd place — **South Hill Coin Club**

National Coin Week Club Contest

April 19-25, 2020 was the ANA's 97th annual National Coin Week. The theme was “Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change.” There were no entries in the PNNA club competition due to virus-related restrictions on club meetings and activities. Please try again next year.

The Shortest National Bank Title

by **Thomas A. Tullis**

Greetings to all.

Let's stop and think about a short title, because I've never seen a national advertised this way.

Most nationals are titled an such: The (numerical) National Bank of (location). Another way they are titled is: The (location) National Bank. Here is where a solution might be.

I've never seen a town name of less than three letters. Have you? There are two letter words, but what about town names?

One example I know is a town in Pennsylvania called Gap, located in Lancaster County. This was charter #2864. Small sizes are plentiful, but large size notes are scarce. Here is an example courtesy of Heritage Auctions (ha.com):



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Anything shorter? Share your knowledge with us. Until then, happy collecting!

The Longest National Bank Title

by **Thomas A. Tullis**

Hello, fellow collectors. Here is your trivia question of the day: what National Bank has the longest title? Do you know the answer?

This “honor” belonged to a bank in Cleveland, Ohio. It was charter number 11862. Are you ready: The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative National Bank. That's a title for you. Chartered in 1920, it had to liquidate in 1930, and didn't make it to the Great Depression. It produced only large notes under this title, and issued about \$8 million in currency.

This charter is not really rare, with over 100 notes in the census. It is, however, a popular title, as notes at auction always generate much interest.

Like many labor union banks, this bank was liquidated. Running a locomotive is different than running a bank.

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1787 Excelsior/Indian Copper,
MS64 Brown
From the Eliasberg Collection



1795 Washington Oval Peace Medal
Engraved by Joseph Richardson
From the Garrett Collection
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1714 Gloucester Courthouse Shilling, VF25
The Finer of Two Known



1786 New Jersey Copper, AU55
Maris 7-E, Date Under Plow Beam



1786 Non Vi Virtute Vici Copper,
MS64+ Brown
The Remarkable Eliasberg Example



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MS63
The Finest Silver Getz Pattern



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Early Political Issue



1774/3 Virginia 'Shilling,' Proof 62
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1787 New York-Style Brasher Doubloon
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Coin Collecting Merit Badges — now done virtually!

by James Reinders, PNNA President Emeritus and Tony Kalt, PNNA board member

We enjoy encouraging youth to take an interest in our hobby, and one way has been to help scouts earn their BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge. Like so many other events, this has been interrupted by the pandemic.

In this article, we will talk a bit about what scouts have to learn, and how we found a way to continue this using Zoom for a virtual workshop. Through the years, we have learned things that come out of our teaching that even adults are surprised about — we will include mention of some of those as well!

We have conducted one virtual workshop now, and have another planned in September (information on how to sign up can be found on the PNNA website and www.collect3.com).

In our first session, ten scouts earned the merit badge. We had one scout that had not yet even made the rank of 'scout' (thanks to COVID) all the way to a scout that has the rank of Life and is working to organize his Eagle project. That means we had a range of ages representing all of scouting (roughly 11-17 years old). That is a cool thing about this merit badge, it does attract scouts of all ages—including virtually on Zoom.

While we still prefer the opportunity to address scouts in person, holding the workshop by Zoom had advantages that balanced some obvious disadvantage. That was a pleasant surprise.

How and Why we went Virtual

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation of shows since early in 2020, and it is uncertain how far into 2021 that will continue. Tony helped scouts complete their merit badge requirements in January at the Boeing Employees' Coin Show in Kent, Wash. Ever since, Tony or James have been faced with cancelling planned merit badge workshops with scouts as we cancelled the spring PNNA show in Tukwila.

We rescheduled the scouts who signed up for the spring workshop for September at the new fall PNNA show. More recently, Portland area scouts started signing up for a workshop in Portland in October. Once the decision was made to cancel both shows, James and Tony really didn't want to postpone the scouts again. We looked to Zoom as a platform to enable us to do the workshops virtually.

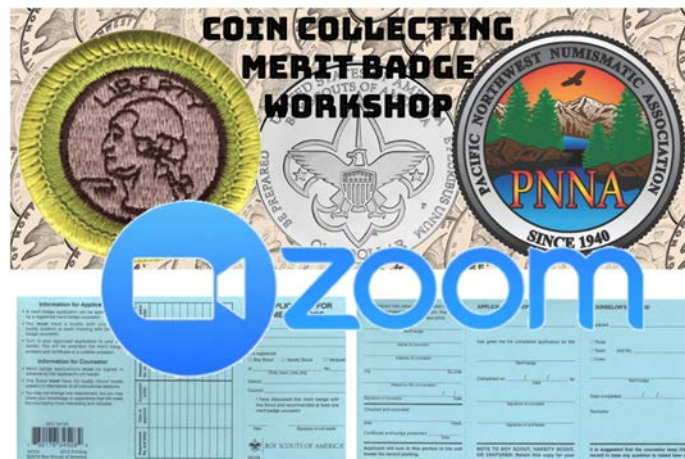
We decided to start by promoting two workshops: August 30, and September 26. We had healthy interest right away from the scouts we already signed up for Tukwila in the spring, and we wanted to ensure they got the first opportunities to sign up. We soon started promoting it to the troops and districts we usually contact for the Portland show in the fall. We filled up the August workshop, and we are doing well for September sign ups. If there is demand, we will add another workshop this year—we will not turn scouts away during the pandemic!

Some Surprise Benefits of Using Zoom

We worried about being effective with Zoom, and we worried about the disadvantages of not being able to show coins in person. (We all do enjoy holding a coin in our hands—Zoom is not as good at that!)

We were pleasantly surprised to find that Zoom has some great benefits. Three key benefits are holding their attention (these

are teenagers!), better sharing (automatically) between scouts, and the ability to reach a wide geography easily. Perhaps that last advantage may be worth considering, even after the pandemic, to help reach the whole PNNA region more effectively.



When the pandemic is over... we will probably miss the longer attention span scouts had when we were on their computer screens!

The scouts are always well mannered in our workshops, but when sitting together they cannot help but talk and get distracted when we do this in person especially as we wonder around the room to check the coins that they brought. Zoom helped with this in two ways: (1) the scouts were not together so they stayed more attentive, and (2) whenever a scout was showing coins to us they were also sharing with the entire group. That was very cool—everyone saw the same images on their screen, regardless of who was showing it. When we are in person, the scouts are scattered around a big room and do not get to see everything that is shared by every scout. This was an unexpected bonus for us all.



A sense of humor in our presentation, as we deal with the pandemic, went over well with the scouts: Who is on what denomination of U.S. currency? What president number were they? What's on the back of the currency? Do they really need masks on the paper money?

Key Adaptations to use Zoom for the workshop

James contacted Walt Ostromecki (long time PNNA friend, and past ANA president), Rob Gillis (ANA education), Sam Gelberd (ANA education), and some local BSA scoutmasters for advice. Walt had taught a class to two scouts virtually already, and he shared useful advice. Walt had also confirmed with BSA nationals our shared belief that 'virtual tours' counted as tours for requirement #10. With real tours closed, this makes sense in our pandemic world. Rod was his wonderful supportive self as always, and Sam is organizing a virtual workshop by the ANA for November. The local scoutmasters filled me in on the thinking around signing 'blue cards' virtually. There is no consistent national BSA policy, it is left to the local troops to work out. Many are willing to do virtually, but we learned that we needed to offer to mail cards to the scouts. We mailed cards to most scouts, and included free numismatic items as surprises for them too.

We practiced with Zoom for a 'dry run' for two hours before we did a real run. James was the host, and learned how to name Tony co-host during the meeting. We used breakout rooms to divide up scouts for reviewing their work (we did twice – once for requirement 3, and then at the end to review everything else). We could move between the rooms, but we forcibly placed the scouts where we wanted them. We practiced running videos with sound; which orientation with PowerPoint looked best. Tony used a mirror to show James on Zoom what Tony's screen looked like! We were much better prepared having practiced. With Tony as co-host, when James' Zoom application crashed during the meeting, he was hardly missed until he could rejoin a minute later.

A few important things to note about registration: (1) We asked for an email, but an email for the scout was strictly optional. (2) We asked for a mailing address, but explained it was only needed as a place to mail a blue card to. (3) We asked for an email for their 'advancement chair' so we could email information of their completion—especially useful for 'virtual' blue card completion.

Anyone seeking to repeat what we have done, should drop us a note to get more specifics. We are happy to share!

What Scouts Learn—and some things adults learn too

One last thing we did special for Zoom was assemble a workbook to help scouts understand how to be prepared for a virtual workshop. The workbook is online at www.collect3.com/zoom2020 — you might enjoy looking at some of the resources on the web that we point out, including the educational "Top 7 Ways to Ruin Your Coins," at <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/top-ways-to-ruin-your-coins-768318>.

The full requirements are listed in the workbook. Here is an abbreviated version of what scouts need to do:

- Understand how coins are made and where the mints are.
- Explain key terms like obverse, reverse, reeding, etc.
- Learn the keys to grading (UNC to Good), what proof and encapsulated mean (collect a simple grading set).
- Ways to store coins (this is where we talk about what can ruin a coin).
- Use a coin reference book to look up information.
- Know about the State or America the Beautiful Quarter programs (collect 5 examples).
- Collect an example of each circulating denomination of coin (50 cents pieces are tough).

- Understand paper money, legal tender, and the Federal Reserve.
- Make a small collection (4 options).
- Tour a mint/BEP/Federal Reserve, attend a coin show, present on coins, or draw colonial coins.



Humor included our choice of coin to illustrate reeding. This joke is courtesy of the ANA. Have you figured it out?

We can share many stories about things that adults learn too. Did you know that pictures of coins in catalogs and reference books are normally made to be the actual size of the coin (unless noted otherwise)? Can you name all *nine* official mints (four in operation now)? Why did Philadelphia not have a mintmark originally? (Was "United State of America" enough?) Why did the mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega open? Why did they close? What war did they close for in 1861?—don't laugh if Vietnam war was guessed. What year did the gold rush in California happen (is there a pro football team in San Francisco remind you of the date?—don't laugh too hard when they say 1949). What coins have (roughly) the Apollo 11 patch on their reverse? What is different about what the eagle is clutching on such coins (compare with a JFK reverse)?

Highlights of Tony's Famous Numismatic Show-and-Tells

One of the key things Tony enjoys going over is the section on how a coin is made. He has great hands-on items for the scouts to see including error coins, planchet strips, and the molds used in the artist-to-medal process for annual Boeing medals. Tony delights scouts with a sneak preview of the upcoming medal that will be available in January. The fate of the annual January 2021 show is still unknown. Tony will share more on the medal in the 1st Quarter 2021 issue of *The Nor'Wester*.

Future Plans

For the duration of the pandemic, we will keep running virtual coin collecting merit badge workshops. Based on our initial experience, we think we can handle about ten scouts per merit badge counselor. Therefore, we'll be allowing up to 20 scouts to register for future workshops (unless we get another merit badge counselor). We'll probably allow 22 to register, since we expect attendance to be 90% of the number who register.

When we have coin shows again, we will offer workshops in person again. In Portland, we can put 1835 large cents in their hands to flip and reenact the coin toss in 1845 that determined the name for Portland. Holding a large cent (very worn – just like the real one) in your hand is something Zoom cannot do. Ditto for seeing the plaster design for a Boeing medal, or tipping a proof and uncirculated coin side-by-side to see the difference. However, when we are in person again, we will probably miss (a little) the longer attention span the scouts gave us when we were on their computer screens! ☺

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