

WEST GEORGIA COIN CLUB

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Mondays- Setup: 4pm--- Meeting Starts At 5:30 pm- Raffle At 5:55 pm--Auction Starts: 6:00 pm.

Welcome to the West Georgia Coin Club: (WGCC)

Mission- *Our purpose is to encourage and promote an interest in numismatics through the cultivation of friendly relations with collectors & dealers, encouragement of amateur collectors, and assisting all people who display an interest in numismatics.*

Today's Metals Prices

(Last week: Gold \$ 4649.50 Silver \$ 72.90 Platinum \$1990.00)

Gold \$ _____ per oz **Silver** \$ _____ per oz **Platinum** \$ _____ per

Do you need?

Auction sell sheets, applications, junior applications, auction rules/procedures, or a copy of the club "Information Flyer"See your club secretary (JB)- Copies of all documents are available.

Coin Spotlight- Civil War Tokens

Civil War tokens emerged due to a severe shortage of government-issued cents during the Civil War, especially in the Northeast and Midwest. Citizens hoarded coins made of gold, silver, and eventually copper-nickel, making everyday transactions difficult. Merchants turned to private minters to produce tokens, which were typically worth one cent and circulated widely until Congress prohibited private coinage in 1864.

Today, Civil War tokens are highly collectible, with over 10,000 known varieties. Common tokens sell for around \$20, - rare or well-preserved examples can fetch hundreds or even thousands of dollars at auction.



Civil War tokens are generally categorized into three main types:

Patriotic Tokens: Featured slogans like "Union Forever" or "The Flag of Our Union" and imagery such as eagles, shields, and Liberty heads. These tokens expressed loyalty and unity during the war.

Store Card Tokens: Issued by merchants as both advertising and currency substitutes. They often included the merchant's name and address, providing a snapshot of local commerce in the 1860s.

Sutler Tokens: The rarest type, used by civilian merchants who followed Union armies to sell supplies directly to soldiers. Only a few thousand of these survive today.

Meet your 2026 WGCC Officers/Officials:

President: Rick Horne

Head Auctioneer: Chris Evans

Assistant Treasurer: Cal Robinson

Vice-President: Craig Jones

Club Chaplain: O.A. Powers

Asst. Secretary: Teresa Robinson

Treasurer: Chris Evans

Auction Runner- O.A. Powers

Asst. Auctioneer: Eric Dodson

Secretary: James Bouwens (JB)

Asst. Runner: Jacob Buterbaugh



The Mint Minute:

Take a minute to look over what the U.S. Mint is releasing this month.



American Innovation Dollar
(Bags and Rolls)- May 12th



Emerging Liberty Dimes
(Bags and Rolls)- April 17th



Best of the Mint 1916
Mercury Dime Metal Set- June 4th



American Eagle 2026 Enhanced
April 17th



2026 Half Dollar- Enduring Freedom
(Bags and Roll)- May 5th



2026 Gold Proof Buffalo
Price -TBA- May 7th

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$29.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$7.00**
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$125.00** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **18**



(Remember all proceeds go toward club)

Weekly Secretary Report:

- President- Rick Horne presided over the meeting.
- We had 0 new member joined last week.
- We had 2 members renew their dues last week. Welcoe back Charles Dowdall and Steven Endicott



Did You Know? 1865-The Secret Service- Protecting Currency Integrity.

Founding and Early Years

The United States Secret Service (USSS) was created on July 5, 1865, as a response to rampant counterfeiting that threatened the financial stability of the post-Civil War United States. At that time, it was estimated that one-third to one-half of all currency in circulation was counterfeit. The agency was initially part of the Department of the Treasury, tasked with investigating and suppressing counterfeiting activities.

Expansion of Responsibilities

In the years following its establishment, the Secret Service's responsibilities expanded. By 1867, it began investigating various forms of fraud against the government, including mail theft and land fraud. The agency's role further evolved after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901.



Attention Members/Dealers - Club Needs:

The club is looking to buy BU/UNC items (at a fair price). A total of 5 mint sets, 5 Kennedy/Bengamin half dollars, and 5 Morgan dollars per month for the weekly raffles. Please see Rick Horne if you wish to sell items to the club.

Reminders: 2026 club dues should have been paid.....

