

WEST GEORGIA COIN CLUB

INFORMATION FLYER

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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 \$ 4821.90 Silver \$ 79.86 Platinum \$2103.00)

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: 3-Cent Nickel- (75% Copper& 25% Nickel)

The copper-nickel three-cent piece, often called a three-cent nickel piece or three-cent nickel, was designed by US Mint Chief Engraver James B. Longacre and struck by the United States Bureau of the Mint from 1865 to 1889. It was initially popular, but its place in commerce was supplanted by the five-cent piece, or nickel.



The three-cent nickel piece initially circulated well but became less popular when the five-cent nickel was introduced in 1866, a larger, more convenient coin, with a value of five cents better fitting the decimal system. After 1870, most years saw low annual mintages for the three-cent nickel, and in 1890 Congress abolished it. The last were struck in 1889; many were melted down to coin more five-cent pieces. The issue is not widely collected, and prices for rare dates remain low by the standards of American collectible coinage.

1865: 11,382,000 (highest mintage)	1874: 1,000,000	1883: 1,000
1866: 4,000,000	1875: 1,000,000	1884: 1,000
1867: 3,000,000	1876: 1,000,000	1885: 1,000 (lowest mintage for circulation strikes)
1868: 2,000,000	1877: 0 (no circulation strikes, only proofs)	1886: 1,000
1869: 1,500,000	1878: 0 (no circulation strikes, only proofs)	1887: 1,000
1870: 1,000,000	1879: 1,000	1888: 1,000
1871: 1,000,000	1880: 1,000	1889: 1,000
1872: 1,000,000	1881: 1,000,000 (spike in production)	
1873: 1,000,000 (two varieties: Closed "3" and Open "3")	1882: 1,000	

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



Warren G. Harding Silver Medal
May 13th



Best of the Mint 1916
Mercury Dime Metal Set-

June 4th



American Eagle 2026 Enhanced



2026 Half Dollar- Enduring Freedom



2026 Gold Proof Buffalo

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$26.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$20.00- Thank you Gail P.**
- Last week's raffle bought in **\$125.00.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **17**



(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 0 members renew their dues last week.



Did You Know? 1886 Silver Certificates- 1 Dollar

Design Features:

The 1886 \$1 silver certificate is notable for being the first U.S. banknote to feature a female portrait, depicting Martha Washington on the left-hand side. The note typically has blue serial number ink and a red Treasury seal, though some variations exist with brown seals or different signature combinations. There are seven known varieties based on seal color and Treasury signature combinations. The reverse of the note features ornate engraving, characteristic of large-size silver certificates.

Historical Context:

The 1886 silver certificate was authorized by the Act of August 4, 1886, which allowed the issuance of lower-denomination silver certificates (\$1, \$2, and \$5) to increase circulation and support the bimetallic standard amid silver agitation in the United States.



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.....

