

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 \$ 4567.40 Silver \$ 77.81 Platinum \$1988.00)

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: The Twenty Cent Coin- 1875-1878 (1877-78 Proof Only)

The American twenty-cent piece is a coin struck from 1875 to 1878, but only for collectors in the final two years. Proposed by Nevada Senator John P. Jones, it proved a failure due to confusion with the quarter, to which it was close in both size and value.

In 1874, the newly elected Jones began pressing for a twenty-cent piece, which he stated would alleviate the shortage of small change in the Far West. The bill passed Congress, and Mint Director Henry Linderman ordered pattern coins struck. Linderman eventually decided on an obverse and reverse similar to that of other silver coins.

Although the coins have a smooth edge, rather than reeded as with other silver coins, the new piece was close to the size of, and immediately confused with, the quarter. Adding to the bewilderment, the obverse, or "heads", sides of both coins were almost identical. After the first year, in which over a million were minted, there was little demand, and the denomination was abolished in 1878. At least a third of the total mintage was later melted by the government. Numismatist Mark Benvenuto called the twenty-cent piece "a chapter of U.S. coinage history that closed almost before it began".

Potential Pattern Coin

Year	Mint mark	Circulation strikes	Proof
1875	(P)	36,910	2,790
1875	CC	133,290	—
1875	S	1,155,000	12
1876	(P)	14,640	1,260
1876	CC	10,000	—
1877	(P)	—	510
1878	(P)	—	600



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.



2026 Half Dollar- Enduring Freedom
Rolls and Bags- May 26th
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American Eagle 2026 Enhanced
May 28th



Best of the Mint 1916
Mercury Dime Metal Set-



Silver Proof Set



3rd Release 2026 Quarter – DOI



2026 Uncirculated set

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$18.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$8.00- Thank you Tom Y.**
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$110.00.** – 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 members joined last week. –
- We had 0 members renew their dues last week.



Did You Know? 1928- A First- The Automobile Appears On Our Money.

BEP engraver Louis S. Schofield added an automobile in front of the Treasury building image on the back of the \$10 notes issued between 1928 and 1996. The car was based on a number of different models and brands that were available in the 1920s.

Bonnie and Clyde myth:

The idea that the car was a Model A Ford driven by Bonnie and Clyde is false. Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow didn't meet until 1930, and the image lacks enough detail to identify occupants.



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.....

