

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 \$ 4571.30 Silver \$ 78.19 Platinum \$1975.00)

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: Trade Dollar- 1873-1885---(1879-1885 Proof Only)

The United States trade dollar was a dollar coin minted by the United States Mint to compete with other large silver trade coins that were already popular in East Asia. The idea first came about in the 1860s, when the price of silver began to decline due to increased mining in the western United States. A bill providing in part for the issuance of the trade dollar was eventually put before Congress, where it was approved, and signed into law as the Coinage Act of 1873. The act made trade dollars legal tender up to five dollars. A number of designs were considered for the trade dollar, and an obverse and reverse created by William Barber were selected.

The first trade dollars were struck in 1873; the majority of these were sent to China. Eventually, bullion producers began converting large amounts of silver into trade dollars, causing the coins to make their way into American commercial channels. This caused frustration among those to whom they were given in payment, as the coins were largely maligned and traded for less than one dollar each. In response to their wide distribution in American commerce, the coins were officially demonetized in 1876 but continued to circulate. The production of business strikes ended in 1878, though proof coins officially continued to be minted until 1883. The trade dollar was re-monetized when the Coinage Act of 1906 was signed into law.

Pattern Coin



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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 Morgan Dollar-Revere Proof
July 9th
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2026 Peace Dollar- Reverse Proof
July 9th



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 **\$22.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$29.00-** Thank you- **Keith B. & Rick H.**
- Last week's raffle bought in **\$110.00.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **13**



(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? 1929- Standardization of Design- (Small Note Size)

The appearance of U.S. banknotes changes greatly in 1929. In an effort to lower manufacturing costs, all Federal Reserve notes are made about 30 percent smaller measuring 6.14 x 2.61 inches, rather than 7.375 x 3.125 inches. In addition, standardized designs are instituted for each denomination, decreasing the number of designs in circulation and making it easier for the public to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit notes.



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.....

