

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 \$ 4007.60 Silver \$ 58.54 Platinum \$1632.00)

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: Key Date/Hard to Acquire. 1956 Flying Eagle Cent

The 1856 Flying Eagle cent is an extremely rare and historically significant U.S. coin, with values ranging from around \$10,000 in average condition to over \$300,000 for high-grade or proof examples.

Historical Significance

The 1856 Flying Eagle cent was the first year the U.S. Mint produced the small cent, replacing the larger copper cents. Initially struck as presentation pieces for Congress and dignitaries, at least 634 examples were made for this purpose, with additional coins produced for collectors and eventual circulation. As soon as the new small cents were approved, popularity skyrocketed and the mint produced approximately 3,000 more coins that were sold to collectors. This coin played a pivotal role in popularizing coin collecting in America during the late 1800s.

Composition and Design

The coin is composed of 88% copper and 12% nickel, giving it a pale, white-gold appearance, unlike later bronze cents. It's obverse features an eagle in flight, designed by James B. Longacre.

Collecting Considerations

Collectors should focus on certified coins from reputable grading services (PCGS or NGC) and pay attention to strike quality and eye appeal.



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 U.S. Constitution Quarters
August 26th



2026 Morgan Enhanced Coin
August 25th



Best of the Mint 1916 Walker & Metal Set
August 6th



Best of the Mint 1804 Medal
August 27th



3rd Comic Art -3 medal Set- Super Heros
August 3rd



2026 Peace Enhanced Coin
August

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$28.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$80.00- Thank you- Mr. Anonymous**
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$145.00.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **19**



(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? The U.S. Branch Mints- New Orleans 1838-1909

The New Orleans Mint (French: Monnaie de La Nouvelle-Orléans) operated in New Orleans, Louisiana, as a branch mint of the United States Mint from 1838 to 1861 and from 1879 to 1909. During its years of operation, it produced over 427 million gold and silver coins of nearly every American denomination, with a total face value of over US\$307 million. It was closed during most of the American Civil War and Reconstruction.

Like any other mint the New Orleans Mint was a factory to make coins. Operations at the New Orleans Mint began on March 8, 1838, with the deposit of the first Mexican gold bullion. The first coins, 30 dimes, were struck on May 7. Until it was taken over by the Confederacy in 1861 it produced many different denominations, all of which were either silver or gold: silver three-cent pieces (1851 only), half dimes, dimes, quarters, half dollars, silver dollars, gold dollars, \$2.50 quarter eagles, three-dollar pieces, \$5 half-eagles, \$10 eagles, and \$20 double eagles.

In March 1861, Louisiana ratified the Constitution of the Confederate States and the Confederate government retained all the mint officers. They used it briefly as their own coinage facility. The Confederates struck 962,633 of the 2,532,633 New Orleans half-dollar coins dated 1861. Research suggests that 1861-O half dollars bearing a bisected date die crack ("WB-103") and 1861-O half-dollars with a "speared olive bud" anomaly ("WB-104") on the reverse had been minted under authority of the Confederacy.

Fun Fact: In 1932, the assay office closed and the building was converted into a federal prison, in which capacity it served until 1943.



Attention- What's New– We have a Facebook Page

The club now has a Facebook page for our club. We will be posting pictures and a short invitation to those out there that have interest in visiting our meeting/auction each week. Give it a look and follow.... Search West Georgia Coin Club on Facebook and pass the word.

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

