

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 \$ 4056.40 Silver \$ 58.32 Platinum \$1637.00)

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. 1877 Indian Head Cent.

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Historical Context and Design

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Rarity and Survival

The 1877 cent is considered the rarest circulation strike in the Indian Head series, second only in mintage to the 1909-S cent but scarcer in surviving numbers. Only one reverse die is confirmed for all existing 1877 cents, and just two obverse dies are known, suggesting that the published mintage may be inflated. Most surviving coins are worn with fully red or mint-state examples being exceptionally rare.



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



Calvin Coolidge Silver Medal
September 3rd



American Eagle 2026 1oz Palladium Coin
September 3rd



Best of the Mint 1907 Saint-Gaudens Gold Coin
September 24th



2026 Peace Enhanced Coin
August 25th

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$27.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$65.00**-
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$125.00**. – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **21**



(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- San Francisco- 1854- Current (Kind of)

The San Francisco Mint is a branch of the United States Mint. Opened in 1854 to serve the gold mines of the California gold rush, in twenty years its operations exceeded the capacity of the first building. Within its first year, the mint converted over \$4 million in gold bullion into coins, quickly outgrowing the original building due to the booming economy and population growth in San Francisco and the West Coast. It moved into a new building in 1874, now known as the Old San Francisco Mint. In 1937 Mint operations moved into a third building, the current one, completed that year.

Old San Francisco Mint (1874)- The second US Mint building (pictured), built for the Department of the Treasury, was designed by Alfred B. Mullett in a conservative Greek Revival style with a sober Doric order. The columns, most of the exterior and upper floors were constructed of sandstone. It was quarried at Newcastle Island, British Columbia, near the city of Nanaimo and imported for this purpose. Minting of coins commenced here on December 10, 1874.

The San Francisco Mint historically produced both gold and silver coins, including circulating coins and, later, proof coins for collectors. Coins minted here carry the "S" mintmark. While it no longer produces circulating coins, it remains active in minting proof coins and special sets for collectors.

The San Francisco Mint is celebrated not only for its coin production but also for its resilience and contribution to the economic development of the American West. Its survival through natural disasters (The 1906 Earthquake) and continued operation highlight its importance in U.S. history and numismatics.



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.....

