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 $ 4390.10 Silver $ 65.84 Platinum $1760.00)*

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. 1909-S-VDB Lincoln Cent

The 1909-S VDB Lincoln Cent is a low-mintage coin of the United States dollar. It is a key date variety of the one-cent coin produced by the United States Mint in San Francisco in 1909. The Lincoln cent replaced the Indian Head cent and was the first everyday U.S. coin to feature a specific real person. It was immediately met with controversy over the inclusion of the initials of the sculptor who designed the coin, Victor David Brenner, on the reverse.

Within days of the coin's release, it was discontinued (August 6, 1909) so that Brenner's initials (VDB) could be removed from the dies. The two mints charged with striking the Lincoln cent were the Philadelphia Mint (no mint mark) and the San Francisco Mint (mint mark S). The Philadelphia Mint produced 27,995,000 VDB pennies, but the San Francisco Mint produced only 484,000, which made this variety the rarest of the series. There is speculation that Charles Barber was the one who had opposed the Brenner initials on the coin.

Though it is not the lowest mintage or the most expensive of the series, it serves as an important and well-known key date. The 1909-S VDB became instantly collectable on the news of its cancellation, and more than 100 years later, it is still considered a numismatic rarity. The authors of the book 100 Greatest U.S. Coins have ranked the 1909 S as the 14th most collectible U.S. coin.



Meet your 2026 WGCC Officers/Officials:

President: Rick Horne
Vice-President: Craig Jones
Treasurer: Chris Evans
Secretary: James Bouwens (JB)

Head Auctioneer: Chris Evans
Club Chaplain: O.A. Powers
Auction Runner- O.A. Powers

Assistant Treasurer: Cal Robinson
Asst. Secretary: Teresa Robinson
Asst. Auctioneer: Eric Dodson
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



Semi-quincentennial Dollar Coin
September 2nd (rolls & bags)



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 **$70.00- Thank you- Chris, Tom, & Keith**
-Last week's raffle brought in **$130.00**. – 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- Carson City 1870-1893

The Carson City Mint was created in 1863 but was not put into operation until 1870. It ran until 1885, went on a hiatus, and resumed operations in 1889, after which it ran until 1893, when it closed permanently. It is now the Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Coins struck here, especially Morgan dollars, are generally rare and command a high premium among collectors.

The Carson City Branch issued **57** different types of gold coins and produced eight-coin denominations, including dimes, twenty cent pieces, quarters, halves, Trade dollars, Morgan dollars, five-dollar gold pieces, ten-dollar gold pieces, and twenty-dollar gold pieces.

Abraham Curry, founder of Carson City, was appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant as its first superintendent. Curry, known as "The Father of Carson City", also supervised the construction of the mint. In 1870, just six years after Nevada entered the Union as the thirty-sixth state, residents enthusiastically welcomed their new mint.



James Crawford served as superintendent of the Carson City Mint for ten years starting in 1874 until his death in 1885. The mint was shut down in 1885 for political reasons and remained closed under a Democratic administration led by President Grover Cleveland from the middle of 1885 until the fall of 1889. In October 1889, under President Harrison (R), coins once again began rolling off the mint's presses and continued to do so until the spring of 1893.

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 are interested in visiting our meeting/auction each week. Give it a look and follow…. Search West Georgia Coin Club on Facebook and pass the word.

This year's Christmas dinner- December 14th- Details to come soon.



