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PAN at the FUN COIN SHOW



PAN president Tom Uram and PANeNEWS editor and Treasurer Pat McBride flew to Orlando FL to attend the recent FUN Coin Show. This is by far one of the premiere numismatic events in the country. It allows for the perfect venue to promote PAN and numismatics to the most influential people in the hobby today. The yearly gathering hosts over 500 dealers and 10,000 public attendees to buy and sell a range of numismatic material and share opinions on the important issues regarding today's hobby.

PAN did not have a table this time but we both found it to be an unexpected advantage. We were able to seek out and meet with a lot more people and discuss PAN's goals and forge mutual agreements to promote PAN with other organizations.

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PAN SPRING COIN SHOW

An early show entrance feature will occur at the May and all future PAN shows. If you are a current paid member of PAN you will be allowed ½ hr early entrance to the show floor. You must show your 2015 membership card. Avoid the general public line waiting to enter our coin shows.

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PAN at FUN One of our first priorities was a visit to the CoinWeek booth. Videographer David Lisot and Senior Writer Charles Morgan were busy setting up on day 1. We had a very good exchange of ideas to help PAN extend its reach through the use of the very extensive CoinWeek website www.CoinWeek.com. Their site has been expanding at an accelerated rate the last few years. They agreed to readily publish PAN press releases and significant programs that PAN does throughout the year. David has been producing numismatic videos since the mid 1980's and is very well known.

A visit to the U.S. Mint booth was a pleasant surprise with sculptor and engraver Don Everhart present. He was set up and demonstrating [continue page 3](#)



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PAN at FUN from p2 his artistic talent by working on a clay rendition of Constantino Brumidi, an Italian-American historical painter, best known and honored for his fresco work on the Capitol Building dome in Washington, DC.

PAN President Tom Uram and Don Everhart had a long conversation about Don’s professional life and his path to the U.S. Mint. He has done many coins and medals for the mint. The “In God We Trust” medal that Tom created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our nation’s national motto on U.S. coinage was also sculpted by Don. The mint’s effort to have Don at the show to talk to anyone that had questions about how a coin is created

and the process that takes place including a myriad of steps involved to reach a point of production was a brilliant idea. His presence was a creative live interactive demonstration that is rarely witnessed beyond the walls of the mint. Don was very approachable and accommodating to sign autographs and chat to anyone that stopped by. Our compliments go to the mint for offering such a fine feature.

Tom Uram is also a member of the Citizen’s Coinage Advisory Committee that periodically meets in Washington DC to make recommendations to the Treasury Department in selecting the designs that are under consideration for future coinage that will



eventually be created and placed in circulation.

The next stop on the trail was a visit to the Sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. It is amazing the people that you may stumble onto at a major coin show.

Dennis Boggs is a historical re-enactor that does a [Continue p4](#)

OUR NUMBERS KEEP GROWING

PAN GROWTH	11/25/12	5/28/13	7/28/13	10/28/13	1/28/14	5/28/14	10/17/14	2/2/15
FACEBOOK LIKES	182	299	434	577	780	1,021	1,347	1,524
TWITTER FOLLOWERS	396	576	627	695	873	1,064	1,240	1,397
PANeNEWS SUBSCRIBERS	536	720	728	756	815	898	989	1,034
PAN MEMBERSHIP			522	607		573	591	
MAILING LIST			2,659	2,674		2,946	3,237	
SHOW ATTENDANCE		1,206		1,399		1,291	1,297	

PAN at FUN from p3 very convincing job of recreating the presence of Lincoln. I sat down for a long talk with the president and went over a few old topics and touched on a few current ones also. Dennis has been doing Abraham Lincoln as a full time job. His life as Lincoln started as a hobby with presentations at schools and historical societies but has blossomed into a worthy life endeavor. I first saw him at the Whitman Coin Expo in Baltimore. I didn't get to speak to him too much then but did this time since it was early in the morning before the public came onto the show floor. We are going to try to have him visit a future PAN coin show.

He is in character most of the time but is not as intimidating, as you would expect. Dennis enjoys speaking with young people about the importance of continuing their education and ties in Mr. Lincoln's meager beginnings and the ability to achieve great things under extreme adversity. To learn more of Dennis Boggs as Abraham Lincoln: <http://www.meetmrlincoln.com/homepage.html>



Lectures at the FUN show are a convention highlight. Coin World Editor Steve Roach hosts one of the more popular sessions. The podium is abandoned in favor of a more informal round table type setting. This particular talk was the top ten numismatic stories of 2014. The audience is encouraged to add comment or questions within the limited time constraint.

One of the top stories that Steve referred to was the resumption of the salvage operations of the *S.S. Central America*. PAN offered a wonderful opportunity at our past Fall Convention with the appearance of Mr. Bob Evans the chief historian and scientist of the recovery efforts. Bob presented a lecture on the latest finds and the future of this fascinating subject. The story took a surprising twist with the arrest of the ship discoverer Tommy Thompson in Florida last month. Many thought that he was in a far off location and would never be found. For those that don't know the story, there is pending litigation filed by salvage investors against him and the current recovery efforts are under the supervision of a court appointed receiver. This story will surely continue to make numismatic headlines in 2015.

Another story Steve referred to was the chance discovery of the Saddle Ridge gold hoard found by a California couple's attentive dog. It contained more than 1,000 - \$20 gold pieces found in old metal cans. Some of the finest known pieces were dug from the ground, conserved, encapsulated, and subsequently marketed and sold by Kagin's. **continue p5**



PAN at FUN from p4 The 1715 Fleet Society hosted a fantastic display at the show. PAN legal counsel Ben Costello presented a detailed talk of the fleet's demise off the Florida coast and the treasure recovery that continues to this day. Ben also had part of the display at the last October PAN coin show.

A lecture was also offered about the navigation techniques used in 1715 with



replica devices and a demonstration of the function and operational capacity that were used by the crew. The presenter was in period costume and very knowledgeable about 18th century seafaring.



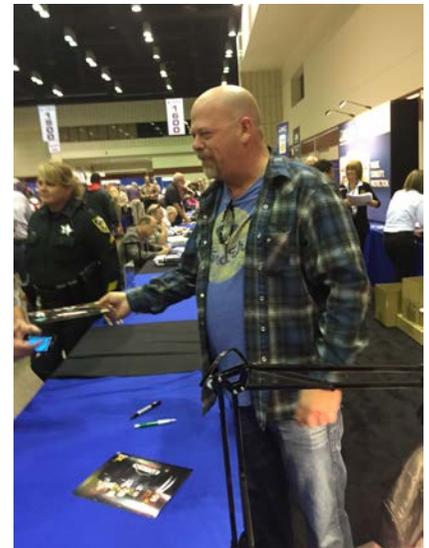
The McLarty Treasure Museum in Vero Beach, FL houses many of the artifacts that were on loan for the show and magnificently displayed.

To view more of the recovered objects view at: <http://atocha1622.com/mclarty.htm>

A few last interesting photos from the show include a visit from Rick Harrelson of the popular television show Pawn Stars. Many people lined up to have some of their prized objects evaluated for a chance to appear on the popular show. Rick's appearance was sponsored by NGC and created quite a buzz on the show floor.



Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios was at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing booth. Her signature appears on all of our current paper money. She made herself available to sign notes for collectors to have as show keepsakes. Tom Uram later asked her to sign a couple of things that we can use as part of our yearly banquet auction fundraiser that we hold at our Fall PAN Convention. We have managed to have some of the most interesting items throughout the many years of PAN's existence. Some of them are sometimes so off the chart that the authenticity is sometimes questioned but rest assured that we always know the provenance of the items first hand. Our yearly banquet has always been a must for collectors to have a chance to acquire some very nice numismatic items.



Tom and I continued to make friendships and contacts to benefit PAN during the week. We were able to add a few new dealers to our bourse floor. We invited more wholesale dealers to visit our show. We had some early talks with the ANA about the Philadelphia Summer ANA World's Fair of Money that is on the books for 2018. It was a very productive week for PAN. Our next stop is the Central States Numismatic Society in Schaumburg, IL on April 23 - 25. We will have a table at this show. It must be said as often before that all PAN board members and volunteers travel at their own expense to these shows with no reimbursement from PAN. The tables at the major coin shows are offered to clubs and associations at little or no cost. All of our funding is used to promote the hobby. It is the passion for the hobby that drives us. Please help us to stay viable through membership in PAN. Information can be found on our website at www.pancoins.org

PAN DEALER CORNER

SPRING COIN SHOW BOURSE CONTRACTS will be sent by mail soon. They can also be filled out on our Dealer Page on the PAN website www.pancoins.org

HOTEL RESERVATIONS We have increased our room block for the Spring Show. It is only \$89.00 per night and is conveniently part of the Monroeville Convention Center. The special pricing expires on April 15th or when the room block fills. Please try to book a room early. Link to DoubleTree by Hilton reservation page: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PITMRDT-SPR->



JOHN BURNS ESTATE The current update is that all of John's possessions have been sold and checks were issued in December to retire his debts. The estate was insolvent and his creditors received 40%. This was no small endeavor, as many of you know. It came to be with a lot of help from the numismatic community.

The final items were sold at the last PAN Fall Coin Show in October. The liquidation went well. There was a lot of enthusiasm to view the large variety of material that John collected. There are some final papers to be filed with the court over the next couple of months to officially close things out. To everyone that helped or purchased some of the items, please accept our thanks. The photos shows WPNS president Ed Krivoniak and PAN board chairman Don Carlucci working the table. Bob Evans *SS Central America* chief historian is in the background looking at a few of John's many show badges. They knew each other well from the many shows they both attended. I told Bob to take a couple badges as mementos. He insisted on paying. John's passing affected all of us. Selling off his belongings was difficult but necessary. Everything went to a good home.

SAD NEWS Past Clarion Editor Richard Duncan 87 of Lancaster PA passed away on January 16, 2015. Dick was our editor for 25 years and was an enthusiastic supporter of PAN. He was a very kind gentleman that gave his all to the task at hand without a complaint or an ill word. PAN was very fortunate to have Dick as a part of our organization. He will be missed by all of us at PAN. Our condolences go out to his wife Betty and his family. Dick is the second from the right (blue shirt) in the 1987 photo from a PAN convention in Scranton, PA. The remaining three now old timers are Don Carlucci, Pat McBride, and Skip Culleiton.

MORE SAD NEWS We were also very sad to learn that our Bourse Chairman, Blaine Shiff's mother passed away on Sunday December 14, 2014. Nancy Shiff would normally be seen sitting at the Cybercoins bourse table at PAN and also the many large national shows that her husband Ted Shiff would attend. Nancy and Ted were always together and ran the family coin business with Blaine and his brother Brad and often times with table help by their grandchildren. Nancy was a loving and kind lady that would warm your heart. She will be missed by all of us at PAN.



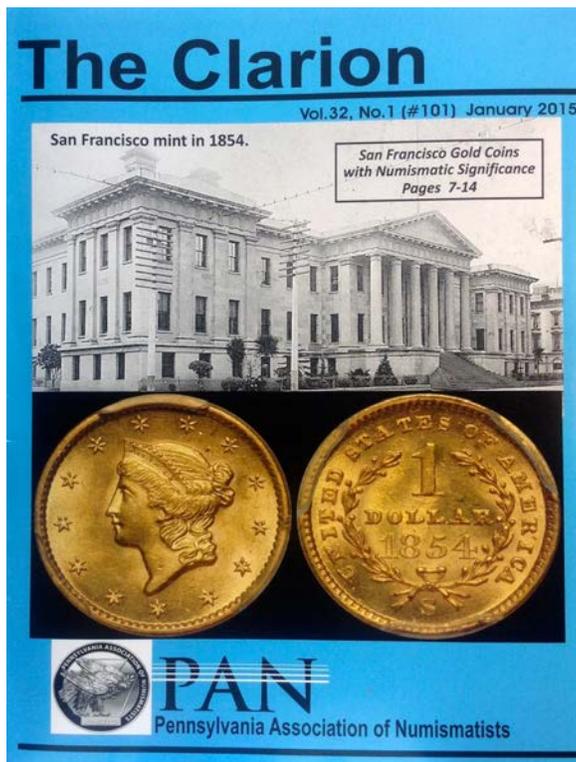


PAN 2015 membership is now due. The cost is \$15.00 per calendar year. This is a slight increase due to the cost of the publication of the Clarion, along with coin show cost increases, liability insurance, and the many other expenses incurred throughout the year. Some of our sister organizations have scaled back or eliminated journal publications. We are hopeful to keep printing our journal with your enthusiastic support. PAN is appreciative and thankful for all of our members.

You can help us keep costs down by sending in your 2015 dues before we mail dues notices later this month.

One of the new benefits with PAN membership is ½ hour early entry to the PAN Spring and Fall Coin Shows. The only requirement is to show your 2015 membership card at the registration desk.

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The PAN print journal The Clarion was mailed to paid members last month. The next issue will be out in May.



Congratulations to Jim Morgan of Coinologist. At each PAN show we have a very popular dealer raffle for a free table to our next show. Jim's name was pulled from the jug. This is the fourth drawing we have had so far. Hopefully most of our dealers will win over time. Just a way for us to thank them for their support!

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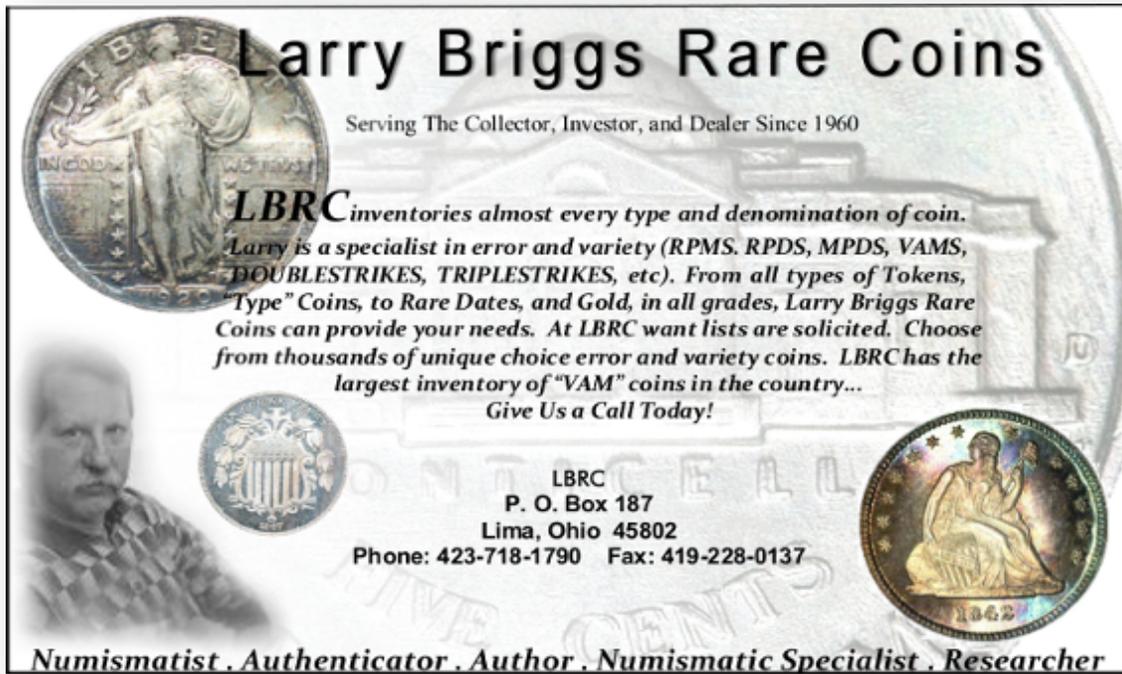
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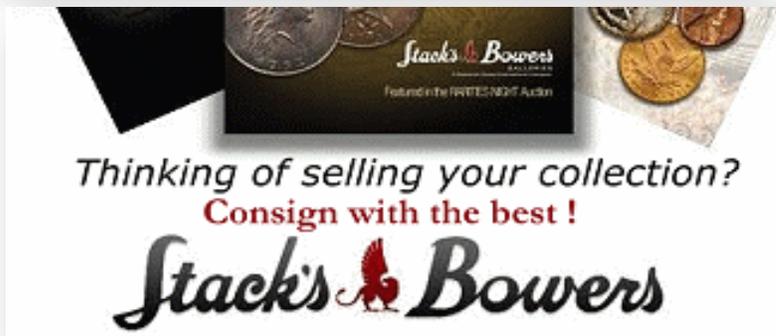
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