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PAN SPRING COIN SHOW - RECAP



The PAN Spring Coin Show successfully concluded on Saturday May 10th with an attendance of 1,291 collectors coming through the door. We do not count dealers, helpers, or PAN volunteers in that number. There were 102 dealer booths and 124 tables of numismatic items.

The above photo is our PAN table with PAN president Tom Uram and US Postal worker Dina Lord holding a first day cover with the image of 13th Governor of Pa. James Pollock. He along with Salmon Chase, Treasury Secretary under Lincoln and Reverend Mark Watkinson were instrumental in having the National Motto, In God We Trust, placed on our nation's coinage.

Seated are PAN member Corleen Chesonis and Membership chairman Charles "Skip" Culleiton.

DEALER NOTES: PAN 2014 Fall Coin Show Contracts are available and can be accessed on the [Dealer Info Page](#) by visiting the PAN website www.pancoins.org

The pay by credit card option is also available to pay your table fee. The 10% discount pricing is in effect until 9/15/14.

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John Burns' Book Inventory Sold – On Friday May 9th a book auction was conducted at the storage facility of numismatic book dealer John Burns who unexpectedly died this past January. There were in excess of 8,000 books and catalogues that made it necessary to sell very large lots of John's collection. Many collectors expressed an interest in purchasing individual volumes but the



size of his inventory made it more cost effective to offer the material to book wholesalers that came to Pittsburgh to bid. One of the interesting lots was a hardbound set of numismatists from the early 30's through the 1980's.

The collection of books filled two large 20' X 40' storage lockers and three smaller lockers that were 15' x 20' each. It took a massive effort by a team of PAN members to sort, clean, box and stack the books to be viewed reasonably by interested parties.

PAN 2014 Regular Membership Cards have been mailed. If you paid your dues and did not receive a card email us at pancoins@gmail.com The \$12 per calendar year dues can also be paid online via our website www.pancoins.org or mailed to PAN, 1985 Lincoln Way, Suite 23 #225, White Oak, PA 15131





John Burns Remembrance Dinner was held Friday evening May 9th at the Wooden Nickel Restaurant in Monroeville. A crowd of sixty of John's friends and business associates attended an upbeat and respectful roast of John with many recalling a story or two as emcee Sam Deep passed the microphone around the room.

At left Brad Karleff recalls the last evening that he and friends dined with Big John at a Brazilian Steakhouse at the Fun Show in Orlando without any indication that he would pass away in his sleep that same evening. John's last

night on this earth was with the friends he loved and enjoying an evening with great food and fine drink.

One of the many highlights of the night was Wayne Homren's hilarious story about the 1988 visit to prominent numismatic book collector Armand Champa's personal library and the follow up dinner that John was invited to and was disappointed in that it wasn't at Armand's usual excellent steakhouse that John was so looking forward to along with that big free steak. Armand reassured him that the selected Italian restaurant was equally as good but John was not easily convinced. Armand took it upon himself to discreetly call the chef in advance and asked him to prepare a special dish with the emphasis on red meat for his special large friend. As the numismatic luminaries were seated the chef appeared and placed before John's eyes the largest meatball on a bed of spaghetti that the roomful had ever seen. The look on Burns' face and the roar of laughter was priceless.



Armand Champa, the perpetrator, reveling in the disbelief.

John Burns being served "THE MEATBALL"

Armand passed away in 1997. I am sure John Burns and Armand are now recalling that special night and the great memories and numismatic book tales that were the passion that they each shared.

The evening ended with a small auction of interesting items that John collected would want some of his friends to have.



PAN will have a table set up at the upcoming **ANA World's Fair of Money** to be held August 5th through 9th 2014 at the Stephens Convention Centre, Chicago / Rosemont, IL. PAN members Tom Corey, Tom Uram, and Pat McBride will be manning the table and working to promote PAN.

One item to mention that has been brought up and we were unaware of is that the travel costs, hotel rooms, meals, and related expenses are personally paid for out of pocket by those volunteers making the trip. The table we have at the club midway is free compliments of the ANA. The only money that is paid out with PAN funds is the small fee for one display case and one light.

PANKidZone had 55 kids attend during the Spring Coin Show. Filling penny folders was a popular past time before the program and auction started. The two young girls and mom are shown attending their first KidZone. Mom said when she told her girls that they were going to a coin show they got real excited because they thought they were going to see dancing coins on a stage. They still had a very good time and enjoyed their entire experience.



The room began to fill quickly as a line began to form during registration. Each young person is given a packet that has free coins and ten PAN dollars that can be used for the kid's auction. The talk that was presented by host Sam Deep covered the grading of Barber coins with the focus on barber



dimes. Each participant was given one to grade and allowed to keep it for their collection. Sam showed them what to look for to determine the numerical grade and used a power point presentation to demonstrate how to use the popular Photograde guide. The program is quick paced with questions followed by a free coin for the right answer. There never seems to be a shortage of hands in the air.

The auction is always the highlight and held as the last part of the program. Fifty lots of a variety of numismatic items were offered. PAN purchases the lots or relies on donations from our dealers that are very generous and glad to be able to help a successful and vibrant program. The PANKidZone takes place on Saturday during the spring and fall coin shows. If your kids or grandkids have never been to one then please make the time to bring them. We have some high school age young people that have been coming since they were very young and still enjoy it.

In God We Trust medal is the latest PAN project that is continuing with great enthusiasm. PAN president Tom Uram developed the idea as a result of the National Motto 150th Anniversary. They are for sale on the PAN website www.pancoins.org with payment by credit card or can be purchased by check using the form at below. Part of the proceeds of the medal sale is donated to PAN.

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Each medal is housed in a folder that explains the idea of a National Motto and each man's role in the process of an Act of Congress to have In God We Trust placed on the two-cent piece of 1864.

The likeness of these famous men is beautifully done by the skill of U.S. Mint sculptor and engraver Don Everhart. These medals make a great gift along with an historic story.



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Numismatic Book Dealer John H. Burns and his parent's, Henry and Vivian, cremated remains were laid to rest with a grave side service on Saturday morning June 7, 2014. John is interred at Union Cemetery, Greensburg, PA. John's father served in the U.S. Air Force on Tinian Island during the preparations for the Enola Gay's famous mission during World War II. Our plan is to have a military marker placed at the grave along with a marker for John. The generous contributions to the John Burns Memorial Fund made this possible. If you would like to contribute please go to the PAN website www.pancoins.org



PAN NUMBERS continue to grow. Each category is increasing every few months. The increase is due to our exposure through or coin shows, paid advertising, social media, and by word of mouth from our supporters. The trend may eventually come to a halt but we are sure enjoying the ride in the meantime. Thanks to all of our new members for keeping us on the move!

PAN GROWTH	11/25/12	2/27/13	3/27/13	5/28/13	7/28/13	10/28/13	1/28/14	5/28/14
FACEBOOK LIKES	182	248	263	299	434	577	780	1,021
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eNEWS SUBSCRIBERS	536	574	617	720	728	756	815	898
PAID MEMBERSHIP					522	607		540
MAILING LIST					2,659	2,674		2,946
SHOW ATTENDANCE				1,206				1,291

Rod Burress, a dealer specializing in copper coinage and a regular at our coin shows passed away Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the age of 70. He was always set up beside Tom Reynolds. Rod would arrive at our PAN shows and arrange his table then would notice that we were still setting out cases and lights and would roll up his sleeves and help out. He was a very kind and caring person and will be deeply missed.



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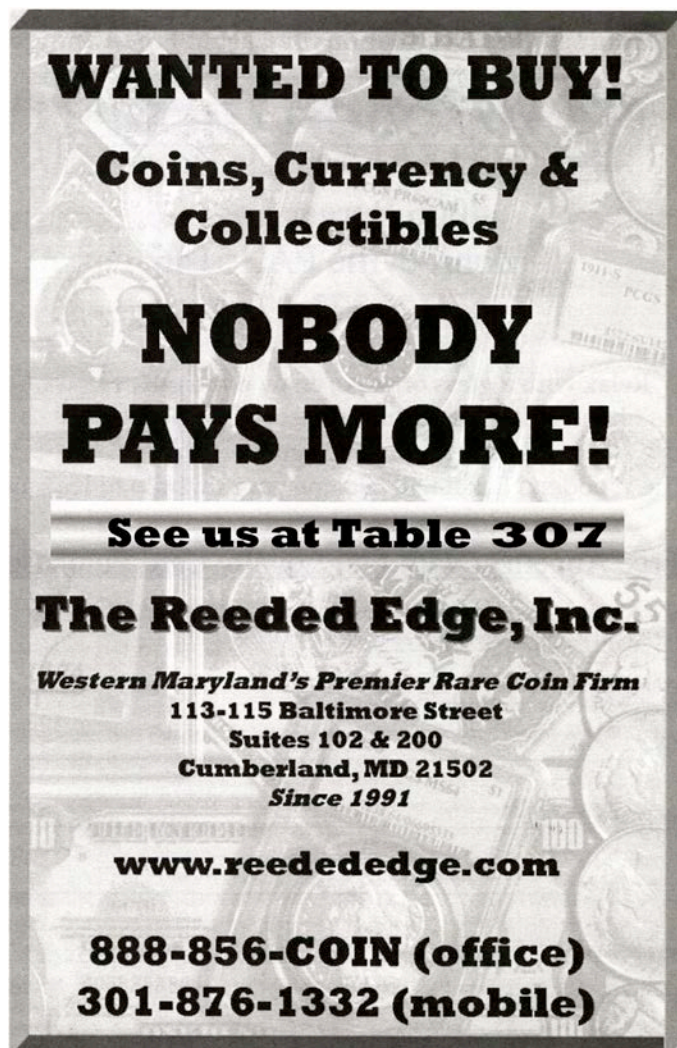
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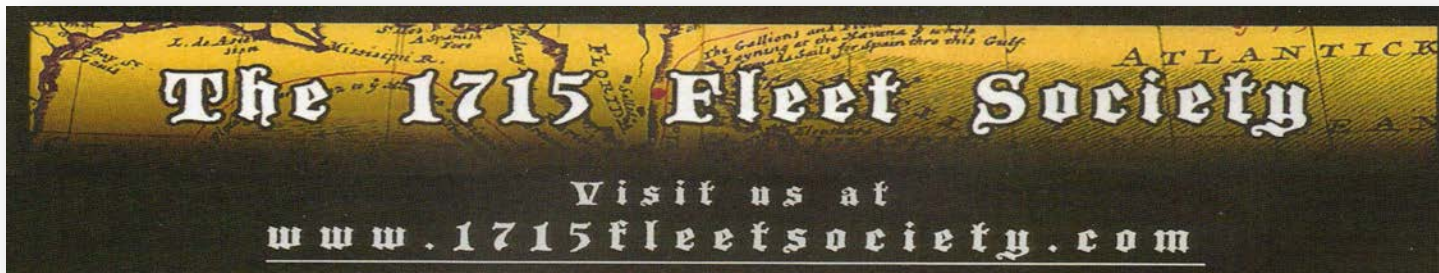
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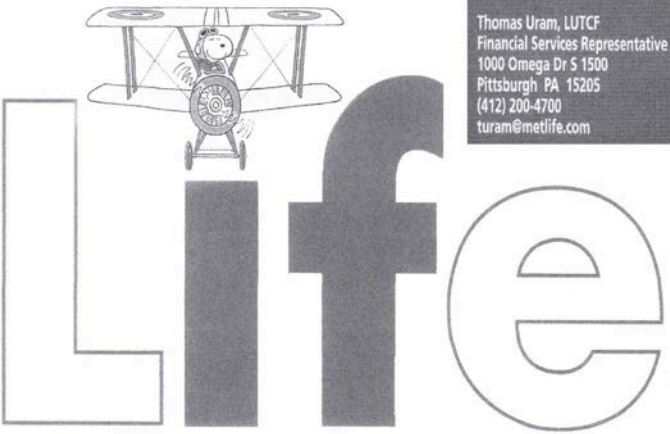


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