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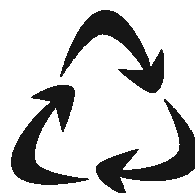
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Welcome to Tukwila

by General Chairman Kevin Charboneau

Welcome to the 68th annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Spring Convention and Coin Show! This year's show hours are:

Friday	March 17	noon until 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 18	10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 19	10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Show address: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA.

Spring is just around the corner. That means it is time for the oldest and largest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest: The 68th annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Spring Convention and Coin Show! We had to move the show dates because of problems with security and May Day events in Seattle. This year's show is set for March 17-19.

Dozens of your favorite local, regional and national dealers will cover 85 tables with a wide selection of numismatic and exonomia material in all price ranges. There is sure to be something to excite everybody interest. There will be U.S. coins ranging from colonial coppers to gold double eagles and modern commemoratives. Classic Greek coins and Roman coins of the Caesars will be well represented, along with coins of all other ancient civilizations. Foreign coin enthusiasts will find dealers specializing in medieval coins, modern world coins, and everything in between. Currency collectors will find examples of colonial paper and the entire range of U.S. currency, as well as fascinating and colorful foreign bank notes. Beautiful and historic medals and interesting tokens will be on display and available for sale. People will be buying and selling all kinds of bullion throughout the show. You can also display your collection in a judged exhibit, or enjoy the displays of others.

We are working on a lineup of free numismatic theater presentations for Saturday. The annual convention brings together many of our members. This is a great opportunity for our existing members to demonstrate the vitality of our hobby to the newest members of your local club. I encourage you to bring someone as your guest to this event. I am looking for volunteers to help out at the front desk. The job is simply to monitor the people going in and out of the door and answer some very general questions. In return for your one hour of time, you will receive admission for the day to the show.

Email kcharboneau58@comcast.net with the day you would like to help out. I will assign you a time on a first-come first-serve basis and notify you by return email.

The PNNA annual meeting on Saturday is open to all, and your comments and suggestions on how the PNNA can best promote our wonderful hobby are most welcome.

We're happy to see you – enjoy the show!

Additional Show Information

- Parking is free, and admission to the bourse is only \$2.00 per day, \$5.00 for all three days. Children 12 and under are free. "Early Bird" admission (9:00 a.m. Fri/Sat/Sun) is usually \$30.00.
- The ANACS grading service (www.anacs.com) will have a bourse table at the show. They will accept submissions, but there will not be a grader present.
- For collector exhibit information — see page 10.
- Club table — Northwest clubs will have the opportunity to put out information about their clubs as well as have a representative if they so choose.
- There will be both a numismatic theater and club meetings. *Speakers/club meetings to be announced. Pick up a program at the show, or see the PNNA website.*
- The YN program and treasure hunt will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday by Tony Kalt. The program is hosted by the PNNA and by participating local coin clubs, including the Boeing Employees' Coin Club.
- Boy Scouts may earn the Coin Collecting Merit Badge on Saturday; pre-registration is required. Girl Scout "Fun with Money" patch workshop, a great troop activity, is available upon request. There is a flyer on the PNNA website, or contact James Reinders by email, coins2017@collect3.com.
- There will be souvenir elongated coins, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."
- On Saturday, there will be a PNNA board meeting at 8:00 a.m., and a PNNA general membership meeting and awards presentation at 6:30 p.m.

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PNNA President's Message *by James Reinders*

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the annual PNNA membership meeting at the Tukwila Community Center on Saturday March 18 at 6:30 p.m. (The show closes at 6 p.m.)

The annual PNNA Convention (the 68th Annual) is Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 17-19 in Tukwila. We proudly know this as both the oldest and biggest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest. There is plenty of free parking, and admission for the show is only \$2/day (children under 12 are free). Public show hours are Friday Noon – 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (although, I recommend arriving before noon Sunday to avoid “show wind-down” disappointment, as with any coin show). Thanks to our membership committee, we will have an updated PNNA tri-fold brochure at the show – please be sure to pick up a few to hand out to promote numismatics in the Northwest. As always, the PNNA calendar, <http://pnna.org/calendar.html>, is the place to get more information on this and other coin shows.

Volunteer! We are always in need of a little more help at all our conventions. Even if you have only an hour to spare, we'd love to have your help. Please contact convention chairman Kevin Charboneau (kcharboneau58@comcast.net) about volunteer opportunities in Tukwila, Rick Schulz (richardf53@yahoo.com) for volunteer opportunities at this year's Washington State (Puyallup) Fair (September 1-24, 2017), and Ed Fischer (edoregon@comcast.net) for volunteer opportunities at this year's WCC/PNNA convention in Portland, October 21-22, 2017.

Or – ask for Kevin, or myself, at the show itself and help us while you are there! The conventions are only possible because so many members offer up their time to help. We are always grateful for all the help. Of course – if you volunteer, we'll waive the admission fee for you. A small thank you, I know ... but every little bit helps!

The Boeing Employees show in January saw Tony Kalt busy again with many Boy Scouts attending his Coin Collecting Merit Badge sessions. Tony will be working with Scouts in Tukwila as well (more information – including a PDF flyer – at <https://www.pnna.org/yn/scouting.html>). If you are involved in Boy Scouts – we'd love your help promoting it. A personal email to a Troop or District leader, or to Scouts, can really help. Of course, we have opportunities in October in Portland as well.

Girl Scouts – we've not had many requests in the past two years. We schedule Girl Scouts “on request” because they tend to sign up on a Troop basis (unlike boys who come as individuals). If you are involved in Girls Scouts, we can arrange a “Fun

with Money” patch workshop on demand around the Pacific Northwest. I'm the one to contact for more information (coins2017@collect3.com).

The bourse in Kent was busy enough, and there were certainly a lot of numismatic items of all kinds available. There were some nice collector exhibits too. All in all, a very nice show again!

The Board discussed a few interesting things which we would always enjoy getting feedback on:

- If we organize a weekend seminar (a class – such as “Coin grading”) – what, and when, would people be interested in attending?
- Annual awards – input is always welcome! Who do you know that we should recognize?
- Summer scholarships for the ANA Summer Seminar – we hope you have applied if you are interested in some help attending. If not, there is always next year. (Put it on your calendar!)
- Show security – we continue to work behind the scenes to keep our shows safe and secure. We added photo identification for non-public hours last year, and we have always had a security guard (or police) presence visible and invisible. We have more non-intrusive things planned to keep things very safe and secure. We welcome input.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- March 18, 2017 at the PNNA Annual Convention, Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, Wash. – 8:00 a.m. Board / 6:30 p.m. Membership meeting and awards.
- June 22, 2017 in Portland at the President's house.
- October 21, 2017 at the WCC/PNNA Portland Convention, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore. – 6 p.m.

The Board and Officers serve at your pleasure – please contact any one of us with your suggestions. We want to grow this organization and we want to better educate our members on the subject of numismatics.

There are many coin shows to enjoy this spring and summer (see <http://pnna.org/calendar.html> for up-to-date listings). Looks like a fun year ahead! I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Tukwila.

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PNNA Calendar

Just visit pnna.org and click on the "calendar" button, or pick up a paper copy at the show!

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PNNA Convention Collector Exhibits

by Eric Holcomb, PNNA Chief Judge

See <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html> for complete collector exhibit information, application form, rules and judging criteria, and past winners with exhibit photos.

Collector exhibitors will need to register and reserve exhibit cases in advance. Exhibits are due in place by noon Saturday, and should be removed on Sunday afternoon.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including at the Boeing club show in January, are available on the website at <http://www.pnna.org/minutes/board.html>.

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See <https://www.money.org/summer-seminar>.

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PNNA/WCC Fall Convention

Webpage: http://www.pnna.org/convention/convention_fall.html

The PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club will host their 13th annual fall convention and coin show, Oct. 20-22, 2017 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

The fall show has many of the same popular features as the spring convention — an outstanding bourse of local, regional, and national dealers, a numismatic theater, a YN program and collector exhibits.

ANA National Coin Week

Webpage: <https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week>.

National Coin Week — April 16-22, 2017.

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The Wright Brothers and a National Bank President

How National Bank Notes and American History complement each other, by Thomas A. Tullis.

I recently retired, and now that I have some time on my hands I can pursue two areas of interest: studying and reading about American history, and collecting and studying National Bank notes. Recently these two areas crossed paths in my reading of history, and this encounter lead me to some interesting information about a national bank.

I grew up in Ohio, and like most from Ohio knew about the Wright Brothers and their success in inventing, building, and flying the first airplane. Dayton, Ohio, where the Wrights Brothers were from, is only about 50 miles from where I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. The 2002 Ohio state quarter depicts the Wright Brothers aircraft and is labeled "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers." The 2001 North Carolina quarter also depicts the original Wright Flyer in its first flight on Dec. 17, 1903.



Credit: U.S. Mint images as posted on Wikipedia.

One day my wife brought home to me David McCullough's book *The Wright Brothers* (Simon and Shuster, 2015) which turned out to be a very interesting read. In the book McCullough tells the story of these two brothers who through hard work, self-study, and dogged stubbornness produced an invention that changed the world. This was all done in the atmosphere of public doubt and a general attitude that these two bicycle mechanics were pie-in-the-sky eccentrics who had little chance of success.

The history relates how the two brothers went to North Carolina and spent several periods of time learning how to fly. They started in 1900, tested gliders between 1900 and 1902, made the first powered flights of between 12 and 59 seconds in 1903, and by 1904 the Wrights had learned by trial and error enough to feel that sustained controlled powered flight was possible. Returning to Ohio, Orville and Wilbur realized they needed a place to

fly where they could bring to maturity their earlier limited success at flying. The best local "flying field" was a peaceful cow pasture of about 84 acres that was about eight miles northeast of town. This site was called Huffman Prairie. On page 113 of the book: "The pasture belonged to Torrence Huffman, president of Dayton's Fourth National Bank, whom the Wright's knew."

This statement got my attention, and I decided to look into this bank. Chartered in 1887 as charter number 3821, the bank barely made it past the end of World War I and was liquidated on Dec. 21, 1918. The bank issued \$1.659 million in 1882 Brown Backs, and 1902 Red Seals, Date Backs, and Plain Backs. The reference I had listed only five notes in the census, but that figure almost always changes as new notes are discovered.

I decided to check Heritage Auctions website, as I find it a good tool to access information. I was able to locate a \$5 1902 Date Back that was recently sold at the FUN Currency Signature Auction in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Jan. 4-10, 2017. The note is pictured below, courtesy of Heritage Auctions (HA.com; also see centerfold ad in this newsletter). Mr. Huffman's signature is easily read.



The book goes on to talk about the bank president giving his permission for the Wrights to use the land, and there would be no charge. Mr. Huffman only requested that "they move the cows and horses outside the fence before flying their machine. While he liked the boys well enough, Huffman was among the many that had little faith in their project" (page 113). The banker told a

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farmer who worked the adjoining land that the two brothers were "fools."

History shows the Wrights were not fools. Over the next months the two brothers learned what was needed to fly with regularity a heavier than air flying machine. On the afternoon of Oct. 5, 1905, before a dozen witnesses, Wilbur circled the Huffman pasture 29 times, and landed only when the plane ran out of gas. Among the dozen present were Torrance Huffman and his three children. Huffman was no longer a disbeliever or doubter.

In memory of:

Wilbur Wright, 1867-1912

Orville Wright, 1871-1948

Editor's notes:

Articles in The Nor'wester are eligible for PNNA literary awards ... see the information on page 10.



Photo: Flight 85: Orville in flight over treetops, covering a distance of approximately 1,760 feet in 40 1/5 seconds; Huffman Prairie, Dayton, Ohio, on Nov. 16, 1904.

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Huffman Prairie is now part of the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, part of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Here visitors can learn about the experiences of the Wrights learning to fly.

Knowing more about the Wright Brothers and their contact with a national bank president has helped me appreciate more my continued interest in National Bank Notes. No doubt other bank personalities had contact with makers of American history. My future reading will be done with an eye for this connection.

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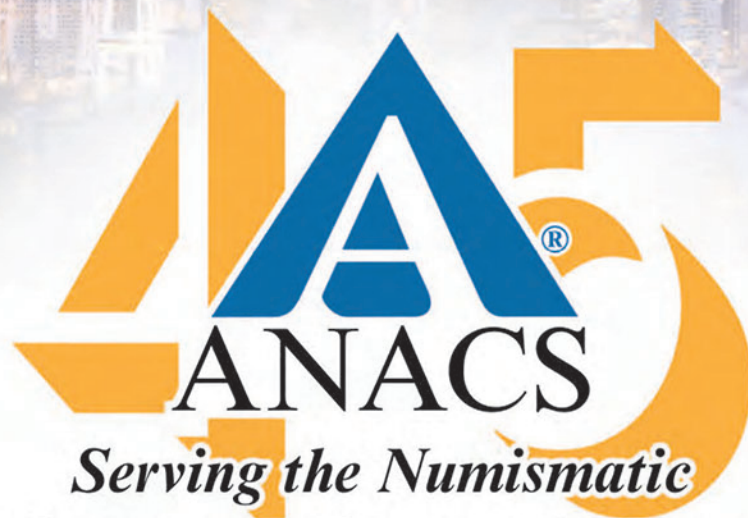
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