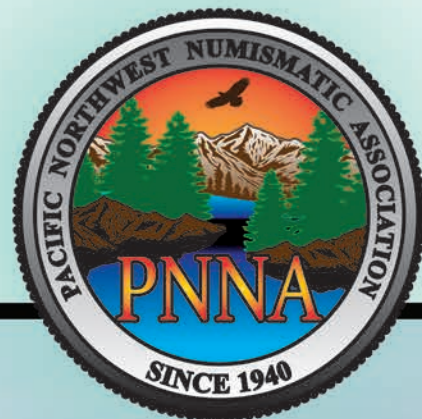


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MicroSummit 2021

by Allen G. Berman.

*King Alanus of Bermania in formal uniform,
including ANA convention medals.*



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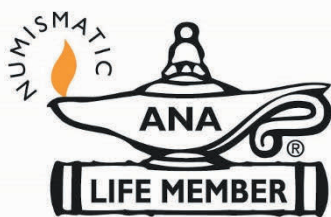
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PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President Ed Fischer

The train is picking up steam and headed our way. Shows, shows, shows are coming to a city near you.

Though at this writing, the Delta variant is in an all-out rage, Americans seem driven to go back to a life they once knew. Businesses are reopening, activities are getting rescheduled, and conventions are occurring with restrictions. We look forward to the numismatic community getting together and sharing some pent-up tales of the last year and a half.

First up is the **PNNA Tukwila show** being held at the Tukwila Community Center located at 12424 42nd Ave S in Tukwila, Wash. Friday the 8th of October will be open noon to 7 p.m., Saturday the 9th 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 pm. This is PNNA's first show since the reopening. Hope to see you there.

Next is the one-day show organized by the **Polk County Coin Club** on Sunday, October 17. History has shown that this is a show with good attendance and great material for a local event. Located at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy, Rickreall, Ore. Free admission, free parking and running 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Willamette Coin Club** is back in business, hosting the largest coin show in the Portland area. Located in the exhibit hall of the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel at 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, Ore. Dealer setup and early birds start at 3 p.m. on Friday. Show times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, with early birds at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively. The Portland club knows how to treat collectors and dealers. They both go home happy. Admission is just \$2.

Last one I will mention is the **Salem Numismatic Society show** located at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Admission is \$3 and you can attend Saturday, December 4th, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5th, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Fairgrounds can be found at 2330 17th St NE, Salem, Ore. The show is advertised as 90+ tables of "coins and stamps."

Reports from Rick Schultz are that the demonstration periods we participated in were well received during the Washington State Fair. He did say that attendance was down from previous years. Thank you, Rick and Kevin.

No matter your beliefs, you are welcome. Maybe you want to hold off a little longer, prefer to be one-on-one with your dealer, transact by courier or go face-to-face at a show. No doubt the face of numismatics has changed. We strive to meet you where you are by analyzing your

feedback and evolving as an organization. You are WE! We rely on the comments you give us to assist in getting numismatist together.

I really want to thank all those who have been working behind the scenes at getting clubs and shows up and running. We don't have all the power to move in any one direction. Often government intervention, politics and site policies dictate or swerve the plans we are making. Our volunteers working on shows and clubs have jumped the hoops and the show must go on.

The PNNA board recently met in our convenient restaurant called Spiffy's. Unfortunately, they have now permanently closed. Very sad!! This meeting location allowed I-5 corridor board members to meet without too much road time. Maybe we can find another restaurant near there (Chehalis, Wash.) with great hospitality. Any ideas would be appreciated.

Change is constant they say, and we have had a lot over the recent challenge.

Ed Fischer

PNNA President

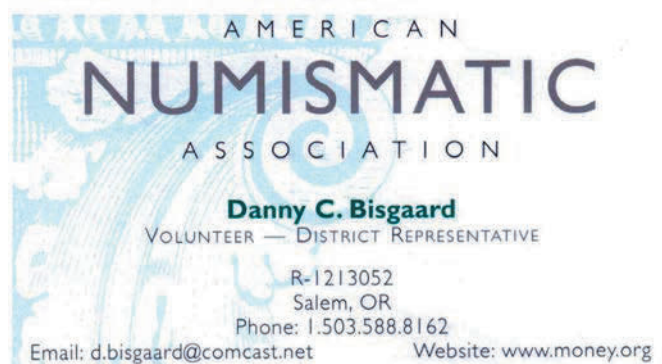
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Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 9, 2021 at the PNNA Fall Convention in Tukwila, Wash. (8 a.m. board meeting; 6 p.m. membership meeting after the bourse closes)
- Jan. 15, 2022 at the Boeing Employees Coin Show in Kent, Wash. (about 5 p.m. after the bourse closes)

In the event of any show cancellations, online board meetings will be scheduled.

Guests are always welcome to drop in on any board meeting - they are always open! The Board and Officers serve at your pleasure - please contact any one of us with your suggestions.



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1793 S-2 Chain Cent, MS64 Brown PCGS
AMERICA Reverse
Ex: Daniel Holmes Collection



1793 S-4 Chain Cent, AU50 PCGS
Periods Obverse



1793 S-10 Wreath Cent, MS64 Brown PCGS
High Condition Census
Ex: Winsor-Mills-Naftzger



1793 S-16 Liberty Cap Cent, VF35 PCGS
High Condition Census
Possibly the Finest Known



1794 S-48 Starred Reverse Cent, VF35 PCGS
The Discovery Specimen
Tied for the Fifth Finest Known



1797 Draped Bust Cent,
MS66 Red and Brown PCGS
Ex: Newcomb, Naftzger, Pogue
The Finest Known S-140 Cent



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MicroSummit 2021

by Allen G. Berman

At a hotel in Las Vegas in July Immanuel X, King of Ourania (known better to numismatists as Edessa), graciously greeted His Excellency the Governor General of British West Florida. King Immanuel had earlier been appointed ambassador to the U.S. by a claimant to the Empire of Manchukuo, a descendent of the last Chinese Emperor, Henry Pu Yi. Later King Alanus of Bermania was seen enwrapped in a presentation by King Boleslaw II of Wojcikslavia on the constitutional implications of the Congress of Vienna on the current status of the Kingdom of Poland. What could prompt this almost surreal scene? MicroSummit 2021 of course. This event drew together Kings, Presidents, and Dukes representing various micronations from throughout the U.S. and Canada, and it has for more than a decade.

What is a micronation? While there is no universally accepted definition, most could be described as a spirit or an ideal configured in the context of a more or less mythical or hypothetical country. Some make serious political pretensions, others less so. Some even have undisputed "territory" such as the famous Sealand. One can usually observe that when micronational heads of state gather there is generally more harmony and joviality than meetings of their more mundane counterparts.

This particular celebration of creativity began with solemn ceremonies of the Kingdom of Bermania, familiar to many *Nor'wester* readers. Carefully painted and wax-sealed grants of arms were presented to Chess Grandmaster Stan Vaughan confirming his title as King of Ourania. Another grant was presented to futurist John Michael Godier. The latter, famous for his interviews with experts in astronomy and space exploration, hosts the YouTube show "Event Horizon" (<https://www.youtube.com/eventhorizonshow>).

Amid the flags nestled together on the dais was that of the Burgravine of Munich, known to numismatists as Ursula Kampmann, owner of the popular numismatic blog "CoinsWeekly" (<https://coinsweekly.com/>).

While many technical speeches were delivered dealing with international treaties and sovereignty, the attendees also enjoyed lighter ones, such as "The Wolf of Dubbio," delivered by King Alanus I, known to numismatists as world and ancient coin dealer Allen G. Berman. The story is an excerpt from his recent book of humorous stories, *Please Ignore Our Time Machine*. This work was recognized with an award for contribution to micronational literature at the conclusion of the conference. You can purchase the book on amazon.com.

Of course a great many examples of micronational and fantasy coins and paper money were in evidence. The event provided a rare opportunity for collectors to acquire coins with under 100 mintages for not much more than a few dollars. Some of these rare examples were struck to represent the coins used in works of literature such as *Lord of the Rings* and *Game of Thrones*.

And of course there was free money. All stalwart representatives who participated until the official breakdown of exhibits on Sunday morning were presented with banknotes of the Kingdom of Volletnia by Her Majesty Queen Loraine II.

Why are numismatists attracted to coins from countries which do not exist? Perhaps it is the creativity and liberty used in designing them, a freer process than used by conventional governments. Perhaps it is the same sense of adventure that brings them to be arm chair historians, exploring kingdoms from ancient Judaea to medieval England and beyond. No matter how one analyzes it, coins struck by fantasy nations and pretenders have been fascinating numismatists at least since the early 1800s. The late Colon R. Bruce II helped define the field by writing *Unusual World Coins*, published in six editions by Krause Publications. So many fantasy coins are in the hands of collectors these days, and more are being struck every year. Perhaps it may be time for a seventh edition.



King Alanus of Bermania confirms the title of the King of Ourania as the Duke of Missouri serves as honor guard.

Hundreds of fantasy coins were available for attendees. See the cover image for a few of Allen's scarcer examples.



Washington State Fair

The Fair was held Sept. 3-26, with the PNNA at the Fair in-person for nine specific dates/times. See <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/> for more information and a report when available.

Tukwila Fall Coin Show

The show is scheduled for Oct. 8-10. Please see <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fall/> for details.

Portland Fall Coin Show

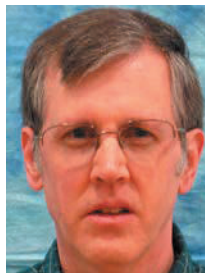
The show is scheduled for Nov. 12-14, with the afternoon of the first day for dealer setup. This show is now being run by the Willamette Coin Club, so please see the club's webpage at <https://pdxcoinclub.org/2021-portland-coin-show> for details.

Other Coin Shows

For a listing of other coin shows, including the Salem show in December and the Boeing Employees show in January, please see <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/event-calendar/>. This calendar is updated every week.

PNNA Members Receive ANA Awards

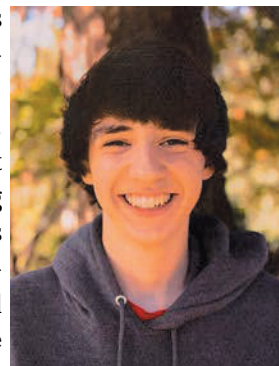
PNNA members Eric Holcomb and Kellen Hoard were recognized this year with awards from the American Numismatic Association (ANA).



Eric, who edits this newsletter along with the ANA club rep program newsletter *MintMark*, received the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Exemplary Service.

Kellen, who is the Young Numismatist (YN)

Director on the PNNA board, received the Young Numismatist of the Year award, recognizing his devotion to the ANA and his outstanding hobby involvement. Hoard is actively involved with both the PNNA and the Numismatic Bibliomania Society.



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