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The next meeting of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11th. You will be able to attend this meeting from the comfort of your home through the Zoom application. Members will receive an email invitation and meeting password. See you in person in July!

USSR 1 Rouble Commemorating the 1980 Olympic Games a Challenge Article

By Louise Boling

This lovely coin was issued in 1978 in advance of the 1980 Summer Olympics, held in Moscow. All text on it is in Russian (the Cyrillic alphabet); num-

balanced on a double line transecting the design, and the denomination, 1 Rouble, below the line. The reverse shows the Moscow Kremlin with stars topping the



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bers are Arabic or Western except on the clock. The obverse shows the national coat of arms dividing СССР (CC on one side of the coat of arms, CP on the other side), all

five steeples; the center steeple tops a clock tower, pictured at 10 o'clock. The clock face uses Roman numerals, and according to Numista, some coins have an

2021 Meetings

Date	Presenter	Date	Presenter
February 12th Friday	Open	July 9th Friday	Open
March 12th Friday	Patrick Hipple	August 20th Friday	Open
April 9th Friday	Open	September 10th Friday	Open
May 14th Friday	Walt Ostromecki	October 8th Friday	Open
June 11th Friday	Open	November 12th Friday	Open

error: the IV is shown as VI. Unfortunately, this clock/coin has the proper IV. Text inside the rim and above the steeples says "Games of the XXII Olympiad Moscow 1980." In the exergue, on the right side of the coin, is a tiny date, 1978, the date of minting. The words "One Rouble" are engraved twice on the edge. Reference numbers: Yeoman #153.1, Y#153.2 (clock error), Schön #102. Catalog value is around \$3, depending on condition. Numismatic information came from Numista website, and from Standard Catalog of World Coins 1901 - 2000, 42nd edition; George Cuhaj, editor, and Thomas Michael, market analyst. Thanks to Joseph Boling for technical assistance.

Country	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Mintage	6,480,000; Leningrad Mint
Year	1978
Denomination	1 rouble
Metal	Copper nickel zinc
Diameter	31.1 mm
Weight	12.7 grams
Type	Round coin
Engraver	Rev – Nikolay Nosov; Obv – S. M. Ivanov
Demonetized	1991

As some may remember, considerable controversy surrounded the 1980 Olympics. In 1979, the USSR had invaded Afghanistan, in response to requests for aid from the Afghan government. That government itself was the result of a coup or revolution instigated by a Soviet-backed group in April of 1978. The Politburo had not wanted to intervene, expecting that it would be actively opposed by the West, as it was. As part of that opposition, many countries boycotted the 1980 Olympics completely, including the US, Japan, West Germany, and Canada. The United Kingdom, France, and Australia and others supported the boycott but left the choice of participation up to their athletes and Olympic committees, resulting in participation by some teams from each country but not others. Iran backed the UN in its condemnation of the invasion of a fellow Muslim country, and therefore supported the boycott despite deep enmity with the US. In retaliation, in 1984, the USSR and several other Eastern bloc nations boycotted that year's Olympics in Los Angeles. The sources for this extremely sketchy history of a very complex political situation are the US Department of State Archives, and Wikipedia.

Editor's Note:

Thank you Louise for taking the CNA article Challenge and writing for our newsletter. Interested in taking on the challenge yourself? Just ask for a challenge envelope.

Free Coins, Medals, Tokens, Banknotes...

You can add a free numismatic item to your collection. Sealed envelopes containing a coin, medal, token or banknote will be available for the taking. All you have to do is agree to write an article for the newsletter about the item you receive. All of the pieces have been photographed so you can include photos in your article.

Included with your mystery item will be an information sheet that includes the item's weight and diameter or in the case of a banknote the width and height and the item's photo identification numbers.

As an added incentive, one or two of the items will have some intrinsic value. That's right, there will be a little bit of treasure "buried" in among the plain brown envelopes.

Will you be brave enough to take the challenge? What will you learn? What will you add to your collection, a foreign coin, a medal commemorating a historical event, a banknote from a far away land or time?

There is no specific length required for your article, it just needs to be long enough to tell the story.

If you would like to participate send an email to cincycoins@gmail.com and one will be mailed to you. All envelopes are unmarked and sealed ahead of time as a group so no one knows what's inside.

The program has resulted in multiple articles for our readers to enjoy,



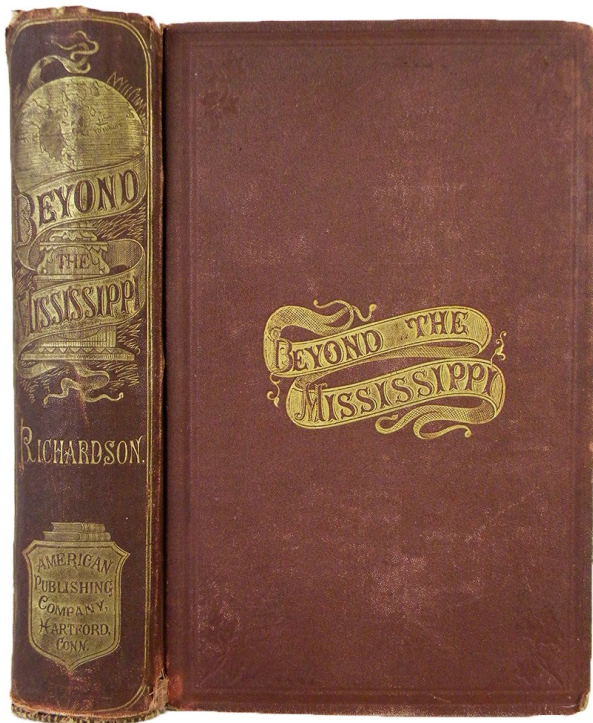
Watch for articles to appear in future issues of the newsletter. Why not give it a try?

Kolbe & Fanning Numismatic Booksellers

By David G. Heinrich

The Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition will have many dealers offering coins, medals, paper money and more but there will also be a couple of dealers in related items. One of them will be a numismatic bookseller. This will be a rare opportunity to add something special to your library. Make sure you stop by and take a look and maybe buy a book.

“Kolbe & Fanning Numismatic Booksellers is the largest and longest currently active rare numismatic literature firm in the world. Established in 1967, our first mail-bid sale was held in 1976 and today we average four mail-bid or public auction sales per year. The firm is a member of the International Association of Professional Numismatists. While public auctions and mail-bid sales are an important part of our business, we also actively buy and sell rare numismatic literature. Our stock of rare numismatic books is among the largest in the world and we are always pleased to receive serious want lists. The company’s website is: numislit.com”

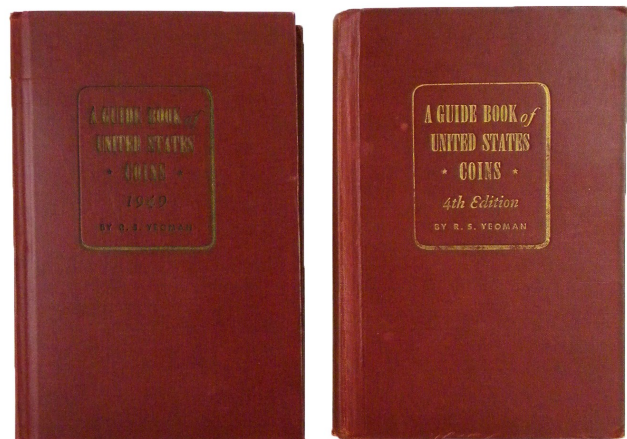


Just one example of an interesting and beautiful old book (1867) offered by Kolbe & Fanning. *Beyond the Mississippi* is an interesting account of an overland journey out west, including illustrations of an 1849 Mormon quarter eagle and a \$54.09 F.D. Kohler ingot; also includes a description of early Oregon gold coins.

On Saturday of the show, David Fanning will also be a featured speaker with a presentation entitled “Collecting the History of the Hobby in Cincinnati.”

David F. Fanning has been a student of numismatic literature since childhood, he holds a Ph.D. in English from the Ohio State University and is a Life Member of the American Numismatic Association and recently became a Life Member of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. He is an elected Fellow of the American Numismatic Society and has been named to the honorary Rittenhouse Society as well as to the Attinelli Fellowship. He is the author of *Ancient Coins in Early American Auctions* and has published numerous articles on numismatic literature, North American coins and medals, medieval and modern foreign coins, and other topics.

Take a little time out from your search on the bourse floor, sit down, relax and listen to David talk about numismatic items with a Cincinnati connection. He will also have selected items on display at the front of the presentation room.



Another selection from the Kolbe & Fanning website:

A Guide Book of United States Coins. Yeoman, R.S., Racine: Whitman, 1948 and 1950. 3rd and 4th editions (1949–1950 and 1951–1952). Two volumes. 12mo, original red cloth, gilt. Each 254, (2) pages; text illustrations. Third edition very good with mostly faded cover gilt but relatively bright spine gilt. Fourth edition is only good, and is shaken. Item #6382 Two early editions of the ubiquitous Red Book, the best-selling book of all time on coins.

What's the Earliest Affordable Half dime?

By Mark Benvenuto



Our nickels have been one of the four workhorse coins in the United States for about as long as anyone can remember. They haven't received all that much press of late, being overshadowed by the ever-changing reverse designs of our quarters, but did enjoy the lime-light when the Westward Journey designs were unveiled. Collectors know though that there was a time before nickels, when we did indeed have a five-cent coin, but when it had no nickel in it. We're talking about the half-dimes. Since they don't get collected as avidly as many other United States coin series, it could be fun to look at them in some detail, just to see how far back we can go and still claim that any of these little silver pieces are affordable.

The Seated Liberty half dimes were the smallest U.S. coin denomination to bear the artwork of Mr. Christian Gobrecht. First issued in 1837, these little guys were pushed out of three different mints in the course of their time, ending with those made in 1873 in both Philadelphia and San Francisco. A collector who wants to dive into five-cent pieces in gory detail might actually look into building a set of half dimes and nickels that spans from 1866 to 1873. These are the eight years during which both Shield nickels and Seated Liberty half-dimes were pounded out. While the half dimes eventually lost this competition, they did go out with a bang, having a mint tally of over 1.8 million in 1871, of over 2.9 million in 1872, and of just over 700K in 1873, all from the main mint in Philly alone. The folks at San Fran chipped in for those three years as well. Even a collector of limited means can land many of these pieces in grades like EF-40 or AU-50 without flattening their wallet. Shield nickels from these years can also be pretty affordable in the grades we just mentioned, although MS specimens do jump in price rather quickly.

Prior to the Seated Liberty design, the Capped Bust image – for the half-dime at least, (the design work of William Kneass) spent several years on the silver coins of a young but growing United States. First unveiled on the half-dimes of 1829, the Capped Bust pieces have a wonderfully classic look to them. For the

nine years they were issued, there is really no rarity in the series. The lowest mintage is the final year, 1837, with 871,000 to its tally; while the king of the hill of half-dimes is the 2.76 million that were pumped out in 1835 – in four varieties, no less.

This comment about varieties needs a bit of a deeper look. To put it mildly, the Capped Bust half-dimes are a variety collector's dream come true. There are four listed in the Red Book for 1835, three listed for 1836, and two each for 1834 and 1837. But since we are simply looking for the oldest piece that we might claim is affordable, we'll take a glance at some price listings, rather than focus on varieties.

Curiously, there seems to be some unspoken belief among us that United States silver prior to the Seated Liberty design is always expensive. In the case of the half-dimes, this might be fueled by the colorful stories of the 1792 half "dimes" which occasionally go to the auction block and fetch astonishing prices. So it might come as a surprise that dropping something like \$100 will probably land us any date within this short series, in a grade of F-12. Sure, the 1837 is less common than the 1835, but since the collector base for the series appears to be rather thin, they still cost the same, at least in a grade that shows some wear but that can still look good. A close look at these little bits of silver in something like MS-60 shows us that again there's not much difference in price from one date to another.

Prior to the 1829 Capped Bust half-dimes, the next, earlier pieces will be the 15,600 Draped Bust Heraldic Eagle half-dimes of 1805. With a total output of the just-mentioned 15,600, these had to be rare coins even in their own day. Today's prices certainly prove that they haven't become more common with time.

Still, an 1829 Capped Bust half-dime, or an 1830 or 1831 for that matter, is a truly classic piece of United States silver that can be had for a decent price. It looks then like the oldest affordable five-cent pieces we can snag are those nearing their bicentennial date.

Club News...In Person Meetings are Back In July!

Many thanks to our May speaker, Walt Ostromecki. Walt's presentation was entitled "DUMB COINS". After a short Zoom technical difficulty Walt defined for our members in attendance, what a dumb coin is. Yes, DUMB is a legit numismatic term and there are both DUMB and SMART minted coins.

Our next meeting is on Friday June 11th. Members will receive an email invitation and meeting password. No speaker is scheduled so we will have an extended show and tell.

The big news is that we will resume in person meetings starting with our July 9th meeting! We will celebrate the reunion with a pizza dinner for everyone at the meeting along with cookies from Graeter's. Soft drinks will be provided as well. There will undoubtedly be a lot of socializing at this meeting. There will be show and tell, the world coin challenge where all members can sort through a large box of world coins and take home every coin that they properly identify and place in a 2 x 2 holder. The 2 x 2 holder must be marked with the KM number, country, denomination, and date. There will also be door prizes and other activities may be added.

The schedule for volunteer workers for the club's coin show will be available at SignUpGenius.com soon. We can also sign you up at a meeting. It's easy to sign up right on the website. There are multiple 2 hour shifts available. If you sign up for 4 or more hours you will receive a \$10 voucher for lunch at the concession stand. The concession stand will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday and Saturday. Some of the menu items are, Angus Burgers, Jumbo Hot Dogs, and Ham or Turkey Deli Sandwiches. New this year, there will be a dining area in front of concessions so your can enjoy your lunch in air conditioned comfort.

There will be educational presentations at the Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition on Saturday July 31st in room 201. Starting off the series is Stephen Petty with "Rarity of CAC Seated Coin-

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age" at 10:30 am. David Fanning, will present "Collecting the History of the Hobby in Cincinnati" at 1 pm. Joe Boling will expose an unscrupulous eBay seller in "The Warrington Faker" at 2 pm. Each presentation will be about 45 to 50 minutes long.

Osborne Coinage, the local private mint that produced our 90th-anniversary medals, will have a table at our coin show in July. A company spokesman said, "We will bring some of our Mint Store products for immediate sale, and also some of the plaster molds and artwork that we use to create a coin. We will be introducing our 9-11 Commemorative coin in silver and copper. It is an absolutely stunning design! And we also might just bring a sneak peak of an upcoming series!"

The club's address is changing a little. The box number has changed to 888. Any mail sent to the old address will be forwarded to the new address for several months.

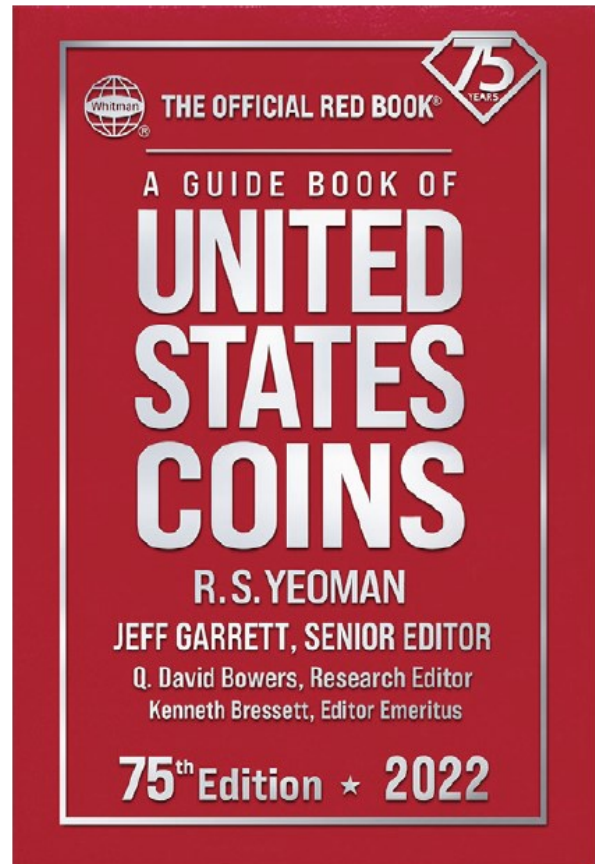
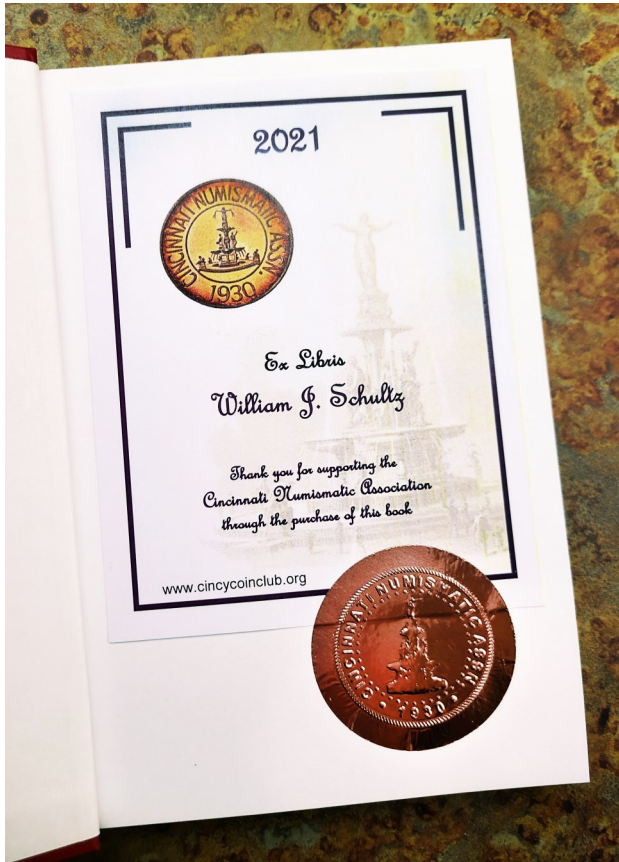
The address has been updated on the club website and on all club records and forms. Please make a note of the new address.

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The 2022 75th-edition Redbooks are here! The personalized bookplate will have the same copper seal as last year. The price remains the same, just \$15 plus \$3 for delivery by media mail. There is an order form on page 6. Order yours today. Order one for a friend!

The club website has been redesigned by our webmaster Tom Lanter. When asked about the project Tom said "Cosmetically, the new site utilizes most of the original design elements, such as the color scheme, with minor appearance improvements throughout and major improvements on the back-end. The foundation of the new CNA site is WordPress, a Content Management System (CMS) that allows anyone, regardless of skill level, to design and maintain a website for desktops and mobile devices with ease. According to wordpress.org, WordPress powers 41% of the world's websites;





Purchase the new 2022 75th edition Redbook ([and or the 2022 Bluebook](#)) through the Cincinnati Numismatic Association with a personalized bookplate and help support the club's educational programs. The hand embossed seal is real copper. The cost is the same as last year, only \$18 including delivery and are available for immediate shipment. Use the form below and mail it in. You can order your Redbook and have it shipped by media mail or save three dollars and pick it up at a meeting. Why not order copies as gifts for friends or relatives!

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Membership Application

Pass this Membership Application on to a friend!

Since 1930, the Cincinnati Numismatic Association has been the gathering organization for coin collectors and other numismatic related specialists in the Cincinnati area. Its purpose has remained the same, to foster knowledge of numismatics and a fraternal spirit among those who pursue the study of coins, currency, tokens, medals, and ex- numia.

The organization meets once a month, on the second Friday at 7:30 pm. The meeting location is at Coins +, 225 East 6th Street, in downtown Cincinnati on an upper floor of the building.

Our meetings consist of numismatic presentations given by numismatists from among our membership and from other experts in their fields from around the country. Show and tell and light refreshments are also part of our meetings.

We have a group dinner held at a local restaurant every April. December marks our annual Christmas dinner meeting and charity auction benefiting local children's charities.

Club dues for adults are \$10 annually. Dues for Juniors are just \$3 a year. This is certainly one of

the best values in numismatics.

Membership in the Cincinnati Numismatic Association includes a subscription to its monthly publication, The Cincinnati Numismatist. In 2006, 2007, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 the publication received first place in the ANA's competition for Outstanding Local Numismatic Publication.

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association has its roots in its long history, but strives to serve the needs of the collectors of the future. Give us a try!

I hereby make application for membership in the CNA and agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the said association.

- 3 year membership (\$29)
- Life membership (\$175)
- 1 year membership (\$10)
- 1 year Junior member (\$3)

Print Name: _____

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The Cincinnati Numismatic Association was founded in August of 1930 and consisted of thirty-five members including numismatic notables such as B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe. The first CNA President was Herbert A. Brand. The CNA was founded for the purpose of hosting the 1931 American Numismatic Association convention. Since then, the CNA has hosted the ANA convention three times, in 1942, 1980, and 1988. The CNA also hosted the 1998 ANA Spring show.



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Numystery

By: Colonel Green

This month's Numystery:

We know that the 1909-S V.D.B. has the lowest mintage number for a regularly circulating Lincoln cent. Which cent has the second lowest mintage number?

Numystery answer:

The 1931-S Lincoln cent has the second lowest mintage with just 866,000 struck.

Coin Show Schedule

Monthly

Cincinnati Greenhills Classic Coin, Currency, Stamp, Jewelry & Watch Show, American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Rd, Cinti, OH
Last Sunday, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
numismaniaofohio@gmail.com

Monthly

Columbus Coin, Stamp & Card Show, Makoy Center, 5462 Center St., Hilliard, OH 10 am - 4 pm
Third Sunday, over 18 \$2 admission
drich@columbus.rr.com

July 8th-10th

Florida United Numismatists, Inc., 5th Annual Summer FUN Convention in Orlando Florida, July 8 - 10 2021. The convention will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive in Hall WE1. This location is across I-Drive from the new facility. The convention opens to the public at 10:00 am, July 8th and will run through 5:30 pm July 10th.

July 29th-31st

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association presents the 38th Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition, 125 Tables, Sharonville Convention Center 11355 Chester Rd. (1-75 Exit 15 in North Cincinnati, first exit south of I-275). Hours: 10 am - 6 pm Friday & Saturday, Dealer setup and early birds (\$40) hours: 3-7 pm Thursday, Contact: Dave Heinrich, cincycoins@gmail.com

August 10th-14th

ANA World's Fair of Money, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018. Show hours: Tuesday 1 pm to 6 pm Wednesday-Friday 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. (FREE admission on Saturday!) Last admission is 30 minutes prior to closing. Admission is \$8 for the public; free for ANA members and children under 12. Admission is free on Saturday, August 14th.

September 2nd-4th

Central Ohio Numismatic Association's (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show NEW Location: Embassy Suites, Address: 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017, Early Bird Entry: Thursday September 2nd, 4:00 pm, Badge \$35.00 Admission Fee: \$4.00, Hours: Friday September 3rd, 10am - 6pm-Coin Auction at 6:30pm, Saturday September 4th, 10am - 6pm, Dealer Setup: Thursday September 2nd, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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