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The next meeting of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14th. 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.

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Fake Coins?

By Richard Giedroyc

Fake news? What about fake coins? There have been fantasy issues for centuries. Some of these have been issued by illegitimate or legitimate heirs to a throne whose family may have been thrown from power. Others have been issued by quasi countries that may or may not actually have existed.



State of Jefferson Walking Sasquatch 0.925 fine silver \$25 coin.

duced in fun, quasi nations such as Sealand or Hutt River Province are actual places that decided for themselves they are independent nations. As such they have issued coins that can't be spent anywhere and stamps that can't be used anywhere as postage. It appears the only source of income for these two places are the so-called coins and stamps they sell.

While all of the above examples are interesting, there are some more disturbing and somewhat politically motivated fantasy issues that have been minted for entities within the United States. The year 2020 and now 2021 appear to have been good ones for these not even questionable issues.

Someone has recently issued a 2021 State of Jefferson Walking Sasquatch 0.925 fine silver \$25 coin. The obverse of the 32 millimeter diameter

One notable recent fantasy issue is the tokens of Bermania, a kingdom that only exists in the mind of Fairfield, Connecticut world coin dealer Allen Berman. As Alanus I, king of Bermania puts it on one web site: "Bermania is a very small country indeed. Even smaller than Grand Fenwick. As the author notes, the kingdom avoided Napoleon's armies by hiding behind a tree." Professional Coin Grading Service statistics indicate the service has never graded a Bermanian issue.

While issues of Bermania are pro-

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

'coin' depicts a Sasquatch walking left, with two bold Xs surrounded by the legend The Great Seal of State of Jefferson on the reverse.

The State of Jefferson was proposed by William Green T'Vault in 1860 as a pro-slavery federal territory to be comprised of areas that are now in northern California and southern Oregon.

According to the 2017 article 'The State of Jefferson' by Jeff Lalande posted to the Oregon Historical Society web site OHS.org, "The birth of the State of Jefferson idea, the sentiments of which can be summarized as: Let us depart from California and from Oregon; we shall throw in our lot together, make common cause, and decide our own destiny as a single, new state. This secession idea — a symptom of geographic distance and political disaffection from more populated areas of the two states — has waxed and waned under various names over the course of 160 years."

World coin dealer Joel Anderson is selling these 'coins.' According to Anderson, "The State of Jefferson is a proposed new state made up of rural areas of northern California and southern Oregon. The movement has attracted many conservatives in the area whose opinions and values are overshadowed and outvoted by the more liberal cities."

Anderson adds, "It is rumored that Sasquatch, also known as Big Foot, lives in the remote hills of Jefferson."

Another issue worth noting is the 2021 Greater Idaho 0.500 fine gold, two gram weight and copper with silver plug Greater Idaho 500-cent 'coins.' The maximum mintage, according to Anderson is 15 gold and 100 ringed bimetal pieces. Both are about 19mm in diameter.



2021 Greater Idaho 0.500 fine gold.

Both are denominated as 500 gold uncommon cents. The obverse depicts the well known 'End of Pain' image of a man hanging from a gallows, a reference to Thomas Paine. Paine was an advocate of overthrowing an unjust government. The design is borrowed from a

late 19th century English trade token that references Paine's book Common Sense. Paine's support of both the American and the French revolutions didn't make him many friends in England. The reverse of both issues depicts a map of the proposed Greater Idaho.

Mike McCarter is president of the Greater Idaho movement. In a February 22 interview on CBS affiliate

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remote hills of Jefferson.”**

Idaho News McCarter spoke of the 'Move Oregon's Borders' effort that will be on the ballot in five Oregon counties in May. If the ballot is approved southern and eastern Oregon as well as the northern-most portion of California would join Idaho.

According to the Idaho News CBS2 broadcast, "They [McCarter and associates] say they want to maintain their rural values and join a Republican majority state.... Last year, Greater Idaho, succeeded in getting petitions approved for circulation in two Oregon counties."

Idaho News continues, "He [McCarter] says Greater Idaho's plan is different from secession as it only includes a shift in borders and does not interfere with the balance of power in the US Senate, create a new state, or increase the number of states in the country... even if all rural counties vote 'yes' on the movement, the ballot would still require agreement of the three state legislatures and Congress."

Anderson adds to this, "The conservative rural areas are unhappy about the liberal policies imposed on them by the more heavily populated cities...In the recent 2020 elections ballot measures supporting Greater Idaho passed in two Oregon counties. Recently Smallforest, a private mint in Oregon, released two hand-struck coins for Greater Idaho dated 2021."

Not to be outdone regarding Sasquatch as a subject, Cascadia issued 8- and 10-dougies value 26mm diameter 6.4 gram 'aged silver' composition 'coins' dated 2020. Each depicts the name Cascadia, six stars, and date on the obverse. The reverse depicts either Sasquatch advancing right (10 dougies) or Octopus

Paxarbolis (8 dougies), also referred to as a Northwest tree octopus. Paxarbolis refers to an endangered species of octopus that in fact is an internet hoax meant to test the internet literacy of readers. In fact Sasquatch do not eat tree octopuses!

Each 'coin' has a mintage of 100 pieces/ The Smallforest mint must be busy, since it struck this issue as well as that for Greater Idaho.

Cascadia is a progressive or liberal independence movement that encompasses the 'bioregion of the Pacific Northwest.' It incorporates all of or parts of southern Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Northern California. Ironically the territory claimed by Cascadia encompasses much of the same territory State of Jefferson and Greater Idaho claim.

According to CascadiaNow.org, the Cascadia movement wants to foster connections and a sense of place within the Pacific Northwest region and strive towards independence. Environmentalism, bioregionalism, privacy, civil liberties, and freedom are the reasons for the movement.

The most disturbing of these recent quasi coinage issues is that of the California Republic. The 2020-dated octagonal \$20 proofs depict either a bobcat and a kitten in Yosemite Valley or Minerva on the obverse, with a grizzly bear advancing left under a single star on the reverse. The mintage of each is 160 pieces. Each has a 40mm diameter and is silver plated.

According to Anderson, "A movement to create California as an independent nation has been active for some years. The movement is headed by a New Yorker living in Russia. It appears most [of] its funding is from Russia and social media support from both Russia and Iran. The movement has found little backing within the state. Recently a Russian coin dealer created two beautiful coins for the California Republic."

On January 16, 2018 CBS news took a jaundiced view of the California Republic, reporting: "With the reading of their own version of a Declaration of Independence, founders of the state of New California took the first steps to what they hope will eventually lead to statehood."

The CBS report continues, "The State of New California would incorporate most of the state's rural counties, leaving the urban coastal counties to the current state of California... the state of New California wants to do things by the book, citing Article 4, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution and working with the state legislature to get it done, similar to the way West Virginia was formed."

So SoNC founder Robert Paul Preston is quoted as saying, "Its [California] been ungovernable for a long time. High taxes, education, you name it, and we're rated around 48th or 50th from a business climate and standpoint in California."

Among the many unsympathetic newspapers was The San Diego Union-Tribune, whom two days later published, "Here we go again. The 'New California,' movement — launched to little fanfare in 2016 — made a splash in the news Tuesday

thanks to the issuance of a public 'declaration of independence' on Monday."

The newspaper article continues, "The group's website lists offices in Yuba City, Orange and Fresno, and Las Vegas bookies list its odds as long. (Kidding. Las Vegas odds makers aren't going anywhere near this one, either.)"

A search of Google news didn't find any more current news of the California Republic movement. Why two years after declaring their independence coins would be issued by a Russian coin dealer leaves a lot of questions and not a lot of answers.



Cascadia 8- and 10-dougies value coins, 26mm diameter 6.4 gram 'aged silver' composition.



California Republic 2020-dated octagonal \$20 proofs, 40mm diameter silver plated.

CNA Acquires Cincinnati Coin Show

Early in April the Cincinnati Numismatic Association acquired the Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition from Paul Padget who started the coin show nearly four decades ago. Many members may remember when the show was held at the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky



Above: Excerpt from old Drawbridge Inn Webpage.

Right: Old newspaper ad for the GCNE coin show.

The show will continue at the same location where it has been held in recent years, the Sharonville Convention Center..

Planning is ongoing. Speakers are being sought for educational programs on Saturday in a room adjacent to the exhibit hall. Programs and speakers will be announced as they are scheduled in the coming weeks, Look for more information in the June newsletter.

If you attended the show last year you saw an enlarged space for the bourse floor. The room is about double what it was in 2019 and the show will occupy the 20,000 square foot exhibit hall from now on, This gives our club the opportunity to increase the numbers of dealers at the show. Dealers from the last three years of the show have been contacted along with dealers who have never attended before. A coin supply dealer will have a

large offering spanning several tables. Efforts are also underway to attract a numismatic book dealer.

There will be the familiar club table just outside the entrance to the show where attendees will get their name badge and can pick up free numismatic literature



2020 bourse floor in the expanded exhibit hall

CNA Governor Jeffrey Daniher said, "Paul Padget did a superb job founding and shepherding the tri-state's best coin show. The Cincinnati Numismatic Association looks forward to building on this base with future additions of educational content and programming to be determined." Mr. Padget, serving as honorary chairman this year, will also have a table at the show.

The public hours are, Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31 from 10am-6pm. Admission is free and open to the public. Early bird admission is available for \$40 during dealer set-up hours of 3-7pm on Thursday, July 29. The show will include 125 dealer tables, some of which are still available. Please contact bourse chair Dave Heinrich at cincycoins@gmail.com for more information.

From its humble beginnings at the formerly renowned Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, KY the GCNE has grown to be Cincinnati's most popular annual coin and currency convention. CNA plans to maintain the high quality of the show and expand it in the future.

BIG COIN SHOW!

11th Annual
Greater Cincinnati
Numismatic Exposition

DRAWBRIDGE
(Exit #186 No. KY)

September 16-18th
10-6 Fri-Sat; 10-4 Sunday
★ 100 Tables & 200 Dealers
★ Collector & Certified
Coins for All Interests

Unreserved
AUCTION

Saturday 7 p.m.

Large consignment of Early
Gold & Type; complete sets
from Cents to Dollars.

*Pre-registration required to
bid in the auction!*

PAUL PADGET, Chairman
821-2143

Club News

Our next meeting is on Friday May 14th. Members will receive an email invitation and meeting password. Our speaker will be national numismatic volunteer and member of our club, Walt Ostromecki. Walt is a former



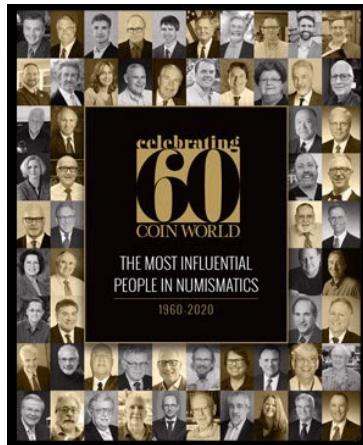
governor and president of the American Numismatic Association. In 2020 he received the highest honor conferred by the Association: the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service.

Walt's presentation will be 'DUMB COINS'. He describes it as a fun eye opening numismatic program. Yes, DUMB is a legit numismatic term and there are both DUMB and SMART minted coins.

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; very interesting considering WordPress debuted in 2003 as a tool for building a blog (short for web log)."

Under the Education tab on the left of the home page are a two and a half years of back issues of our newsletter. This is just one of the improvements that have been made. Check it out at cincycoinclub.org.

Brad Karoleff has been named one of the most influential people in Numismatics by Coin World in their recent special 60th-Anniversary issue. He is one of less than 100 people recognized in this way by the publication. Brad certainly has been influential in the CNA. He has gone above and beyond whenever the club has had a



need. Just to mention a few of his contributions to the club...he arranged for our use of the meeting room in the Bar Association building. This is possibly one of the best local coin club meeting rooms in the country. He has been a speaker countless times not only for our club but also many other area clubs and in national settings. These are just a few examples. Congratulations and thank you Brad for all you do.

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.

Cincinnati Numismatic Association
PO Box 888
Miamitown, OH 45041

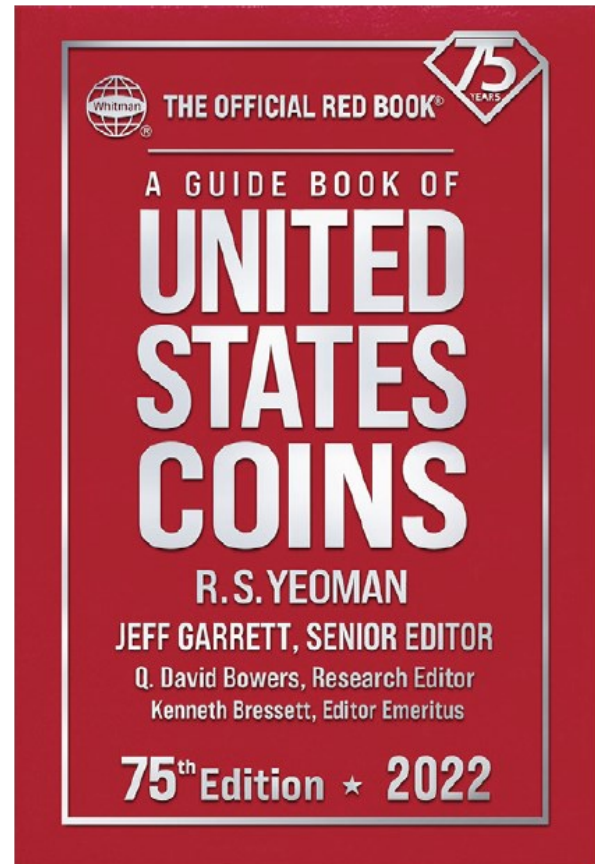
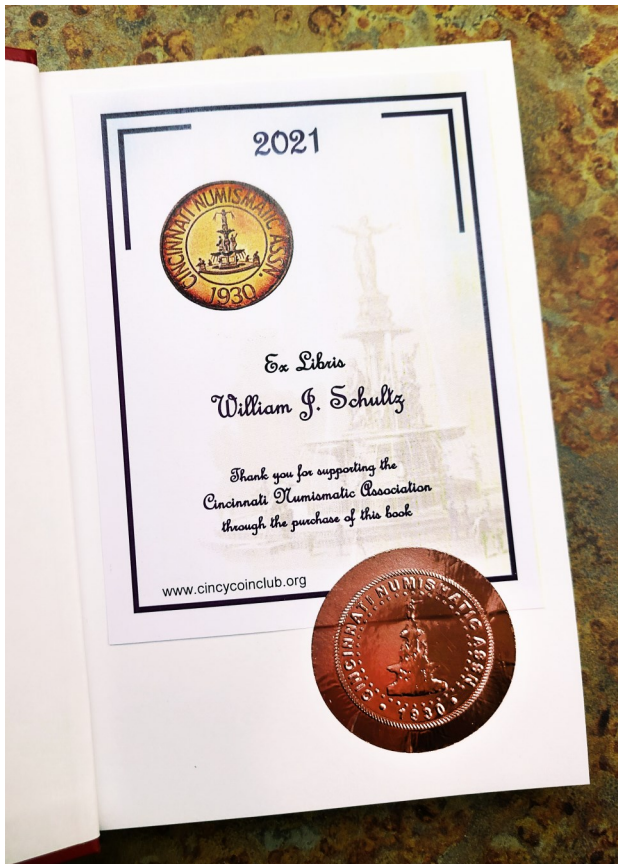


Member David Diegmüller had his Silver 90th Anniversary medal encapsulated by NGC.

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

Two of the club's three governors recently stepped down. Gene Hessler and Charlie Horning served as Governors for many years and their guidance and leadership is greatly appreciated. Two members stepped up to fill the positions. Welcome to new Governors Jeffery Danhier and Bill Lynch. Thank you for your willingness to take on the job.

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 on for a friend.



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. The Redbooks have arrived and are available for immediate shipment. Use the form below and mail it in. Why not order copies as gifts for friends or relatives!

PERSONALIZED REDBOOK ORDER FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name as you want it to appear on the bookplate _____

Shipping Address if Applicable: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

~~Picked up at meeting \$15~~ Currently no in-person meetings are scheduled

Delivery by U.S. Mail \$18

Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Numismatic Association

Mail order form and payment to:

C.N.A.
P.O. Box 888
Miamitown, OH 45041

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 exonomia.

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: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home)

_____ (work/cell)

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Sponsor (optional): _____

Signature: _____

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BOG Approval: _____ BOG Approval: _____

Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Numismatic Association.

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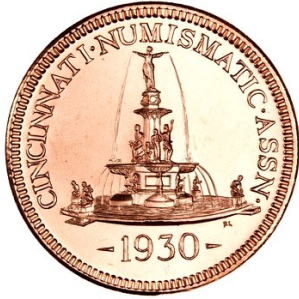


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The Cincinnati Numismatic Association was founded in August of 1930 and consisted of thirty-five members including numismatic notables such as B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe. The first CNA President was Herbert A. Brand. The CNA was founded for the purpose 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:
What is a pickle barrel cent?

Numystery answer:

Legend has it that large cents were often thrown into pickle barrels. The cap - per caused the pickles to turn a bright green and appear more appetizing.

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

May 23rd

62nd Shelby County Coin Club Coin Show New Location!
American Legion Post 217
1265 Fourth Ave. Sidney, Ohio
Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Door prize drawings every half hour, Raffle drawing at 3 pm—1st prize 1/10 ounce gold eagle, 2nd prize silver proof set, 3rd thru 5th 1 ounce uncirculated silver eagle

Contact: Todd Garrett
937-339-5437

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 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dealer setup and early birds (\$40) hours: 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Contact: Dave Heinrich, cincycoins@gmail.com

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 August 3rd, 10am – 6pm-Coin Auction at 6:30pm, Saturday September 2nd,

10am – 6pm, Sunday September 2nd, 10am – 4pm
Dealer Setup: Thursday September 2nd, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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 17.

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