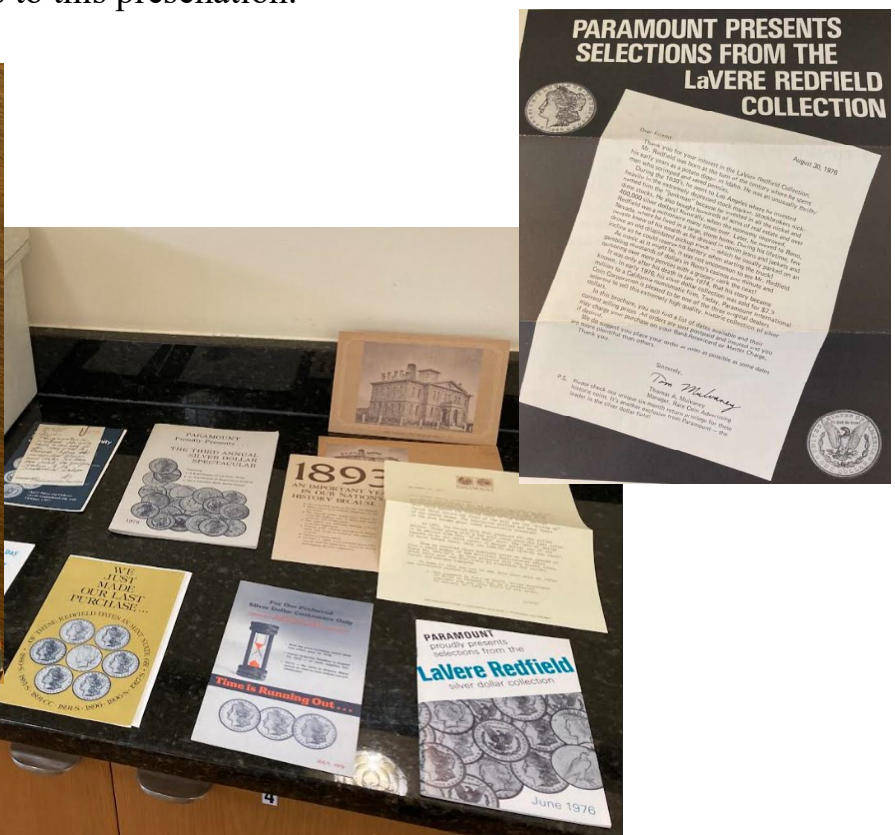
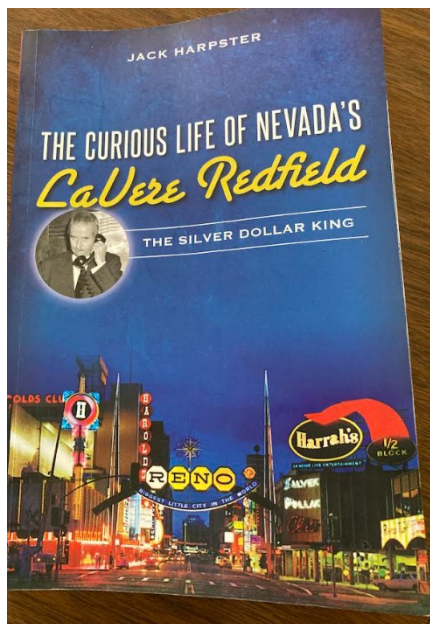


August 2026 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

August is here and that means that school returns this month and football is around the corner. More importantly, it is time for the World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh! Several members of our community are receiving awards at the honors banquet this year. Mike Sutton and David Tyler are receiving Glenn Smedley Memorial Awards to recognize their years of service with the Bluegrass Coin Club, Bob Jones is receiving the Outstanding District Representative Award for his efforts to evangelize about the ANA and coin collecting regionally, and Jeff Garrett is receiving the Numismatist of the Year for his tireless efforts to educate and advance our hobby by being a collector, dealer, author, volunteer, benefactor and more. Congratulations to all for their achievements!

July Presentation

Mike Semones discussed LaVere Redfield and the Redfield hoard of silver dollars. Mr. Redfield was a colorful character from Nevada and was considered the Silver Dollar King. Mostly, this hoard consisted of Morgan dollars, but there were many Peace dollars discovered as well. Tom Mulvaney provided some sales brochures and marketing material from Paramount Coin's sales of portions of this hoard. Thank you to Mike and Tom for your contributions to this presentation.



August Speaker

Blake Alma, Founder and CEO of CoinHub, will be our speaker at our August meeting. Blake Alma is the founder and CEO of CoinHub, a coin collector and author helping make numismatics understandable, useful, and exciting for a new generation. He launched CoinHub at age 19 on January 22, 2020. What began as short educational videos about coin errors now with over 2 million followers and spans into collector guides, live commerce, free CoinHub Labs tools, the CoinHub Journal, and a growing team in Lebanon, Ohio. Outside the business, Blake enjoys spending time with family and friends, fishing, hiking, traveling, collecting watches, and writing poetry.



Jeff Garrett named to PCGS CoinFacts Coin Dealer Hall of Fame

Jeff Garrett was inducted into the PCGS CoinFacts Coin Dealer Hall of Fame in 2025. According to PGCS, “The purpose of the PCGS CoinFacts Coin Dealer Hall of Fame is to honor the coin dealers past and present who made the coin market/hobby what it is today. Their dedication, expertise, innovations, and commitments to numismatics have made ‘the hobby of kings’ something millions of people in all walks of life can enjoy.” Congratulations to Jeff for this truly deserved award. For more information about this honor, please go to [PCGS CoinFacts Coin Dealer Hall of Fame](https://www.pcgs.com/pcgscoinfacts/coindealerhof/).

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This month's featured "Did You Know?" coin fact by Alan Barnett



The United States Mint will release five distinct 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) quarters in 2026, celebrating American independence with designs featuring dual dates "1776-2026". The series includes the Mayflower Compact, Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address

Invitation from Jeff Garrett and Mid American Rare Coin Galleries

At our recent coin club meetings, Jeff Garrett extended an offer for individuals to help buy certain product releases from the US Mint for a premium. Please contact Jeff Garrett or Mid American Rare Coin Galleries for more information.

Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, Dan Phelps answered our big three questions. Thank you for sharing, Dan!

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: I am willing to collect almost everything numismatic-related but try to avoid things made just to sell to collectors. My current collecting emphasis is in ancient Roman coins, particularly early Imperial coins from Augustus (27 BC - AD 14) to the Late 3rd Century before the coinage reforms of Diocletian. In the past I concentrated on early US coins, especially US large cents.

Q: When did you start collecting coins?

A: I began collecting around the age of 6 or 7. My grandmother had several large cents and a Confederate \$10 bill, all of which I still have. My mother had several Capped



Dan Phelps

Bust Halves from the 1820s and 30's and common date silver dollars that I would be rewarded with if I had good report cards. In this time, unlike today, one could still find real coins at decent prices at flea markets. In the early 70s I saved my change and eventually bought my first Double Eagle, a common date, for \$75 from the dealer located on Woodland Avenue in Lexington. When I was in high school, I often dealt with Bill Beam at Pioneer Coins in Southpark Shopping Center. Classes in Latin spurred an interest in ancient coins, mostly bought from John Kern. In this time period, the price of gold and silver were rising rapidly and I started a small business buying gold and silver. I was "famous" in high school for buying my physics teacher's wedding ring after his divorce. I also bought class rings from fellow students after it was discovered that the gold value rose so rapidly that the rings were actually worth more than people had paid. Eventually, I made enough buying gold and silver to pay for several years of college while simultaneously collecting coins. I eventually put aside collecting coins for a number of years while working as a geologist for oil companies and eventually government. Just a few years ago I eventually began collecting again after retirement.

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Q: What is your favorite part about being a member of BGCC?

A: The coin club is great for a number of reasons. There are a wide variety of collecting interests represented and opportunities to learn as well as collect. Many collectors start out without learning the historical significance of their coins, but the club facilitates doing more than just trying to "make a buck" off numismatics. Almost any numismatic collecting interest will teach you about history that is ignored in the superficial classes we were likely to have had in school.

Dan Phelps is a native of Lexington. He runs the Kentucky Paleontological Society and has headed other geology organizations in recent years.

Anyone in the club is welcome to contribute articles or other information to the monthly newsletter. Write a story about a numismatic related topic that interests you, share some pictures of your collection, or brag about a recent coin find at the local grocery store's CoinStar machine. We love to hear from you! Email us at bgcoinclub@gmail.com.