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President's Message

By Terry Campbell

I thought that this time I might try something different with the president's letter. I am going to try my hand at writing a story like Clifford does in the *News*. So here it goes.

This has been a busy summer for me. As many of you know I have just gone into business for my self a couple of years ago. My business has taken off and this has kept me out of circulation for the summer.

July started off with a trip to Baltimore for a week. The national locksmith convention was held there and I took several classes on safe locks. I took my wife and my daughter along to make a vacation out of it. We stayed at the Days Inn Inner Harbor hotel, which was where we stayed for the ANA last year. It is right across from the convention center and only two blocks from the inner harbor.

The first two days I was in class so the girls spent there time at the stores and especially at Barnes & Noble bookstore. I, on the other hand, was in the convention center all day with my classes. It wasn't bad as they supply lunch with the classes. I learned how to program some of the new electronic safe locks on the market as well as opening them when they fail or the combination is lost.

On Friday a friend of mine arrived and we went to the convention. My wife went also and ended up getting several door prizes. We all went out to dinner that night and had a real good time at Bob's Bar-B-Q on the inner harbor. But later that night I ended up taking an ambulance ride to the hospital as my pancreas decided to stop working for a while. I personally thought I was having a heart attack. I ended up spending Saturday in the hospital but got out that afternoon. So I got to take my class Sunday morning before driving home.

We were home for three days and then the last week of July found the family leaving for Illinois for my wife's family

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Empire State Numismatic Association 2004 Coin Convention Bourse Contract

Name		
D.B.A.		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone		

This contract is for the 2004 Empire State Numismatic Association Coin Convention to be held on November 20 & 21, 2004 at the Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Road, Syracuse, NY 13212. Show hours are Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bourse dealer set-up hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on both days. Only paid dealers will be allowed in the bourse room during set-up hours. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to dealers only during set-up hours. Security will be on site continuously from 8 a.m. Saturday through 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Table fee rates: \$100 for 1 eight-foot table for both days; \$65 for Saturday only; \$50 for Sunday only (based on availability); or \$190 for two tables for both days. Back-up tables are not provided. Cancellations will be reviewed by the Bourse Chairman to determine if any return of fee is warranted. Table location will be determined by the Bourse Chairman.

- Dealers will arrange their own insurance, There will be no insurance carried by ESNA.
- No tables are to be shared, sold, or transferred without prior permission of the Bourse Chairman.
- A proper Dealers Code of Conduct will be adhered to. No sale of non-genuine coins or material unless clearly marked.

Number of Tables requested _____ (Payment in full must be submitted with contract)

Amount paid \$ _____ (Make check payable to ESNA)
(Attach your check to this contract and give to Mark Caiello, mailing address below)

New York Sales Tax No. _____

My signature below signifies my acceptance of all terms and conditions as set forth by ESNA and this contract:

Dealer's Signature _____

ESNA will be holding its annual dinner on Saturday evening. This is always a lovely buffet served at the hotel. Cost to be determined, but normally around \$10 per person. If interested, please let us know so reservations may be made.

Number attending dinner: _____

Bourse Chairman: Mark Caiello, 118 Ardmore Place, Syracuse, New York — 315-455-6791

ESNA Coin Convention Plans

Mark Your Calendar for November 20 and 21

The 2004 Empire State Numismatic Association Coin Convention will be held on Nov. 20 and 21 at the Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Road, Syracuse, NY. The annual event is expected to attract about 40 dealers.

Show hours are Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a membership meeting and elections at 6 p.m. on Saturday. ESNA's annual dinner will be a buffer at the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

A dealer bourse application is on the facing page. Bourse dealer set-up hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on both days. Only paid dealers will be allowed in the bourse room during set-up hours. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to dealers only during set-up hours. Security will be on site continuously from 8 a.m. Saturday through 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

More information is available from Bourse Chairman Mark Caiello, 118 Ardmore Place, Syracuse, telephone 315-455-6791, mcaiello@twcnv.rr.com.

ESNA Briefs Redesigned

ESNA Briefs has been redesigned and modernized by Albert W. Starkweather of Design on Demand of Tampa, FL. This allows expanded content in the newsletter with a format that is more "reader friendly." Comments and suggestions are welcomed and may be sent by e-mail to Mr. Starkweather at designondemand@verizon.net.

He is also editor of the *STAMP INSIDER*, journal of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, Inc. More of Mr. Starkweather's design work may be viewed through a gateway at <http://mysite.verizon.net/awstark>. He also may be contacted at 5520 Gunn Highway #1406, Tampa, FL 33624-2847; telephone 813-962-7964.

Before launching his own design business in Florida, Mr. Starkweather was a newspaper, magazine, and book editor for publications in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Show Promoter William C. Biddle Dies

William C. Biddle, Ph.D., 49, of Buffalo, promoter of *CHECOPEX* and other coin and stamp shows in the Western Frontier, died Sept. 2 after suffering a heart attack.

A lifelong Buffalo resident, he received his bachelor's degree from Canisius College and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Buffalo. A researcher for many years at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, he worked as director of cell culture research and development at Life Technologies, Inc. of Grand Island, a biomedical firm, before launching his own business — Biddle Philatelic Company.

Dr. Biddle was a Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, Inc. vice president, a Buffalo Stamp Club board member, *BUPPEX* Bourse Chairman, an area representative of Harmer-Schau, Inc. auction house, and operated the West Seneca Stamp, Coin, Postcard & Collectibles Show as well as the annual *CHECOPEX* shows in Cheektowaga.

Buffalo Numismatic Association recently acquired *CHECOPEX*, and will conduct its first show on April 16–17, 2005, after assuming ownership in January. The last fall version of *CHECOPEX* will be on Nov. 13–14. Both shows will be in Cheektowaga.

BNA Convention Planned Oct. 2 & 3

Buffalo Numismatic Association, Inc. is having its annual convention on Oct. 2 and 3. Hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.–3 p.m. on Sunday.

There are some Sunday tables available for the nominal price of \$35. This could be a great opportunity for you to sell items or to be available to purchase items from the public. Last year the show had more than 700 people through the doors on Sunday.

The location is Father Justin Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Easy access to the hall is obtained from the William Street exit of the New York State Thruway. (The William Street exit is near the Buffalo airport exit of the Thruway.)

There will be more than 50 dealers set up at this show. Dealers in attendance will be from Florida, New York City, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the area. Any coin club member who has a current membership card will be admitted free of charge. This will be a great opportunity for club members to buy and/or sell numismatic items.

Further information is available from Tim Oldenburg at 716-694-2724 or e-mail nttjo@hotmail.com

Numismatist Wayne Newman Palmer Dies

Wayne Newman Palmer, 74, of Utica, a well-known Utica College professor, died Feb. 20.

In 2003 Mohawk Valley Coin Club honored him with a commemorative medalion on his 45th anniversary with the club. He was a charter member in 1958 and served as president and on the Board of Directors. He was a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in London and a member of the American Numismatic Association and other societies in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. He wrote many articles on numismatic subjects and was a contributor to the British and British Empire sections of the *Standard Catalog of World Coins*.

After his mother's death, he was raised by his grandmother, Mary Sophia Tyler Palmer, and later created a scholarship at Utica College in her honor, raising more than \$50,000 by returning bottles and cans for deposit. Through his fund raising efforts the college was able to establish several scholarships for students.

Mr. Palmer received BA and MA degrees in mathematics at the New York State College for Teachers in Albany. He served in the Navy for four years during the Korean War. After working as a technical writer for General Electric Co. in Utica for seven years, he joined Utica College of Syracuse University in 1965 as a mathematics instructor. He retired in 1995 and was named Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

Mr. Palmer was Presiding Officer of the Utica College Council, where he was skilled in parliamentary procedure and efficient in running the meetings. He was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and the Mother Church in Boston. He served as a member of the church Board of Directors and as Assistant Treasurer and Second Reader.

He was a Life Master in the American Bridge League and was a member of the Utica Bridge League. He served on the Board of Governors of the Mohawk Valley Bridge Association and was Director of the Utica College Bridge Club from 1982–1994.

Mr. Palmer also served on the Board of Directors of the Stevens-Swan Humane Society. He spoke on WIBX about birds and bird watching and taught a non-credit course on Beginning Ornithology at Utica College. He was a member of the Railway Historical Society. He would often greet people at Union Station, even carrying their bags and offering them a ride, if they needed help.

He is survived by his long-time special friend, Shirley Scialdo of Marcy.

The Walking Liberty Half

By Gary Wycker

Many consider the Walking Liberty half dollar to be the most beautiful design of all U.S. coinage. This coin was issued from 1916 to 1947. The designer of the coin was Adolph A. Weinman, whose initials AAW appear at the bottom of the eagle's left wing on the reverse.

The artistry of this coin is simply amazing. The American flag begins at Liberty's left forearm, wraps around behind her, then waves along her extended right arm. Liberty is walking eastward, towards a rising sun, which refers to a war-torn Europe. She also carries a large bundle of oak and laurel branches in her left arm. I'm not sure of the significance of this. I have read that this is for military and civilian honors, but I fail to see the connection. The reverse of the coin is a large walking eagle with wings unfurled.

The mint mark has two different locations. On 1916 and some 1917 coins, it appears on the obverse just below the motto "In God We Trust." In 1917, it was changed from the obverse to the reverse. This appears at about 7:30 near the rim.

Completing a AG-VG set no problem as most 1930s and 1940s coins are bought and sold as bullion. Completing a XF-BU set is another story. The truly difficult dates are 1916-S, 1919-P, 1919-D, 1919-S, 1920-S, 1921-P, 1921-D, and the near impossible 1921-S.

Grading: Be careful. Many AU-slider coins have been pawned off as BUs. The main reason for this is the claim of weak strike. Most grading guides warn of weak skirt lines in pre-1921 coins and note this cannot be used to determine the grade. This part is true, but does not mean the whole coin is weakly struck, or that a coin with these characteristics of a fine grade should be graded very fine. I have seen many sellers try to convince buyers of weak strikes in grades of VG to XF and then upgrade them a notch. Don't believe it. Most "S" mint marked coins of the 1940s are weakly struck. You must take this into account when purchasing AU or BU coins only. Forget this rule when buying lower grade coins.

Empire State Numismatic Association Membership Application

Date		
Name		
Street		
City	State	Zip
DOB		
ANA # (if any)		
Signature of Sponsoring Member		
Credit Reference		
Address		
City & State		

Junior Members (11 to 18) \$2 per year. Senior Members (over 18) \$5 per year.

Send application and payment to:

John A. Cali, secretary, 613 W. Fourth St., Fulton, NY 13069-3104

Secretary's Report

Slate of Officers Proposed

Well, time has certainly come and gone. Fall begins today with some interesting news. We have received word that Shirley Scialdo, ESNA Treasurer, would like to run for the presidency. Also running are David Gottfried for vice president, John A. Cali for secretary, and Jaqueline Guido for treasurer.

Shirley's Statement

"To the ESNA Members: I have been treasurer for the past few years and was a past president. I would again like to run for president as I have ESNA's best interests at heart I am asking for your vote and support in Syracuse at our ESNA Convention."

Call To Convention

This year's edition of the Empire State Numismatic Association Convention will be held Nov. 20–21 at the Ramada Inn, Syracuse. A Saturday meeting and banquet will again be held. Banquet is expected to cost about \$10. See page 4 for more info.

Deleting Members

Many members will be deleted from receiving this newsletter because of nonpayment of dues. This decision was made in March prior to the last newsletter. No names will be mentioned in this newsletter. However, if you do not receive a letter and hear from a friend that one was mailed and wish to renew, just let me know.

Rochester Convention

Work continues on the Rochester convention. It appears, due to time constraints and the desire not to conflict with the annual RNA show, that we may hold our convention in Spring 2006. Many details remain resulting in this to be worked on further. We are always looking for assistance. Please let us know if you are interesting in helping out with this upcoming activity.

Web Site

We mentioned in the last newsletter that work would be continuing on a Web presence. It is expected that concrete results will be made known to you fairly soon now. This will result in a cost savings, while potentially attracting new members to the organization and hobby.

Business Cards

Advertisers are encouraged to send me their business cards with new information as they change them. We want current data without having to list errors. NYS member dealers will have their cards listed prior to others. All member advertisers are welcome to spread word of their businesses as we do not discriminate.

New Members

We would like to welcome new members Jacqueline Guido of Utica, David Gottfried of Rochester, and Albert W. Starkweather of Tampa, Florida.

Information for Secretary

Information for the secretary may be sent by e-mail to rocket@dreamscape.com.

*Numismatically,
John A. Cali*

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reunion. It is a two-day trip so we ended up stopping in Co-lumbus OH for the night. I am sure glad that they caught the interstate sniper before we went.

The reunion is in southern Illinois and it was *hot*. We stayed at Starved Rock state park and then spent our second week at my wife's dad's house. I did manage to get in one round of golf though. It was an interesting course as it was built in a swamp. There were lots of water traps. Our drive home was uneventful. It was also a two-day trip.

This time we were home for four days before we left for Pittsburgh, PA, for the ANA convention. You notice that I have finally gotten around to talking about coins. This time we took my great niece with us as she wanted to try paging at the show. I wanted to get going early in the day on that Wednesday, but I had several of my regular customers call me and ended up doing several service calls before we could get going. We did not end up leaving until around 3 p.m., so it was about 12:30 in the morning when we finally got to Pittsburgh. When we did get there I went to check in and the desk clerk informed me that they had overbooked the hotel and that they were going to put us up in a hotel two blocks away for that night at no cost to us. It was an inconvenience, but they also promised me that we would get a room on one of the top two floors; I was tired, so we went for it.

The next morning I got up early and went over to the convention center to get my registration badge, as I was helping with the pages. As I was getting my picture taken, whom do I run into but Dave from CNY Silver and Gold in Liverpool. He was only there for the day and was getting his badge also. We had a nice conversation and then we went into the convention. I had to check in at the page table and find out when I was supposed to work and make sure that Kristen could also page as she was not preregistered. I then went back to the hotel we were at, loaded up the car and went back to the host hotel as that was where we were supposed to be staying.

When I went to check in, they informed me that the room that they wanted to give me was not ready yet, so we went to one of the restaurants in the complex and had lunch. When I went back to registration after lunch they gave us a room on the 25th floor. It had a great view of the river and was very comfortable. I had asked for a high floor as Kristen has never been to a big city before and I wanted her to get the full experience.

After we got settled in we all went over to the convention center, which is a grand convention center that they tell me is only about a year old. Karen and Kristen got their badges and my wife got her visitor badge so we all went in.

The first day seemed sort of slow. The aisles did not seem as crowded as they did last year. I attributed it to the fact that it was only Thursday and a lot of people were at work. There was not a lot happening at the page table, so I went and did some lot viewing for the auction. It was a nice day as we got to see friends that we hadn't seen since last year. We have been able to keep up with them over e-mail, but it was still nice to see them.

For my specialty, bust halves, there did not seem to be much in the auction that I did not already have. I did find a few lots though to sit in for. The auction room was fairly crowded when I arrived on Thursday night. They were still selling out of a special and separate catalog of a private collection when I arrived. At the break though they served a nice buffet supper. I ended up staying until around 11 p.m. before they got to the lots I was interested in. As it was I only got to bid on one lot and even that went for more than I had allotted. All of the prices seemed strong for the material that I saw sold.

I spent the rest of the convention helping my wife work on her love token collection and my daughter with her paper money collection. They both added several items to their collections.

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Show Calendar

October

- 3 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 2-3 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
- 10 — Cayuga County Coin Show, Auburn
- 17 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 17 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

November

- 6-7 — Rochester Numismatic Association, Rochester
- 7 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 13-14 — CHECOPEX Show, Cheektowaga
- 14 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
- 14 — Southport Coin Show, Elmira Elks Lodge, Elmira
- 20-21 — Empire State Numismatic Association Convention, Syracuse
- 21 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

December

- 5 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 2 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
- 19 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 19 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

January 2005

- 9 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 9 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
- 16 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 16 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

February

- 6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 6 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
- 20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

March

- 6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 6 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew

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20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

April

3 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
3 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
10 — Tri-County Coin Club
16-17 — BNA's CHECOPEX Show, Cheektowaga
17 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
24 — MVCC Show, American Legion, Utica

May

1 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectible Show, Depew
1 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
15 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
15 — BNA's 14th Annual Get-Together Show, Cheektowaga

June

5 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
19 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
19 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

September

11 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
18 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
18 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

October

2 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
16 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
16 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

November

6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

December

4 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
18 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
18 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

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New York State Coin Club Schedules & Locations

Albany Numismatic Society meets at 8 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month except July and August at Channing Hall, 405 Washington Avenue, Albany. Ring side doorbell.

Bath Coin Club meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Clyde Simmones Apartment Conference Room, 105 Geneva Street, Bath. Door opens at 1:00 p.m. Following the meeting is an educational program, door prizes, and refreshments.

Buffalo Numismatic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Polish Falcons Hall, 445 Columbia, Depew. No meetings in January, July, August, or December. Monthly coin, stamp, bourse & coin auction 3rd Sunday, K of C, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga. The door is always open for new members looking to study the science of numismatics. Call Brian Delmont at 716-876-6246 for more information. E-mail: jalmar@buffnet.net

Candor Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Candor Library, Main & Bank Streets, Candor. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction and drawing.

Cayuga County Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Polish Falcon Club, Washington Avenue, Auburn. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing. Everyone is welcome. For further club information contact David DeTomaso 315-255-6986.

Charles Ellis Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing. Everyone is welcome. For further club information contact Sam Stramandinoli 315-789-4816.

Cooper's Cave Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, Glens Falls National Bank, Glens Falls. Meetings are followed by an educational program, drawing, and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Crystal City Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Riverside Community Center, 35 Stanton Street, Riverside. Meetings are followed by educational programs and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club meets at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Dansville Town Hall. Meetings are followed by an auction, door prize, and drawings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

East Syracuse Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month except in September when they meet on the 2nd Monday at the East Syracuse Elementary School, East Syracuse. There are no July or August meetings. Meetings are followed by an educational program and drawing. Everyone is welcome. Contact Mark Caiello at his e-mail: mcaiello@twcny.rr.com

Israel Numismatic Society of Long Island meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the Syosset Library, South Oyster Bay Road and Long Island Expressway. Meetings are followed by an educational program and drawing. The public is invited. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area.

Jamestown Coin Club meets at 6 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, at BOCES, Route 394 Ashville. This is two miles south of the Southern Tier Expressway, exit 8. Meetings consist of a business session, educational program, drawing, door prizes & auction. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lockport Coin and Stamp Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the United Methodist Church, Lockport. Meetings are followed by an educational program and auction. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mismatic Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Camillus Municipal Building, 4914 West Genesee Street, Camillus. Everyone interested in errors is welcome to attend. Contact David DeTomaso 315-255-6986

Mohawk Valley Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Dunham Public Library, 78 Main Street, Whitesboro. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing.

Northern New York Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Square Lion, 91 Public Square, Watertown. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction and drawing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ontario County Coin Club meets at 2 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Canandaigua Elks Club, 19 Niagara Street, Canandaigua. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction, and drawing. Contact Gary Wycker 585-248-3382 or e-mail: gwycker1@yahoo.com. Website: <http://communities.msn.com/ontariocountycoinclub>. All are welcome to attend.

Oswego County Numismatic Association meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month, except August, at the Fulton Municipal Building, Fulton. Meetings are followed by educational programs and an auction. Refreshments are served after each meeting. Stop in and see what we are about. Contact John A. Cali, Secretary, at 315-592-4441 or e-mail him at rocket@dreamscape.com.

Otsuago Coin Association meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Harry Hoag Elementary School, Fort Plain. Meetings are followed by a drawing and auction. No meetings are held in June, August, November & December. Everyone is welcome.

Perry-Warsaw Coin and Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Silver Lake Sportsman Club, Walker, Perry. Meetings are followed by an educational program, drawing, and auction. Everyone is welcome.

Rochester Numismatic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, except July & August, at the Strasenburg Planetarium, 663 East Avenue, Rochester. Meetings are followed by educational programs, auction, and drawing.

Southport Coin Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday (Holidays: 3rd Monday) of each month at the Southport Senior Citizens Hall at Chapel Park, Pine City. Meetings are followed by educational program and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend. E-mail elj97@npacc.net.

Tri-County Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Baptist Church, Hamilton. Meetings are followed by educational programs, auction, drawings, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wayne County Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home, 200 E. Union Street, Newark, business meeting, drawing, and auction. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area. Contact Michael Pykare for further information at 315-331-0741.

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We went to the awards banquet, which was held in the host hotel. It was a good time and as always they had a *Red Book* and other goodies for each person. We also went to the YN breakfast where they give out the YN of the year award along with others. They also have an auction at the end of donated numismatic materials. The YNs have to use YN bucks that they have earned by doing different things during the year related to numismatics. This year my daughter donated her YN bucks to Kristen and another friend she first met in Atlanta at the ANA there several years ago autumn. By doing that it enabled both of them to win some lots.

We did not stay for Sunday's part of the show, but left after a relaxing breakfast. When I checked out I got a pleasant surprise as the hotel not only paid for our first night's lodging, but also for our parking the whole time we were there.

Well, that's how my summer went. Now, as for our annual convention as you will see it is all set to go, but as for next year we are looking at Rochester. They have offered to host it and we are talking to them. The only thing is that the time of year may change. I feel this is OK as the ANA and clubs like those in Washington and Baltimore are able to have spring, summer, and fall shows and they are all well attended. If any of you have any thoughts on this, please e-mail me at aemtcampbell@aol.com. I will look forward to hearing from you. I will also be interested in your thoughts on my letter.

I am planning on having pages at the annual show again this year. I would like to see some new faces so if you have anyone who is interested please e-mail me their name, telephone, e-mail address, age, and home address.

Well that is about it for now I see that I am on my third page and I want to leave room for other people so I hope to see all of you at our convention this fall.

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