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at 438 E. St. Louis St., the Discovery Center, Springfield, MO

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Oct. 24-25, 2020 in Springfield, Mo.

We start every meeting with a socializing period from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., we start our membership meeting that consists of: Door Prize Drawings (Junior and Adult), General Business and a Short Program. We have a Live Auction (must be a member to enter items in the auction & limit of 5 items per meeting) that begins at 7 p.m. YNs have their own meeting during the auction. We like to dismiss before 8:45 pm if at all possible.

## Editor's Corner

October is almost over. That means it is time for our show! I don't know if you will get this before our show on 10/24 and 10/25. My hope is that you will. And hopefully, you will be able (or did) make the show.

Our year is winding down. The holiday season is knocking on the door! It's hard to believe the things 2020 has thrown at us. We've had it all: from the pandemic to wild fires to hurricanes to record unemployment rates. It's been a CRAZY year. I'm hoping the last few months are calmer. Even with winter weather fast approaching, I'm really hopeful for 2021.

I hope you can make it to the November meeting. Remember if Springfield Public Schools are closed due to the WEATHER, we will not meet.



Happy Halloween,  
Dyan

## UPCOMING SHOW

October 24th and 25th:  
Ozarks' Coin Club Annual Show  
Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm  
Sunday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Free Admission  
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds  
Springfield, MO



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## Ozarks' Coin Club Minutes

October 6, 2020

Our monthly meeting was held at the Discovery Center.

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions we did not have a social hour, food or drinks. There were 28 adults and 12 youth present, for a **total of Forty (40)**.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by our President Nancy R.

Nancy thanked everyone for coming.

Our board meeting is next week. See Flying Eagle for date.

It is that time of year again. **If Springfield schools are closed due to weather, we will not have a club meeting.**

Next meeting is Nov 3 and it is election day. Please vote and then come to the meeting

Please remember we are starting the club meeting at 6:00 p.m. until we are able to return to normal order of the meeting.

Coin show is rapidly approaching. Sign-up sheet was passed around for signing up for various duties during the show. We have 38 dealers. Need help on Friday for set up. We have 3 stamp dealers coming.

Birthday

October – Kaddie J – 2007 Proof Set

YN program – Vampire Notes

The auction started at 6:19 p.m. and ended at 7:04 p.m. Thank you to David N, Brian S and Don F for conducting the auction and Nancy R for assisting.

The following items were won as door prizes. You must be present to win a door prize.

YN

1943 P,D,S Lincoln Cents

2009 Lincoln Cents 4 varieties

5 Barber Dimes different dates

1940 ef Mercury dime

2019 P & D Half Dollar

1986 D Liberty Half Dollar Commemorative

1776-1976 D Ike Dollar

1965 Mint Set with Stamps

10 Coin Canada Nickel set 1970-1979

1971 Canada Silver Dollar

1980 Queen Elizabeth II 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Adult

Half ounce silver round

Half ounce silver round

Drawing for the Certificate this month is worth \$5.00. Ed P's name was drawn; he was present.

Next month's drawing will be worth \$5.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



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# Collecting Liberty Head Dollar VAM's

By John P.

A term you will see associated with Morgan and Peace dollars is the VAM number. VAM stands for Van Allen and Mallis. Leroy Van Allen and George Mallis are two dollar enthusiasts who began cataloging the die combinations used to produce dollar coins. Each and every dollar has a VAM number unless a coin is found to have been made by a set of dies not before catalogued. If a coin is found that has no recognizable VAM number, a new number can be assigned, photos taken and the new VAM number is added to the “**BIG VAM BOOK**”. Coins produced with never before recognized die combinations are still being found and new VAM numbers are still being added to the list by Mr. Van Allen.

The basic premise behind VAM collecting is that within each year's mintage, each step along the production process and each production run, opportunities availed for a day's mintage, or a small portion of, to be unique in some special way. Perhaps the Obverse die has been made with her earlobe doubled. That could happen, and did many times over the years. There's a list for those. Then again, perhaps something happens to one or maybe both of the dies during the day's run. A small die chip occurs, then a clash or tow. Next, a crack starts. Then it grows until a chip breaks out above her lip. Made with a unique pair of dies, a **much** smaller subset of the day's mintage shows some special feature, a mustache, and thus such pieces acquire an identifier and a following of searchers. Eventually, enough of these interesting dollars show up for some collectors to notice that they have one and others don't. They make a list of their favorites and then a book. Then more collectors begin to look for these unusual die varieties. Next thing you know, VAM collecting is born. Collectors want to have pieces of special interest or curiosity or rarity poked into the holes in their albums. Something interesting can be found for almost every date and mintmark. Sometimes a common date can make you look for a particular die variety for years, until you find it waiting in a 2 X 2 box or just give up and buy one from some lucky dog that found two.

This is a fun, interesting and potentially profitable area of Morgan and Peace dollars collecting as some dies produced coins with unusual quirks and features and other dies had short runs before breaking or just being removed from production. Collecting dollars by VAM number requires extra study and is usually taken up after a person has been collecting dollars for some while. VAM collecting can be appreciated by anyone with a stronger than normal interest in dollar collecting or those with OCD or insomnia.

Lots of dollar collectors try to obtain coins made with dies that contain unusual features like the 1880 - O VAM (Hot Lips Dollar) or the 1882 O/S or the 1900 O/CC, dollars with strong clash marks or over struck dates or mintmarks, maybe even a dollar struck the first day back on March 11<sup>th</sup> of 1878. Because of Mr. Van Allen and Mr. Mallis' catalogue of die varieties, dollar collectors have developed groups of coins to look for.

Here are some examples.

The **Top 100** – 100 interesting Morgan dollar die varieties popular among dollar collectors.

1878 P	VAM 9 – Struck the first day. 12 proof coins and 303 business strikes
1878 P	VAM 44 – Tripled Blossoms, 7/8 tail feathers, King of VAMs
1882 O/S	VAMS – 3 EDS, 3, 3A, 4 EDS, 4, 5 EDS, 5 – Over Mint Mark
1883 P	VAM 10 – Sextupled Stars
1886 O	VAM 1A – Clashed <b>E</b> on Reverse
1887 P	VAM 1A – Donkey Tail
1888 O	VAM 4 – Hot Lips
1889 O	VAM 1A – Clashed <b>E</b> on Reverse
1900 O/CC	VAMS – 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 10A, 11 & 12 – Over Mint Marks
1901 P	VAM 3 – Shifted Eagle
1902 P	VAM 4 – Doubled Ear
1903 S	VAM 2 – Micro <b>S</b> Mint Mark

The **Hot 50** – 50 additional interesting and popular dollar die varieties for collectors to look for.

1880 P	VAM 39 A – Partial <b>E</b> on Reverse
1884 O	VAM 25 – Date in Denticles
1887 P	VAM 1 B – Partial <b>E</b> on Reverse
1888 O	VAM 15 – Doubled Reverse, O/O Mint Mark

The **Hit List 40** – 40 more die varieties that the author of the Top 100 thought interesting enough to sell books about.

1878 P	VAM 14.20 – Cotton Boll Lines, Recent new 8tf VAM
1878 S	VAM 49, 50, 76 & 81 – Tripled Eyelid, Lava Wing
1881 O	VAM 1 D – Pummeled Eye
1886 O	VAM 11 A – 2+2 Clash, 7 stage die progression with Rotated Reverse
1888 O	VAM 7 A – Shooting Star
1892 S	VAM 8 – Tripled Hair
1901 P	VAM 7 – Doubled Arrows
1902 O	VAM 54 – Doubled Ear
1904 O	VAM 4 B – Fishhook
1921 D	VAM 1 N – Unicorn
1921 D	VAM 1 X – Double Cud

The **Super Clashed Die List** – Yes, coins made after the dies had clashed together.

1888 P	VAM 11 A – Doubled Ear, Clashed Obverse “n”
1888 O	VAM 1 A – Clashed Obv. O mint Mark, Die Break R, Clashed E on Rev.
1889 P	VAM 23 A – Strongly Clashed “In” on Obverse – Only a handful known
1889 O	VAM 1 A – King of Clashed Varieties – Top 100, Clashed E Reverse
1889 O	VAM 20 A – Partial E Clashed on Reverse – Hot 50
1891 P	VAM 2 A – Doubled Ear, Moustache Die Break – Top 100
1891 O	VAM 1 A – Strongly Clashed E Reverse – Top 100
1891 O	VAM 3A2 – Partial E clashed on Reverse – Hot 50, Rarity 7
1900 O/C	VAM 8 B – O over CC Mint Mark, Clashed Obverse n, s & t
1901 O	VAM 39 A – Named Fish Hook because of Clashed I in front of neck
1902 O	VAM 26 A – Strongly clashed Obverse and Reverse, Much Desired variety
1904 O	VAM 4 B – Double Date, Pitting OL, Clashed Obv. I and u, s, t

The **Top 30** – Again, 30 more dollars, actually more, made using hard to find die combinations. These are 1878 P: Over (30) including sub-varieties of several)  
As well as 1878 S: At least (38), not including sub-varieties of several  
Don’t really know why that’s called the TOP 30. I haven’t seen a book, though one is probably for sale for yet another \$25.00+. Also known as “Mining the Miners.”

The **Kimpton 12** – List of 12 more dollars to look for put together by a guy named Kimpton. Author of the Super Clashed Die Book.

Collecting by die variety can be very challenging and fun. This will also require more investment in documentation. A massive amount of information can be found regarding VAMs through the SSDC.com – **Society of Silver Dollar Collectors** and also offered by **Leroy Van Allen**, one of the nicest people that the coin collecting hobby is fortunate to have. Another resource commonly used is **VAMWORLD.com**. And that is all I have to say for now.

Editor’s Note: Thank you John P. for sharing your expertise with us. Do you have expertise you want to share? Your article could run in this spot next month. Let us know at:  
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# Ozarks' Coin Club Board Meeting

October 13, 2020

Present: Kathy K, Nancy R, Jim G, Jim C, Judy C, Brian S, Mike R, Greg U and Jerry S

Meeting called to order by our president Nancy R at 6:13 p.m.

2020 year's presentation:

Nov - Brian S

Dec – Awards and regular meeting

Jan – YN Auction

Brian – FYI – received an email from Zach at Community Foundation of the Ozarks. We are a not for profit C4. Brian checked with the IRS. The IRS will send us a document stating that our status is in good standing. Cost of the newsletter has increased this month. The board needs to review the mailing list. Bonding for the treasurer – insurance to protect the club if there is chance of embezzling. Brian continues to research the cost.

Coin Show – It has been recommended to have security at the door and one waking the area. An additional security overnight. Jerry S made a motion to have three security guards at the show this year. Mike R seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Any one that wishes to help on Friday Oct 23 please show up at the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.

Financials: September: Truman Carter Account: Beginning balance \$7,601.62

Expenditures \$315.66

Checks not cleared \$0.00

Annual Truman Carter Funds released \$.00

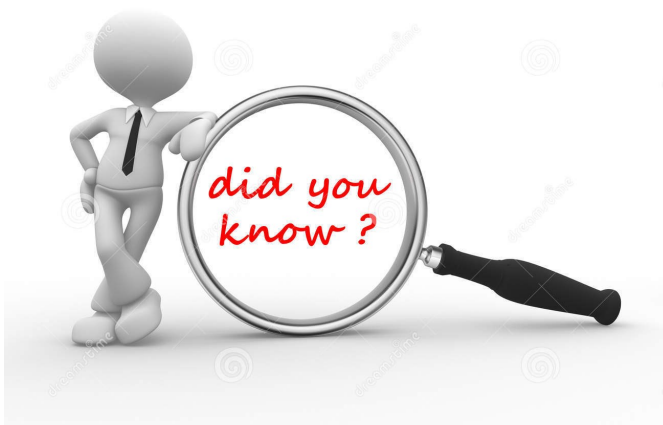
Deposits \$1,215.00

Interest \$0.06

Ending balance \$8,501.02

The bank statement was reviewed and approved by Jim C and Greg U

Greg U made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike R seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.



- Did you know that the 1937 Roanoke Island, North Carolina, 350th Anniversary commemorative had an image of Eleanor Dare and her daughter, Virginia, on it?
- Did you know that Hatshepsut's ritual mask is shown on a 1994 Egyptian 5 pound coin?
- Did you know that the Austrian ballerina that is on the reverse of a 1984 500 schilling coin is Fanny Elssler?
- Did you know that Laura Gardin Frazer originally submitted the design for the 1999 George Washington Death Bicentennial back in the 1930s? Apparently it was denied at that time.



# Coin of the Month

<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids/library/american-innovation-dollar-coins>

## American Innovation \$1 Coin—Connecticut

The Gerber Variable Scale was invented by Joseph Gerber. It was one of the most important engineering tools since the slide rule.

Gerber was born in Austria in 1924. After imprisonment in a Nazi labor camp at age 15, Gerber and his mother escaped and moved to the United States. They settled in Connecticut.

While in college, Gerber invented the variable scale to help with his homework. This tool allowed for fast calculations of distances and complicated measurements. It could be used to make an engineering drawing larger or smaller. The coin's reverse design shows the scale being used to make an object the shape of Connecticut 200 percent larger.

By the 1950s, the variable scale was one of the most widely used tools by engineers and architects. Today, computers and calculators have replaced it, but Gerber's scale was integral to scientific advancements of the 20th century.

Reverse: Shows the Gerber Variable Scale being used to increase a geometric shape by 200 percent, a shape which looks like the state of Connecticut.

Obverse: Features the Statue of Liberty.



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