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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 11th starting at 6:30. The meeting is will be held at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

I hope the cold weather won't keep you away. Bring lots of items for the raffle and something for show and tell if you can. We will also have the usual business meeting, raffle, and the auction at the meeting.

Coin Lore

Why Not Collect Trade Coins? By Bill Snyder

Throughout history, certain coins were most desired in international trade. They are (were) the ones of known value and of dependable purity and weight.

The most famous throughout modern history have been –

The Spanish 8 Reales (dating from the 1500's)



The Maria Theresa Taler (produced from 1780 to the present, but always dated 1780)





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Also, I should mention the <u>US Trade Dollar</u>, first issued in 1873 in hopes of getting more trade with Far Eastern countries



And the British Trade Dollar (first produced in 1895), for the same reason –



Of these four, the 1st two (the 8 Reales and the Maria Teresa taler) are most hotly collected by numismatists around the world. Reasons probably are (1) the many varieties of each*, and (2) the great popularity among traders that these pieces enjoyed around the world.

* Yes, you can get a Maria Teresa Taler in proof condition for just the price of silver, but that will be one made but a few years ago. Just try for an older one. One perhaps with assayer's initials different from the common "S.F.". You will pay handsomely!

As an aside, I might mention that I have 2 of these that only an error collector would love.





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Area Coin Shows

February 8 Dayton Coin Show, Visitor Center of Dayton, 107 Main St., Dayton, TN

March 8 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

March 7-9 Chattanooga; Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Spring Coin Show. Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1.

April 5 Knoxville Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

April 11-13 **Dalton, GA;** Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) 50th Annual Coin Show. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road.

For more information on some of these shows see http://www.tsns.org/Tennessee Club Shows.html

This Month's Raffle Prizes

2009 Lincoln cent-Formative Years, 1st Day of Issue NGC MS65R

2009 Lincoln cent-Professional Life, 1st Day of Issue NGC MS65R

2007 Presidential Dollars, (2) P and (2) D

1943 PDS Lincoln cent set, Nice BU

2008 Roll Alaska Quarters

The Door Prize will be a 2009 Lincoln cent-Early Childhood, PCGS MS65RD