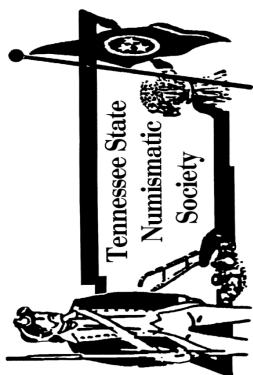


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Have you missed any of the quarterly issue of the TSNS Newsletter and moved recently? Don't forget to send your new address to the TSNS Secretary (Amy), Email: amytsnsdues@bellsouth.net. There has been several returns of the TSNS Newsletter from the Post Office due to incorrect addresses.

KENTUCKY TOKENS

These tokens were struck in England circa 1792 to 1794. Each star in the triangle represents a state, identified by its initial letter. These pieces are usually called Kentucky cents because the letter K (for Kentucky) happens to be at the top. Some of some have edge lettering that reads PAYABLE IN LANCASTER LONDON OR BRISTOL or PAYABLE AT BEDWORTH NUNEATON OR HINKLEY.



the edges are plain; and Source Redbook

LARGE CENTS - 1793-1857

Cents and half cents were the first coins struck under the authority of the United States Government. Coinage began in 1793 with laws specifying that the cent should weigh exactly twice as much as the half cent. Large cents were coined every year from 1793 to 1857 with the exception of 1815, when a lack of copper prevented production. All were coined at the Philadelphia Mint. Mintage records in some cases may be inaccurate, as many of the early pieces were struck later than the dates shown on the coins. Varieties listed are those most significant to collectors. Numerous other die varieties may be found because each of the early dies was individually made. Proof large cents were first made in 1817 and all proofs are rare. The proofs were not made available to the general public before the mid 1850s.

Source: Redbook

.FAMOUS HOARDS

The Collins Find of 1828 Half Cents (1894). Circa 1894, Benjamin H. Collins, a Washington, DC, numismatist, acquired a bag of half cents dated 1828, of the 13-stars variety. It is believed that about 1,000 coins were involved, all bright uncirculated. By the early 1950s all but a few hundred had been distributed in the marketplace, and by now it is likely that all have individual owners. Source: Redbook

Looking Back on Half Dollars: More than Half a Century of Fun (continued)

Going back a step further, there are some excellent Walking Liberty half dollars a person might add to a collection of Kennedys, expanding it from just one series to a bigger collection of halves. Yes, there are proof Walkers, but we'll be honest and state flat out that they are expensive. After all, this coin remains a collector favorite, and the proofs are the crème de la crème. But there are plenty of mint state examples concentrated towards the tail end of the series where that just-mentioned \$100 has some serious purchasing power. It could easily land an MS-64 specimen, possibly even one with an 'S' mint mark on it.

Taking one step back farther still, a person can add a Barber half dollar to a collection of Kennedys – or perhaps a collection of Kennedys now accompanied by a Franklin and Walking Liberty as type coins – and thus have one half from each of the four designs from the 1900's. Okay, the Barber design was first unveiled in 1892, but it was churned out until 1915, with plenty of years showing hefty mintages. One forewarning though, if you choose to reach this far back: the prices do go way up for mint state examples. Although a half dollar had some serious purchasing power at the beginning of the 20th century, they were still well used. The \$100 we have used as a baseline for our previous price tags will probably only glean a VF-20 example when it comes to adding a Barber half to any assembly of these big, silver coins.

The Kennedy halves have been pounded out for more than ½ a century now, and show some serious collecting potential. The gold piece in the series will probably always command a serious premium, but we've just seen that there are some fun ways to collect halves without steamrolling your billfold. Why not give it a try?

FAMOUS HOARDS

Randall Hoard of Copper Cents (1860s). Sometime soon after the Civil War, a wooden keg filled with as-new copper cents was located in the South and was said to have been beneath an old railroad platform in Georgia. Revealed were thousands of coins dated 1816 to 1820, with the 1818 and 1820 being the most numerous. Today, the Randall Hoard accounts for most known Mint State examples of these particular dates. Source Redbook.

Message From The President

Where is all the time going? It is already summer and time to start thinking about the fall TSNS show. As most of you are aware, I was elected as the President of TSNS this past February. I really appreciate your votes and I would also like to commend Jim Ford for his many years of service to this organization. When you see Jim in the fall, please take a moment to thank him.

I would like to also thank the staff at Camp Jordan for their support over the years. They have done a fantastic job and have never said no when asked for special favors. The Chattanooga coin club and the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society are staunch supporters of TSNS and provide volunteers to work the show and keep things moving smoothly throughout the show.

TSNS has been on a downhill slide in attendance and dealers over the past few years and I really hate seeing that. We are a great organization and have some super members and they all deserve a state show second to none in Tennessee and the surrounding area. I have had the opportunity to speak with many dealers who have 'stuck out' the hard times and also those who have decided to leave. I have asked them for their thoughts and concerns and there are several issues which were brought up and these issues will be taken care of. This is your organization; please help make it the best.

I would like for each of you to think of ways to improve the TSNS convention and email me at: forvm@comcast.net or call me at: 321-427-6474.

Have a Great Summer and I hope to see you at the next TSNS show in the fall.

Kindest Regards,

Bob Hurst

From the Editor's Desk

By the time that you receive this copy of the Newsletter, summer will be here. We have already experienced some 90s here in Florida and it might continue for some time.

The first part of the year usually have a lot of coin shows and I hope that you have been able to attend some of the shows. If there is a local show in your area go out and visit the dealers that are usually there on a regular basis. You never know that you might find that missing coin for your collection. The dealers will surely appreciate your business.

Mark Benvenuto, Bill Groom and Gayle Pike provided the articles in this Newsletter and we hope that you enjoy them.

Of course I am always looking for ARTICLES to be used in the Newsletter so if you have any that you would like to share just let me know.

If you have any suggestions or recommendation for the Newsletter just let me know either call (321-258-0325) or email rblackman@cfl.rr.com.

If you can attend any local coin shows in your area please do. They will be worth while and by getting to know the dealers that would be a great benefit.

As always be safe and aware of your surroundings when you are traveling to and from a show.

Take care. Ron Blackman

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Looking Back on Half Dollars: More than Half a Century of Fun (continued)

were made in large enough numbers that you can often purchase them in high end proof grades for no more than \$25 each. That's twenty four years of modern proofs that could possibly total up to no more than \$600. To quote a lot of kids at Christmas time: "Wow!" Yes, all the silver proofs from 1992 to the present cost less than the price of the gold metal in a single proof 2014 gold half.

That lone silver Kennedy

If you are more of a traditionalist, and think that the proof silver Kennedy halves are just a modern offering made for collectors (they are, but is that *really* a bad thing?), perhaps the ideal starting point for you is what we all for many years considered the lone Kennedy proof, meaning the only one made of 90% silver, the 1964.

If you choose to go hunting for the 1964 proof Kennedy, you won't have to go too far, as there were just under 4 million of them produced as part of the annual proof set mintage that year. Today a person might have to "settle" for one in PF-65 if they want to keep their expenses below \$50. But the PF-65 grade is hardly a dog of a coin – it's still a beauty.

Adding more to a collection

Now quite obviously, a person can collect Kennedy half dollars in any way they'd like and have quite a bit of fun with the challenge. Some banks still have them in stock, or can order them, and a person can go through rolls to see about dates and mint marks. Yes, this will land plenty of them showing some wear. But collecting from change or from circulation, as it were, generally means you are not on the prowl for mint state coins. Plus, the cost of each coin is now only 50¢. None of us will ever buy them for less!

Another way to add to a collection of Kennedy halves might be to go beyond them. What we mean is: add a Franklin, or perhaps a Walking Liberty, or possibly even a Barber half to give some perspective and diversity to any growing collection of fifty-cent pieces. For example, there are several years at the tail end of the Franklin half dollar series where more than a million proofs were made, which means they are still pretty common today. It will take less than \$100 to snag one of these proofs in a grade such as PF-65, which as mentioned is still a wonderful surface in this case on a wonderful coin.

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Looking Back on Half Dollars: More than Half a Century of Fun

by Mark Benvenuto

The recent issue of a gold 50-cent piece honoring the half century mark for the Kennedy half dollar design created quite a stir, at least for a moment in 2014. The hype has settled considerably by now, which means now is probably a good time to look back at the design, and farther, and see just what our half dollars have to offer.

The Golden Kennedy

For quite a while, the US Mint has been using the term “golden dollar” to describe dollar coins that don’t have any gold in them at all. What we might call a golden Kennedy

though has quite a lot of gold in it – $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce, to be exact. That means that when gold sells on world markets for \$1,200 per ounce, as it has been lately, that this has \$800 worth of the precious metal in it. So it’s not a big surprise to see the standard price lists register this coin as \$1,400 or so in grades such as PF-69 with a deep cameo surface. Living proof though that the hype has not completely abated is on-line postings for this coin at well over \$4K for a PF-70 piece with deep cameo fields. That’s a lot of extra to spend for one higher numeric grade.



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If those prices for a single half dollar that was never designed to be spent do indeed seem like hype to you, well, perhaps a better way to celebrate 50 years of this 50-cent piece is to focus on the silver proof issues that have come out since 1992. There’s a bit of history to them now, they were all produced by a Mint that really has perfected the art of the proof coin, and they



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What’s Happening

June 23-25, 2016	Fourth Annual Gulf Coast Coin Show, Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS. (PH: 228-435-8880)
Aug 6, 2016	Coin Show. Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. Knoxville, TN (PH: 865-660-8692) Email: beavercreekcoins@bellsouth.net)
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Aug 26-28, 2016	Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) 57th Annual Convention. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road. Dalton, GA PH: 321-258-0325 Web Site: www.brna.org
Sept 10-11, 2016	57th Annual West Tennessee Coin Show, Madison County Agricultural Extension Service Auditorium, 309 North Parkway. Jackson, TN (PH: 731-394-3972). Email: trime1865@yahoo.com
Sept 9-11 2016	North Carolina Numismatic Association 58th Annual Coin Show and Convention. The Park Center, 800 Brier Creek Rd., The Freedom Hall, Charlotte, NC 28205. PH: 919-656-3265 Website: www.ncnaonline.org .
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WHAT IS A COB?

The term refers to a crude type of Spanish dollar coined at Mexico City from the reign of Philip II until the middle of the reign of Philip V, and for a longer time at the Potosi Mint in Peru. The cob was hastily coined by hand-stamping slices of crude, irregularly rolled silver bars with crudely prepared dies, but with no sacrifice of weight and fineness. The word “Cob” is a corruption of the Spanish “Cabo de barra,” meaning literally “end of the bar.”

Native Americans on U.S. Coins

by Bill Groom

There are ever so many ways to build a collection of U.S. coins; and, without having to consider dates and mintmarks! One could build a set consisting of various presidents, coins with or without the motto "In God We Trust", different representations of eagles, various images of Lady Liberty. The list goes on.

The 1913 so-called Buffalo or Indian Head Nickel was first issued one hundred years ago now. The Indian is more properly called a Native American, and the buffalo is actually a bison; yet, these misnomers persist. The series lasted twenty-five years. Designer



James Earle Fraser crafted a composite Native American, using the images of three different chiefs. An American bison by the name of Black Diamond, a resident of the Central Park Zoo in NY City, served as a model for the reverse "buffalo" design. After the striking of the first 1913 nickels which had a raised mound, it was thought that the mound should be lowered and the words "FIVE CENTS" recessed so as to prevent the denomination from wearing down. When modifying this aspect of the design, Mint Engraver Barber saw fit to also diminish the hair and hide detail of the central figures, too! In his Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins, Walter Breen suggested that Barber was jealous of Fraser's very popular design. Thus, the earliest strikes tend to be more detailed.

Another popular, first year, Native American design appeared way back in 1859. The so-called Indian Cents were struck for fifty years. The reverse, wreath design was modified in 1860, rendering the 1859 cent a one year type coin; this, as was the raised mound nickel in 1913. Toward the close of the Civil War, 1864, the copper-nickel composition was replaced by a bronze composition.



If one browses through a U.S. coin book, many other examples of Native Americans on our coinage can be found. Some examples that come to mind are the Massachusetts colonial cent, the Oregon Trail commemorative half, the Sacajawea dollar and a variety of Indian Head gold coins. This sounds like a fun collection to build, and even paper money could be added

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

The ceremony was concluded and people headed to line up for quarters but at the end of the ceremony there were already at least 50 people in line. The line stretched the entire length of the tent and curved around. Each person could get \$100 worth of quarters which was 10 rolls. The line moved rather quickly. We got an additional 20 rolls. A dealer friend of mine offered me \$50 to get him a box of 50 rolls if I could. After the line was gone and everyone served I went back and ask if we could get additional quarters. The gentleman ask how many I wanted and I said a box, His mouth fell open and he said a box in amazement. I said yes. He said a \$500 box and I said yes. My impression was that he did not think I knew what a box cost. He said well ok and I gave him Five \$100 dollar bills. Now I was ready to go. I was happy and so were my friends. Lunch was waiting at Puleos.

We left and made good time back to Knoxville and went straight to lunch. Everyone loved Polios and said I had indeed introduced them to two great restaurants. The portions at Puleos were huge and three of us left with Carry Out boxes. We headed to Nashville to deliver the box of quarters. The traffic between Knoxville and Nashville was light and there was a slight drizzle. We delivered the box of quarters and were off to dinner before heading to Memphis. We stopped at Cock of the Walk a favorite of my friends, Lugenia and Tom. We chowed down on catfish and shrimp and of no surprise left with another set of Carry Out boxes. We all agreed that we would eat well the next day on our left overs!!!

We arrived home Monday night at 11:57 PM. We unloaded our suitcases and got our To Go boxes from Puelos and Cock on the Walk. I bid everyone goodnight before heading to my house. We had traveled 969.1 miles and each gained about 5 pounds!!

LIBERTY SEATED QUARTERS VARIETY 2

Variety 2 - The difference from Variety 1 to 2 is the reduction in weight of silver (from 6.68 to 6.22 grams in 1853) is indicated by the arrows at the date. Rays were added on the reverse side in the field around the eagle. The arrows were retained through 1855, but the rays were omitted after 1853. Source Redbook

Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony By Gayle K. Pike

A group of 3 friends and myself are headed to Cumberland Gap for the Kentucky National Park Quarter Ceremony at Cumberland Gap. We meet at 8:00 AM Saturday Morning and get all the luggage, tote bags, drinks and snacks loaded into my friends Yukon. A big comfortable SUV and I get to sit in the back and ride most of the time. We decide on breakfast in Jackson, Tennessee at the Old Country Store. We all enjoyed the buffet and hit the road about 9:30 stuffed!!



My friends Lugenia and Tom are big fans of the TV show, American Pickers, who have a store in Nashville known as Antique Archeology and they wanted to stop and see it. We allowed about an hour but it did not take that long. It was small and very crowded being a Saturday. A quick look around and the purchase of a few T Shirt gifts and we were back on the road. But not without a quick stop by some of us at the free wine tasting next door to Antique Archeology. Driver not included!!

Our next stop was in Lebanon, Tennessee at the flea market to visit my coin dealer friend, Gerald Younkin and deliver some items he had ordered. Since we were going that way I thought personal delivery made more sense than shipping. Across from his booth is the refreshment stand and several succumbed to the fresh popped popcorn.

Down the road we stopped at a Pilot for a bathroom and drink break. At Pilot there were too many choices; 15 different frozen drinks and 10 flavors of coffee so we hopped across the road to McDonalds and had milk shakes. About an hour from Knoxville we hit a traffic jam. Cars were moving at a crawl. We passed a sign that said Tennessee Technology Corridor, so why can they not figure a better way to do road work and keep traffic moving! We are spending the night in Knoxville so I can introduce my friends to S & S Cafeteria and Puelos. We opt for S & S for dinner and catch Puelos for lunch on Monday heading back. Everyone loved S & S as I knew they would. One thing about this group is we love to eat!

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

We got an early start heading to Cumberland Gap. We stopped for fast food breakfast at Burger King and off we went. Plans are to tour the park when we arrive and will spend the night in Midland, Kentucky which borders the park. We checked into the hotel grabbed some lunch at Cracker Barrel and off to the park we went.

We went thru the famous tunnel under the mountain. It was quite impressive. Then we went to the visitor's center to get the quarter ceremony details. We wanted to check handicap parking since two of my friends have back problems. As we pull in we see a huge white ten and I immediately knew that is where the ceremony will be. Handicap parking was right next to it. At the Visitor's Center I mentioned writing an article about the ceremony for a coin publication. One of the rangers ask if I was from Memphis and I said yes. She stood up and shook my hand and said I had written her. She remembered me because my inquiry had been so early. September of last year I believe. I was flattered she remembered me. She gave us a map showing the spots to try and see.



Ranger talking with a reenactor

Since it is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service they were having a three day event culminating in the Quarter ceremony. In a field were 20 or more tents, teepees and huts. There were men and women in authentic dress of the pioneers and Indians of the area. We spent an hour or so walking around in amazement. At a makeshift outdoor gift shop a quilt hung on display. On it were the 2015 and 2016 National Park Quarters embroidered in black on a white background. It had been completed by one of the rangers just a few days before the exhibit opened.



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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell of the National Park Service spoke. She talked of all the Rangers from different parks that had come to help for this event. She spoke about how she hoped some of the kids would one day become park rangers.

Regional Director, Stan Austin of the National Park Service Southeast Region spoke about the importance of rangers. Many of the kids had been given Junior Ranger badges. Ranger Austin had the Junior Rangers stand and take the oath.

The United States Mint in Philadelphia sent Plant Manager Marc Landry to represent them. Jeff Garrett president of the ANA was in the audience and he was welcomed by Mr. Landry. Mr. Landry spoke a bit about what was on the Cumberland Gap Quarter. How Cumberland Gap was the gateway to the west for settlers. He presented one of the first struck Cumberland Gap Quarters to the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park Superintendent, Sula Jacobs.

It was then time for the official release of the quarter. Three bags of quarters (probably a P, D & S Mint although it was not said) were poured into a hopper where they mixed as they made their way to the bottom. This signified the release of the quarter. Continued page 22



Cumberland Gap Park Superintendent Sula Jacobs receives first quarter from Marc Landry US Mint.



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Coins Have Many Uses

By Gayle K. Pike

There is more than one way to make your money work for you. The lowly penny, that we will not even bend over to pick up if dropped, and other coins have many uses other than to spend.

1. Place a nickel along the bottom to make sure there is enough clearance for a cabinet door to swing freely before fastening the hinges.
2. A dime is the perfect size to fit standard slotted screws. Use it as a stand in for a flat head screw driver.
3. Place a coin or two under the short leg of a wobbly table to keep it from rocking until a permanent solution can be found.
4. Place several pennies in the bottom hem of curtains to encourage them to hang straight. No need to buy weights.
5. When setting tile place a penny on end between the corners of each piece. They are also easy to remove.

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

could not hear the welcome. Knowing there was a problem the teachers went down the rows telling the students to quiet down. Once they did the girls could be heard and did a good job.

The colors were presented by the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association. Each man was dressed in clothes that would have been worn by those coming thru Cumberland Gap. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hattie and Makaya.



Presenting the colors Over Mountain Victory Trail Association

The first speaker was Congressman Hal Rogers from the Kentucky, 5th Congressional District. He spoke to the school kids about the settlers that came thru the gap. He ask them how they would like to wake up one morning and be told they were leaving their toys, friends and home to go find a new place to live across the mountains. There is a terrible feedback noise from the mike. The kids laugh while the adults grabbed their ears waiting for the noise to pass. He continued about how they had to fight Indians all the way and ask the kids how many would like to do that. Quite a few raised their hands. He then spoke about a quarter being in the pocket of people all over the US and it would advertise Cumberland Gap in Kentucky.



Congressman Hal Rogers of Kentucky 5th Congressional District

A flag was presented to the park that had flown over the US Capital by a Representative of Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

A few minutes after 10, I noticed people starting to take seats in the tent. My three friends decided they could enjoy the ceremony from the car since they were parked so close. Large speakers had been set up so the school children seated outside the tent could hear and they felt they could see and hear everything. I said they would miss the real essence of the ceremony but they made the choice to stay in the car. I left to go get myself a seat. There was so much to see that I had waited a bit too long and got on the end of the 6th row. I could have gotten a few rows closer but not on the end. I need to be on the end to take photos. I do not like to stand up in front of people as many do. At 10:30AM a fife and drum band started playing. There were around 15 rows of 10 chairs each under the tent on the right side and at 10:30AM about 60 people were seated waiting for the ceremony.

As you looked to the entrance to the park, yellow school busses were lined back as far as you could see. I counted eight waiting to unload.

At 10:45AM you could barely hear the drums playing for the roar of the kids excitedly talking. It looked like organized mass confusion as rows of kids were being seated on the left side of the tent. Teachers and rangers were both directing. Then there were photographers looking for that special spot to shoot from. The rangers looked very tired after three days of activities. It is almost time for the ceremony to start and my phone rings. It is Jim Mettler that works for me in Nashville. I told him only he could have such timing!! I told him the ceremony was starting and he said he would call me the next day. I turned the phone off so as not to be interrupted again.

When the ceremony first began you could not hear those on the podium. Two young ladies, Hattie Landen and Makaya Patterson from Middlesboro Elementary School had been chosen to give Welcome Remarks and Introduce the Speakers. There was so much talking by the students that even with the speakers I



Introduction by Hattie and Makaya from Middlesboro Elementary School

Coins Have Many Uses (continued)

6. Take a small canvas bag and fill with pennies and tie with a bright ribbon to make a door stop.
 7. Take a quarter and place it upside down in the grooves of a tire. If it just touches the top of Washington's head the depth of the tread is only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch so it is probably time for a new tire.
 8. The snap on lid of plastic containers can be removed easier by placing a quarter under the snap on lid.
 9. Use to measure items when a ruler is not available. A quarter has a diameter just under 1 inch. A penny is exactly $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.
 10. When carpet is mashed down due to furniture – steam the spot and then scrape the edge of a coin over it to raise the pile and revive it.
- Use of coins taken from a magazine article.

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

We drove up to the Pinnacle Overlook. From it you can see three states. The peak is at an elevation of 2240 feet. We saw 2 white tail deer on the road going up. We also passed 2 guys bicycling up to the peak. The amazing part is they arrived about 10 minutes after we did and not a bit winded!! At the peak a man was taking photos of Red Tail Hawks soaring on the wind. He pointed them out to us. Another lady who knew the area shows us where the actual trail was that the settlers took thru the gap.



Showing the trail from Pinnacle Overlook

We went back to our hotel for a couple hours of down time before supper. We had picked a café that reviews said had excellent food. However they forgot to tell us it was closed on Sunday. We had passed a Mexican restaurant named Pelancho's that also had good revues and we all decided that Mexican and a Margarita sounded good. We chose to eat there. After being seated we looked for the drink menu and there was not one. We soon discovered it was a dry county so we got good food but no Margaritas. While we were eating a group of about 15 came in and it was some of the rein actors and rangers.

We got up early on Monday and it was 49 degrees. The hotel had free breakfast but it turned out to be a joke as the truck had not arrived and the selection was next to nothing. We got to the park shortly before 9:00 AM and got a great parking spot. The ceremony was to start at 11:00 AM. We were parked about 100 feet away from the armored car that held the precious cache of Kentucky quarters. In front of it was a table with a green cover of the bank, Home Federal Bank. To one side of the



Brinks armored truck with the Cumberland Gap Quarter

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Cumberland Gap Quarter Ceremony (continued)

tent on the parking lot a ranger was placing carpet squares for the buses of school kids to sit on. I was told over 2,000 school kids were expected. A ranger was wiping the 150 chairs. Another was hanging the sign over the stage.

There was a stand making barbecue that smelled wonderful but we really did not think they would be selling food this early. With 2 hours to kill we went up to see if they had some cokes. They were making Burgoo, the old fashion way in a huge iron kettle. Burgoo is like a spicy vegetable soup. They gave us a taste of the Burgoo, but the barbecue smelled great. When we learned it was ready we each got a sandwich. It was indeed a strange breakfast but really good.

We saw someone buying quarters. Two of us raced down to see if they were selling them early. We were told by someone that did not know they were to wait till after the ceremony, but some one had made a mistake and sold some. I stood around a few seconds and told them we had two people with us that could not stand in line and we thought it would help if we went on and got them. The lady agreed to sell them to us if we did not tell anyone. So we got 40 rolls and scurried happily back to the car.



Standing in line for quarters

The buses of school children started arriving. Some arrived in time for the kids to tour the exhibits before being seated for the ceremony and some arrived directly for the ceremony. By 9:25AM there had been 12 school buses. Some were from Corbin Independent Schools, Campbell and Lee County Public Schools to mention a few.

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A sea of school children inside and outside of the tent.

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